

Blood and Fire

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63d QM. is Named Lt. Colonel

Heading a list of officer promotions in the 63d this week was that of Maj. Henry P. Duvall, Division Quartermaster, who was named lieutenant colonel.

Other promotions in the QM were those of Edward W. Gallagher and Charles Soderquist from second to first lieutenant.

In the 363d Med. Bn., Lts. John M. O'Neill, S-2; Thomas W. Sheehy, S-3, and Roger H. Sondag, S-4, were named captains.

REDLEGS OF 862D TO DANCE WEDNESDAY

Redlegs of the 862d F.A. will hold a Harvest dance at QT White Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Girls from nearby communities will attend and the Division White Orchestra will play.

S/Sgt. Harold A. Lentos is in charge of refreshments, and T/4 Ernest Payette will arrange the decorations.

CO. C, MEDICS, WINS

In the first basketball game of the season Co. C, 363d Medics, defeated Co. B, 33-20, Monday night at Special Troops Rec Hall.

Loose lips sink ships!

PETITE PINUP GIRL

It may come as something of a shock to Hollywood's press agents, but Co. B, 363d Med. Bn., has decided collectively to scorn the usual movie pinups in favor of a lovely of their own choosing, three-year-old Kathleen James, daughter of P v t. Edward James. Kathleen is the youngest of James' three children.

TURKEY'N FIXIN'S FOR MEN AT FRONT

Soldiers of the First Army fighting on German soil will not miss their Thanksgiving dinner this year.

The Army has ordered enough turkeys to give each man one and one-half pounds and there will be foxhole distribution to men who are unable to leave their posts for the formal feast.

Here is what the men on enemy soil will get:

Roast turkey, giblet gravy and sage dressing, fresh mashed potatoes, glazed sweet potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry jelly, pumpkin pie, hot rolls, butter, coffee, candy, apples and oranges.

Hitler doesn't care if your wife knows, but Gen. Marshall might.

Ritchie Team Shows How to Quiz Nazis

Interrogation of prisoners of war was demonstrated by a six-man team from Camp Ritchie, Md., at Theaters 1 and 5 this week.

Two of the demonstrators, Lt. Raphael H. Salzman and T/Sgt. Paul W. Leser, are natives of Germany.

Sgt. Leser served in Italy and Sicily for nearly two years. He wears the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in documental work.

The team presented a skit dealing with questioning of prisoners. Lt. Salzman lectured on the background of the German soldier, and Sgt. Leser described identifying features of the German uniform. Weapons used by the Nazis were exhibited.

Other members of the team are Lt. James E. Knauer, Cpl. Henry Singer, Pfc. William Sampson and Pfc. John Nielsen.

BTRY. A, 862d, WINS

A fumble converted into a touchdown gave Btry. A, 862d F.A., an 8-0 victory over Hq. Btry. this week.

Buy and keep War Bonds.

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ONE FRONT

"Civilians don't know there's a war on," a lot of us said when we returned from furlough. But was it a fair crack to make?

"Civilians" are not a strange class of humanity sprung up overnight. They are our family and friends and neighbors, the people we ourselves used to work beside. Most of us, in fact, are only civilians in uniform.

Today 44 million Americans are at work on our home front. Together with Britain and the USSR, we have raised our arms production this year to a record 4-to-1 ratio over that of the Axis. Our farmers produce 45 per cent more food than farmers did in World War I.

We hear a lot about strikes on the home front. In our anger we forget that strikes enrage the home folks just as much as they do us---and forget that time lost by strikes since Pearl Harbor represents less than 1/10 of 1 per cent of the total labor time available.

Civilians are buying War Bonds heavily. The first five bond drives have been heavily oversubscribed. The country bought \$86 billion worth of bonds when the goal was \$67 billion.

Nearly 4 1/2 million Americans have given 8 million pints of their blood. Eleven million are performing volunteer work in their free time.

It becomes increasingly clear that no one can refer to two sides, the "fighting front" and the "home front." They are inexorably tied together.

