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## Captured Heinies Think Yanks Are Fine Infantrymen But-- And Here Are Their 'Buts'

Scouting in football or war is an important job. In a recent issue of Warweek, a four-page paper published by the United States Armed Forces in England, Hamilton Whitman does a commendable job of it with his account of the military qualities, good and bad, of American GIs, as observed by captured German soldiers.

If you haven't had your daily dose of sodium chloride it would be well to take this with a grain of salt. The observations are those of the enemy. Even so, they are well worth mulling over.

By and large, the Germans find the infantry good at marksmanship but careless; disdainful of the advantages of cover and concealment but terrific at close combat. Much of its shortcomings are attributable to battle inexperience.

### Equipment Amazing

Furthermore, they think our equipment amazing, our firepower exceptional and mortar and artillery fire very good.

Added together, the things have grudgingly but nonetheless definitely brought them to the conclusion that they are losing the war.

One staff sergeant, commander of a Panther (tank) platoon, found us definitely lacking in battle experience. "Instead of staying in their foxholes when our tanks roll up and taking cover until we pass, they jump out and try to knock us out with small arms fire, he says.

"This doesn't work with a Panther as the British seem to have discovered already. Furthermore, your men do a great deal of aimless firing.

"Yet, in contrast, a Nazi infantry sergeant with three years' experience against the Russians, found the doughboys too cautious. "They always think of how to save their own lives while the Russian soldier goes through as if we weren't firing at him."

The interrogator suggested to this Nazi that the American way of fighting is to try to save lives and depend as much as possible on the use of equipment. And, the Nazi smiled in disbelief.

### Riflemen Shoot Well

"Your riflemen shoot well enough but they aren't very aggressive. Your machine-gun fire is badly aimed. It doesn't hit anything. Our men are afraid of mortar fire, which is worse than your artillery in some ways. I'd say your mortar men are very good!"

A sergeant with seven years professional soldiering in the German army and a lieutenant in a Panzer division both derided our (Continued on Page 8)

## Speedy Courtship Ends in Marriage

A whirlwind courtship which started late in August culminated in the marriage of Miss Hannah Epstein of New York City to T/Sgt. Abraham Gerstman of Hq. and Hq. Co., 255th Inf., last Monday. Chaplain Aaron Kahan performed the ceremony at Chapel 8.

T/Sgt. Gerstman met his wife while on furlough on August 26—they were engaged the following day. Pining separation unbearable after returning to camp, Gerstman proposed to his wife over long distance telephone. She came to camp and they were married.

Mrs. Gerstman, prior to her marriage, was employed as a naval draftsman for the U. S. Government. Sgt. Gerstman was a musician prior to his induction. He is now radio chief at regimental headquarters.

## Ex-253d Officer Wins Bronze Star For Battle Action

News from the Italian Theater of Operations recently received at Co. G, 253d Inf., discloses the fact that another Blood and Fire officer has won glory on the battlefield.

1st Lt. Stewart Canfield, until last February leader of the 2d Platoon of Co. G, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action after he had destroyed two Nazi machine gun nests and killed eight and captured four of the enemy.

Lt. Canfield was wounded in the hip during the action and wrote to T/Sgt. Malcolm F. Rintoul from a hospital cot.

The story of the officer's brush with death was not contained in his letter but came from an enlisted man formerly under Lt. Canfield's command in Co. G.

## Capt. King Is Named S-3 in 863d F. A.

Capt. Edward W. King was promoted this week to the position of S-3 for the returning 863d FA Bn. after serving as Battery Commander of Hq. Btry, 63d Div. Arty. ever since the activation of the division. Lt. William Horner, former executive officer, has assumed command of the battery.

## Radio Controlled, 14 Ton Projectile New Nazi Weapon

A radio-controlled, 14-ton projectile which has an explosive radius of almost two miles, will be the third in Hitler's series of vengeance weapons, according to authorities of the United States Third Army in France.

According to an Associated Press dispatch, the weapon which the Germans have been hinting at for several months, will be the V-3. German authorities a few weeks ago were reported to have implored their armies to hold out just a little longer and the third secret weapon would be in mass production.

According to the press dispatch, information on the V-3, the successor to Hitler's flying bomb and long range rocket, was obtained by American Third Army troops in their drive into enemy territory.

The information disclosed that the projectile is just short of 60 feet in length, is five feet five inches in diameter and weighs 14 tons at the take-off. Propelled by a mixture of liquid air and alcohol, it is shot into the air vertically, then is controlled by radio.

No other details have been disclosed, but it is believed the Germans have not yet placed the V-3 into operation. The bomb, as far as is known, has not been used against either England or the attacking Allied armies.

The Associated Press dispatch dealing with the new weapon was written last Saturday and only cleared through Allied censorship yesterday.

## 243,848 War Prisoners Held in Camps Here

WASHINGTON (CNS)—On September 1 there were 243,848 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the U. S., including 192,846 Germans, 50,272 Italians and 730 Japs, the War Department has announced.

## How to Find The Whosit in 4 Languages

There's no doubt the Blood and Fire Division is going to fight—somewhere, some time and in some way.

Where and how this supreme test of our training is going to come has been the \$64 question in GI minds since the Division was activated.

We can't tell you how we're going to fight—although we think we'll do all right—and we can't tell when or where. But we can tell you the language you may have to speak.

It will be either French, German, Italian, Bulgarian, Greek, Finnish, Siamese, Japanese or Russian. You can depend on that.

From these tongues we have picked four that are the most commonly spoken and on Page 5 we give you a glossary of essential sentences in these languages.

With these sentences you can go to the toilet in four languages, get yourself fed, get your nose punched by some woman's husband, avoid getting your nose punched by someone's husband, propose marriage, get the right change from the waiter, find where in Hell you are and take the first tender steps in love-making.

Now, let's go—to Page 5.

## Anti-Tank Co. Wins 254th Orientation

For the second time, Anti-Tank Co. came through to win top honors in the dayroom orientation display inspection for the month of September in the 254th Inf. The winner was selected by Col. Joseph H. Warren, Regimental Commander from a field of six outstanding entries. Capt. James Creal is orientation officer and Cpl. Victor Felice is his assistant.

Second place was awarded to Co. M, which makes its first appearance among the leaders, while Co. D remained in the upper brackets by taking third place. Three honorable mentions were awarded by Col. Warren to Companies B, I and headquarters.

## He Helped Take First Midget Sub

Many of you doubtless recall having seen pictures in the movies and the national magazines of the two-man Jap submarine captured at Pearl Harbor around December 7, 1941. Now, meet a man who had a hand in that incident, Capt. Clarence R. Johnson, CO of Serv. Co., 254th Inf.

Capt. Johnson was in command of a rifle company of the 298th Inf., doing duty as an anti-sabotage guard on the windward side of Oahu when the Jap attack came. Looking out to sea while conveying machine guns to a coastal position under blackout conditions, Capt. Johnson spied a moving object. His BAR man fired and the "enemy" disappeared. Later, it was discovered that the object was a whale.

The next morning, however, a lieutenant in Capt. Johnson's command captured a Japanese officer near the reef. The prisoner sought to explain his presence there by saying his ship had been damaged at sea. Being of powerful build, the officer easily could have swum a considerable distance.

Shortly thereafter, Capt. Johnson noticed a periscope some distance off shore and investigation subsequently showed it to be a damaged two-man sub from which the Japanese officer had fled. The craft apparently had been in Pearl Harbor but its torpedo-firing mechanism had jammed and the crew retired to sea for the purpose of attempting repairs.

Capt. Johnson summoned an ar-



CAPT. C. R. JOHNSON

tilery battery to open up on the sub as it lay off shore. The Navy, however, had been informed of its presence in the vicinity and ordered fire withheld until the craft could be identified. This action preserved the submarine and provided Naval Intelligence with valuable information regarding the enemy's operations.

Several days later the body of the Japanese enlisted man composing the rest of the officer's crew floated ashore.

Capture of the sub was an exciting event but no more so to

Capt. Johnson than his assignment to command of Co. B of the 100th Inf., composed of loyal Japanese. Capt. Johnson, a native of Topeka, Kan., was in and out of the Army following his enlistment as a private in 1932, helped train the men of the 100th. He came over with them to the United States for further training at Camp McCoy, in Wisconsin, and Shelby, in Mississippi.

In Italy the American-Japanese soldiers wrote a heroic chapter in the battle for that country, suffering heavy casualties but performing their duty as well as other American units.

Capt. Johnson recently succeeded Capt. James K. Myers to command of the 254th's Serv. Co. He came to the 63d from Ft. Benning where he was an instructor in the Automotive Sec., Engine Grp. This was not his first period of duty at The Infantry School for he was sent to Benning from Hawaii during the summer of 1941, to attend Company Commander's School.

Capt. Johnson originally was with the 11th Ord. Co. in Hawaii after having served a civilian apprenticeship in mechanics with the Santa Fe railroad. He received a commission as second lieutenant in the National Guard in 1938 and two years later was called to active duty with the 298th.

Among his souvenirs of the exciting days of December, 1941, is a Japanese bullet. It landed between his feet during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

## 863d Makes Fine Record At Fort Sill

### Redlegs Return After Period as School Troops

It's back to grass cutting, KP, and guard duty for men of the 863d after more than two months as school troops at Ft. Sill. Leaving behind a record for other outfits to try to equal, the artillerymen also left behind some very pleasant memories. Life was rugged at Sill, for the troops practically lived in the field, despite the comforts of the Sill barracks.

Attached to the Rainbow Division Artillery, the redlegs revealed the thoroughness of their training at Van Dorn for, in firing about 300 rounds a day, the battalion was skinned just once. The gunners and cannoners fired all types of difficult problems on ranges many times the size of those at Van Dorn. The boys in Service Battery, as ammunition handlers, worked a kind of combined swing shift five days a week—up at 0300 and on and on until the problem was over. Oklahoma heat is not the best weather for shoving those shells around, either.

Natural competition developed between the 863d and artillery of the 42d and 65th Divisions, but modestly prevents the natural results from being known except to say that the boys from the 63d got a many-paged letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, Commandant of the school, and a request for the extension of their stay at Sill. The boys got a rousing send off from the Sill band as the three-and-a-half-day motor march back to Van Dorn began.

As school troops the battalion furnished the howitzers, survey, and communication materials as well as expert artillerymen to man them so that officers could study the latest methods of artillery combat.

On the return motor march, stopovers were made at Dallas and Shreveport.

## Services to Mark World Communion

Protestant soldiers throughout the Division will join with others of their faith tomorrow in the observance of the fifth annual world-wide Communion Sunday. Members of the 253d Inf. will attend service at Chapel No. 7, where Chaplain Edwin U. Monroe will conduct the ceremony.

Division Chaplain William E. Patrick has prepared the following special message to men of the 63d on the subject of world-wide communion:

"Millions of men and women—in the service and in civilian life—will observe World Wide Communion Sunday, October 1.

More than in other services Christians find comfort and strength in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Those gathering before the altar at home Sunday will feel more than ever the closely knit tie with their loved ones far away. At the same time in camp and in the hospitals in the field (Continued on Page 8)



# KNOW YOUR GENERALS +--+

Courtney H. Hodges  
Of the First Army

**ANDOVER, Mass. (CNS)**—Three fun-loving boys, aged 8, 9 and 10, piled bricks on a railroad track and giggled in glee when a hand-car was derailed. They told juvenile authorities they were imitating a funny sheet villain.

**BROOKLYN (CNS)**—Ray Martin gulped down a dram of bezine in the belief that it was gin. Hospital attendants said he would survive.

**CHICAGO (CNS)** — Chicago's birth rate fell to 16 percent per 1000 persons during the first half of 1944. The decline was attributed to the absence of husbands in the armed services and the increase of women workers in war plants.

**DALLAS, Tex. (CNS)**—When police found Charles Harrell shaving in somebody else's bathroom, they arrested him on a charge of housebreaking. Harrell, righteously indignant at his arrest, said he had just dropped in "to clean up for a date."

**EVANSTON, Ill. (CNS)**—A housewife ran to answer the doorbell. Enroute, she tripped and fell through a glass-topped table. Fortunately for her, the doorbell ringer was selling accident insurance. She bought some.

**HAYS, Kans. (CNS)**—A local housewife engaged a maid for the day. At 11 a. m. the maid arrived. She and the wife had lunch. Then the maid helped with the dishes. At 1 p. m. the maid excused herself, explaining that she had an engagement at 1:15, and asked the housewife to please pay her off.

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—Willie Sheppard, 7, and his three-year-old brother Ronald killed a bottle of wine between them, then passed out cold behind a stove. At a local hospital they were treated for alcohol poisoning, sent home to bed and a milk toast diet.

**OMAHA (CNS)**—Among the divorcees filed here recently was one by a confessed pickpocket. He claimed he stole a sailor's wallet, found his wife's picture within.

**PHOENIX, Ariz. (CNS)**—Russ Moreno, 19, was arrested for drunken driving—on a bicycle. Moreno was nabbed after a cop saw him zigzagging crazily down the street on his wheel.

**POTTSVILLE, Pa. (CNS)**—Sgt. Walter J. Rogers said he was glad to get home to Pottsville after 15 months fighting in Italy. "But," he complained, "all my buddies are gone and there's no one to go out with but girls."

**RICHMOND, Va. (CNS)**—"Little Joe" Jackson holds an inglorious record in this town. Recently he was arrested for the 92nd time, which puts him far ahead of Richmond's other lawbreakers. (Continued on Page 8)

An army without heroics is the First Army, led by studious, methodical Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, which has slowly but surely punched a gaping hole in the belly of the Wehrmacht while more spectacular, although not less successful, generals were dizzying the Germans with a bewildering assortment of hooks, uppercuts and right crosses.

In the early days of the break from the beachhead it seemed that there was nothing to tell about the First Army, nothing save that it was pushing ahead—30 miles Monday, 20 miles Tuesday, 40 miles Wednesday.

### Just Plugged On

While Gen. Patton was delighting the world with his dazzling end run around the German flank, the First Army, it seemed, was just plugging ahead. This plugging included the capture of Cherbourg, to be sure, and the great breakthrough at St. Lo and when commentators looked later at the Battle of St. Lo they realized that this unspectacular slugging engagement, a real dog-eat-dog affair, had provided the springboard on which Patton's troops took off to encircle Paris in their daring sweep.

The public didn't really take the First Army to its heart until sentimentally memorable ground passed beneath the plodding feet of Gen. Hodges' troopers. Suddenly the press realized that the First Army was methodically moving through places hallowed in American history, places we won in the last war in titanic struggles at the cost of many lives.

On these historic battlefields Gen. Hodges' men swept past Compeigne, where the Armistice of 1918 and Hitler's bloody document with France in 1940 were signed, into the Ardennes Forest and through Sedan, where the Germans cracked the Maginot Line. In this campaign Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood were engulfed, and the First kept up its steady progress into Belgium, along the path through Namur and Liege, heading for the Ruhr, seat of Germany's industrial might.

### Cited in First War

In this campaign, particularly around the Meuse, Gen. Hodges was fighting on familiar ground. On the Meuse in 1918, as a young officer, Gen. Hodges won his first citation. The citation said that Hodges, at the head of a small storming party, attacked the enemy "not 100 paces distant." The crossing of the Meuse was effected after 20 hours of "ceaseless struggling" and his "fearlessness and courage



Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges

were mainly responsible for the advance of his brigade to the heights east of the Meuse."

Gen. Hodges got off to an unusual start in the Army.

To start with, he quit West Point nearly 40 years ago to enter the Army as an enlisted man. Three years later, almost as quickly as though he had stayed at the Point, he had won his commission as a second lieutenant.

The usual run of starting Army assignments followed. He served in the Philippines and at various posts in the States, and in 1916 he went to Mexico with Gen. Pershing's expeditionary force.

### Decorated Again

After the World War, in which he rose to major's rank, he was

put through the Army's higher education, attending practically all of the advanced schools for officers. When the present conflict broke out he was placed first in administrative posts, including that of Chief of Infantry. In these capacities he organized the Army's replacement training centers and schools, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. The 63d Div. knew him after this as Commanding General of the Third Army, of which the division was originally a part.

Sent to France in March, he did not become commander of the First Army until several weeks after the invasion started. But he was very definitely in command when his troops hit the West Wall, our first unit to fight on German soil.

## Hoboes Want Women — Back in the Kitchen

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes, says his organization wants women war workers to return to their kitchens when peace comes, declaring: "We want more answers when we knock at back doors."

## Granddad, Private in 253d, Has Son Captain Overseas

### Private Lands, Becomes General

**WITH U. S. AIRBORNE TROOPS** in Holland—Overnight Pvt. Theodore Bachenheimer became a general and leader of an army of 300 Dutch partisans.

German-speaking Bachenheimer, of Fullerton, Calif., parachuted into Holland and wandered into a town near the German border on a personal reconnaissance.

The Nazis held the town when he entered and continued their hold on it during most of the next day, but Bachenheimer quickly made friends with the Dutch and organized his own army which was armed with captured German weapons.

The army called itself "the Free Netherlands army" and insisted on dubbing Bachenheimer "Kommandant."

So important is his work that another parachute trooper has been assigned to maintain communications between Bachenheimer's headquarters and a United States regimental command post.

Bachenheimer was born in Germany 21 years ago but was naturalized 10 years ago and has been killing Germans in Sicily and Italy. He fought at Anzio.

**WASHINGTON**—Of the present personnel of the U. S. Navy, 83 per cent has been trained since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

A grandfather whose 23-year-old son is a captain of infantry in France, today is a private in the 253d Inf.

The father who salutes his son when they meet is Pvt. Peter G. Curran, 41 years old, of Bennington, Vt. Former first cook and baker in Co. F, he is now assigned to Co. B and attached to the 253d officers' mess.

Pvt. Curran's son, Capt. Bernard U. Curran, has been in the army four years. He entered as a buck private. He trained at Camp Blanding, Fla., with the 43d Div. He saw action for 18 months in North Africa before going to France.

The Captain's dad also trained at Camp Blanding, joining the 63d upon its activation. When he was drafted two years ago, Pvt. Curran's son was a second lieutenant. The son won his first lieutenantcy in North Africa and was named captain when he returned to the states from the African campaign, and before he was sent to France.

"The last time my wife and I saw our son was on Mother's Day when he visited us here," Pvt. Curran said. "He was wounded in Tunisia in the hand and stomach by a shell fragment.

Before the war, bald, blue-eyed Pvt. Curran was boss. His son worked in the bakery Curran owned in Bennington.

**PARIS**—Shades of Patrick Sarsfield! Recent reports from France say that 5,000 fighters of the French Maquis have none other for a leader than Patrick O'Neill, a fighting Irishman.

## Maids Who Sold Most Tickets Feted

Twenty-six members of the Military Maids of Natchez who sold the 63d Div revue, 'Khaki Kapers,' when it was presented at the Bluff City, were guests at a party at the Servicemen's Center in Natchez Wednesday night. An orchestra from the 255th Inf. played for dancing, and refreshments and favors were distributed.

The hall was laid out as a nightclub and was profusely decorated with flowers and plants. Several members of the cast of 'Khaki Kapers' and other servicemen were present.

Three members of the Maids, Ann Elizabeth Burns, Mary Jane McFadden and Marjorie Hogue received prizes for selling the most tickets. In a contest for the enlisted men, T/5 Paul Taubman of Division Special Services, who directed the show, received a prize for being the soldier in Natchez living the farthest from home. Taubman's place of birth is Winnipeg, Canada. Pvt. Victor Palvaggio lived the nearest, residing in Hammond, La. Chaplain Paul Kirk was the oldest man present, and Pvt. Joe Morales of the 563d Collecting Co. the youngest.

The party was arranged and staged under the supervision of Mrs. Natalie Loscombe of the Servicemen's Center staff and Mrs. Rose Tickell. Assisting as hostesses were Mrs. Ruth Stewart, Mrs. John Zuccaro, Mrs. Rinette Fischel, and Miss Treely Pool.

## Gen. Harris Praises Orientation Rooms

Following an unannounced inspection of orientation displays in dayrooms of the 254th Inf. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Division Orientation Officer, found two in such fine condition that he commended officers and enlisted men responsible for them.

In his commendation Gen. Harris said in part:

"It is very evident that much time and effort has been spent on the rooms and it reflects great credit on those charged with their maintenance."

Gen. Harris' congratulations were extended to Capt. John H. Scoaller and Pfc. Daniel Brooker of Co. A, and to Capt. Willie J. Fredericks and T/5 Arthur Tamchin of Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

As a special feature on this week's orientation program, "The Invasion of France" was shown to all elements of the regiment at Theater No. 5.

## Religious Services

- 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, 10—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 7, Wednesday, Bible Study—1930.  
Chapel 8, Thursday, Evening Prayer—1930.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**  
Sunday Masses  
Chapels 5, 10—0800.  
Theater 5—0900.  
Theater 1—1030.  
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 5—1100.  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE**  
Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.  
**LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE**  
Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
Chapel 1, Friday—1830.

## Neon Light Inventor Linked With V-1 Bomb

**LONDON**—The Daily Mail reported that Georges Claude, French scientist, had been arrested at Nancy and charged with being the inventor of the German V-1 flying bomb. Claude, who invented the neon light, was said to be a royalist and one of the earliest French collaborators.

## The Wolf by Sansone



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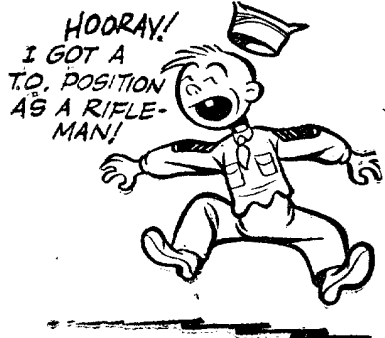
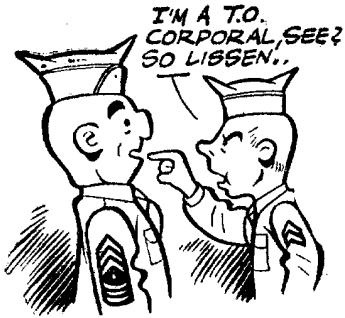
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The Old Sarge

I've heard tell that after one of the great naval victories in our history, when all of the bouquets and decorations were being handed out by the brass hats, one bigwig sent for the stokers down below and when the begrimed lot had lined up on deck he pointed to them and said, "Gentlemen, these are the real heroes of this battle." Well, this week, folks, I'm dedicating this column to a group of unsung heroes we have right here in the 63d who during the year just passed have played a mighty

for because we're already overloaded with NCOs and the War Department has "frozen" promotions. It's damned tough, but they tell me the same situation exists in all the other divisions, too, and it's my guess that it won't be long until the War Department does something about it.

The other day in my outfit the old man lined them up pretty much like that old admiral did and told them what a swell job they were doing, how sorry he was that he couldn't do much about their promotions now and that he had great hopes that it would be straightened out soon and that the only thing to do was to keep up the good work and that sooner or later he would be able to give them a break. One youngster said to me, "Gee, Sarge, that makes me feel a lot better about it. I have been



big part in making the 63d the fine outfit it is today. And all the time they were doing their stuff with no complaint, I, for one, was kicking about the luckiest people in the world.

These last are all those NCOs who have joined the division from other branches of the service and every other place imaginable, too, and although they knew little about their new jobs, were permitted to hold on to their stripes until they could get their feet on the ground and prove that they had the stuff. Hell, I spent hours convincing a veteran staff sergeant that it was better to be a rifleman as a high ranking NCO rather than as a private.

The heroes I'm referring to are our home bred boys who are doing the NCO jobs or are capable of doing them but who can't be promoted to the rank the T/O calls

wondering about it for a long time and what the captain said removed a lot of doubts from my mind and made me feel mighty good."

So, that gave me this idea for my column, for there may be COs in the division who aren't as thoughtful as mine was. Anyway, my hat's off to all of you for I know that your fine attitude and hard work will continue and my big wish is that you will quickly receive the reward you have so richly earned.

'Rugged' Fuehrer Is No Rug Biter

ROME—The following order by a Nazi political education officer of the German first parachute division was seized on the Italian front:

"Officers must counteract with all possible means and with convictions assertions made by the enemy as well as even some of our own people that the Fuehrer goes mad with rage and when he is in that state he tears down curtains, bites the carpet in his rage and rolls in convulsions on the floor."

The order added that there are witnesses who know Adolf Hitler "is well above such a lack of control," although "many a man in the street if he were exposed to the disappointments and grief which the Fuehrer has to bear would have gone under long ago."

Campaign News Slated For Overseas Broadcast

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Overseas servicemen are going to be able to get an earful of "the Great American Sport"—the presidential election campaign via radio.

Under the Federal soldier voting law, the Army may rebroadcast "political addresses" over the GI radio stations to troops overseas providing that equal time, if requested, is given to each political party having a candidate for president in at least six states. At present this includes, in alphabetical order, the Democratic, Prohibition, Republican, Socialist and Socialist-Labor parties.

Between early September and the first of November, the armed forces radio service will make time available each week for each political party.

INDIANAPOLIS—Nazis are Nazis, no matter where they may be. German war prisoners were found shingling a barracks they occupied with shingles of darker and lighter hues which when laid brought out the design of the swastika.

Revamped CCC For Post-War U. S.

WASHINGTON—In a comprehensive plan that accounts for the future of Army training camps and semi-military training of the young in postwar years, President Roosevelt is planning a revival of the Civilian Conservation Corps in slightly changed form.

Supplementing plans now being made for military training in the future in the War and Navy Departments, the President revealed his personal objectives in a conference with Jean A. Brunner, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The President's plan would efficiently combine the facilities of present CCC camps, Army posts and reservations. Forestry will no longer be emphasized as in the earlier CCC plan but study will be on a wide scale with emphasis on vocational instruction.

The camps would have the appearance of military schools, teaching subjects incorporated in the regular curricula of schools and giving credits acceptable to high schools or colleges.

The new development of the President's views appeared to observers here to represent rather general feeling among the large section of Congressional thought favoring compulsory military service.

'Dead' Lieutenant Still Serving Army

Hope for his life was given up when he contracted a tropical fever when he was serving in the West Indies as a Marine and later his death was reported to the War Department during a tour of duty with the Army, but Lt. Steve Barrett, Miami, Florida State Guardsman, is still very much alive.

He gives machinegun instruction and other assistance to fellow-guardsmen during their encampment. Lt. Barrett is in the construction business in Miami and serves as custodian of the Armory and as range officer for his guard unit.

Letters to The 63d from Overseas

IT WAS NO TEA PARTY ON GUAM

"Guam . . . an island paradise nestling in the soft bosom of the mysterious Pacific. Guam . . . first stop in Never-Never Land. Guam . . . the island of allure."

That stuff all sounded swell in the travel ads before Pearl Harbor, but, take it from T/5 George Goundie, it is strictly scatological matter for the birds.

On Guam he found nothing but sand, bullets and Japs, he reports in a letter to T/4 Sam Sugel, with whom he trained in the antitank company of the 253d Inf.

"Things are definitely quiet again," Goundie writes in a letter dated Sept. 3d. "For the past week the trials of setting up a new camp confronted all of us. Exceptionally poor roads have added to our dilemma. In comparison the Mississippi mud would turn green with envy if she only had a glimpse of Guam.

'Leggins and Liners' "Here we expect to do all of our recuperating . . . The ordeal of equipment check, cleaning and repair is well under way. Starting tomorrow we'll be back on a regular routine again—leggins and liners. Ain't dat da — (one word censored here.)

"It's a scorcher of a Sunday afternoon. You start sweating with the sunrise and continue until long after dark. Incidentally, the sun rises at 4:45 and it is pitch dark at 6:30 p. m. Crazy, ain't it?"

"Saw my first movie last night. The one before that was on board ship at Eniwetok. Boy, what a treat to see Joan Bennett with all her trusty curves! No PX as yet—maybe we won't have any at all. The boys have been craving beer for two months straight. No relief in sight.

"Wish I had an idea of our next mission. The only thing I can be sure of is more missions and tougher opposition all the way in.

'They Did Well' "For a green outfit as far as combat is concerned we did well in some cases . . . lucky in others. The 3d Marine Division and 1st Marine Brigade broke the ice, with elements of our troops right on their trail. In one instance they thought the Marines had been pinned down too long, so they crashed right through, secured the area, and won the respect of every darn Leatherneck.

"Those boys liked our punch and let us know it. "Never fought with a better outfit," some said. Tokyo Rose referred to us as storm troopers. She'll be singing "Stormy Weather" very shortly.

"The Jap is a hard soldier to

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.

fight. He has no feeling whatever. When disorganized they resort to caves—ambush—sniping—hard as hell to find during daylight.

Nights Are Hell "But, boy, those nights! Expect them anywhere in any numbers. They'll crawl right into your foxhole if you're fool enough to let them. Stray dogs and cattle play hell with your imagination.

"Flares are sent up very irregularly. They help cool you off after you're so darn sure that several of those rats are closing in on you. Lots of firing and grenading goes on at the slightest movement. Nervous and jumpy men within your own perimeter scare and keep you on edge all night long with their slap-happy firing. As we became more seasoned most of this stuff will cease.

"One day when the lead was really flying and I was hugging the bottom of my slit trench, we found that we were firing at one of our own regiments that had moved into our area without informing us. They started it and we naturally thought it was the enemy, plus the probability of one of those terrifying tank attacks.

"Mortar fire started to drop into our C.P. We were answering back with everything we had. There was a ridge between us. No one actually fired at a target. Confusion reigned. The other outfit called for artillery support. Thank goodness, the whole fracas ended just as the artillery was ready to zero in on us, also yours truly wouldn't be writing on this sunny day. Me? I didn't fire a shot. I was holding my fire for a target and none appeared. A slug or shrapnel kicked up the dirt inside my parapet. From then on I stay down.

"Enemy sniper fire certainly is harassing when troops are on the march. Delays us considerably as we cut our way through the jungles. Thanks to our equipment to move on and cut anything, we had the enemy retreating so fast they

had no time to set up any real defenses.

"Strange as it may seem, there aren't any real lines in jungle warfare. Flushing out is handled by a general push forward by several regiments.

"I had a voice radio to operate and found this sort of work interesting. Our M19s did a smooth job, as well as regular tank battalions. The enemy tankette stinks. Our M1s with armor-piercing ammo will cut it down. The bazooka knocks it to pieces. Their medium tank is better, but still vulnerable to our 3-inch and 37-mm. fire.

"Patrolling came to its height while we were mopping up. You must be smart and remember all you have learned. Booby traps are as common as ambush. More fire power the better. Scouts out far and flank security are more than valuable. Didn't even see a mine. The Nips use regular artillery shells planted across roads and beaches, usually two deep.

"Well, Bucky, hope this info reaches you so that you can pass it on to the boys in the company. There's more, but the censorship covers that.

"Regards to the boys. Carry on. Maybe you'll be coming out to join us."

254th Band Plays At Natchez Dance

The 254th Inf. orchestra, which created quite a sensation among the dancers at the City Auditorium in Natchez last Saturday when members of the outfit appeared on the stage in jungle suits, will play again tonight at the auditorium for another dance sponsored by the Military Maids.

Last week the 254th musicians spent Saturday afternoon making recordings at the studios of Station WMIS in Natchez. To date the band has made 23 recordings including vocals by Cpl. Harry Taub. Some of these records will be presented to Lt. Lawrence Goldschmidt, CT White Special Service officer. One of the recordings, "My Mother-in-Law", has been sent to Bing Crosby and Dutch Grushner, who, with W. C. Fields, wrote the tune.

Sunday afternoon the 254th band returned to Camp Van Dorn where it played for a tea dance at CT White Rec Hall. Over 600 GIs attended the affair and girls from Natchez, wives of soldiers and other girls from the post provided partners. In the evening the band played for a dance at Service Club No. 2.

Guadal Foxhole Fugitive in 253d



PFC. FILEMON CHAVEZ

Foxhole Happy is Pfc. Filemon Chavez, Co. B, 253d Inf. After spending 30 days pinned down in a foxhole by heavy Jap rifle and mortar fire, on Guadalcanal, Pfc. Chavez landed—of all places—in a foxhole at Camp Van Dorn this week as part of his training with the 253d Inf.

Even though he has a working knowledge of foxholes far beyond that of most GIs in the 63d Div., Chavez can still smile while living in one.

"I'm happy to be in one on this side of the Pacific," he reported. "It was much different on Guadalcanal. Those 30 days were tough,

I didn't have my shoes off for 25 days, had one bath in 30 days—and that only when we went on patrol and reached a little jungle river. While some of the boys stood guard we took a bath in the river. I can tell you that the showers at Van Dorn have that beat."

Pfc. Chavez, in the Army 31 months, was in the Pacific area 16 months as a rifeman and mortarman on the 60 mm mortar. He was on Tulagi, and experienced a Jap sub attack when the convoy bearing his outfit headed for Guadalcanal.

Brown-eyed and husky, Chavez

is 32 and hails from New Mexico. He was in Hawaii five months after Pearl Harbor and saw the wreckage left by the Jap sneak attack on the huge Navy base.

Chavez hands out this bit of sound advice:

"If you are in the infantry, you can expect to live a foxhole-to-foxhole existence. And believe me, after you've heard the first enemy bullets whiz above your head, you'll learn to smile a great big toothpaste-ad smile when you've in that foxhole—because it's a mighty good feeling to be inside of it, I can tell you."

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## DON'T LET 'EM GYP YOU

There has been a good deal of grumbling around camp about the way we are getting soaked for things on our brief and precious trips to the outside world.

Much of the grumbling is unjustified. Since we took off civilian clothes and walked into the tight little vacuum of Army life strange things have happened to prices. There have been tremendous shortages, for the United States have been feeding and arming half the world out of what used to be America's surplus, and the law of supply and demand has inexorably applied the high prices that prevail when goods are scant.

We haven't been getting a kicking around for the pleasure of civilians, not by a long shot.

Civilians have been paying through the nose for everything they got, and doing without a lot of things that we have in moderate plenty. In Baton Rouge the cigarette shortage is so bad that confirmed smokers are threatening to go back to corn silk. We can get a carton whenever we want but one Baton Rouge smoke shop has nothing to offer its customers but those Emperor-sized cigarettes that are handed out at banquets in glassine wrappers. In food too, civilians have had their troubles and, whether they liked it or not, they've been charged two dollars or more legitimately for the strange meat we often buy as steak ourselves.

The stores and restaurants have been feeling the pinch of shortages and prices, although high, are usually legitimate and approved by the Office of Price Administration.

However, in some instances our old friend, the chiseler, has been at work.

He has been kiting prices in dark, little hideaways and padding the bills when the boys have a few too many under their belt. He's been hitting us when we weren't looking and it is our duty as men and soldiers to see that he doesn't get away with it.

The great allies of the chiseler are carelessness and timidity.

Every establishment is required by law to print in some conspicuous place the authorized ceiling prices of all goods and services it sells. All menus and wine cards must have these lists. All saloons must print the price per bottle of each brand of beer they sell. All hotels must post the single-and-double price of each bed within that room.

If you feel you're being gyped demand that the price list be shown to you.

Don't feel that you're being a tinhorn sport or a bad actor when you question the bill. It's your right as a customer to know what you are paying for. Don't pay a questionable bill just because a protest or question might make you look cheap in the eyes of your girl.

That is just what the chiseler is hoping you will do. He's working the old "Hi, Sucker!" racket on you, and making you like it.

The Division has taken official notice that some of the boys are being rooked. In the Daily Bulletin recently all men in the Division were told to report at once all instances of overcharging in Baton Rouge.

When your bill is out of line make a note of the time, place and individual price of everything you bought. When you return report the overcharge and all details to your immediate superior. It will be his duty to forward your report to G-1 at Division Headquarters.

G-1 will forward all reports of this nature at once to the Office of Price Administration, and appropriate action will be taken.

These cheap chiselers flourish in the shoddy and hate the light like death.

Give them all the light there is. The Division will back you up.



"My, My, Three Sons in the Service!"

## News of Fighting Men

### Japs Set to Give All In Defense of Home

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—The Tokyo radio in a broadcast picked up by U. S. Monitors, recently quoted the president of the Jap Parliament as follows:

"The very existence of Japan is now at stake. We are ready to sacrifice our most treasured possessions in order to smash the Anglo-American drive to crush Japan."

### Men Live Five Days On Rock Candy Diet

CENTRAL PACIFIC (CNS)—Four U. S. airmen, "guinea pigs" in a new type of experiment, recently spent five days on a rubber raft in the Pacific with nothing to eat but rock candy. Physical checkups showed that all men lost weight during the five day candy diet, but none were in ill health.

### Major Is Promoted After 20 Months Wait

ALASKA (CNS)—Maj. Henry Fleischer has received his gold leaves at last. They arrived 20 months late.

Maj. Fleischer was promoted in November, 1942, just before he left the U. S. A. for assignment to this area, but his orders never reached him. The mistake was discovered in August, 1944, when the AAF unit to which he is attached decided he had been a captain long enough and wired the War Department for information.

### Tiny Nation Determined To Defend Neutrality

ITALY (CNS)—The republic of San Marino, the smallest republic in Europe, lies on the Italian peninsula 14 miles southwest of Rome.

Proud of its sovereignty, San Marino doesn't like trespassers. Recently it mobilized its entire armed strength—300 armed men—and posted signs on the edges of its 36 square miles of territory, warning everyone, Ally and Nazi alike, to "Keep Out. This is Neutral Territory."

Thus far, no one has violated San Marino's neutrality.

### QM Experts Make GI's Burden Lighter

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Thanks to the Quartermaster Corps, the average American soldier is carrying 15 pounds less clothing and equipment today than he did in 1941.

The QM has cut the total load from 110 pounds to 95 by reducing the number of items carried and by cutting the weight of some of

the individual items through redesign or substitution or both.

In terms of the average Infantry Division, this represents a saving of about 100 tons of material.

### Captured Nazi Offers To Join U. S. Army

FRANCE (CNS)—A 50-year-old German private surrendered to a group of GIs here and then offered to enlist in the American Army.

"I told these bums that when America came into the war they'd get hell kicked out of them," he shouted, waving a mean finger at his fellow prisoners.

His offer of enlistment was declined.

### Camp Upton, New York Induction Center, Closed

CAMP UPTON, N. Y. (CNS)—Camp Upton, famed as a training center in the last war, and as an induction center in this one, has closed its doors and its activities have been moved to Ft. Dix, N. J. The famous camp had sent more than half a million men to war during the past 44 months.

### 946 Nazis Surrender To American Officer

FRANCE (CNS)—When German soldiers captured Lt. Clarence Coggins of Poteau, Okla., during fighting in Southern France, Coggins thought he was shelved for a while. He soon learned, however, that all the Germans wanted to do was surrender, which they did—all 946 of them.

### GI's Home Burns Down, 32 Pals Build New One

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—When Sgt. C. M. Roberts comes marching home from the wars, he will have a brand-new house to move into. Thirty-two men, who used to work with Roberts, recently built his wife a new house, after her old one had been destroyed by fire.

### Stretcher Seems Like Home to This Guy

FRESNO, Calif. (CNS)—Pvt. Charles Cope had just completed 200 hours as a demonstrator for medical lectures in first aid at the Air Service Command Training Center here when he was hit by a bus in downtown Fresno.

When the ambulance arrived, Cope jested merrily about his 200 hours' stretcher time. But, upon being placed securely on the litter, Cope promptly fell off, banging his head upon the pavement. Now he is hospitalized.

## The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Edwin U. Monroe  
(253d Infantry)

Think of the difference between Christ and the ambitious men who have desired to rule the world. Christ came into the world on a mission of peace. He was successful in his mission. In every case where man has given his heart to Christ in complete trust and obedience he has received peace. Paul of Tarsus wrote, "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." II Cor. 5:17. And in Romans 5:1 is recorded a similar statement, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

When a person has peace with God he has peace in his own heart.

On the other hand, men desirous of ruling the world have brought distress and death to men and nations. Every dictator with evil designs to subjugate others must fail together with the people who sponsor his sinister plans and provide fertile ground for his vile ideals. Decent people will not stand by and see their own rights and freedom imperilled. Neither should they see their weaker neighbors threatened and overrun.

In glowing terms the Bible predicts and describes a future reign of Christ on earth when "peace shall reign from shore to shore." He reigns in lives now. Some day He will reign in all the earth!

"Jesus and Alexander died at 33. One lived and died for self; one died for you and me. The Greek died on a throne; the Jew died on a cross.

One's life a triumph seemed; the other but a loss. One led vast armies forth; the other walked alone. One shed the whole world's blood; the other gave His own.

When died the Greek forever fell his throne of swords. But Jesus died to live forever Lord of Lords."

## Once Over Lightly

A/Cpl Sy Bernhard  
(Division Artillery)

Best Understatement of the Month . . . The Nazi Transoceanic News Agency reports that the Petain-Laval Vichy Government is "not active at present" . . . Somebody better tell de Gaulle . . . but fast . . .

A great moment in history out of the death and dirt and hatred of battle . . . The first free parliament in liberated Europe met last week . . . Men came out of hiding . . . older . . . bruised but not beaten . . . They walked on the familiar and yet strange plush carpets . . . stared again at the priceless tapestries of the Palais de la Nation with eyes seeing again for the first time in four long years . . . When they convened there were empty seats for men still held by the enemy in concentration camps . . . or dead in some forgotten corner of the earth . . . There were tears in the old eyes of Prime Minister Pierlot as he looked again at the faces of men who believed that freedom could not be conquered . . . and he called the parliament of Belgium to order . . .

Special Dispatch to Mess Sergeants . . . A captured German document in Italy orders officers to counteract stories that der Fuehrer chews carpets when enraged . . . Probably just a matter of seasoning . . .

A major-general in command of 10 men trapped a Nazi force of 117 vehicles that resulted in 300 good Nazis . . . dead ones. With a colonel, three lieutenants and six GIs, the two starrer attacked the Germans from four directions and sent word ahead to his tanks to await the Nazis in a town. . . . The small arms crossfire mystified the Nazis. . . . Their vehicles jammed up . . . and when they got to the town . . . the ambush was waiting for them . . . Carbines and 30 mm machine guns stopped 43 trucks, 14 half trucks, four 75 guns, eight 150 mm guns, and three 150 mm howitzers among others . . .

To hard-won victories at Tarawa, Saipan, Guam, Cape Gloucester, Guadalcanal add Peleliu . . . It was a tough nut with the Japs dug deeper and closer than ever before . . . Heat . . . Daily salt tablet dose was 20 . . . So many troops crowded the island that . . . counting swamps . . . each man had about 18 yards for himself . . . Japs die . . . but it takes time . . . skill . . . and American blood . . .

Note to Orientation Assistants: . . . As you do not refer to New York as New Amsterdam anymore . . . do not refer to the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics as Russia . . . There has been no Russia since 1917 . . . only a USSR . . .

# How to Get Into Trouble Anywhere You May Go

ENGLISH	FRENCH	GERMAN	ITALIAN	CHINESE
Where is the nearest cafe?	Où est le cafe le plus prochain?	Wo ist der naechste Cafe?	Dove si ritrova il salon pui vicino?	Dooney yin ney pan goon?
Where can I eat? How much? Where is the toilet? I would like my change, please. Do I turn right or left?	Où peut-on manger? Combien? Où est le water-cabinet? La petite-monnaie, s'il vous plait. Doit-on tourner a la droite ou a la gauche? A quelle distance? L'addition, s'il vous plait.	Wo kann ich essen? Wie viel? Wo ist der Abort? Das Kleingeld, bitte. Wende ich rechts oder links?	Dove posso mangiare? Quanto? Dove si ritrova il comodo? Mi dia il cambio. Si gira a manrita o a mancina? A che distanza e? Per favore mi porti la ricevuta.	Oh ney you sick? Gee oh none? Chew suoh hor choey? Guoh fong cha non an loy. Wah jon you oh dua? Gay hill guy ah?
How many blocks is it? Please bring the bill.	Les soldats, ou sont-ils alles?	Wie viele Blocke ist's? Bitte, bringen Sie mir die Rechnung. Wo sind die Soldaten gegangen? Wie viel Uhr ist's? Ist Sie Verheiratet? Wo ist die .....strasse? Liebst du mich? Wollen-Sie mit mir gern spazieren? Wer ist jener Mann? Haben-Sie ein Kammer zu mieten?	Dove sono iti i soldati? Che ora e? Essa e maritata? Dove si ritrova ..... strada? Mi ami me? Vi piacerebbe venire a passeggio con me? Chi e quell' Signor? Avete voi una stanzza vuota?	Long fong cha non an loy. Bing seh hor chuey hoocy?
Where did the soldiers go?	Quelle heure est-il? Est-elle mariee? Où est la rue .....? Toi, tu m'adores? Voulez-vous vous promenez avec moi? Qui est cet homme? Avez-vous une chambre a louer?	Halt! Geh! Keine linke Reihen. Steifer Hiegel.	Firmate! Andate! Non girate a mancina. Molta salita.	Gee oh johng? Coocy cow nin me? .....guy oh hor chuey? Neh oi gwah mah? Neh hong gwab hang guy ma?
What time is it? Is she married? Where is ..... street? Do you love me? Would you like to walk with me?	Arretez Allez! Defense de tourner a gauche. Cote a pique.			Coocy gwah yin oh ney? Ney you whom fong moe?
Who is that man? Have you a vacant room?				Hang! Hoocy! Boot gwan dua. Go san.
Stop! Go! No left turn. Steep hill!				

(The accent marks are omitted. This is an English-speaking Linotype machine.)

## Who's Responsible For the Above

For the above capsule education in four foreign tongues, the God-fearing home-loving, English speaking staff of BLOOD AND FIRE takes absolutely no responsibility.

If you ask some French doll "Quelle heure est-il?" and she bops you with a bottle of Pomme Sec 1929 blame Pvt. Henry L. Bealieu, Hq. Co. 253d Inf. But he should be right. He's a former second lieutenant in the Canadian Army.

For our Italian we are indebted, with the same reservations, to Pvt. Erasmo Ciardi, Co. K, 253d Inf; for our German to Pvt. Henry Hoy, Co. E, 253d Inf, and for that mellifluous, labor-saving Chinese to Pvt. You Hor Chin, Co. L, 253d Inf, who was born in China. The Chinese, by the way, is Cantonese and we'll have to recapture Canton before it will be any good to you.

T/4 William Turanski, Hq. and Hq. Co., 254th Inf., lent a hand on some of the French and German idioms.

## Donald Duck's 'Voice' In Now a Corporal

The voice of Donald Duck is present at Boca Raton Field, Fla., in the person of Cpl. Theodore E. Gurtner. He was with Walt Disney Productions for five years previous to entering the service and it was his voice which guided Donald Duck through thick and thin.

He says he can sputter Donald Duck for two hours, but after that length of time he loses all speaking voice for seven hours. He adds that strangely enough his normal voice has not suffered from this strain.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—A Minneapolis night club sent this telegram to a London theatrical agency: "Understand Hitler, Goering and Goebbels closing Berlin soon. Have opening for trapeze act starting October 1. If available sooner, please advise."

## Kindness to GIs Keeps General's Memory Green

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—Rarely has an officer become a part of the traditions of his command as quickly as has Maj. Gen. Paul W. Newgarden, commanding general of the 10th Armored Div., who was killed in an airplane crash while on official business some weeks ago.

Noteworthy to GIs among the tales told of Gen. Newgarden are those that bring out his human qualities and the unusual consideration he had for the enlisted men.

Best and most-frequently told of these stories is one that concerns Pvt. Jeremiah Daly, an easy-going GI who is in charge of the equipment at the Camp Gordon range.

Daly's numerous duties include policing the targets and replacing targets and other essential items and his solace during his long and dull tour of duty is a coffee pot in which he makes life-giving java three times a day.

Unfortunately, this prize possession of Pvt. Daly fell into the hands of the 10th Armored Bn., a tough outfit without a breath of poetry in it. The pot was just the right size for a paste pot, and it became that at once. Moreover, they didn't clean it out, thinking

## Special Delivery Rate Increased to 13 Cents

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has signed a bill increasing the special delivery mail rate to 13 cents, but reducing postal insurance rates from 5 cents to 3 cents on mail valued at \$5 or less.

The revisions are effective November 1. They also include a sliding scale for collect-on-delivery charges ranging from 40 cents for values of less than \$10 to \$1.40 for \$1,000 on all classes of mail.

The bill also authorized a flat 33 1/3 per cent increase on return receipts for registered mail. The 3-cent increase in special delivery rates is expected to bring \$3,286,000 additional revenue yearly.

they'd use it next day, anyway. And they did, too, despite Daly's squawks. No matter how he cleaned the pot it still tasted more each day like GI coffee, and Daly got his Irish up.

First he went to a lieutenant and squawked. Nothing gave. Then he went to a captain, and still nothing gave. The major was too busy to be bothered by a private. Daly fumed until one day Gen. Newgarden passed by. Daly took his life in his hands and complained to the general, who listened sympathetically.

Action was immediate. "The coffee pot must be cleaned," Gen. Newgarden ordered. "And the battalion, enlisted men or officers, won't leave the range until it is cleaned to the satisfaction of Private Daly."

Daly, a good, solid Irishman, kept the 10th Armored working long that night.

## Dean of The Dukw's To Waddle Overseas

The oldest DUKW, Amphibian truck, is going to war. Actually the third DUKW to be built, but the only one of the first three whose whereabouts is known, this amphibian was built at a cost of approximately \$250,000 and was first used as a test vehicle in her youth. She was a military secret in those days and the men who manned her got no glory for their work. It was hush-hush.

Old Number 2 has seen service at Camp Edwards, Mass., Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., shipped to Camp Rucker for overhauling and from there she's going overseas to help polish off Hitler.

## Nazis Advise Germans Home News Is Best

STOCKHOLM (CNS)—According to Swedish sources, this advice ran recently in the Berlin papers: "Don't believe rumors. Rely on German war communiques."

## A Nudge for Brass

The sergeant-major who cuts orders sending athletic coaches to West Point must have had a hangover recently. He sent the Army football staff—a buck private.

Pvt. Stuart Holcolm, former Ohio State end and a college head coach in his own right prior to the war, has received the assignment of end coach on Lt. Col. Earl Blaik's staff. The rest of the staff is all "brass," being made up of Capts. George Woodruff and Herman Hickman, both from Tennessee, and Maj. Andy Gustafson.

## Saluting Dog Gets PRO Job

"Scupper," a friendly little Cocker Spaniel, owned by Lt. Van Nada, has been made a member of the press on the staff of the "Beam," Marianna, Fla., Air Field publication.

He goes to the Beam office every morning with his master and is a great morale "builder-upper." He is fed choice bits by everyone around and the Beam says:

"He has become such an important member of the Beam staff that he now wears a press card, so if you feel a nibble on your ankle, please see if it's Scupper, and if so give him a good story for the Beam. In return, by special request, he'll stand on his hind legs and give you a perfect G. I. salute."

## Officer Picks Off Nazi With Gun at \$100 Cost

WITH U. S. AIRBORNE TROOPS in Holland—Lt. John Spooner of Wilmington, N. C., demonstrated his marksmanship by picking off a German observer from a telephone pole at 6,000 yards with a field artillery gun.

Lt. Spooner got his man after firing three smoke bursts and then 10 rounds with a 75 mm. gun.

His colonel, however, figured the ammunition cost the taxpayers \$100 whereas "the infantry kills Germans at five cents a round."

## 254th Presents Orientation Show

"Hot Copy" an original orientation sketch combining GI comedy and highlights of the world's battlefronts, was presented by men of the 254th Inf. before all units of the Division at Theaters No. 1 and 5 during the past week. The sketch was written by Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White Special Services and was staged by T/5 Leslie Heath under the direction of Lt. William E. Brick, 254th Inf. Orientation Officer.

A typical dayroom scene was depicted on the stage with a huge map of the world, 14 by 16 feet on the wall. T/5 Gremblin, one of T/5 Heath's marionettes, was used with marked effect to point out high spots on the map. A curvaceous pinup girl, "Miss Varga," aided in this interesting phase of the performance.

Since the performance was on four separate days the lines of T/5 Samuel Clark, one of the principal actors, changed from day to day to conform with the shifting scene on the battlefronts overseas. Each day Clark concluded his summary of news with a description of the freedoms for which Allied soldiers are fighting.

Incidental music during each performance was furnished by the 254th orchestra under the baton of Pfc. Gordon Bland. The hug-map on the stage was the work of Pfc. Gene Wilson, Co. K, and John Siatycki, Co. G, and Pvt. Sid Chapman, Hq. Co. Wilson also painted the Varga girl.

Members of the cast included Pfc. Gerald Patanella, Serv. Co. Pvt. Nathan Rosen, Medics, Pfc. Joseph Thoman, Co. B, S/Sgt. Louis G. Russo, Cpl. Harvey Burris, Co. C, and Pvt. Costanzo DePalmo, Co. I.

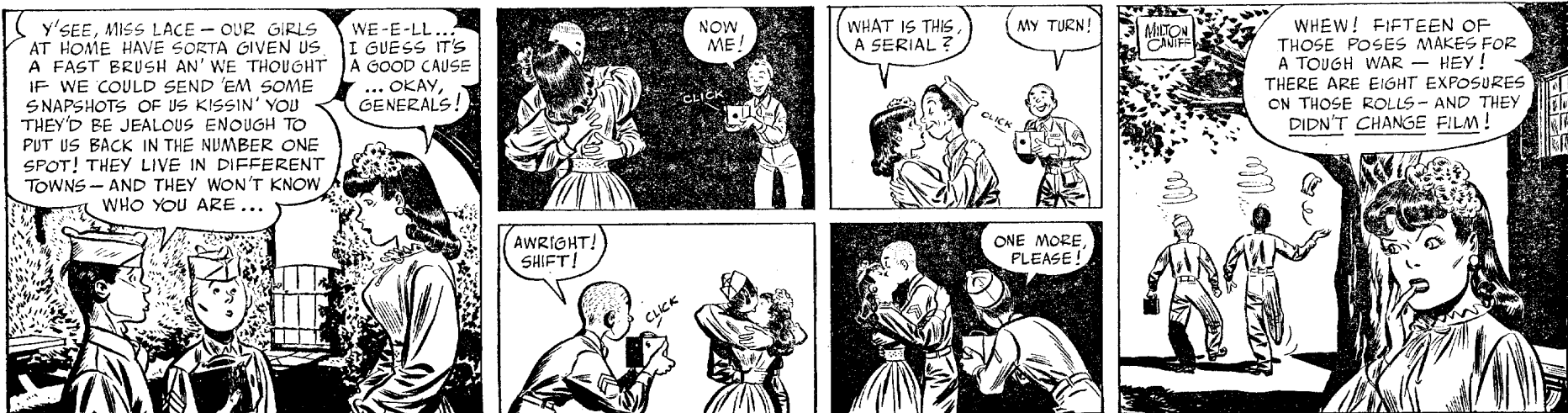
## AFI Offers New Course For Benefit of Wacs

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Armed Forces Institute has added a new program for Wacs—correspondence courses in nutrition, domestic science, house planning and decorating and child psychology.

## Male Call

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

## Dry Run—But All Under-water Shots



# CT Red Wins Second-Half Baseball Title

## Co. I, 255th, Tops 363d Medics for Softball Honors

Pfc. Badolho Aquilar, "Easy Boy" to the gang on the other side of the diamond, proved anything but that when Co. I, 255th Inf., outlasted Co. C, 363d Med. Bn., to win an extra-inning 3-2 decision for the Division second-half softball championship, Wednesday.

The broad-shouldered Mexican hit safely each of the three times he went to the plate. The last time was in the eighth inning and this, his third single, scored Pfc. Dave Itersagen with the deciding run.

Aquilar bothered Pfc. Oscar Tolson, the Medics' hurler, like a chigger impervious to heat or cold. Easy Boy hit anything Tolson threw at him. He got the first of Co. I's seven safeties in the fourth after Tolson had retired the CT Blue entry in order in the three previous innings. In the sixth, after getting his second hit, he scored to erase a Medics' lead for the second time.

That run sent the game into overtime where the 255th ten took the measures necessary to decide the issue. As a result, the playoff for the Blood and Fire championship will be a CT Blue affair with Co. I meeting Co. H, first-half titleholder.

The Medics, who had eliminated Div. Hq., the 1943 champion, to win the Green League honors, played well but not steadily. They treated Sgt. Lovell Stewart, a general times no-hit pitcher, to some trying situations and twice pushed runs across the plate with alert ball playing. Both times, however, Tolson was unequal to the task of keeping the 255th team's attack from steaming up to run-making proportions.

With Aquilar out of the way, a mathematical picture of the game shows the teams strikingly equal. Co. I made four hits in addition to those by Easy Boy, the same number Stewart allowed the Medics. The number of runs, too, would have been the same.

Co. I		Co. C	
AB	R	AB	R
Greivor, 1b	3 0 1	Bogan, ss	3 1 1
Brazicki, ss	2 0 0	Curry, cf	3 0 0
Gomeila, 2b	2 0 1	Measey, ss	4 0 1
Stewart, 1b	3 0 0	Barron, cf	2 1 1
Williams, rf	2 1 0	Kirck, 2b	3 0 0
Itersagen, c	2 1 2	Lal'ieur, 1b	2 0 0
Zofagna, cf	2 0 0	Schwab, 3b	3 0 0
Kulwasi, 3b	3 0 0	Mace, c	3 0 0
Lang, cf	2 0 0	Garigan, rf	2 0 1
Aquilar, if	3 1 3	Tolson, p	3 0 1
Simmons	1 0 0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27 3 7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>29 2 4</b>

Score by innings:  
Co. C 001 001 00—2  
Co. I 000 011 01—3

### Touch Football

Co. I, 255th		Co. M, 251th	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
QB	Sintalia	QB	Plant
LT	L.G.	LT	Golden
LG	Merb	Center	Herd
Center	Garner	Center	Benton
RT	Bill	RT	LaBlanc
RG	Lucas	RG	Greenfield
RB	Jones	RB	Jones

Anti-Tank		Med. Det.	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
LT	Hayman	LT	Jones
Center	Dugan	Center	McDonald
Center	Carlson	Center	Carlson
Center	McCreary	Center	Dienerhorst
Center	Bietler	Center	Bietler
Center	Sherman	Center	Brown
Center	Szarkowicz	Center	Szarkowicz

Co. K		3d Bn.	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
LT	Wunsch	LT	Wunsch
Center	Treadway	Center	Treadway
Center	Hudson	Center	Hudson
Center	Snyder	Center	Snyder
Center	Gauthier	Center	Gauthier
Center	Patent	Center	Patent
Center	Hildenbrand	Center	Hildenbrand
Center	Ciechini	Center	Ciechini
Center	Chasen	Center	Chasen
Center	Threault	Center	Threault
Center	Cartasegnia	Center	Cartasegnia

**JOHNNY SIMPSON**  
OF DIV. ARTY.

**DIVING STAR OF THE 63D DIV. SWIMMING TEAM AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE ALL-AMERICAN SQUAD.**

**IT WAS JOHNNY'S GRACEFUL AERIAL MANEUVERING THAT COLLECTED MANY OF THE POINTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE TEAM'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON..**

**LET'S SEE WHAT COMES NEXT?**

**SIMPSON HAS AMAZED DIVING EXPERTS AND SPECTATORS WITH A DIVE HE ORIGINATED HIMSELF. HE CALLS IT A DOUBLE TWISTING FRONT ONE AND ONE HALF!**

**CPL. GILL FOX**

## LSU Opens Grid Season Against Alabama Today

The coaches have been wondering, the public has been wondering and doubtless the players themselves have been wondering—just how good are the Louisiana State

and Alabama football teams this year?

Well, sometime around 2300 tonight that question should be answered for all interested parties in and out of uniform after the two Southeastern Conference teams have played each other for the first time since 1930.

### Blue Trims White, 7 to 2, at Natchez

Scoring in the first, seventh, and ninth innings, the CT Blue nine defeated CT White, 7-2, Sunday at Liberty Park, Natchez, to clinch the runner-up spot in the second round of the Division Baseball tournament.

Bill Haag, the Blue's hurler, let the opposition down with seven scattered hits. His mates collected 13 blows from the combined efforts of Bob Roggenbeck, who lasted until the fifth, and Mike Kurek, who finished the game.

Leading both teams at bat was Cpl. Carl Schumaker, CT Blue's center fielder, who collected five for five included among which were two triples, one in the first and one in the seventh. Sgt. John Dooley who started at left field and wound up playing third base for the Whites, turned in the day's fielding gems. While in left he negotiated a one-handed spear of a line drive to the fence in the fourth, and then executed a double play unassisted in the sixth, while playing third.

CT Blue		CT White	
AB	R	AB	R
Dudonna, ss	3 1 0	Frazier, ss	4 0 2
Simmons, 2b	4 1 0	Gierlock, 2b	4 1 0
Stapiglio, 3b	4 2 1	Dooley, lf-3b	4 3 1
Schmker, cf	5 1 5	Petersen, c	4 0 1
McDugal, c	5 1 1	Mottola, 1b	4 0 0
Cox, 1b	5 0 2	Galbraith, cf	3 0 0
Pollio, lf	5 0 3	Shaw, rf	4 0 1
McKay, rf	4 0 0	Kurek, 3b-p	4 0 2
Hagg, p	4 0 1	Roggenbeck, p	2 1 0
		James if	1 0 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34 2 7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>39 7 13</b>

The kickoff is at 2000 and those servicemen and women able to watch the season opener at Baton Rouge can do so under the following terms: unreserved section seats, 75 cents; reserved section, \$1.25. Civilians accompanying such personnel will be charged the regular prices.

Despite tremendous losses in veteran material, LSU expects to field a better team tonight than the one which won five and lost three last season before beating the Texas Aggies 19-14 in the Orange Bowl game at Miami New Year's Day.

Gone is big Steve Van Buren, the halfback who scored 111 of the Bengals' 161 points last season. The Tigers will field an all-civilian team, as will Alabama, and will have lettermen for all line positions except center. That spot, however, is expected to be ably filled by Mel Didier who already has established himself as a bright baseball prospect. Gene "Red" Knight, who saw considerable service as Van Buren's understudy at tailback, is expected to be greatly improved in that spot this year.

The lineups:		ALA.	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
LT	Whitley	LT	Whitley
LG	Conway	LG	Conway
Center	Mancha	Center	Mancha
Center	Green	Center	Green
RT	Edwards	RT	Edwards
RB	Pearl	RB	Pearl
QB	Self	QB	Self
LB	Gilmer	LB	Gilmer
RB	Robertson	RB	Robertson
FB	Hodges	FB	Hodges

## Close Tilts Mark 63d Div. Football

Division touch-football teams tossed a little bit of everything into the maelstrom this week and came up with a group of keenly played games, though few in number.

CT Red, a week late in launching its season, nevertheless projected a very definite championship contender into the picture when Anti-Tank Co. beat the Med. Det., 6-0. The AT eleven won on a 30-yard pass which Pvt. Henry T. Burks, Jr., lugged into the end zone. In execution of the winning third-period play, the Cannoneers uncovered one of the 63d's outstanding football luminaries, T/3 George J. Gonda.

Hitherto cloaked in complete obscurity, Gonda, it developed, used to do a similarly able job of pass-throwing for Duquesne University and the pro Pittsburgh Steelers.

CT Blue, from which organization emerged the championship eleven last year, produced the lone extra-period contest. It was a well-played match in which Co. K, 255th Inf., produced a score-making pass in the overtime session to achieve a 7-6 decision over Hq., 3d Bn. A pass to Phillips, after earlier scores by T/5 Joe Cartasegnia and S/Sgt. Mario Vicki had accounted for the 6-6 tie, enabled the Co. K halfback to score for the deciding point.

The lone clash in CT White concluded with Co. L, a 6-2 winner over Co. M after the latter eleven had gained a first-period lead of 2-0. Golden, Co. M guard, tackled Cleaver in the end zone to give his team a safety, but in the next session Maggio passed to Schnellor for the Co. K touchdown and victory.

### Running on Air

Spectators at the game between CTs White and Blue at Natchez last Sunday saw something unique and spectacular in base running. Trapped off second, Capt. Junior N. Cox, the 255th's SSO, found himself blocked from the bag by the CT White shortstop who had the ball. An expert tumbler, Capt. Cox solved his dilemma by executing a somersault over the head of the infielder to land feet-first on the base. He was safe.

## Gains 3-2 Victory Over 718th F. A. In Overtime Tilt

CT Red put over one of those story-book finishes, with a hero surrounded by much of the usual ornamentation, to beat the 718th F. A. for the Division second-half baseball championship last week, 3-2.

Facing defeat which would have thrown the standings into a triple tie, the Redcats came through with a brace of runs in the seventh inning to tie at 3-3 and project the contest into extra innings. Then, T/Sgt. Johnny Poggi laced a hit between second and short with two down and the bases loaded to send in the runs that qualified his team to play CT White, first-half winner, for the championship.

The title game was scheduled for Thursday afternoon but had to be deferred because of rain.

For six innings the Redcats and their followers had painful visions of a repetition of their only previous meeting with the 718th nine, when the Artillery handed the potential champions their first and only defeat of the second half. Careless playing afield cost the Redcats a one-run lead in the first inning. Once in the swing of things, the 718th went on to add another run in each of the two succeeding innings, and carried on until the seventh with a 3-1 edge.

To that point T/4 Johnny Alusik, hurling for the Redlegs, had set down the doughboys with only two hits. He was within three outs of bringing his team into first-place, crowded though that position would have been. But he couldn't make it, despite 10 strikeouts.

In those last two innings the Redcats walloped the former New York Yankees' farmhand for six hits, as many as Sgt. Gene Mehall allowed the 718th over the full route. It wasn't those hits alone which beat Alusik. His mates also fell down behind him in the field.

Three safeties and two errors gave the Redcats the runs that created the 3-3 tie in the seventh. But three hits, sandwiching a walk, were enough to decide the game without help of errors in the eighth.

CT Red		718th F. A.	
AB	R	AB	R
McCigh, cf	4 2 2	Ja'ski, 3b	3 1 1
Arnott, ss	4 1 1	Carr, 1b	3 0 0
Wilgde, c	4 1 1	Stafford, 2b	4 0 2
K'her, lf	3 1 1	Kovach, c	4 1 0
Poggi, 2b	4 0 1	Alusik, p	4 0 1
Cortese, 1b	4 0 1	Benoit, ss	3 1 1
Nolan, rf	3 0 1	Bickard, lf	3 0 1
Crews, 3b	3 0 0	Lee, 2b	3 0 0
Mehall, p	3 0 0	Horizon, rf	2 0 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31 5 8</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>23 3 6</b>

### Five-Yard Pass Rule Retained for Penn Games

In order to prevent the necessity of adopting two separate styles of attack, the University of Pennsylvania football team will retain the old forward pass rule in all its games this fall.

The rule requires the passer to be at least five yards behind the line of scrimmage. The decision was motivated by the fact several of Penn's opponents are bound to stick to the old rule too.

Wally Pipp knew every time Babe Ruth was going to throw a curve ball when he was pitching and could hit the Babe at will.

It costs \$960 to start a horse in the Hambletonian, the blue-ribbon event of horse trotting.

President Theodore Roosevelt was a member of the AAU board of governors. Every club in the Southern Association increased its attendance over last year.

Minnesota's football roster contains the names of players from 12 different states and Hawaii.

Ellsworth Vines says he would rather play golf for \$50 a week than tennis for \$500. He's a former national champion—at tennis.

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# Division Sidelights

63d QM Co.—Pfc. Bob Handel was married recently, to a fellow Jerseyite. The ceremony was performed here . . . T/5 Edgar Fulton and Pvt. Bob Fraissinet had a narrow escape in New Orleans last week when the small hotel in which they were staying caught fire.

253d Inf.—Sgt. Lawrence Witte, regimental personnel sergeant major returned from furlough Monday to report that he'd been through a hurricane. He was in Ocean Park, N. J., when houses blew over and saw the Atlantic City boardwalk blown two blocks away to Vetter Ave . . . Members of Co. E mourned the death in France of their former company commander, Capt. Howard E. Craig, 33-year-old former Ohio schoolteacher and athletic coach. He was killed in action August 4. Capt. Craig commanded Co. E for five months, entering the Army in 1942 . . . Pfc. Irwin Muller, Co. F, is the latest newlywed in the regiment. He was married Sept. 13 at his home in Spring Grove, Minn. to his schooldays sweetheart of five years. His wife is now in Dorchester, Ia. . . A round-the-world romance culminated in wedding bells this week for T/Sgt. William K. Kanuha, Co. E. A full-blooded Hawaiian, T/Sgt. Kanuha married a New York girl in New Orleans on a three-day pass . . . From theatre manager in Muncie, Ind., to personnel technician for 27 months at Harvard University Army chaplains' school, to sergeant-major of the 1st Bn., is the varied career of T/Sgt. Aubrey Rogers Hq. Co., 1st Bn., who celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday Wednesday. T/Sgt. Rogers joined the Army in June, 1941 . . . His ancestors did it with smoke signals. Today T/4 Walter M. Scott—one of the few full-blooded Indians in the 63d Division—is an ace radio operator with 253d regimental headquarters' communication platoon. T/4 Scott, 20 years old, comes from Farmington, N. M., has been in the Army nearly two years, speaks Navajo.

254th Inf.—The first Sunday after the liberation of Paris found Lt. Lawson S. Kately, former CT White special services officer, in the French capital. He wrote Pfc. Joe Dolin, who was one of his assistants here, that "Paris was in a holiday mood—beautifully dressed women, thousands of bicycles and the generous Americans with cigarettes and candy to give away. Actually most salesmen wouldn't deal in money; for cigarettes you could buy anything, and the GIs found that the girls placed great value on a package or two" . . . T/Sgt. Henry I. Braund, Med. Det., married Miss Mary Christmas, of Zurich, Switzerland, during his recent furlough. They had been going together for seven years. Another recently married man in the 254th is T/3 Bernard M. Evans, who exchanged vows with Miss Dixie Ray Moore, of Dextle, La., in Park Ridge, N. J.; Pfc. Edward Kurhajetz, Co. L, and Miss Pearl Belerotti, of Creighton, Pa., were to be married today in Woodville . . . S Sgt. John E. Kule missed his brother, a Marine, by one day during their furloughs. Sgt. Kule and his brother have not seen each other in four and one-half years. . . Pvt. Tony Cacace, Serv. Co., found a razor in the latrine and called out for its owner. He finally handed it to a man who said he might have forgotten his. Next morning Tony couldn't find his own—he had given it away . . . Cpl. Arthur Tubigue, Co. D, recently left for OCS to join his platoon sergeant, Sgt. John Gorilla . . . Pvt. Walter Tocinis is the father of a son born in Waterbury, Conn. Sgt. Earl Matthews' new son arrived in Checotah, Okla. . . Because they captured the commander of opposing forces on a field problem last week, S/Sgts. Fred J. Heimes, Edmund E. Eschwege and Nick Vukmanovich were awarded two-day passes by Maj. Ancher Christensen, CO of 2d Bn.

255th Inf.—When 1st/Sgt. Northrup, Serv. Co., called for "Pvt. Newman" this week, five new men in the company fell out for detail. The sergeant, who, incidentally, is a full-blooded Indian, threatened to scalp the owner of an unmade bed—till he found it was his own . . . Lt. G. C. Black, Serv. Co., is passing out, instead of cigars, books of matches bearing a picture of his wife and newborn son . . . Pfc. Walter B. Warren is the father of a boy born to Mrs. Rose Warren in Field Memorial Hospital, Centerville . . . S/Sgt. Jerome Shore, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is very proud of a picture of his wife, Anna, and himself taken at a Philadelphia union convention. But he complains no one ever looks at the picture in the union paper because there is a bathing-suit picture of Actress Faye Emerson on the same page . . . New officers in the 255th are 1st Lt. Jacob R. Bowers, Jr., Cannon Co., and the following second lieutenants: Frank A. Waldner, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; Louis Simons, Jr., Co. D; Forest Churchill, Jr., Co. C, and Turner S. Lux, Jr., Russell W. Heaton and William B. Jennings, all to AT Co. . . Highlights at CT Blue Rec Hall this weekend are the movies "The Ghost Breakers," showing Sunday, and "Claudia," on Monday, both at 2000 . . . Capt. Junior L. Cox, recently stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., is new orientation officer of the 255th. Lt. Ralph B. Bond is the new athletic and recreation officer. His predecessor, Lt. Mike Naddeo, now is in Great Britain.

## Major Loop Stars To Go Overseas

When the final out is made in the World Series next month, be it at St. Louis or Detroit, or elsewhere, five troupes of major league baseball stars will head overseas to entertain soldiers in battlefield areas.

Sponsored by the Army Special Services Division in co-operation with the American and National Leagues, the players traveling under the auspices of the USO camp shows will not necessarily play ball. They will entertain with story-telling and the usual question answering and autographing

of baseballs. Films of the 1944 World Series also will be shown.

Eleven active players and six managers will be included on the roster of volunteers scheduled to visit five theaters of operations on tours lasting from two to three months. Four former players, two umpires and five baseball writers—the latter group being scheduled to conduct the shows—also have agreed "to go over."

An inside on the master-minding which goes on behind big league scenes will be given the GIs by Managers Mel Ott of the Giants, Leo Durocher of the Dodgers, Fred Fitzsimmons of the Phillies, Frankie Frisch of the Pirates, Luke Sewell of the Browns and Steve O'Neill of the Tigers.

## 253d Does Its Own Broadcasting

# 'BIGGEST LITTLE RADIO STATION'

"The Biggest Little Radio Station in the Army" is keeping the 253d Inf. abreast of events in the world today.

Daily at noon chow GIs in the 253d mess halls, and all other units in camp, too, if they desire, are hearing a lively 15-minute broadcast originated and broadcast within the 253d regimental area.

The brain-child of Pfc. Nathan Krems, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., the idea of the regimental broadcasting station was presented to Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding the 253d, who immediately approved and sent the idea along to Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. Gen. Hibbs gave his approval, too, but with the comment that the plan seemed to call for a ton of work.

### It Was a Job

When the approvals were passed back to Krems he found that he had really stepped into something. The idea had looked simple and foolproof on paper, but when he started to do the work it seemed that there was no end to it.

First, there was the problem of technical supervision and, looming over that, the seemingly impossible task of getting his hands on a number of parts that ranked high on the priority listing.

Luckily, he struck pay dirt in his own regiment. In regimental Hq. he found S/Sgt. Norman Kapan, in Hq. Co., 3d Bn., he found T/4 Walter McKenny and in Hq. Co., 2d Bn., T/5 William A. Lamphere, all three competent radio technicians.

### Engineer Helps

In New Orleans, after a bit of looking around he found able and willing help in H. Q. Ballan, a radio engineer, who designed a vest-pocket transmitter not much bigger than a portable typewriter, and Ballan's boss, William Schuler, Schuler was to prove an invaluable help.

When everything was ready to go the staff of the morning radio station found it was stymied by lack of several vital parts. Unfortunately, these parts were considered no less valuable than diamonds by the powers that distribute America's critical materials.

Here Schuler stepped in and by doing this and doing that he managed to get the needed articles.

### Work on Own Time

Then there was nothing to it but putting up the transmitter in the CT Red Rec Hall, and making certain that its voice did not wander onto the wavelengths of other and more powerful stations in this area. McKenny and Lamp here sweated blood in this important and difficult work. To these experiments and the final delicate adjustments they devoted almost all of their spare time for weeks.

Before the station could make its debut much remained to be done, however.

Krems devoted his furlough to getting up the inaugural broad-



Pfc. Krems prepares the CT Red Network's noon news summary while Pfc. Joseph Wright tests the controls on the transmitter.

casts. He went to Hollywood, where he had made many friends in radio and newspaper work, and really put it up to the boys.

### Boys Go to Town

They came through in fine style. Harry Maislich, general manager of Warner Brothers station KFWB, spontaneously volunteered the facilities of the station and the aid of his technicians in disk-ing a number of 15-minute transcriptions for the 253d.

Sam Balter, Olympic basketball player and nationally known news commentator, made two records, each 15 minutes in length.

Earl Robinson, who wrote "Ballad for Americans" and "The House I Live In" played and sang six of his own songs.

Cass Dailey, Philadelphia comedienne, sang three songs, one the new "Corns for My Country."

Howard Estabrook, winner of the Academy Award with "Cimarron," director of Fibber McGee and Molly in "Heavenly Days" wrote a script and The Kings Men sang "Please Leave My Girl Alone" from that show.

A month ago the station opened, with a mess call by T/5 Charles Rudibaugh, who also doubles as sports commentator. Pfc. Krems prepared and directed the program and the news commentary. The

first of the disks, was played. With Pfc. Joseph Waugh, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., as technicians. And the CT Red Network had been launched.

### It's Pretty GI

The station, although the 253d's only means of direct, immediate contact with the men, has remained a GI affair. Only one officer, Col. Lukert, has spoken over it and he only once.

It has proved a potent advertising medium.

When Capt. Bruno Savoia, now 1st Bn. S 3, wanted candidates for a barbering school he was directing for the regiment he broadcast an appeal for candidates at the mess-hall radio period. Now the 253d is overstrength in potential hair-butchers.

Cpl. William Recchia, acting regimental sergeant-major, wanted to get rid of his Oldsmobile. One day after he advertised it over the regimental radio he had passed it on for more than \$1,000.

Sgt. Harold Sheivachman, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., antitank platoon, got his Special Orders transferring him out of the Division after he had sunk \$35 in a furlough ticket to New York. He offered it on the radio for \$25 and they almost broke his leg in the rush. He had the \$25 in five minutes.

## Last Week's Scores

### WEST

Michigan, 14; Marquette, 0.  
Ia. Seabawks, 19; Minnesota, 13.  
Great Lakes, 27; Purdue, 18.  
Illinois, 26; Indiana, 18.  
Arkansas, 7; Missouri, 6.  
Ft. Warren, 7; Colorado, 6.  
Texas A. and M., 39; Bryan Field 0.

### EAST

Harvard, 43; Bates, 6.  
Pitt, 26; West Virginia, 13.  
Cornell, 39; Syracuse, 6.

Bucknell, 14; Muhlenberg, 0.  
Villanova, 13; Scranton, 7.  
F. and M., 26; Ursinus, 0.

### SOUTH

Kentucky, 27; Mississippi 7.  
Duke, 61; Richmond, 7.  
Wake Forest, 7; N. Carolina, 0.  
S. Carolina, 48; Newberry, 0.  
Virginia, 37; Hampden-Sydney, 0.  
Clemson, 30; Presbyterian, 0.

### FAR WEST

S. California, 13; UCLA, 13.  
California, 31; St. Mary's, 7.  
Washington, 71; Williamette, 0.

### PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Lions, 23; N. Y. Giants, 0.

## Waste Paper Racket Preys on Patriotic

CHICAGO—A new small-time racket was discovered by the Chicago police when they arrested Louis Gargano, 30, on a charge of stealing 2½ tons of waste paper contributed to the war effort. When police found him driving past the waste paper depot, he admitted that he had taken the paper from householders' curbs and intended selling it.

## BERNIE BLOOD

A GLIMPSE INTO BERNIE'S PRIVATE COLLECTION.



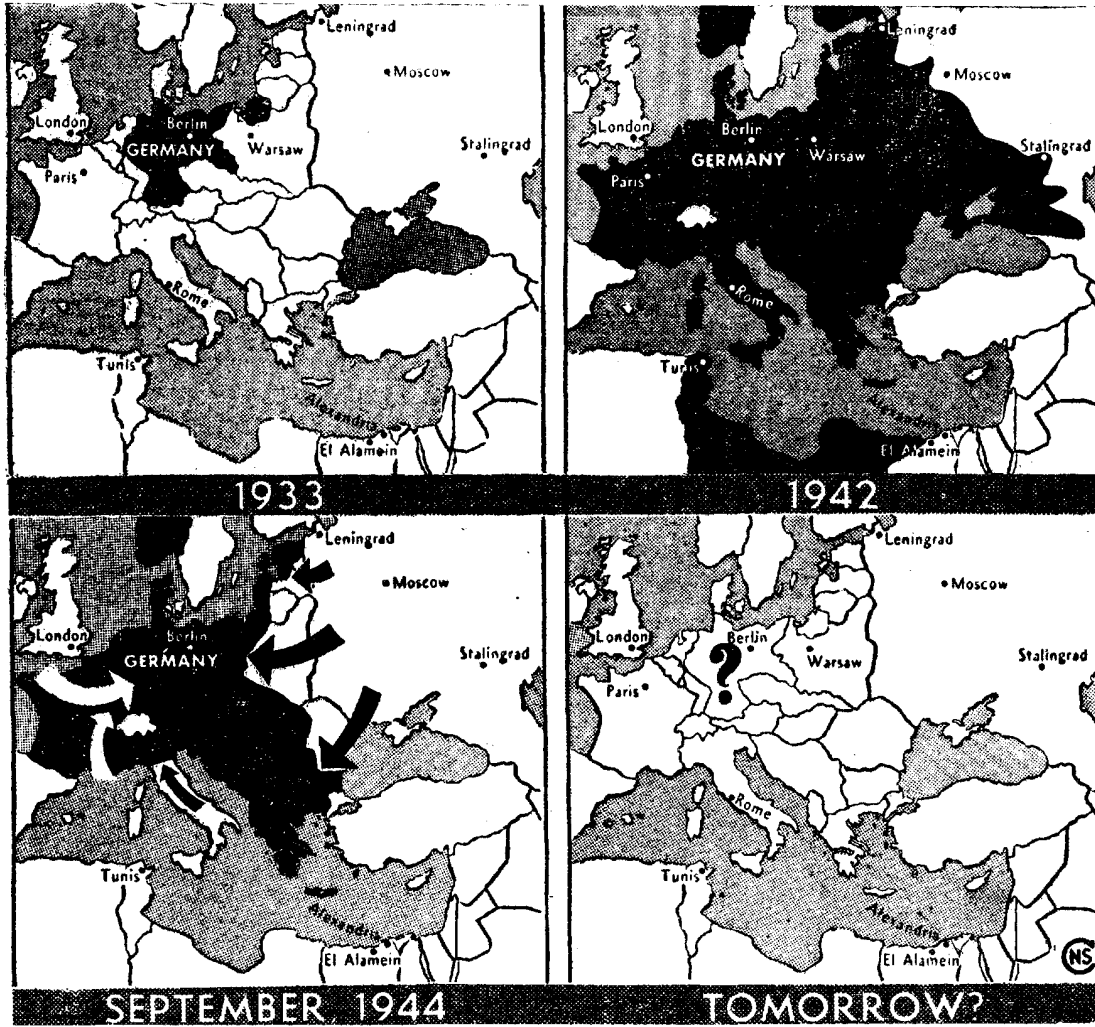
## Local Talent



## By GILL FOX



Life and Death of An Empire



BOSTON (CNS)—After thinking it over for a number of years, Joe Pallotti, a local resident, has become an American citizen at the age of 33.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CNS)—The people of the U. S. are afflicted with "an appalling amount of parochial ignorance," symbolized by their fondness for radio crooners, comic strips, soap operas and picture magazines, says Douglas Bush, professor of English at Harvard University.

DETROIT (CNS)—Although he was a professional palm reader, Hassin Kohn wouldn't hold hands with his own wife, Mrs. Kohn charged in filing suit for divorce here.

DALLAS, Tex. (CNS)—Annabelle Medford, who says that three of her nine husbands have been convicts, has divorced her most recent mate to marry her 10th in jail.

HOUSTON, Tex. (CNS)—John Dunlop, sitting on his porch while waiting for his evening paper, saw one floating through the air on a gust of wind. He reached out and grabbed it.

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (CNS)—Izzy Banikofis spent his weekly pay check merrily, then, en route home, fell asleep in a 15-inch-deep patch of tar.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—Stan Braswell has filed suit for divorce, claiming that his wife sent a telegram announcing that she was dead.

MARQUETTE, Mich. (CNS)—Four convicts broke out of the local jail, then broke in again and were captured.

NEW YORK (CNS)—When Bandleader Woody Herman's cook threatened to quit, he enticed her into staying by writing a song—"Stay Awhile"—and dedicating it to her.

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS)—A local lady has sued her husband, a taxidermist, for divorce.

Services to Mark

(Continued From Page 1) and at the front and on board ship soldiers and sailors will assemble in great numbers to share the common elements of the highest experience of God's grace.

WILLIAM E. PATRICK, Division Chaplain. The World Wide Communion will start in New Zealand at 1030 today, which is Sunday in that part of the world.

Jeep Driver's Luck Holds on Mined Road

ITALY—If you wonder why soldiers are inclined to be fatalists, consider what happened recently to Pfc. Dick Richards, of Detroit, a jeep driver.

Tired Homing Pigeon Lands on Warship

LOS ANGELES—Lee Dungan's homing pigeon, released at Bakersfield, 105 miles north of here as pigeons fly, finally has flown home.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS No. 1 AND 2 Starting Time: No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810 (From Sat. Sept. 30 through Fri. Oct. 6)

Was His Face Red!

RHINELANDER, Wis. — Lt. Donald Karr, home from the ETO, burst into his parents' bedroom and yelled "Surprise!"

Captured Heinies

(Continued From Page 1) mopping-up tactics. The lieutenant said, "After we withdrew from a town your troops didn't get in and secure the place. So we were able to send combat patrols back into it.

The sergeant amplified the lieutenant's remarks by declaring "I don't think the Americans clean out the areas they cross carefully enough. After I became separated from my unit I wandered behind your lines for five days, noting troop concentrations and artillery positions so I could report them to my CO upon my return.

Another Nazi of equal rank had much to say which should sink home. "It's kind of hard to tell you what we say about you because much of it seems contradictory.

Careless or Heroic "You are careless, or foolish or heroic beyond words. You don't seek cover. You move along unprotected.

"When you have two men on outpost you don't get on edge like we do. You simply relax. You are overconfident, I'm sure. You don't stay on the alert.

"Your small arms marksmanship is better than ours. So is your rifle firing. Most of all you Americans seem to consider it a sport—a game—and you behave like you were on a hunt back home.

"You don't seem to realize this is a killing thing!"

Compliments flowed profusely from others interviewed. Of the artillery it was said, "Nobody can stand your artillery fire. It was the toughest thing we had to face.

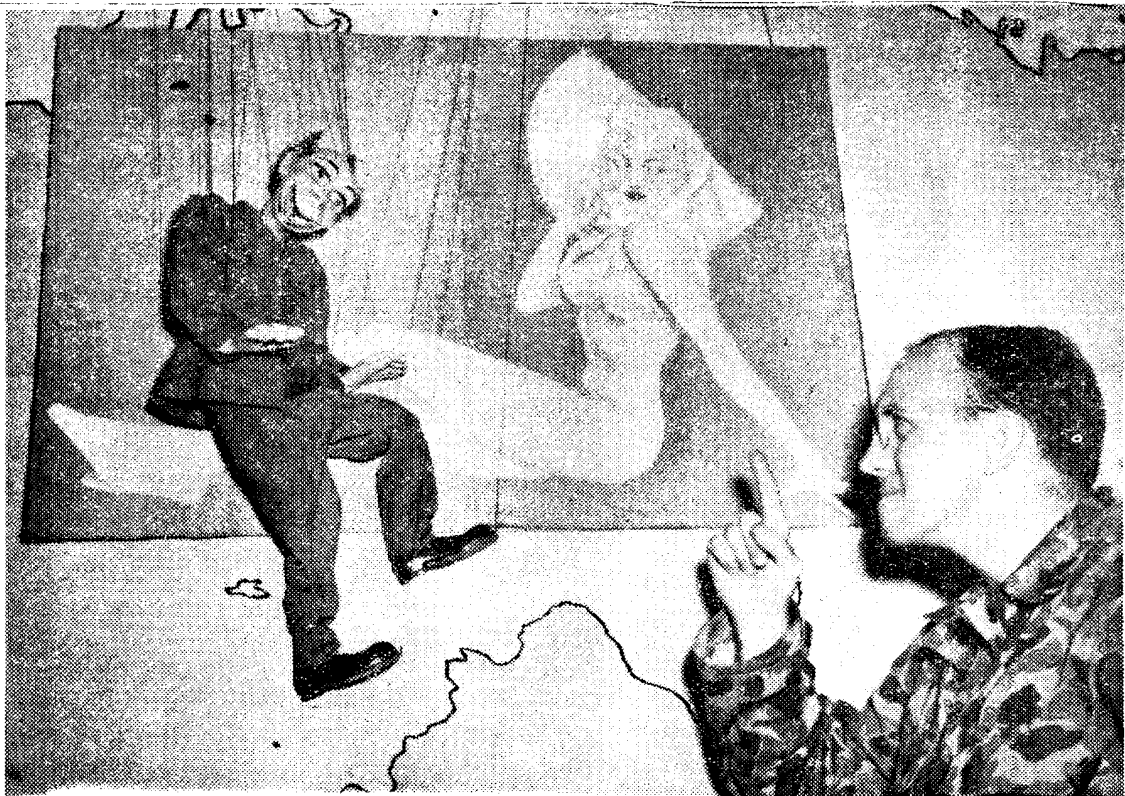
And of our forward elements, they said, "We think your scouts are good. We also admire the courage and spirit of officers who lead your patrols. We don't have officers who go out on patrols.

"We can hear the rattle of your mess gear and we have seen your men on patrol actually smoking in the dark."

Penicillin Is Flown To Flyer Ill in Romania

ITALY (CNS)—Penicillin was flown into Romania from Italy to save the life of an American flier who has been hospitalized there since his Liberator bomber went down during an August raid on Ploesti.

The victim, Sgt. Peter Tierney, of Rochester, N. Y., was blown from his plane, but managed to get his parachute open. He received fractured hips and multiple injuries of the arms and legs.



DANGEROUS CURVES are ahead for T/5 Gremlin, a marionette, who is being admonished by T/5 Samuel Clark, 254th orientation assistant, when the regiment presented "Hot Copy," monthly orientation show, before GIs of the Division at Theaters 1 and 5 this week.

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