

Blood and Fire

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600 Attend 862d's Harvest Dance

CT White's rec hall was transformed into "Harvest Moon Ranch" Wednesday night as the 862d F.A. staged its Harvest Dance. An estimated 600 GIs and girls attended.

An ancient buggy stood on the lawn, and the interior of the hall was elaborately decorated in autumnal colors.

A huge crescent moon on which was perched a gorgeous girl with an ardent GI climbing towards her formed a backdrop for the Division White orchestra. Saddles, bridles and other riding paraphernalia heightened the rustic atmosphere.

Entertainment was offered by members of the battalion under the direction of Pfc. Joseph Volpe, of Hq. Btry., the master of ceremonies.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

All training will be suspended Thursday at 1200 to permit a half-holiday observance of Thanksgiving.

The traditional Army Thanksgiving dinner is to be served at noon in the mess halls; use of china, tableware and glass has been authorized for the occasion.

WAR BONDS FOR VICTORY!

ROLLING BARRAGE FIRED BY DIVISION ARTILLERY

The rolling barrage, which provides a protective curtain of fire for advancing infantry, was fired for the first time last week by 63d Div. Arty.

Private in Medics Becomes Lieutenant

Pvt. Hugh K. Torrance, 363d Med. Bn., became Lt. Torrance Thursday. He was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Adjutant General's Department of Clinical Psychology by Maj. Vail A. Van Natta, acting adjutant general of the 63d Inf. Div.

The new lieutenant was an assistant psychologist in the office of Capt. Leon Goldensohn, Division Psychologist. He joined the 63d as a draftee in September, 1943.

Lt. Torrance holds the degree of Bachelor of Science from Haverford College, from which he was graduated in 1938. He received his Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University in 1940.

He was personnel consultant at the Camp Hill Industrial School, Harrisburg, Pa., before entering the Army. He has been assigned to the Adjutant General Pool at the New Orleans POE.

The delicate artillery tactic was observed by Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Division Artillery commander.

The rolling barrage was fired by the four battalions during a two-day problem intended to give training in rapid and difficult computation and to afford the cannoners an opportunity to fire howitzers at maximum rate for an appreciable length of time.

The rolling barrage has a thoroughly demoralizing effect on an entrenched enemy. It provides a protective curtain of fire for the advancing infantry as well as shell holes to be used as protection for the doughboys.

The falling shells move ahead of the infantry at the rate of 100 yards every four minutes. The closeness of the infantry to the artillery fire calls for extreme accuracy. Last week the cannoners guaranteed the safety of our own infantry in combat, though they were firing at a range of about 4,000 yards.

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SAVE NOW

The Sixth War Loan Drive starts Monday. Let us not forget, we as soldiers have a big stake in that drive as well as have the civilians who are urged to give until it hurts in order that the goal of \$14,000,000 may be achieved.

For quickly the war can be brought to a close is certainly of vital importance to us. Tanks, guns and armaments of all sorts are just as vital to the winning of the war now as they ever have been since it started. Money is needed to produce these implements by which we shall subdue the enemy.

The men at the fighting fronts need these things as quickly as they can get them and surely we who are their comrades in arms do not want to see them go wanting.

Aside from the contribution which we can make by subscribing to the loan is the very concrete fact that we are investing in something that will pay us dividends in cash when we may need it most.

The ordinary small bonds mature in 10 years. If we are wise enough to hang on to the bonds we buy we will be sure of a tidy sum in a difficult post-war world. The Series B bond costs \$18.75 and pays \$25 at maturity; the new "GI Bond" costs \$7.50 and matures at \$10.

It's time to save NOW.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

If you like to find meaning in dates ... Play around with this one for a while... November 7... The United States holds an election with over 48 million voters... the second anniversary of the invasion of North Africa... and the 13th anniversary of the Nazi Putsch of 1933... and Hitler was silent... for the first time.

A war order placed with Boeing carried bad news for the "pippies" this week... One thousand more B-29's in addition to the 700 ordered earlier. Not strange that the Jap High Command has proclaimed the evacuation of 11 major cities and Gen. "Hap" Arnold says "tomorrow" will see thousand plane raids over Japan a daily occurrence.... The Americans are so devoted... to increasing Japanese crematories.

A new Dieppe was added to the roster of British courage... The attack on tiny Walcheren Island in the Scheldt Estuary by the Royal Marines was met by direct fire on their barges from the Nazi 240s... The losses exceeded ours at Tarawa.

— Pfc. Sy Bernhard.

