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Urge Year in Army for All At 17

Gen. Hibbs Named Permanent Colonel In the U. S. Army

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, 63d Div. commander, has been promoted to the permanent rank of Colonel in the United States Army. It was disclosed in a War Department order published August 25. Gen. Hibbs' present rank, that of major general, is in the Army of the United States and is temporary.

A graduate of Culver Military Academy and the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, the General has been in the Army for 31 years. He served in France during World War I in the Fifth Field Artillery of the Fighting First Division until September, 1918. He then became chief of staff of the Second Army Corps artillery.

During the action at Cantigny in June, 1918, he was wounded slightly, but received a more serious arm wound in the attack on the Hindenburg line in October, 1918.

Gen. Hibbs has the Purple Heart and the Oak Leaf Cluster and the French Pour le Merite in the colors of the Croix De Guerre, awarded to him as an individual and as a member of the First Division, which was cited as a unit by the French government.

Following the Armistice Gen. Hibbs returned to West Point, where he served as adjutant to Gen. Douglas MacArthur from 1919 until 1922. In January, 1942, he assumed command of the artillery of the 36th Div., and in March, 1943, was given command of the 63d Div., which was activated in June, 1943.

End of War in 1944 Seen by AEF Chief

As the fifth anniversary of World War II dawned with the prospect of military disaster plus political catastrophe mocking the ambitions of Adolf Hitler, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower voiced anew his confidence that victory over Germany was possible in 1944.

Attributing the Nazis' utter defeat in France to their land-greedy defense strategy, Gen. Eisenhower declared no defense system is better than the men who defend it and seemed convinced that the Germans were scraping the bottom of the barrel for forces to brace their broken western front. He scorned the vaunted Siegfried Line by not being able to remember its name.

At the same time he announced the new set up in field command which elevated Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley to full command of United States forces in Northern France. This was a command post equal to that of British Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery who almost simultaneously was given promotion to the rank of field marshal.

Formal Dance Tonight At Natchez Auditorium

A formal dance formembers of the armed forces from Camp Van Dorn and other nearby army stations will be held at the City Auditorium in Natchez tonight at 2030. The 254th Inf. orchestra of the 63d Div. will play for the dancing.

Letters to the 63d From Overseas

SHOT—AND A SNIPER'S TARGET

Here is how it feels to be wounded in action, told without fuss or feathers by a former 63d Div. rifleman who was brought to an evacuation hospital in France after lying for almost a full day in the field where he was hit.

The writer is Pvt. Frank Loiacono, formerly of Co. E, 253d Inf., married and the father of one child. The letter is addressed to Cpl. Herb Feingold, who still is in Co. L.

"I think I can tell you how everything happened to me," Loiacono's letter began. "If they cut some out I can't help it. (Editor's Note: Authorities did not censor a word.) Bowers (also a former Co. L man, now overseas) and myself were sent from a replacement pool in France to division, rear echelon. There we were given our regimental history and told to live up to it. Also we were told how we stood in the front lines and what company we were in

Feast Before Battle

"I was made a rifleman in my squad. Well, they were supposed to be resting. I got acquainted with the fellows in the squad, asking a lot of questions and getting a lot of answers. They were a swell bunch. They had cognac, chicken and potatoes which they had gotten from abandoned farms. (Continued on Page 2)



IN CO. L, 1st Sgt. Jennings Wolfe, Cpl. Herbert Feingold and Pfc. Dick Donovan look over the letter from Pvt. Frank Loiacono.

Artillery Drama Tells Why We Fight

"Postmark Cherbourg," a delineation of the heritage which one American soldier among millions is fighting to preserve for his son and so for the sons of others, was the one-act play which Division Artillery presented before three different units this week as its contribution to the 63d's monthly orientation program for the entire Division.

The performances were the first of 12 which the cast gave throughout the Division and were staged in Theaters No. 1 and 5 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and today. (Continued on Page 3)

Gen. Harris Lauds Noncom For Leadership in Field

While observing troops going through the rifle platoon firing proficiency test yesterday Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, was so impressed by the manner in which a platoon was led and directed that he issued the following commendation upon Sgt. Richard W. Harney of the 253d Engineer Combat Battalion.

"To Sgt. Richard W. Harney: "This morning I saw the truth of the old saying that an outfit is no better or worse than its leader proven by the manner in which a platoon commanded by you went

through the rifle platoon firing proficiency test. Your platoon has not had a great deal of training in the rifle platoon in the attack, but, inspired by as sparkling a display of leadership as I have seen in this division or elsewhere, they more than arose to the occasion and gave a fine account of themselves.

"The reasons for this were very evident to me: By the application of good judgment and common sense to the solution of the tactical situation you attacked and (Continued on Page 3)

Grandpappy Is Topkick in 253d

A fighting grandfather with 24 years' service in the Army is now telling the boys off as top-kick of Co. D, 253d Inf.

He is 1st Sgt. Raymond Peters, 47, a soldier since he was 23, who has just returned from 16 months of overseas duty in the Pacific Theater. With his old outfit—all of Peters' time in the Army was spent with the 108th Inf. Regt., 27th Division until he came to the 63d, he saw the tense days just after Pearl Harbor was wrecked by the Japanese stab in the back and the air in the Pacific cracked with danger.

Peters helped direct the hasty fortification of possible Jap landing places in the Hawaiian islands and the establishment of defense positions. He lived under blackout conditions all the time he spent in the islands after Pearl Harbor.

But war isn't much of a topic of conversation for Sgt. Peters—he'd much rather talk about his three-month-old grandson for whom he is already planning an Army career.

Sgt. Peters enlisted in the infantry at 23. Now a stocky, greying, partly-bald soldier, he can still



1ST SGT. RAYMOND PETERS

handle a 25-mile hike and the rigorous infantry training. "I'm in good condition," he says. "I've kept fit. I'd like more than

anything in the world to get into combat, to go overseas again."

Not the tough topkick of tradition, Peters has a friendly smile and quiet approval for the modern infantryman he is training in the 253d.

"Your infantry has changed quite a bit from what it was when I entered the Army," he says. "We've got new tactics, new and more weapons. Take the bazooka and the light machine gun. Take the M-1. They're all only four years old in the infantry.

"And your infantry trains now more as a team with artillery and other special branches. We get more practice than our brother arms of the service. There's more stress on the team idea. The Queen of Battle is streamlined. And your infantryman has to have a number of specialized, technical skills. In years past any good average man could be a good infantryman. Today you've got to have quite a bit of education and training.

"I wouldn't be surprised if twenty years from now a fellow would have to have a college education to be an infantryman."

President Asks Setup Similar To CCC Camps

One year of civilian life was apparently blanked out for the coming generation last week when President Roosevelt offered for public study a one-year government-training period for all youth between 17 and 22 years of age.

Although the President's suggestion did not necessarily contemplate military service, it was followed by word that the American Legion at the next session of Congress will sponsor a measure for one year of compulsory military training for all males between the ages of 18 and 22.

The President, in offering the program at his press conference, suggested that the training be of a type to teach discipline to the young and to instruct them in how to live in harmony with other people. He pointed out that the wartime development of service housing for possibly 5,000,000 persons had created facilities necessary for the training program.

While Mr. Roosevelt discussed the plan in general terms and carefully skirted the direct proposal that all youth be drafted to serve for one year in the armed forces, he indicated that the idea he has in mind is close to that of the old Civilian Conservation Corps. This, it will be recalled, was directed and administered by the Army.

The Legion proposal looks to the direct adoption by the American people of the principle of universal military training before the end of the present war.

Impetus for the Legion drive to write the principle into law while the need is still evident came with the release by National Commander Warren H. Atherton of a letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, himself a Legionnaire.

Secretary Stimson declared openly that universal military training legislation was the only practical alternative to maintaining a large standing American Army, a crushing expense and a thing abhorrent to American thinking. Last January the late Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, gave similar endorsement to the principle of universal training.

Of particular interest to men in service in the new training proposals is one that suggests the drafting of youths as they reach the age of 18 to replace veterans of this war who might otherwise be held abroad indefinitely on policing duties, and another stipulating that youths in the future be required to give a year of service to the government, but with the option of splitting up the time served, possibly serving for three months yearly in each of four consecutive years.

Iki, Waki, Starts New Japanese Slogan

WASHINGTON—Icky in spirit and wacky in sound is the new Japanese war slogan—"Iki, waki, konki, sokekki."

Monitors picked up the battle cry in a broadcast from Tokyo which said Hachiro Suzuki of Aichi prefecture had been awarded a 1000-yen bond by the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, which sponsored the slogan contest.

It means "spirit, harmony, stamina, total action."



CHICAGO—When Herbert Clark makes love to a woman, he literally kindles a flame. Herbert was sitting in a tavern with Margaret Mayhood, 41, when he turned and gave her a sizzling kiss. She heaved a big sigh and then dashed for a fire alarm box and pulled the lever. Herbert fled, but Margaret was standing in the middle of the street when 15 pieces of fire equipment screeched to a halt. "I know I was wrong," she said, "but I got so excited."

PITTSBURGH—Twenty members of the Pittsburgh Seafood Council were kept waiting more than an hour for their dinner that was to inaugurate an "eat more fish" campaign.

Reason: Someone belatedly discovered the main course was to be fried chicken.

The members "boiled" while the chef fried—fish.

SALUDA, N. C.—William Morris, 85, keeper of a century-and-a-half-old fire in his mountain home near here, died in a Tryon hospital after a long illness.

Morris was the last direct descendant of the Philadelphia family of Robert Morris, who migrated to the Blue Ridge Mountains in 1780 and kindled the blaze that has burned continuously since.

The fire will be kept burning. Before leaving to go to the hospital, Morris left Hampton Owens, a nephew, in charge of the blaze.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Marshall M. Brewer drove in from California, filled up the tank of his automobile and headed for Kansas City—and no ration coupons changed hands.

Brewer, a defense worker, burns kerosene in his 1921 model steam-driven car.

ATLANTIC CITY—John Bradley, 50, hooked on a charge of possessing numbers slips, told Magistrate Louis E. Levinson he had "a message from the Lord to play the numbers."

Levinson gave Bradley 24 hours to see if his number comes out. "If your number doesn't win," the magistrate told Bradley, "that will prove your message didn't come from the Lord, because the Lord wouldn't give you a wrong number."

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—When WAC Nellie Armstrong of Indianapolis took the oath it was administered by her father, Lt. George E. Armstrong, Sr., Commanding Officer of the 399th Engineer Depot Co.

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Red Skelton needs his sense of humor now. On his second day in the Army here the Hollywood comedian pulled KP. Some joke, eh?