THE SKY PILOT

By Chaplain Aaron Kahan
(254th Infantry)

In 1915 a British actor named George Powell wrote a ditty that made him famous. His brother Felix then composed the tune that made the song so popular in World War I and again in the present struggle.

Twenty-seven years later, in 1942, Felix Powell sat down at a piano and sang as he played: "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag." Then he arose and went into another room and killed himself.

What was the grief that made Felix Powell do this? Was it war, ill-health, nerves, financial losses or all these things put together? We do not know. One thing, however, is certain --- even when assisted by soothing music or rousing song, troubles are not so easily packed in the "old kit bag."

In order to meet and conquer many of these difficulties, trials and disappointments, a man must have the help of some power outside himself. That power is found in God. A great soldier who later became a king once said:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

ON IT OVER LIGHTLY

By Pfc. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

One of the deadliest weapons of the G.I. is a slow, unarmed, dinky little job, the artillery observation plane... the air jeep. The planes have proved the most effective means of stopping Nazi artillery fire... for, as any red-leg knows, a battery seen... is a battery lost, and the Nazis have preferred to stop firing rather than reveal their positions... G.I.s in the Down Under land of Australia like the cost of living... a two-inch steak, salad, French fries, coffee for a big 40 cents... shampoo, shave, massage, haircut... for 35 cents... Prevailing prices on more personal items, interesting always to G.I.s, will have to wait for arrival... DMB will have to pull a fast one to get some consolation from American elections.

Division Sidelights

Church Services

203d Engr.—1st/Sgt. Ewert Orr proved a capable MC at the recent party of the battalion and men of the S-2 Sec. did such a fine job of decorating that the interior of Special Troops Rec Hall was transformed into a night club...Marriages and births have been running neck-and-neck in the battalion. The following weddings have been reported: H&S Co.— T/Sgt. William A. Taylor and Ada May Marquardt, on Hallowe'en at Dallas, Tex. Both are natives of Baldwin, Kan.; Co. A— Pfc. William F. Foster and Shirley June Morrow, at Detroit; and Sgt. Charles W. Price, at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Co. B— Pfc. Jack A. Cochran and Ruth Emma, at Sherwood, Ok.; and Pvt. Curtis G. Yule and Geraldine East, at Magnolia, Miss., and T/4 Arthur Schulemsohn and Florence Michel, at Chicago; Co. C— Pvt. William O. Dingler and Lily May Quinn, at Philadelphia; T/5 Ralph H. Dunlap and Ellen Louise McLaughlin, of Troy, Kan.; Pvt. Charles H. Jarvis and Garnett Phyllis, of East Baton Rouge, and T/5 Arthur C. Keith and Violet Mae Keith ...Births reported: H&S Co.— Pvt. John Hanawalt, a girl, born in Wayne County, Mich.; S/Sgt. Wilbur K. Horton, boy, Kenneth James, born in Natchez; Co. B— S/Sgt. Roy H. Barker, boy, born in Chicago; S/Sgt. James L. Greener, boy, born in Cleveland; Co. C— T/4 Edwin M. Lallement, girl, Velma Jean, at Now
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PROTESTANT
Chapel 6, 0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8 - 1000.
Chapel 5, Epis. Com., 1100.
Chapel 8, Luth. Com., 1100.
Chapel 6, 1100.

Sunday Eve.—Weekdays
Chapel 6, 1030-1800.
Chapel 6, Chr. Sci., 2000.
Chapel 1, SDA, 1930 Friday.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday
Chapel 5, 0800.
Theater 5, 0900.
Theater 1, 1030.

Weekdays
Chapel 5, M-W-F, 1830.
Chapel 5, Confessions,
Sat., 1830-2000.

Theatre Schedule

THEATERS 1 and 2
(Starting Times: #1, 1845
#2, 1810.)

