

# Blood and Fire

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## 'Scat' Davis Wows The Division

One of the gayest shows of the year, exuberantly headed by Johnny "Scat" Davis and his orchestra, came to the Open Air Theater Thursday and Friday nights under the auspices of Camp Special Services.

There wasn't a thing wrong with the show. Davis himself wowed the boys and the five acts were tops in their field.

Peggy Scott brought us back home with a number of love songs presented as we wanted them. Beth Farrell, an incredible contortionist, amazed us next, and Lebrac and Bernice closed the show with a display of amazing coordination, balance and juggling on the unicycle.

We purposely saved the fifth act for the end. It was given by Willie Hoffman, "Miss New Orleans," and again she swung her lovely and graceful hips. She also showed us that she was beautiful in evening dress or any other kind of dress.

And it was nice to know that she had a dress.

## 254TH PRIVATE GETS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Pvt. Harry J. Shidler of Hq. Co., 254th Inf. became the fourth member of the 63d Div. to receive a presidential unit citation for participation in the action at Guadalcanal.

### Gen. McNarney In New Command

WASHINGTON—Appointed Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, has gone to the Mediterranean Theatre, the War Department has announced.

He will succeed Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, who has been assigned to France to head the 6th Army group.

Lt. Gen. Thomas T. Handy, who is Chief of Operations, succeeded Gen. McNarney, and Maj. Gen. John H. Hull, of the Operations Division, succeeds Gen. Handy.

Before Gen. McNarney left for the Mediterranean he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

BUY A BOND FOR VICTORY

The ribbon emblematic of the citation was pinned on Pvt. Shidler's blouse by Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254th Inf. commander, at a special ceremony at the parade ground yesterday afternoon.

Shidler, a resident of Hastings, Neb., has been in the Army four years. He was with the Americal Division which reinforced the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal.

The 254th soldier was with the intelligence section and engaged in scouting and patrolling in the jungles. One of his jobs was to plot the location of Jap machine guns.

Other members of the 63d who were honored recently by receiving citations for their part in the action with the Americal Division are: Pvt. Glynn Box, Division Hq. Co., Pfc. Earl D. Jackson, Co. A, 253d Inf., and Cpl. Floyd H. Schmidt, Co. M, 255th Inf.

## 63d's Saluting Wins Another Commendation

Again the 63d's salute and its military discipline have won unsolicited commendation.

The most recent notice came in a letter to Col. Earl G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, from Col. H. C. Pinther, of the Inspector General Department, of the XIII Corps at Ft. McPherson, Ga.

"I know," the letter says, "that you and the Staff will be interested in one little

experience with personnel of the 63d Div. that to my mind was most commendable. I was passing through New Orleans a few weeks ago and stopped off in the French Quarter to renew some old acquaintances.

"During the entire evening I saw five soldiers from the 63d Div. All five honored me with a salute and they were the only soldiers that did so during the entire eve-

ning.

"I remarked about it to the other officers that were with me and they too, had noted the same thing.

"I don't know who the soldiers were, but it certainly speaks well for the discipline in the Division."

Col. Pinther joined the 63d at Camp Blanding, Fla., as Inspector General of the Division.

## Redcat Musicians Mark Anniversary

The 253d Inf orchestra is marking its first anniversary as a complete musical unit today. Nine of the original 13 men are still with the band.

A year ago the Redcat band, with a library of six tunes, played its initial outside engagement in Natchez. Now there are 15 men in the band and it has a library of 95 danceable tunes with a reserve stock of new numbers to be introduced periodically.

The musicians have played a total of 40 engagements to date. They played at the Servicemen's Center at McComb 18 times, at the City Auditorium, Natchez seven times, and at the Centreville USO eight times. They made eight trips to Vicksburg, three to New Orleans and one to Baton Rouge.

When the unit started every man was a private. Now it has one technical sergeant, a staff sergeant, one buck sergeant and six corporals.

### GIS JAM CLUB NO 2 FOR HALLOWE'EN DANCE

Hundreds of GIs jammed their way into Service Club 1 Monday night for a Halloween dance. Girls from Natchez, McComb, Gloster, Woodville, Centreville, Crosby and Wilson, were present.

Music was furnished by the Division White Orchestra conducted by WOJG Harold Polakoff. Vocalists were Pvts Irwin Rochlin and Jackie Parris, and T/4 Art Engler.

### 718TH NCOs HELP BOOST DIVARTY R. AND A FUND

The NCO Club of the 718th F.A. has presented a check for \$200 to the Athletic and Recreation fund of Divarty.

The money will be used to help purchase a public address system, radio, motion picture projector and generator.

## KNOW YOUR GENERALS

GEN. ROBERT EICHELBERGER

Licking the Japs is no novel experience to Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, who is very busy these days pounding the hell out of the little snaggle-toothed creatures wherever he can find them on the strange battlefields that face MacArthur's men.

One war back, when we were not fighting the Japs, Gen. Eichelberger had to do with them in the wates of Siberia.

Our troops, 7,000 of them in an expeditionary force under Maj. Gen. William S. Graves, were doing their damndest not to get into a fight in Siberia, where a mysterious kind of watchful war was being waged by the Allied powers. The Japs, oddly enough, were on our side at that time but, aside from a show of armed cooperation, they weren't taking an active part in the conflict.

However, they were hard at work even then on their Bad Neighbor Policy and while the Allies were tackling a man-sized job in the shifting politics that came out of Russia in the days after the fall of the Czar, the Japs were busily fishing in muddy waters.

At one time it looked as though there might be a show-down. The Japanese wanted desperately to control a strip of roadbed that was held by American troops, and they were in an excellent position to make their will law. They were practically in their own front yard and for every American soldier they had ten of their odd-looking sons of Heaven. Eichelberger was put in as Gen. Graves' spokesman to handle this delicate situation.

In effect, he told the Japs "Okay, you have us outnumbered and there is no doubt that the roadbed is yours, if you can get it. All you will have to do is take it away from us."

The Japanese scratched their heads a bit and thought, "All that stood between them and a

wonderful bit of face-losing for America was one large and determined soldier and a number of doughboys who didn't want to die but were quite prepared to do so if necessary.

They backed water and brought out a number of "So Sorrys." They had been stopped and they knew it. And they also knew, that all other things being even, they were not quite ready to take on the United States, not yet.

The whole business had quite a comic sequel for Tokyo thrice decorated soldier Eichelberger for this and similar performances, awarding him the Imperial Order of Meiji, the Order of the Sacred Treasure and the Order of the Rising Sun.

The United States also showed its appreciation of his efforts and honored him with the Distinguished Service Medal. In the same expedition he won the Distinguished Service Cross for an exceptional piece of personal bravery in covering the removal of a wounded officer from the field.

Later he became superintendent of West Point and he is known to Army officers as the man who modernized the Point.

Gen. Eichelberger was commander of the First Army Corps at Columbia, S. C. before he went to New Guinea to serve under Gen. MacArthur in the tremendously difficult campaign against Buna. The bloody and painful operation was carried out in Gen. MacArthur's own words—"under difficulties rarely if ever surpassed" in warfare anywhere.

In effect that expressed a fine soldier's appreciation of another fine soldier, and we think that Gen. Eichelberger himself would want no higher compliment.

### OFFICERS DANCE TONIGHT

Open house will be held tonight at Officers' Club No. 1. A 63d Div. orchestra will play

# Tips From —

## TERRY FIED

### The Old Sarge

"Dear Sgt. Fied:

"To identify myself, I'm a rifle squad leader in one of the infantry regiments. I had a gripe letter to you all written up and just as I was about to mail it somebody suddenly took action and left me without a leg to stand on. I thought that I'd just go ahead and write you anyway and air my reactions, now that they are good.