KNOW YOUR GENERALS

Jonathan Wainwright
Epitome of Honor

Behind enemy wire in a prisoner of war concentration camp deep within the island of Formosa is an American general. To the Japs he is a tiger tamed, a dragon staked out and chained, but to the million or more Americans serving in the Far East Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright leads his men still, the living personification of a soldier's creed and a soldier's duty.

In the darkest days of Bataan Gen. Wainwright manfully carried out the most difficult task that can face a soldier: he surrendered his gallant, trapped command to an overbearing, arrogant enemy, and somehow through this humiliating ordeal he managed to keep a soldier's honor bright. When the victorious Japanese generals arose from the conference table it was hard to see who had won—their toothily triumphant little troops or this brave and unflinching soldier and the ragged, hungry men behind him in their battered and hopeless positions.

When he was led into captivity Gen. Wainwright already held the ribbons of the French Legion of Honor, the Belgian Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Medal for service in World War I; for his heroism in the last days of Bataan he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSM, with this citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a position of great responsibility in the Philippine Islands, from December 8, 1941, to March 11, 1942, as commander of the North Luzon Force on the outbreak of hostilities Gen. Wainwright disposed his forces for the defense of the island of Luzon north of Manila.

"He pushed delaying and reconnoitering forces northward to meet hostile forces which had landed at Aparri, Cagayan and at Vigan, Ilocos Sur, holding his main forces intact to meet a major landing effort. When a large hostile force landed on the eastern shore of Lingayen Gulf, he skillfully employed his recently mobilized divisions of the Philippine Army to the limit of their capabilities in delaying the enemy advance and succeeded in withdrawing the bulk of his forces to the Bataan Peninsula.

"As commander of the I Philippine Corps, Gen. Wainwright organized for defense the western half of the Bataan Peninsula and skillfully conducted the defense thereof during this period, successfully repelling a major enemy effort to penetrate the Corps' front and three strong landing attacks which gained temporary beachheads on the west coast of the peninsula. His personal courage and repeated presence with forward elements of his command during combat inspired his troops to sustained effort."

This was the man to whom Gen. Douglas MacArthur entrusted his command on the Philippines when he was given the difficult order to leave his men in the 60 square miles in which they were trapped to take over the direction of the war in a Pacific area covering millions of square miles.

This was "Skinny" Wainwright,



Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright

a comrade-at-arms a soldier could trust, a man who had fought and planned beside him in the Philippines for years and whose father likewise had fought beside Gen. MacArthur's father in the Philippines.

Proud Gen. MacArthur knew that his honor would be safe with Gen. Wainwright, and through the last days on Bataan and during more than two years of hateful imprisonment Gen. Wainwright has nobly and honorably fulfilled that faith.

For the painful and distasteful task the war was to give him Gen. Wainwright had been prepared by a lifetime of Army service. Graduated from West Point in 1906, he saw his first action in the Philippines in June, 1909, in the expedition against hostile Moros on the Island of Jolo. Returned to the United States, he saw only routine

Cavalry service and training until the World War broke out.

Until August, 1917, he was assigned to Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., as adjutant of the OCS camp there and when it was terminated he was sent to Camp Devens, Mass., for duty on the General Staff of the 76th Div., with which he sailed for France.

Transferred to the 82d Div., he served in the vicinity of Toul and Pont-a-Mousson and in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. In November, 1918, he was assigned to the General Staff of the Third Army, which he accompanied into the Rhineland. He later served at the headquarters of the American Forces in Germany at Coblenz.

Shortly before his capture, Gen. Wainwright was promoted to lieutenant-general. He is the highest-ranking American officer held by the enemy.

63d Band Scores In First Concert At Open Air Arena

The Blood and Fire Division has been hiding a light in the form of an excellent concert band under a bush of parades and dance jobs, it developed Tuesday evening when three dozen musicians gave the 63d Div. Band's first public concert since the Division's arrival at Camp Van Dorn a year ago.

The program and setting were exactly suited to the tradition of the summer band concert in the park—light music, a warm, starry night, couples strolling around the fringe of the audience eating ice cream and listening quietly.

The band appeared under the baton of M/Sgt. Leland H. White, who, for most of his six years in the Army, has been directing military bands and teaching band leaders. It was his first appearance on the conductor's stand here, and he wisely chose a program exactly an hour long. Like a small box of Cracker-Jack or a Mickey Mouse picture, this had the effect of leaving the audience of several hundred eager for more. It should encourage larger audiences at the subsequent concerts which have been promised.

Nine numbers, ranging from the semi-classical to the popular, including two standard military marches, were on the program. In addition, Sgt. John Campbell, the band's justly celebrated tenor, rose from first chair cornet to sing two solos, and the audience appeared regretful that it was denied an encore.

The audience took great delight in Stacy's "Rampage of the Old Grey Mare," a theme-and-variations which gives full play to the weird use of all instruments in the band. An especially competent and pleasing rendition was given a medley of Rudolf Friml favorites, and the warm, familiar strains of the intermezzo, "Pas des Fleurs," showed off the woodwind section to advantage.

Eleven presidents of the United States were former generals—Washington, Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Taylor, Pierce, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur and Benjamin Harrison.

Wounded—And Target of a Sniper

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We had a good time. The next day we were alerted. We were told to pack up and get ready to go to the front lines.

"Well, we left our bivouac area for the front. I was scared stiff, not knowing what to expect. My fears were in vain.

"The front was quite the same as the place we just left. We were given our foxholes and relieved the regiment that was there. We were there no more than 15 minutes when enemy shells started falling all over the place. We dived for our holes.

"In a few minutes it was all over and so was the troop movement.

"That night our squad was out on an outpost. We stood guard, one hour each. Nothing happened except a machine gun trying to draw fire from our lines. All night shelling came over our heads from both sides. A few shells landed near, but we could hear them before they landed and ducked in our holes.

Spotted by Germans
"A few days later we were on outpost again. The sarge was told to put out a listening post. Two men went out about 150 yards with a phone. A few minutes later they came running back. They were spotted and shot at and followed. The Nazis fired in our direction with tracers. We did not fire back. All night they threw flares and shells near us, but none tried to get near us.

"It was a very rough night for me and I was scared. No one got hurt and all was quiet in the morning. We were relieved and told we were going to make an attack the next morning. That day our artillery and aircraft shelled and strafed the Jerries all day.

"Well, Herb, that night I did not sleep. In the morning early

we were up, got a bite to eat and got ready. We fixed bayonets, cartridge belts full of armor-piercing ammo and three bandoliers, two hand grenades.

"We started out after a barrage of artillery, plus white phosphorus thrown at the Jerries. A tank in front of us was making openings in the hedgerows and firing into them, leaving very little work for us. We moved as fast as the tank would permit us. Well, we reached a road, crossed it and stopped. The tank men would not cross the road until they were sure there were no mines. So our CO inspected the road.

"No mines were found, so the tank crossed. It went to the hedgerow we were in and struck a mine. It took the track right off it. So the tank was a casualty. We had to wait until it was replaced. As the new tank came up the Jerries started to shell the disabled one.

Wounded in Neck

"A piece of shrapnel hit me in the neck.
"Someone called for the medic and he came to fix me up. He told me to lay still and wait for a litter, but the sarge asked me if I could walk. I could, so he said it was better to walk to the battalion aid station than to wait for a litter. So off I went.

"I crossed a few hedgerows, keeping close to the ground. Then all of a sudden I felt like someone had hit me with a board on my left leg. I looked over and blood was spurting all over the place. I hopped and crawled back for the medical man. He ran and took care of me and called on the radio for litter bearers.

"Well, here I was all alone. They had moved ahead. I started to crawl toward the aid station.

"All of a sudden shells started falling all over the place. There I was. No foxhole. So I crawled

to the hedge and found a deflated place to protect myself. Shells were falling all over the place.

"A shell fell near me, picked me up in the air and dropped me again. Scared? Boy, you can never know.

"Well, it stopped. I started to move on. A sniper spotted me. I could not move from my protection, so I had to stay there. As long as I didn't pick up my head, I was pretty safe.

Cigaret a Giveaway

"I was nervous, scared. So I lit a cigaret.

"Then it started. Ping! Ping! Bullets started coming near me. I put out the cigaret. The next thing I knew mortar shells were whizzing over my head. One singed my tail. It felt pretty hot and close, landed about three yards from me. I was not hurt.

"Then the artillery started again. Boy, I thought I was finished for sure. I lay there for eight hours. Finally I heard voices on the other side of the hedgerow. I called and was answered.

"Boy, was I glad to see someone. It was our reserve company. They couldn't get me out earlier on account of the shelling.

"From there they carried me to the outfit behind them and passed me right along.

"I passed out before I reached the battalion aid station. I woke up at my Division rear echelon. From there I went to a hospital. They operated on my neck. From there, to here in England.

"I still have shrapnel in my leg. They won't take it out because the wound is too small to try to dig it out. I have four pieces in my leg.

"I feel pretty good now. I received the Purple Heart and I'm well on the road to recovery.

"I've learned a lesson I will never forget—no smoking on the front for me."

The Wolf by Sansone



"There's somethin' I've been wanting to ask you!"

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

This week I want to give an old timer's reaction to this new-fangled combat drill we've recently had sprung on us here in the division. I say "sprung" because it sure hit us kind of sudden. I'll admit now that in the beginning, although I bally-hoed it to heat hell and sold it to my outfit lock, stock and barrel, secretly I didn't think much of it. But no old mossback like me ever does take kindly to something new for he's usually set in his ways and he's constitutionally opposed to having to get busy and study again.

For example, one of the best things that ever happened in this man's army was abolishing those tourniquets we used to wear around our necks and legs, thereby giving us some knee action and breathing space—but did I like it at first—hell, no! for little other reason that that it was new. But it didn't take long to convince me otherwise—just the first hike. And, how I howled when the Springfield went and the M-1 came along—that is until I gave it a fair trial, and I thought the army had gone to hell when they did away with Squads East and West and Right Front Into Lane and adopted a simplified drill. But that turned out to be alright, too, for when the war and fillers came along we didn't have time to struggle with teaching them what the rear rank did in Squads Right About.

Come to think about it, while the rifle squads were going through a close order drill which had no connection with what they did in combat, the artillery sections and the infantry machine gun and mortar squads had a snappy team work, one which did. And now I'm down for the count again because after I got into this combat drill I found that the half distance part of it gives the rifle squads something which they can use in combat, too, and now I'm busy trying to dope out why someone didn't think of it long before.