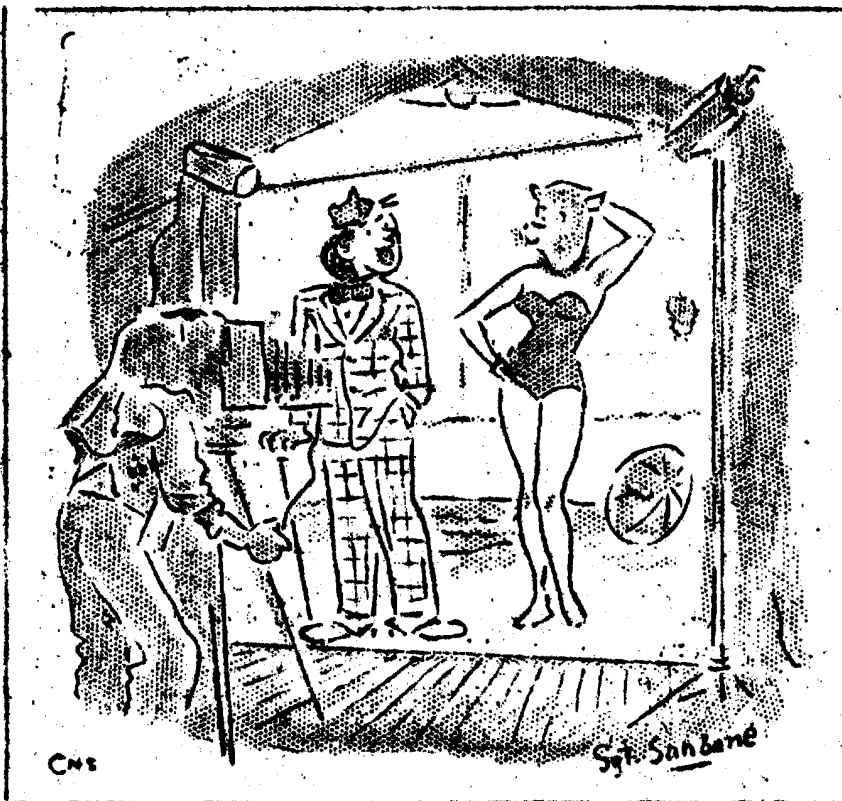
SAT. - "Very Thought of You"; Morgan, Clark, Emerson.
SUN.-MON. - "Princess & the Pirate"; Hope, McLaughlin, Mayo.
TUES. - "Brazil"; Bruce and Guizar.
WED.-THURS. - "Doughgirls"; Sheridan, Smith, Carson.
FRI.-SAT. - "Laura"; Tierney, Andrews.

THEATER 5
(Starting Time: 1900)
SAT. - "Bewery to Broadway"
SUN.-MON. - "Very Thought of You."
TUES.-WED. - "Princess and the Pirate."
THURS. - "Brazil."
FRI.-SAT. - "Doughgirls."

QM GRIDDEBS BEAT ORDNANCE
The 63d QM Co. football team beat the 763d Ord. Co., 32-0, Thursday at Ordnance Field. Men of both companies attended.

THE WOLF

By Sansone



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Sidelights

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 Brikton, Pa.; Pfc. Robert S. McCormick, girl, Orlando, Fla.

