



# Blood and Fire



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## Engineer Cited For Leadership

Sgt. Leonard B. Zimmerman, Co. C, 263d Engrs., has been commended because his squad came off with top score in the recent squad - in - attack problems of the engineer battalion.

The citation was issued by Lt. Col. Donald C. Moore, commanding the 501st F.A.

The squad as a whole was commended for the efficient manner in which it conducted the run, and Sgt. Zimmerman was commended for the manner in which his decisions were made; his orders issued, his machine guns employed and the manner of the final assault. This top squad's score was 94.

## ARTILLERYMEN MAKE 180-MILE ROAD MARCH

Officers and men of the four artillery battalions and Hq. Btry. made a 180-mile road march in 11 hours Tuesday.

The elapsed time included a lengthy halt to refuel the tractor prime movers of the 718th F.A.

Vehicles used totaled 220. The march went north past Liberty, then south through Gloster and Rosetta.

Silence CAN be golden!

## REDLEG HERO IN JEEP RESCUE

T/4 Ernst L. Payette, Btry. C, 862d F.A., is the hero of Btry. B today, following the rescue of three fellow artillerymen whose jeep plunged 12 feet off a bridge and landed upside down in a stream.

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## Maj Kiel Promoted To Lieutenant Colonel

The promotion of Maj. Paul V. Kiel, commanding the 363d Med. Bn., to lieutenant colonel was announced this week.

Col. Kiel came to the 53d from the 98th Div. when this Division was activated. He entered active duty from the Reserve in 1943.

## THANKSGIVING BUFFET SERVED AT GLOSTER USO

Among neighboring towns which were hosts to 63d men this week was Gloster, where the USO set out a Thanksgiving buffet supper. Turkeys and meat were donated by businessmen and housewives prepared pastries.

Quick action by Payette, a radio operator, prevented shock and possible further injury to the accident victims.

The mishap took place on a recent blackout motor march. The 862d was sliding through a driving rain during the dark hours of early morning.

A Btry. B jeep, driven by Pfc. Anton Fuchs and occupied also by Sgt. Marion H. Goodgine, Jr., and Pvt. Edward Steele, slid into a ditch. Before the vehicle could be brought back on the road it skidded around a bend and onto the side of a bridge. Its momentum carried it over and into the stream below.

The upset vehicle pinned all three men to the stream bed. Fuchs and Steele struggled free, but Goodgine, pinned down by the rear seat, could raise only his head above water.

Payette, riding behind Fuchs' vehicle in a jeep driven by T/5 Norman Walton, heard screams as he approached the bridge. He jumped out, ran down (Continued on Page 4)

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## TAKE PRIDE

Pride of appearance marks a successful man in civilian life. It likewise marks the successful man in the Army—not necessarily a man who has got his stripes or won a coveted job, but a man who is successful in assimilating Army life and who takes pride in doing things right as long as he is in the Army.

Community life and close-knit organization are so much more a part of military than of civilian life that men must learn new adjustments to them. Pride of organization develops until the good soldier believes he is in the best squad in the best platoon in the best company, etc., etc., right up to the best Army in the world.

He who in civilian life went around with a button missing or his tie yanked down on his chest was marked a failure, an eccentric or just a jerk. The same undesirable classifications carry over in the minds of those who see a soldier careless of dress or bearing.

For the sake of your organization, don't be seen with blouse open, pockets unbuttoned tie sloppily knotted. If you take any pride in being a combat soldier, don't be seen wearing the garrison belt, the visored cap or any of the other accoutrements which are not part of the trim uniform of the Army Ground Forces.

If you have no personal pride, think of your outfit. If you have no pride in the outfit, at least think of the guys who have.

## THE WOLF

By Sansone



## ONCE OVER LIGHTLY

By Pfc. Sy Bernhard

GIs overseas have certainly found out the importance of language in war. After all, signs will take a guy just so far, and asking for a glass of milk in pantomime is likely to bring strange responses—like a slap in the face, for instance... The language dictionaries containing some 18,000 words in Italian, German, French, Spanish, Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, and Russian were all written by one man...

The GIs never seem to get tired of playing make believe with war figures.. The latest outburst of Premier Koiso leads us to believe that the Japs are taking to the opium instead of inveighing the Chinese... He has just told the little people that the American Navy is reduced to rowboats, although the Japanese Navy is not winning these glorious victories easily... The Jap admirals in the Philippines Sea must have had their binoculars reversed.

A new War Labor Board decision will sit well with GIs.... It was ruled that a soldier will be "reemployed at the level to which he would have been entitled if there had been no break in his service with the company"...

## Division Sidelights

861st F.A. -- T/5 Ira Brown claims to be an expert at predicting scores of forthcoming football games. Thus far his record has been very good but the big test will come when Army plays Navy next week...T/5 Edward Pavcek won a two-day pass and seven packs of cigarets by placing first in the orientation quiz put on by Serv. Btry...Sensation at the recent Serv. Btry. party was T/5 Leon H. Becker, who appeared in a white robe on which were fastened his stripes, the 63d patch and six rows of borrowed campaign ribbons. Wacs and civilian girls made a rush for Becker, but he made a strategic withdrawal in the nick of time...New residents of Centreville are recently-married Lt. and Mrs. William Pat Duncan. Lt. Duncan is attached to Btry. C...An early riser each Sunday is Cpl. Malcolm Schell, who hits the deck at 0500 to call Mrs. Schell in Detroit.

862d F.A. -- Capt. Elric S. Pinckney has returned to command Btry. A. He attended Advanced Officers Training School at Ft. Sill...Sgt. Paul Langenberg, T/4 Jack Bryson, T/4 John Aryes and Pvt. C.W. Reed all fell for the "blown-up shoe" trick popular in Btry. A last week...The pranksters substituted a brown civilian shoe with the toe cut out for one of the victim's civilian shoes beneath his bed...When he arrived in the barrack a firecracker was tossed into the blown-out shoe; the result was one unhappy and irate soldier until he discovered the trick...T/5 Richard Clark, Btry. B, is in Station Hospital, suffering from rheumatism...Cpl. Henry "Hungry" Skaug eats razor blades in preference to GI chow. He did the same thing as a circus performer when he was a civilian...T/5 John Casper, Hq. Btry., has been gaining weight steadily. It is reported that he puts away as many as four or five steaks at a roadhouse near Baton Rouge each Saturday.

863d F.A. -- Men of Btry. B still are talking about the steak and fixin's they enjoyed at the battery party held recently in Baton Rouge. Cpl. Charles P. Zacur made the arrangements. After dinner the men were guests of the Liberty Belles at a dance at the Elks Club.

263d Engr. -- Two Co. A sergeants, William Dolosic and Edmund Zulka, are planning to marry home town sweethearts in the near future. Dolosic will marry Isabel Sweeney, of Joliet, Ill., and Zulka is to wed Doris Harrigan, of Norwich, Conn...The Sadie Hawkins dances held in Natchez every Friday night are drawing an increasing number of steady customers from Hqs Co... In a letter to his parents in Newark, Pvt. Theodore Sulkowski, former member of the battalion, told of his narrow escape from death when he touched

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

## Theater Schedule

### THEATERS 1 and 2

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

SAT. - "Sign of the Cross":  
Colbert, March, Landi,  
Laughton.

SUN.-MON. - "Meet Me in St.  
Louis": Garland, Marg-  
aret O'Brien, Astor.

TUES. - "Missing Juror":  
Carter, Bannon; "Great  
Mike": Erwin, Henry.

WED. - THURS. - "Together  
Again": Dunne, Boyer,  
Coburn.

FRI.-SAT. - "Lost in a Har-  
em": Abbott & Costello.

### THEATER 5

(Starting Time: 1900)

SUN. - "None But the Lonely  
Heart": Grant, Wyatt,  
Ethel Barrymore.

MON. - "Sign of the Cross."

TUES.-WED. - "Meet Me in  
St. Louis."

THURS. - "Missing Juror";  
"Great Mike."

FRI. - SAT. - "Together  
Again."

Ships Are Sunk  
By Careless Talk

## Sidelights

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of a mine in France. He was operated on in a hospital 100 miles behind the lines and now is recuperating in England.

63d QM Co. -- The company has men who have served in every combat zone save the China and Burma-India theaters... The following men have their wives visiting them: S/Sgts. Frank Pianese and George Elliot; Sgt. John Tevlin, T/5 Kenneth Boyer, Pfc. Jess Benigni and Pvt. Bill Doolan.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co. -- Members of the Division Finance staff held a beefsteak party in Baton Rouge last Saturday before the LSU-Georgia Tech game. T/3 Frank Hoffman was chairman of a committee which included T/3 Bernard Trocker, T/4 Wade Barton and T/5s John Witmer, Homer Richards and James Campbell. The first round of tea came through the beneficence of John Strom, now a civilian, until recently a T/5 in the section... Thanksgiving was a big day for S/Sgt. Arnold McDonald, mess sergeant in the Division Staff mess. Hardly had he finished serving turkey when he received a wire from his wife, Helen, announcing the birth of a daughter, Linda Lee. She is the McDonalds' first child and was born in Amsterdam, N.Y.

718th F.A. -- The battalion tested its full strength Monday when it fired its M1 howitzers at their maximum range in

## Jeep Rescue

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through the darkness to discover the overturned jeep three-quarters covered with mud and water.

He heard repeated calls for help, but in the inky darkness could not at first distinguish the position of anyone.

"Take it easy," he called reassuringly, "we'll get you out."

He found Fuchs sitting on the bank, too stunned to be of assistance. Steele was thrashing about in waist-deep water with leg injuries preventing his reaching land. Payette quickly pulled him to the safety of the bank. There he found Cpl. Irvin Perrine, Btry. C, whom he sent for aid men and stretchers.

By that time Btry. C men, attracted by the commotion, arrived in force and aided in the rescue work. Payette continued direction of rescue proceedings. With T/3 Elmore McKinion, Hq. Btry., he returned to the overturned jeep.

McKinion held on to Goodgine, who still was indirect fire problems. Batteries were placed some distance from their usual positions to make this possible.

363d Med. -- Members of Co. B held a dance and floor show last Friday night in the Special Troops Rec Hall. Girls from McComb, civilian employes of the post, nurses from the 126th Evac. Hosp. and members of the WAC Det. were guests. T/4 Julius Tobin was chairman.

pinned down, while Payette had Cpl. Frank Harbaugh, Btry. C, raise the jeep with a rope, tow chain and a 6x6 truck.

Payette had the soaked clothing of the accident victims removed and wrapped them in dry blankets furnished by men of Btry. C's 5th Sec. When the aid men arrived he made sure that Steele, the most seriously injured, was not allowed to walk and had him carried up the bank on a stretcher. He then accompanied the injured men to the hospital.

Capt. Herbert Gerstman, battalion medical officer, commended Payette's action highly.

To complete the saga and show that it was all part of the day's work, Payette then changed his clothes and returned to the field and his radios at 0500.

### CENTREVILLE'S BIG GAME WITH MT. OLIVE WEDNESDAY

The Centreville High School Tigers will play Mt. Olive, Southeast Conference champions, at Tiger Field, Centreville, at 2000 Wednesday. It will be Centreville's "big game" of the season. The program includes the crowning of a football queen at the half. Admission charge for servicemen and women is 50 cents, half the regular rate for this game.

Fifth Army quartermasters are delivering fresh meat to field kitchens in Italy four times a week.