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LOS ANGELES—What Rube Goldberg dared only dream and draw about, a Los Angeles company has produced—a machine to take the fuzz off peaches. Without whisks, the peaches will command premium prices in Eastern markets. The gadget scrubs the fuzz from 15 tons of peaches an hour at a cost of one mill per box. There's only one flaw—nobody has figured out what to do with the fuzz.

DETROIT—Circuit Judge Lester S. Moll has resigned to re-enter the private practice of law. Judge John V. Brennan of Recorder's Court was appointed to succeed him, and Judge Gerald W. Groat of Common Pleas Court to succeed Brennan. Gov. Kelly's legal adviser, Thomas A. Kenney, was appointed to succeed Groat.

PERU, Ind. (CNS)—Mrs. Dolly Jacobs sued her husband, an animal trainer, for divorce. She won custody of three elephants, a horse and their two sons.

ALPENA, Mich.—James A. Reed, 82, former Missouri senator and once a vigorous foe of the League of Nations plan, died at his summer home near here. At the height of his career he was considered one of the most vivid personalities in public life and was noted for his biting phrase-making.

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Decorate Officer For Heroism Here

Lt. Charles J. Jankowski, until recently a 63d Div. officer, has received the Soldier's Medal overseas for saving a squad of men from injury or death when a rifle grenade was armed accidentally at Camp Van Dorn.

Announcement of the award was made in a War Department general order received by the Division Friday.

The incident occurred here June 8, when Lt. Jankowski was an officer of Co. I, 255th Inf. Then a second lieutenant, now a first lieutenant in the Regular Army, he left the Division July 12 for overseas duty.

The citation accompanying the award says, in part:

"During a combat exercise a soldier placed a grenade in the adapter and pulled the safety pin, accidentally disengaging the lever so that the grenade was armed and the fuse activated."

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Tribute to a Hero Trained at Van Dorn

WIDOW GETS HIGHEST AWARD

The full story of how a 22-year-old infantry officer wiped out two Nazi machine-gun nests and led his company through the Italian mountain passes in 13 days of continuous combat is told in a Presidential citation accompanying the Congressional Medal of Honor, to be awarded through the 63d Inf. Div. at 1400 today on the Parade Ground.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, will present the United States' highest decoration to Mrs. Myra Boudreaux Olson, of Baton Rouge, widow of Capt. Arlo L. Olson. Capt. Olson was killed in the Salerno River drive in October, 1943, while commanding Co. F, 15th Inf. Regt.

Capt. Olson trained at Camp Van Dorn with the 99th Inf. Div., the Blood and Fire's predecessor here, and was transferred overseas May 28, 1943. The 63d has been selected to make the presentation because, when not conferred by the President personally, the Congressional Medal usually is awarded by a tactical unit of the same arm of the service as the man who earned the medal.

Parade at 1400

Because Capt. Olson trained in an infantry division here and met the former Miss Boudreaux here—she lived in Natchez at the time—the War Department will make the award through Gen. Hibbs and the 63d.

A composite combat team will parade at 1400 for the presentation ceremony. Mrs. Olson, the mother of a nine-month-old daughter, Myra LaVerne, will be the guest of officers and men of the Division during the day.

The Citation . . .

Quotations from the accompanying citation show why the Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded to Capt. Arlo L. Olson:

" . . . Capt. Olson waded into the chest-deep water . . . and, despite point-blank machine-gun fire aimed directly at him, made his way to the opposite bank and threw two hand grenades into the gun position, killing the crew."

"When an enemy machine gun opened fire on his company, Capt. Olson advanced upon the position in a slow, deliberate walk . . ."

" . . . despite the fire of a machine gun which singled him out as its sole target (he) led the assault which drove the enemy away."

Following is the text of the citation by President Roosevelt, which best tells how Capt. Olson earned his nation's highest award for valor:

"On Oct. 13, 1943, when the drive across the Volturno River began, Capt. Olson and his Co. F of the 15th Inf. spearheaded the advance of the regiment through 30 miles of mountainous enemy territory in 13 days."

Waded Into River

"Placing himself at the head of his men, Capt. Olson waded into the chest-deep water of the raging Volturno River and,

despite point-blank machine gun fire aimed directly at him, made his way to the opposite bank and threw two hand grenades into the gun position, killing the crew."

"When an enemy machine gun 150 yards distant opened fire on his company, Capt. Olson advanced upon the position in a slow, deliberate walk. Although five German soldiers threw hand grenades at him from a range of five yards, Capt. Olson calmly dispatched them all, picked up a machine pistol and continued toward the enemy; advancing to within 15 yards of the position, he shot it out with the foe, killing nine and seizing the post."

Acted as Scout

"Throughout the next 13 days Capt. Olson led combat patrols, acted as company No. 1 scout and maintained unbroken contact with the enemy. On Oct. 27 Capt. Olson conducted a platoon in attack on a strongpoint, crawling to within 25 yards of the enemy and then charging the position. Despite continuous machine-gun fire which barely missed him, Capt. Olson made his way to the gun and killed the crew with his pistol. When the men saw their leader make this desperate attack, they followed him and overran the position."

"Continuing the advance, Capt. Olson led his company to the next objective at the summit of Monte San Nicola. Although the company to his right was forced to take cover

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Crash Kills 63d Soldier Returning From Wedding

In a tragic finale to a gay wedding week-end one 63d Div. soldier was killed and his buddy, for whom he had stood up as best man, was injured as their car, swerving suddenly to avoid a parked truck, overturned near St. Francisville, La., last Sunday.

Cpl. Woodrow A. Rhodes, 23, of Beckley, W. Va., was killed.

Injured was T/5 Lloyd B. Boyce, 21, of Caddo Mills, Tex.

Both men were members of Co. B, 253d Inf.

Boyce had been married the day before in Baton Rouge and Rhodes had accompanied him to act as his best man. Boyce was driving when the collision occurred.

The day after the fatal accident both men were to have left for Ft. Benning, Ga., to begin training as paratroopers.

Boyce was rushed to Harding Field hospital after the accident, where he is now recovering from injuries about the head and shock.

Cpl. Rhodes, in the Army three years and a veteran of service in

Panama with the 150th Inf., was transferred to the 63d Div. in May, the day before Boyce was transferred from the Air Force. They had been inseparable friends during their training months.

Rhodes' body was escorted home by Cpl. John Abate of Co. E.

Postal Service Given To Parts of France

WASHINGTON—Uncle Sam has resumed at least limited postal service to Northern French provinces after an interruption caused by Nazi occupation.

Jewish Holidays Start Tomorrow

Soldiers of the Jewish faith will enter upon the High Holidays at sundown tomorrow with observances arranged on the post and in homes in nearby communities.

The holiday season begins with Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, and ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The Jewish year 5705 begins at sundown tomorrow and ends at sundown Tuesday. Yom Kippur begins at sundown Tuesday, September 26, and ends 24 hours later.

Greetings from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Chaplain William E. Patrick, Division chaplain, called attention to the freedom of worship in a democracy and offered hope for a quick end to religious persecution.

Chaplain Aaron Kahan, the Division's Jewish chaplain, has scheduled Rosh Hashana services at Chapel 8 Sunday and Monday

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How You'll Get Your Job Back—Or a New One

Government Will Protect Rights Of All Veterans

One of the biggest concerns of fighting men overseas and in camps at home is this one: "What kind of a job am I going to get after I come marching home again?"

The answer:

You can have your old job back if you want it. And if you don't, you will get a crack at another one, a job for which your training in the service has fitted you.

Here's the way it is going to work:

A new memorandum on veterans' assistance has been issued by National Selective Service headquarters appointing a re-employment committeeman to every local draft board in the country. His job is to help place you in employment after the war.

When Job Dies Out

Let's suppose, for a starter, that the job you left isn't available when you return. Maybe your old employer went out of business. Or maybe your old job doesn't exist any more.

In either case, your first recourse is to your old draft board. There you will be placed in contact with the re-employment committeeman who will review your service career, find out just what kind of work you are qualified to do. Then he will go to bat for you.

If you can't get or don't want your old job, you will probably be referred to the veterans' employment representative of your home town U. S. Employment Service office. He will be in touch with employers not only in your community but all over the country and he'll be able to recommend the best place to get the kind of work you want and can do.

Civil Service Tests

If you want a job with the Federal Government you'll be sent to the nearest U. S. Civil Service office or post office for assistance. All veterans will have five points added to their scores in Government examinations and those with service-connected disabilities will have 10 points added. Also, a new Civil Service policy reserves 25 per cent of all Federal jobs for returning war veterans and examinations for many jobs will be open to veterans.

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What a Few GIs Plan to Do When They Get That Paper

When GIs aren't worrying about where they are going they are busy these days making their plans for postwar life—and some strange plans are coming up.

In the 862d F. A. our Inquiring Reporter found some interesting comments and, strangest of all, was that most soldiers want to lay down their guns when peace comes and go right back to doing what they did before their greetings caught up with them. Here are a few:

Btry. C Commander Lt. Ralph K. Ferguson said: "When I get my discharge I plan to settle down again at my home in Tampa and return to my transportation job with Tamiami Trail Tours."

Way down at the other end of the scale, Pvt. Francis J. Schmidt, a cannoneer in Lt. Ferguson's bat-

tery, has new and ambitious plans. A truck driver for a soda company in St. Louis when his number came up, he plans to go to work for an uncle who has a nickel-plating company.

In Btry. B Pfc. Daniel O'Connell represents a healthy section of Army thought, composed of young men who intend to take advantage of the GI Bill of Rights and enter college under Government auspices. He intends to study engineering at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, which will give you a pretty fair idea of where he comes from.

In their own words, here is what other GIs will do:

Pfc. Walter L. Schram, Serv. Btry. machine gunner: "I hope to be able to marry the girl of my dreams, get a job as a machinist

in a typewriter and refrigerator manufacturing plant, and settle down in Utica, N. Y."

T/5 Kenneth T. Gersky, Btry. C cook: "Ever since my first week in the Army I have planned to take one whole month for a vacation at home with my wife and son. Then, if I am fully rested, I will go back to my job as a cake-baker and keep working for that home of my own in Detroit."

T/Sgt. William Hungerford, sergeant-major: "Before entering the Army I was a member of a public accounting partnership consisting of two friends and myself in Hartford, Conn. The business is intact and I shall return to it immediately upon discharge."

Pfc. Robert J. Dowell, Btry. C instrument man: "If at all possible physically, I plan to go to

college immediately and study business administration. If I'm in bad health I'll take a long rest in the hills of Kentucky."

Pfc. Joe Cox, Btry. B, driver: "I was a traveling salesman and will return to the same job after a restful vacation spent seeing the United States. Home will be wherever I throw my hat, and that won't be in Mississippi."

Pvt. Charles W. Reed, Btry. A orientation assistant, a student in journalism at Northwestern University before his induction: "My plans are simple. I'm going from camp to campus."

T/4 Edward L. Naylor, Serv. Btry. motor sergeant, dreams of the day when his service station and garage in Springfield, Pa., will be running under its own power and he'll be able to concentrate

on "the best hobby in the world—flying."

S/Sgt. Otto Ockert, Btry B supply sergeant, was chief shipping clerk with an optical concern in Attleboro, Mass., back in the good old days. After vacationing in Oregon (funny how everybody seems to want a vacation) he'll go back to the optical business.

Before Pearl Harbor, T/4 Allen S. Kilmer, Hq. Btry. message center chief, was a senior accountant for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Philadelphia. He will go back to his old job.

There's something about Miami Beach that attracts Pfc. Milton B. Foster, Btry. A wireman. He hopped bells in a swank hotel there before the war and he'll hop 'em again when the war is over.

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OWOSSO, Mich.—In one of the strangest law suits ever tried in Michigan, a jury awarded the bones of a mastodon to Michael Remenar, on whose land a power shovel uncovered them July 26.

OKLAHOMA CITY—Elliott Wisbrod asked district court to restrain Sheriff George Goff from destroying 22,000 pints of confiscated whisky. His petition said hundreds of residents of legally dry Oklahoma would gladly exchange "a pint of blood for a pint of whisky."

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Wyoming has a labor shortage in its woolen mill which is making blankets for the Government, but officials can't feel too bad about it. The shortage is in young, able-bodied convicts at the state prison who operate the machinery.

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Maintaining the Old West tradition when posters used to be put up offering rewards for horse thieves, the local Rotary club is offering enlisted Coloradans money if they participate in the capture of Axis enemies. The prizes: Hitler, \$100; Hirohito, \$85; Himmler, \$49.50; Goering, \$44.75; Von Ribbentrop, \$39.95; G. B. H. G., \$37.50; Mussolini, \$24.95.

SIKESTON, Mo.—This town expects to celebrate V-day in peace and quiet. The city council has put a ban on discharge of firearms inside the city and adopted an ordinance strictly prohibiting sale of intoxicating beverages for 36 hours after Hitler's surrender is announced.

BOSTON—The V-Day customer in Thomas Console's barber chair will have to join the victory celebrators "as is." Patrons were fairly warned by his sign: "You sit in this chair at your risk. Soon as victory bells ring I will drop my tools, whether you're half shaved or half hair cut."

PORT MOODY, B. C.—Approximately \$27,000 was scattered along the Canadian Pacific railway tracks here when a mail bag, tossed from a moving train to the station platform, fell under the wheels and was split open. Postal officials said most of the money—intended for a lumber company payroll—had been recovered.

DETROIT—George Weston, 14, spat a mouthful of cigarette-lighter fluid on a burning match, he told police, "to see what would happen." They heard the story in Highland Park General hospital, where George is under treatment for burns of the face and neck.

ALAMEDA, Cal. (CNS)—A neurotic gunman, disappointed in his haul at a grocery store, poured a bottle of ink over the grocer's head.

KNOW YOUR GENERALS



The same man who swept the Japs off Guadalcanal today is pounding at the Belfort Gap, the historic Burgundy Gate into Southwest Germany, and if past events are any criterion he probably will be planting his three-star flag somewhere in the Black Forest before long.

The man is Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the American Seventh Army, the general who showed the Germans that they were amateurs at blitzkrieg by busting his mechanized forces through Southern France at a pace that made the German conquest of 1940 look like something out of horse-and-wagon days.

"Sandy" Patch, as he is affectionally known to fellow-officers who have followed and admired his career since the days at West Point, drove the final nail in the German coffin in France last week when his army completed its historic jaunt from the Mediterranean to effect a junction with Gen. Patton's Third Army, cutting off all Nazi troops south of their combined line.

Brilliant Strategy

The annihilation of these scattered and tattered remnants is proceeding now methodically, told only in short items in the newspapers because, in a military sense, they have been written off by the success of Patch's brilliant and daring strategy.

Gen. Patch is a member of an all-Army family, and, like everyone in his family, he has made his life an all-Army job. Born in the Army, he is the son of Col. Alexander M. Patch. His brother is Maj. Gen. Joseph D. Patch and somewhere in France his son, Capt. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., is fighting today.

At West Point he was an active and vigorous soldier, starring more as a pole-vaulter and boxer than as a student, and he was graduated in 1913, just in time to get a good dose of Army life before World War I pitched him onto the battlefields of France. He saw service on the Aisne and the Marne, at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and returned, combat-wise, to teach machine-gun operations at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Spell as a Teacher

He took a brief spell off here to teach military science at Staunton Military Academy, where the little boys wear the big pompons, and then was returned to the Army to study at the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College. In 1933 he returned to Staunton and in those peaceful days it seemed that a soldier would never have to do any more about fighting than to talk about it.

Pearl Harbor showed how wrong America was.

The nation, fighting with thinly-strewn troops on a world-wide front, needed experienced soldiers everywhere and nowhere worse than at the far-flung outposts of our defenses where the little slant-eyed men were threatening to pin down their dream of world empire.

Patch was sent to the French island of New Caledonia to whip



Lt. Gen. Alexander McCarrell Patch

together a fighting division from remnants of units that had been shunted off when Pearl Harbor and subsequent defeats made their destinations places of Japanese domination.

Here Gen. Patch drilled the Americal Division into shape, and just in time, it proved for in the fall of 1942 he was ordered to Guadalcanal with his men to relieve the Marines. Here Gen. Patch again proved the soundness of his strategy and the toughness of his training. In two months he completed the campaign, nullifying the Jap threat, and his men settled down to a comparatively peaceful life in which they rarely had the Japs in for dinner.

On Guadalcanal Gen. Patch won the Navy Distinguished Service Medal to pin alongside his Army DSM. The citation particularly mentioned his brilliant tactical generalship.

Returned to the United States, Gen. Patch went to the Desert Training Center to train armored outfits, and then was sent to Camp Young, California, to head the IV Army Corps, and from there to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations to plan the invasion of Southern France under Lt. Gen.

Patch of Guadalcanal And Southern France

Jacob L. Devers, Deputy Commander of the Mediterranean Theater.

Perfect Invasion

Months of planning went into the landings in South France. When Patch's army hit the French coast it was a superbly-trained, superbly-equipped and superbly-led outfit. In 12 flashing days it justified all the high hopes that had been held for it. In that short span the key strongholds of Toulon and Marseille fell and the campaign of Southern France was history. After that all his men had to do was follow Gen. Patch's instructions issued in an order of the day 24 hours after the invasion commenced. They read:

"We have achieved a great initial victory. The enemy in our area is perplexed and stunned. I therefore call on every officer and every man, regardless of fatigue or possible shortage of food and equipment, for uninterrupted continuation of their maximum energy and endurance so that the enemy may not have time to recover. The opportunity for a decisive result is in front of us."

How well his men carried out Gen. Patch's order of the day is being told on the frontier of Germany today.

General Honors 30-Year Soldier

Thirty years of what Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, termed "faithful service to the greatest nation in the world," came to an end Wednesday for S/Sgt. George W. Wilson, 63d QM Co.

Headquarters Special Troops units paraded in Sgt. Wilson's honor and he stood beside Gen. Harris to take their salute at the review on the occasion of his retirement.

Sgt. Wilson is 46 years old and lives in Columbia, S. C. He holds nine previous honorable discharge certificates from the Regular Army and has served in Panama and on the Mexican Border, chiefly with cavalry units. He joined the 63d Div. on Organization Day three months ago.

"You have reached an enviable milestone in your life," Gen. Harris said in a letter published at the review. "You have given 30 years of faithful service to the greatest nation in the world. You have dedicated the major portion of your life and unselfishly devoted your talents to maintaining the way of life for which that nation stands. You have honorably served an honorable profession."

Lieutenant-Colonel Is James E. Hatcher

New executive officer of the 254th Inf. is Lt. Col. James E. Hatcher. The colonel's first name and initial were erroneously given in last week's BLOOD AND FIRE as "Joseph H." In the same issue Lt. Lawrence C. Goldschmidt was listed erroneously as special services officer for CT Blue, whereas he is with the 254th and CT White.

Dancing Classes Attract Crowd In Centreville

Ballroom dancing classes, inaugurated this week at the Centreville USO club, will be held on Thursdays henceforth. It was announced yesterday by B. Maurice Byrne, director.

A crowd of soldiers and USO Military Maids attended the first class, held this week under the direction of Miss Rhoda E. Wharry, acting director of the Gloster USO.

All service men and women, soldiers' wives and Military Maids are invited to attend the class, whether experienced dancers or beginners. The class starts at 2000. "Experienced girl dancers can render Miss Wharry valuable assistance by helping her demonstrate the fundamentals of ballroom dancing," Byrne said. "Girls inexperienced in dancing, provided they are soldiers' wives, or regularly enrolled USO Military Maids, also are invited to join the classes."

Call for Helpers

An impromptu dancing party will follow each class. The Centreville USO program for the week beginning tonight follows:

Saturday—Dance 2000 to 2315, with music by 254th Inf. Orchestra. Sunday—Informal recreation all day. Quiz contest at 1500, with phone calls home, steak dinners and treats at Snack Bar as prizes.

Monday—Game night. Tuesday—Bingo, with five cartons of cigarettes as prizes.

Wednesday—Community singing. Thursday—Dancing class followed by dancing party.

Friday—Movie, "This Land Is Mine," with Charles Laughton.

New Artillery Executive Is Col. Carl H. Jark

Col. Carl H. Jark, one of the moving spirits in the Field Artillery OCS at Ft. Sil, Okla., will arrive here next week as new executive officer of 63d Div. Art. He succeeds Col. John Mesick, the veteran artillery executive officer, who left recently to command the newly-formed 250th F. A. Grp. at Camp Gruber, Okla. Col. Jark is credited with bringing to the Field Artillery OCS much of its present high reputation among service schools.

Americans Save, Spend, Produce at Record Clip

WASHINGTON—In the first half of 1944, Americans produced more, made more, saved more and spent more than in the preceding six-month period. The Commerce department discloses that national production reached a record annual rate of \$196,000,000,000. National income reached a new high annual rate of \$158,000,000,000. Individual savings reached an all-time annual peak of \$36,000,000,000.

'Hobo' Luncheon

A "hobo luncheon" will be held by the Army Wives Club at the Gloster USO Monday noon. Army wives living in Gloster are asked to make reservations Monday morning. They will pay forfeits for failing to appear in their eldest and most tattered clothes.



S/Sgt. George W. Wilson and Gen. Harris

The Wolf

by Sansone



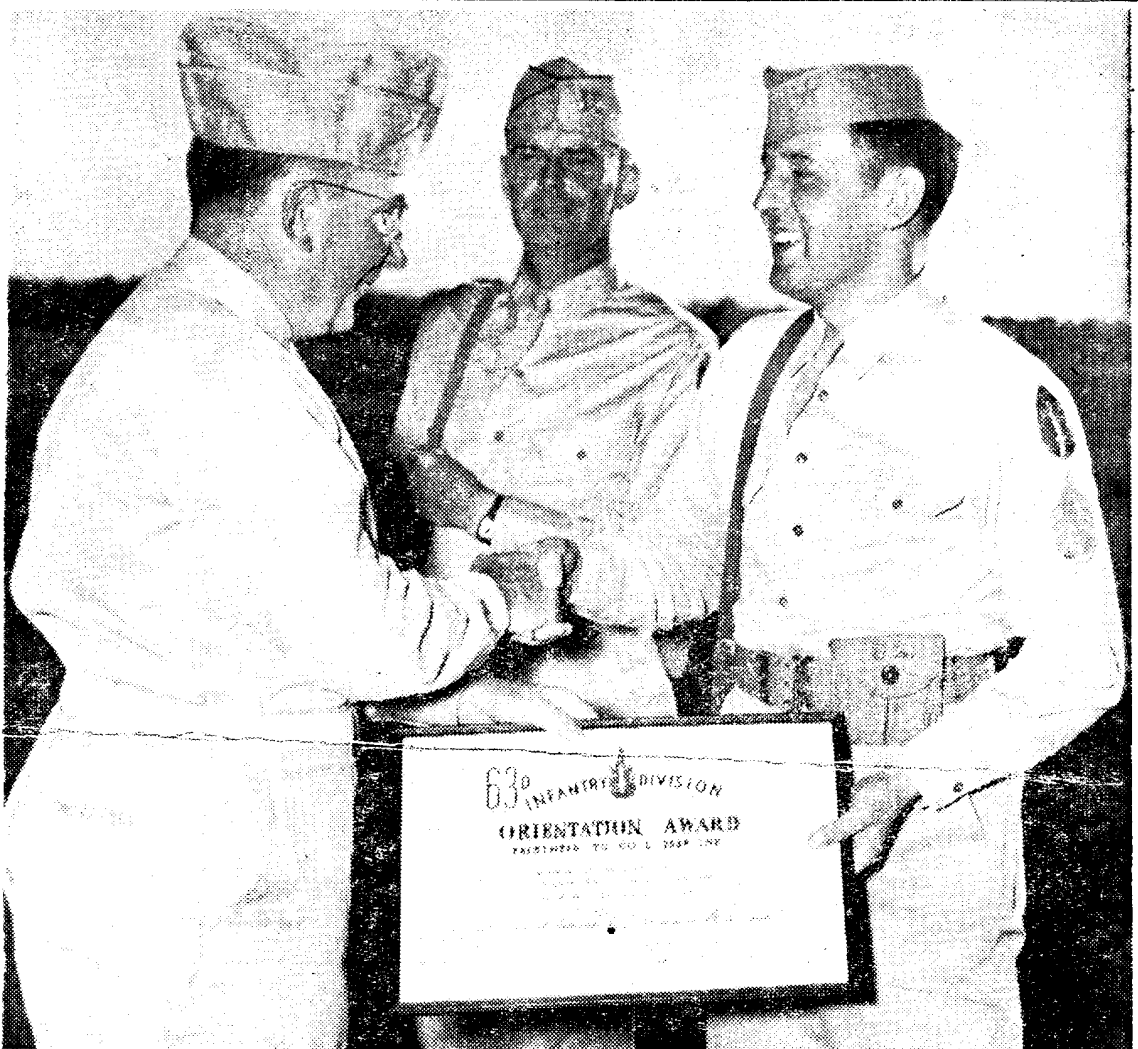
"Oh... I'm terribly sorry! You put the accent on the wrong syllable!"

Tips From Terry Fied The Old Sarge

"DEAR SARGE:
 "I am one of the men who has recently joined the 63d from another outfit, and one of the things which struck me right off was the way in which the soldiers of the 63d salute.
 "Having seen your column several times in BLOOD AND FIRE, I've decided that that was the place for observations like mine. In the outfit I just left, everybody saluted, too, but for a different reason from the one you have here. In it the failure to salute meant a summary court and a \$10 fine.
 "Here everybody salutes because they want to. One of the first things my first sergeant told me was about General Hibel's desire that everybody salute with a greeting and a smile. It impressed me and some of the other fellows who were with me before. We decided that this was the main reason why everybody liked to salute here and that we were getting into a good division where you salute because you respect your officers and want



to and not because you are trying to save your money.
 "All I wanted to say was that I think I am in a good division and all this business above is one of the ways I know it."
 Letters like this warm the cockles of my heart. The youngster is right—this is the salutingest outfit I ever saw and it's a peculiar thing that where men salute because they want to, you find that the outfit stacks up pretty well in everything else, too; neatness, haircuts, discipline and ability to do their tactics in fine style.
 Thank you, young fellow.



AWARD for winning the Division orientation competition for August was made to Co. L, 253d Inf., at a retreat parade Tuesday. Left to right are Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander and the 63d's orientation officer; Capt. Herschel N. Burton, Co. L orientation officer, and S. Sgt. Raymond Neri. Sgt. Neri, who designed the display, received the award in the absence of Pfc. G. H. Wasem, orientation assistant, who is on furlough. Pfc. Kenneth Watts executed the carpentry and electrical work.

253d Orchestra In New Orleans

Appearing for the third time in New Orleans, the 14-piece 253d Inf. Orchestra will play tonight at 2000 and tomorrow from 1400 to 2000 at the USO Club at 119 Carondelet street.

Singing with the orchestra will be T Sgt. Robert Arnott, Co. M, "The Soldier's Sinatra." Arnott appeared in Carnegie Hall and as a featured soloist with the famous Westminster Choristers in New York. The orchestra will be led by Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo and managed by T 5 Charles Rudibaugh.

The orchestra's third invitation to play in New Orleans came from Miss Decilia Witz, assistant USO director, and Leo A. Dasebbach, director.

Last Saturday night the orchestra played for several hundred soldiers and Co. B of the Natchez Military Maids at the Natchez City Auditorium. This appearance was arranged by Miss Jennie McLin, Natchez Service Men's Center program director.

254th Safety Record Earns 30 Men Medals

Thirty men of the 254th Inf. who performed driving duties for three months without traffic accidents or violation received the Motor Vehicle Driver's Award this week from Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander.

Nine of the men were from Serv. Co. They were T 5s Donald Wilson, Robert Main and Thomas Cook; Pfc. Herbert Short and James Sements and Pfc. Norman Plamont, Alfred Cossadin, James E. Downing and Clark R. Fish, 1st Co. men winning the award were T 4 Albert Fournier, T 5s Ernest Ward and Lawrence S. Meyer and Pfc. Robert M. Markor, Robert G. Hanley and Charles Blanko, AT Co. winners were Pfc. Rupert Fulman and Wilbert L. Bryant and Pfc. Robert E. Ralston, James R. Navarro and Louis J. Shulick.

Other award-winning drivers were Pfc. Elmer Forest, Hq. Co. 2d Bn.; Pfc. Joseph Zienba, Co. P; Pfc. Albert Fergenzi, Co. G; Cpl. Frank Graziano, Co. H; Pvt. Fred Rindel, Pfc. Leonard Wilcox and Pvt. Jimmy Jenkins all of Co. L, and Pfc. Nathan Wixon, Co. K.

FOUND

FOUNTAIN, expensive make and model, found week end of Sept. 2-3.

SHAVING MUG, silver or pewter, apparently of sentimental value, found week end of September 9-10.

Both items found at Servicemen's Center, McComb. Owner who can describe and identify may claim by calling at BLOOD AND FIRE office, Division Artillery rec hall, or by calling Mrs. Mary Lock, director, Servicemen's Center, McComb.

Don't be a rumor-monger!

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 and 2
 Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
SATURDAY—"Gypsy Wildcat," with Maria Gomez, Jon Hall and Leo Carillo.
SUN.-MON.—"Since You Went Away," with Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotton and Shirley Temple.
NOTE: Matinee on Sunday; only one performance each evening.
TUES.—"Heavenly Days," with Pabner, McGee and Molly.
WED.-THURS.—"Casanova Brown," with Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright and Frank Morgan.
FRI.-SAT.—"Sweet and Low Down," with Linda Darnell, Jack Oakie, Benny Goodman and Orchestra.
THEATER 5
 Starting Time—1900
SATURDAY—"Greenwich Village," with Don Ameche, William Bendix and Carmen Miranda.
SUN.-MON.—"Gypsy Wildcat."
Tues.-Wed.—"Since You Went Away."
NOTE: Only one performance each evening.
THURSDAY—"Heavenly Days."
FRI.-SAT.—"Casanova Brown."
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Songs, March to Make 'Singing Regiment'

In an effort to bring about a "singing regiment," the 254th Inf. special services office has distributed a large collection of hit kits and has issued a brand-new regimental march.

The march, composed by Pvt. Alex Shapiro, has lyrics by Pfc. Joe Doin. The 254th orchestra will play it at a regimental gathering soon.

ALTON, N. H. (CNS)—Worried lest someone steal her purse, Mrs. Eugenia Shorrock, curator at a reptile zoo, locked it in the python cage.

Army Prepared For Influenza

WASHINGTON—The Army is prepared to combat—and lick any epidemic of influenza similar to that which swept through its ranks at the height of the last World War.

Plans have been made, the War Department has announced, to procure and use an adequate vaccine wherever the disease breaks out. The plans, based upon evidence presented by the Commission on Influenza under the Army Epidemiological Board, were adopted after Maj. Gen. Newman T. Kirk, the Army's Surgeon General, emphasized the necessity of having every possible means of protection against influenza available for troops.

The vaccine will not be issued generally, but will be given only upon definite indication of the threat of influenza and only to personnel under risk of exposure.

Development of the vaccine has been one of the main projects of the board since its establishment in 1911.

CT White NCOs Give Fall Dance

With 186 members of Baton Rouge's "Duration Volunteers" as guests Wednesday night at CT White Rec Hall, members of the CT White NCO Club opened their fall social season with a dance.

The girls, led by Miss Gladys Pellandini, were welcomed by M/Sgt. Vernon J. Kile, club secretary and chief of arrangements for the dance. Many members brought their wives, and a large contingent from the WAC Det. were guests.

Guests of honor included Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254th Inf. commander; Col. James E. Hatcher, new regimental executive officer, and Maj. William J. Bryant, commander of the 2d Bn.

Music was furnished by the 254th Inf. Band, directed by T 5 Harry Taub, Co. I, and the five-piece "Thirtieth Avenue Playboys," directed by Cpl. John Sontag. Cpl. Taub also sang several numbers.

Special art work by Cpl. Sontag decorated the pillars of the hall, the theme being bars of music and the names of popular songs. Two snack bars provided beer, shrimp salad and cold cuts.

Assisting Sgt. Kile were T Sgts. Arthur E. Pohlmeier, Hq. 2d Bn.; Willie C. Kelly, Hq. 3d Bn., and Kendall W. Sugendorf, Hq. 1st Bn.

17 Captains, Lieutenants Join 254th This Month

Seventeen new captains and lieutenants have been added to the 254th Inf. during September. Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander, announced this week.

Cpts. Silas R. Barton and Howard S. Wilcox head the newcomers. The 15 lieutenants are 1st Lt. Robert H. Lehman and 2d Lts. Arden T. Drake, Julian E. Perkinson, Eric S. Erickson, John H. Seay, William P. Stanton, Clyde J. Harger, John G. Johnson, Frank H. Lookabaugh, Warren L. Maupin, Walter J. Phillips, Clement E. Roy, Van L. Roy, Dennis F. Smith and Earl V. Stratton.

Shifts in battalion commanders also were announced. Maj. Robert E. Tucker now is CO of the 1st Bn.; with Capt. Thomas P. Adams as executive officer. Maj. Ancher E. Christensen, Jr., heads the 3d Bn., with Maj. Bertrand F. Lurie as executive, and the 2d Bn. is commanded by Maj. William J. Bryan, with Maj. Robert K. Leiding as executive officer.

Capt. John N. Schaller is new CO of Co. A.

Kill that rumor!

253d Sends 11 To OCS in Week

Ordered to cut short his furlough after only four days at his Long Island home, Sgt. Alkus I. Riesenburger was not too unhappy. That was early this week. Thursday the sergeant, who is with Co. D, 253d Inf., left for Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Riesenburger was just one of 11 men of the 253d who left the Division this week for officer training at Benning. It was the largest number to be selected from the regiment since the 63d's activation, according to Capt. Walter M. Lee, regimental adjutant.

Included in the 11 were a buck private, automatically promoted to corporal by his appointment to OCS, and a first sergeant who served under Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of the Twelfth Army Group in France, when Gen. Bradley commanded the 82d Div.

Besides Sgt. Riesenburger, the list included 1st Sgt. James C. Harvey, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; T Sgt. Roy G. Guitarr, Co. E; Sgt. William F. Davis, Co. M; Sgt. Francis J. "Buck" O'Laughlin, Co. M; Cpl. Joseph J. Debever, Cannon Co.; Cpl. John E. Cawley, Co. A; T Sgt. Robert E. Newton, Co. B; S Sgt. Donald J. Arthur, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; S Sgt. William A. Kent, Cannon Co., and Pvt. C. B. Gates, Cannon Co.

254th Inf. Continues 'Week-End Date' Plan

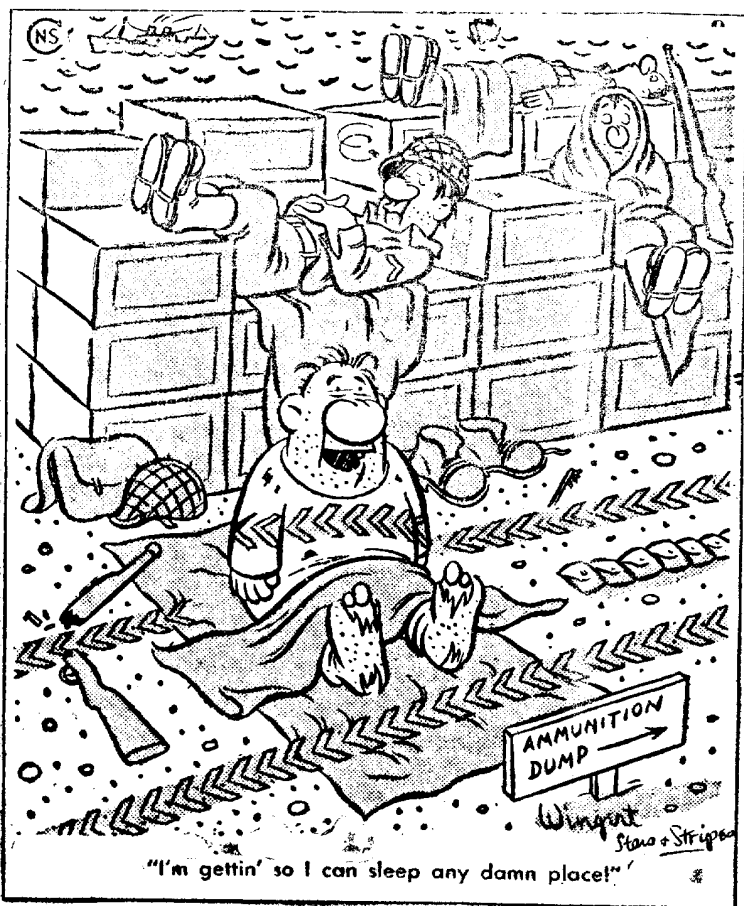
The "Week-End Date" program of the 254th Inf. will continue this week-end with social programs in Natchez and next week-end in Natchez and Brookhaven. Men of the regiment will be guests of the two communities at parties and all-day outings in homes and at servicemen's centers.

Ninety-seven men were feted last week-end in Natchez and McComb. The regimental special services office chartered two buses and drew up a program for a prearranged date for each man. Co. B of the Military Maids provided the dates in Natchez and in McComb the Woolworth Club played host.

Saturday night dances were held in both cities. Sunday afternoon the men who went to McComb were guests at a picnic and those at Natchez went on an all-day outing at Richmond Plantation.

The Marine Band became known as the "President's Own" when President John Adams ordered its appearance at all official functions.

Don't talk!



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WATCH YOUR MAIL!

While our armies abroad are going through the Axis like a hot knife through butter is no time for us to relax our vigilance in the Zone of the Interior. With the tremendous troop movements that will be necessary to put the United Nations in position for the final blow, it is more important than ever that we observe all security rules with fanatical fidelity.

For the last month the Division has been going through one of its regular spasms of rumor-mongering. And in the dayrooms the historians of the present have been filling frantic pages of letter paper with "Joe in the next bunk says—" and "When I go through India I'll pick up an elephant for you cheap."

They have been doing a double disservice in their innocent way.

First, there is always the vague possibility that in this mountain of conjecture there might be one unlucky grain of truth, and in some distant German or Japanese city the particular rat in charge of this type of work might detect it among the tons of material relayed back to him by his spies. And, furthermore, this idle speculation can raise hell at home.

Each time you mention these new, uncertain destinations a fresh wave of terror sweeps the mind of the credulous civilian. Your mother, or your sister, or your sweetheart, thinks: "Now India! What are they doing to Willie! Last week it was Armenia and that awful shish kebab—now it's India—and mongooses and elephantiasis! What is going to happen to him?"

You know damned well that nothing worse is going to happen to you than is going to happen to the average soldier, and it is an unkind thing to torment your loved ones with imaginings that you yourself know are probably unjustified.

Confine your letters to things that you know, preferably of an unmilitary nature. Keep them cheerful—and, if you ever are involved in a troop movement, remember that your life and the lives of hundreds of other men might be endangered by an injudicious confidence to a civilian, who will only worry the more about you anyway because of it.

HEALTH NOTE

We are able to report happily at this time that the Mississippi summer seems about over.

From now on we can expect the bubbling Mississippi rains (Remember last year, boys?) and the dew that makes all the world invisible at reveille.

When the weather changes in the Deep South it changes sharply, and a word of warning is timely.

This is also the season of lengthy deep-rooted colds and the season just before the influenza and pneumonia season. Last winter hundreds of us were hospitalized for periods stretching into months by failing to protect ourselves against the changing weather.

The nights now are turning cold. The blankets you have were issued to you for a reason. It is sensible to sleep under them now, even if it means making your bunk all over again each morning. This morning there was a nip in the air and when our barracks got up it sounded like a ward at Saranac. Too many of the men had been fooled by the warm evening, and slept without cover.

A hospitalized soldier isn't going to throw many punches at the enemy. Keep yourself in the fight by staying well.



"Got a light, Mac?"

News of Fighting Men

\$20,000 Medical Care Saves Sailor's Life

BOSTON — Coast Guardsman Clifford E. Johnson, 25, who was burned almost beyond recognition in the Coconut Grove night club fire which cost 490 lives, has received a medical discharge and returned to his home in Sumner, Mo.

Johnson won one of medical history's most amazing fights for life after sustaining third-degree burns on 65 per cent of his body in the holocaust of November 28, 1942.

He was hospitalized for more than 21 months, during which time some \$20,000 was spent in nutritional treatment, blood plasma, sulfa drugs and skin grafting.

Ohio to Let GIs Vote With Any Color Pencil

COLUMBUS—Legislation removing during the November election a provision that Ohio ballots must be marked with a black lead pencil has become law.

Cargo Vessels to Get Sailor-Knot Names

WASHINGTON—The stevedore knot, hawser bend, sailor's splice and fisherman's bend soon will join the American merchant marine. These names of sailor's knots will be given to 125 coastal cargo vessels to be built within the next eight months at Wilmington, Calif., and Beaumont, Tex.

Helicopter Training Opened in Indiana

FREEMAN FIELD, Ind. — The Army Air Forces have disclosed the establishment of the nation's first military helicopter training school at this field in Southwest Indiana.

Personnel of the new helicopter section were officer-instructors rated as pilots, and field mechanics who are enlisted men.

The training in the use of helicopters is given at the field and at the Sikorsky aviation plant, Bridgeport, Conn.

Paris Taxis Again Go On Duty for War

PARIS—Paris taxis went to war again as replacements for American jeeps needed for frontline duty.

Their role, however, was less spectacular than that of those that dashed to the Marne in 1914 to save Paris.

By arrangements with the French government 500 taxis with their drivers will be hired to transport army personnel about Paris.

Pacific Barracuda Take Flashlight 'Bait'

DENVER — The barracuda are biting in the South Pacific—at flashlights.

Lt. Kenneth E. Mayberry, Marine transport pilot, wrote his parents that he went fishing at night, pointing a flashlight at the water and casting on the illuminated spot. Suddenly a barracuda "came flying at the light and jumped right up on the coral where I was standing."

Mayberry struck the fish with the butt end of his pole and leaped on it. When he reached down with his flashlight to see what he had, the fish lunged at the light. A captain fishing with Mayberry killed the barracuda with a hunting knife.

10 Tons of Chicken For GIs in Chicago

CHICAGO — Fried chicken—10 tons of it—will be served free to service men and women at Chicago's three service centers Sunday in what American Legion officials described as "the world's biggest chicken dinner." Between 7,500 and 10,000 chickens will be purchased to handle the expected demand—between 35,000 and 40,000 diners.

The dinner was arranged as a prelude to the opening of the Legion's National Convention here beginning Monday.

Public School Begins For 1,750 GI Patients

SACRAMENTO—Officials of the first public school to open at an Army hospital, the Placer Union High School and junior college of Auburn, Calif., announced that offered courses will range from beginner's arithmetic to calculus. The school will serve the 1,750 patients of DeWitt General Hospital, five miles from Auburn.

In addition to the educational benefits made available, the school will assist the Army in its rehabilitation and adjustment program.

The school's rifle range will also be made accessible to the convalescing soldiers.

Whale Draws Jap Fire Away From Submarine

PORTLAND, Me. — John G. Fowler, torpedoman third class, says a whale helped his submarine elude attacking Japanese airmen in the Pacific.

He said the whale surfaced just as his sub dived.

"From a distance the Japs couldn't tell the difference," he explained. "They worked the whale over instead of us. When the whale dived they went after him and gave us a chance to slip away."

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain William J. Guinan
(Assistant Division Chaplain)

Victory is in the air, and the mighty surge of courage and determination to whip our enemies and bring this war to a speedy end has fired the imagination of all. With the daily news our spirit is more buoyant, for the American way has asserted itself—to come out on top.

It is not, however, the signal to relax, to become complacent, to rest on our ears, to drift. A sustained will to carry on until all opposition vanishes is and must be our goal. So every soldier of this Division must, with renewed energy, do the tasks at hand until the enemy is moldering into dust and the threat to our American way of life is gone forever.

And after the war there is a peace to be maintained. The permanency of that peace is the job of every citizen of our beloved country. To keep it we must conquer ourselves and the way to do it is to live by the rules of the Prince of Peace. The cynics will tell us that peace can never be, that wars will always be, that man's inhumanity to man will always assert itself. This is being realistic, we are told. Nonsense! It is the attitude of a defeatist. To reason thus is to deny God, to make a liar of Christ who has willed that man live in peace with his fellow man by following the rules He has laid down. What are those rules? The Ten Commandments, and the spirit of the Sermon on the Mount.

We don't acquire that peace by sitting on the sidelines and merely admiring the beauty of those teachings and cheering on those who have the guts to keep them. If they are to give a direction to our lives they must be lived, they must become part and parcel of our very being. Christ was no liar when He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life; he that followeth Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." That implies a fight, a fight to overcome all our evil inclinations, and there are many in every one of us. Once we have overcome ourselves and reflect in our thoughts, words and deeds the mind of Christ, then we are arriving at a real victory.

So get on the job, soldier, and practice your religion every day of the year. It is a 24-hour-a-day job, not just once a week, or once a year. Whether you are a Protestant, Jew or Catholic, live the concepts of your religious faith sincerely. The chapel and the chaplain will help to recharge your spiritual batteries and fit you for the great task ahead once the smoke and dust of battle have cleared away and the sun of peace shines again in a sad world—sad because men have lost their spiritual moorings.

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

From cartoons to combat sketches, from posters to camouflage, art is a weapon of war . . . It remained for the famous modernist, Pablo Picasso, to discover another way the artist could contribute . . . While the Nazis held Paris, Picasso was forbidden to show any of his pictures . . . he is an outspoken anti-fascist . . . So arrangements were made for the Nazi soldiers to visit him at his studio and he gave them a souvenir . . . Free reproductions of his famous painting, "Guernica" . . . The catch was that this depicted the thoroughly brutal destruction of that holy Spanish shrine by Nazi planes in the Spanish Civil War . . .

It seems that our propaganda machinery against the Nazis has slipped a cog . . . Bing Crosby was sent to London to broadcast to the Reich so that they would surrender . . . Seems they would sooner call it quits if we had sent Frank Sinatra . . .

Why should we talk about the coming depression when recent figures reveal that our national income per person is double that of 1918? . . . reaching \$1,145 for every man, woman and child.

A good story met British troops in Antwerp . . . It seems a Belgian underground worker was disguised as a lion and thrust into a cage of ferocious-looking Kings of the Jungle . . . When he started to protest, one of the lions sidled up to him and whispered, "Shut up! Do you want to give us all away?" . . . Last week the same cages were being used as temporary prisons for Germans and Belgian collaborationists . . . Maybe the skunk cage was already overcrowded.

I didn't bring back any souvenirs—I had enough trouble bringing myself back—S/Sgt. Frank K. Petrovic, back from Bougainville.

How Government Will Make Sure

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If you want to buy a farm or rehabilitate your old business with the aid of a Federal loan, you can get one under the GI Bill of Rights. And if you want a railroad job you will be referred to the nearest office of the U. S. Railroad Retirement Board where you'll find what jobs are open and how you can qualify.

Now, for the sake of argument, let's pretend you want to return to your old job, which is exactly what many GIs want to do.

40 Days of Grace

In the first place, you have to apply to your ex-employer for your old position within 40 days after your discharge from the service. Once you've done this, he has to take you back unless circumstances have changed so as "to make it impossible or unreasonable" to re-instate you.

After you have made your application, the law states that your old employer must take you back without loss of seniority and he cannot fire you "without cause" within a year.

In addition to the protection you get under the law, the CIO and AFL have agreed to give you a month of job security for every month you were in the service after Sept. 1, 1940. This applies not only to veterans who were union members before their inductions but to those who worked but didn't belong to a union and to those who never held a job before.

If your boss fails to give you your job back after you have made application, you can file suit in U. S. District Court where, if he is reasonably satisfied that you have a case, the U. S. Attorney will handle your case without cost to you.

Medal of Honor

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from the furious automatic and small arms fire, which was directed upon him and his men with equal intensity. Capt. Olson waved his company into a skirmish line and, despite the fire of a machine gun which singled him out as its sole target, led the assault which drove the enemy away.

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

Capt. Olson was born April 20, 1918, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Olson, of Toronto, S. D. He attended grade and high school in Toronto and the University of South Dakota.

He entered the Army June 26, 1941, with a reserve commission and served at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and Ft. Benning, Ga., before coming to Camp Van Dorn. He fought in the North African campaign before going to Italy.

Last year victory gardens totaled about four million acres with about twenty million families participating in the raising of eight billion tons of food.



Cpl. Howard Connolly's mural display in CT Red Rec Hall.



Detail of Cpl. Connolly and his models, Pvt. Philip Gurka and Marty Burdine.

Men of the 253d Inf. today were admiring the recently-unveiled 20-by-12-foot display which covers part of a wall in the CT Red Rec Hall and on which Cpl. Howard Connolly, nationally-known illustrator, asks "Are These Worth Fighting For?"

"These" are a home, a wife and two children, the soldier's dog, and

embracing his wife were Pvt. Philip Gurka, Serv. Co., 253d Inf., and Miss Marty Burdine. Gurka is an artist in the training aids shop.

Cpl. Connolly, who heads the 253d's training aids shop, spent 100 hours at night and on week ends during five months to paint the display on sheets of wallboard which then were hung on the wall. Models for the returning soldier

embracing his wife were Pvt. Philip Gurka, Serv. Co., 253d Inf., and Miss Marty Burdine. Gurka is an artist in the training aids shop. Miss Burdine, a brown-eyed, 21-year-old Camp Van Dorn telephone operator, hails from Jackson, Miss. She has a sister in the WAC and a brother with eight years' overseas service in the Marines.

6 Secret Weapons Are Unveiled in Detroit Parade

DETROIT—Spectacular new news is coming out of Detroit that bodes ill for the hard-pressed German legions, now undergoing a pounding that no army in history has ever survived.

The news followed War Department action in permitting release of accounts of six secret weapons which, because of their speed and maneuverability, have played a major part in the American Army's sweep through France.

Detroit's Labor Day parade saw these weapons on public display for the first time—and they made the public gasp.

Speeds Up to 55 MPH

The weapons are two tank destroyers, a glider airborne tank, a light tank with heavy firepower, a light amphibian cargo and personnel carrier and a high speed utility car. Some of them have speeds approaching 55 miles an hour.

One of the tank destroyers, known as the "Whippet" or "Hellcat," is manufactured by Buick. This M-18 mounts a 76 mm. gun capable of knocking out enemy tanks and pill boxes up to seven miles distant.

In France the M-18 has shown itself to be so fast and maneuverable that it has been found difficult to provide reconnaissance vehicles to keep up with it.

The M-18 is powered by a 485-horsepower radial aircraft engine and has a five-man crew.

Dual-Duty Tank

The other tank destroyer also serves as a tank. Known as the M-36 or "Slugger," it is manufactured by the Fisher Body division of General Motors Corp.

Mounted with a 90 mm. gun with a range up to nine miles, it can go 30 miles an hour, can cross a seven-foot trench, ford small rivers and climb grades far beyond the ability of most military vehicles.

Probably the most spectacular of all the vehicles is a small nine-ton M-22 or "Locust" tank which was used in the paratroop invasion of France, being flown to the front in gliders.

The element of surprise gained by the appearance of a tank instead of troops when a glider lands has already had its effect on the successes of the invasion of Europe.

Heavy-Light Tank

The M-24, or "Greyhound," is a 19-ton light tank which illustrates a significant trend in present day ground warfare in that light tanks now pack the wallop of a medium tank and medium tanks have the power of heavy tanks.

Manufactured by the Cadillac division of General Motors Corp., the M-24 carries a 75 mm. gun, a .50 caliber machine gun, and a four-man crew armed with .45 caliber sub-machine guns.

Puzzle Answers

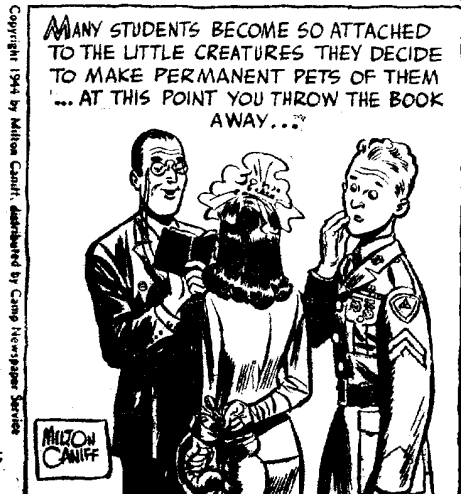
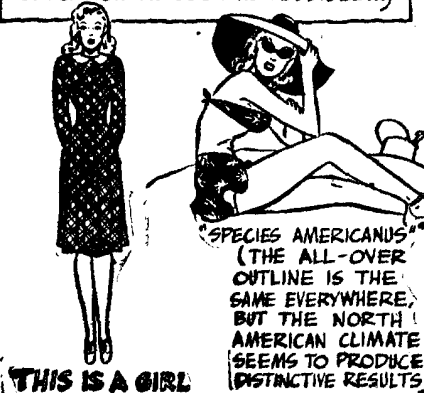
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Male Call

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

A.S.T.P. (Apply Science to Propositioning)

ANTHROPOLOGY REFRESHER CHART (FOR THE RETURNING SERVICE MAN WHO WISHES TO RESUME HIS EDUCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...)



THIS IS A GIRL

SPECIES AMERICANUS (THE ALL-OVER OUTLINE IS THE SAME EVERYWHERE, BUT THE NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE SEEMS TO PRODUCE DISTINCTIVE RESULTS)

SOME TYPES ARE READY SUBJECTS AND MAY BE PICKED UP AND FONDLED NO RING-NO WRASSLE! OTHERS ARE WARY UNTIL CERTAIN OF THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL INTENTIONS

THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH THE STUDENT WILL FIND THE SPECIES IN ABUNDANCE... IN OTHERS THE FIELD MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED OVER BY LOCAL SCIENTISTS...

BEGINNERS ARE WARNED NOT TO BE MISLED BY THE GAUDY SURFACE COLORING OF SOME SUBJECTS... OFTEN THE MOST SATISFYING RESEARCH MAY BE CONDUCTED WITH PLAIN TYPES—ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH NESTS OF THEIR OWN...

MANY STUDENTS BECOME SO ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE CREATURES THEY DECIDE TO MAKE PERMANENT PETS OF THEM... AT THIS POINT YOU THROW THE BOOK AWAY...

718th F. A. Deals CT Red Nine First Loss in 13 Games

CT Red suffered its first defeat in 13 games and blew a chance to clinch the 63d's second-half baseball championship when it took a 6-3 beating from the 718th F. A. nine last Thursday.

Riding atop the league standings with seven victories and a tie, the Redcats needed this game to assure their place in the championship play-off with CT White, the first-half winner. Six errors, however, coupled to some long-distance hitting by the 718th's Cpl. Chuck Kovach showed the Redcats on the short end of the score. This made it possible for the Artillery to tie for the title by winning another game from the Redcats when they meet for the last time next week.

Kovach's hitting and Sgt. Johnny Alusik's pitching was an unbeatable combination. Chuck located three hits, more than any other player on either side, for a total of nine bases. His homer, triple and double drove in two runs and he scored two himself, the total in itself being enough to decide the game.

While Kovach took care of the major portion of the run-making, Alusik handled the opposition from the pitching mound with equal aptitude. Although the former New York Yankees' farmhand eventually gave up more hits than his rival, Pfc. Willis Waugh, he struck out 11. And except for the sixth, when the Redcats made three hits do for two runs despite an early double play, Alusik was in control all the way.

The victors never faltered after Kovach hit his home run in the second. The tally nullified the Redcats' first-inning run. In the fourth, Alusik followed Kovach's triple with a hit that gave the 718th a 2-1 lead and when the Redcats' defense came apart at the seams in the fifth, the Artillery rammed home three more runs to put the game beyond redemption by the Redcats.

The league-leaders made one final effort to extricate themselves from defeat. In the sixth, after Alusik started a double-play that seemed to preclude any possibility of CT Red scoring in that inning, the home nine loosed three straight hits to get itself a pair of runs. Aside from giving them more hits than their rivals and altering the final figures, this outburst nevertheless had no real effect on the issue.

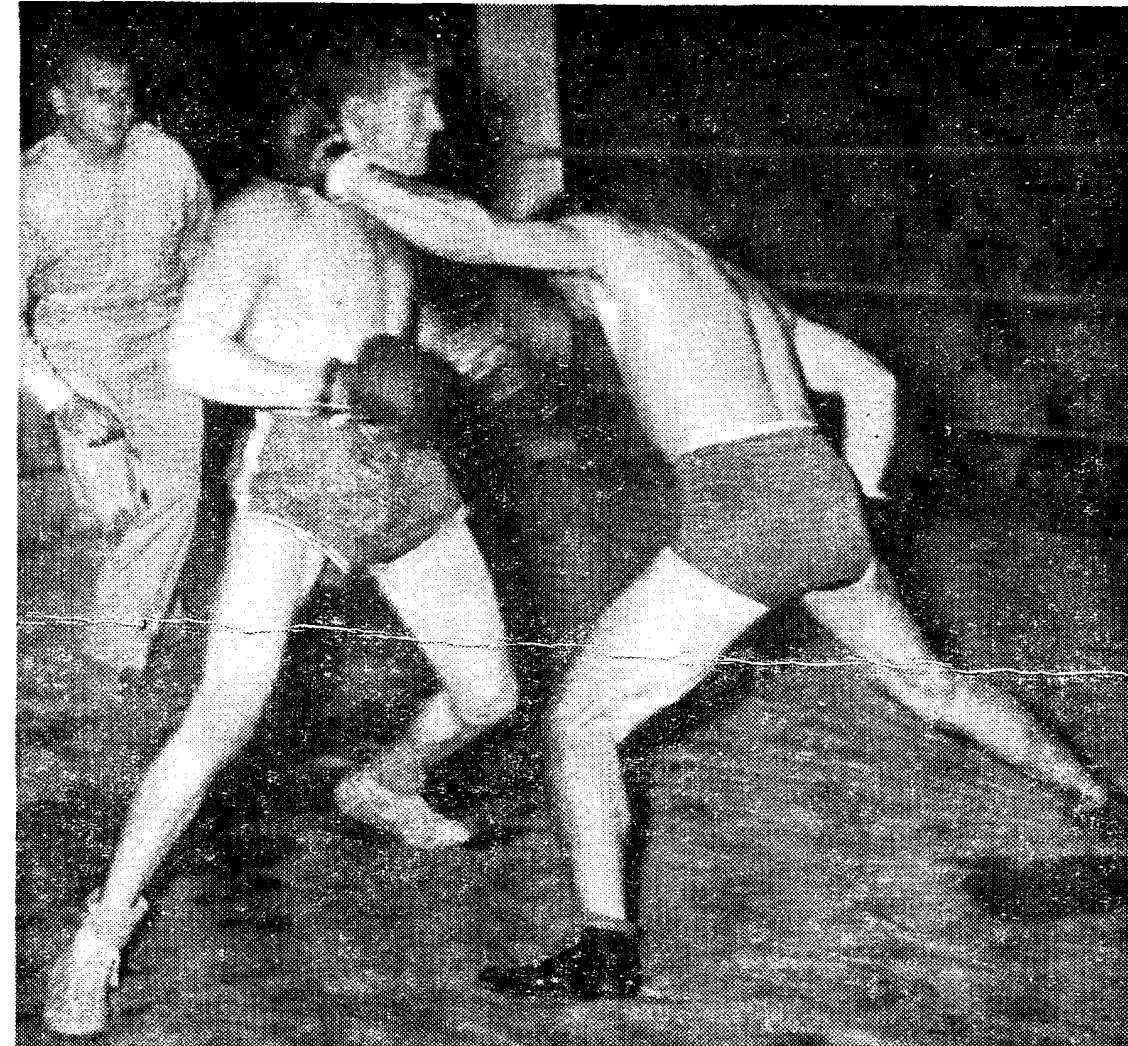
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6th Inning, 3 0 0 0
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9th Inning, 3 0 0 0
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718th F. A. 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 0
CT Red 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

CT White and the 718th F. A. split a double-header in the Division Baseball League at Liberty Park, Natchez, last Sunday. The Artillerymen won the first 18-2 but dropped the second 13-2.

1st Game
718th F. A. CT White
AB R H E AB R H E
1st Inning, 3 1 1 0 3 1 1 0
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9th Inning, 3 0 0 0 3 0 0 0
Totals, 27 1 1 0 27 1 1 0
Score by innings:
718th F. A. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
CT White 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

2d Game
718th F. A. CT White
AB R H E AB R H E
1st Inning, 3 0 0 0 3 0 0 0
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Bucky Walters, whose earliest sports prominence was as a basketball player, has beaten the St. Louis Cards six times for Cincinnati this year. Four were shut-outs.



TOE TO TOE, Bob Vermillion (left) and Dick Gray go at each other in one of the bouts marking the weekly boxing show in the 718th F. A. ring last Friday. Vermillion, for one, seems to be getting a kick out of Gray's roundhouse swinging, or possibly the grin on his face was just his way of indicating his delight at the way the bout went. Vermillion won handily. Lt. Ralph Shaima (background) was referee.

Two Favorites Take Spotlight In Boxing Show

Those two little hellions, Cpl. John Charlton and Pvt. Bob Strange, almost tore another ring apart last week with their second draw in as many meetings.

Spotted midway down the program staged at the 718th F. A. arena, the fight between these 255th Inf. bantams was eagerly awaited by those in the overflow crowd who had seen their previous scrap. And the two boys didn't disappoint them.

They picked up right where they had left off a week earlier, trading punches without much regard for the sting in each other's fists. Strange got off to the better start and finished the first round with a bit of an edge but it was wiped out in a burst of renewed aggressiveness by Charlton in the second.

Possibly there was a difference between their punches in the third round, but if so it wasn't discernible to any of the judges and surely didn't matter much to the crowd. The closing session was declared even and the draw decision again was popular with every one save the principals.

The rousing fight topped but hardly obliterated the rest of the six-bout show. Pvt. Bob Vermillion, a middleweight from the 255th, continued his development as a fighter of ability in taking a three-round decision over Pvt. Dick Gray of the 253d Engrs. A south-paw, Vermillion hung Gray on the ropes several times although the Engineer made a good show of it by rocking his opponent with several sharp belts early in the fight.

Cpl. Pete Monsanto's claim to No. 1 rank among 63d Div. boxers was strengthened further by a technical knockout over game but outclassed Pvt. Pete Precession, of the 718th, who failed to answer the bell for the second round.

The remaining bouts went the limit with Martin Hill winning from John Breeland, Vic Zaratee topping Joe Ellery and Jack Rosenberg winning from Smith Greenwood. All the contestants were from the 255th Inf.

Baseball Schedule Favors St. Louis Browns

If the St. Louis Browns fail to nose into the American league championship after having held the lead most of the time since May 31, it won't be because the schedule hasn't favored them.

They got a four-day layoff this week as a result of the playing set-up and of their final 17 games, none have to be played away from home. The pace-setting Yanks have only three of the same number scheduled for home.

HAWAII—Joe DiMaggio leads the Honolulu league with a .411 batting average for the 7th AAF, but he was culled considerably when held to a single in seven trips to the plate when his team played 11th.

This Changing World

Five rules changes suggested to its members by the Eastern Intercollegiate Football Association were recently accepted by the colleges in a mail poll.

The alterations in the code prohibit out-of-bounds kick-offs; permit use of artificial tees for kickoffs; lessen severity of penalties for illegal forward pass when made beyond the line of scrimmage and when made by the team which did not put the ball in play; restore the old offside rule and allow advancement of all fumbles by opponents.

Softball Teams In Title Playoff

Weather and the training schedule permitting, it is hoped to decide the 63d Div.'s 1944 softball championship during the coming week.

Playoffs for the second-half championship will be inaugurated among Div. Hq., the 1943 titleholder; and the respective combat team champions, Co. E, 253d Inf., Btry. A, 862d F. A., and Co. I, of the 255th Inf. The winner of the two game elimination will tangle with Co. H, 255th Inf., the first-half winner, for the Blood and Fire crown.

Furloughs and detached service assignments have riddled the Division Headquarters lineup and as a result Co. I, with Sgt. Lovell Stewart pitching, is favored to cop the honors and make the championship game an all-CT Blue affair.

Stewart has been the outstanding softball pitcher in the Division and probably on a par with the best in service today. He hurled several no-hit games and during the recently concluded playoffs for the combat team throne won three straight to nullify some pretty rugged competition for his team.

Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, acting Division special service officer, is hopeful that the playoff for the second-half championship will be as worthwhile as was the game in which Co. H beat the 763d OEL Co., 1-0, in the feature of the organization day sports program June 16. He is not so sure, however, that the affair will be an all-CT Blue game, for the CT White entry, Btry. A, finished with nine victories and no defeats and looms as the "dark horse" in the pennant race.

Larruppi' Lou Gehrig of N. Y. Yankee fame was one of the most consistent hitters in baseball, between 1927 and 1931, inclusive, Lou averaged over 295 hits a season, dropping under the 200 total in only two of the eight campaigns.

All-Stars Play Esler Field Nine

Another 63d Div. baseball team, this time the Blood and Fire All-Stars, will for bid a triumph over the Esler Field Flyers in the fourth such attempt by a Division nine at Liberty Park in Natchez tomorrow. The game is scheduled to start at 1530.

CT Blue failed to beat the Lake Charles, La., combination in two games at Natchez, losing once and tying once. In a later game at Esler Field, CT White dropped a 7-5 decision to leave the airmen with a clean slate against the pitcher.

Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, acting Division special service officer, feels he has a winning combination this time. The 63d's three finest pitchers, Pfc. Willis Waugh, 253d Inf.; Pfc. Jimmy Mendel, 63d QM Co.; and Sgt. Johnny Alusik, 718th F. A., will be available for ground duty with Sgt. Earl Peterson, CT White, catching.

Mickey Cochrane Off To Duty in Pacific

Lt. Comdr. Gordon S. (Mickey) Cochrane, former Tiger catcher whose baseball teams at Great Lakes Naval Training Station for three seasons won recognition as national services champions, goes on active duty in the Southwest Pacific next week.

Happy New Year!

The stuff winners are made of: Six fliers, prisoners of war in a German camp, sent the following correspondence to the Tournament of Roses Association at Pasadena: "Due to the heartening news of the past few weeks we, the undersigned Californians, feel extremely confident that this New Year's Eve will find us at home."

Schedule Announced For Redleg Football

Completion of a schedule for Division Artillery teams brings all elements of the 63d Div. into touch football competition starting Monday. Previously announced schedules failed to list the Redleg contenders for the Blood and Fire championship, which will be defended by Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

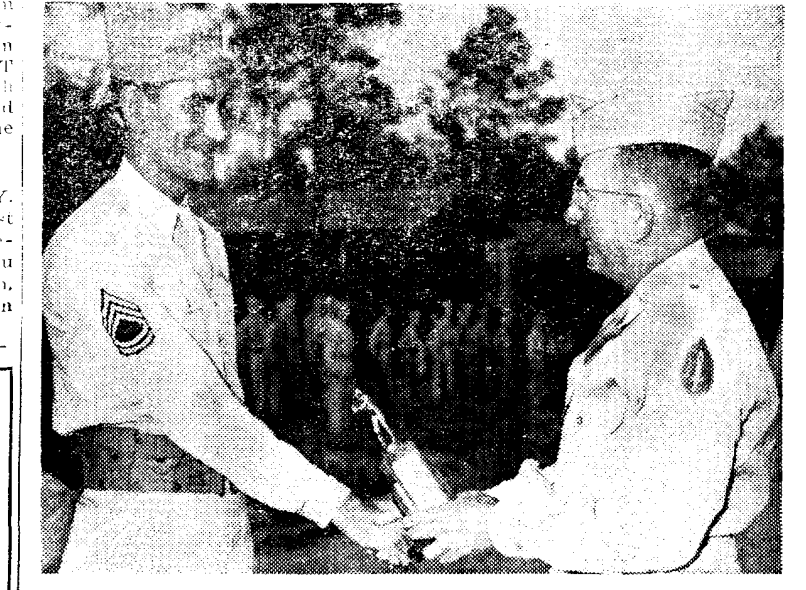
Btry. A will play Btry. B and Serv. Btry. will oppose Btry. C, while Hq. Btry. draws a bye. This schedule is the opening program for both the 861st and 862d battalions, inasmuch as the 718th already had prepared its own.

Expect Billion Dollars In Horse Racing Bets

It won't be any consolation to you when you look into your next pay envelope but the fact is that the nation's horse race bettors are expected to lay down a billion dollars at the pari-mutuel windows this year for the first time.

Frank (Chink) Crossin, Penn's leading basketball scorer last season, is a recruit at the Bainbridge (Md.) Naval Training Station.

Randy Gumpert, formerly of the A's, recently pitched a perfect game for the Coast Guard Dolphins at New London, Conn. Not a batter reached base.



FOR A JOB WELL DONE, T/Sgt. Edward A. Manz receives from Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, a trophy rewarding Co. I's winning bid for the 255th Inf. Regt.'s second-half softball championship. Co. I will play in the Division semi-finals with Special Troops, CT Red and CT White second-half champions.

Tommy Loughran, 41-year-old former Philadelphia dancing master and ex-light heavyweight king of the world, is expecting a discharge from the Marines as over-age.

Division Sidelights

253d Inf.—Sgt. James E. Taylor, 26-year-old Memphis, Tenn., auto mechanic, has had a varied career since he entered the service the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japs. This soldier, currently with Hq. Co., 1st Bn., has been rifleman, messenger and field wire chief overseas, having fought in the battle for Buna. He wears a Purple Heart and bronze battle star on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon in addition to his combat infantrymen badge . . . Pfc. William Brown, taking over as orientation non-com in Co. A, seems to have hit the jackpot on his first try. In a memorandum to Capt. Hubert M. Nance, company CO, Brown was praised for his share in the company's program by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, director of orientation . . . Brown was not the only 253d soldier to receive official commendation this week. Cpl. Joe Pollock and Pvt. Harry Marks, both of Co. K, and Cpl. Joe Evans, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., received the approbation of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Col. Earle G. Wheeler and Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff for their respective roles in the Special Services show, "Khaki Kapers." Notice also was given Pvt. R. Pfeiffer, Co. A; Sgt. James Shue, Co. D; Pvt. Frank Ferrara, Co. A; Pfc. Sidney Cox, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., and Pvts. Durward Kinkley and James M. Benster, Co. L . . . Cpl. Herb Wiedinger, T/Sgt. E. Miller, Sgt. Ed Garner and S/Sgt. H. Stiles are still receiving plaudits for their arrangements of AT Co's recent party.

254th Inf.—The thrill of a lifetime came to S/Sgt. John Roehn, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., who received word that his younger brother, Lt. Don Roehn, who had been shot down flying over Germany was reported a prisoner and in good health . . . Combat drill contest winners in the company will get three-day passes from Maj. Bertrand F. Lurie . . . Being married to a Wac in camp has its headaches as well as its pleasant side, according to Pfc. Joe Dolin, whose three-day passes do not always coincide with those of his wife . . . 1st/Sgt. Robert P. Eisenheimer, Co. C took on a "topkick" of his own when he married Miss Minnie Chapman, of McComb, last Saturday . . . Cannon Co. men still reflect the praise received during the Fourth Army inspection. Their equipment won commendation from Gens. Hibbs and Harris as well as that of the inspectors . . . Lt. William Stanton, of Co. I, was with the 99th Inf. Div., formerly stationed here . . .

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—A son, Joseph Francis, was born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Scarpinato Wednesday, while the father, chief clerk in the AG section, was negotiating the night infiltration course. The sergeant admits he almost gave birth himself . . . M/Sgt. Vadus W. Carmack, formerly of the Judge Advocate's Sec., now serving with the Adjutant General's office of the 36th Div. in Southern France, writes that many officers and enlisted men of his new organization ask about Gen. Hibbs, former commander of the 36th's artillery. . . A beautiful friendship is likely to be broken if M/Sgt. Freddie (Blue) Pitterle, of the IG office, and Cpl. Paul Parris, of the PRO, don't quit arguing the respective merits of recent additions to members of their respective families.

255th Inf.—T/Sgt. Abe Gerstman, Hq. and Hq. Co., telephoned his girl in New York to ask if she would marry him. The reply was in the affirmative, and the ceremony will be performed this week-end. . . The CT Blue NCO Club is throwing one of those parties GI's dream about. It begins today at 1300 and lasts until 0100 Sunday morning. Everything is on the house, says Steward Francis (Sunny) Ludwig, and by "everything" he means beer, food and entertainment. The party is open to all members and their wives or girl friends. . . The Crosby-Hope-Lamour opus, "Road to Morocco," will be shown at the CT Blue Rec. Hall at 2000 tomorrow. Monday night it will be "When the Dalton Boys Rode." . . An interesting new arrangement of the song "From Out of Nowhere," by Pfc. Marlin Merrill, will be featured when the 255th Orchestra plays at Natheez tonight. . . T/5 Donovan, Cannon Co., and T/5 Mordecai Bauman, Serv. Co., are reading an orientation play which will be presented to the regiment under the supervision of Lt. Ralph W. Bond, 255th orientation officer.

63d QM—Kid Cupid kayoed another member of the company when Pvt. Edwin Layne married his childhood sweetheart at New Orleans last week; both are from Pikeville, Ky. . . Lt. Edward Gallagher has assumed temporary command in Lt. John E. Rodman's absence on leave. . . Pvt. Lloyd Binkowski learned this week his wife had presented him with a son in a Philadelphia hospital.

862d F. A.—Members of the battalion averaged 4.35 mph on a 9.4-mile march recently . . . The recent showing of the movie "Arsenic and Old Lace" brought to light Pvt. William Chumbley's acquaintance with the gorgeous Priscilla Lane and her equally eye-appealing sisters. The Btry. C member and the girls were born and raised in Indianola, Iowa, and attended Simpson College there . . . Pvt. Dallas Teich, Btry. C, slipped in the shower room the other day and in striving to catch himself on the soap tray, nearly severed his little finger

Letters to the 63d From Overseas

21 DAYS OF HELL ON GUAM

The 63d Div.—that part of it, at least, which was disengaged after training and transferred to other units—had a hand in the bloody capture of Guam.

Two letters to men in the 255th Inf. from former members of the outfit give first-person accounts of the taking of the former American stronghold from the Jap invaders.

One letter, to Capt. R. M. Young, Cannon Co., fulfills a promise made before Pvt. A. J. Phillips shipped out. Postmarked "Camp McNair, Somewhere in Guam," the letter says:

"Here, Captain, is the letter I promised I would write after my first combat mission. As you heard on the radio and read in the papers, my outfit landed on Guam.

Sniper Missed Him

"I saw action and I was scared as hell every moment of it. My first day up front a sniper aimed at me and my radio—he missed, thank God! I had several close calls and prayed most of the time.

"I did not get a Purple Heart unless they give them out for blisters received while digging a slit trench. I might add they were deep, but not deep enough, as it gets dark very early here. I re-

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.

member digging while mortar and machine-gun fire were landing too damn close to me.

"I am glad it's over. I tried to remember the things I was taught. When the time comes you move damn fast and also think fast."

'Without a Scratch'

The second letter from Guam came to Pfc. John Simpson, Serv. Co., 255th, from his buddy, Pvt. Frank Dooley, and it is straight from the battlefield.

"This is my first opportunity to drop you a line since the fighting ceased," Dooley writes. "Thanks

to God's goodness, I came through it all without a scratch.

"I landed on Guam on D-Day and saw 21 days of pretty tough fighting. We not only had to fight the Japs, but it rained practically all the time. There are millions of flies on the island and they are quite a nuisance. Plenty of mosquitoes, too.

"I was among the first troops of the 77th Div. to land on the island the afternoon of July 21. We sat around in assault boats at sea just off the island all morning and part of the afternoon.

"I wasn't exactly scared when we hit the beach, but I saw plenty of sights that made me realize war is certainly just plain hell.

21 Days at Front

"I was up in the front lines for the entire operation—21 days. Most of the Japs I saw were dead ones.

"The Jap soldier is quite tricky, doing most of his fighting at night. We hardly ever saw the little yellow b. . . ds in the daytime.

"I lost a little weight, but, thank God, that was all. At present we have set up camp out here and are trying to turn this place into somewhat of a home.

"Remember the big get-together we are going to have in New York as soon as this mess is all over. So long—for a while."

Where Is the 63d?

The question of the whereabouts of the 63d is still puzzling its old members in Europe. Cpl. Ken Prichard indicates in a letter from Italy to Cpl. Albert B. Finch, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d, with whom he trained at Van Dorn.

"We are now well established in Italy," Prichard writes. "It's a beautiful country—warm in the day and almost cold at night. We sleep on the ground, which is a definite improvement on the bunks aboard ship.

"If you are still at Van Dorn do me a favor and each night sip a chocolate milk shake. There are no cold drinks at all here—which will eventually kill me or get me a Section Eight.

"But there are movies, good ones, every night, preceded by an Army orchestra and a swell news broadcast. The theater is in the open—a natural amphitheater about the size of the Radio City Music Hall, but the screen is just a little bit larger than the ones we used in the dayrooms for aircraft recognition.

"There are movies on the troopship, but it was so hard to get to them that I contented myself with thousands of games of solitaire.

Men from the 63d

"Purvis and Pieters (Sgt. Victor Purvis and T/Sgt. Edward Pieters, both formerly in the A&P Plat, of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d), are both here but Gus (Cpl. Gustiniari, also of Hq. Co.) didn't make the trip yet. Sgt. Becker from C Co. was here yesterday. He left Van Dorn with Sgt. Kenneth Smith, but I haven't located Smith yet."

GIs Can't Consume Non-Alcoholic Drinks

ROME—GIs here have been ordered to stop drinking nonalcoholic beverages. The reason is that typhoid and dysentery may easily be spread in drinks which do not contain in some form that well-known disinfectant—alcohol.

Don't guess where you're going—you'll find out soon enough!

CRAZY CROSSWORD

By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec.
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(Answers on Page 5.)

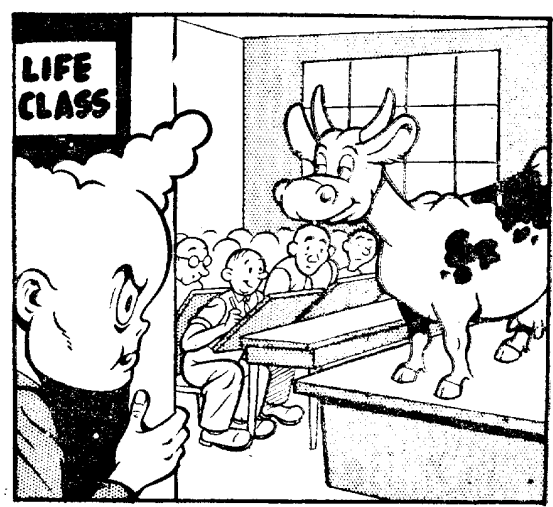
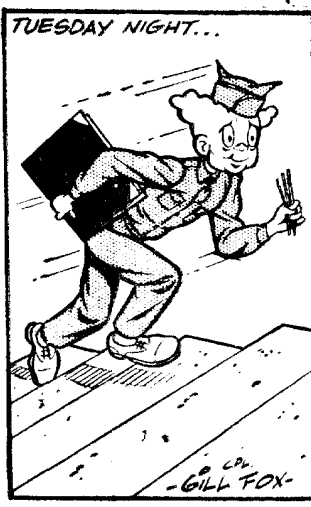
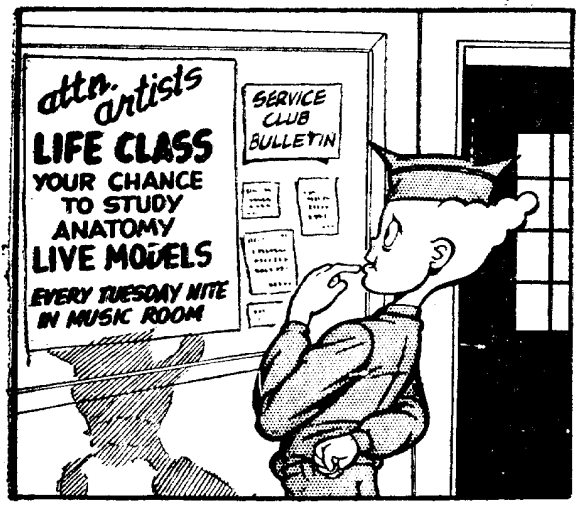
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- Horizontal**
- Waves in white sheets.
 - Two out of three.
 - Mohammedan barren-scarems.
 - Great French star.
 - You have to stretch a point or two for this.
 - French has been.
 - Eye catcher.
 - One for the kisser.
 - Two of these for your bad breath.
 - Buyers never do this.
 - First part of matrimony.
 - Greek supporter.
 - Runner-up (abbr.)
 - Everyman's favorite character.
 - Bernadette saw one.
 - Nice point.
 - Give the cold shoulder treatment.
 - Preys by another name.
 - Cex alive (abbr.)
 - Clapped the gums significantly.
 - Do it with ease.
 - By but not large.
 - Ugh to the Brooklyn Indians.
 - Officers' delight.
 - What poor Annie is to the world.
 - What trains do when they come into the station.
 - Two-legged monsters.
 - Sang with plenty of the old ginger.
 - Bernadette saw one.
 - A grammatical
 - clip in the tail.
 - Where leopards go to change their spots.
- Vertical**
- What every rug cutter must be.
 - Three of these plus a bottle of rum.
 - What Archimedes called his vacuum motor.
 - Kisser is
 - Roll around the teeth.
 - Not young.
 - Pipeds wid a code in da doze.
 - This is comparatively the end.
 - Ipap--anagram.
 - Bensy-teensy-witsy bit.
 - The middle of a trill.
 - Liquid aid.
 - A G-less griddle.
 - See by the Spanish papers.
 - The great Greeks' last word.
 - Mad pines and ones (2 words).
 - More pleasant skirt (2 words).
 - Flying leap at Lena.
 - Favorite hen party dish.
 - Smoo's poop.
 - De Krull's quarry.
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Religious Services

- Theater 1—1330.
CT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
- Week Day Masses**
Chapel 7, Tuesday, Thursday—1830.
Chapel 10, Monday, Tuesday, Friday—1830.
- Confession**
Chapels 7 and 10, Saturday—1830 to 2000.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
Hospital—1830.
Chapel 7—2000.
- Sunday**
Chapel 9—1100.
- Rosh Hashonah Services**
Chapel 8, Sunday, 1930; Monday, 0800 and 1930; Tuesday, 0800.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE**
Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
- LATER DAY SAINTS SERVICE**
Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
Chapel 1, Friday—1930.
- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Holy Communion—0830.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapels 5, 6, 7, 8—1100.
- Sunday Evening and Week Days**
Chapel 5, Sunday, Church of Christ Service—2000.
Chapel 8, Sunday, Evening Service—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, 10—0800.
Theater 5—0800.

BERNIE BLOOD



By GILL FOX

Gen. Marshall Urges Small Army And Big Reserve

WASHINGTON—Discouraging the idea of a large standing army as out of place in a democracy, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, has recommended that the United States maintain a small, well-equipped standing military force, backed up by a large and well-trained citizen Army reserve.

Gen. Marshall's suggestions, embodied in War Department circular 347, found a welcome reception among Washington legislators and are expected to have great influence on postwar legislation affecting the Army.

The directive is as follows:

1. Preliminary assumptions. A. It is assumed that for some time after the defeat of the Axis powers the United States will maintain such temporary military forces, in cooperation with its Allies, as may be necessary in order to lay the foundations for a peaceful world order. The plans for a permanent peace establishment, referred to in this circular, relate to a later period when the future world order can be envisaged.

B. It is also assumed for purposes of planning, that Congress will enact (as the essential foundation of an effective national military organization) that every able-bodied young American shall be trained to defend his country; and that for a reasonable period after his training (unless he volunteers for service in the regular establishment of the armed forces) he shall be incorporated in a reserve, all, or any necessary part, of which shall be subject to active military duty in the event of an emergency requiring reinforcement of the Regular Army.

2. Types of military organization. There are two types of military organization through which the manpower of a nation may be developed.

(1) One of these is the standing-Army type. In this type the men of the nation are drawn into the Army to serve in the lower grades. The function of the common citizen is ordinarily to be a private soldier or, at most, a non-commissioned officer in war. Reserve officers are drawn from the better educated classes, but are generally employed in the lower grades and in subordinate capacities. Under this system, leadership in war and the control of military preparations and policy in peacetime are concentrated largely and necessarily in a special class or caste of professional soldiers.

(2) This is the system of Germany and Japan. It produces highly efficient armies. But it is open to serious political objections. In a nation maintaining such a system, intelligent opinion as to military policy (and the international political policy associated therewith) is concentrated in a special class. Under such a system, the people themselves are competent to exert only a limited intelligent influence on the issues of war and peace.

Develops Only Brawn

Under such a system, only the brawn of a people is prepared for war, there being no adequate provision for developing the latent military leadership and genius of the people as a whole. It therefore has no place among the institutions of a modern democratic state based upon the conception of government by the people.

3. (1) The second type of military institution through which the national manpower can be developed is based upon the conception of a professional peace establishment no larger than necessary to meet normal peacetime requirements, to be reinforced in time of emergency by organized units drawn from a citizen army reserve, effectively organized for this purpose in time of peace; with full opportunity for competent citizen soldiers to acquire practical experience through temporary active service and to rise by successive steps to any rank for which they can definitely qualify; and with specific facilities for such practical experience, qualification and advancement definitely organized as essential and predominating characteristics of the peace establishment.

(2) An army of this type has, among others, the following advantages:

(a) First—While, as in all effective military systems, the efficiency of this system depends primarily upon expert professional control, its leadership is not exclu-



WE NEVER THOUGHT we'd hear from Lana Turner, but one day we opened our mail and there it was! All done up in her new ski suit, or whatever it is, there she was in a picture inscribed to "The Men of the 63d Infantry."

Yanks Warned Not to Gladhand Beaten Germans

The genius of American soldiers for fraternizing with everyone they meet is becoming a serious problem for authorities as the armies advance toward the presumably hostile population of Germany, and the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes already has begun a campaign to remind GIs that the Germans are enemies who may try to win them over by a pretense of fellowship.

A United Press dispatch from France says that so far the fraternizing with civilians in countries where the doughboys have fought has been all to the good, but that in Germany it will be a different matter.

When the Americans burst through the Siegfried Line they will find an embittered, hostile population which has been bombed incessantly and which knows it has lost the war and must face another dismal period of postwar collapse, the dispatch says.

It Will Be Hard

No one will be waving flags, making the V-sign, or begging cigarettes and candy—and it is going to be hard for the average, and inherently friendly, GI to understand.

Moreover, experienced students of Germany are convinced that the Nazi party long ago completed plans to go underground with the final shots of the war and that regardless of the official end of resistance, there will be weeks and even months of sniping and sabotage.

Once the Allies enter Germany, authorities probably will issue a blanket order forbidding fraternizing with civilians.

A recent edition of Stars and Stripes carried a picture of a smiling German prisoner trying to shake hands with an American soldier.

"This picture should have a poison label on it or a large red 'Danger' sign," the paper said.

"This smiling, handshaking, cigarette mooching, baby-faced kraut is as dangerous in his way as the hard-pan, sneering, death-dealing SS man or panzer trooper. An hour ago maybe he was planting a mine or squeezing a trigger. He is the same guy with a different weapon."

'Palsy-Walsy' Out

"He has lost the fighting part of the war. Now he's out to make friends and influence people. . . . The Yanks looks undecided. Maybe he is going to fall for that tooth-paste smile. Or maybe he is going to remember that the Nazis were the original hate boys who didn't look so friendly and peaceful when they were top dogs."

"Someday the Germans may be able to prove they think a man matters—that we all are members of the same human race—that they are not out to run the world. Until then handshakes and Palsy-Walsy stuff are out."

What GIs Plan

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Hq. Btry. radio technician T/4 Richard Baker was a troubleshooter in Signal Corps equipment with General Electric at Schenectady, N. Y., before he entered the Army. He says: "I will either return to GE or become a radio engineer in a commercial broadcasting studio."

T/4 James Bryson, Btry. A artillery mechanic, will go back to his trade as a metal pattern maker with an engineering and pattern company in Detroit.

And there are some soldiers who will stay in the Army. It seems they like the life.

Officer Decorated

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"The grenadier attempted to fire the grenade but, upon pulling the trigger, the rifle failed to fire. He became confused and did nothing to remedy the condition."

"Lt. Jankowski without hesitation ran to the man, removed the grenade from the rifle and threw it so that it detonated without endangering the men of the squad nearby."

Don't discuss troop movements!

sively concentrated in a professional soldier class. All citizen soldiers after their initial training are encouraged to develop their capacity for leadership to such an extent as may be consistent with their abilities, their tastes, and their civil obligations.

(b) Second—As a great majority of the leaders of the war army are included in the civil population in time of peace, an intelligent and widespread public opinion is provided as the basis for the determination of all public questions relating to military affairs.

(c) Third—As with a properly organized citizen army reserve, no officers or men need be maintained in the Regular Army to perform duties which can be performed effectively and in time by reserve officers and reservists. The dimension and cost of the peace establishment, under such a system, are necessarily reduced to a determinable minimum.

National Institution

(d) And, finally, as all our great wars have been fought in the main by citizen armies, the proposal for an organized citizen army reserve in time of peace is merely a proposal for perfecting a traditional national institution to meet modern requirements which no longer permit extemporization after the outbreak of war.

This is the type of army which President Washington proposed to the first Congress as one of the essential foundations of the new American Republic. This is the type of army which, in the absence of effective peacetime organization, had to be extemporized to meet our needs in World War I and World War II.

(3) Details of military organization change with changes in weapons, modes of transportation, and international relations. But the type of our military institutions was determined in the beginning by the form of our Government and has not changed since Washington's administration. It will therefore be made the basis for all plans for a post-war peace establishment.

Never Say 'Scotch' Except for a Drink

A U. S. Army booklet telling American soldiers how to behave in Scotland warns them never to say Scotch to the Scots except when the last named are being offered a drink of the first named.

Jewish Holidays

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evenings at 1930 and Monday and Tuesday mornings at 0800. Holiday lunches will be served after the morning services.

Arrangements have been made in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and other nearby communities to accommodate soldiers with a place of worship and home hospitality for the holidays. Those who will receive passes for Rosh Hashana have been asked to call Chaplain Kahan or Samuel Schuster (telephone Centreville 85-W) for proper arrangements.

Yom Kippur services will be held at 1900 Tuesday, September 26, and all day Wednesday, September 27, at Chapel 8. A breakfast supper will be served Wednesday at sundown. Chaplain Kahan advised men desiring to attend these services to obtain permission from their unit commanders.

New Year greeting cards and other holiday literature are available at Chapel 8.

"To all members of the Jewish faith in the 63d Infantry Division I extend my heartiest greetings on this, the 5705th celebration of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year," Gen. Hibbs wrote.

"That Jews of this country can worship their God and celebrate their holidays without hindrance is

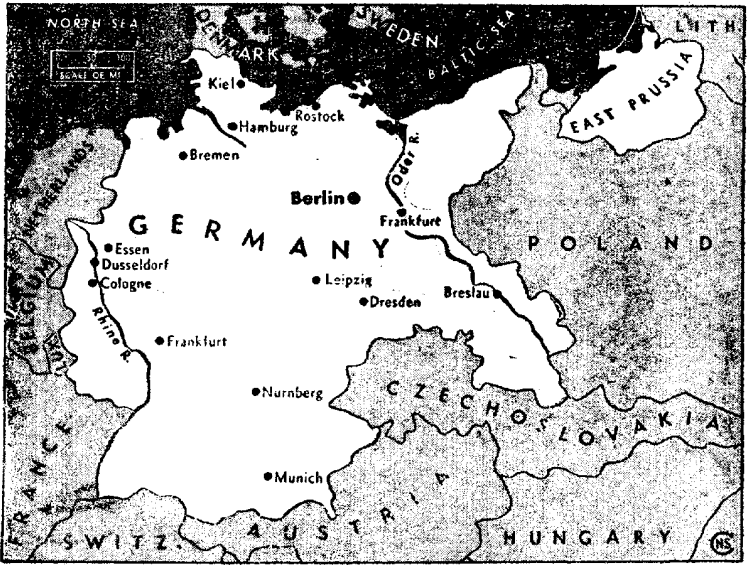
a testimony to the success of democracy. For the preservation and extension of this right we—both Jew and Gentile—fight side by side. For the preservation and extension of this right millions of Americans have taken up arms and donned the uniform of their country. May the next Rosh Hashana open in a world in which all free men will be able to worship freely."

Chaplain Patrick's greeting follows:

"With mingled feelings of sorrow and joy Jewish people throughout the world approach another New Year in their long history."

"The past few years of war and strife have been sad to contemplate, for in certain parts of Europe a deliberate slaughter of men, women and children of Jewish descent took place, much more horrifying and far-reaching than in any period of the so-called 'darkest ages.' Hence the note of wailing and lamentation."

"This New Year, however, sees the dawn of a new day. While the horrible memory of sorrow and suffering leaves a permanent scar, nevertheless Allied success insures relief for the survivors of these oppressed people. Christian and Jew alike rejoice, therefore, at this turn of events, and earnestly pray that religious and racial persecution will be forever only a dark page of history, never to be rewritten."



GERMANY when Hitler became its leader in 1933 was not much larger than the state of New York. During the first ten years of his rule it engulfed the continent of Europe. Today shrinkage has set in and Germany faces a final grim defeat on what Hitler calls "holy soil" of the homeland itself.