"It's about this control business on problems. For a while I got powerful sick of these yellow-shirted guys following me around and telling me what to do. I want to call them yellow jackets. If you've ever had a bunch of yellow jacket Hornets get after you, you know what I mean. There's no getting away from them. Just as I reached the boiling point they suddenly laid off.

"I'll have to admit that I tied hell out of the first problem after that. I reckon it was because I had no one to make my decisions for me. But I soon got to where I could stand on my own two feet, and now that I've found that out I'm confident I can do a job in combat. I have a feeling that the powers that be will listen to you, so I'm asking you to tell them that all of us NCOs could stand a lot more opportunities to use our own initiative.

This youngster is right as rain. If you don't put your NCOs on their own you don't find out who the punk ones are until too late and you don't give the good ones a chance to develop.

My respectful tip to all concerned is to "heap it on those NCOs now."

**REMEMBER**—The Devil put an enemy in man's mouth to steal away his brains.

**BONDS MEAN SECURITY NOW**

# LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

The Siegfried Line, vaunted German defense against invasion, is a formidable string of strong points, but appears hastily constructed.

This is the observation of Lt. Col. Jackson C. Raines in a note to his son, Pvt. Jackson L. Raines, Co. G, 253d Inf.

Writing from Somewhere in Belgium, he told how he inspected the Siegfried Line's northern curve before the fall of Aachen, key Nazi defensive position in that area.

Lt. Col. Raines reported "rough going" from D-Day on and said "I had no chance to change clothes for eight days." With Maj. Gen. Joseph Lawton Collins' famed VII Corps, he saw the surrender of Cherbourg to the Allies.

"The Infantry is still the Queen of Battle," Col. Raines wrote, "and is winning the Battle of Europe."

Col. Raines enlisted 25 years ago and chose the Infantry. His son followed in his father's footsteps.

Pvt. Raines was a student at the University of California two years ago and enlisted when he was 18, before the age for drafting was lowered to that figure.

He took his basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala., and was assigned to an ASTP unit at Poly Tech in Brooklyn, N. Y. Seven months later he transferred to Penn State, where he took a pre dental course.

With the closing of the ASTP program he had his choice—Medics or Infantry, and chose the latter.

Before coming into the 63d he spent eight weeks with the 113th Inf. Regt. at Camp Pickett, Va.

Col. Raines was an enlisted man until June, 1941, when he became a second lieutenant. He was made a lieutenant colonel in December, 1943.

Pvt. Raines said he preferred the Infantry "because it's where the real fighting is and that's where I want to be."

## 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 information may come in handy at a future date. Give any interesting letters you receive to your Company Information-Education noncom and BLOOD AND FIRE will look them over.

## Bill Guarantees Loans On Homes

That little home you have always wanted can be yours after the war. Here is the procedure outlined by the Administration of Veterans' Affairs for obtaining a government-guaranteed loan for purchase of a home.

First, go as if no GI Bill of Rights existed by applying in the customary way to any bank, building or loan association or any individual lender for the amount you need.

Agencies empowered to make loans will have the official application forms and will know all the latest dope on the program.

It's your job to convince the prospective lender that your property is suitable for a loan and that you can repay it out of income. If you succeed, it's out of your hands; the lender does all the rest of the business of forwarding the loan.

The nearest Veterans' Administration unit will inform him of the amount the government will guarantee. This has been fixed by law at a maximum of \$2,000, although your total loan can be as much as you can get or the property justifies. The government will guarantee up to 50% of loans of \$4,000 or less.

On the government-guaranteed portion of a loan maximum interest of 4% is permitted.

# BLOOD AND FIRE

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## This Is Almost Funny

We hate to keep on beating the drum about stealing, but unhappily there are still those among us who do not have too fine an understanding of what is mine and what is thine.

The subject was brought to our mind by a recent incident that would be funny if it weren't so damned sad.

One of our soldiers took off like that well-known bird to see the sights of Natchez and in the course of events he became sleepy. Quite responsibly, he checked into the U. S. Army Recreation Center and grabbed himself a bit of shut-eye.

Being a neat character, before he drifted off into Slumberland he folded his foldable clothes and hung up his hangable clothes.

That was very convenient for the snide character who passed by a short time later and picked up everything that was available.

When the soldier awoke in the morning he was alone in the world except for a fuzzy, unbeautiful suit of underwear.

That and a blanket constituted his only covering until the Natchez Servicemen's Center managed to re-equip him.

He returned to camp in somebody else's clothes, a rather sad-looking soldier and considerably humbled in spirit. There is nothing very funny about standing around like a plucked chicken except to those who are looking on and laughing.

Next pay day the humor will sort of run out for this unfortunate soldier who will have put up nearly \$28 to finance somebody else's joke.

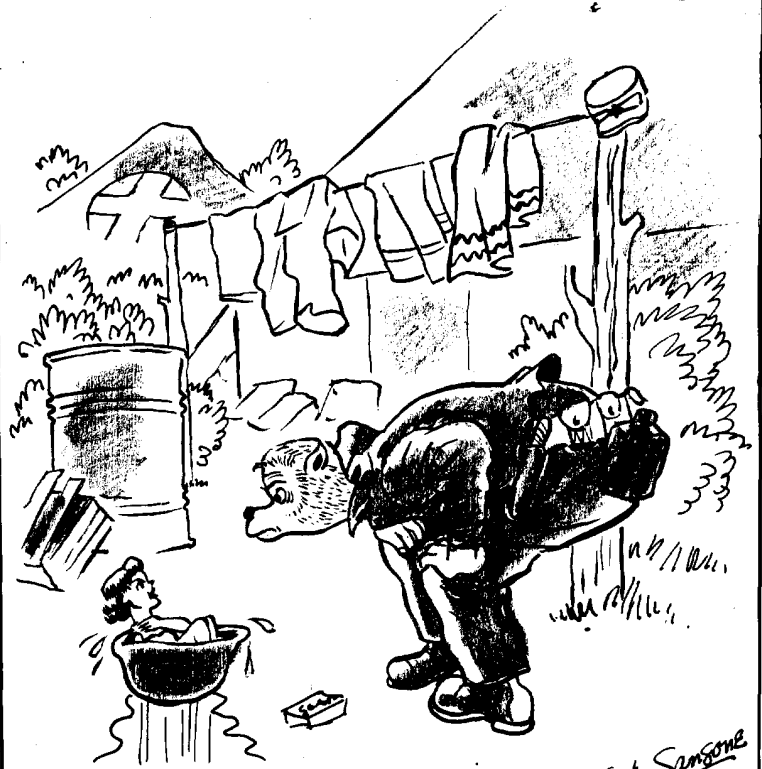
We think that this incident shows a distressing lack of consideration on the part of the thief. We are all in this army and things are plenty tough without having a fellow-soldier make them tougher.

Entirely apart from the moral considerations, we think that this was a skunk's trick.

We hope whoever did it reads down this far.

THE WOLF

BY SANSONE



"Stop Starin'...N'Get Me a Towel"

## Once Over Lightly

By Pfc. Sy Bernhard  
(Division Artillery)

A Japanese standard schoolbook says that the Nips are born to march proudly over the rest of the world. Footnote added by the United States Navy suggests that they also have to swim home. In liberated Paris a good use has been found for some 100,000 copies of Mein Kampf. They are ground up for newsprint. Soldiers in the Seventh Army in the Vesges Forest near the Swiss border really knew what close combat is. They are near enough to the Nazis to breathe down each other's necks. They claim they were even dunking their crackers to cut down the noise. The clever Chinese. When the Flying Tigers found themselves sorely handicapped by a lack of belly gas tanks for their planes, the Chinese improvised one of mud and bamboo. The very old joined to help the very new. The Nazis have found a new trick in treating civilians. In Oct. 1941, in Kaunas, Lithuania, the Gestapo asked for 500 young men who knew at least three languages to work on historical records. In the Ghetto, some 530 reported. They were very lucky. The Germans shot them at once without subjecting them to the usual torture build-up. No room for racism in the United States as the Japanese American 100th Battalion has proved in Italy. And now a middle-aged anti-facist Japanese painter is announced as the winner of a \$1,000 Carnegie prize.

## Division Sidelights

253d Inf. -- Roll call is a real headache in Co. G. On the same roster are the following men with the same name, none of them related: Sgt. Lloyd and Pvt. Clyde Elliot, S/Sgt. Robert E. and Pfc William Robinson, Pvts. Charles and Millard Miller, Pfc. Lupe and Pvt. Theodoro Rodriguez, Pvts. Robert and Amedeo Sanchez, Pfc. Robert and Pvt. Richard Baldwin, Pvts. William R. and William B. Jones, Pvts. Walter and Charles Harmon, Pfcs. Donald and Homer Frye. In Anti-Tank Co. Cpl. Gink Jones, company clerk, has congratulations coming for the baby girl born to his wife last week. Three times within the last three months the 253d orchestra has played at dances of the 1265th Engrs., and each time sax man S/Sgt. Howard McVey, Co. K, has run into an old classmate from Monmouth, Ill. T/5 Chester Rudibaugh, Special Service assistant, recently received a note from his brother now in Orleans, France.

861st F.A. Bn. -- S/Sgt. Frank Sabadini, the Division's first flying noncom, who recently received the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for 70 flights over enemy territory, has left the Division. Also transferred out was T/4 Les Lanz of Bn. radio section. In civilian life he helped install the radio set in Amelia Earhart's plane on her ill-fated last flight. New Bn. surgeon is Lt. Fred A. Twerogers. 1st Sgt. William Thomsen, Hq. Btry., has brought his wife down from their home in Lawson, Okla.

254th Inf. -- Two inductees next to each other in line on Halloween night, 1942, at Camp Upton, L. I., didn't know it at the time, but they were in for a long hitch together. Sent to Camp Breckenridge, Ky., they took their basics as barracks mates. At Camp Blanding, Fla., in the 63d cadre, they were still in the same barracks and now at Van Dorn they have adjoining bunks. They are S/Sgt. John E. Kule and Ricardo Canut, of the medical outfit and you can easily identify them. They'll be jabbering away at each other in Spanish. Another 254th linguist is T/5 Harry Taub, who solos for and sometimes directs the orchestra. Raised in Berlin, he speaks German fluently, and can do allright with French, too.

862d F.A. Bn. -- T/5 Edward O'Lenic of Btry. B, has submitted several cartoons to PIC and LOOK. Pvt. Paul Grastva is the proud father of an eight-pound baby girl. Ann Virginia. Deepest sympathy is extended to S/Sgt. Carl J. Adams, who recently lost his father. T/4 Harold Arndt is in the hospital recovering after an operation. T/4 Fred Nourse of Hq. Btry. is expecting a little bundle of joy at home any one of these days.

63d Div. Hq. -- Big event in the family of T/3 Joseph Rodgers a week ago was the birth of a five pound baby boy to Mrs. Rodgers.

## THE SKY PILOT

By Chaplain George W. Almond  
(253d Infantry)

Sooner or later, in some capacity, nearly every one of us here can expect to see action in this war. We will face an enemy and his weapons will be trained on us and we shall come face to face with soldiers as intent on our destruction as we are on theirs.

Fear is as natural as hunger and thirst, and is nothing to be ashamed of in a dangerous situation. If we are honest, completely with ourselves, we know that we are going to be scared. We need to know that we can go ahead even though we ARE scared.

Here are some suggestions that may help us:

First, do something. Check your equipment, make sure everything is right. Physical or mental action will help to dispel fear.

Remember too that knowledge is power over fear. Learn all you can about the enemy. You know that enemy soldiers are scared too.

And my last suggestion is, don't forget the power of religious belief as an antidote to fear. When men get into a tight spot, they pray and it helps. It will not stop bullets, but it will help you keep control of all your faculties. Use your religion to increase your courage when you fight for a good cause.

IT DOES HELP.

## Religious Services

### PROTESTANT

Sunday	Nights-Weekdays
Chs. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900	Ch. 6, L.D.S., 1800
Chs. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000	Ch. 8, Ev. Prayer, 1830
Ch. 5, Epis. Comm. 1100	Ch. 5, Ch. Christ, 2000
Ch. 6, 7, 1100	Ch. 6, Chr. Sc., 2000
Ch. 8, Luth. Comm. 1100	Ch. 1, Fri. SDA, 1930

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sunday	Weekdays
Chs. 5, 7, 0800	Ch. 5, M. W. F., 1830
Theater 5, 0900	Ch. 10, M. T. F., 1830
Ch. 7, 1000	Confessions, Saturday
Theater 1, 1030	Chs. 5, 7, 10, 1830-
Blue Rec Hall, 1100	2000

### JEWISH

Hospital, Friday, 1830	Chapel 7, Friday, 2000
	Chapel 9, Sunday, 0900

## Rocket Launcher Tough on Japs

The Army's new M-12 rocket launcher has achieved devastating results against the Japs in island fighting, according to reports.

The rocket-launcher, which weighs but 22 pounds, light enough to be carried by one man, fires a 4.5 rocket weighing 38 pounds and gives a soldier in a foxhole the same hitting power as the 4325 pound 105 mm. howitzer.

## Secret of Robot Bombs Revealed By Air Forces

CHICAGO—There are no secrets anymore about the German V-1 robot bombs which rained death and destruction on England.

Using bits of salvage robots sent here from England experts of the air forces technical command have reconstructed the bombs and have actually flown them experimentally at Wright Field, O., it was disclosed this week by Col. Nelson S. Talbot, commanding officer of the ATSC here.

The robot consists of a streamlined fuselage with stubby wings, on which is mounted a tube containing a jet impulse engine. Motive power comes from a series of rapid explosions in a combustion chamber.

The front end of the tube is fitted with an ingenious valve or gate which opens to admit air for combustion and closes with each explosion to prevent loss of power. In action the engine sounds like a giant outboard motor.

The secrets of the robot's complicated directional control system was worked out by Jack & Heinz, Inc.

## Theatre Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 and 2

Sat.—"Up in Arms" Kay, Shore  
Sun.—Mon.—"For Whom the Bell Tolls, Cooper, Bergmn  
Tues.—"Light of Old Santa Fe"  
"The Mark of Whistler"  
Wed.—Thurs.—"Bowery to Bdway"  
Fri.—Sat.—"The Very Thought of You"

THEATER NO. 5

Starting Time—1900

Sat.—"And Now Tomorrow"  
Sun.—"Babes on Swing St."  
Mon.—"Up in Arms"  
Tues.—Wed.—"For Whom the Bell Tolls"  
Thurs.—"Light of Old Santa Fe"  
"The Mark of Whistler"  
Fri.—Sat.—"Bowery to Bdway"

## G.I.'s Smarter Than In 1918

WASHINGTON—Speaking of book larnin', GI Joe of World War II may not be much smarter in a military way, but he is much better educated than his Doughboy Dad of World War I.

### Place for Pooch Asked in T/E

If Co. G, 253d Inf., has anything to do with it, there will be no Girl It Left Behind It.

Loving Annie, the company pooch, adopted three weeks ago after the weapons platoon found her in the field, has become an essential part of the company equipment and it is planned, if possible, to include her in the company T/E.

Annie is so desolated by even a few hours' separation from the company that it is feared a long separation such as the company leaving its area for any length of time, might send her to Dog Heaven.

### 255th CANNONEERS HOLD PARTY IN MESS HALL

Men of Cannon Co., 255th, Staged a Halloween dance at their mess hall last Friday night.

Girls from Baton Rouge, Liberty, and members of the WAC Detachment attended.

The mess hall was decorated with orange and black streamers, black cats, pumpkins and other Halloween accessories. A buffet supper was served.

Heading the committee in charge of the affair were: T/Sgt. Andrew J. Dereck, Sgt. Karl G. Lybrand and T/4 Max Dekter.

### PHILIPPINES COUNTED

Here are some facts about the Philippine Islands:

There are so many islands in the group that they never even had been counted until recently. The final tally was 7,083. However, only 2,441 of them have names, and only 462 are a square mile or more in area.

Two of the Islands, Luzon and Mindanao, account for two thirds of the total area of the whole group. Manila, the capital, is on Luzon.

This conclusion was reached by the United States Office of Education, Federal Security Agency and the War Department, following comparative statistics of representative sampling studies.

The Office of War Information made the facts public last week. In the present war, 23-3 percent of the soldiers had completed four years of high school, whereas only 3-5 percent of the soldiers in the last war had done so.

The two largest groups in both wars, however, included those who had completed no more than five to eight years of grade school. The percentage was 27.4 percent in this war, as compared with 55.5 percent in the last war.

The number of persons who have completed no more than the first four years of grammar school, in this war amounted to 3.5 percent, as compared with 24.4 percent in the last war.

No comparison of the rates for illiteracy can be made between this war and the last since in both cases these rejections have been closely associated with other causes for rejection and comparable statistics cannot be obtained.

Four years of college or more had been completed by 3.6 percent of the soldiers in this war, as compared with 1 percent in the last war.

### 253d LIGHTER FLIES OVERSEAS RIBBONS

Back from a leave spent in Oakland, Cal., Lt. William E. Brick, 254th Information and Education Officer, is flashing a silver cigaret lighter that has been all around the world.

The lighter was given to Lt. Brick by his brother-in-law, PO/3c Robert Wilbur of the U.S. Coast Guard. The lighter started its trip with Wilbur two and one-half years ago from Seattle and saw action in many theaters of operations.

# Hq. Btry. Suffers First Defeat 12-0 In 862d F.A. Loop

Btry. A, 862d F.A. displayed a deceptive running attack to give Hq. Btry. its first beating of the season this week, 12-0.

With Sgt. Paul Langenberg and Pvt. Hugh Horn doing an appreciable amount of the ball carrying, the victors reversed an earlier 6-0 defeat and took a mathematical chance of tying the Headquarters eleven for the Battalion title.

Each team shows one defeat and one tie but Headquarters has played and won a greater number of games thus far.

The winners mixed their plays well, gaining one of the two touchdowns on a short pass from Horn to Cpl. Ed. Bragg. The other score was made by Pvt. Charles Reed who intercepted a pass and ran the ball across the goalline.

These two teams recently engaged in other games. Btry. A played a scoreless tie with Btry. B, and Hq. Btry. laced Serv. Btry., 24-0.

# Army Replaces Notre Dame As Nation's Best Eleven

For the first time in two seasons, Notre Dame's grid team fails to rate as the country's top eleven. The weekly poll of sports writers places Army in first place among college teams while Randolph Field, fourth in the first 10 is considered best among the service groups.

## "I Can Do It Again" Says Slammin' Sam

Ex-gob Slammin' Sammy Snead says, "with a little streak of luck" he's "liable to snare something" on the winter golf circuit. He doesn't believe two years in the Navy will handicap him in getting back into form.

"Course, it'll take a little while," the war duration PGA national champion said, after he peeled off a four-under-par 66 in an exhibition match at Philadelphia last Sunday.

Asked if he expected to make inroads on the highly successful Byron Nelson-Jug McSpaden combination, Sammy replied:

"I used to beat Nelson and McSpaden sometimes. I don't know how come I couldn't do it again." He added, however, that "any dub can beat me sometimes."

First in 13 polls starting in 1943, the Fighting Irish dropped back a notch after just barely beating Illinois 13-7, last Saturday.

Army meantime, mounted its most impressive power display of the season to defeat Duke and win the first-place vote of 41 of the writers. In this respect, Notre Dame actually ran fourth, being surpassed by Randolph Field and Ohio State as well as Army.

The top ten:

Army (41)	898
Notre Dame (15)	798
Ohio State (17)	772
Randolph Field (18)	716
Georgia Tech (1)	532
Navy (1)	383
Iowa Preflight	315
N. Carolina Preflight	174
Illinois	168
Michigan	167

# Champs Prestige Challenged in 63d

Cannon Co., of the 255th, is finding that there is more than one team in that regiment capable of matching plays and players with its eleven.

Co. M recently gave the Cannoners their first defeat in two seasons and this week the 1st Bn. champion, Co. A, stood off Capt. Robert Young's team in a scoreless tie.

Both teams threatened several times but the defense was paramount on this occasion. Sgt. Ken Jackson knocked down a Co. A pass at the goalline and Cpl. Chester Antosiewicz tagged a runner at the two-yard line to avert scores by Co. A. And, the latter also had its hands full holding the fleet and deceptive Cannon Co. backfield.

# Ex-Fordham Tackle a Redleg

Interbattery football in the 862d F.A. recently brought to light the presence there of Cpl. Joseph Yacknich, who until his induction played in the Fordham University line.

Saying merely that Yacknich played in the line at Fordham is to master the extreme in understatement. Actually, he was on the road to becoming another of the great men who have played for the school on Rose Hill.

A product of the scholastic gridirons of anthracite Pennsylvania, this 22-year-old member of Btry. A entered the School of Physical Education after playing tackle for three years at Hazelton High. By '41 he was playing regular for the Maroon as a sophomore and

was in the Rams' forward wall when they beat Missouri in the Sugar Bowl on a safety.

The following year Yacknich was chosen for the All Eastern eleven. Before another season rolled around, Yacknich was at Camp Stewart, Ga., winning his rating as an anti-aircraft gunner. In the spring of this year his organization was deactivated and he was assigned to the 63d Div.

Serving in the Army does not preclude more football playing for this native of Beaver Meadows, Pa. The Cleveland Rams of the National Professional League took him in the annual "draft." Before reporting to them, however, he hopes to end his course and collegiate career at Fordham.

# 4 MILLION JAPS STILL TO KILL

NEW YORK - American military forces will have to leave at least 4,000,000 Japs dead or beaten behind them in the Pacific before they can think of victory, in the opinion of Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

Addressing the Bar Association here, Mr. Patterson predicted that the Japs would fight long after Germany has thrown in the towel and promised that once victory is won American soldiers will be kept in the Army no longer than necessary.

The Japs now have 4,000,000

men in uniform, Mr. Patterson said, and they are calling up 1,000,000 more in the 17- and 18-year old group.

The Japanese army will be destroyed, he promised. "But that will only be by a three-way attack, land, sea and air, of the greatest strength we can deliver. There will be no final victory until we can put ashore, supply and reinforce infantry, artillery and tanks strong enough to destroy the ground forces of Japan.

"We must be organized to battle our way into the heart of their country against a foe

fanatical, firmly dug in and ready to fight to the death.

"We will require an Army large enough to do this," he continued. "However, we will release men from service as fast as military conditions permit. On that point our policy is plain and has been all along.

"We will not keep in service one man more than we need to carry out our military responsibilities in winning the war. No contrary suggestion has ever been made by anyone with authority to speak on the subject."

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