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THE AIR MEDAL, presented to a member of the Blood and Fire Division for the first time, was pinned on S/Sgt. Frank H. Sabadini, 861st F. A., by Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, at a review of Division Artillery troops Monday. Sgt. Sabadini, one of two enlisted liaison pilots now assigned to the 63d Div., received the award for participation in 70 sorties over enemy lines in field artillery liaison planes. He flew in Sicily and Italy until he was returned to the United States last spring to convalesce from malaria.

## St. Lo's Outstanding Hero Is Officer Trained in 63d

Outstanding hero of St. Lo, the battle that let the Americans break out of the French bridgehead, was an officer trained in the 63d Div., a smiling, husky, six-foot youngster who will never be forgotten by the men who served under him here.

His letters back to the company—and there are two of them reprinted in this edition—tell little of the heroism that he displayed in cracking into St. Lo. But this week a copy of Stars and Stripes came back to camp and revealed that he had been recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The hero of St. Lo is 21-year-old Lt. John T. Wallace, who entered

the 63d at its activation in Camp Blanding and served in AT Co. 253d Inf., until his POE shipment.

The story is best told by Capt. Warren Kirkland, commanding officer of AT Co. and himself a veteran of the Pacific fighting with the celebrated 41st Div., who received a modest V-mail letter from Lt. Wallace this week to supplement the Stars and Stripes story.

### 'Terrific Conditions'

"Apparently he won his honors under the most terrific battle conditions," Capt. Kirkland said. "He started out as platoon leader of an anti-tank company in the third battalion of the 29th Div., which stormed the Normandy beach.

"Outside St. Lo the weather was

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## U. S. Gives Details Of Discharge Plan

### 100 Soldiers Going On First of 254th 'Week-End Dates'

More than 100 men of the 254th Inf. will leave this afternoon on the first of a series of "Week-end Dates" arranged by the CT White special services office on which men of the regiment will be guests of neighboring communities at outings, dances and dinners.

Special chartered buses will leave the CT White Rec Hall to take today's contingent to Natchez, McComb and Brookhaven. The men will be returned to the rec hall tomorrow evening.

Although Natchez, McComb and Brookhaven are the first cities to "adopt" the regiment for a week-end, the list of host cities will increase weekly, Lt. Lawrence Goldschmidt, 254th special services officer, said.

### Date for Every GI

A full program of entertainment, planned to keep the men busy from the time they arrive in the host city until their buses return to camp, includes a date for every GI.

In McComb 50 girls of the Woolworth club will be on hand to guide the "vacationing" soldiers. A special Sunday dance has been announced, and an all-day outing Sunday is scheduled.

At Natchez an entire company of the Military Maids, numbering more than 50 girls, will greet the GIs. The Military Maids will be their partners at a dance this evening and again tomorrow, when the couples will spend the day at luxurious Richmond Plantation. The soldiers and their dates will see a baseball game between CT White and the 718th F. A. at Liberty Park tomorrow. The men will sleep at the Army Recreation Area in Duncan Park.

Men for the "Week-end Dates" will be chosen by battalion commanders weekly. Each battalion will be equally represented, with an average of 50 from each making the trips in the future.

### Widow of Hero To Get Highest Award at Camp



CAPT. ARLO L. OLSON

The highest decoration for valor that the United States can bestow will be awarded posthumously at Camp Van Dorn next Saturday afternoon.

At a review of a composite combat team on the Parade Ground at 1400, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, will give the Congressional Medal of Honor to Mrs. Myra Boudreaux Olson, widow of Capt. Arlo L. Olson, infantry officer who died of his wounds in Italy in October last year after personally wiping out two machine gun nests and intrepidly leading his company through the Italian mountain passes in 13 days of continuous combat. Capt. Olson killed 18 of the enemy himself in the fighting.

### Refuses Medical Aid

In the mountain operation Capt. Olson remained in the front of his company during an extended reconnaissance in the face of heavy machine gun fire. The citation accompanying the medal says:

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## Time in Army And Combat to Count Heavily

You can go back to your knitting now, boys, and stop counting your points on your fingers, for it appears that the Army isn't planning to let any of you go home—not right away, at least.

Releasing its much anticipated and widely speculated-upon plan for demobilization this week, the Army announced that the point system would be used, giving weighted credits for total months in the Army, total months overseas, decorations and battle clasps indicating combat service, and dependent children.

The Navy, however, counterbalanced this slight optimism by an announcement at the same time that when Germany is done there will still be another tough war to win. It plans no demobilization, the Navy emphasized until Japan is beaten.

### Depends on Japan

The Army statement, too, pointed to the Pacific and made it plain that everything depends upon developments in that theater of war. Under the point priority discharge system, men serving in the Pacific as well as European theater will be eligible for discharge.

Individuals considered "surplus" in the various theaters will be sent to manpower pools in this country. Then those with the highest priorities under the point system will be discharged first—provided they do not have qualifications which make them essential to the service.

The Army said this discharge system was built in large part around the solicited suggestions of the men themselves.

It also stated that the Pacific

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## Pfc. Training for Tokyo Learns Japanese to Take Along



Pfc. Marshall I. Boarman

If war takes Pfc. Marshall I. Boarman to Japan, or if he achieves his postwar ambition of becoming a foreign correspondent in the Orient, he will have a tremendous start on his fellows—a working knowledge of the Japanese language which he obtained through the "Foxhole University."

Next week Boarman will take his final examination in General Japanese, a course similar to Basic English, through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. The lessons were given by the University of Oklahoma, whose Prof. H. Van Zandt told Boarman recently "you do excellent work."

Boarman says that at the conclusion of the 19 correspondence lessons he has learned to read and write General Japanese with sufficient facility to enable him to get along with signs and newspapers, and he already has enrolled for the second course, which will teach him conversation through the use of phonograph records.

### Started in College

A computer in the fire direction center of Hq. Btry., 861st F. A., Boarman naturally had little time to pore over the numerous textbooks in the correspondence

course. So he carried a pocket notebook with highlights of the lessons and studied and memorized Japanese characters and words on his breaks and at mealtime.

He finished the last nine lessons of the course during two weeks when he was in Station Hospital, where he had a chance to work on his Japanese every day.

Boarman started the study of military Japanese on his own while a student at Fordham University, from which he was graduated last December. He anticipates little difficulty with the spoken language.

"Japanese is one of the world's easiest languages to speak, although it is not at all like either English or Chinese," Boarman says. "Every syllable has a standard pronunciation. The grammar is about on a par with that of German."

### Flowery Tongue

The written language, though, is different. Japanese is one of two or three languages composed of ideographs, or word pictures, and phonetic symbols which are as meaningless and arbitrary as the phonetic symbols in a dictionary. In the course Boarman took, 144 phonetic symbols and 116 Chinese

characters (the Japanese borrowed much of their language, like the rest of their "culture") were taught.

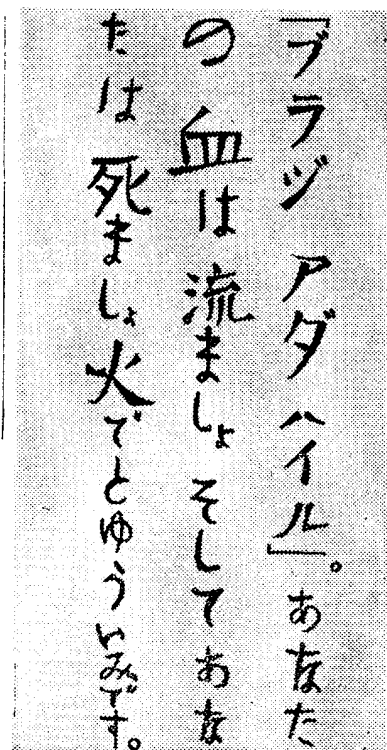
One of the big troubles with Japanese is that, like the entire national philosophy, it is on a basis difficult for the Occidental mind to understand. It is flowery and roundabout. It contains a system of what are called "honorifics," an almost entirely different set of words and phrases which are used in addressing a superior.

"The caste system permeates the Japanese life and language so completely that it seems doubtful

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### MESSAGE TO A JAP from

Pfc. Marshall I. Boarman. Reading from top to bottom and right to left, it says (in Japanese parentheses) "Blood and Fire" and then explains to the Jap: "It means that you'll bleed and burn." The literal translation is "your blood shall flow and you shall perish in fire," and in Japanese Blood and Fire" is pronounced "Buradu anda Fairu."



# Dancing Classes To Be Started at Centreville USO

Ballroom dancing classes for service men and women, soldiers' wives and regularly enrolled USO Military Maids will be conducted at the Centreville USO Club beginning Wednesday at 2000.

The classes will be conducted by Miss Rhoda E. Wharry, temporary director of the Gloster USO, who conducted a private dance studio in Little Rock, Ark., and who conducted dance classes at USOs in Anniston, Ala., and Pine Bluff, Ark.

In the Camp Van Dorn area, Miss Wharry succeeds Miss Helen M. Stephenson, director of the Gloster USO since its opening in April. Miss Stephenson has been transferred to a USO in Yakima, Wash.

The coming week's schedule at the Centreville USO begins with a dance from 2000 to 2300 tonight, with music by the 255th Inf. orchestra. Sunday is given over to informal recreation all day, with the weekly quiz contest at 1500, at which phone calls home, steak dinners and treats at the snack bar will be prizes. Monday is Game Night. Tuesday is Bingo Night, with five cartons of cigarets to be given as prizes.

Ballroom dancing classes will occupy Wednesday evening, and community singing is scheduled for Thursday. The motion picture, "Get Hep to Love," with Gloria Jean, Donald O'Connor and Jane Frazee, will be shown Friday evening.

# GI Guinea Pigs Receive Medals

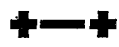
WASHINGTON—Fourteen soldiers who volunteered as living test-tubes in experiments to increase the knowledge of sand fly fever, which has reduced the efficiency of American units fighting in tropical and semi-tropical climates, have been awarded the Legion of Merit, the War Department has announced.

As a result of the experiment a virus has been developed that can provide immunity from a type of the fever prevalent in the Middle East and two repellents have been perfected that provide practically certain protection against the infection.

The soldiers were all infected with the disease during the experiments. The fever was produced in some of the volunteers by small infections of the blood of infected individuals and in others by deliberate exposure to bites of infected sandflies.

If the U. S. Navy obtains the 383,000 increase in manpower it seeks by June 30, 1945, it will total 3,389,000.

# KNOW YOUR GENERALS



## Walter Krueger Of The Sixth Army

When war came Walter Krueger was ideally situated among America's generals. No matter where he was assigned—to the invasion of Germany or the reconquest of the Philippines, his feet would strike long-familiar ground.

Germany would have been home in a sense to him, for he first saw the light of day in West Prussia 55 years ago. And it would be practically impossible for him to lose his way in the Philippines, for as long ago as 1909, when he was just a young bucko in the Army, he spent long and hot months in charge of the mapping of the islands as an officer of the Military Information Division.

And it is the Philippines that probably will see Gen. Krueger next, for, as commander of the American Sixth Army, headquartered in Australia, he is in vigorous command of the far-flung activities of our ground forces in the gigantic Southern Pacific theater of operations.

### Came From Ranks

Gen. Krueger is another of our rare generals who climbed to high position from the ranks. Only 17, he left school at Madison, Ind., in 1898 to twist the Spaniard's tail in Cuba. He served 18 months, most of it on the mainland of Cuba, and was mustered out as a non-com.

For six months he remained a civilian, the only break in his military record up to today. In June, 1899, he re-enlisted in the Regular Army and served in the Philippines as a private, corporal and sergeant with the 12th Inf. until June, 1910. On the island of Luzon he saw action numerous times in engagements against the insurrectionists.

After receiving his commission as a second lieutenant in 1901 he was assigned to the 39th Inf., staying with it until November, 1903, when the regiment was recalled to the United States. On duty at Ft. Crook, Neb., he was ordered to Ft. Leavenworth to attend the Infantry-Cavalry School, from which he was graduated in August, 1906, with a distinguished record.

### Returns to Islands

In the summer of 1909 Krueger returned to the Philippines to map the islands and after that tour of duty he was returned to Ft. Leavenworth to serve as an instructor in the Department of Languages at the Army Service School.

Just before World War I, on June 17, 1916, he was promoted to first lieutenant and the next year he was made a temporary lieutenant colonel. Sailing for France in February, 1918, he attended the General Staff College at Langres until June, when he was appointed Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, 26th (New England National Guard) Div., with which he served in the vicinity of Toul and Chateau Thierry. He returned to the United States for a flying trip and came back to France with the 84th Div. as Assistant Chief of Staff.

At this point in his career Gen. Krueger got a preview of what wars of the future were to be when



Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger

he was appointed Chief of the Tank Corps, AEF, with headquarters at Chaumont, France. After the armistice he served in various capacities with the occupational forces, returning to the United States in May, 1919.

In the post-war lull that fell over the Army Gen. Krueger continued his intense study of the new methods of war, even attending the Air Corps Primary Flying

School at Brooks Field, Tex., at the relatively advanced age of 46. All these new years of training in the new ways of war made him one of our outstanding soldiers when America found itself faced with the problem of coping with the Nazi blitz war machine.

Today, in the hell-holes of the Pacific, he is passing this knowledge along to the army that soon will march into Tokyo.

# Driver's, Mechanic's Medal Awarded to 83 in 255th

In recognition of qualification as motor vehicle drivers and mechanics, 81 driver's and mechanic's medals have been awarded to enlisted men of the 255th Inf.

"Every soldier who wears this badge is performing meritorious military service," Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, has said. "It means he is qualified to operate and maintain Army vehicles with high proficiency. It means he can be depended upon at all times, under all circumstances, to protect equipment needed to win the war."

Eight men won both medals. The 75 who were awarded the Driver's Medal are:

Regt. Hq. Co.—Pvt. Ernest D. Mason, Pfc. Carson H. Leonard, Pfc. Carl E. Tillman, T/5 Thomas W. Hudgette, Pvt. Charles H. Frazier and T/5s John J. Flynn and Morris Reed.

AT Co.—T/5s Carl E. Hallstrom, Thomas G. Sherwood, Chester S. Warkowski, William A. Sexton and Frank J. Kobas, and Pfc. Harold W. Black.

Cannon Co.—T/5 Frank Gregory, T/5 Frank J. Kungis, Pfc. Earl E. Pointer, Pfc. Walter E. Mason, T/5 John W. Ellerson, T/4 Jess E. Lewis, Pfc. Russell B. Staks and S/Sgt. Emmitt Crittenden.

Serv. Co.—T/5s Irving W. Hill, Frank O. Butler, Rubin Steinman, Arthur W. Bowman, Edward Miska, Benny B. Luberto, Samuel W. Incazzo, Frank Matzuk, James Durner, Clarence P. Kemp and Louis E. Pilori.

Med. Det.—T/5 George H. Kollerhouse and Pfc. Floyd C. Dilbeck, William G. Gibbons, Virgil B. Andrews, William J. Johnston, Joseph J. Schemacki and Leroy Criss.

Hq. Co., 1st Bn.—Sgt. Robert P. Cooper and Pvt. Christopher J. Weldon.

Co. A—Pfc. Albert N. Overton.

Co. D—Sgt. Otto W. Rohlfing, Col. George B. Vecellio and Pfc. Paul E. Campbell, William L. Weaver, Gustave L. Sande, Chester E. Hayward and Robert E. Finnegan.

Hq. Co., 2d Bn.—Sgt. Raymond H. Vann, Pfc. Louis Rafalowitz and T/5s Clayton E. Valade, Abe Hayes and Kurlan T. Nakhimian.

Co. B—Pfc. Winfred C. Vaughan, Howard O. Titus, Robert H. Schmidt and Oscar L. Taylor and Cpls. Fernando E. Tubertini and William J. Daly.

Hq. Co., 3d Bn.—T/5 Clifford A. Brown, Pvt. Walter C. Prescott, Pfc. Clarence Hillbrodt, Col. Herman O. Matzke, Pfc. Raymond K. Urquhart, Pfc. Claude Pennington and Pvt. George A. Ladeje.

Co. I—T/5 Stanley Gifford.

Co. L—T/5 Americo A. Abbatangelo.

Co. M—Cpls. Charles M. Maness, Arthur J. Salminen and Frank N. Lockard, T/5 Harvey E. Coulter and Pfc. Stanley Levy and Frances J. Coeman.

Of those who won the Driver's Medal, the following also won the Mechanic's Medal: Kobas, Crittenden, Cooper, Rohlfing, Vecellia, Vann, Matzke and Coulter.

Others who won the Mechanic's Medal were:

Serv. Co.—T/4 John G. Keyburn, Pfc. Myron J. Story, M/Sgt. Albert D. Burbridge, Pfc. Arthur J. Preece and T/5 Leon L. McCormick.

Co. H—Pfc. Henry DeVries.

Hq. Co., 3d Bn.—T/5 Vernie G. Brandt.

So that skeptical American officers may check on reports of enemy casualties, Chinese troops fighting in Burma bury each dead Jap with his feet exposed. Easier to count.

# Widow of Hero To Get Medal

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"Ignoring his severe pain, this intrepid officer completed his reconnaissance, supervised the location of his men in the best defensive positions, refused medical aid until all his men had been cared for and died as he was being carried down the mountain."

The captain's widow now makes her home with her parents in Baton Rouge. She met her husband while he was training in Natchez and she was living in Natchez.

## Congressional Medal Awarded to Four

WASHINGTON—Award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to three enlisted men and one officer has been announced by the War Department.

Lt. Arnold L. Bjorkland, 26, of Seattle, Wash., was awarded the nation's highest decoration for gallantry at Alta Villa, Italy. Leading his rifle platoon of the 36th Inf. Div., he destroyed two machine guns, a heavy mortar and seven Germans with three hand grenades. Wounded the following day, he is now recuperating in Walla Walla, Wash.

S/Sgt. Jesse R. Drowley, Luzerne, Mich., was awarded the medal for saving three wounded comrades during the fighting on Bougainville. After carrying the men to safety from the exposed place in which they lay injured, he continued in the attack riding on top of a tank. An enemy slug tore into his chest and a bullet knocked out his left eye, but he refused to retire from the action until two Jap pillboxes had been knocked out.

### Heroism at Anzio

Pfc. William J. Johnston, Colchester, Conn., joined the ranks of America's legendary heroes during two days of furious fighting on the Anzio beachhead. Left for dead as his company retreated, Johnston managed to struggle back to his machine gun and turn it again on the enemy. Wounded and captive, he escaped during an American counterattack next day and regained the American lines with detailed information on the Nazi positions. He was credited with killing at least 20 Germans.

The fourth award will go to T/Sgt. Forrest L. Vosler, Livonia, N. Y., a radio operator on a Flying Fortress, who continued to operate his tail gun after being wounded in the legs and almost blinded by shell splinters over Bremen. After enemy planes were driven off he repaired the plane's radio by touch and managed to send out a distress signal.

When the plane made a crash landing at sea Sgt. Vosler saved the wounded tail gunner by holding him on the wing until other crew members could help him into the escape dinghy. Early in the fighting, his comrades reported, Vosler asked to be thrown out of the crippled plane to lighten its load.

# Learns Japanese

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ful that it ever can be erased," Boarman says.

He gives as an example of the florid quality of the language, almost un-understandable to the Western mind, this way of saying "Good Morning": "I am hanging from your august eyes."

Languages are Boarman's meat. He studied Latin for seven years and ancient Greek for six, and had a couple of years of French. Born in Buffalo 20 years ago, he attended high school in New York City. He earned numerous honors in both high school and college, having been salutatorian of both high school and college classes, winner of full scholarships in both institutions, winner of the American Legion oratorical contest, winner of elocution contests; editor of the Maroon, the Fordham year-book, and the Fordham Monthly and president of his high school class and his college debating team.

He was a member of an ASTP unit activated while he was at Fordham, and went on active duty 15 days after he received his diploma.



SPECIAL SERVICES officer for CT Blue is Lt. Lawrence C. Goldschmidt, who came to the 63d recently from the Coast Artillery. Lt. Goldschmidt was commissioned in 1942. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, Class of 1939. He was the weight-lifting champion of the Southeastern Conference.

# The Wolf

by Sansone



"Cherchez la femme?"

# TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

This week I am addressing my remarks to you chaps who volunteered for the infantry with the idea—and some with the promise—that in no time at all you'd be traipsing up the old gangplank and heading for overseas and the battle fronts. It damned near killed some of you who wound up down here in Mississippi fighting the battle of Beaver Creek. I know, because I got a good sprinkling of you all in my outfit and I couldn't help but hear how many of you felt about the dirty deal (as you called it) you were getting.

I made a point of being plenty sympathetic, for although I secretly felt it was a damn good idea, you were in no mood to be told this at that time. The only time my tongue slipped was when a youngster lately of a pigeon company spouted, "But, Sarge, I have been in the Army about a year now; how can I go home on furlough and face my folks and friends



when I have told them I was going over there?" Says I, "Son, I reckon I'm out of luck and I'd better stay away from home, too, then because it's been nigh on to 27 years since I was over there and I have been in the Army all the time."

But now that you have been here long enough to have gotten shook down I am going to tell you that I think you and the outfit you didn't go to—and the 63d, too, for that matter—are just plain damn lucky it turned out the way it did and I have a sneaking hunch that most of you will agree with me, seeing as how you've now had an opportunity to find out how a real combat outfit trains and learn a lot of the things a GI must know if he's to be of any value and have a chance of getting back home without looking like a piece of Swiss cheese. Now, honestly, don't you agree that if you had gone on over as you hoped, you would have been a millstone around the neck of a struggling outfit in combat?

I can remember my dad telling me how just before the Civil War when a fiery orator was urging the South to spring to arms some sensible chap protested: "But we ain't got any arms to spring to."

## 'Air Hitch-Hike Spans Pacific

WINTHROP, Mass.—Homeward bound, 1st Lt. Robert F. Gavin came all the way from the Marshall Islands without paying a nickel—until he hit Buffalo, N. Y. There Lt. Gavin's sky-hitches ran out and he was forced to shell out \$12.50 for a furlough ticket to Winthrop, his home town. He took military planes all the way with only two breaks, one at Hawaii and one on the Pacific Coast.

## Musicians Reunited At Van Dorn Dance

Music sometimes is a Missing Persons Bureau. Tootling his saxophone in the 253d Inc. orchestra at a dance of the 126th Evac. Hosp. Bn., S/Sgt. Howard McVey heard an excited yell. When he looked up, there was Pfc. Robert King. They had not seen each other since six years ago when they were playing in the same dance orchestra in Monmouth, Ill.

Sgt. McVey, a member of Co. K, 253d Inf., has been with the Blood and Fire Division since its activation. King came here last month with a hospital unit.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CNS)—Another tradition crumbled here recently when the Harvard Corporation voted to admit women students to the Harvard Medical School for the first time in 308 years.

The reply was: "Hell, we can lick those Yankees with corn stalks." After the war was over the chap who had protested was unkind enough to bring it up:



"Say, Bob, I thought you said we could lick those Yankees with corn stalks." The reply was: "Well, we could have, but they wouldn't fight that way."

Well, the Japs and the Germans don't fight that way either and if I were you I would be thanking my lucky stars that you landed in a good outfit which is going places in its own good time and that before you go you'll be provided with all the tools of a good GI dough-boy's trade.

## No Federal Ballots For Men in States

Soldiers stationed in camps and installations within the United States are prohibited from using the Federal ballot in the National Elections this fall by War Department Circular 302, issued July 17, 1944, which states in part:

"(1) Members of the Armed Forces, attached civilians and members of the Merchant Marine, outside the United States, who are of voting age and who are citizens of the foregoing states (those 20 states which have authorized use of the Federal ballot) may be furnished the Federal ballot if they will make oath that they applied for State absentee ballots before Sept. 1, 1944, and did not receive them by Oct. 1, 1944.

"(2) The Federal ballot must not be furnished to citizens of the foregoing States inside the United States."

States authorizing use of the Federal ballot by servicemen stationed overseas are California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Servicemen who reside in these states and who are stationed at camps and installations within the United States should communicate with the Secretary of State of their home state to determine their eligibility to vote under that state's absentee voting laws.

## New York's 16th Inf. Wins Normandy Citation

WASHINGTON—Double honors have come to the 16th Inf. Regt.—"New York's Own"—for its part in the invasion. The Army issued an extraordinary citation in which the regiment won official distinction for heroism and its commander, Col. George A. Taylor, Portland, Ore., was promoted to brigadier general.

The regiment, part of the 1st Div., spearheaded the landing of the division and an entire corps in Normandy. It struck the toughest beach and most savage fighting of D-Day. When it finally was able to advance, it was on paths through mine fields marked by its own dead.

SAFFORD, Ariz.—John Rope, 94-year-old Apache Indian who enlisted in the United States Army when it was hunting Geronimo, has been buried as he lived—in a combination of the ancient and the modern. A Lutheran minister read the last rites, and the Safford Legionnaires sounded "taps," while into his grave were tossed his blankets, lariats and tent-necessities, his people believe, for his coming travels.



CHAMP IN FRANCE was the 57-mm. anti-tank gun, shown here in a lively action photo taken by Pvt. Joseph V. Calderone, AT Co., 253d Inf. Note the wheels bouncing off the ground as the 2,750-pound gun recoils after S/Sgt. William Roberson has pulled the lanyard. The 57 came into its own against Nazi tanks in Normandy, and the 253d's AT Co. has a letter from its former executive officer, Lt. Max E. Carey, now in France: "It will knock out anything the Germans have.. It will stop a Mark VI tank."

## Alaska Command To Gen. Emmons

HEADQUARTERS, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT—Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, former commander of the Hawaiian Department and the Western Defense Command, has been named commander of the Alaskan Department.

One of the early advocates of the heavy bombers, Gen. Emmons commanded a flying school during the last war and was appointed to command the Hawaiian Department just 10 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He became commanding general of the Western Defense Command in September, 1943.

Since the outbreak of the war Gen. Emmons has visited the South Pacific, England, North Africa, South America, Alaska and the Aleutians. At the time of the Sicilian invasion he was in Tunisia.

Brig. Gen. Robert M. Bathurst, Gen. Emmons' chief of staff here, served under him in Hawaii and in the Western Defense Command.

HOUSTON, Tex. (CNS)—D. D. Hobbs, city dog catcher, picked up a stray poodle on a downtown street. As he was loading the pooch into his wagon, he was bitten on the leg. But it wasn't the poodle that had bitten Hobbs. It was the woman who owned it.

## House Speeds Reduction In Furlough Fare

WASHINGTON—It might not cost you so much to furlough home soon, no matter where you may be.

The House of Representatives last week passed a bill opening the door for possible reductions in railroad, bus and boat fares for servicemen on furlough and discharged veterans.

The legislation, sent to the Senate for final action, sets no specific scale of reductions, but allows the common carriers to decide ticket prices.

The legislation became necessary when the Interstate Commerce Commission asserted it did not have the authority to permit reductions for personnel of the armed services. Under the bill the carriers may make such reductions without interference by the ICC.

Under the bill reductions would apply to servicemen traveling at their own expense to and from their homes on furloughs or men traveling to their homes at their own expense within 30 days of discharge.

HAMLIN, Pa. (CNS)—Donald Witenbreder, 2, wandered about in the dense woods of Wayne County for 16 hours before state troopers found him—unharmed and eating a sandwich.

## Col. Hatcher Back In 254th Inf.

A private in the Marines in World War I, Lt. Col. Joseph H. Hatcher returned this week to the 254th Inf., in which he once commanded the 3d Bn.

Col. Hatcher was named executive officer of the regiment, succeeding Lt. Col. Edward A. Baier, who left the Division recently. Col. Hatcher has seen service with all three regiments of the Blood and Fire Division in the year he has been with it.

Col. Hatcher wears two silver and five bronze stars. As a member of the famous Sixth Marine Brigade in 1917, he fought over battlefields of France which were swiftly redeemed again by Allied troops during the last few weeks—Soissons, Pelleau Wood, the Argonne, St. Mihiel and Verdun.

Returning to civilian life after the war, he studied law and received a bachelor of laws degree at Benjamin Harrison Law school, Indianapolis. He returned to government service in 1940 with the Civil Service commission, as its personnel director, he served on President Roosevelt's Council on Personnel Administration.

He returned to active military duty in May, 1941, as commander of the 367th Inf. The regiment was redesignated the 364th and was transferred to Camp Van Dorn from Arizona. In July, 1943, he became executive officer of 12th Hq., Third Army, subsequently 12th Hq., Fourth Army, and was assigned to the 63d last spring.

## Japan's Giant Premier Brags of His 150 Lbs.

TOKYO—In Round One, Japan's new premier, Kuniaki Koiso, weighed in at a cocky 150.

He told his people in a radio broadcast that he weighs "18 and a half kan" (about 150 pounds), that he was "extremely vigorous in spirit" and that he had taken up archery to inspire his "fighting spirit."



FIRST enlisted man from the Blood and Fire Division to be commissioned directly from the ranks is Lt. Francis Munsch, formerly a T/4 in Med. Det., Hq. Sp. Trs. He passed an examination in pharmacy last January and was commissioned in the Pharmacy Corps of the Regular Army. Lt. Col. Ralph Lavorgna, Division Adjutant General, pins on the gold bars after swearing in the new officer.

## Military Mike

Regardless of lack of materials, the show must go on and men of Division Special Services have made improvisation an art. Recently when the 63d Div. Soldiers Chorus appeared in the LSU Stadium in Baton Rouge, it was found there was no stand for the necessary microphone. T/5 Paul Taubman, in charge of the chorus, remembered that in combat bottles of plasma are suspended from inverted rifles. He borrowed an M-1 from a member of the chorus, fixed the bayonet and stuck the piece into the ground. The butt of the rifle provided a rest for the microphone and the chorus sang.

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## EDITORIAL

### 'IT WASN'T LOADED'

Once again the Division has been forcefully and painfully reminded that soldiers who collect or tinker with dud shells are walking blithely on the fringes of Paradise.

The most recent reminder put two men in the hospital, one lacking a hand and facing loss of vision in one eye, the other man peppered with shell fragments. Every man in the Division sympathizes with them, but there is no dodging the bald fact that they are in their tragic fix because of plain damn foolishness.

There was absolutely no need for them to get hurt. They received the dud as a "gift" from another soldier, who in his lighthearted and lightheaded way was as big a fool as either of them. He picked the shell up on the range. That was the first step in a chain of circumstances that was to endanger an entire infantry company.

Accepting the "dud" was the first monumental piece of stupidity by its two eventual victims. But they managed to outstrip that by an act of asininity that is hardly believable.

While the rest of their company rested in the barracks and day room, all within a range of a few hundred feet, they decided to test the hammering qualities of the shell. There is nothing, as you well know, better than a loaded 57-mm. shell to hammer with.

Their choice of a place to hammer was equally intelligent. They picked the steps outside their barracks. They hadn't been hammered on for a long time.

Shell fragments are still being picked out of remote places in the company area. One fragment tore through the dayroom wall and imbedded itself in the furniture. Another, as large as a man's hand, plunged into the mess hall. By the grace of God only the two men nearest the shell were injured.

The moral of this screed is almost too evident.

**NEVER TOUCH A DUD.  
NEVER EVEN REMAIN NEAR A DUD.**

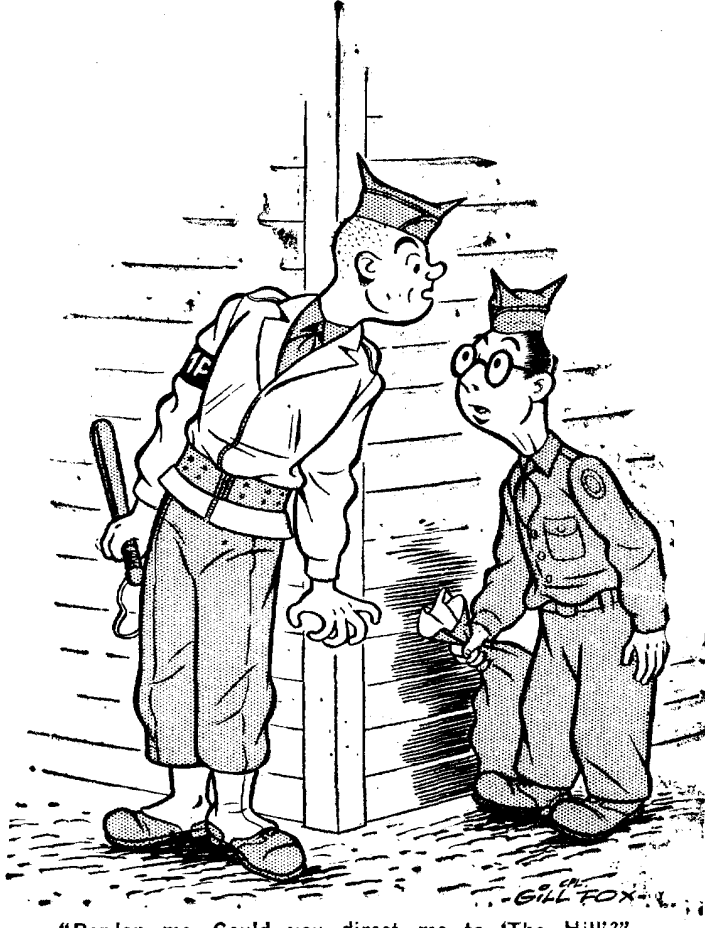
The Germans and Japs will have booby traps in plenty for you to worry about. Don't booby-trap yourself.

### SCOOP

We like printers. Occasionally printers play tricks on us, or seem to. Usually we find we are the victims of an honest mechanical error.

Last week we published this household note, a daisy for GIs: "For badly stained table linens, mix one cup of bleach into wash water, wash linens 10 minutes and rinse several times."

This irritating little reminder of civilian days was not published in an effort to astound our readers, who have little enough to do with table linens, badly stained or otherwise. It was what is known in newspaper parlance as "filler," one of a series of bits of information used to fill out the bottom of columns. Sometimes these become interchanged, with astonishing results. In this case our printer nicked up a filler which some other printer had laid aside for the woman's pages of another newspaper.



"Pardon me—Could you direct me to 'The Hill'?"

## News from Here and There

### Vaudeville Stems From Vau de Vire

NORMANDY—Not many Allied soldiers know it, but in their drive on Vire they came in contact with the area which produced the word vaudeville. Below Vire is the valley called Vau de Vire, which was the subject of many gay songs in the 15th and 16th centuries, ballads about the district's cider and what it did to a man, and in time this was corrupted to vaudeville.

Another term from early times is "boceage." Vire was the ancient capital of the district of Bocage, a term meaning a country of small orchards interlaced with thick hedges—the bitterly fought-over hedgerows of Normandy.

### Twice as Many Planes Needed Now for Combat

NEW YORK (CNS)—The AAF needs twice as many planes, bombs, shells, guns and tools as it did six months ago, Maj. Gen. O. F. Echols, Chief of Air Staff, Materiel and Services, said recently.

"The home front must supply these tools of war in quantities so constantly increasing as to keep pace with the demands of our growing fighting forces overseas," Gen. Echols said in a warning against complacency born of the growing conviction of an early Allied victory.

### 68,000 Are Enrolled In Navy V-12 Program

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Prof. Norman S. Buck, Navy and freshman dean at Yale, disclosed that there are more than 68,000 students enrolled under the Navy V-12 program on the campuses of well over a hundred colleges throughout the country.

Buck described the Navy V-12 program as "an officer training program designed to prepare the trainees for commissions in the Navy or Marine Corps."

The university's public relations office said the number of Navy V-12 trainees in the country had hitherto been a secret.

### Sinkers and Coffee Help Boost Poundage

CHICAGO—At 10 o'clock Bill Gabbei was four pounds underweight when he took the U. S. Maritime Service physical examination.

At 3 o'clock the 17-year-old boy asked for a second exam and passed with a pound to spare.

Gabbei had gorged on doughnuts and coffee served recruits by the Red Cross in order to reach his goal. He was told, however, he had to hold the increased poundage a week to pass the final test.

### Nazi Cherbourg General Amazed by Our Artillery

FRANCE (CNS)—Nazi Lt. Gen. Wilhelm Dietrich von Schlieben, German commander at Cherbourg, who was captured by the Allies in the fall of that port, was "amazed" at our artillery bombardment of Cherbourg, according to Maj. Gen. Cecil Ray Moore, U. S. Army Engineer, who talked to the captive general in German.

"Gen. von Schlieben wasn't very talkative," Gen. Moore said. "Yet he did say that he had never felt anything like our artillery bombardment before—not even in Russia."

### Wacs Overseas Accept Woman From Bay State

EUROPEAN THEATER—The first American citizen to be enlisted in the Womens Army Corps, here, Lucille N. Hall of Amherst, Mass., was at the head of the line when the WAC recruiting office opened in England. Coming to England in 1936 "for a short stay," Miss Hall remained to help the war effort, serving as an ambulance driver in a Civil Defense unit.

### American Trucks Feed Russian Supply Lines

MOSCOW—American production has solved the greatest problem of the hard-fighting Russian army, the weakness that has cropped up in its communications at the height of each long advance.

Today, powered largely by American trucks, Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, GMC and Studebaker, the Red Army is keeping its vast stores of supplies right behind its fast-flying advance units. Red army drivers say now that with Russian-manned American trucks they can bring supplies anywhere they are needed in any kind of weather.

### Stamp Collections For Wounded Planned

MILWAUKEE—The nation's philatelists have set up an organization to help service men under treatment at base hospitals throughout the United States to collect stamps.

Committees representing the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans named Ernest A. Kehr of New York city chairman of stamps for wounded. Activities will be financed jointly by the two groups.

National headquarters of stamps for the wounded will be in New York with regional offices in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Cleveland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore, Miami and Pittsburgh.

# The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Frank C. Rustemeyer

(363d Med. Bn.)

"During the last few days we have been thinking of the ideals of our nation—the heritage we have received from those who have wrought out this great, staunch republic, symbolized by our nation's Flag. We reverence and admire this emblem of freedom and equality as its silken folds, rich in color, fly gaily in the breeze or drape in graceful lines in the still air.

"But the Flag that touches the heart cords and causes a quickening of the pulse is that picture we saw recently of the Flag, riddled and torn by shot and shell, its stripes and stars marred beyond repair, still flying in the breeze. Its colors were clean. It had not been trailed in the dust. It was still flying freely from its staff. It had made sacrifice for its high ideals, but was still unconquered and unafraid."

These words of appreciation from W. H. Dill show our appreciation for all sacrifice for noble ideals. Looking backward to the pioneer Christian missionary, Paul, we are thrilled to hear him say, "I bear branded in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Yes, the stripes across his back remained from the lashings which he had received. There were many scars from the stonings. He had suffered, but his faith was undaunted.

The same is true of our Lord Jesus Christ. He lived no sheltered life. He was always in the haunts of men, speaking to them of the Heavenly Father's love. His head was finally marred by the thorny crown, His hands and feet by the nails and His body by the spear. Yet we hear Him say, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

## Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard

(Division Artillery)

Culture has a strange way of cutting across national boundaries . . . Yale university, for example, owes its existence to India . . . for Elihu Yale, a New Englander, was a wealthy merchant in India and the governor of a fort in an Indian province . . . In 1718 he presented to the Collegiate School of Connecticut, then in financial difficulties, some nine bales of merchandise which, when sold, paid off the debts of the school . . . In gratitude, the school was renamed Yale . . . Bocla-Boola, however is not Indian for Hooray . . .

Nazi Germany has closed down its theaters, releasing 42,000 actors . . . Could it be that the Germans are getting ready to "put on an act" and say they didn't mean it this time, too?

The debit column in the Hitler-Goebbels-Goering-Himmler concern in Northern France for only June 6 to August 25 is truly written in red . . . blood, not ink . . . The Nazis have lost 300 naval vessels, 17 infantry divisions, . . . 12 divisions cut up . . . three parachute divisions . . . five Panzer divisions . . . six more shredded . . . 200,000 killed and wounded . . . 200,000 prisoners . . . 3,545 planes . . . 1,298 planes damaged . . . 20,000 motor transports . . . 1,300 tanks . . . 500 assault guns . . . 1,500 field artillery pieces . . . They just cannot understand how a bunch of "mongrel" races like the Americans, British and French could do that to "Supermen" . . .

When the movie "Dragon Seed" hit our theaters lots of GIs were astonished at the shots of the Chinese carrying their factories piece by piece on their backs from Nanking to the mountains . . . Actually some 120,000 TONS were moved just that way . . . You cannot defeat a country like that . . .

Truth is a sure antidote for gripes . . . It's no secret that GIs just KNOW that war workers are making a fortune . . . everybody knows somebody who is making money left and right . . . Single cases seldom tell the truth, however . . . The average factory wage in the United States in January, 1941, was \$26.64 . . . in October, 1943, it rose to \$44.86 . . . A single guy in 1943 had \$12.10 deducted from his pay, making his net wages \$32.76 . . . The cost of living had risen since 23.4 per cent, which means to buy as much in 1943 as he had in 1941 would take \$32.54 . . . an ACTUAL AVERAGE "gravy" of 22 cents . . . And then there are 20,000,000 white collar workers . . . teachers, Government employes, etc., whose incomes have NOT been increased to keep up with rising living costs . . .

Letters to the 63d From Overseas

WORD FROM HERO OF ST. LO

Three letters from what used to be the French beachhead from former officers of the 63d Div. recently brought home to members of AT Co., 253d Inf., a vivid picture of the glories and dangers that await them overseas.

The letters, addressed to Capt. Warren L. Kirkland, were from Lt. John Wallace and Lt. Max Carey, both now in action.

Lt. Wallace told his story in two letters, here consolidated and edited. The first one said:

"For myself, I can't explain at all, for I am still well and in one piece. I am in the -1 Div., and have been at the front for several months.

"Don't let anybody fool you, for it really is H— over here. The outfit has really made a name for itself over here, but it has caught H— doing it.

Tells of Losses

"My platoon has some good men in it, but we have lost some of the best. Kirk, teach your noncoms how to act on their own, also teach them plenty about aerial photos."

Back from the front, Lt. Wallace wrote on Aug. 20:

"Here I am trying my best to relax a little again. It feels good to be back off the front for a short rest. We sure had begun to need it, but it seems that the longer a man stays back the more he hates to go up again.

"My outfit made quite a name for itself during the last few days up, but as we look back on it most of it was luck, I guess. . . I guess you all read of St. Lo. Well, I could tell you a lot about it. Things look good over here and we hope we can finish this side of it up soon."

Fourth at the Front

Lt. Carey's letter, sent from France July 5, contains more than one life-saving and labor-saving suggestion for GIs.

"I hope you all enjoyed the Fourth," he writes. "I spent mine just like you spent that Christmas in Hawaii—in a fox hole—and ate canned rations and had more fireworks than I ever heard in my life.

"Boy, we are giving credit to our air corps and artillery. They sure are doing their part. I haven't seen a Jerry plane since I came over here. We are literally living in

Hero of St. Lo

(Continued from Page 1) abominable. Rain made the going slow, tough and murderously painful for the first three days.

"Lt. Robinson started out with three 57s. As he went along, he picked up five others whose crews had been knocked out. He just manned the guns with his men, in place of the dead or wounded crews who first had operated those extra guns.

"Then they came upon two Nazi 88s. They took those, too. Seven More Guns

"When Lt. Wallace and his men swung into St. Lo they had 10 guns instead of the three they started out with. But you can get the best idea of what they faced by one simple fact: Lt. Wallace started with 31 men. When they entered St. Lo, only three of the original men were left—including the lieutenant. The rest either were wounded or killed.

"But their anti-tank fire was credited with making possible the capture of St. Lo, the turning point of the Normandy fighting.

"Lt. Wallace went into action on D-plus-four. For 31 out of the first 44 days he was in combat. He

Mail Call

What do you hear from your buddies overseas? The fellow in the next bunk might be interested in what's happening to them, seeing that the same thing is going to happen to him pretty soon. We'd be interested in looking over any letter you've received and, possibly, in printing excerpts from them. Just drop them in your company mail box, addressed to BLOOD AND FIRE, Hq. 63d Div., APO 410 Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

slit trenches and foxholes, and there is no kicking about digging them. It is the first thing everyone does.

France's countryside, its people and its surface wounds as seen by a staff sergeant riding the tail-end of a two-and-a-half-ton truck with the medics are described in a letter received by a member of the BLOOD AND FIRE staff.

The writer is S/Sgt. Elmer L. Kaplin, who already had three years in the Army of the United States before going overseas last October with the 65th Med. Grp.

Dated Aug. 21, the letter reads: "Most of my sight-seeing has been from the tail-end of a two-and-a-half-ton truck and let me tell you we certainly have been moving fast.

"At first I found the people a little timid and shy. Now, where ever we may go, we really are welcomed. When we go through a town we are showered with flowers. The folks are really happy to see us. The happiness felt in the liberation of France is very evident in the faces of these intensely patriotic people.

Failing Supermen

"It is pitiful the way some of these towns have been wiped out. Some do not have a building standing. Unless you see these sights yourself they are unbelievable.

"As far as the so-called Hitler Supermen—well, they are no more than a myth as far as I can observe. I have seen plenty of German prisoners go by and they are a sorry-looking lot.

"The American soldier is as tough as they come.

"One of the most pitiful sights I have seen was in one of our hospitals. We took over a captured German hospital and among the patients there were some of our boys who had been wounded and taken prisoner on D-Day.

"They were actually walking skeletons. Their bones could be

spent July 4 in a foxhole, eating C rations. Then he got a week's rest—that is, he was sent back with his men to an area behind the lines where the schedule is continuous training. Now he's in there fighting again."

Husky Lt. Wallace was a member of a state championship high school football team, a track star and an aggressive platoon leader who started out in the Army two and one-half years ago as a private. His home is Decatur, Ala.

He spent 11 months with AT Co. before shipping overseas. Men of the company gave him an identification bracelet as a farewell gift and he V-mailed them the news that he wore the bracelet into St. Lo.

"He always was smiling, had more real friends in the company, slopped around in the rain with you all day," Cpl. Irwin Gold recalled. "He was no jeep rider when his men were walking."

seen protruding through their skin. The Germans had not actually mistreated them but they were slowly starving. The men had received one meal a day which consisted of something similar to soup and ersatz bread.

"The worst action I have so far seen has been in the raids by the German planes. When you lie in a foxhole and hear or see a Jerry right over your head the feeling isn't good.

"These raids are some show at night. The Jerries first light their targets with parachute flares. These set off everything as though it was daylight. Then they swoop down on the target. In the meantime, our ack ack is popping from all sides. They make a vivid streak of red flame shooting through the skies. It certainly makes an old Fourth of July celebration seem like a very tame show by comparison.

"Beside taking cover from the bombs you have to be careful not to be struck by falling flak from the anti-aircraft fire. This can cause a lot of damage. On the whole the German air force seems to be done but once in a while it puts up a show.

"We have been getting plenty of a so-called cognac, or to be more explicit, calvados. This is a streaked lightning which is rougher than GI alcohol. We also have been getting a little champagne. I bought a quart of champagne for six packs of cigarets. There is some good wine over here but it is scarce. Cider is plentiful but it doesn't have a kick.

"We have been fortunate in getting food. Money has little value as such so we have been bartering with the French and managing to get plenty of eggs, chickens and some vegetables in exchange for our cigarets, candy, soup, etc."

(Paper, however, did not seem plentiful for the Sergeant had to conclude his letter at this point for lack of it.)

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion—6530.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—6960.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapel 1—1030.
Chapels 5, 6, 7, 8—1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
Chapel 7, Sunday Service—1900.
Chapel 5, Sunday, Church of Christ Service—2000.
Chapel 8, Sunday, Prayer—1830.
Chapel 7, Monday, Bible Study—1930.
Chapel 6, Wednesday, Bible Study—1900.
Chapel 8, Thursday, Evening Prayer—1930.

- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses
Chapels 5, 7, 8, 10—9800.
Theater 5—6500.
Chapel 7—1000.
Theater 1—1030.
CT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
Week Day Masses
Chapel 8, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
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.
SELIHOTH SERVICE
Midnight Selihoth services will be held Saturday at Chapel 8, Chaplain Aaron L. Nahan has announced. Selihoth is a service of penitence in preparation for the forthcoming Hebrew high holidays.



SGT. YORK'S cousin, Pfc. Virgil E. York, behind the machine gun which he mans in Co. D., 253d Inf. It's the same kind of gun he fought with through four battles.

Tradition of Sgt. York Carried On By 63d Gunner

A machine gunner in Co. D, 253d Inf., is carrying the family tradition of the fighting Yorks through a second World War.

He is Pfc. Virgil E. York, a cousin of the one-man army of 1918 and the wearer of four battle stars for 18 months' combat in some of the toughest places of the war, among them Fedala, Gafsa, Mateur and Anzio, to mention but a few.

A little guy compared to his gigantic uncle, York weighs only 133 pounds and stands a scant 5 feet 6 but he has dragged his 100-pound weapon across half of Italy and a large part of Africa. He saw his first action at Gafsa early in the invasion of North Africa.

"That was on May 6, 1942," York says. "I was pretty lucky. Never got a scratch. Then on Nov. 8 we made the assault on Ledala near Casablanca. It was tough for three days. Then it was just like maneuvers.

"Toughest fighting during the 18 months I was in combat was on the Anzio beachhead. The Germans had observation on us from a hill 1,000 feet high. We were in the flat.

"We fought at night. By daylight we were dug in. They'd usually counterattack at dawn. At one time we had cooks, truck drivers, anybody who was around, holding the line against those Nazi counterattacks.

"Just before we took Mateur in North Africa I got my only wound of the whole 18 months. Three pieces of 88-mm. shrapnel from a Jerry hit me in the left leg. It was early in the morning. I walked to the first aid station and they took me 90 miles in a jeep to a hospital. That was three days before the battle ended.

"But they patched me up and I went on to Sicily and then Italy.

I was at Anzio with the 1st Div., the outfit now fighting in France."

A truck driver in Wichita Falls, Tex., York never had been outside of his home state before he entered the Army. He enlisted in the cavalry in 1936 and after his enlistment ran out as a civilian for 13 months. In 1940 he came back in, going with the 3d Inf. Div.

"Combat is not so tough," he says. "Camp Van Dorn, of course, looked mighty good to me and that Statue of Liberty, which I saw for the first time when I returned from Anzio, is the most beautiful sight in the world. War isn't all blood and guts. There are plenty of laughs."

As for tips on combat, York says:

"Dig in. Nobody has to tell you to do it. It's dig or die.

"Don't throw those shiny C ration cans around. Enemy observation planes spot 'em on photo reconnaissance. Then they shell the hell out of you."

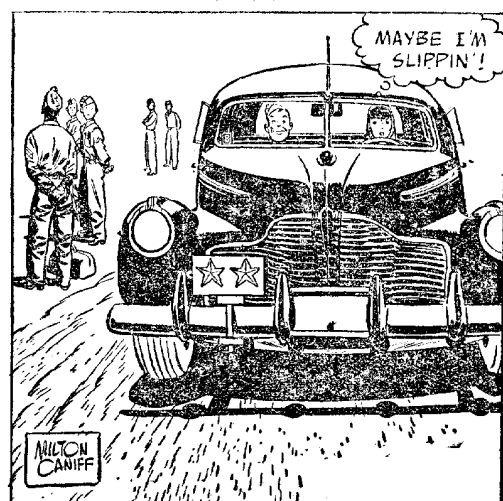
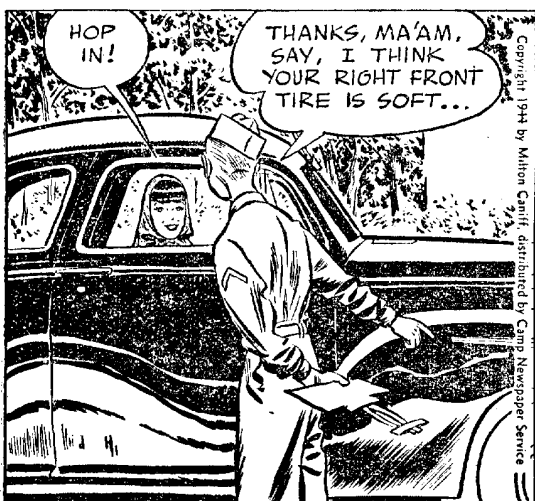
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Male Call

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

Anti-Personnel Bum



# Touch-Football Season to Start Sept. 18



COCKEYED is this view of a wrestling match, which shows you how the grunting groan boys look to a camera when the cameraman is falling all over himself. It was made at a recent CT Blue ring show.

## Cannon Co. 255th Inf. to Defend Championship Against 63d Rivals

Teams Will Qualify for Title Play-Offs Using Familiar Round Robin System; Rules of Game Slightly Changed

Play for the 63d Div.'s second touch-football championship will be inaugurated throughout the organization the week of September 18 with Cannon Co., 255th Inf., defending the honors it won last year.

## Co. I, 255th, Gains Softball Finals

Plans for the Division softball championship were made this week and start of the playoffs awaits only determination of the winners of the CT's Red and White eliminations.

Co. I, 255th Inf., won the CT Blue title last week when Sgt. Lovell Smith continued his remarkable pitching to give his team a 4-0 victory over Co. E. Division Headquarters established its supremacy among Special Troops and will meet the CT Red winner in the semifinal round.

As athletic interest within the Division was being funneled into the inauguration of touch football, Sgt. Smith set himself up more securely as the outstanding figure in the softball picture. His shut-out of Co. E was the second in three playoff games and incidentally was that team's first defeat this half.

One inning, the fourth, decided the Blue championship. The victors made all their runs in that session, but sweated out the fifth when Co. E loaded the sacks with none out. Stewart took command of the situation by striking out the next two batters and forcing an easy roller to first for the third out.

Co. E—				Co. I—			
	A	R	H		A	R	H
Mitchell, lf	3	0	0	Holmes, lf	2	0	0
Capella, cf	3	0	0	Brazicki, ss	2	0	0
H'w'der, ss	2	0	0	Gomeila, 2b	2	0	0
Bozo, 3b	4	0	0	Stewart, p	2	1	0
Schoch, 2b	3	0	1	Williams, cf	2	1	0
M'ching, lf	3	0	1	Zanfagna, lf	2	0	1
Kilbride, cf	2	0	1	Manz, cf	2	1	2
Leonard, c	2	0	0	Kozl'ski, 3b	2	1	0
Katra, rf	2	0	0	Lang, rf	2	0	1
McLiano, p	2	0	0	Aguilar, c	2	0	0
Totals	25	0	3	Totals	23	4	4

### Try This For Size!

George Patrick Lewett, of Pallsades, N. J., has given GI Joe who fancy their physical prowess a real mark to shoot at. An ASTP trainee at Virginia Military Academy, Lewett recently made an average of 98 5/7 points out of a possible 100 in a standard Army physical training achievement test.

the erstwhile New York Giants farmhand when he tagged his second hit.

For the second time, Pfc. Willis Waugh topped Pvt. Bill Hagg in a mound duel. Waugh set the Blue down with only three hits and kept the opposition scoreless until the fourth. The Redcat hurler had his only weak moments in that session, filling the sacks and enabling Sgt. Bill McCabe to get a double that gave the Blue a 3-2 lead.

The boxscore:

CT Red				CT Blue			
	A	R	H		A	R	H
H. Mc'gh, cf	4	1	2	Sh'lio, 3b	4	0	0
Cortese, lf	3	0	0	De'ise, rf	4	1	0
K'bler, lf	4	0	2	Lanzetta, ss	4	0	1
Wildor, c	4	1	1	Sh'maker, lf	4	0	2
Mehall, 3b	2	1	1	Mc'D'rat, cf	3	1	1
Poggi, 2b	4	1	1	Dillon, cf	0	0	0
A'strom, ss	4	0	2	McCabe, lf	4	0	2
Church, rf	3	0	0	Beckett, c	0	0	0
Waugh, p	3	0	0	Quinn, c	3	0	0
				Bruno, 2b	3	0	0
				Haag, p	3	1	1
				C. Mc'gh, p	0	0	0

Score by innings:	31	4	10	32	3	7
CT Red	010	101	100	4		
CT Blue	000	300	000	3		

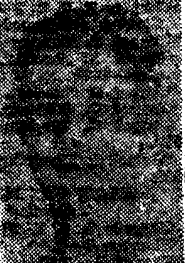
George Lott, former Davis Cup player now a private in the Army, feels the sensational Francisco (Pancho) Segura has much to learn about tennis.

Commander Gene Tunney is reported interested in the prospective ownership of a Baltimore team in a new pro football league.

## Boxing Spotlight Falls On Strange and Charldon

Two small packages of trinitrotoluene (TNT to you), Pvt. Bobby Strange and Cpl. Johnny Charldon by name, tossed a terrific punch into CT Blue's second boxing show last Friday night with a three-round draw that left the crowd tickled pink—and the two contestants black and blue.

These bantams, both of the 255th Inf., whacked each other across the ring and back again. They hopped to it at the opening bell and enjoyed every minute of it. So did the throng of 500 which included Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, who acted as one of the judges. So pleased were all concerned that Strange and Charldon kept at it even after the final bell had rung.



Pvt. Strange

## Redcats Topple Blue at Natchez

They'll be calling CT Red's ball players "pigeons" if the Division Baseball league second-half doesn't end shortly. Situated in first place without a defeat in seven league games, they are sitting targets for the other aspirants who, one by one, are shooting to knock them off their high perch.

Last Sunday at Natchez, CT Blue, which had knocked the Redcats out of the first half fight, went to the "firing line" for their last chance at the title. The result was a thrilling ball game that ended with the Red on the right side of a 4-3 score.

S/Sgt. Ray Koehler, one of the most consistent players through the season, decided this one in the last inning with a hit that sent in Sgt. Hal McCullough from second with the winning run. The count was two strikes and no balls on

### Other Bouts Thrill

This miniature of an old-fashioned Donnybrook was a continuation of a night of brawling and wrestling that started with a draw between Pvts. Charley Williams, CT Blue, and Johnny Johnston, CT White. These lightweight went at it just like Strange and Charldon, except for a bit more heft to their punches. The official verdict was one that pleased the onlookers, even though the respective punchers probably would have been better satisfied to keep at it until one or the other fell.

Pvts. "Swede" Jorgensen, Hq. Btry., 580th F. A., and Jack Rosenberg, of Co. I, 255th, injected a pair of new faces into the wrestling picture and provided some entertainment with a heavy weight tussle that went four minutes and 10 seconds of the scheduled 15 minutes. Jorgensen was the victor.



Cpl. Charldon

### Co. I Men Win

In the remaining bouts, S/Sgt. Bill Makuhan, Co. I, 255th, beat Sgt. John Crevikas, of the same unit; Pvt. Frank Morris topped Pvt. Bill Murphy in another scrap between Co. I men, and Pvt. Henry Smith, Co. G, won the decision over Pvt. Smith Greenwood, of Co. H, 254th Inf.

## Division Touch-Football Rules

- Eleven (11) players per team.
- Only four men behind the line of scrimmage on offense and seven men in the line. No rules governing formations on defense.
- Four downs to move from one 15-yard zone into the next, regardless of yardage required. Failure to negotiate required distance gives ball to opponent on spot.
- Down is completed when runner has been touched between his head and knees with both hands simultaneously, the hands being in a flattened position.
- Tackling is not permissible. Blocking must be in an upright position without use of hands (on offense). Blocker cannot leave his feet nor touch ground with his knees. A running, semi-crouch position is permissible. Penalty for illegal block or tackle, 15 yards.
- Kickoff decided by coin. Where length of field is 60 yards, kickoff is made from goal line; where length is 75 yards, kickoff is made from 15-yard line. Kickoff over goal line may be brought back and put in play on 15-yard line.
- All players are eligible to receive forward passes. All forward passes must be made from behind line of scrimmage. Lateral passes are completed if caught to rear of passer. A fourth down pass incomplete in the end zone will be brought out and put in play at spot where fourth down play originated. Penalty for illegal pass, loss of down, plus 5 yards. Ball may be advanced by running.
- If a punt is to be made, team kicking must announce fact before down starts. Team may have option of throwing ball instead of punting, with announcement of intent. Neither team may cross line of scrimmage until kick has actually been made. Rushing is permitted if ball is to be thrown instead of kicked.
- Quarters shall be 12 minutes, with two minutes between quarters and six minutes between halves. Timeouts are permissible only in case of injury or substitution. Huddles may consume 15 seconds. Time for getting off play, 15 seconds. Six points shall be scored for touchdown, two points for a safety and one point for the extra point (pass or run). If there is a tie at the end of the fourth quarter, the ball shall be placed at midfield where each team is to be allowed one series of four downs. One point is to be scored for the team making the longest advance in the series of four downs.
- Any uniform is permissible, although use of cleats or spikes is prohibited.
- Penalties shall be five yards for offside and 15 yards for unnecessary roughness.
- Substitutions shall be unlimited.
- The game shall be played informally and with two officials. Each team will supply line-marker carriers. Officials' decisions will be final.

Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, acting Division Special Service officer, released unit schedules this week, at the same time bringing attention to several changes in the playing rules which existed last season.

The 1943 champion, which made a record surpassing that of any other Blood and Fire unit in all-around competition during the Division's first sports cycle, won the title with a 12-0 victory over the MP Plat. Several members of that well-balanced eleven, which included Adolph Bigos, Tex McCord and Chester Antosiewicz, are no longer with the champions, but it is probable other equally outstanding players will be uncovered as the program progresses.

Most drastic change in the playing code alters the first-down requirements. Where previously it was necessary for the offensive team to gain 15 yards in four plays or less for a first down, the rules have been "softened" so that now it only will be necessary to cross the 15-yard zone marker regardless of where the series originates to retain possession of the ball.

Other changes have been effected in blocking, passing, punting and scoring. Tries for point following a touchdown are now permitted, with running or passing the prescribed mediums. In blocking a running semi-crouch position is now permissible and a 15-yard penalty is designated for any infraction of the rule covering this phase of the game.

A five-yard penalty and loss of down also are decreed for an illegal forward pass. In the field of punting, teams now have the option of kicking or throwing the ball, with two reservations. "Kicking" team must first announce its intention and while it is permissible to rush the thrower, such action against the punter is to be considered unnecessary roughness and a 15-yard penalty applied against the offending side.

The schedule of opening games:  
253d Inf. Co. A vs. Co. B; Co. E vs. Co. F; Co. I vs. Co. K; Serv. Co. vs. Co. Co.; Co. C vs. Co. D; Co. G vs. Co. H; Co. L vs. Co. M; AT Co. vs. Med. Det.  
254th Inf. Co. A vs. Co. B; Co. C vs. Co. D; Co. E vs. Co. F; Co. G vs. Co. H; Co. I vs. Co. J; Co. K vs. Co. L; Co. M, AT Co. vs. Med. Co.  
255th Inf. Co. D vs. Co. B; Hq. Co., 1st Bn. vs. Co. C; Co. A draws bye; Hq. Co., 2d Bn. vs. Co. F; Co. H vs. Co. G; Co. E draws bye; Hq. Co., 3d Bn. vs. Co. K; Co. M vs. Co. L; Co. I draws bye; Medics vs. Co. Co.; AT Co. vs. Hq. and Hq. Co.; Serv. Co. draws bye.

Special Troops (263d Engrs.) Co. A vs. Co. B; Co. C vs. H/S Co. (363d Med.) Co. A vs. Co. B; Co. C vs. Co. D. 63d Sig. Co. vs. 63d Rec. Trp.; 63d QM Co. vs. Div. Hq. 763d Ord. Co. draws bye. (718th P. A.) Btry. A vs. Btry. B; Btry. C vs. Serv. Btry.; Hq. Btry. draws bye.

## Double-Header Scheduled For Natchez Tomorrow

GIs looking for an afternoon full of baseball can get it in Natchez tomorrow when the 718th F. A. and CT White play two games at Liberty Park starting at 1500.

The program is scheduled to go at least 16 innings, the first game being listed as a seven-inning affair to be followed by a regulation nine-inning league contest.

Spectators probably will see the best in both teams thrown into the battle. Especially studied will be Sgt. Johnny Alusik, former member of the Wilson, N. C., champions of the Bi-State league, whose hurling for the 718th has been one of the features of the second-half championship season.

On the mound opposing the Redlegs will be Sgt. Steve Stetzko, who lost his first game only recently, having played a big part in enabling CT White to win the first half crown with his hurling.

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# Division Sidelights

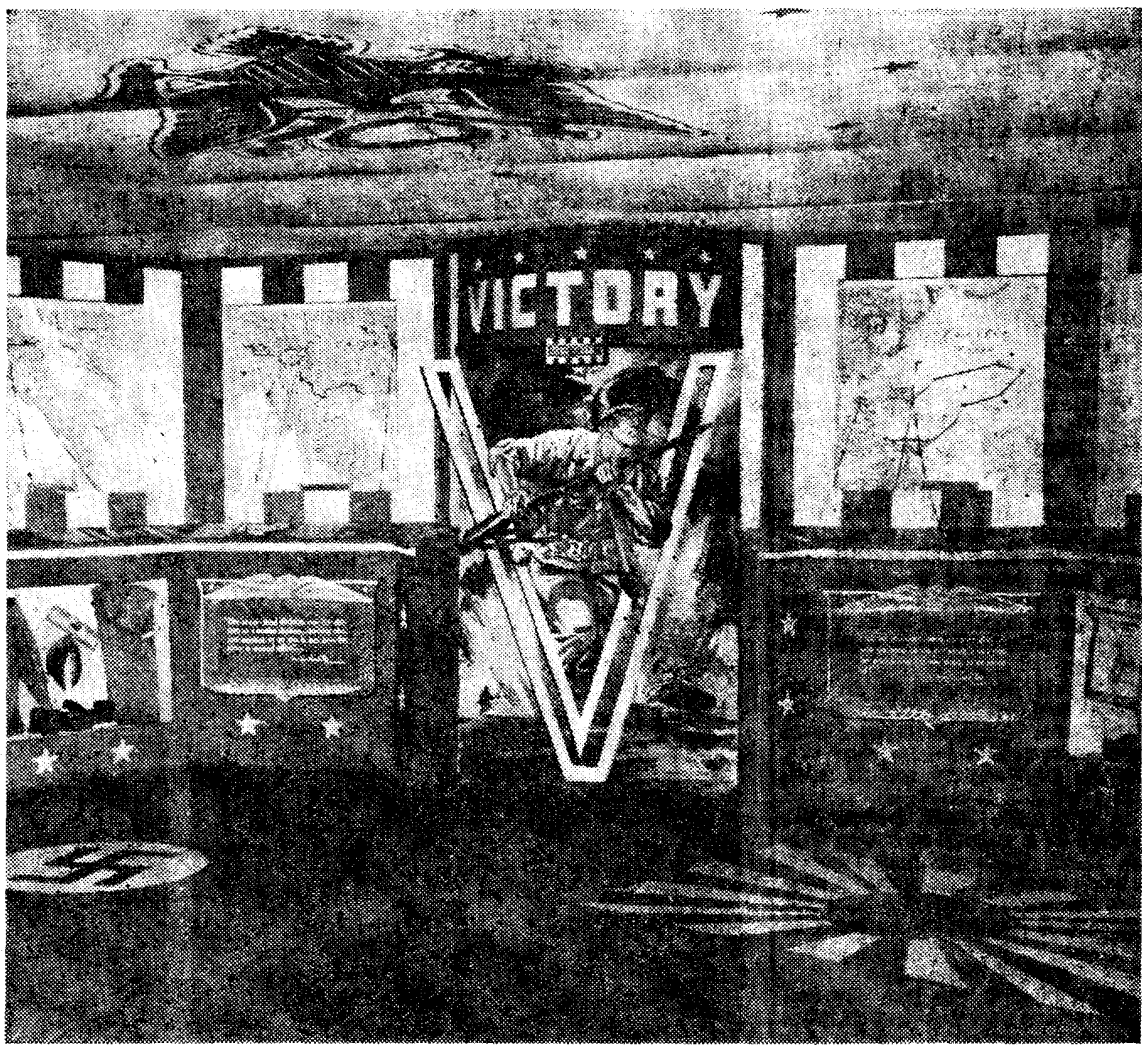
253d Inf.—M/Sgt. James Emerson, regimental sergeant-major, is the proud papa of his second daughter, an eight-pound beauty born on Monday . . . Sgt. Tommy Cortese, Co. M, is a man of many interests—and much work. Last week-end he fired a problem as machine-gun section leader, played trombone in the 253d orchestra at McComb the following evening, then played with CT Red in a baseball game at Natchez the next day . . . Pfc. Malcolm R. Bacon, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., is looking for a shoe—the shoe someone switched on him when he relaxed hot tootsies on the Sunday bus from Baton Rouge . . . 2d Bn. headquarters boasts a qualified pilot in its sergeant-major, T/Sgt. Lloyd E. Hammock. Formerly in the Air Forces, Hammock holds a civilian pilot's license and models airplanes exactly to scale as a hobby.

254th Inf.—Not to be outdone by other units, this regiment produced its share of newborn this week. Mrs. G. L. Trent presented the commander of Co. K with a daughter weighing more than nine pounds, and Mrs. Samuel G. Spangler made the CO of Hq. Co. 3d Bn. happy with a seven-pound girl . . . T/5 John A. Liller married Miss Gloria Bagnati at St. John's Catholic Church in Old Saybrook, Conn., while on furlough. The bride's sister, Margaret, was maid of honor and Coast Guardsman Frank Glott was best man . . . Strange thing, the mail. One recently brought a letter from home for Pvt. Charles Tattre, Serv. Co., in which was nothing but a plain piece of paper, plain except for the odor of fish which emanated from it. Only a father's inherent pleasure at anything from the hands of his two small daughters could excuse Tattre's pleasure at receipt of the paper in which fish, enjoyed at dinner by his little family, had been wrapped. "The children liked the fish so well, they wanted you to enjoy it too," Mrs. Tattre wrote Charlie in explanation . . . T/5 Nathan Guttman, Serv. Co., came home on furlough in time to become godfather to a nephew. The boy's father was on the high seas with the merchant marine at the time . . . Fill those foxholes when you're through with them! Cannon Co.'s Sgt. Francis R. Young suffered a broken shoulder when he stepped into one during field operations . . . Lts. Leslie C. Hurt and Wallace H. Coberg joined Cannon Co. this week, while Co. L personnel was enhanced by the addition of Lts. Charles Raeger, Leon Stein and Allan Whalen. . . Pvt. Richard Keshen, Co. L, has been transferred to Lafayette College to await the new class at West Point . . . Latest rumor is that—Co. M may soon have a beer party! . . . 1st/Sgt. Isham M. Silkwood had a busman's holiday last Sunday when he celebrated his birthday by preparing for an inspection by the IG's office . . . Pfc. "Deacon" Butcher recently returned from furlough with a "squeeze box" with which to serenade Co. I dayroom habitués . . . T/4 Al Manning and Pfc. Henry Wallace were welcomed back to active duty by bunks at Hq. Co. 2d Bn., after a session in the Station Hospital . . . Co. E members are singing the praises of Pvs. Merwin Kindig and John L. Fillo, who did some pretty good singing themselves, and Pvt. Jim Crow, "the actress beautiful," all of whom appeared in the Division's "Khaki Kapers" at McComb . . . T/Sgt. Nelson Lawhorn and S/Sgt. Obadian Wilson, of Co. F, were members of the color guard at the same affair . . . Two former members of Co. E have become war casualties, according to word received here. Pfc. Norman Schwandt was killed and Pvt. Kenyon Graff wounded in the fighting in Italy . . . Another to join the ranks of benedicts while on furlough was Co. D's S/Sgt. James Dines, who married Miss Gertrude Goebel, of Almgordo, N. M.

255th Inf.—The "Pvt." John H. Wertz, AT Co., reported as having been married in Natchez last week, is not a private, but a staff sergeant. The newlyweds have not yet left for their honeymoon in Pennsylvania . . . Proving there is much of the milk of human kindness even in pad'lefeet, a bunch of the boys at Cannon Co., came through with a pot of \$25 when T/Sgt. Delbert C. Brett mounted the dayroom steps Sunday afternoon and asked his listeners to "come through" for a GI who had experienced a run of tough luck at home . . . 1st/Sgt. G. G. O'Brien, of Co. M, is another returned to duty from the hospital . . . The regimental band is doing its share to make living lighter. Its members under Pfc. Marlin Merrill's direction have as many arrangements in their book as many professional outfits and played a good many of them at the 421st Ord. Co.'s dance Tuesday night. The boys entertain at a serviceman's center tonight . . . "Hellzapoppin'" featuring Olsen and Johnson, is the feature picture at the rec hall tomorrow night. . . Monday's treat will be "The Buccaneer" with Frederic March, Akim Tamiroff and Francisca Gaal . . . GIs are invited to turn in their suggestions for better company operation at Co. K, where CO Lt. Ross W. Vick rewards workable ideas with a pass . . . S/Sgt. William A. Glynn, Co. H, is to be married at his home in Bristol, Conn., Monday . . . Newly assigned to Co. G is Lt. Hubert Mandeville.

263d Engrs.—Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan resumed command of the unit after attending Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. . . Capt. Albert H. Homburg, Jr., and Lt. Robert F. Bowie have left to attend the Parachute School at Ft. Benning.

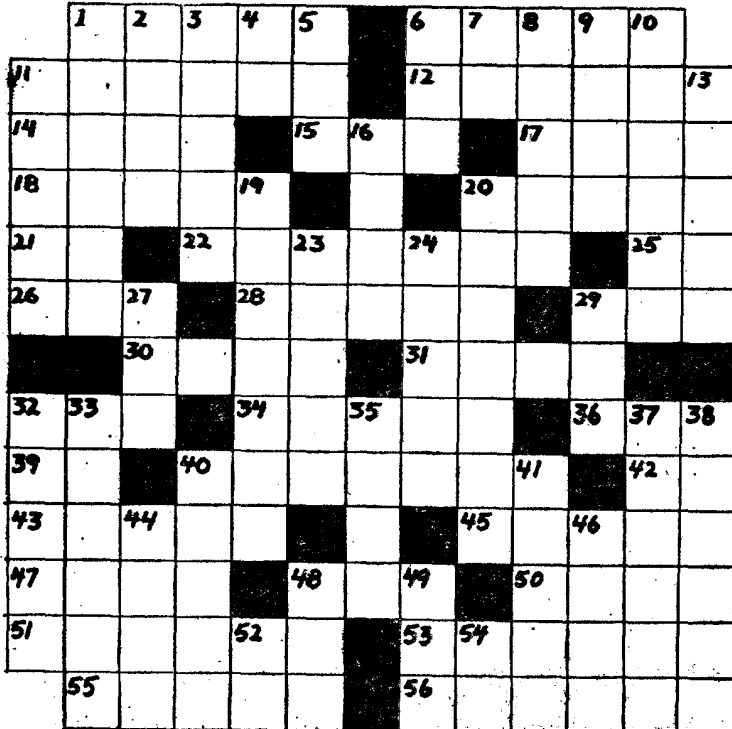
862d F. A.—Pfc. William P. Benz, Jr., Btry. C, is currently sweating out a transfer to the paratroops, a furlough and the question of marriage. . . As 1st/Sgt. Robert J. Johnson, of Hq. Btry., was boarding the train for home the night of August 30, his wife was giving birth to seven-pound Robert Edward Johnson . . . Maj. Kenneth P. Burns, battalion executive officer, has returned from the C and G S School . . . T/5 Joseph Rees, Btry. C, where the new commander is Lt. Ralph K. Ferguson, recently married Miss Reba Hillard, of Pittsburgh, Pa. . . T/4 Albert Papier, Btry. B, enjoyed a small part of his infant son's three-month anniversary celebration in Florida—via telephone . . . Recently returned from service in Panama is Sgt. George Schmitt, of Serv. Btry. He has a brother-in-law, Bos'n. Mate 2/c Henry J. McMonigle, who manned the first invasion barge to land on the beaches of Saipan and Guam . . . (Continued on Page 8)



WINNING orientation center in the Division-wide contest for August was this one in the dayroom of Co. L, 253d Inf.

## 63d CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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



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|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Horizontal</b>                          | 25. Debt.                        | <b>Vertical</b>                      | 24. Rugged crest of a mountain range. |
| 1. Hunt.                                   | 30. Leaf.                        | 1. French pancakes.                  | 27. Agent.                            |
| 6. Diaphanous.                             | 31. Irish Free State.            | 2. Anus.                             | 29. Combining form denoting air.      |
| 11. Creeds.                                | 32. Essay.                       | 3. Muddle.                           | 32. To experience.                    |
| 12. Indoor entertainment and fair.         | 34. Vitals.                      | 4. Thus.                             | 33. Witty reply.                      |
| 14. Perused.                               | 36. Ribbed fabric.               | 5. Having the shape of the letter S. | 35. Stake.                            |
| 15. Inflamed swelling at margin of eyelid. | 39. Digraph.                     | 6. Firmament.                        | 37. Emigrant.                         |
| 17. Assistant.                             | 40. Semi-precious stones.        | 7. Nominative pronoun.               | 38. Step.                             |
| 18. Fruit.                                 | 42. Familiar.                    | 8. Expunge.                          | 40. Big.                              |
| 20. Flower.                                | 43. Rouses.                      | 9. Send forth.                       | 41. Belt.                             |
| 21. Brother of Odin.                       | 45. Moral.                       | 10. Amendments to a document.        | 43. In reality.                       |
| 22. Trip.                                  | 47. Sound quality.               | 11. Long for.                        | 46. Very small distance.              |
| 25. Representative fraction.               | 48. Elongate fish.               | 12. Thralls.                         | 48. Greek letter.                     |
| 26. Suffix used to form feminine nouns.    | 50. Fury.                        | 16. Prong.                           | 49. Landing ship light.               |
| 28. Inactive.                              | 51. Wandering.                   | 18. Riddle.                          | 52. Near (abbr.).                     |
|  | 55. Steps.                       | 20. Professional singer or dancer.   | 54. You (French).                     |
|  | 56. Combining form meaning four. | 23. Gibe.                            |                                       |
|  | 58. Leper (French).              |                                      |                                       |

## Co. L, 253d, Rises To Top Orientation

For the second straight month the last has been first in the quest for 63d Div. orientation honors.

In July AT Co., 254th Inf., leaped from the bottom to the top in 30 days. Co. L, 253d Inf., required more time to accomplish the feat, but turned the same trick to win the award for August.

Under the joint guidance of Capt. H. N. Burton, orientation officer, and Pfc. G. H. Wasem, enlisted assistant, Co. L maneuvered the 253d into first place with a mark of 96.58 per cent. The normal keenness of competition was not lacking, for Co. C, 255th Inf., the runner-up, carried its regiment to within .06 per cent of the winning mark.

### Credits Regiment

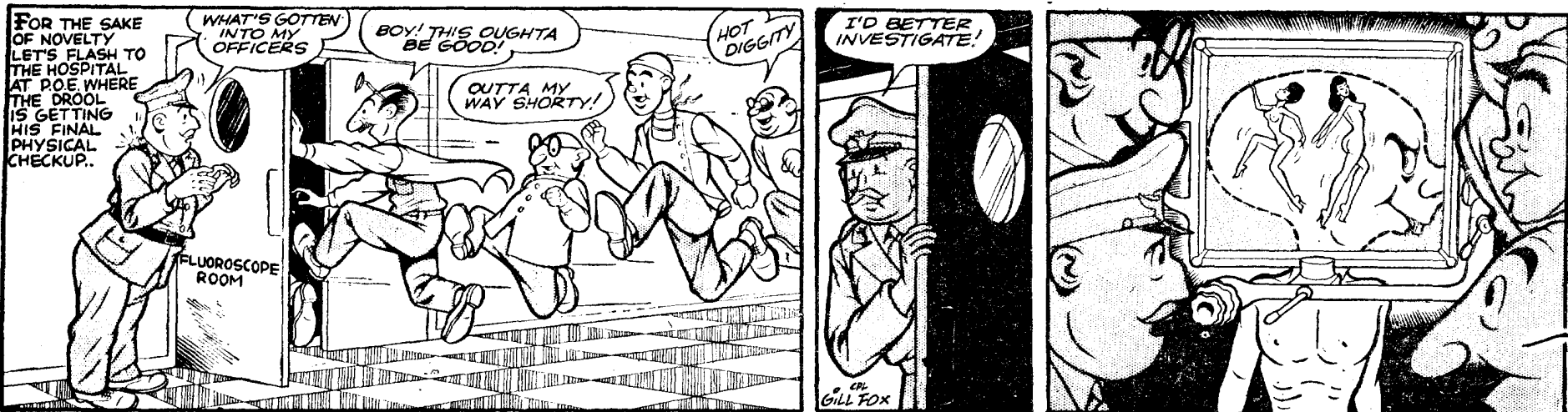
Commendations were bestowed on Capt. Burton and Wasem by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander and director of the 63d's orientation program. In placing credit where due, Gen. Harris also said "the remainder of the regiment should not be overlooked." "The fine support given the program by Col. Edward P. Lukert, the regimental commander, and the hard work of Capt. Edmund C. Fritzsche, regimental orientation officer, together with the splendid co-operation rendered by other organizations of the 253d deserve special mention," Gen. Harris said. "Superior team work by all concerned produced the winner."

August was marked by an appreciable improvement in attendance at discussion hours. The average throughout the Division jumped from 77 per cent in July to a remarkable 90 in August. The significance in these figures is emphasized. (Continued on Page 8)

## BERNIE BLOOD

## Transparent Imagination

By GILL FOX



### Sergeant Veteran Of Two Wars Has Yet to Fire Shot

S/Sgt. Eric G. Roell is aching to get overseas and into action, because he is in his second war and has yet to fire a shot.

Sgt. Roell, who is 54 years old, is a member of Co. C, 253d Inf. In World War I he enlisted May 27, 1918, and he was in OCS at Camp Pike, Ark., when the armistice was signed.

#### Volunteered Early

"In this war I volunteered soon after Pearl Harbor," he said. "I felt in the first war, and I feel now, that even if they have to stand me up behind a rock, I can knock off a couple of Japs. That's two less who will be shooting at our boys."

"I think everybody is in this war to end the darn thing. That's why I want to get overseas. I have no one dependent on me, and if I can do anything to get it over, that's what I want."

In this war, Roell trained for 13 days as a private at Camp Calton, Calif. Then he was jumped to buck sergeant and given a platoon. He served with the 242d AA Searchlight Bn. before he went to the 253d.

#### Praises Doughboys

Full of spirit, he ran the obstacle course and marched 15 miles with full pack while training. He has a healthy respect for the doughboy.

"Your infantryman today is rugged," Sgt. Roell says. "His tactics are speedier than in the first war, and his weapons have more firepower."

Born in Los Angeles, Sgt. Roell was a division manager in five states for the Continental Oil Co. in peacetime.

### CT White Beaten By Esler Fliers

Esler Field's baseball team, which twice thwarted attempts at victory by CT Blue, built up a lead substantial enough to nullify CT White's last-inning rally and won a 7-5 decision in a game between the teams at Alexandria, La., last Sunday.

Trailing 7-2 going to bat for the last time, CT White combined a pair of hits with a base on balls and two errors to send the first three batters across the plate in the ninth. However, with only one down, the 63d Div. tossers lacked the punch required to keep the runs scoring and the next two batters went out.

The Fliers reached Pfc. Joe Johnson for a run in the first inning and led to the finish. The deciding turn came in the seventh, when with two on and two out, S/Sgt. Joe Glodok, the Esler third baseman, got a fluke single over second and scored the two runs that won the game.

The box score:

CT White		Esler Field	
AB	R	AB	R
Dooley, 2b	5	0	1
Shaw, rf	3	0	0
Cl'br'th, cf	4	0	1
Petersen, c	3	1	1
H'mb'ler, ss	4	1	0
Matolla, 1b	4	1	0
F'juro, 2b	3	1	1
Johnson, p	1	1	1
Stetzo, p	2	0	1
James, lf	3	0	0
Totals	32	5	6

Esler Field		CT White	
AB	R	AB	R
Smolen, ss	5	1	0
Meli, 2b	3	1	1
Agnello, rf	5	1	1
L'clern'n, lf	5	1	1
Lakonski, cf	4	2	1
Glodok, 2b	4	0	1
F'zgerald, 1b	4	0	1
Hess, c	4	0	3
Bohonko, p	4	0	0
Totals	32	5	7

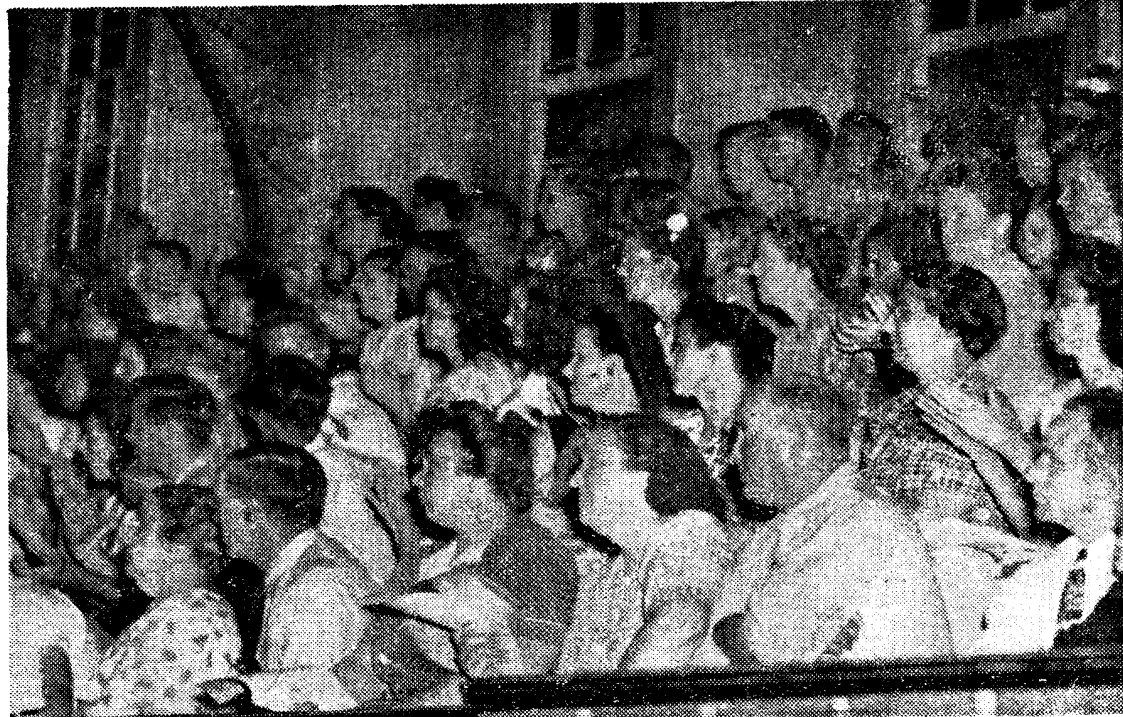
Score by innings:  
 CT White ..... 002 000 003—5  
 Esler Field ..... 100 210 63x—7

### Division Sidelights

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T/5 James A. Miles, Hq. Btry., and Miss Gladys Knight of Monroe, La., were married September 1 in Natchez . . . Promotions came to Capt. Edward Lloyd and 1st Lts. John C. Simms, Ernest M. Kline-man and Dwight E. Zeller recently . . . Sgt. Paul Langenburg of Btry. A, received an emergency furlough in time to get home for the arrival of his first-born last week . . . Another new arrival in the battery is Lt. James A. Craig, who recently received his commission at Ft. Sill.

718th F. A.—Sgt. Clarence LeForce, Hq. Btry., received a surprise visit from members of his family just as he was preparing to leave on furlough. His father had decided to spend his vacation fishing at Plaquemine, hence the visit to the sergeant and his wife in their McComb home . . . A new pleasant addition to battery personnel is Tower, a toy Spitz. One of his chief delights is Coca-Cola, which acts on him much as catnip does on cats . . . Pvt. Jane Weinart, member of the cast of the orientation play "Postmark Cherbourg," which was presented by Division Artillery, came through the final performance like a real trouper after being stung by a wasp prior to going on stage.



### Orientation

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 phasized by the fact that average attendance throughout the XXI Corps is approximately 70 per cent.

Co. D, several times winner of the award within the 254th and once Division champion, usurped AT Co.'s honors within that regiment but came up only third in the final accounting. Hq. Btry., 718th F. A., was Division Artillery champion the third time in succession, although only fourth in the monthly reckoning. The Provisional Group, comprising Headquarters Special Troops units, was fifth.

By its continued success in its own section, the 718th retired the first Division orientation plaque, now being circulated throughout artillery units to emphasize the fruits of a winning program.

The new certificate and plaque will be awarded to the new Division champion at the next scheduled retreat parade of the 253d.

DES MOINES, Iowa (CNS)—A local motorist was fined \$5 in traffic court. Charge: He called a policeman a "nitwit."

France developed the use of the mechanical semaphore in Napoleon's time.

"KHAKI KAPERS," 63d Div. revue, filled the McComb Armory. (Above) part of the crowd. (Right) T/4 Art Engler sang several numbers in the Cab Calloway manner.

### Discharge Plan

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war would take first priority in all calculations. Millions of men and millions of tons of equipment will be transferred to the Orient "to defeat Japan as quickly as possible, and permanently."

The Army command does not know yet how many men will be surplus after the Nazis have been crushed. The requirements for the war against Japan have been fixed with considerable exactness, but the size of the occupation army to be required in Europe is still a wide-open guess.

Conditions within Germany will determine to a large degree probable American requirements for occupation troops in Europe. If there is a formal surrender with order reasonably well maintained inside Germany, it is predicted the problem will be relatively simple: If there is, however, merely a progressive distintegration of German resistance with sporadic guerilla-type operations continuing for months, the occupation force is expected to be much larger.

One of the important factors in considering the size of our probable occupation force is the relative scarcity of Allied troops to divide the job. After the last world war French and British outnumbered the Americans in the occupied zones. The French army of today, though, is nothing like the great force of World War I.

Furthermore, not only a segment of Germany, but all Germany, will be occupied this time. Russian troops, of course, will take over much of this problem, but even so, the American task will be much greater than the occupation of the 18-mile bridgehead across the Rhine which we made last time.

### Theater Schedule

**THEATERS 1 AND 2**  
 Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810  
 (From Sat., Sept. 9, through Sat., Sept. 16)

**SATURDAY**—"Atlantic City," with Constance Moore, Brad Taylor, Paul Whitman and orchestra.  
**SUN.-MON.**—"Arsenic and Old Lace," with Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Raymond Massey and Peter Lorre.  
**TUESDAY**—"Maise Goes to Reno," with Ann Sothern, John Hodiak and Ava Gardner.  
**WED.-THURS.**—"Greenwich Village," with Don Ameche, William Bendix and Carmen Miranda.  
**FRI.-SAT.**—"Gypsy Wildcat," with Maria Montez, Jon Hall and Leo Carrillo.

**THEATER 5**  
 Starting Time—1900  
 (From Sat., Sept. 9, through Sat., Sept. 16)

**SATURDAY**—"Bride by Mistake," with Laraine Day, Alan Marshall and Marsha Hunt.  
**SUN.-MON.**—"Atlantic City."  
**TUES.-WED.**—"Arsenic and Old Lace."  
**THURSDAY**—"Maise Goes to Reno."  
**FRI.-SAT.**—"Greenwich Village."

### Two Orchestras to Play For CT White Party

Two orchestras, a buffet dinner and—175 girls from Baton Rouge—will combine to bring many a GI's dream to reality in the CT White Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Plans for the affair are being completed by members of the CT White Non-Coms club under the supervision of M/Sgt. Vernon Kile. Special decorations for the hall already have been designated by Cpl. Jack Sontag. The 254th Inf. orchestra will furnish the music for the dancing, with additional entertainment from the bandstand listed for presentation by a supplementary combination directed by Cpl. Sontag.

### McComb Acclaims 'Khaki Kapers'

"Khaki Kapers," the 63d Div. revue which played to a capacity crowd last week in the McComb Armory, will be repeated next Friday at the City Auditorium in Natchez and Sept. 25 in Carr Central High School, Vicksburg.

A cast and crew of 90 men and 13 members of the Military Maids participated in the McComb show, which was presented by Division Special Services and sponsored by the McComb Lions Club.

The 255th Inf. drum and bugle corps and a color guard from the 254th Inf. opened the program by marching to the stage. The auditorium was blacked out for the National Anthem and a pin spotlight played on the Colors.

#### 'Hi-de-Ho' Number

The 63d Div. Band opened the program with "Bugle Call Rag." Pvt. Jackie Paris Co. I, 255th Inf., appeared in "Vocal Kapers" and T/5 Gilbert Vitale, Med. Det., 255th Inf., demonstrated cigaret tricks and other sleight-of-hand.

T/4 Art Engler, 63d Div. Band, sang several numbers in the Cab Calloway manner, in an act entitled "Hi-de-Ho." He was followed by the 63d Div. Soldier Chorus, directed by Cpl. Joseph Evans, Btry. A, 861st F. A.

T/5 Leslie Heath, CT White Special Services, appeared with his marionettes in "Pulling a Few Strings," following which the band presented "Musical Kapers."

#### Encore for Dance

The eccentric dances of Pvt. Lewis Ballatore, 63d Recn. Tr., brought demands for an encore, to which he acquiesced with a one-legged back somersault. Impressions of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were presented by Cpl. Joe Pollock, Co. K, 253d Inf. T/5 Paul Taubman, who was master of ceremonies for the entire show, appeared in a piano solo.

Pvt. Richard Gottlieb, 1288th Engrs., appeared in an acrobatic number that bore evidence of his 17-week engagement in vaudeville before he entered the Army.

#### 'Sinatra of 63d'

The man billed as "The 63d's Frank Sinatra," Pvt. Irwin Rochlin, of the Division Band, spent a busy evening. At 1930 he married Pfc. Lillian Henry of the Camp Van Dorn WAC Det.; at 2030 he appeared on the stage, and at 0600 the next day he was in the Div. Hq. Co. mess hall as a dining room orderly.

The Military Maids were McComb's contribution to the show, appearing in a fashion parade. Originally it was planned that one of the 13 would be named "Miss Military Maid of Pike County," but audience acclaim was so great for all that Cpl. Taubman hailed the entire group before him to receive the title.

Burlesquing the fashion parade, four men of the 254th Inf. followed it immediately, appearing in ballet costume in a number entitled "Invitation to the Dance." They were Pvts. James Crow, Custy Depalmo, Russell M. Descamp and Seymour Barkovitch.

T/4 John Campbell, the Division bandsman, who also has one of the 63d's most noted voices, appeared as tenor soloist. He was followed by a comedy act in which S/Sgt. Harry Marks, Co. K, 253d Inf., former vaudeville headliner, presented his imitations of Joe Penner and Ted Lewis. The band's final number was "Letting Off Steam," and the entire cast closed the program with the singing of "God Bless America."

"Khaki Kapers" was produced and directed by Cpl. Taubman under the supervision of Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, acting Division special services officer. WOJG Harold Polakoff was musical director, and musical arrangements were done by Pfc. Charles Jones and Eddie Schanhoitz. Others of the technical staff included Sgt. Robert Peters, T/5 Martin Cardillo, Pvt. John Watson, Pfc. Hugh Wyn Griffith and Pvts. Crow, Depalmo, Descamp and Barkovitch.

### Dolin, Heath to Present 'Kwazy Kwiz' Program

The well-received "Kwazy Kwiz" of recent presentation will get a repeat performance by its originators, Cpl. Les Heath and Pfc. Joe Dolin, in the CT White Rec Hall Monday at 2030.