



Blood and Fire



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63d UNITS TO VISIT TWO CITIES ON FOURTH

Division Mermen Win Two Titles At New Orleans

Swimming Team Shaded By Gulfport Middies In First Meet

Sheer determination, backed by considerable talent, enabled members of the 63d Div. swimming team to bring back two Southern AAU championships from an all-servicemen's meet at New Orleans this week.

Pvt. Johnny Simpson, of the 862d F. A.'s Btry. B, displayed the form that gave him a place on the All-America squad while at Ohio State University to win the diving crown with a record 148.04 points.

Highlight of Meet

That unprecedented show of grace and artistry was the highlight of the 63d's collective effort which won for its men runner-up honors to the Gulfport Naval Training Station for the team trophy. It was not, however, the only distinction which accrued to the team and its members.

Cpl. Adin Merrow won a second title for Blood and Fire when he raced away from his field to take the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.5. Later, swimming the same stroke, he carried the 63d's colors to within inches of victory in the 220-yard freestyle relay, finished fourth in the diving which was won by Simpson, and was so often "in the money" that he emerged as the outstanding individual representing the nine participating teams.

The event marked the high-water point for 63d Div. athletes competing in open athletics. Individuals and athletes representing the Division had done well in previous boxing and basketball tournaments staged in the Crescent City. The swimmers, handicapped as they were by lack of training and facilities prior to this initial competition, went all out to capture the number of honors that they did.

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Vicksburg to Celebrate First Fourth Since '63

In furtherance of the Fifth War Loan Drive and in honor of the 63d Div., Vicksburg will make the Fourth of July a day of public celebration for the first time since the Civil War.

Vicksburg's celebration will break a solemn tradition, for the Fourth of July is the anniversary of the city's darkest day and in the past it has been observed with muffled drums. It was on July 4th, 1863, after 4 days of starvation and encirclement, that the Confederate garrison—31,606 men, including Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton, four major generals, 15 brigadiers and 30 staff officers—surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

The bedraggled men who streamed into the Union lines, pale and emaciated from six weeks of constant shellfire in the hundreds of caves that furrowed the besieged City of Hundred Hills, carried more with them than the keys to a beleaguered city; they carried the hopes of the Confederacy. For on that sad day for the South

Anzio General Sees Division

Maj. Gen. Lucas, Leader
Of Landing Forces,
Visitor in Camp

The general who won—and held—the Anzio beachhead for the United Nations inspected the 63d Div. this week.

Fresh from the European fighting fronts, Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas, former deputy to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, spent two busy days, from Wednesday to Friday, in camp with his staff in a thorough general inspection of the Division's training and equipment.

Maj. Gen. Lucas was accompanied by two general officers, Maj. Gen. F. W. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps, and Brig. Gen. Laurence Kaiser, Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army.

It was Gen. Lucas whose bold tactics and skillful execution caught the Germans flatfooted at Anzio, establishing a bridgehead that could be held far behind their main body defending Cassino. Then his troops dug in and held on until the breakthrough at Cassino loosed the Allied tide that engulfed Rome.

To Anzio Gen. Lucas brought a wealth of experience in modern war. In the Sicilian campaign he first served as an observer, then for a time he commanded the II Army Corps. After the first landing in Italy he was placed in command of another unit on the main front until he was relieved to take command of the Anzio thrust.

An artilleryman, Gen. Lucas is a West Pointer, member of the class of 1911.



Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas

15 Piece 254th Band At Natchez Tonight

The 254th Inf. orchestra which has been increased to 15 pieces, will play for the Saturday night dance at the Servicemen's Center at Natchez tonight. The band lists two vocalists, Miss Paula Bland, former professional entertainer, and Pvt. Milton Krieger.

Wife of T/5 Moore, 255th, Tells of Life 'Over There'

News coming from many battlegrounds these days has a doubly important meaning for T/5 Donovan Moore, Cannon Co., 255th Inf. His wife, Mary Katherine Moore, is a captain with the American Red Cross and is in charge of four clubmobiles which distribute doughnuts and coffee to the fighting men.

The last batch of letters Moore received revealed that his wife was stationed at a POE on the east coast of England and that she expected to leave momentarily for France.