Funny thing, too, I found the mortar and light machine gun sections in my outfit busy rigging up a drill like that of the rifle squad. It must be good to make the oldsters change over. I was afraid, too, that when the full distance drill came along it would change all our rifle squad and higher tactics, but the only effect I can see is that it makes it easier to do the very same thing we have been trying to do for a long time. You remember last week I told you about that platoon of mine which flunked the firing test? Well, they didn't use the combat drill but then I woke up and made the next platoon use it, and they knocked that test for a loop. The platoon leader just told the squad leaders what he wanted and they passed it on to their own leaders within the squad and everybody knew what to do. It was the first time I have ever seen squad leaders really control these big twelve-man squads.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapels 6, 7—1100.
Chapel 5, Episcopal Service—1100.
Chapel 8, Lutheran Service—1100.
Chapel 10—1400-1600. Organ Recital.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
Chapel 7, Sunday Service—1900.
Chapel 5, Sunday, Church of Christ Service—2000.
Chapel 8, Sunday, Prayer—1830.
Chapel 6, Bible Study—1900.
Chapel 8, Thursday, Evening Prayer—1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses
Chapels 5, 7, 8, 10—0800.
Theater 5—0900.
Chapel 7—1000.
Theater 1—1030.
CT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
Week Day Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
Chapel 7, Tuesday, Thursday, 1830.
Chapel 8, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
Chapel 10—Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.

Confession

Chapel 5, 7, 10, Saturday—1830 to 2000.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday
Hospital—1830.
Chapel 7—2000.

Sunday

Chapel 9—1100.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE

Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

Incidentally, to make the thing work you've got to have good subordinate leaders within the squad. If you don't, it falls flat. And this is another fine thing about it because you can certainly train new leaders with it and pick out those that aren't functioning. Right off the bat the other day one of the squad leaders realized that his second rifle leader couldn't handle his job and he quietly relieved him right on the spot. No longer can a GI rifleman get lost in the bushes and claim that he didn't hear the squad leader's orders. It isn't the squad leader's job any more to keep tabs on him—it's up to the group leader.

I could fill this page with many other good points about this new drill but I'm afraid the editor wouldn't let me get away with it, so I'll start closing by saying that down in my outfit the men realize that this new drill is a local product and it has helped their morale a lot to know that the CG has turned out a new manual with lots of sense to it. As a matter of fact they call it FM 7-63.

I have another proof that it has caught their imagination. The other night I was just behind two GIs who were walking along behind two pretty girls and I heard one of them say, "I've got the right," and the other, "I've got the left." And they made good their words. It looks as if the boys are really trying to take their combat drill to bed with them. The only trouble I see is that a lot of you fail to see how the half distance drill fits in tactical situations, and my tip to you is that you get busy and figure it out because it's dead easy. But my most important tip is aimed at you squad leaders. With all the tools that this combat division gives you there is no damned excuse for you not having a squad that clicks. And it's your baby, don't make any mistake about that. If you've got a group leader who can't be depended on to do what you tell him to do, then you'd better get busy and get somebody else. Nuff sed!

Money Orders Have Top Call For Christmas

WASHINGTON—As might be expected, money orders—those little pieces of printed paper that are redeemable for T-bone steaks, bottles of Scotch and dates in Baton Rouge, rate Number 1 in a list of items servicemen and servicewomen want for Christmas, according to inquiries by the Office of War Information.

Wallets, to carry the thing you change the money orders into, are next in favor, followed, not in the order of preference, by pipes and tobaccos, razor blades and small shaving kits, pocket-size books, photographs in waterproof folders, cigarettes and cigars, automatic pencils, stationery, games, cards, puzzles, hard candy, soap, dried fruit, vacuum-packed nuts and wrist watches.

To make sure that overseas gifts arrive on time, the Office of War Information reminds that overseas gifts for men and women in the service should be mailed between September 15 and October 15 and marked "Christmas Parcel."

Variety Show Given At CT White Rec. Hall

Entertainers under the leadership of T/5 Paul Taubman of Division Special Services presented a variety show at the CT White Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Following a selection by the 255th Inf. Drum and Bugle Corps and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," the 255th Inf. orchestra, led by Pfc. Marlin Merrill, presented an overture. Entertainment was offered by Jackie Paris, scat singer, by Pvt. Frank Hoffman, who did improvisations, by T/5 Leslie Heath, who presented his marionettes, by Gilbert Vitale, a magician, and by Taubman, who was heard in a piano solo with a special arrangement of Gershwin melodies accompanied by the orchestra.

C Rations Looked Good to Nine GIs Marooned by Ice

Nine cans of C rations were all there were between nine soldiers on a tiny island outpost in the frigid Aleutians and starvation. Cut off from their headquarters on the mainland by fog, frozen ocean waters and an almost impenetrable Arctic winter gloom, the searchlight crew had received no food or supplies in three weeks. Their only other means of communication, a short wave radio, had broken down.

Pvt. Joseph E. Hartline, Btry. C, 862d F.A. Bn., was one of the nine hungry men. Prior to his overseas furlough and re-assignment to the 63d Div., he had spent 19 cold and lonely months in a dugout as a member of a gun crew attached to the 215th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Bn., on a barren island near Kodiak, Alaska.

Ice Formed Barrier

Reflecting on his experience, Pvt. Hartline said, "We were in one hell of a fix. The ice was too thin for us to walk over to the mainland, half a mile away, but at the same time it was thick enough to prevent any boats from getting through."

The corporal in charge of the crew tinkered with the radio set for days and finally got it to work. As soon as news was flashed to the mainland, crash boats were loaded with supplies and forced their way to the outpost. It took 10 hours to cover the short distance.

Their barren rockpile didn't offer much in the way of relaxation or recreation. One could stand on one beach and throw a stone into the water on the other side with ease. There was no vegetation and the only animals living there were two red foxes which had crossed on the ice. They grew fairly tame and could actually be coaxed to approach the door of the dugout. They would never venture inside, however.

Ocean Monsters

The guardians of the outpost sometimes broke the monotony by fishing but it was precarious business. So large were the fish inhabiting the waters, that ordinary hooks and lines were useless. On one occasion, using a small steel cable, a gigantic hook and a half of a ham for bait, the soldiers cast their line overboard and secured one end to a corner of an out-house. Next morning they awoke to find the cable, hook, and bait gone, plus a large portion of the out-house.

Pvt. Hartline has had enough of the frozen North and prefers warmer climes although right now he finds this section of the South a little too warm for comfort.

Co. D Is Orientation Winner in 254th Inf.

For the fourth time this year, Co. D won the monthly orientation award in the 254th Inf. and represented the regiment in the Division competition. The Company won the regimental award in March, and June and the Division and regimental awards in May.

Under the direction of Capt. Frank L. Piontek, company commander and orientation officer, who has as his assistant Cpl. Samuel G. Clark, the men of Co. D have been kept in constant touch with the march of national and international events through the clever display arranged in the dayroom. In selecting the winning company this month, emphasis was placed on material presented and the method of presentation.

Other companies in the regiment receiving honorable mention were Hq. Companies of the 1st and 2d Bns., and Cos. G, K, L, Anti-Tank and Service.

LOST DOG

A Boston terrier was impounded at the Veterinary Impound Area in the rear of Station Hospital. The owner may have the dog by identifying it and paying vaccination, feed and impound fees. For further information call Station Veterinarian, 827.

Horse Boy for Pancho Villa At 9, Fernando Now Curries Uncle Sam's Antitank Guns



Pfc. Moya and the family sticker.

The same hands that now tenderly clean antitank guns for the protection of the United States in the 255th Inf. Anti-tank Co. once carried the horse that carried the fierce Francisco Villa in his almost one-man war against Gen. John J. Pershing and the armies of the United States.

The hands belong to Pfc. Fernando Moya, now an American soldier and an American citizen, a tough, little Mexican who has been a soldier since the age of nine.

At that tender age the entire pattern of Moya's life was changed by a chance visit by his uncle to the Moya home in Chihuahua, Mexico. Full of revolutionary fervor, his uncle decided that Fernando could serve no nobler purpose than to fight for the glorious army of the invincible Pancho, so he signed him on forthwith as a horse boy in the general's own company.

Given a Big Gun

Moya, hardly able to lug the thing, was armed with a 30-30 rifle as followed in Villa's train to crush the armies of Venustiano Carranza, who was portrayed to him variously as an eater of small children and an avaricious bandit who would enslave free Mexico.

Although he never got off a shot from his massive 30-30, Moya was present at the great battle of Santa Rosa Hill, in Chihuahua, an engagement whose maneuvers and purposes are now lost in the mists of history. Fernando didn't hit anybody and nobody hit him during this engagement, and at its conclusion he was informed that Mama and Papa Moya had finally succeeded in tracking him down and that he had better get home in a hurry before they arrived to tan his hide for fair and, in all probability, that of the redoubtable Pancho Villa himself.

Most memorable event during these four months of soldiering was when Moya saw a boy in the Carranza forces, a pobrecito no bigger than himself, kill a Villista soldier. Villa himself strode onto the battlefield and made a captive of the boy and later made him a bugler in his own ragged army.

Dangerous Knife

Now his outstanding memento of these earlier days is a large steel knife with a cow-horn handle. It was given to him by his grandfather, a former Mexican soldier, to commemorate the little one's service with Villa. Moya wields the knife with great skill and can skewer distant targets with it with little difficulty.

Moya left Mexico for the United States in 1923 and settled in El Paso, Tex., where, as happens to all men, he was drafted in good time. Behind him he left a wife and three children, two boys and a girl. He became an American citizen on July 27 and has a brother, Cpl. Mauro Mayo, now serving in the Hawaiian Islands.

Ft. Sill Dedicates Building to McNair

FT. SILL, Okla.—As a lasting tribute to a soldier who revolutionized artillery methods, the administration building at the Field Artillery School is to be known as the Lesley J. McNair Hall in honor of the late commander of the Army Ground Forces, killed at the fighting front in France.

A plaque commemorating the role Gen. McNair played in the development of the Army will be dedicated in the near future and placed on the building, an imposing three-story structure just west of the old Ft. Sill area, overlooking the new post area.

The hall will be a memorial of particular significance to future soldiers at the post, for it was here that Gen. McNair did some of his greatest work. He was largely responsible for the development of the Field Artillery School and the maintenance of its high standard of training.

Gen. McNair was assistant commandant of the school from July 23, 1929, to June 24, 1933, and in charge of all instruction. It was during his tenure that the preparation and production of the field artillery extension courses was carried out.

During his incumbency the technique of using Fire Direction Centers to enable any number of batteries or battalions to place fire on common targets from a central point of control was evolved. Methods of adjustment of fire used by the field artillery in the present war were also developed in this period.

Ex-K-9 Corps Member Is a Civilian Again

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Dr. and Mrs. William W. Hendricks wondered how Trix, their three-year-old Doberman Pinscher, would readjust himself to civil life after 15 months as an Army war dog.

But Trix, after being home only a few hours, brought in the morning paper just as he used to, and in the evening, as Dr. Hendricks settled into his easy chair, Trix trotted in with his master's slippers.

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EDITORIAL

WHERE IS THE 63D?

By all we hear, Camp Van Dorn should have closed yesterday, and the 63d Inf. Div. should be on the troop trains now.

Or maybe these things won't happen till a week from next Tuesday. Anyway, we have been hearing ever since June that the camp would close or the Division move (or both) by Sept. 1, or Sept. 15.

Most of the rumors pertaining to the Blood and Fire Division have collapsed simply because the time the rumored event was scheduled to happen passed long ago without event.

Listening to rumors is silly and often dangerous. Planning by them is futile. Passing them on is worse. But collecting them is highly entertaining, if you don't take them seriously. It is amusing to watch them fold up. It is ludicrous to see how nearly all are based on wishful thinking (you never heard a rumor that we were to move to a worse location; always we were moving north, near a big city, to a permanent post, to some place near the rumor-monger's home).

For two months now the BLOOD AND FIRE staff has been solemnly writing down every rumor it heard and tacking them on the wall. They cover a lot of cracks and will be mighty handy when chill breezes blow through the walls of our office again. No better explanation of the futility of rumoring can be had than by a look at some of these (no one of which has been found to have any basis in fact, of course).

July 24—Because the camp is closing, all civilian employes were reported given 30-day (or 90-day) notice that they were to be fired. Three weeks later, Aug. 16, Natchez citizens were reporting that all the PX girls had been called together and told to be prepared to give up their jobs. (Where this big meeting was held no one ever could tell us.) The same day we heard that GIs were going to take over the clerking jobs in the PX.

Mid-July—63d Div. moving to Camp Atterbury, Ind. (or Indiantown Gap, Pa., or back to Blanding).

Aug. 7—63d Div. moving to Camp Butler, N. C.

Aug. 10—253d Inf. moving to Camp Atterbury; 254th Inf. moving to Ft. Devens, Mass.

Aug. 23—Part of the Division to go to Indiantown Gap, part to Camp Atterbury by Sept. 15 (this one was vouched for by a first sergeant who has a friend who was in Chicago on furlough and who heard that a division at Atterbury is being deactivated).

Mid-August—Gen. Hibbs reported leaving the Division and Gen. Harris becoming Division Commander. (This came from a man who said "I personally saw the orders cut"; what he saw was a routine assumption of command by Gen. Harris, required by AR for a few days while Gen. Hibbs was away on business.)

Aug. 25—The rumor to end all rumors: The New Orleans Item reported that "the Blood and Fire (63d) Infantry Division is reported currently to be fighting in France."

If any of this makes sense to you, keep on passing rumors. See where they'll get you.



"They give me trouble on the marches, sir."

News from Here and There

'Not Up to Standard' Farragut Naval Center

FARRAGUT—Puzzled personnel in one office at Farragut naval training center did some investigating after a dignified examining officer wrote "NUTS" in his report on their office. They found the initials stood for "not up to standard."

Kay Francis' Cheaters Baffles GI at Dance

SPOKANE, Wash.—The soldier said, "No, thanks," after a girl wearing dark glasses asked him if he would like to dance. He felt sort of silly a little later when Manager Al Feyerabend of the Spokane Press Club informed him he had just said no to movie actress Kay Francis.

Normandy Vet Hit-Run Victim in New York

NEW YORK—A 23-year-old veteran of the Normandy invasion died the victim of an automobile accident on a quiet road in Long Island.

He was Pvt. Virgil T. Peavler, of Mooreland, Ind. Just 30 hours earlier he had been returned to this country by ambulance plane to recuperate at a Long Island hospital from injuries received in a motorcycle crash near Cherbourg.

The veteran was strolling near the hospital when an automobile struck him. Police said the driver failed to stop.

Bad Taste to Eat Ham Say Goering's Organ

NEW YORK—Reichs-Marshall Hermann Goering's newspaper, the Essener National Zeitung, said in an article reported to the Office of War Information:

"It must be considered bad taste to eat publicly a ham sandwich whose origin is generally suspicious even if nothing illegal can be proved.

"And now, when cigarets and cigars have scarcity value, it cannot be considered an expression of the people's community feeling when men are seen strutting along with fat cigars."

The eating of fresh fruit in public, now that fruit is "also very scarce," also was cited as bad taste.

Even Cigaret Lighters Are Mined by Germans

LONDON—The latest Nazi creation in booby traps, as reported from France:

A cigaret lighter that explodes when the wheel is thumbed.

'Churchill Crocodile' Flames Like a Dragon

WASHINGTON—Tank-mounted flame-throwers, which hurl a blaze 450 feet are being used with "deadly effect" against German strongholds in France, the British reported.

The 41-ton weapon, named the "Churchill Crocodile," was introduced to the Nazis on the Normandy beaches and has proved to be the most powerful flame-thrower in the world, the British supply council and Army staff said. It even throws lethal blazes around corners.

Yanks Make Good Use Of Abandoned Nazi Car

SOUTHERN FRANCE—Lt. Bill Luyt, Jersey City, "discovered" a long sedan abandoned by German generals on D-day. He drove it a few hours and then traded it to Capt. Kenneth Barnaby, East Orange, N. J., and Mystic, Conn., for one yellow parachute found on D-Day.

Barnaby tried to ford the river in the car and tore out the undercarriage and damaged the motor. So he traded it to a French unit for one chicken and seven eggs.

When last seen the sedan was being driven by an American lieutenant.

Jeeps May Be Purchased At Cost by Servicemen

WASHINGTON—The House recognized the fighting forces' love for the jeep, writing into the surplus war property disposal bill an amendment that would permit service men and women, and veterans, to buy this ironclad midget at wholesale prices.

It adopted a proposal by Rep. Miller, Connecticut, providing that those who served in uniform may buy any surplus item after the war at the same unit price as big-lot buyers.

Swedish Letter Meant Moola for Captain

FORT McPHERSON, Ga.—The letter with the foreign postmark was written in Swedish and Capt. Sidney Karing couldn't read that language.

Besides, the post exchange officer was busy remodeling his headquarters. So he let the letter lie around until a friend volunteered to get it translated. When the friend returned, all excited, Capt. Karing decided he could stop decorating and read.

The letter informed him an uncle had died in Sweden, leaving him 52,000 kroner, or about \$12,000 at the present rate of exchange.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Saul Miller
(Division Artillery)

The test of real heroism is seldom, if ever, dramatic. No one is more surprised than the hero himself when he finds he has attracted attention and publicity. Great leaders and spectacular heroes are not the main element in winning battles or wars. Civilization rises on the shoulders of men who steadily toil at their daily tasks rather than upon the celebrated exploits of be-medaled heroes or spectacular leaders. Public appreciation of these facts is shown in the hundreds of monuments erected to the "Unknown Soldier." The real victory in this war like any other will be achieved by men who train faithfully and conscientiously perform the tiresome and gruelling task that prepares an army for what ever might happen, but seemingly never will.

In the 63d Div. we often hear the humorous comment "only the coward applies for overseas duty. The man with stamina and courage is the man who stays." This humorous misstatement however does reveal the truth that the unromantic job at hand must be accepted cheerfully. The man who faithfully does his best and makes the most of any circumstance is the man who will contribute most toward defeating the enemy by first conquering himself. That is true morale. It is having stamina enough to "stand by." It is the most nerve-racking and difficult experience of the fighting men.

We have two outstanding examples relating to this subject in the Garden of Gethesmane. Danger and tension were at hand. Jesus prayed as no man had ever prayed and came back fortified for the cross. Peter, the boastful hero who had been so sure of himself, slept. Jesus roused him saying "watch and pray," and Peter still slept. The result was that Jesus went triumphantly to his death saying "Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit." Peter quailed before the jeering remark of a servant girl and fled. Why?—because he had failed to stand by.

In the long run what does it matter just when and where we go into action so long as we stand by now. So long as we take what comes and be prepared to do our part if, when, where, and how it comes. What we want is victory, peace, freedom and happiness. All of these will be ours when the time comes if we stand by. Paul, the great Christian warrior, put it this way: "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

Four years can certainly bring about amazing changes in the fortunes of war . . . Dunkirk 1940. . . Britain stood ready to defend the island with less than 50 tanks . . . a few hundred field guns . . . the RAF with 40 per cent of its bomber strength gone . . . and 47 warships at the bottom of the sea. . .

The pinch is on the Nazi shoe now . . . but a little speech of Adolf's made after the seizure of Austria needs remembering . . . "A defeated nation can even better than a victorious nation be trained and prepared for the day of final victory. It may happen that I cannot win victory at once in this coming war; we may be forced to interrupt it. Then we will be back underground . . . Our stupefied enemies will discover too late that millions of their own youth, misguided by weak education, disappointed by democracy's failure, will be on our side. Victory in this THIRD WORLD WAR will be quick and easy." . . . When you hear "Americans" echoing some of the lies spread by Doc Goebbels you can believe Hitler wasn't kidding . . .

Talk about all-out war . . . more than 70 per cent of the workers in the Soviet Union are women. . . .

The world could have built comfortable five room houses for every one of the world's families . . . provided four years of college for 500 million students . . . built 25 million miles of four lane cement highways . . . provided grammar school education for all of the world's 400 million children . . . erected a million dollar hospital in every community of 2,000 people . . . Could have if it hadn't been for Fascism . . . for that is what could have been accomplished with the monies spent to wipe out that disease . . . The world has spent a half a trillion to destroy the Fascist germ . . . But Fascism is not confined to one country or one people . . . no more than cancer is.



Pfc. Wilber traded his M-1 for a wrench.

Center Is Opened For Treatment of Tropical Diseases

WASHINGTON—In an organized drive on tropical diseases, a special center for treatment of malaria and other diseases encountered by American troops in tropical theaters of operations has been opened by the Army Medical Dept. at the Moore General hospital, Swannanoa, N. C.

The Moore General is being designated a medical center for the treatment and study of tropical diseases under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph M. Hayman of Cleveland, who spend two years in the South Pacific doing research into tropical diseases, according to the announcement by Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the surgeon general.

The center will have 350 beds for patients undergoing active treatment and barracks facilities for 1,000 men taking the reconditioning program.

The Army proposes to concentrate at the center, as far as possible, all tropical disease patients in the Army, with particular attention on malaria and filariasis. Facilities have been provided for expansion of bed capacity as required.

Supervising the new center will be Lt. Col. Francis R. Dieuaide, Chief of the Tropical Disease Branch of the Medical Division of the Surgeon General's Office, which is headed by Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Moran.

"The new center, Col. Dieuaide said, "will reduce the loss of manpower which the Army incurs as the result of discharges for tropical disease. It will provide a centralization of the treatment, reconditioning and management of patients with tropical diseases, provide planned and controlled observation of the methods of treatment, reconditioning and management of patients with tropical diseases; provide planned and controlled observation of the methods of treatment and reconditioning of men with such diseases, improve the treatment and shorten the period of hospitalization now required for the treatment of such diseases."

Good dust cloths may be made by soaking squares of cheese cloth in furniture polish. Allow to dry before using.



VEST-POCKET SOLDIER—When Pvt. Paul H. Falardeau, Hq. Det., 363d Med. Bn., had his induction examination he must have been five feet tall, but he's only 4 feet 11 1/2 now by every ruler in the medics. Must be the Mississippi air. He's shown with Lt. Robert J. Jensen of Co. A, 363d, who had no induction troubles on that score.

Veteran of Three Campaigns in 253d

He helped take Mateur and Hill 609 in Tunisia; he landed with the first wave at Licata, Sicily; he packed his M-1 at Bizerte and was in on the push through Salerno; he was on the Anzio beachhead.

Yet Pfc. Charles M. Wilber, 26-year-old infantryman from Rush Prairie, Wash., has not a scratch on his body and in 18 months of combat never went on sick call once.

Today Wilber has traded his rifle for a wrench in the 253 Inf. motor pool. A member of Serv. Co., trucks are no mystery to him; he hauled munitions and supplies in the American Seventh Army when Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., commanded it, and in Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army.

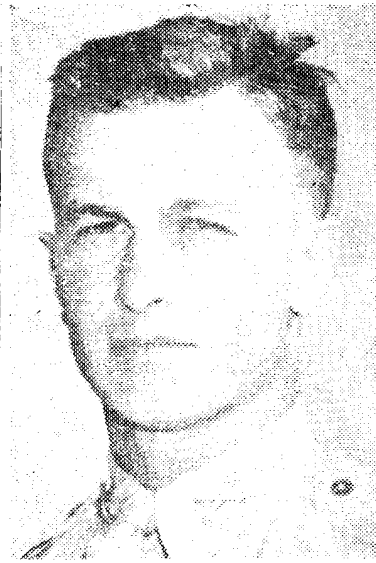
"Gen. Patton was the best general I ever saw for going right up in the front lines with the privates," Wilber says. "I saw him plenty. Once he stopped me from hauling some ammunition over a river bed east of Palermo. He made me wait till they tested the crossing for mines."

Western Signal Corps Camps to Close Soon

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—Camp Kohler and its allied school at Davis will be closed on or about Oct. 21, Col. James W. Greene, Jr., commandant, has announced. Kohler and the camp at Davis have been used as the Western Signal Corps Training center.

Most of the inventory at Camp Kohler will be disposed of as surplus Army property but there is a possibility that the Kohler laundry will be continued. It is one of the largest installations of its type in Southern California and serves several other posts as well as Kohler.

It is also possible that the Camp Kohler hospital, a 334-bed institution, will be kept intact for use by returning veterans through the Veterans Administration.



NEW commanding officer of the 718th F.A. is Maj. Burnside E. Huffman, Jr. A native of Columbus, Ga., Maj. Huffman was graduated from West Point in 1941. He served with the 4th and 30th divisions, commanding a battery in the 30th, and for a year instructed in mathematics at the Military Academy.

WINNETT, Mont. (CNS)—Chief Petty Officer Alvin P. Ingebo, a former school teacher here, came home on leave from the Navy and found that the instructor who had replaced him was ill. Ingebo spent his leave in the schoolroom, instructing his old pupils.

Puzzle Answer

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LOATHSOMENESS

Silence Is Golden, Recon Learned on Island Patrol

A veteran of reconnaissance patrolling, Pvt. Harry Shidler of the 254th Inf. Regt.'s I and R. platoon offers, as the sagest bit of advice gleaned through experience. "Learn a complete set of pre-arranged signals; there must be absolutely no conversation."

A native of Hastings, Neb., Shidler was with the 164th Inf. when it landed on the beaches of Guadalcanal to join the First Marine Div. and spent the time from October, 1942, to the following March on patrol or in observation posts maintained by his organization.

Shidler's regiment landed in Australia and then shipped to New Caledonia where it was made

part of the Americal Division. Thus the 164th became one of the first units to take the offensive in the Pacific. Before it left Guadalcanal, the division received a presidential citation.

Shidler, who does not bother to impress others with his experience, contracted malaria during his duty on the island and was unable to accompany the Americal Division when it went on to Bougainville. During his stay at Guadalcanal one of his buddies was killed while manning an OP and four others wounded, so that the lessons he learned in combat were duly impressed on him.

The Nebraskan relates that the first three days on the Canal were,

"hellish." "We were under constant bombing and shelling even from the rear when enemy ships came in close to shore on the second night." There was a lull after the sixth day and the paddlefeet and leathenecks took time to count 1,800 dead Japs.

"They were nine deep in our barbed wire in some places," Shidler recalls. "Some of the dead had come within five feet of our foxholes."

Asked what he thought of the Jap as an enemy, Shidler said with assurance, "They are pretty tough when it comes to digging them out of the brush. They fail to approach our troops, however, for coolness and presence of mind."

"I had a definite example of this fact when on patrol one day. A Jap officer stepped out of the brush and surprised us off guard. Instead of firing at us with his loaded pistol, however, he charged at us with his sabre. He was a dead Jap in a hurry."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Everything Went Pink

63d Swimmers Tie for Second in SAAU Meet

Pair of Victories Gives 718th Team Second Place Tie

Greenies and Engineers Bow Before Alusik's Fine Pitching

The 718th F. A. nine, a late starter in the Division Baseball League pennant chase, forged into the picture as a threat to CT Red's domination of the second-half competition with a pair of victories during the week.

Sgt. Johnny Alusik, former New York Yankees farmhand, set himself up as one of the outstanding hurlers in the league with his exploits during the triumphs over the Special Troops Greenies and the 263d Engrs. The Greenies were limited to just five hits when the Redlegs went out and presented their new battalion commander, Maj. Burnside E. Huffman, Jr., with the satisfaction of a 12-2 decision. Against the Hairy Ears, however, Alusik bore down along all of the seven-inning route and sent the Engineers away with four hits scattered among as many batters and on the short end of a 10-0 score.

As the scores indicate, Alusik had plenty of backing from his teammates as they pushed up into a second-place tie with CT Blue, just a defeat behind the unbeaten Redcats.

Against the Greenies, the Artillerymen collected 15 hits off pitchers Granata and Hughes. Sgt. Bill Flanagan and Cpl. Johnny Mercurio led the assault on the Special Troops with three hits each. Both hit home runs.

The 718th attack fell off somewhat against the hurling of the Engineers' Coughlin—only 13 hits accruing to the victors. While Flanagan went hitless in four trips to the plate, Alusik, whose only hit against the Greenies had been a home run, hit safely three times against Coughlin, and with Carr, contributed almost half of his team's total hits.

In each game the Redlegs opened with plenty of power and made enough runs to coast in to the finish line. They opened with a four-spot against the Greenies and had 10 runs to two when the game went into the fourth. They did all their scoring against the Engineers in the first four frames.

Greenies			718th F. A.		
Potoczky, lf	4	0	1	1	1
Gick, 3b	2	0	0	1	1
Monk, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Burns, ss	3	0	0	1	1
Andrews, c	1	1	1	1	1
Mandel, lf	1	1	1	1	1
Baron, cf	2	0	0	1	1
McGee, 2b	2	0	0	1	1
Granata, p	1	0	0	1	1
Hughes, p	2	0	0	1	1
Totals	25	2	6	13	15

Score by innings: Greenies.....020 000 0-2 718th FA.....442 002 x-12 263d Engrs.....718th F. A.

Greenies			718th F. A.		
Gugiz, ss	3	0	0	1	1
Gerliger, lf	1	0	1	1	1
K'chmer, rf	3	0	0	1	1
Rob'nson, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Santoro, c	3	0	0	1	1
Greener, lf	3	0	0	1	1
Hewis, 2b	3	0	1	1	1
Hab'cht, cf	2	0	1	1	1
Coughlin, p	2	0	1	1	1
Dresser, rf	2	0	0	1	1
Totals	21	0	4	13	13

Score by innings: 263d Engrs.....000 000 0-0 718th F. A.....113 200 x-10

A Gander at Fame

Sgt. Gene McHall, of Co. I, 253d Inf., came within view of the hall of baseball fame last week when he pitched no-hit ball for the Vicksburg semipro against the 219th F. A., of Camp Shelby.

None of the Shelby team's 11 players could get a hit off the former Little Rock (Ark.) portsider. However, the Redlegs did score a pair of runs with help of three Vicksburg errors to make the final score Vicksburg, 6; 219th F. A., 2.

CT WHITE AT ESLES

The CT White baseball nine will play the strong Esler Field nine today at Alexandria, La.



OPPOSING CT Red batters at Natchez tomorrow will be Pvt. Bill Hagg, CT Blue pitching ace (above) who allowed the Redcats only three hits the last time the teams played in a 63d Div. Baseball League game.

Dempsey Made History In Ring During September

It seems as though it happened a century ago because to most of us it has become a part of the American legend, but in reality it was only 25 years ago when Jack Dempsey, burned black by the sun, battered Jess Willard, a clumsy giant, into a mass of raw meat under the glaring sun at Toledo, Ohio.

By the same calendar, it will be 21 years come September that Dempsey, then four years a champion, knocked out Luis Angel Firpo, battle-mad bull of the Argentine pampas.

Today Dempsey is a lieutenant commander in the United States Coast Guard and as such is playing his part in winning the biggest fight he ever saw in his life.

In the Toledo fight, the dish-nosed Dempsey, who still wore boxer cinders in his hair, was a hungry tiger. He spotted the grotesque Willard 65 pounds in weight and then proceeded to give him the most savage one-round beating any man ever absorbed in a fight.

At the opening bell, Dempsey came out of his corner like a cat. His first blow opened Willard's cheek to the bone. His second sent the giant crashing to the floor. Six more times Willard went down, his

face smashed to a pulp. The bell saved his life.

Dempsey thought the fight was over. It took 10 minutes to get him back into the ring. Then the fight went on. Willard lasted until late in the third when Jack's famed one-two delivery, a sickening right to the body, a terrific Iron Mike left to the jaw, sent the champion sprawling to the floor.

The Firpo fight solidified Dempsey's reputation as a killer. This was a street brawl, devoid entirely of science or skill, and witnessed by a gap-mouthed, hysterical mob of 90,000 people.

Knocked out of the ring and into the lap of a sportswriter by one of Firpo's bull-like rushes, Dempsey went on to win by hitting faster and more often than his opponent. He floored Firpo nine times, went down twice himself. The last time Firpo fell, he went down as though he had been hit with an axe. For six seconds he lay there inert, blood flowing from his nose and mouth.

At eight he pulled himself to one knee. Then the prop collapsed and he toppled back again. "Ten!" the referee droned—and that was the end of the sweetest little battle of them all.

White Nine Trims Coast Guard, 8-7 63d Ball Teams Play at Natchez

Scoring four runs in the first inning when the rival hurler faltered momentarily, the CT White baseball team defeated the Plaquemine Coast Guard nine, 8-2, Sunday afternoon at Plaquemine, La.

Kurek, CT White pitcher, gave only four hits and held the Guardsmen scoreless until the fifth when Statkewicz, losing hurler, batting in the cleanup spot, belted a long triple to left and Stagge scored. Statkewicz registered a minute later on a fielder's choice.

The Whites bulldied a run in the third, another in the fifth and two more in the seventh to complete the scoring. Dooley, Petersen and Kurek, with two hits apiece, led the batting.

CT White			Coast Guard		
James, lf	1	0	1	1	1
J'nson, lf	2	1	1	1	1
Dooley, 2b	3	2	2	2	2
Shaw, rf	3	0	1	1	1
Peterson, c	3	2	2	2	2
H'ltner, ss	2	1	1	1	1
Gal'th, cf	2	1	1	1	1
Matolla, lf	3	0	1	1	1
Pa'lano, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Kurek, p	3	1	2	2	2
Totals	25	8	12	25	4

Seabiscuit, the erstwhile wonder horse, has adopted a family—a cat and her three kittens.

Baseball fans at Natchez will have an opportunity to watch Pfc. Willis Waugh in action for the first time since he pitched a no-hit, no-run game when CT's Red and Blue play at Liberty Park tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Waugh will be on the hill for the 253d as his team seeks its twelfth victory in 13 starts. The Redcats' lone failure at victory was the scoreless tie with CT Blue in which Waugh set down the opposition without a safety while his rival, Pvt. Bill Hagg, was turning in a runless three-hit job. Hagg probably will oppose Waugh on the hill.

This, furthermore, will be the first Division Baseball League game played outside camp and follows the Blue's contest with Ester Field in Natchez last week.

ORLICK SHOWS GOLF SHOTS
Cpl. Warren Orlick, golf pro at the Monroe (Mich.) Country Club prior to his entrance into service, treated about 200 links enthusiasts to an exhibition of trick and fancy shots at the Fernwood Golf Club last Sunday. His display preceded the final of the annual club championship.

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Johnny Simpson Dominates Diving As Pensacola Team Wins Crown

Blood and Fire Matches Audubon Mermen With 15 Points But Both Are Outclassed by Fliers

Though outclassed by a superior team of swimmers from the Pensacola Naval Air Station, the 63d Div. representation in the Southern AAU championships at New Orleans Wednesday and Thursday came away with one individual title winner in Pvt. Johnny Simpson and a tie for second place.

Two Games Won By Sgt. Stewart

The 63d Div. can offer its own softball pitching giant in competition with the standouts of other service units throughout the United States Army in the person of Sgt. Lowell Stewart, of the 255th Inf.'s I Co.

With several previous no-hit games to his credit this season, Stewart won a pair of games this week to put himself and his mates into the semifinal round of the CT Blue playoffs. He struck out a total of 31 batters in the respective victories over Cos. M and C. White the latter team managed to score a run, Stewart set down the opposition without a hit. The final score of the victory over C Co. was 11-1. In beating Co. M, 5-1, Stewart allowed only two hits over the seven inning route.

Cannon Co., Co. I and Co. C have qualified to play in the semifinal round with the other spot being reserved for the winner of the Co. E vs. Co. M game.

CT White also was in the closing phases of its qualifying round. Co. M of the 254th Inf., won its way into the final with a last inning rally that brought a 4-3 victory over the regiment's Medical detachment.

Sgt. Earl Petersen, one of the Division's outstanding baseball players, took a hand in Co. M's softball fortunes and turned the tide of victory its way. His fourth inning homer with Scott on base gave the winners their first two runs. In the seventh his triple was the punch that set up the winning pair of runs.

Bears Defeat All-Stars On Last Period Kick

A small-college boy in a big city playing before a big crowd—50,000 persons—was the big shot in the Chicago Bears 24-21 victory over an All-Star team of ex-collegians last Wednesday night.

Pete Gudauskas, the Bear guard who did his "prepping" for pro football at Murray State Teachers College in Kentucky, booted a 13-yard field goal in the last period to break a 21-21 tie and decide the annual classic.

Although they doubled the ground yardage of the pass-minded All-Stars, the Bears had to pull a Sunday punch out of their collection of football assets to beat Tulsa's Glenn Dobbs and his team after the collegians took a 14-0 lead.

DIVISION SOFTBALL RESULTS

Co. M, 254th			254th Medics		
Sa'vich, 2b	3	0	2	1	1
Rogers, lf	3	0	0	1	1
Scott, cf	2	1	0	1	1
Petersen, rf	3	2	1	1	1
Matolla, lf	3	1	1	1	1
Laker, 3b	2	0	1	1	1
H'kema, rf	2	0	0	1	1
Gr'nberg, ss	2	0	1	1	1
Denarius, c	3	0	1	1	1
Keller, p	3	0	1	1	1
Totals	23	4	8	27	34

Score by innings: 254th Medics.....100 011 0-3 Co. M, 254th.....000 209 2-4

Co. C, 255th			Co. I, 255th		
Chelkls, lf	2	0	0	1	1
Sca'nd'pe, cf	2	0	0	1	1
Tran's'n, ss	3	0	0	1	1
Reid, p	3	0	0	1	1
Engle, rf	2	0	0	1	1
Sch'rder, 2b	3	0	0	1	1
R'ubens, 3b	3	0	0	1	1
Cochran, cf	2	0	0	1	1
Kippin, lf	3	0	0	1	1
McIrdie, c	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	24	1	0	26	11 9

Score by innings: Co. C, 255th.....000 010 00-1 Co. I, 255th.....010 502 x-11

Co. I, 255th			Co. E, 255th			Co. D, 255th		
Holmes, lf	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brazicki, ss	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gomeila, 2b	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Stewart, p	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Williams, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Nafziger, c	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Zan'gna, lf	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Manz, lf	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
B'rntein, cf	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Agullar, rf	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	23	5	10	22	1	2	19	3

Score by innings: Co. I, 255th.....000 001 0-1 Co. E, 255th.....200 000 0-2 Co. D, 255th.....300 000 x-3

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—1st/Sgt. Garnett Campbell, 28-year-old Alabamian who has been in the Army five years, keeps a weather eye on news from the Pacific. Campbell was stationed with the coast artillery in the Hawaiian islands from December, 1941, until May, 1943. In all that time he didn't see a place lighted at night until he landed at San Francisco on his way to Van Dorn under the rotation system. He was on a troopship headed for the Philippines when its fall caused the transport to be turned back to Hawaii. On his travels about the islands he was torpedoed once and bombed by Jap planes at sea another time. He is now in Hq. Co., 1st Bn. . . . Pvt. Joseph Michetti, Co. M., one of the two instructors in the 253d barber school running at the CT Red Rec. Hall, was Philadelphia's youngest barber. He had his own shop at 15. Only 29 now, he has been soaping and snipping for 20 years, starting at the age of nine as a lather boy. He is entrusted with the barbering of Col. Edward P. Lukert, regimental commander. When he isn't instructing the new barbers of the 253d, Michetto is an ammunition bearer. His mustache is the pride of the regiment. . . . Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo, Co. G, 253d orchestra maestro, is putting his sense of rhythm to work scratching poison oak blisters he picked up in the field . . . Pfc. L. M. Hale is a man without a first name—just initials. Assistant clerk of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Hale was named after a relative who had also had no first name. There are nine other children in his family and none of them has a first name, either . . . Pvt. George Bunch, Co. F, welcomed an 8½-pound son, William Preston at Field Memorial hospital, Centreville, this week.

254th Inf.—1st/Sgt. Charles K. Corzine, Cannon Co, known as "The Nostradamus of the 254th." He guessed the Normandy invasion date within two days and predicted the fall of Paris right on the nose. . . . Co. M has received news that Pvt. George McReil, who trained in the company, was killed in action in France, July 18 . . . In the same company Sgt. Earl Peterson is the father of twins. . . . In Hq. Co., 2d Bn., T/5 Russell Stever has left on an emergency furlough. His brother was killed in an automobile accident in New Jersey. Pfc. Richard Miller, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is recovering from critical injuries received in an accident. He is at Station Hospital. . . . In Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Sgt. Elain Thompson and Pvt. C. E. Prescott are proud fathers of future soldiers, each weighing eight pounds. . . . Sgt. John P. Shepherd has left Co. E for OCS. . . . The regiment has several new first sergeants: T/Sgt. Harry Tenant is acting in that capacity for Co. K; 1st/Sgt. Kerwin H. Brink is at Co. F. . . . In Cannon Co. Sgt. Robert E. Duda is celebrating the arrival of a son and namesake. . . . Cpl. Dan Galbraith, Hq. Co., one of the Division's outstanding athletes, returned from his furlough married. The bride is the former Betti Bair of Altoona, Pa. . . . Newly assigned officers in the regiment include: 1st Lt. Leo P. Bonin, Regtl. Hq.; Irving J. Kirnick, Co. B; Lt. John Lanfrit, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Lt. Edwin M. Sinolin, Co. A.

255th Inf.—New executive officer of Co. K is Lt. Cecil L. Johnson . . . Pvt. John H. Wertz, AT Co., was married to Miss Allene Suggs of Woodville in Natchez last Friday. They are on a furlough honeymoon in Pennsylvania. . . . Sgt. James E. Ford, Co. I, was married last Saturday in Vicksburg. . . . Sgt. John H. Sanders, Co. F, is the father of a boy born in Pottstown, Pa. He weighed 6¾ pounds. Sgt. Sanders' colleague in Co. F, S/Sgt. Lamar W. Gamblin, went home to Philadelphia, Miss., to visit his new son, who has added a hefty ten pounds to the weight of humanity. . . . The 255th orchestra played for a dance at Centreville last Saturday and tonight will play at the Service Center, McComb. They also played for dancing at the Co. A party Friday night. . . . Feature film at the Rec Hall Sunday at 2000 is "The Biscuit Eater," starring Billy Lee, one of the year's better pictures. Monday night, "It Comes Up Love" will be shown.

718th F. A.—In Hq. Btry, T/5 Marion Gibbs and T/4 Donald Randall took near-perfect ratings on the ordnance inspection, with one gig each. . . . T/5 Chester Carsten has a simple relief for boresome CQ duty; he has his wife and youngster in to help pass the time. In Btry. A: S/Sgt. Ludwig Stadtmueller last week celebrated his 26th birthday by a small party complete with refreshments brought from Centreville by his wife. . . . Pvt. Leon Hartel, recently back from Panama, has been exposed as a hillbilly Sinatra. His dulcet renditions of "Have I Stayed Away Too Long" already have earned him three salvos of GI shoes. . . . Cpl. Kale Canfield returned stary-eyed from his recent furlough, engaged to a Clinton, Ohio, girl. . . . In Serv. Btry: T/5 Harry Rosencrantz, just back from Ft. Sill Mechanics' School, was commended before the battery by Capt. Patrick A. Fusco, BC, for his excellent record. Rosencrantz led his class in grades, attendance and punctuality. . . . The promotions of Lt. James R. Hart to captain and Wallace A. Reidt and Knud Swenson to first lieutenant were announced recently. All are on DS at Ft. Sill. . . . Battalion Headquarters was in a haze of cigar smoke Tuesday when 1st/Lt. David L. Moses, S-2, passed out the traditional stogies in celebration of the arrival at New York of a 7-lb., 4-oz. baby. Next day word came from Ft. Sill, Okla., that Capt. Ned Culver, until recently commander of Btry. A and now on DS, was the father of a baby girl.

63d QM—The company won the Special Troops orientation award for August. Orientation Officer is Lt. Charles Soderquist and his enlisted assistant is Pvt. Les Benignl. This is the fourth time that QM has taken the scroll. . . . The company is proud of its new stationery. It is appropriately embossed with the Blood and Fire insignia, Quartermaster Corps emblem, a picture of a two and one-half-ton truck, with the company's name and APO address beneath it.

862d F. A.—O'Grady Drill has caught the fancy of Btry. A, and for the man who sticks out longest a three-day pass is the prize. . . . T/Sgt. William A. Hungerford, Btry. A, married Miss Carol Louise Knowles in New York City recently.

353d Med. Bn.—The Military Maids of McComb and members of the WAC Det. were guests Sunday of Co. A at a dance and party in Special Troops Rec. Hall. Music was furnished by the 253d band and a three-piece Co. A swing outfit composed of Cpls. David O. Collins

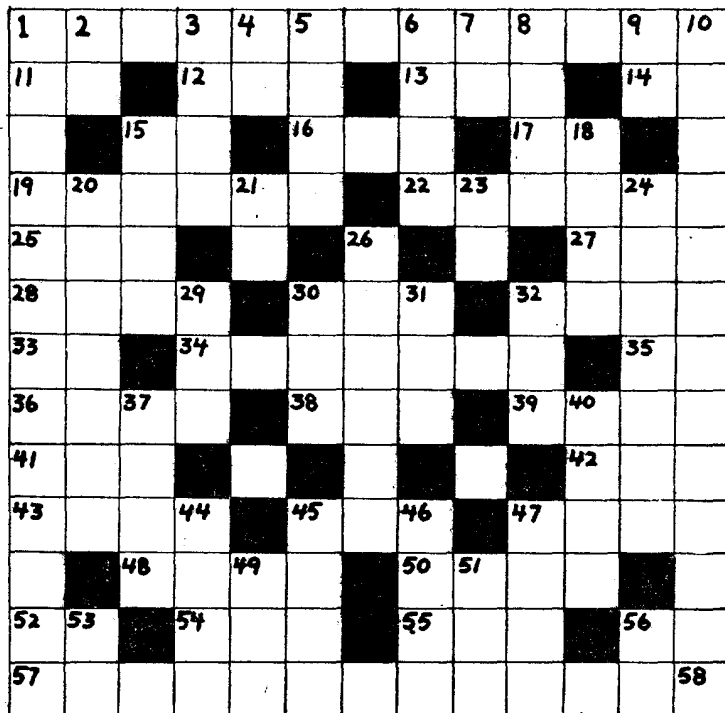
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HONORED for shooting "expert" with their grease guns, six mechanics of the 253d Inf. were awarded the Army's Mechanics' Medal for outstanding service in the repair and upkeep of GI vehicles in the regiment. The men are, left to right: T/5s James E. Webb, Robert Crnek, Frank Stewart, J. A. Krol and Carmen Patavino. Capt. Jack Duncan, Regimental Motor Officer, is shown pinning the medal on the fatigues of T/4 William D. Barnes.

63d CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By T/4 James Dickinson
(Answers on Page 5)



- DIAGONAL**
1 to 58. Shorthand technicians.
57 to 10. Those skilled in producing printed impressions from metal plates.
- HORIZONTAL**
1. Wisdom.
11. And (Latin).
12. Crowd.
13. King (French).
14. Second tone of diatonic scale.
15. Scottish variant of eye.
16. Suffix of present participle.
17. Tapuyan.
19. Covered with iron.
22. Anesthetics.
25. Second highest card (Pinochle).
27. Hawaiian ornamental head-dress.
28. Existence (Latin).
30. Fruit of the cashew.
32. Character of the Dual Bible.
33. Combat team.
34. Tangled.
35. Mathematical symbol.
36. Abominable.
38. Common crocodile of India.
39. Venetian medal struck with figure of a bird (carr.).
41. National Recovery Administration.
42. League of Nations Institute.
43. Constant irritating desire.
45. Corded fabric.
47. Multitude.
48. Exhaust.
50. Succulent plant of the lily family.
52. Three-toed sloth.
54. Capture.
55. Household god.
56. Thing.
57. Odium.

- VERTICAL**
1. Semi-specialized.
2. By.
3. So be it.
4. Commanding officer.
5. In the same place (abbr.).
6. Advocate.
7. Thus.
8. Almost.
9. Senior (abbr.).
10. Acuteness of feeling (pl.).
15. Ages.
18. Elongated fishes.
20. Begin again.
21. Combining form denoting dawn.
23. Township (abbr.).
24. Resumes.
26. Sullen.
29. Suffix denoting inhabitant.
30. Reich.
31. Wing.
32. Pother.
37. Discernment.
40. Wild plum.
44. Intimation.
45. Rebels (fam.).
46. Symbol of triumph.
47. High pommet of a saddle.
49. Cheer.
51. Town in New Guinea.
53. Peacock butterfly.
56. Rupres (abbr.).

DIVISION OFFICERS' DANCE

Members of the Division Staff Officers' Mess will hold a dance at Officers' Club No. 2 tonight. A buffet supper will be served at 1930 and dancing will begin at 2030. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Fliers Trim Blue At Natchez, 7-5

Esler Field's Fliers lambasted two CT Blue pitchers for a total of 12 safeties and defeated the Infantrymen, 7-5, in a return game played before a large crowd at Liberty Park, Natchez, Sunday. The teams battled to a 4-4 tie in 14 innings on the same diamond Sunday, August 19.

Lt. Bill Alexander, the tall right hander for the Fliers, was in fine shape and scattered eight hits throughout the nine innings. Charley McCubough started for the Blue but gave way to Jimmy Mendel in the fifth. Each pitcher was touched for six hits.

The 63d nine scored in the opening half of the first but the lead was short lived because the Fliers shoved three runs across the plate in the same frame. From then on, although threatened at times, the visitors were never headed and finished strong.

McCabe, Blood and Fire first baseman, belted the longest bit of the game, a triple to left in the sixth.

Esler Field	AB R H PO A E					
	AB	R	H	PO	A E	
Agnello, If	4	1	1	0	0	0
Smolen, If	6	0	0	0	0	0
Rouse, 2b	3	0	1	2	2	0
Shrouve, ss	4	3	2	1	2	1
Linderman, rf	4	2	2	0	0	0
Czarnowski, cf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Lakonski, cl	4	1	3	3	0	0
Glodek, 3b	3	0	2	0	4	1
Fitzgerald, lb	3	0	0	17	0	1
Kouba, c	4	0	0	4	3	0
Anderson, p	4	0	0	5	1	
	35	7	12	27	16	4

CT Blue	AB R H PO A E					
	AB	R	H	PO	A E	
Stampiglio, 5b	4	2	2	1	8	1
Pillon, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Lanzetta, ss	4	1	2	2	2	2
Schumacher, cf	4	0	0	1	0	1
McCabe, lf	4	1	1	11	0	0
MacDougal, if	4	1	0	1	6	0
McCullough, p	2	0	1	0	1	0
Mendel, c	2	0	0	0	1	0
Quinn, c	3	0	0	3	1	0
Beckett, c	1	0	0	1	2	0
Dondona, 2b	4	0	2	2	4	1
	36	5	8	24	20	5

Score by innings:
CT Blue 110 611 616—5
Esler Field 302 019 018—7

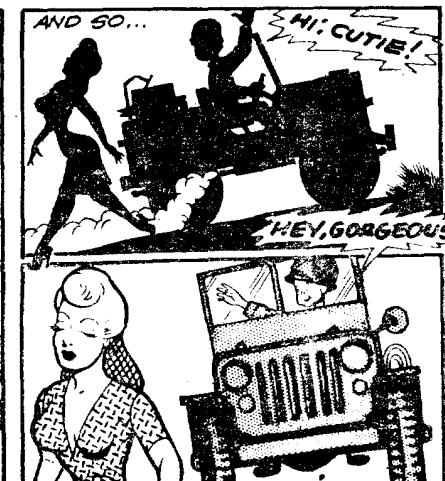
BERNIE BLOOD

BERNIE HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO DRIVE A JEEP IN WHICH HAS BEEN MOUNTED A MACHINE INVENTED BY HIS CAPTAIN.

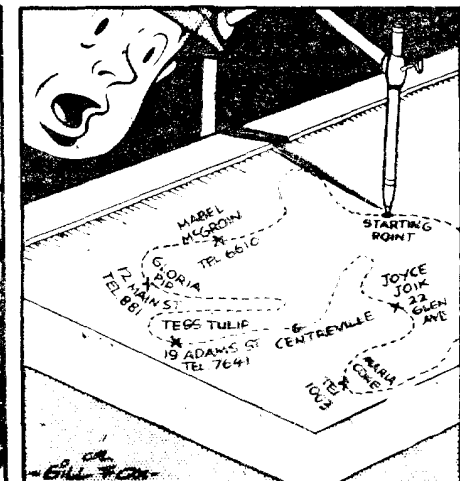
DEAR READER, SORRY, BUT THE DROOL HAS BEEN SENT TO PGE.



Dangerous Curves



By GILL FOX





"JUST FOR FUN," sponsored by Camp Special Services, was the highlight of the entertainment schedule Wednesday and Thursday nights at Theater No. 1. "Buglin' Sam" Dekemal (upper left) was the hit with his hot and sweet trumpet and the dancing Avon sisters, Marion and Beatrice (upper right), were also outstanding.

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Artillery Drama Tells Why We Fight

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A cleverly conceived play in which the action occurs in the audience as well as on the stage, it was written by A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., and directed by Lt. Richard L. O'Connell, Div. Arty. Special Service Officer. It is in the living newspaper style using a background of films for scenic effects to amplify the issues at stake not only on the battlefields of the world but also on the street corners and in the town halls of this country and others.

The action and theme of the story emphasize the liberties enjoyed by Americans, free speech, the right to open discussion, freedom of the press, and at the same time pointed out that insidious misinformation on religions, groups, and circumstances, may serve to warp the minds of individuals and cause them to harbor thoughts parallel to those indoctrinated into the minds of Nazi soldiers.

Each point made during the action on the stage was impressively illustrated by the actors.

The respective roles were played by members of the Division's artillery units with T/5 Marian Laylin and Pvt. Jane Weinert, of the WAC detachment, in the feminine characterizations. T/5 Tom Richardson, Pfc. Edwin Brown, Cpl. Walter Repke, Pvt. Genaro Parrella, Cpl. Fred Wilson, Cpl. Anthony Perrotti, Cpl. John McQueen, Cpl. E. B. Konecki, Pvt. R. Browne, Pfc. Steven Bernat, Pvt. Arnold Held, Cpl. Nat Fisher, Pfc. Donald Hartsell, T/5 Frank Richert and Bernhard are the other members of the cast.

General Commends Company's Spirit

In the records of Co. A, 254th Inf., today is a commendation unsought and unexpected and one that requires no amplification. It reads:

"TO: Commanding Officer, 254th Inf.

"Yesterday afternoon I visited Company A, 254th Infantry, at about 1615. They had just finished a critique and I assumed that since recall was at 1645 this concluded the afternoon's training but, to my surprise, when the critique was over and the men fell in, the company commander informed that there would be another platoon in attack problem in five minutes. The attack was made with all the spirit of one at 0730 and it greatly impressed me. The fact that it ran fifteen minutes over time had no effect on the men at all. The attitude of the men reflected great credit on not only themselves but the company commander as well and I am certain that Company A has all the requirements of a good outfit.

"F. M. Harris,
"Brig. Gen., U. S. Army,
"Assistant Division Commander."

Dental Training Out, War Department Says

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Dental training under the Army Specialized Training Program will be discontinued immediately except for students who are now in their final year, the War Department has announced.

Hot Licks By Buglin' Sam Thrill GIs at Camp Show

GI Joes finally found a bugler to their liking when in the midst of "Just for Fun," a Camp Special Services show presented Wednesday and Thursday nights at theater No. 1, "Buglin' Sam," Dekemal wowed the local gentry with his artistry on a regulation Army horn.

Tossed in among a levy of dancing and singing lovelies who entertained the throngs that overflowed into the aisles, Buglin' Sam seemed awfully out of place as he strolled out of the wings to the microphone, an unimposing, stout man with a bugle in his hand.

But from his first foot on the tooter as he went into the "Bugle Call Rag" until he staggered from the stage a perspiring, wilted figure, after following through with his own "E-Flat Blues" and the popular "I'll Be Glad When You're Dead," Buglin' Sam had the entire audience solidly behind him.

His music was hot and it was sweet. Whatever the score, Dekemal's work on the horn moved music-wise W/O Harold E. Polakoff, who directed the 63d Div. White orchestra which provided the accompaniment, to observe, "He's marvelous."

The dancing Avon Sisters, Marion and Beatrice, favorites in the field of night club entertainment, headlined the show which had the lusty singing Gene Paul in the role of master of ceremonies.

Carolyn Bell, a lass with the robust personality of Betty Hutton, hit a responsive chord among her listeners with "Murder He Says." "Rosie the Riveter" and

other songs. In contrast was the red-haired Sherry Hayes' sweet vocalizing of "Embraceable You" and "The Sunny Side of the Street."

Mary Stagle's acrobatic tap dancing and the rhythmic chorus line maneuvers of the DeLovelys—On-lia, Theresa and Paulette—rounded out the entertainment which had an extra showing for the benefit of patients at the Station Hospital Thursday afternoon.

Medical Sergeant Wins Commission

T/4 Francis Munsch of the Special Troops Medical Detachment became 2d Lt. Munsch of the Pharmacy Corps of the United States Army yesterday when he was sworn in by Lt. Col. Ralph Lavorgna, Division Adjutant General. Lt. Munsch is the first enlisted man in the 63d to be commissioned directly from the ranks.

Lt. Munsch was able to obtain his commission without attending Officer Candidate School. A graduate of University of Pittsburgh with the degree of Bachelor of Science, the Lieutenant qualified for his commission after passing an examination in pharmacy last January.

The new officer will leave shortly to attend a special course at the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.

British Fashion Shoes To Protect Dogs' Feet

LONDON—Because of glass shattered by flying bombs, animal welfare organizations are urging all dog owners in the bombed areas to provide "shoes" to protect their pets' feet.

Shoes, the societies say, can be made from old leather or canvass gloves and similar material. An animal welfare official reported that hundreds of dogs have been treated for cut feet and some have suffered great pain.

For badly stained table linens, mix one cup of bleach into wash water, wash linens ten minutes and rinse several times.

Finds Heaven In Wrong Bag On Way Back

A fine evening snack and two GI uniforms changed hands recently when T/5 Leonard E. Charette, Co. H, 255th Inf., picked up the wrong handbag.

Returning from furlough in New Bedford, Mass., Charette changed buses in Hartford, Conn. He picked up a brown handbag which looked like his and brought it all the way to Camp Van Dorn.

When he opened it, he found:

One quart of whisky.

One five-pound salami, strong and flavorful.

Five onions, each as big as a double fist.

One loaf of bread.

A sack containing 150 Lincoln head pennies.

The bag belonging to Charette, which the unlucky picnicker received, contained the following:

Two pairs of khaki pants, two khaki shirts, two pairs of GI underwear and one khaki tie.

Charette, assistant to his company's supply sergeant, and his friends feasted on the contents of the stranger's bag. He is willing to return the sack of pennies, but "the rest would have spoiled," he says.

Gen. Harris Praises Platoon Sergeant

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reduced the enemy successfully. Your orders were clear and concise and at no time was there any doubt in either your mind or theirs as to what you wanted done. Although you never raised your voice, your control of the situation was complete. The men willingly jumped to do your bidding which was a clear indication that they had entire confidence in and respect for you. At the end you were the freshest man on the field although you had worked the hardest.

I am certain that had the other NCOs and junior officers of the Division witnessed your superior performance they would have learned much.

"F. M. HARRIS,
"Brig. Gen., U. S. Army,
"Asst. Division Commander."

Be sure your diet includes enough calcium foods which are essential to build and repair bones and teeth.

Swimming Medic Rescues Soldier

A soldier from Camp Butner, N. C., was saved from drowning recently by the medical knowledge and swimming expertness of T/5 Sidney E. Levy, Med. Det., 255th Inf.

Sgt. Levy was on furlough at his home in Durham, N. C., and was working as a life guard at Crystal Lake to help a former employer. He heard a cry from onlookers and saw the swimmer in the lake in water over his head.

Jumping into the water, Sgt. Levy seized the other soldier and swam with him about 40 yards to safety. Then he assisted in resuscitating him.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845;
No. 2, 1810
(From Sat., Sept. 2, Through Sat., Sept. 9)
SATURDAY—"Impatient Years," with Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn.
SUN.-MON.—"Rainbow Island," with Dorothy Lamour and Eddie Bracken.
TUESDAY—"Black Magic," with Sidney Toler, Dick Gordon and Jacqueline DeWitt; also, "Kansas City Kitty," with Joan Davis, Jane Frazee and Bob Crosby.
WED.-THURS.—"Bride by Mistake," with Laraine Day, Alan Marshall and Marshall Hunt.
FRI.-SAT.—"Atlantic City," with Constance Moore, Brad Taylor and Paul Whiteman and his orchestra.
THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
(From Sat., Sept. 2, Through Sat., Sept. 9)
SATURDAY—"Wing and a Prayer," with Don Ameche, Dana Andrews and William Byrd.
SUN.-MON.—"Impatient Years."
TUES.-WED.—"Rainbow Island."
THURSDAY—"Black Magic" and "Kansas City Kitty."
FRI.-SAT.—"Bride by Mistake."

Obliging Railroadman Retrieves Lost Sawbuck

OKLAHOMA CITY—A stiff wind whipped a \$10 bill from Pvt. Edward R. Clie's hand as he was bound for a port of embarkation. That left him only \$1 for all incidents.

Russell McClain, the sympathetic train conductor, promised Clie he would try to find it at his first opportunity. Accordingly, he stopped the train on its return trip and searched the nearby field for the bill. He found it, but again the wind carried it away. McClain persisted and finally retrieved the bill which is being forwarded to Clie.

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and Joseph Hessel and Pvt. Frank Nichols, S/Sgt. Ralph Waldron was chairman of the arrangements committee. Cpls. Dominic Ingento and Wilhelm Nebel and Pfc. J. Leonard Rockey were his assistants. Sgt. John J. Brody was in charge of decorations and Sgts. Dorwin Clayton and James Conlin and Pvt. William White, Benson Rosenberg and Cosmo Alberica served on the committee. Cpl. Thomas Pegg was chairman of the entertainment committee, assisted by Sgt. Alfred Rhem, Cpl. Herbert Edgerly and Pfc. Louis Macocco, Jr.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Capt. H. N. Weir wore two silver bars for the first time on his fatigues. The Div. Hq. Co. commander was promoted from first lieutenant over last week-end and went into the field with Headquarters Special Troops on a three-day field exercise Monday. Members of Div. Hq. Co. and attached units treated themselves to a company party last week. Capt. Henry A. Stern, who was company commander until three months ago, returned this week from Officers Advanced Course at Ft. Benning, Ga.