Division Sidelights

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co. — T/5 and Mrs. Larrie W. Mark (he is in the AG Sec.) are celebrating the birth of a daughter, Leslie Jean, Wednesday night in Topeka, Kan... Lt. Leroy J. Crane has been named aide to Brig. Gen. E. J. McGaw, Division Artillery commander.

862d F.A. — Highlights from Wednesday night "Harvest Dance" floor show: the can-can danced by T/5 Elmer Hoeman, Pfc. Tom Mahan, Pvt. Martin Doot and Sgt. John Demagistris, all of Hq. Btry., and Pvt. James Stanton, Btry. C; the crooning of Cpl. James Jones and T/5 Joseph Reese, both of Btry. C; the prizewinning (three-day pass) interbugging of T/4 Fred Mederos, Btry. C, and waltzing of T/4 John Durso, and the breathtaking Gypsy Rose Lee act by Pfc. Joseph Volpe, Hq. Btry., who also was MC of the floor show... Pfc. William Wise, Btry. C, was bitten by a Black Widow spider last week. He received two plasma transfusions at Station Hospital; he has returned to duty... Six-pound Nancy Joe Murphy entered the family of T/5 Charles Murphy Nov. 10. She is the Murphys' second child.

863d F.A. — Cpl. James G. Andary and Pvt. William E. Schwarz have joined Cpl. Robert H. Rowe on the orientation program of Btry. A... New Orleans recently received a 32-hour "Cook's Tour" from Cpl. Charles J. Vicic, T/4 Milton J. Hart and Pfc. Andrew G. Norbut and their wives. The men are in Btry. A... M/Sgt. Crayton Hodge, battalion motor sergeant with 17 years' service, became a father for the fifth time when a 10-pound, 7-ounce boy was born to Mrs. Hodge.

718th F.A. — 1st/Sgt. David C. Malloy, Btry. C, is a new father, of David C. Malloy III, who weighed eight pounds at birth... Lt. Bernard S. Gilday has left Btry. C for an eight-inch howitzer battalion... Sgt. Wilbur Harrington, Btry. C, and Miss Irene Suduth, of Baton Rouge, will be married Sunday at the bride's home. Best man will be Pvt. Chalmer H. Nix, also of Btry. C. Cpl. Paul Browne will be head usher and members of Sgt. Harrington's howitzer section will be ushers.

Div. Arty. — Several thousand pocket-sized books have been obtained for spare-time reading of 63d artillerymen from students of Midwood High School, in Brooklyn. The gift was obtained through Pfc. Sy Bernhard, Hq. Btry., orientation assistant for Division Artillery, who used to be a teacher at Midwood... M/Sgt. Nicol Lein, Divarty sergeant-major, indulged himself Wednesday night at what he calls "hawg rattle" — the 862d's Harvest Moon dance. He once won a waltz contest, but was barred from this one in a battle of clashing AAs, WD circs, etc...

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Church Schedule

PROTESTANT
Chapel 6, 0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 7, 1000.
Chapels 5, 6, 1100.
Chapel 7, Luth. Com., 1100.
Sunday Eve. — Weekday
Chapel 6, LDS, 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.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 and 2
(Starting Times: #1, 1845;
#2, 1810).
SAT. — "Laura"; Tierney,
Dana, Andrews.
SUN.-MON. — "Frenchman's
Creek"; Fontaine, de Cor-
dova.
TUES. — "Reckless Age,"
Tierney, Stephenson.
WED.-THURS. — "Thirty Sec-
onds Over Tokyo"; Tracy,
Johnson, Walker.
FRI. — "None But the Lone-
ly Heart"; Grant, Barry-
more.

THEATER 5
(Starting Time: 1900)
SUN.-MON. — "Laura."
TUES.-WED. — "Frenchman's
Creek."
THURS. — "Reckless Age."
FRI.-SAT. — "Thirty Seconds
Over Tokyo."

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AND FIRE to provide one for
every man. This issue is
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one copy for each two men
of the 63d Inf. Div.

Sidelights

BERNIE BLOOD

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 T/4 Fred Wolf left the mess hall where he works on a two-day pass which he won in the orientation quiz...Lt. Roland Hardy's bride is the former Miss Easter Lily Mason, of Natchez.

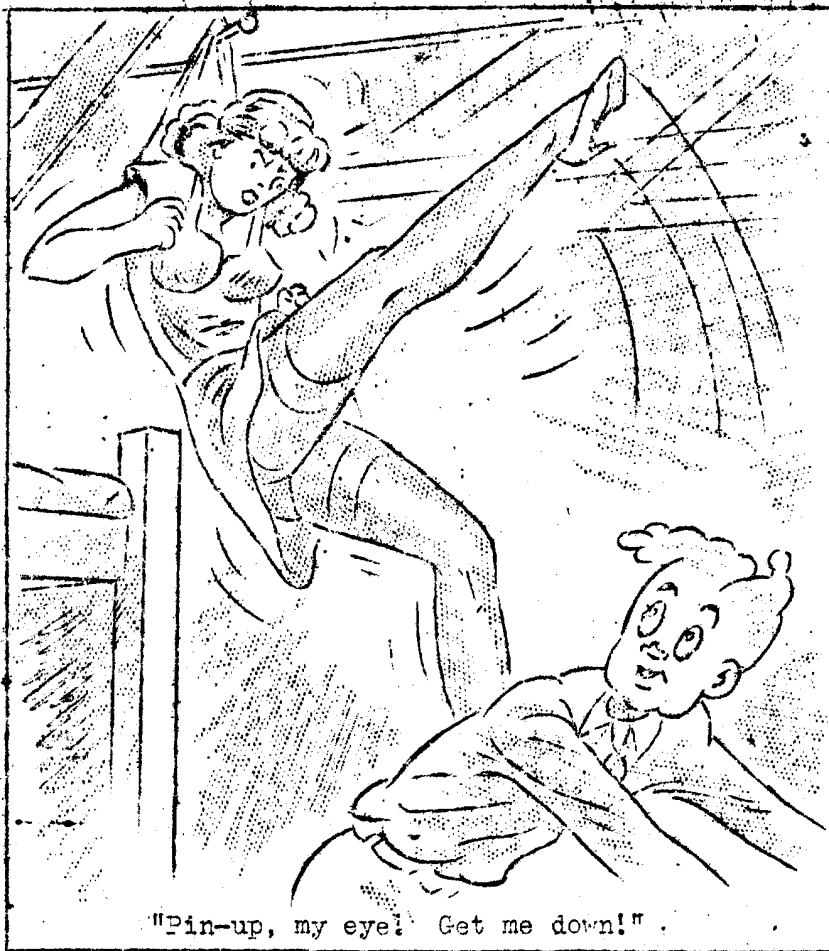
63d QM Co. -- Two members of the company will be married in New Orleans this week-end. Lt. Howard Duryea, of Philadelphia, will marry Miss Roberta Beck, of Hope-dale, Miss. W/5 Romane "Barney" Culp, of Goshen, Ind., will marry Miss Marty Confer, of Oil City, Pa.

263d Engr. -- Announcement of the Oct. 29 marriage of 1st/Sgt. Russell O. Jonas, Co. B, and Miss Mabel Clark, of Peoria, Ill., has been made. Sgt. and Mrs. Jonas were married in Liberty, Miss. ...The engagement of Miss Thelma Stanhope, of Joliet, Ill., and S/Sgt. Robert Messer, Co. B, has been announced. Miss Stanhope is cashier at a post barber shop...Promotions were announced this week for Lt. Rufus M. Angle, CO of Co. C, who became a captain, and Lt. John J. Toomey, Co A, advanced to first lieutenant.

SIGNAL FIVE WINS

The 63d Signal Co. five defeated Service Entry, 862d F. A., 28-25, in a practice game last Thursday at Divarty Rec. Hall.

LSU-Georgia Tech football tickets will be on sale at Camp Special Service until 1100 today.



"Pin-up, my eye! Get me down!"

"HELLO JOE," USO SHOW, IN CAMP NEXT WEEK

"Hello Joe," a USO Show, will be presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Theaters 1, 3 and 4.

Performances are scheduled for 1900 and 2100 Monday at Theater 1; the same hours Wednesday at Theater 4, and one show at 1930 Tuesday at Theater 3.

MEDIC "C" BEATS "A"

The softball team representing Co. C, 363d Med. Bn., maintained its unbeaten status Tuesday when it defeated Co. A, 3-2, at Special Troops Field.

IF YOU TELL WHERE YOU'RE GOING, YOU MAY NOT GET THERE!

Plaque is Awarded 63d QM Company

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was awarded this week to the 63d QM Co.

The award was made by the Division on authority from the War Department.

It cites the company for "superior performance of duty, achievement and maintenance of discipline based on superior military courtesy, appearance of personnel, installations and equipment and enthusiastic execution of orders."

Enemy casualties on Leyte and Samar islands in 10 days of fighting ran approximately eight to one of ours.