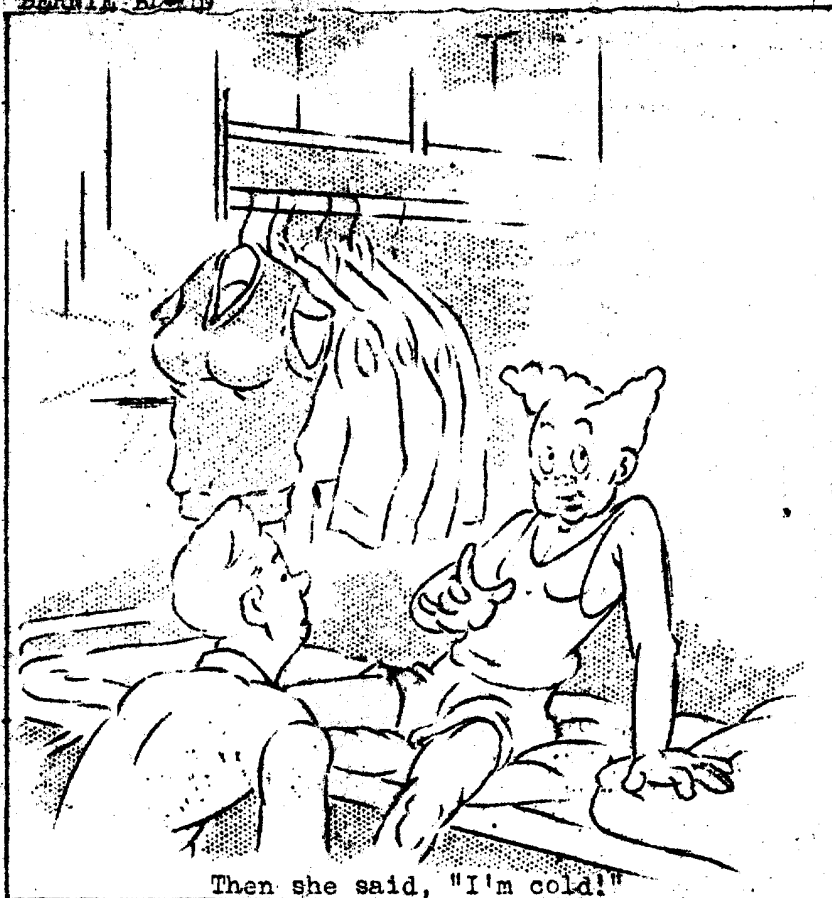
861st F. A. — Newly joined soldier wives in the vicinity are Mrs. Ed Hereth, Mrs. Walter McGinley, Mrs. Charles Skowronski and the new Mrs. Mel Feldman; all the husbands are in Hq. Btry. ... In Btry. A it now is 1st Lt. McIntyre.

862d F.A. — New fathers are Lt. Hamlet Robinson Carter II, CO of Btry. B, and 1st / Sgt. John F. Schnaitman, Btry. C. Hamlet Robinson Carter III weighed in at eight pounds, one ounce. A daughter was born to Mrs. Fred Nourse, wife of the T/4 in Hq. Btry.

718th F.A. — T/4 Fred Hein, Hq. Btry., and the former Margaret Montgomery, recently married, are making their home in Natchez... Two NCOs of Btry. A were married in McComb last week. Sgt. E. F. Connally married Mary Ann Lorenzen, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Cpl. Robert McCarthy married Eleanor Ecklund.... Capt. Edward Culver, Btry. A, returned from a three-month course at Ft. Sill, Okla., to resume duties as battery commander... Pvt. Carlos Munoz, Btry. C, married Miss Linda Juarez on furlough in Houston... Also newly married are Pvt. George E. Young and Lt. Velmar Davis, both of Btry. C; the lieutenant had kept it a secret from everyone.

363d Med. — Co. B gave a company party in the

BERNIE BLOOD



Then she said, "I'm cold!"

Special Troops Rec Hall last Thursday at which 120 Baton Rouge belles were guests... Stork Club: a boy to Cpl. and Mrs. W. O. Smith and a girl to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred Rehm... A romance of 15 years started a new chapter in historic St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, last week-end when Sgt. Elias Nasser, Hq. Det., married Miss Isabelle Moulad, of Brooklyn, N.Y. T/Sgt. William E. Devine, also of Hq. Det., was best man, and the bride's sister, Freda, also was a member of the wedding party. Sgt. Nasser served with the American Field Service ambulance unit in France in 1940. He won the Division contest for the best Creed of the Combat Soldier... Other recent additions to

the benedicts: Pfc. Charles Morton, Co. A, who married Miss Wanda Harper, of Charleston, W. Va.; Pvt. William White, Co. A, who married Miss Mary Antonia Ammirati, of Weed, Calif., and four members of Co. B: S/Sgt. Jack Owens, who married Miss Verneda Flittner, of Evansville, Ind.; Sgt. Joe Shane, who exchanged vows with Miss Helen Kyzar, of McComb; Pfc. Charles Kidwell, whose bride is the former Miss Ruth Knochelman, of Covington, Ky., and Pfc. Paul Mathews, who married Miss Gladys Temple, of Natchez.

AIDE NAMED

Lt. James R. Hyde has been named aide to Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander.