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DIVISION BEING LIFTED TO FULL STRENGTH



THE YOUNGER ELEMENT REVIEWS THE DIVISION—Dignitaries watching the 63d Div. review on Organization Day are (left to right) Walter J. Burk, Jr., 6½ months, son of Lt. Col Burk of the 253d; William F. Gerard, Jr., 11 months, son of Capt. Gerard of Co. B, 253d, and Merry Beth Sosnay, 10 months, daughter of 1st Lt. Sosnay, Hq. Co., 253d.

Wacs Join GIs In Circus Revue

Beneath a broiling sun that beamed official celestial sanction on the Organization Day Circus Revue, 100 members of the cast brought an atmosphere of peanuts and calliope to the Outdoor Theater last Friday.

Presented by the Special Service office and written by T/5 Arnold Spector and T/5 Paul Taubman, the review was the most ambitious spectacle ever attempted in the 63d Div.

Aided and abetted by members of the WAC Detachment, the 63d Division Chorus and the 63d Div. white orchestra led by WOJG Harold Polakoff, the show featured all the typical circus attractions including, wire artists, tumblers, clowns, and even a homemade horse.

Chorus Impressive

Most impressive presentation was the choral rendition of the "Song of the 63d Div. Uniform," written by Dorothy Harris, daughter of Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Comdr. Miss Harris' (Continued on Page 5)

Summer Is Here— (The World's Full Of Hotter Places)

Spring is over, in case you didn't know.

Summer started officially last Wednesday with the beginning of the Summer solstice and Wednesday didn't just seem the longest day of your Army life. It was—the longest day of the year.

It wasn't the hottest, though. The day before, last day of Spring, broke all records of heat in New Orleans. Humidity was high and the thermometer got up to 96, the hottest for June 20th since the weather bureau started taking records in 1874. At camp a GI thermometer registered 110 in the shade.

No weather reports have come in from New Guinea or Burma—yet.

MOVIES AT CT BLUE

CT Blue Special Service Office will entertain weekend sojourners with an open air movie at 2030 tomorrow night in front of the CT Blue Rec Hall. "The Magnificent Dope" with Henry Fonda, is the name of the production.

Gen. Milburn Lauds Orientation Plan

The thorough manner in which the 63d Div. has handled orientation has brought praise upon officers and men of the Division from Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commanding the VII Corps at Camp Polk, La.

In his commendation, which is addressed to Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, who is in charge of orientation in the 63d, the Corps Commander says:

"It has been brought to my attention from a recent inspection of the orientation of the 63d Div., that the manner of presenting orientation is being handled in an imaginative and colorful manner.

"...It is my desire that this expression of the Corps Commander's appreciation of their good work be conveyed to each of the officers and enlisted men who are preparing the work."

Gen. Harris, in a memorandum to all units expressed his appreciation of the splendid cooperation which has made the commendation possible.

63d Stages Combat Shows In Two Cities and Camp

Organization Week was marked by significant developments within the Division.

Bearing out the promise implicit in the Organization Day speech of the Commanding General, hundreds of new men were sent into camp to bolster battalions thinned by recent shipments.

In Camp

In camp the 63d Division celebrated Infantry Day and its first birthday with an elaborate series of ceremonies and demonstrations and the first full week-day holiday in its history, an epochal event timed to enable hundreds to take off on full three-day passes.

The celebration started at 1300 Thursday when a number of the company streets, motor parks, mess halls and training areas were thrown open to visitors in a proud display of the Division's accomplishments in its first year.

At the 718th Tractor Park on Seventh Ave. and Fifteenth St., (Continued on Page 5.)

Out of Camp

Before a cheering crowd estimated by police at approximately 70,000 persons, a battalion of Blood and Fire Division took over Canal St. in downtown New Orleans on Infantry Day and staged "Military Mardi Gras," a vivid demonstration of the way foot soldiers are seizing and holding Nazi fortifications in France today.

Canal St. generally is considered the widest business thoroughfare in the world—it is the scene of the peacetime Mardi Gras—and it provided an ideal demonstration area for battle exercises before (Continued on Page 5.)

Mr. and Mrs. America Look at Their Sons in the 63d Division



Mrs. Robert Jensen

Mr. and Mrs. America came to Camp Van Dorn last week and in two days of blistering military ceremonies and battle exercises their sons and husbands showed them that the 63d Division is fit and ready when called upon to do its part in winning this man's war.

More than 2,000 strong, friends and relatives of men in the Division streamed through the gates during the twinned-up observance of Infantry Day and Organization Day, and poked curiously into all corners of the camp. They were appalled by the heat, amazed by the precision firing of our demonstration instruments, startled at first and in the end quite pleased by Army chow, and they went home a little awe-struck at the

tremendous offensive and defensive power of a modern, well-trained, well-equipped and well-organized division.

Modern War at Home

Typical of the comments from the audience at the combat exhibitions on Thursday was that of Mrs. Robert Jensen of Wichita, Kan., wife of First Lt. Robert Jensen of Co. A., 363d Med. Bn., after she watched the 2d Bn. of the 255th demonstrate how a modern military unit subdues a heavily-armored, deeply dug-in enemy pillbox.

"It looked like the shores of France must have looked on D-Day," Mrs. Jensen said. "Watching those boys, I could understand the courage and resolution our men

must have needed to step over the Channel. From now on I'll read battle reports with a little more understanding—and a lot more reverence."

Mrs. Jensen was accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Edwards of Shelby, Miss., whose husband is 2d Lt. Edwards of Co. D, 363d Med. Bn. She was most impressed by the uncanny accuracy of the firing.

"They made it look as easy as shooting sitting birds," she said. "From now on I'm going to advise every soldier friend of ours to spend a little more time on his creeping and crawling."

Comments at Review

At the Division review on Or- (Continued on Page 5)



Mrs. W. M. Edwards

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

My first tip this week deals with a pretty hot subject—the weather. Having been born and raised south of the Mason-Dixon line, I know what I am talking about when I say "You ain't seen nothing yet," and I'm aiming this at you guys who are already seeking the shade of the old apple tree during instruction as well as during breaks. I was red in the face and mad as hell the other afternoon during a parade when some of my boys—I won't call them men—began fall-

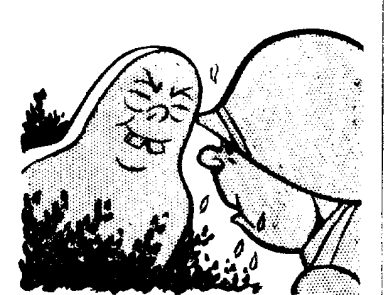
out. Hell, I've seen men stand at attention in the hottest kind of weather during a long review with flies chewing at the ends of their noses and necks and never make a move, and I don't see any reason why we can't have the same kind of standards today. After all, it isn't half as hot on the Van Dorn parade ground as it is on the invasion coast and those men are taking it.

Maybe it is the real thing, but the guy who flops deserves a kick in the pants for not having gotten himself in condition rather than a free ride on the stretcher when he falls out. My tip to all you fainters is to take plenty of sun, salt and water and less belly-wash, ice cream and beer, and you will come a lot nearer to living up to Blood and Fire standards.

My second tip takes the form of a warning to all concerned that this business of putting down a base of fire and assaulting from a flank doesn't always work in combat with the same smoothness with which they seem to function around here.

The other day I saw a base of fire asleep and their answer to a rude awakening was that they were waiting for the envelopment to get into position for the assault. Hell, you can't just lie there and do nothing while the enveloping outfit is working forward, for if you do, instead of you having the enemy's head down during the assault they will have yours down and your buddies up there will be out of luck. In combat it don't just work out that easy. There's many a slip twixt cup and the lip. Anything can happen. The enveloping outfit may hit the enemy and have to put down its own base of fire and do a little maneuvering on its own. If it is careless it may get wiped out entirely.

In this connection some of you folks have a benighted idea that envelopments are protected by the Almighty and that all you have got to do is walk around through the woods to the assaulting position. In the first place, there may not be any woods, and if there is the enemy can see them as well as you can and if you think he's damn fool enough to lie there and let you promenade through them up to his flank without interfering with you in some way you are crazy as hell. So, my tip is to use your imagination a bit and put



buck teeth in those silhouette targets and act accordingly.



ing out like flies. In the old days the ability to stand up and take it at a hot parade was an indication of damned good discipline, and it was considered a disgrace to fall

Campbell to Give Concert at Chapel

The Division Special Services Office will present Sgt. John Campbell, tenor, of the Division Band, and former concert singer, in a special recital on the Twilight Concert Hour, next Thursday night at 2000 at Chapel No. 7.

Sgt. Campbell has been with the 63d since its activation in Florida. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York and was a soloist at Riverside Church. He has appeared in several concerts in Carnegie Hall and was heard by many members of the Division when he played the leading role in the recent opera "Robin Hood," presented by the students of Louisiana State University. Sgt. Campbell will be accompanied on the piano by T/S Paul Taubman, former concert pianist and member of the staff of NBC.

- The program:
- Ab Spicato Handel
 - Nebble Respighi
 - Invito All Danza Respighi
 - Sainte Ravel
 - Tout Gal Ravel
 - Che Gelida Manina Puccini (La Boheme)
 - Nacht und Traume Schubert
 - Der Hidalgo Schumann
 - Ewig Wolff
 - Hat dich die Liebe Beruhrt Marx
 - Into the Night Edwards
 - I Hear an Army Barber
 - The Lament of Ian the Proud Griffes
 - The South Wind Parker
 - White Horses of the Sea Warren

The Wolf by Sansone



"Whed d'ya mean—mine don't look so good?"



Equalling the Division record for firing the U. S. Rifle Cal. .30 M-1 on the range, the three members of the 563d Signal Co. depicted above posted scores of 200 apiece last week on the range. Left to right: T/Sgt. Joseph F. F. Oktoves, T/Ss David G. Collier, and Paul L. Hastings clean guns that did the job.

Gen. Hibbs' Organization Day Speech

The following is the text of the speech delivered by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, on Organization Day:

Today, this 63d Infantry Division begins its second year of existence. During the year which has passed, the sweat and toil and thought of close to 20,000 of America's manhood has gone into its building. Although some 8,000 of these are gone to fight with other units, the product of their labor remains to fortify us in the comradeships they left behind and in the structure of American solidarity that they helped thus to create. We are proud of the quality of these fighting men who have left us, knowing that they were read, and able, and a credit to their origin.

We number among us today some 6,000 men who were not with us in our early days. . . . A majority of these are but recently come to us. These we welcome to warm comradeship in Blood and Fire with the promise of great endeavors, the fellowship of the fighting man, and the reward that they make for themselves, the knowledge of work well done.

Veterans as Teachers

Those of you who constitute our old soldiers and who are versed in our ways, I charge with teaching to the new those things which we guard as our own special prerogatives. . . . that we cultivate cheerfulness and enthusiasm. . . . that we salute with a smile and a spoken greeting. . . . that we hold discipline and duty to be matters of our pride as fine soldiers in a fine outfit. . . . and that we are jealous of our fine reputation for appearance, and soldierly and gentlemanly conduct in civilian communities.

Some of you newcomers may be strangers to the rude life of the combat soldier. . . . to preparation for war as we prepare for it in this division. This should occasion you no concern for adjustment to it comes quickly and easily, provided the individual is willing to try to carry his share of the load.

We build the fighting man. Full scale preparation for the actualities of combat has been the keynote of this division from the start. This applies throughout the whole scope of your training from the daily routine of living at one end of the scale, to the realism of battle exercises at the other end. As your commander, I have been unwilling to sacrifice your learning to live under combat conditions by prescribing for you a soft routine of life. My duty it is to fit you best to do your job, thereby, also, greatly increasing the chances of your safe return to the free America for which you go to fight. Surrendering any training efficiency to a softer, or safer, existence would be negligence of duty on my part. . . . and what's more, you'd take no pride in having it that way. I require of myself and of every other man in the division the same full scale adherence to our rigorous preparation for combat.

We produce the fighting man and the fighting unit.

Our training has been severely jolted by war necessities several times during the past four months.

We have been side-cracked momentarily. Within the next few days, we will be full up and ready to go again. The end of next week we go back into the main line. It will be a great satisfaction to get off this siding we've been on. . . . not that we have been wasting time, for we most definitely have not. . . . but I know that all of us have been fretting over the delay in our travel toward the goal of complete readiness for combat.

Commends Spirit

In this connection, I must express my sincere commendation to all ranks upon the fine attitude with which they have met this

255th Commander Leaves Division

Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer of the 255th Inf., left the 63d Div. this week on orders transferring him to a new station.

He was the last of the three original combat team commanders to leave the Division.

Col. Tombaugh is a West Pointer and former National Guard officer who for 13 years was a practicing attorney and was in the banking and trust business.

Born in Indiana in 1897, he was graduated from the Military Academy in 1920, in the same class with Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander.

He had attended Indiana University before entering West Point, and returned there to graduate from law school with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1926.

He served in field artillery units after graduation from the Point and re-entered the Army in 1937 in the War Plans Division of the General Staff. He was G-3 of the 28th Div. and was associated with the Chief Training Branch of the 1st Service Command from November 1, 1942, until he joined the Blood and Fire Division.



COL. PAUL E. TOMBAUGH

succession of rebuffs. I was, in truth, expecting nothing less of you, however. I have been most pleased to have you confirm my belief in your fine soldierly qualities. Nothing tests a man's ability to take it like a series of disappointments. . . . that you can take them and laugh them off, and bore in again, time after time, as you have done, means much. . . . not alone to yourselves and your commanders but to higher headquarters, which, believe it or not, keep a watchful eye out for these earmarks of the high-quality fighting unit.

We have a tough training period ahead. The hot months of July, August and September will try you physically and mentally. You must school yourselves to profit from the physical hardening they will produce and the far more important mental stamina that you will acquire. This takes (or, rather makes) guts. The rigors of combat in any theatre will demand more of you than will be required here. When things get tough, remember that: and remember this is a training opportunity for you, physically and mentally. You never get something for nothing. You've got to put out to get something in return. And, incidentally, you should be more interested in your own fitness for combat than anyone else.

In the usual run of things, we should go to maneuvers along about October, after which we may expect to go into a period of re-sharpening our fine tools (the small units, and our firepower) and to go into certain special battle conditioning and battle training exercises. Then Blood and Fire should be ready to fulfill its promise.

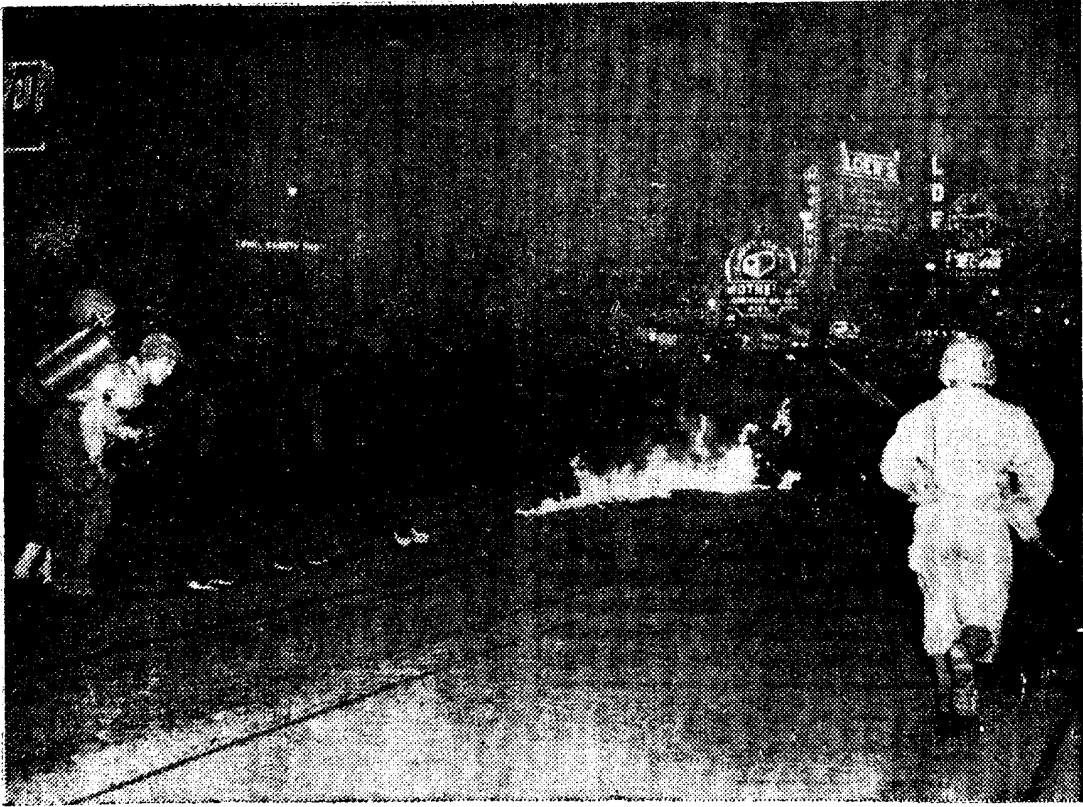
My congratulations to you on your birthday. One year ago I told you "This division starts with no history. This fact is favorable. We are concerned with this war, not past wars. Leadership looks forward. Ancestor worship kills no Axis foes. You will need no inspiration of a name that others made, nor the spur of fearing their reproach for failure. Your history lies before you. What's won is yours alone."

Today, this division stands with history behind it, and a name that you have made and that is known in many far corners of the globe. It is known personally to those top leaders of the United Nations who, at Casablanca, made the promise we are engaged to keep, and whose signatures on our Talisman give their personal blessing to the enterprise. You are known among our comrade divisions, in our big service schools, in our high echelons of command, as a top flight division, intent upon one thing and one thing only, training for combat. . . . specialists in infantry action. . . . a division characterized by zest and enthusiasm, fine discipline, a fine solidarity in officer and enlisted personnel, a great team spirit in artillery and infantry, a great team spirit in all things.

These things do not happen by chance. They do not result from orders. They are a product of your own hard work. The leader can point the way, but you produce the result, and yours is the credit. Yours, also is the right to pride in your accomplishments.

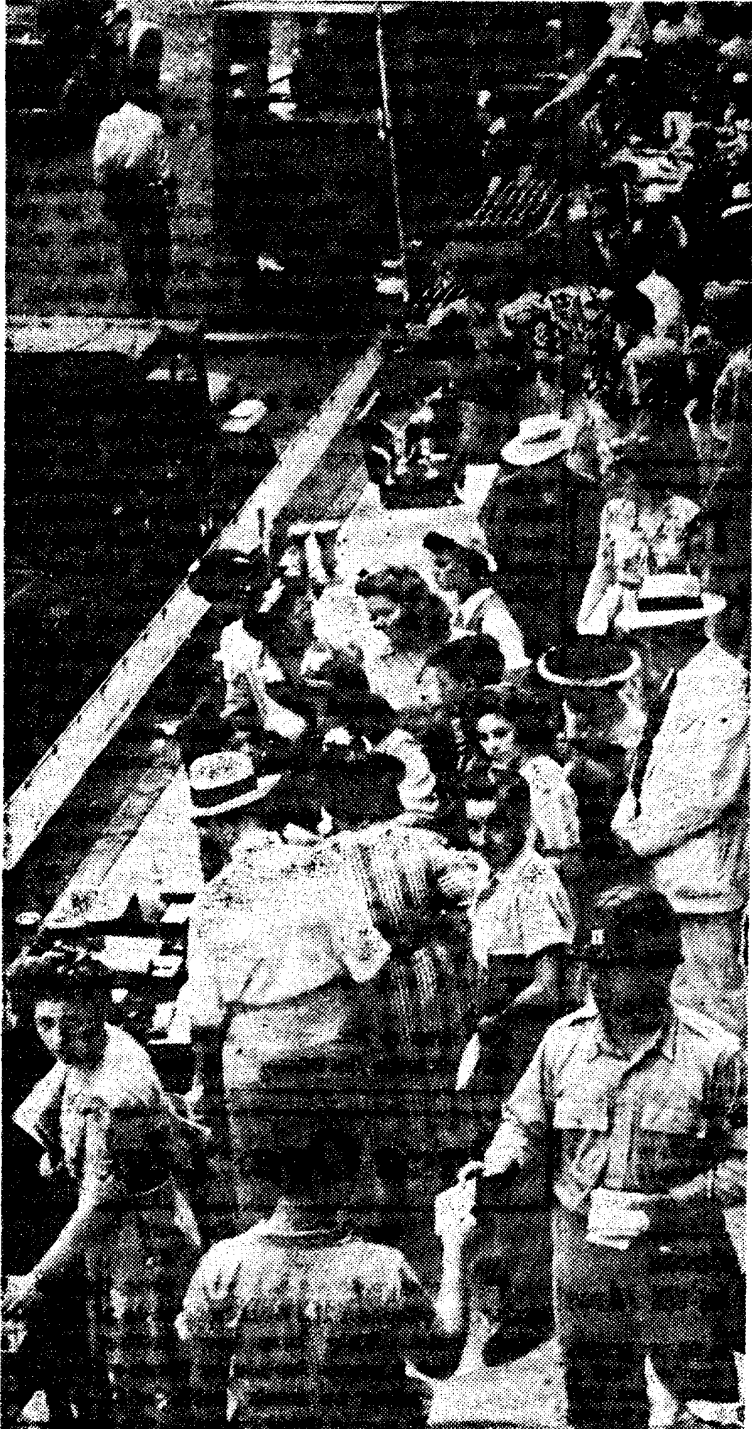
Day of Battle...

New Orleans and Baton Rouge had the war brought right into their own front yards on Infantry Day by two battalions of the 63d Division. In New Orleans a battalion from the 254th Inf. gave a realistic battle show on Canal street as part of the city's Military Mardi Gras and police were helpless to hold the crowds in check. Cheering girls battled to tear Blood and Fire patches from our men's shoulders and the MPs got a woeful going-over in trying to preserve order. Baton Rouge gave a battalion from the 253d an equally enthusiastic reception, although rain hampered the battle demonstration in Louisiana State University Stadium.



New Orleans States Photo

A flame-thrower goes into flaring action in the midst of downtown New Orleans.



All day crowds like this one paraded past the exhibits on Canal street, New Orleans. A Red Cross Mobile Canteen stands in the back ground.



Walkie-talkie, as usual, was a center of civilian interest. This one is on Canal street.



Maj. William P. Keane and Capt. S. E. Spangler plot Canal street "battle."



Mrs. A. M. Garrison of Baton Rouge weighs a 105mm. shell.



New Orleans States Photo.

A machine gun squad opens fire on its objective in "The Battle of Canal Street." A crowd of 70,000 milled about surrounding streets to get a glimpse of the combat action.



A woman and three boys look over a BAR.

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EDITORIAL

THERE MUST BE A REASON

Morale is a kind of "each guy for himself" topic, for everybody has his own private definition of what morale is. To some it means personal comfort, steak every other day or traveling girlie shows. To the Chinese battling alone against superhuman odds, to the Red Army standing firm at Stalingrad, to the RAF pilots chasing the Luftwaffe out of the skies, to the men of Carlson's Raiders at Makin, it meant something else.

But they knew, too, it was something deeper and finer and stronger-based on the solid conviction of a just cause. Just because a soldier has the best weapon in the world doesn't make him the best fighter in the world. Far from it—a gun must be fired by a man. The secret weapon of this war is the oldest tool of war, the man himself.

It is toward this concern with the man himself that the Army orientation program is directed. Just to fight an enemy without knowing why you must destroy that enemy, why you must murder other men when your religion, your training and your soul knows that murder is wrong—that is the way of the stupid.

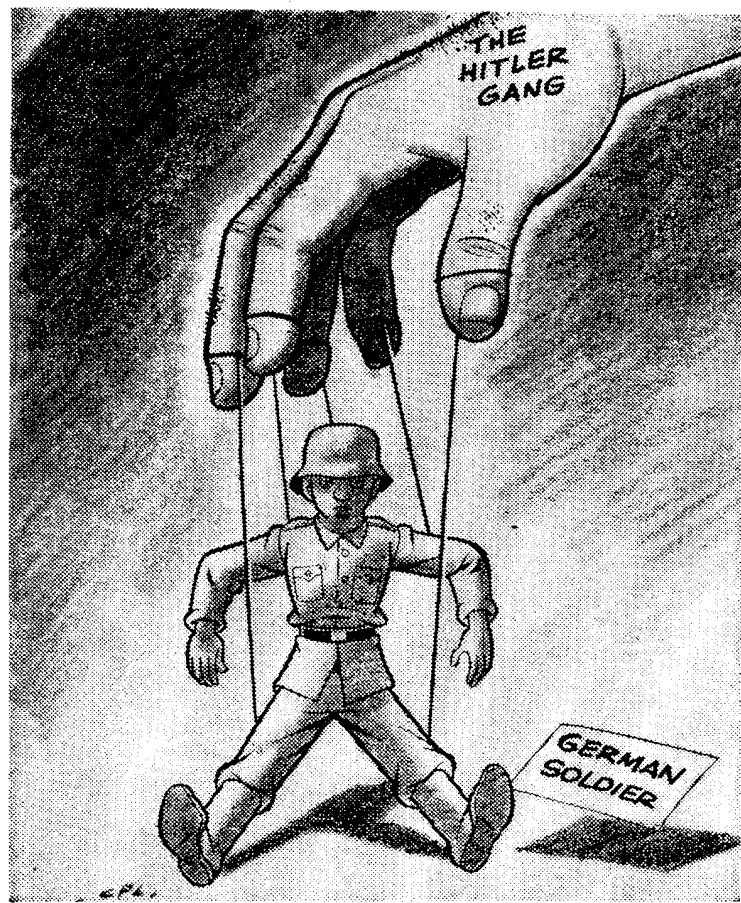
A man must know why he fights and know what tragedy he and generations after him will suffer if he does not fight. He needs to know that he is one with other men of good will, his Allies. In tough, trying moments he needs the strength that comes from recognition of the kind of enemy he is up against in this death struggle of two different worlds. He needs to know that he in his GI uniform represents the hope of freedom and peace in villages and towns and cities that he never has heard of, places with unpronounceable names in distant lands that have felt the heavy boot of the conqueror.

That is the purpose of Army orientation. And the 63d again has proved itself the kind of outfit that has men who are the best equipped, the best fed and the best informed soldiers in the world. Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps, has forwarded to the 63d his commendation for the quality of our orientation work. Again we are superior, and the general said "the manner of presenting orientation is being handled in an imaginative and colorful manner . . . it is my desire that this expression of the Corps Commander's appreciation of their good work be conveyed to each of the officers and enlisted men who are preparing the work."

There's no better insurance for the future than to invest in a War Bond now. It is one way of helping battle the enemy and it will provide a financial cushion that may be welcome in the days when we are all out on our own once again.

We're not so bad off in Mississippi as we might think. Sure it's hot, but here we have only the heat to contend with. Think of our fellow soldiers in Burma and other torrid places. The heat is probably the least of their worries.

It is easier to understand Judas if we remember that he was the treasurer who had charge of the money bag.



News from Here and There

French Landings Recall Lines by Shakespeare

FRANCE (CNS)—The area of the Allied landings in France is approximately that in which the British Army of King Henry V landed in 1415 in the campaign climaxed by the bloody Battle of Agincourt.

This action has been preserved for our generation not only by the battle itself but because of William Shakespeare's famous lines from "Henry V" in which he addresses the audience:

"And thence to France
Shall we convey you safe
And bring you back,
(Charming the narrow sea
To give you gentle pass."

'Absent Minded' Woman Was Married to 15 Men

DETROIT (CNS)—Marine Pvt. Alex Stankowich, 24, who with 14 other guys is married to red-headed Marion Horn, rushed to her defense when she was arraigned on bigamy charges.

"She's a fine woman," he insisted, "but a little absent minded."

Miss Horn has admitted to police that she married 15 men—including Stankowich—since 1926 without divorcing any of them.

'First' Is First Again In French Invasion

FRANCE (CNS)—The U. S. Army's famed First Infantry Division—which has been in the thick of the fight in two wars—was one of the first outfits to land in France in the invasion thrust June 6.

Under command of Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, the "Fighting First" fought in North Africa and Sicily in this war's previous big amphibious actions.

Pacific Fighter Planes Now Rocket-Equipped

INDIA (CNS)—AAF fighter planes equipped with rocket projectiles now are being used in combat in the China-Burma-India and Pacific Theaters, it was made known here.

The rockets are fired from beneath the wings of five types of fighter planes—the P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-38 Lightning, P-39 Airacobra and the P-51 Mustang.

17-Year-Olds Eligible For AAF Training Again

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The AAF Reserve Corps is accepting enlistments once again, the War Department has disclosed. Eligible are youths 17 years old who may volunteer for future training as combat crew members.

Education Rejections Top Battle Casualties

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Rejections for educational deficiency by the armed forces are more numerous than battle casualties, a recent survey has disclosed.

The Selective Service System has announced that educationally deficient registrants numbered 240,000 and war casualties only 201,454.

Nurses in U. S. to Get New Uniforms Soon

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has announced that field service uniforms designed by the Quartermaster Corps more than a year ago for Army nurses in overseas theaters are now being made available to nurses on duty in the U. S. The uniforms are brown and white pinstriped seersucker and will require no starching or ironing.

Beanpower Replaces Manpower in GI Mess

CARLSBAD FIELD, N. M. (CNS)—GI ingenuity has worked out a new system of utilizing mess hall manpower here. A sign, two bowls, and some dried beans are replacing a man. The sign tells GIs in the mess line to "take a bean from this bowl—and place it in that one."

This procedure eliminates one "tray-counter," making available an additional dishwasher.

Yankee Ace No Time Waster Below or Aloft

COLUMBUS, Ohio (CNS)—Capt. Don Gentile, one of the top Yank air aces in the ETO, arrived here on leave on a Friday. Two days later his engagement to Miss Isabella Masdea, 20, of Columbus, was announced.

The Mail Gets Through, Right Into Nazis' Town

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY—Private Witmer, regimental messenger for a Fifth Army infantry division, was given papers to deliver to a message center shortly before dark. He wasn't quite certain where to go, but he kept on the road he'd started on until he found himself in a peaceful village, whistling "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

A hand grasped his collar firmly and he was drawn briskly into a dark, narrow alley. The British officer who had treated him so roughly explained that this was a German-held town and that he, the British officer, had taken 5 1/2 hours to steal into it on a reconnaissance mission.

"If Mom knew about this," declared Witmer, who had been gone less than an hour on his mission, "she'd have fits."

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain John F. Sheehan
(253d Infantry)

Our fathers wrote as their motto, "In God We Trust," and their sons reaped and are reaping the full benefit of that trust. Now we are fighting in order that future generations may continue to enjoy that same divine bounty.

We are fighting to defend the limitless resources which make our country the land of unmeasured opportunities. Here all men have just and free chance to develop as God meant men to develop, and to this development there is no boundary except that set by men's abilities and by the rights of fellow citizens.

Here, too, the advantages of education are available to all. Men are limited only by their capacity for work and the powers with which they were endowed. So here genius has arisen. Men have learned to travel faster and farther, to delve deeper into the secrets of the physical world, to use God's gifts in newer and more useful inventions.

We are fighting to defend the religious freedom which is our heritage. From the beginning of its written history America has been the haven of persecuted faiths. Officially it has welcomed and been kind to all churches. Into its constitution has been written a freedom of religion that has made possible liberty of conscience for all men without violation of law or fear of secret police.

We are fighting to protect democracy, the right of men to govern themselves, for we still believe that their right and power to rule rest in the consent of the governed and that when God gives this authority to men He gives it first to the people who may choose their own form of government and their own rulers.

And so we are fighting to preserve the rule of God over our country; we are fighting to retain and develop the benefits He has presented to us; we are fighting to maintain justice and charity under God, for, as George Washington noted, although both belong to the moral order, moral concepts are very weak and hazy apart from the sanction of religion.

Our country has served us nobly and well; may we serve it with the loyalty and honesty it deserves.

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Cy Bernhard
(Hq. Btry, 862d F. A.)

The parade of Allied power over Germany is having its effect on the drinking habits of the scurrying Nazis. They have been getting an extra ration of what passes for strong black coffee. . . . last week they coined an ersatz word for it. . . . "zittermokka". . . . It means jitter coffee. . . . We wonder how Hitler's coming along with his rug supply now. . . .

They say that music is an international language. . . . Seems that way in Italy where Yugoslav Partisan troops of Marshal Tito marched, fought and sang alongside of the British. . . . their new song. . . . "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." . . .

Some 63d GIs were a bit confused in the early invasion days because most all the news was coming from Goebbels' gin-mill. . . . and news unfavorable to the Nazis, too. . . . The catch was quite simple. . . . After having lost the confidence of the world in Nazi lie dispatches, the Propaganda Minister sought to show that the Nazis could tell the truth. . . . so you would be ready and willing to accept the big whopper of a lie when they wanted to drop it. . . . It's the old con game. . . .

One of the greatest stories of the war came over the air in a rebroadcast last week from the Army radio station in the Orient. . . . told how the airfields for the B-29 attack on Japan were built by 500,000 Chinese coolies working with ancient tools. . . . not even a wheelbarrow. . . . When the news of the attack was read to them, the cheers almost knocked the station off the air. . . . Talk about United Nations working together, eh?

Invasion news recalls the story about the six Nazi pilots shot down over the English channel and their appearance before St. Peter. . . . With true Nazi arrogance, they knocked on the pearly gates and demanded admission. . . . St. Peter looked at the six and then retired for a moment. . . . He came back and said, "Only two can come in. . . ." The officers quaked, and one demanded why only two could enter. . . . "Well," said St. Peter, "the German high command has just announced that only two Nazi pilots were shot down, so the rest of you will have to go to hell." . . .

70,000 Watch 63d Unit Stage Battle Action in Street

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a large audience. The crowd, however, was described by police as "the most unruly in years" and, in its eagerness to see the demonstration, it broke through lines of city police, MP's and Shore Patrolmen and broke down inch-thick steel cables fencing off the exhibition area. The battle exercise was halted several times to insure the safety of spectators, and after the show souvenir hunters jammed into the group of soldiers, snatching Blood and Fire patches from their shoulders.

Attacked Pillbox

The attack on a pillbox by an assault platoon used all the weapons of the infantry, supported by artillery. It was duplicated in "two-ring circus" fashion on two adjacent blocks, to afford a view to the maximum number of persons. For probably the first time since its invention, the "bazooka" was fired on an American city street, and its appearance created tremendous interest.

Flame throwers, machine guns, small arms, simulated grenades and the sputtering fire of a 105-mm. howitzer filled the canyon-like downtown area with noise, smoke and flame. The attack was the second phase of an hour-long program. The first phase consisted of demonstration of equipment, weapons and the formations of infantry troops.

During the day thousands of Orleansians thronged every street corner for six blocks to inspect exhibits arranged by the demonstration battalion. These included arms, equipment, vehicles, rations and almost all other equipment and material of the infantry.

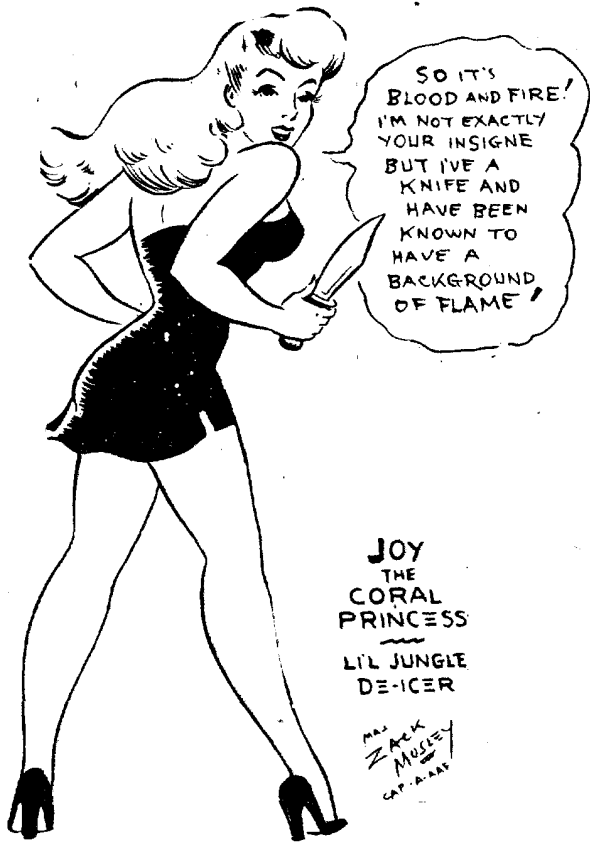
Huge Street Dance

After the "Military Mardi Gras" one of the two blocks was closed off for a huge servicemen's dance.

The demonstration troops consisted of one battalion from the 254th Inf., reinforced by reconnaissance, medical and artillery troops. They bivouacked Wednesday and Thursday nights at Camp Pontchartrain, on Lake Pontchartrain. The battalion was commanded by Maj. William P. Keane, C. O. of the 3d Bn., 254th Inf. Maj. Robert S. Redfield, Asst. A. C. of S., G-3, was officer in charge of the entire program, for which preliminary arrangements were made by Capt. David H. Duffy, Division Special Services Officer.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Maj. Gen. Frank T. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps, were Infantry Day guests of the city. They were guests of honor at a luncheon at Antoine's Restaurant attended by other military and naval leaders, city officials and officials of the Fifth War Loan Drive.

An identical battle exercise was staged in the LSU Stadium, Baton Rouge, by a provisional battalion of the 253d Inf., commanded by Maj. Walter J. Burk. Despite rain which almost forced cancellation of the program, it was witnessed by 2,000 persons. During the day exhibits of weapons and equipment were on view on North Blvd. and field kitchens were set up on the boulevard for the feeding of the men. Gen. Hibbs made Infantry Day radio addresses in both New Orleans and Baton Rouge.



JOY THE CORAL PRINCESS
LIL JUNGLE DE-ICER

MAJ. ZACK MOSLEY CAP. A. BAY



WOMEN, WOMEN, lovely women are still thinking of us. Here are birthday greetings from two more, Dottie Lamour and Joy, Maj. Zack Mosley's lil jungle De-icer.

Wacs Join Gls In Circus Revue

(Continued From Page 1) moving word picture was delicately shaded by the musical interpretation of Taubman and the Chorus.

An unscheduled appearance of a little black and white rabbit, who wandered about the stage during the "black and white" magic of Sgt. Elias Nasser, 363d Med. Det., convulsed an already delighted audience.

Ringmaster was T/5 Les Heath, whose Aneche-like voice introduced the performers and whose excellent stage presence lifted the show at times when technical difficulties reared their ugly heads.

Sgt. Nasser's act was prefaced by a comedy bit by Pvts. Maurice Portman, Co. G, 253d Inf., and Harry Mills, Co. G, 255th Inf. The unusual body control of Cpl. Harvey Burris Co. C, 254th Inf., was displayed on the parallel bars while Pvt. Jackie Paris, Co. L, 255th Inf., a scat singer, followed with "Vocal Gymnastics."

The 63d Div. Chorus, led by Cpl. Joseph Evans, 253d Inf., was well received when it sang "Steal Away," "Liberty Under Guard" and later "The Song of the 63d Uniform," which was led by Sgt. William Federer. A squad of well-drilled riflemen from the 1st Bn., 254th Inf. climaxed this scene.

"The Human Pretzel," Sgt. Gail Peek, of 135th Engrs, although not a small man, was brought onto the stage concealed in a foot-locker. His snake-like contortions had spectators twisting their necks.

Other scenes presented a home-made horse, constructed from blankets and Superman drawers, and inhabited by Pvts. Custi Depalmo, Co. I, 254th, and Ralph Althouse, Co. I, 253d, executed some difficult steps including a rumba. Following a tight-wire act by Pvt. Jerry Tricomi, 125th Evac. Hosp., 1st Lt. Erwin Rocklin sang Pagliacci in swingtime

Exercises, Parade Feature 2-Day Camp Celebration

(Continued From Page 1) across from the Moak's bus station, a pick-up depot was established for visitors and regularly scheduled tour parties in charge of experienced noncoms made the rounds of the divisional exhibitions.

The civilians' tour started at 1300 at the display of the 563d Signal Co., set up on the field in front of Division Headquarters. From there the visitors were taken to Warehouse 16, where the 763d Ordnance Co. staged a demonstration of automotive maintenance and to the area in the vicinity of the firebreak on 16th Ave. and 17th St. where the 863d Field Artillery demonstrated the functioning and cleaning of the 105 mm. howitzer.

Simultaneously, firing exhibitions were being given on three ranges. On Range 1W, the 763d Ordnance Co. fired on the known distance range; on Range 2 a demonstration team of the 254th Inf. fired the heavy machine gun and on Range 3, a team from the 255th demonstrated anti-aircraft fire at plane silhouettes.

The exhibitions entered a more spectacular phase at 1:00 when well-trained units of the 254th Inf. showed how an enemy community is taken over in an attack on the Nazi Village. At the time the bazooka made its bow before most of the civilian audience in an exhibition of anti-tank firing in the area across Range Road from the Nazi Village. This show, which also featured the firing of the anti-tank grenade, was staged by the 255th. Spectators got an unscheduled thrill when the tank used as a target in the exhibition managed to get itself trapped on a stump it had just made by bowling over a ponderous tree.

As sideshows during this carnival of battle the 253d Inf. demonstrated carbine transition firing on Range 12 and the 144th Inf. gave a

display of field firing on Range X. At 1500 the visitors were taken through a clearing station set up by Co. D of the 363d Med. Bn.

The highlight of the day, made even more sensational by a temperamental wind that almost ruined the smoke-laying plans, was provided by units of the 255th demonstrating an attack by a small infantry unit on a fortified open area. The objective, a well-dug in pillbox, was shrouded in smoke from mortar shells during the latter part of the operation and the attackers, operating with rifles, grenades and flame-thrower, gave an unexpectedly realistic picture of what is happening to our men in France today.

The final demonstration came as a fitting prelude to a display of infantry weapons in the same area, with each weapon tagged with its cost price and a booth conveniently situated where spectators could buy War Bonds after seeing exactly what their bonds would purchase.

War Bond purchasers were permitted to use the weapons they underwrote: purchasers of \$25 bonds were allowed to wear the full field pack, stab dummies of Hitler or Tojo with the bayonet, or practice grenade throwing; a \$50 War Bond entitled the purchaser to fire one round with the .45 cal. automatic, the .30 cal. carbine or the M1 rifle, and purchasers of \$100 bonds were allowed to fire one burst from the .30 cal. machine gun.

Purchasers of \$1,000 came in for the highest reward, although they approached it with natural squeamishness. They were permitted to fire one shell from the 105-mm. howitzer. A number of the \$1,000 bonds were sold and officials of the Camp Van Dorn branch of the First National Bank of Me-Comb, which managed the bond

Americans Look At Sons in 63d

(Continued From Page 1) organization Day the compliments were numerous and pleasing.

Mrs. Milton Heir of New York City was most impressed by the determination and unity of purpose the marching men displayed. "I'll never forget it," she said. "The sight of so many doughboys, all united in a common purpose and functioning like well-oiled machinery is something that all the folks back home should see. And after today I'm sure that New York will see them again soon, marching down Fifth Avenue in the Victory Parade."

The most absorbed and most disappointed person in the reviewing audience was Mrs. Shirley Shapiro, also of New York.

"I was watching for the best-looking soldier in the Division," she said. "He's my husband, Paul, who's in the 861st Field Artillery. But the soldiers all looked so much alike that I couldn't spot him. Next review I'll tell him to march out of step."

sales, reported highly satisfactory results.

Organization Day, celebrated on Friday, started with an impressive review of the Division by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and his staff. The troops were led by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander. Following the review, the troops massed at the Open Air Theater to hear an address by the Commanding General.

In the afternoon a four-sided recreational program was presented. In the Open Air Theater Special Services presented a Circus Review. On the Division Parade Grounds area a track meet, a military contest, and the divisional softball championship game were run off. CT Blue made a clean sweep, winning all three events.

Male Call

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

Charge Without Reconnaissance



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CT Blue Makes Sweep Organization Day

Downs All Rivals In Taking Track And Field Tests

Elements of CT Blue achieved overwhelming stature among competitive men of the 63d Div. on Organization Day when in addition to lifting the softball championship they swept to decisive triumph in the climactic track and military field tests.

In the 10-event track meet, they won six first places outright and shared winning points in another. At the finish their team total of 37 points was more than twice the amount amassed by the second place CT White representatives.

Score 35 Points

Military trials found them opposed by rivals of sterner quality but by winning five of the eight events, they came up with 35 points to again top CT White with its 23.

The real competition in the track meet was for second place, with CT White the winner over Special Troops, 17 points to 16. CT Red was last in both divisions, tallying 14 points in the track tests and 13 in the military events.

No one individual dominated any of the activities. In the 440-yard relay which was won by the Blue combination of Mace, Bogan, Tolson and Miller, CT White's Smith provided spectators with a real thrill as he flashed toward the tape in a vain effort to overcome Miller's commanding lead. Smith started the last leg of the quarter mile duel well in the rear but finished only inches behind the victor, pushing Miller to a winning time of 50.2 seconds.

Blue Sweeps Sprints

Cpl. Monsanto of Co. D, 255th Inf., raced the 220 in 24.4 seconds to give the Blue a sweep of the sprints. Later, Pvt. Rose, Santussi, Leno and Nevins combined to win the half-mile relay, and Sgts. Major and Kalern and Pvt. Mason and Schuster made up the winning mile relay foursome.

The dogfaces of the 255th appeared to be in a class by themselves in putting the Infantry's supporting weapons in and out of action. The men of Col. Paul E. Tombaugh's command, operating under the critical observation of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division commander, and Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, asst. Division commander, won the tests utilizing the light and heavy machine guns and mortars and even came up with the best time in manipulation of the 57-mm. anti-tank gun.

As far as the participants in all events were concerned, the best was saved for last—winners were presented with medals and trophies symbolizing their supremacy.

The results:

Track Events

100-Yard Dash—Won by Condon, CT Blue; second, Smith, CT White; third, Reed, CT Red. Time, 0:10.7 sec.
Gas Mask Relay—The between 254th and 255th Inf. Regts. Time, 9:37 sec.
Baseball Throw—The between Galbreath, CT White, and Koshler, CT Red; third, Zanfelli, CT Blue. Distance, 326 ft. 5 in.
220-Yard Dash—Won by Monsanto, CT Blue; second, Reed, CT Red; third, Langley, CT White. Time, 0:24.4 sec.
440-Yard Relay—Won by CT Blue (Mace, Bogan, Tolson, Miller); second, CT White; third, CT Red. Time, 0:50.2 sec.
800-Yard Relay—Won by CT Blue (Rose, Santussi, Leno, Nevins); second, CT Red; third, CT White. Time, 1:52.5.
1-Mile Relay—Won by CT Blue (Kalern, Major, Mason, Schuster); second, Sp. Troops; third, CT Red. Time, 4:10.
1.5-Mile Relay—Won by 718th F. A. Team Scores—CT Blue, 37; CT White, 17; Sp. Troops, 16; CT Red, 14.

Military Events

(In Action, Out of Action)
Light Machine Gun—Won by Co. K, 255th Inf.; second, Co. E, 253d Inf.; third, Co. E, 253d Inf.
60-mm Mortar—Won by Co. C, 255th Inf.; second, Co. G, 254th Inf.; third, Co. A, 254th Inf.
Heavy Machine Gun—Won by Co. D, 255th Inf.; second, Co. M, 255th Inf.
AT Gun—Won by 255th Inf.; second, 254th Inf.; third, 253d Inf.
105-mm. Cannon—Won by 254th Inf.; second, 255th Inf.; third, 253d Inf.
155-mm. Howitzer—Won by Btry. B, 718th F. A.
105-mm. Howitzer—Won by Btry. A, 462d F. A.; second, Btry. A, 863d F. A.
81-mm. Mortar—Won by Co. D, 255th Inf.; second, Co. H, 254th Inf.; third, Co. M, 255th Inf.
Team Scores—CT Blue, 35; CT White, 23; CT Red, 13.



CT Red Defeats Higgins Nine 4-2

CT Red's baseball team hit the jack pot out of town for the first time and incidentally won one for "Pat" when it defeated the Higgins Industries nine, 4-2, at New Orleans last Saturday.

Among spectators at the game was Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, Jr., who was CT Red Sp. Services officer until illness contracted in the field forced him eventually to a convalescent's bed at LaGarde General hospital in the Crescent City. When the Redcats learned of the presence of their popular officer, they knuckled down to the business at hand and came up with one of their best games of the season.

Cpl. Oscar Miller, whose pitching has been the single outstanding feature of the Redcats' playing all season, turned in another worthwhile job on the hill. He set down the men who make the Landing Craft Infantry with six hits in six innings and retired eight of their number on strikes.

There were moments, however, when the Higgins batsmen were tagging the former Cincinnati Reds moundsman pretty solidly. Miller owed much of the credit for his eventual success to S/Sgt. Ray Koehler who covered as much ground as a jeep to pull down some prodigious blows to the outfield.

Each side tagged a run in the first inning but the Redcats came back with a brace of tallies in the second to assume a lead they never were forced to relinquish. The big stick in this frame was wielded by Catcher Vince Bacchi. With the bases loaded and one away, Bacchi dumped the ball into left field to send home S/Sgt. Hal McCullough and T/Sgt. Johnny Poggi. Miller kept the Higgins batsmen pretty well in hand with the exception of J. Thiard. The New Orleans first-sacker hit safely on each of three visits to the plate, scoring one run and driving in his brother, who played left field, with the losers' other run.

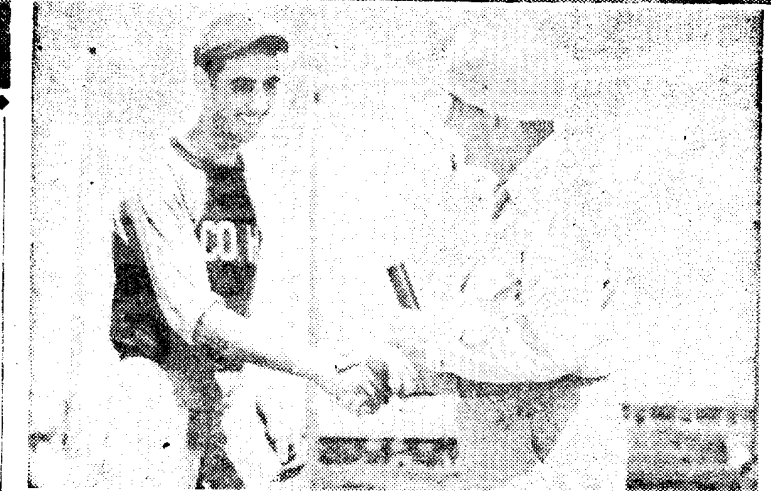
Swimmers to Compete In Servicemen's Meet

The 63d Div. will again be represented in Southern AAU-sponsored competition when members of the newly formed swimming team participate in the all-servicemen's championships at the Algiers Naval Station, New Orleans, June 28.

Men of Blood and Fire probably will be entered in all eight events, which include free style races from 50 to 440 yards, 100 yard back and breast stroke tests, a 200 yard relay and the dive.

Added incentive will be found in the presentation of gold and silver medals to the first three place winners in each event.

The championships will be decided in the Behrman Memorial pool opposite the Naval Station.



TENSE MOMENT, and there were many of them in this game, finds 1st Sgt. Charley McCain, of the 763d Ord. Co., awaiting a pitch during the sixth inning of the Division softball championship tilt with Co. H, 255th Inf., on Organization Day. On the pitch, Cpl. Frank Gerlock, catching, laced the ball down to second base to catch T/S George Potoky on an attempted steal. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, asst. Division commander, is pictured in the role of umpire and again (below) awarding the trophy to Cpl. Tony Dondona following the Infantrymen's 1-0 victory.

CT White Nine Beats Blue To Gain Championship Tie

The unpredictable CT White nine exploded a six-run rally in the seventh inning for a 6-3 victory over CT Blue Wednesday night and knocked the Division Baseball League first-half championship setup galley west.

The victory enabled the White to replace the Blue at the top of the standings with a full game lead and dropped the loser into a second-place tie with CT Red. The latter two teams are scheduled for a replay of their protested early-season game and the victor in that match will be the one to meet CT White in a playoff for the first half title.

Meantime, the Greenies inaugurated the second-half pennant chase Wednesday with a 10-4 decision over the 263d Engrs. The circuit has been enlarged to dou-

ble its previous size by the inclusion of teams representing the Engineers, the 120th Gen'l. Hospital, 718th F. A. and the 214th F. A. Invaders.

Earlier, the Greenies bowed out of the first half race by upsetting CT Red, 4-1. This was their only triumph in league competition prior to the opening of the second half.

The White achieved its outstanding victory the hard way. Cpl. Joe Cordt's tossers hopped on Bill Haag in the seventh and drove that worthy moundsman to the showers with their four-hit flurry. A pair of errors, a wild pitch and a base on balls combined with the bingles, as the Whites batted all the way around, erased the Blue's 2-0 lead and decided the game.

Co. H, 255th, Tops 763d Ordnance, 1-0 For Softball Title

The cup of happiness overflowed for softball players of Co. H, 255th Inf., who at one and the same time won their 12th straight game and the 63d Div. championship with a 1-0 decision over the 763d Ord. Co. team last Friday.

The game was one of the sports features of Organization Day festivities and capped a diamond campaign in which more than 100 company and battery teams employing in excess of a thousand players waged spirited and enthusiastic rivalry up to and through the final.

Fate tossed major credit for the victory into the lap of Cpl. Tony Dondona, who pitched and batted the Infantrymen to a throne which Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Division commander, who umpired the game, termed "well earned."

Yields Six Hits

Dondona laced a single in the third inning to send in S/Sgt. Bill Glenn with the deciding run. From the hill, Tony had to give up six hits to the Special Troops league champions, but he kept the hits so well scattered, no runner reached third base after T/S Henry Ornanowski got there in the first half of the first inning.

The defeat nevertheless was a bitter pill to swallow. T/S Gale Hughes allowed the CT Blue league titleholders only two hits, hurling an even finer brand of ball than Dondona. The Ordnance 10, like its rival, played faultlessly afield.

Trailing as they did from the third inning on, however, the Ordnance men had to rely on reckless base-running to get men into scoring position, and it was through this effort that the Blue team was able to protect its slight margin.

Ordnance Rally Nipped

The game was a fast, absorbing tilt that surprised players and spectators alike with its brevity. Ordnance had its best scoring opportunity in the first when Ornanowski, the only two-hit player in the game, got on with a single and was moved around to second when Dondona passed Gick, Tony, however, retired Twell to end the threat, and while the Green league entry placed men on base in every inning but the fourth and fifth, Dondona's mates backed him up with fine fielding that nullified these advantages.

One was out in the third when Hughes passed to Glenn to inaugurate the deciding sequence of plays. The Blue's outfielder went to second on a wild pitch and on to third while S/Sgt. Paul Gick was throwing out Sgt. Christ Kloostera at first base.

With two out and Dondona at bat, there was little to indicate the next play would win the championship. Tony, nonetheless, dumped one of Hughes' pitches in front of T/S Johnny McLaughlin in the shortfield, and Glenn was on his way home carrying all the chips.

The victors, who had been beaten only in their first game of the season, took a 5-4 decision in 11 innings from Co. C, 253d Inf., to qualify for the tournament final. Hughes previously had pitched another two-hit game to enable the Ordnance crew to score an 11-2 victory over Co. H, 254th Inf., in their semifinal clash.

Score by innings: 000 000 000-5 CT Blue 011 000 219-3

Greenies	AB	R	H	263d Engrs.	AB	R	H
Bruno, 3b	2	1	1	Dolderer, 3b	3	1	0
Stallo, rf	3	1	1	Barratta, 1b	3	0	0
Monk, cf	3	1	1	Citron, rf	1	0	1
Andrews, c	2	1	2	Reasino, c	2	1	0
Burns, ss	4	1	1	Geisler, lf	2	1	0
Oanski, 1b	3	1	2	Horton, 2b	2	0	0
Barron, lf	4	1	1	D'ndson, cf	1	0	0
Potoky, 2b	2	0	2	G'linger, ss	2	0	0
Gick, p	3	1	1	Hewis, p	1	1	1
Leykoff, 3b	2	1	2	Smith, p	1	1	1
Canup, rf	1	0	0				
Mendel, 1b	1	1	1				
McGue, 2b	1	0	0				
Granada, p	1	0	0				
Totals	31	10	16	Totals	10	4	5

Score by innings: 001 000 0-1 CT Red 000 010 x-4 Greenies 000 010 x-1

Invaders Debut With Win Over 718th F. A. Tossers

Two new entrants in the recently enlarged Division baseball league clashed in a practice game last week, with the Invaders taking a 14-7 decision over the 718th F. A. Ba.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Cpl. Phil Colosimo, Co. I, knows how it feels to ride with a two-star general, no less. On his way to Natchez from Woodville, he was standing alongside the highway when a cream-colored convertible stopped and a voice called: "Want a ride, Corporal?" Colosimo stepped in the opened door. Up went his eyebrows when he discovered his "chauffeur" was Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, the Commanding General. . . . Cpl. John Abate, Co. B, tells time in Chinese. His wrist watch had Chinese figures on its face where the usual watch has numbers. . . . Rough, Rugged and Ready are the 3 R's in the lexicon of Co. M, 3d Bn. One of the smallest companies in the regiment, M has 19 Expert Infantrymen who passed with flying colors the 25-mile hike, night compass course and other grueling tests. . . . Pfc. Grover D. Vanette of Co. C taught boxing to OCS "scholars" at Ft. Henning, Ga., before he came to the 253d.

254th Inf.—Looking closely at a recent issue of Life, members of Co. M recognized a familiar face in the lineup of infantrymen on the cover. It was that of Pvt. Jack McReel, who was recently transferred to another circuit. . . . Service Co.'s goat, which has been promoted by Supply Sgt. Paul Ferran from private to master sergeant, must be related to an Alpine clan. Its capers are best displayed over a mound when it goes into a tango. Its appetite is growing and the men hope that the grass-cutter can soon be retired. . . . Next to those 69-hour passes, the men of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., cheered most the sign in big letters on the orderly room bulletin board: No Reveille Saturday, Sunday, Monday. . . . T/Sgt. Thomas O. Smith hurried Friday afternoon but missed snaring a three-day pass by one-tenth of a second. However, he managed to leave the track meet with two silver medals (100-yard dash, 400-yard relay.) Mrs. Smith has commandeered the prizes and added them to the bracelet she has made of her husband's track medals. . . . From "Somewhere in Italy," Co. F has heard from Pvt. James Fleming, who trained with the company. "I just came back from the front and learned that a man should know his first aid," he writes. "The infantry is rough and rugged. I used to hate it but now I wouldn't change it for any branch of the service. We're the ones who're going to win this war. Second lieutenants are real men. The boys back in the States may call them everything but their right names, but when they get over here they will not only salute the uniform but they'll take off their hats to the men wearing it." For whatever comfort it may be to GIs sweating the war out at Van Dorn, Fleming adds: "The combat packs are heavier than full field packs back in the States."

862d F. A.—Lt. Clarence G. Smith, Hq. Btry., was married by proxy during his recent leave. The bride is Miss Gwynett Thomas of Wales, where the lieutenant was stationed as an enlisted man in the Army Air Forces. . . . Lt. Howard Triff has been assigned to the battalion as second liaison pilot. He came here from Ft. Sill, Okla. . . . Capt. John Mercer, Jr., commander of Hq. Btry., became the father of a seven-pound daughter last week. Her name: Frances de Courcy Mercer.

255th Inf. T-5 Daniel Mendelsohn, Serv. Co., has faced large crowds innumerable times as an orchestra conductor and arranger but he never had spoken on the radio before Sunday. Called by Announcer John B. Simpson, also of Serv. Co., to the microphone at the Natchez Servicemen's Center to comment on his composition, "The Natchez Ball," Mendelsohn could hardly talk. After a few gulps he got started and said he had composed the number in honor of the Military Maids and other organizations which have contributed so much to the enjoyment of the 63d. . . . The week was a big one for Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, regimental commander. Thursday, Infantry Day, he watched his wife fire the 105-mm. for the first time as reward for purchasing a \$1,000 War Bond. "I hope the enemy is half as afraid of the thing as I am," Mrs. Tombaugh commented. On Saturday, his birthday, he reviewed CT Blue with Gen. Hibbs following the presentation of 219 Expert Infantrymen badges to officers and men of CT Blue. Sunday was his birthday and later in the week he received orders transferring him to a new assignment.

863d F. A.—Recent promotions in the battalion were those of 2d Lt. William G. Losiewicz, Btry. B, and 2nd Lt. Troy Madison, Btry. C, to first lieutenant. Lt. Losiewicz is at Survey School, and Lt. Madison is at Executive School, both at Ft. Sill.

63d QM Co.—First Lt. John E. Rodman is the new company commander, succeeding Capt. Sidney M. Franz, who has been reassigned. Lt. Rodman is the only remaining original officer of the company, which was activated in March, 1943. . . . Maj. Ferdinand B. Schaeffer, assistant Division quartermaster, has been reassigned. . . . S/Sgt. George Wilson, wearer of nine hash marks, has less than two months to serve before he becomes a 30-year man. . . . The QM Co. will defend its 63d Division bowling championship, which it won at Camp Blanding, against the 763d Ordnance team this week.

763d Ordnance Co.—Three bachelors joined the ranks of married men during the past week. Sgt. Harold Monber, company clerk, married his hometown sweetheart, as did Cpl. Cecil Honea. Cpl. Richard Hoyt married one of the local beauties. . . . Sgt. John Schampier, Automotive Section, is the father of a bouncing baby boy. . . . Sgt. Paul Lance has been accepted for Ordnance OCS.

718th F. A.—We are becoming worldly-wise, what with letters arriving from former members now stationed in England, Honolulu, Italy, Africa and numerous other scenes of action. Many of us envy the men in Iceland. It might be the heat, but somebody should speak to the sergeant in Hq. Btry. who engaged the bridal suite at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, and then slept on the floor—and, what's more, he didn't have a bride. . . . Lt. Col. F. T. Unger, battalion commander, is in the hospital. . . . The heat is raising a hob with the floral Blood and Fire insignia outside the orderly room of Btry. A. . . . Btry. B has some of the latest tonsorial effects on display as five corporals count the hairs they lost because Rome fell before June 15.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—M/Sgt. Len Pitterle and Sgt. Joe Summers compared notes the other day and found that between them they represented families having ten men in the service of their country.



Col. Edward P. Lukert of the 253d cuts birthday cake at Rec Hall Dance on Infantry Day while Mrs. Lukert and Mrs. Russel Echtenaw, whose husband is a sergeant in Co. C, look on.

Greetings Received From Trail Blazers, 63d Division's Twin

Birthday greetings from the Blood and Fire's "twin"—the Trail Blazers (70th) Division—were among the letters and telegrams of congratulation received by the Division on Organization Day.

The Trail Blazers have been in training at Camp Adair, Ore., since their activation, which also occurred June 15, 1943.

Share Combat Honors

"The Trail Blazers from Oregon send greetings to our twin brothers, the Blood and Fire Division, on our mutual birthday," the telegram said. "We hope to be next to you when we get to combat."

From another unit in Camp Van Dorn, the 1151st Engr. Combat Group, came a letter extending the Blood and Fire "best wishes for your success in combat."

"Be assured that we and all other engineer units are ever mindful of our primary mission—to facilitate the advance of the Infantry," wrote Lt. Col. Henry G. Lambert, the group's commander.

"Here is truly steel capable of drawing blood and striking fire," Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps, telegraphed.

Training Praised

"The quality of your preparation in forging men and swords equal to the great tasks set for yourselves is being proved in the blood and fire the many men trained by you now bring to the enemy," Gen. Milburn said. "The willingness, the co-operation, the excellent spirit in freely giving these men, after so carefully bringing them along, is fine tribute to the recognition throughout your command of a present need temporarily greater than the final preparation of the great fighting machine you are so eager to bring to completion for combat."

"These sacrifices are not without their compensations. They are a test of all your leaders, down to the most junior NCO, of their ability to organize and reorganize quickly and efficiently. It is with great pride, therefore, that I look back on your past year and with glowing anticipation of the vital days ahead, sure in the knowledge that here is truly steel capable of drawing blood and striking fire."

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday

Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—9:30.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—9:00.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—10:00.
Chapels 6, 7, 10—11:00.
Chapel 8, Lutheran Communion Service—11:00.

Sunday Afternoon and Week Days

Chapel 5, Sunday Evening Worship—1:00.
Chapel 5, Worship—1:15.
Chapel 8, Sunday—1:30.
Chapel 5, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday—1:50.
Chapel 6, Choir Practice, Thursday—1:50.

Chapel 10, General Protestant Song and Worship—1:50.
Chapel 5—Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—2:00.

Chapel 7—Twilight Concert—2:00.
Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1:50.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses

Chapels 5, 7, 10—9:00.
Theater 5—9:00.
Chapel 7—10:00.
Theater 5—10:20.
CT Blue Rec. Hall—11:00.

Week Day Masses

Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1:50.
Chapel 7, Monday, Wednesday—1:30.
Chapel 10, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1:30.

Chapel 10, Tuesday, Novena Benediction—1:50.
Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1:50.

Confessions

Chapels 5, 7, 10, Saturday—1:50 to 2:00.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday

Hospital—1:30.
Chapel 7—2:00.

Sunday

Chapel 9—11:00.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel 6, Sunday—2:00.

LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—1:00.

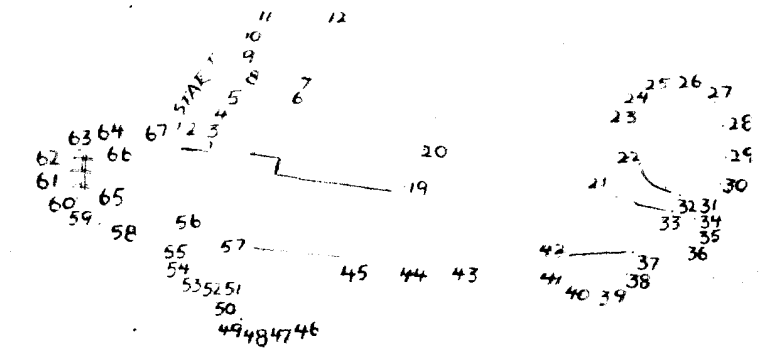
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday—1:30.

254th Orchestra Plays At Centreville Tonight

Three engagements are scheduled for the 254th Inf. orchestra within the next few days. Tonight the band under the direction of Pvt. Gordon Bland, will play for a dance at the USO at Centreville.

Tomorrow night the musicians will serenade onlookers gathered about the CT White outdoor ring in the rear of CT White Rec Hall. Early next week the band will give a concert for convalescent soldiers at Station Hospital.

Plane of The Week

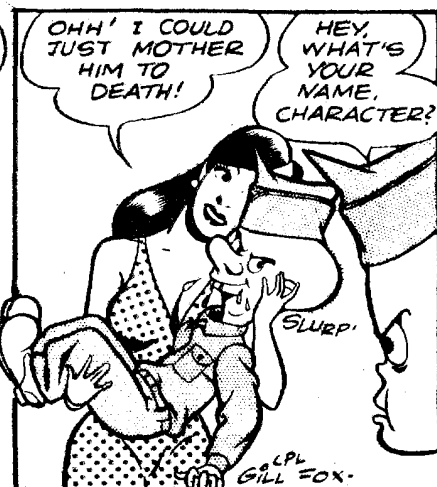


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BERNIE BLOOD

What's In a Name?

By GILL FOX



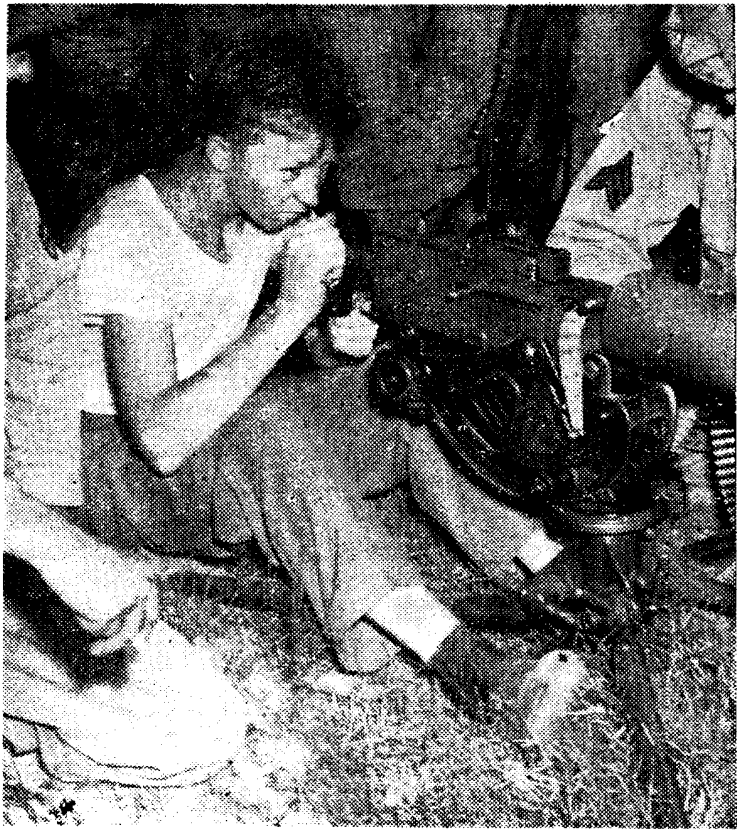


63d Shows Its Muscle

The 63d asked the neighbors in last Thursday and Friday—the first anniversary of its organization—and proudly showed the results of one year's intensive—and you know we are not kidding—training. The public saw what makes the Infantry tick—and on this page is shown what the photographer saw. The twin observance of Infantry Day and Organization Day gets the Division a chance to put on a full-blown show—and it was one of the most impressive in our history, from the battle exhibitions on Thursday to the closing circus on Friday.



Maj. Gen. Hibbs addressing the Division in ceremonies at the Open Air Theater which followed the Organization Day Review.



Getting a foretaste of war, Martha Anne Smith, 11, and Hardy Martin, 13, both of McComb, fire the machine gun as reward for purchasing \$100 War Bonds. Infantry Day here got The Fifth War Loan drive off to a promising start. Several \$1,000 bonds were sold in the course of the exhibition.



Troops pass Gen. Hibbs and his staff in Divisional Review.

Signal Corps Photo.



At the Circus, the clown meets an awe-struck admirer.



Not the World Series—the storming of the Nazi Village.