Referring to her work, Capt. Moore writes:

"We don't make doughnuts here. GIs make them in a big static kitchen. There are 12 machines running night and day (Ed. note: Each machine makes between 8,000 and 9,000 doughnuts daily), and a tent where 12 field ranges are boiling coffee day and night.

"We work 12-hour shifts from noon to midnight and from midnight to noon. It is still broad daylight at noon and gets light again at 4:30 a. m., so it's wonderful to work at night. We walk up and down the long lines of vehicles and serve them from the back of a weapons carrier. Our place is where all the heavy stuff on wheels and treads leaves. What a sight! Jerry'll sure get his when these jeeps get at him!

"The morale is wonderful and the men think we are the same. When we are not serving we just go around and talk to the fellows from vehicle to vehicle.

"The thought that Jerry might get some of these fellows makes

my blood boil," she wrote, "and I want to kill these Germans myself."

Touching on a familiar subject, Mrs. Moore wrote of the work of the chaplains.

255th to Help Big Bond Rally At Vicksburg

City Plans All-Day Fete; 253d Unit to Aid Drive At Brookhaven

Striking another blow for the Fifth War Loan Drive, the 63 Div. will make a historic visit to Vicksburg Tuesday.

The same streets on which glum crowds watched General Grant's victorious troopers march by 81 years ago will rock with cheers for a unit of United States troops of the 255th Inf. wearing the Blood and Fire shoulder patch. Vicksburg, which regularly observes the day as one of solemn mourning for its fallen defenders, will go all-out in celebration of Independence Day for the first time since 1863.

In Brookhaven, Miss., at the same time another Blood and Fire unit from the 253d Inf. will parade through town in the start

To settle all those rumors about four-day passes over Independence Day, there WON'T be any. Tuesday, July 4th, will be a work day in camp. In honor of the day a 48-gun salute will be fired at 1200 before the flagpole in front of Div. Hq., one for each of the 48 states.

of a day of celebration and re-dedication to the victorious prosecution of the war.

Vicksburg will see a day-long show that in every way will rival the displays the 63d gave in New Orleans and Baton Rouge on Infantry Day as the starting shots in the Fifth War Loan Drive.

Leaving camp at 0630, the 63d Div. detachment will bivouac just outside of the city limits, where the men will mess and pick up a police escort under Chief of Police George E. Hogaboon, retired Brigadier General in the U.S. Army. At 1100 the parade will form at Bomar Ave. and Washington

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HEADQUARTERS XXI CORPS
Office of the Corps Commander
Camp Polk, Louisiana

24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation
TO: Commanding General, 63d Infantry Division, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

1. Upon the anniversary of your first year since activation, I take this means of conveying to you and making record of my satisfaction and my commendation for the superior way in which the 63d Division has been trained.

2. The manner in which the division performs reflects superior leadership, intelligent planning and supervision on the part of its Commanding General and officers.

3. Also, may I add my appreciation for the fine attitude in which the division has met the many disappointments of the last year. With all this in its favor and continuance of good training I know that the Blood and Fire will be ready for battle when the time arrives.

F. W. MILBURN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Surgeon's Office Supervises Protection And Improvement of Soldiers' Health

This is one of a series of articles dealing with the various components of the 63d Infantry Division, published so that men within the Division may know what those in other arms and branches do.

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Penetration by American soldiers into typhus-ridden Naples, the malaria-infested South Pacific islands and other out-of-the-way and unsanitary battle areas has heightened the importance of the Office of Division Surgeon.

The surgeon is the Special Staff officer charged with keeping the Commanding General informed as to the conditions and capabilities of the 63d's medical service and with elaborating the details necessary to carry out decisions of the General as they affect medical matters.

Supervising and advising on the health of 10,000 to 15,000 men is more than a man-sized job. As a matter of fact, it is a job for four men. Maj. Guy G. Shaw, Jr., the staff surgeon, is assisted in the work by a Division dental surgeon (Maj. Meyer P. Gottlieb), a psychiatrist (Capt. Leon N. Goldensohn), and medical inspector (Capt. Thomas Marble). An office executive who supervises reports and records and a staff of enlisted men providing technical and clerical assistance complete the section.

Work in this section enters many phases. Its personnel initiates measures for the prevention or reduction of death and disability within the command, the prevention and control of communicable and deficiency diseases and the improvement of physical condition by practicable measures.

The Surgeon advises the Division Commander upon the training of medical personnel within the 63d, makes recommendations governing medical supply and supervises technical inspections and the preparation of reports and returns of the sick and injured. This in-

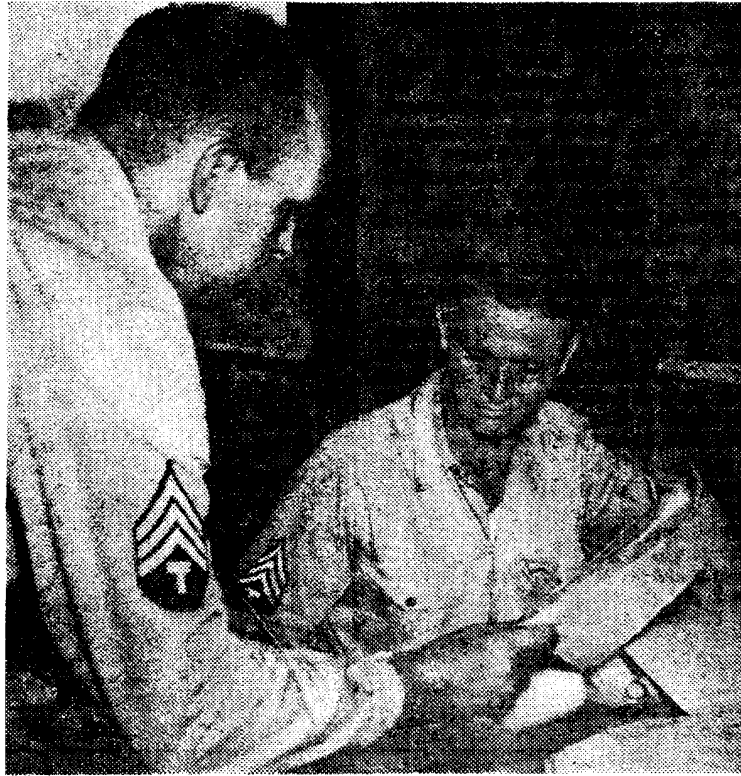
formation is furnished other staff officers who may be concerned with it.

The diversified activities of the Division's medical service require the surgeon to deal with all sections of the General Staff. On such matters as sanitation, replacements for medical units, reports of human casualties and even employment of prisoners of war to reinforce the medical service, he would deal with the G-1 section.

G-2 would look to him for reports on the nature and characteristics of weapons, missiles, gases and other casualty-producing agents employed by the enemy and the character and operation of the medical service of the enemy.

Mobilization and training of medical units, training of all personnel in military sanitation and first aid and signal communications in medical installations are items of interest to G-3 while the tactical dispositions of medical units, movement and supply of those units and any one of at least a dozen other matters are correlated with the activities of G-4.

Functions of other sections of the special staff also are tied into this office. Water supplies, sewerage systems, bathing, delousing, gas defense of medical troops and installation, custody of sick and injured prisoners of war and disposition of dead are only a few of the many activities touched upon by Maj. Shaw and the members of his staff.



HEALTH of the 63d is the concern of the Office of the Division Surgeon and enlisted personnel of this section of the Special Staff perform many chores to protect and improve it. M/Sgt. Harry R. Kellnig (upper left) and T/3 Daniel F. Goldstein are seen in top photo, keeping up to date one of the numerous charts. Below, T/4 Howard F. Von Meyer (left) checks with T/4 Joseph P. Courtney on statistics.

Co. D Is Twice Winner In 254th Orientation

Winning the monthly regimental orientation award for the third time this year, and the second time consecutively, Co. D, 254th demonstrated its ability to keep the men in the unit on the mark as far as war news is concerned when it won the June prize.

Maintained under the direction of Lt. Glenn E. Mueller, Company Commander, and orientation assistant (Cpl. Samuel Clark), the display won high praise from Col. Joseph Warren, regimental commander. Second place was won by Regimental Headquarters Co. The display, a huge relief map of Europe and Asia, with colored disks showing the important fronts was conceived by Cpl. Nicholas Black, assisted by Cpl. George Barnes and Pvt. Sydney Chapman. Companies F and G tied for third honors.

38 Promotions Listed by 253d

Thirty-eight promotions in the 253d Inf. were announced recently by Capt. Walter M. Lee, adjutant.

Six sergeants raised to staff sergeant are: Lawrence F. Pauch, Serv. Co.; Robert A. Schriber, Co. H; Henry B. Reinhart, Co. H; Joseph F. Demoracki, Co. H; John A. Walton, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.; and James P. Gaynor, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.

Promoted to sergeant were: Cpls. Kenneth C. Smith, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Thomas A. Murphy, Co. E; Carl F. Miller, Co. B; Charles W. Mayfield, Co. E; Theodore R. Swing, Co. E; Forest H. Shoulders, Co. H; Nelson N. Koch, Co. M; Thomas I. Wilson, Co. M, and Lovell G. Driskell, Co. E, also T/5s Henry D. O'Herron, Hq. Co., 1st Bnd., and Lloyd A. Johnson, Cn. Co.

Newly created T/4s are: Sgt. Jack T. Gilbertson, Co. G; Cpl. Michael Papp, Cn. Co.; Cpl. Floyd F. Webb, Med. Det.; and T/5 Charles Cohen, Hq. Co. 2d Bn.

Promoted to corporal were: Pfc. Arthur L. Sherman, and Walter F. Brown, Med. Det. New T/5s are Pfc. Charles Allen, Francis F. Fleming, Jack Naika, John C. Mc-

Mahon, Harold L. Wheeler, George F. Anderson, William L. Rouke, Roy E. Feltner, Jack Citrin, Ralph J. Smith, and Daniel J. Shumper, all of Med. Det. Pfc. Donald White, Co. H, and Pfc. Arthur R. Bedard, and Nicola A. Bonardi, Regtl. Hq. were also made T/5s.

GI Bill of Rights Lists Five Benefits

Blood and Fire men will derive five major benefits from the \$6,000,000,000 GI Bill of Rights, which recently was passed by both Houses of Congress.

1. A maximum of 52 weeks unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 a week.
2. A government guarantee of fifty per cent (although not more than \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes. These loans will bear the low interest rate of four per cent.
3. A maximum of four years educational aid for servicemen who joined the armed services before they were 25 years old. Five hundred dollars yearly will be provided for tuition, plus subsistence allowances of \$50 a month for single and \$75 a month for married veterans.
4. A veteran placement service to assist returning servicemen and women in obtaining civilian jobs through the United States Employment Service.
5. Hospitalization, which is obtainable through the Veterans Administration.

CPL. FRANKLIN MARRIED
Cpl. Leonard H. Franklin of Btry. C, 718th F. A. was married to Miss Honeylou Gordon of Willard, Ohio, at Chapel No. 6, June 19. Chaplain Saul Miller of Div. Arty performed the ceremony which was witnessed by Pvt. Russell Barto and Pfc. Paul W. Hepfer.



BAVARIAN BEER GARDEN? No, not yet anyway. This photo shows the beer at the CT Blue area where a portion of the 255th Inf. orchestra furnishes music for the patrons on Tuesday and Saturday nights. Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, former regimental commander, originated the idea.

255th Dramatizes Meaning of Fourth

Anticipating the Fourth of July and the annual celebration of American independence, the orientation office of the 255th Inf., under the direction of Lt. Ralph B. Bond, presented a dramatic recount of the historical significance of the day, in a series of shows at the CT Blue Rec Hall Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The programs were seen by battalions in rotation.

The script, written and narrated by Pvt. Aaron Tollin, D Co., 255th, briefly traced the development of Democracy, and contrasted its meaning to that of Nazism and Fascism. A lawyer in civilian life, Tollin wrote a script that was vivid in its portrayal of events in American history.

Dramatic effect of the program was heightened by special music composed by T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn and played by the 255th regimental orchestra.

The entire production was under the direction of Cpl. John R. Lyman, assistant to Lt. Bond.

The Wolf

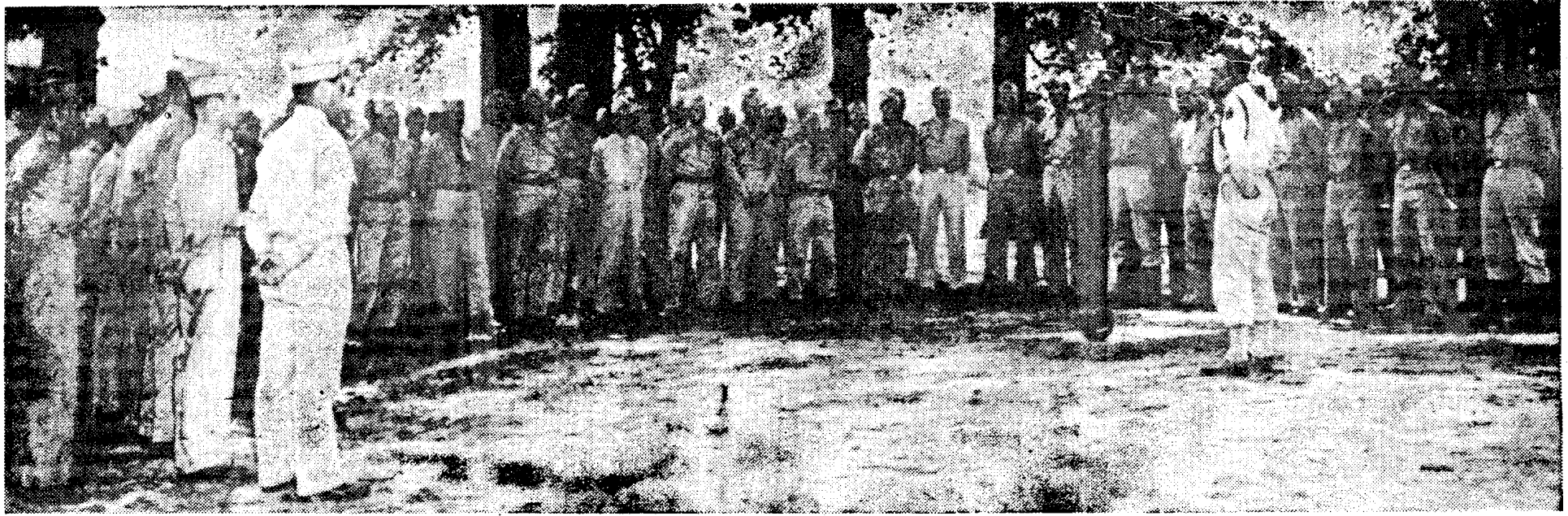
by Sansone



"Don't look, Rosemary... he's just trying to attract our attention!"

FOUND—FOUNTAIN PEN

An Eversharp fountain pen, bearing owner's initials, was found Sunday night in the Centreville post office. Owner who can identify it can claim it by telephoning Mrs. Mary Hester, Post telephone 488.



GENERAL ADDRESSES HIS NEW OFFICERS—In the area near Division Headquarters, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General, addresses a group of officers newly assigned to the 63d.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

*Dear Sergeant:—I want to preface my remarks by stating that I am a new man in this division. I would also like to add that if there ever has been a typical GI private at the bottom of the ladder of military progress, it's me. I have plenty of company, though, for every day I see hundreds of others like myself in new fatigues, nameless helmet liners, chevronless sleeves and that puzzled look on

I would like nothing better than to help carry you in from a 25-mile hike.

"But the other day I think I found the answer to the riddle of what it is that makes me like it and I am passing it on to my nameless brothers through you. It is this: For the first time since I was inducted I have been made to feel that I amount to something; that me and my M-1 are important cogs in this fighting machine; that I am no longer an individual being pushed around but a member of the team; that if there is such a thing as home in this man's Army I have found it.

"But I have left the biggest reason to the last. It didn't take me long after getting here to become conscious of a very human and kind spirit pervading this division. It was like an oasis in the desert to my starved soul and the other day I found out first hand its source. I saw a plain GI Private like myself approaching the commanding general of this division and timidly ask, 'Sir, do you suppose you could let me have my picture taken standing alongside you?' I fully expected the heavens to open and the lightning to strike that hapless Joe and I held my breath and shut my eyes. Then I heard the general's soft reply, 'Sure, Son; step up here.' And then there they were, the high and the low shoulder to shoulder and the light in that GI's eyes was



each face which denotes a stranger in a strange land trying to get his feet on the ground.

This is my first taste of being a member of a combat division and I am going to fool you by saying that I like it, but what's been puzzling me until lately is why. At the HRC and replacement depot where I was located before I came here I was treated well, had plenty to eat, nice quarters and not too much work. On the other hand I have never worked so hard in my life as I have here—day and night. At first it was just plain hell and I secretly wondered whether I could take it. More than once I almost joined that brigade of fainters you scornfully advised to lay off the bellywash and the beer. As a matter of fact, Sergeant, I think you were just a little hard on us new men but it made me mad and did me good just the same. I have passed the crisis now, though, thank God, and



brighter than the bulb the photographer used and we all went away from there better soldiers for it, and I had gotten the real answer to my riddle.

"Now, Sergeant, my first reaction was to hold it against you for not having told us these things in the beginning, but upon second thought I realized that all of us would have found it out for ourselves sooner or later just as I did, and, after all, things make a lasting impression when you do your own digging."

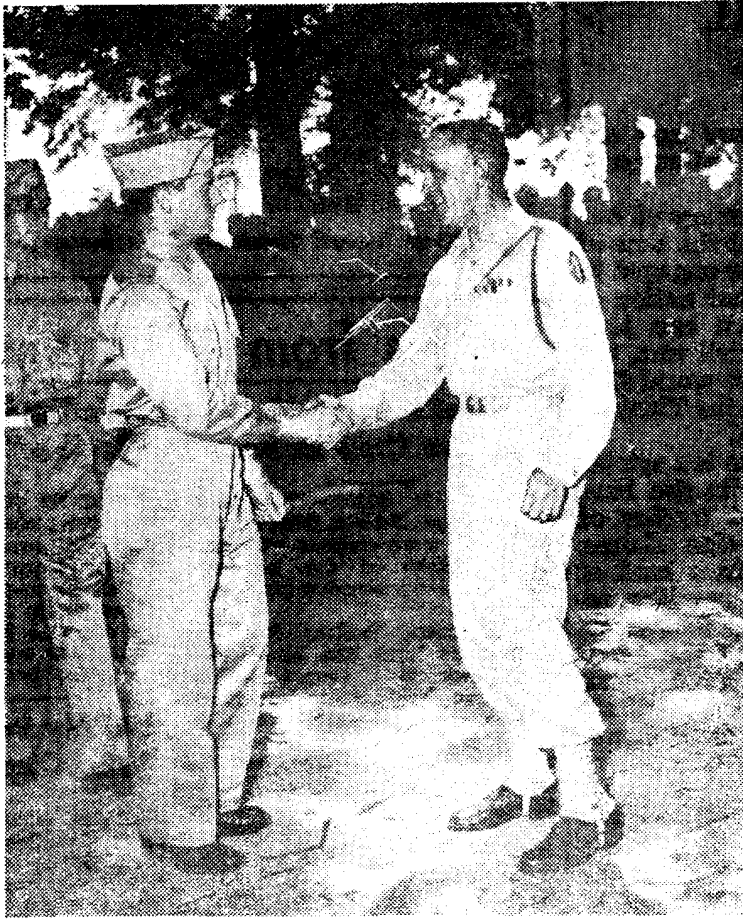
Improved Orientation Display in 718th F. A.

In line with the emphasis placed upon orientation by the Division, Battery C of the 718th F. A. Bn., has completely renovated its orientation located in the dayroom.

Under the supervision of Lt. Robert E. Platt, Btry. commander, and Lt. John Gallagher, orientation officer, artists have arranged a spectacular display telling the story of American armed forces at war. Maps of the theaters of operations all over the world in which U. S. forces serve are combined with pictorial features illustrating the things which the soldier must know.

T/5 Mitchell T. Woolen and T/5 Palmer Gaetano collaborated on construction of the new center, as well as T/5 Richardson, who is in charge of the center during the absence of Cpl. Christopher C. Davidson, regular orientation noncom.

KANSAS CITY—This sign hangs on the front window of a downtown restaurant: "Can you dish it out? We need cooks and waiters."



OFFICIAL RECEPTION—Gen. Hibbs greets Lt. E. S. McKee, one of the officers he welcomed into the Division at last week's reception.

The Hard Way

If you're tempted to complain that you haven't been promoted fast enough, cock an ear to the service record of Cpl. William Edward Clarkin, 35-year-old squad leader of Co. K, 253d Inf., whose Army classification is "Professional Soldier."

Cpl. Clarkin has been soldiering for 13 years, three of which were spent in Panama. For ten years he was a private. Three years ago he jumped to corporal.

Cpl. Clarkin is a native of Steelton, Pa. He is a former Cavalryman whose formal education ended in grammar school but he learned the machinist's trade, truck driving, machine gunning and marksmanship in the Army. He's still single—and he swears by the Army. After the war? He still wants to be a soldier.

Officers Attention!

If there is an officer in the 63d Div. whose dad has not received the pipe and tobacco intended as a Father's day gift there's a reason. The officer purchased a Kay-woodie pipe, tobacco and pouch at Walgreen's Drug Store, 299 Third St. The address was lost. A phone call or card to Walgreen's will straighten out the matter.

NEWARK, N. J., (CNS)—Local residents are being advised to stock up on their yo-yos by the Newark district office of the OPA. Production of yo-yos soon may cease, the office warned, because the OPA considers them relatively unimportant items in the wartime scale of living.

Arty Quiz Finals Set for Monday

With visions of a \$25 war bond as prize, four contestants will battle it out in Division Artillery's Orientation Quiz Contest at the Open Air Theater, Monday at 9:30.

The quiz which involves questions concerning the war and leaders on both sides has been in progress for the past two weeks under the supervision of A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard of Div. Arty Special Service Office. The contests have proven popular with the men and each battalion has backed its finalist enthusiastically.

The finalists will be T/4 John Larkin of Serv. Btry., 861st F. A., T/5 Walter Bauman, Hq. Btry., 718th F. A., Pvt. Morris Fussell, Btry. B, 863d, and Cpl. Schill, Btry. C, 861st.

Yank Gets Souvenir, But Jap Disintegrates

A U. S. ARMY BASE, Central Pacific Area.—Sgt. Earl Bodiford failed to take home a souvenir in the recent capture of Eniwetok atoll, but he did get a Jap.

While advancing with the 196th Inf. Regiment through territory pitted with Jap underground emplacements Bodiford noticed a rifle poking out of a hole. He fired one shot at the hole with no results, then grabbed the protruding weapon and pulled. So did the Jap owner, and a brief tug-of-war ensued until the Tennessean dropped a grenade down next to the rifle barrel.

Bodiford had his first Jap and his first souvenir, but he later was forced to forsake it in the heat of battle.

Two Lieutenants Become Captains

Promotion came to two first lieutenants assigned to Division Headquarters this week when Bernard H. Levkoff, asst. Special Service officer, and Charles Sajben, of G-2, were raised to the rank of captain.

Captain Levkoff, a former professional athlete, has been with the 63d Div. since its activation at Camp Blanding, Fla., last June. His duties have concentrated on the planning and development of the Division's athletic program and he has been primarily responsible for the success of Blood and Fire elements in all sports within and out of the Division.

Captain Sajben, who was formerly with the 254th Inf. Regt., came to the 63d last July. He recently returned from the Military Intelligence School at Camp Ritchie, Md., where he took the Order of Battle course for officers.

All Non-Com Cards Good at CT Blue Club

The Non-Com club of the CT Blue, according to an announcement by Cpl. Eugene O'Brien, president of the council, will honor the membership cards of any other non-com club in the 63d Division.

On a reciprocal basis, O'Brien said, other clubs will honor membership in the CT Blue organization. O'Brien pointed out that the arrangement will make it possible for non-commissioned officers to fraternize in congenial surroundings and to become better acquainted throughout the Division.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT CHURCHES**
Sunday
 Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—9:30.
 Chapels 6, 7, 8, 19—9:30.
 Chapels 5, 6, 4, 19—10:00.
 Chapels 6, 7, 19—11:00.
 Chapel 5, Episcopal Service.
 Chapel 3—Lutheran Communion Service—11:00.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
 Chapel 5, Sunday Evening Worship—1315.
 Chapel 3, Sunday—1430.
 Chapel 5, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday 1999.
 Chapel 4, Choir Practice, Thursday—1330.
 Chapel 10, General Protestant Song and Worship—1430 Sunday.
 Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—1930.
 Chapel 7—Twilight Concert—2000.
 Chapel 5, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1930.
ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses
 Chapels 5, 7—9:30.
 Theater 5—9:30.
 Chapel 7—10:00.
 Theater 1—10:30.
 CT Blue Rec. Hall—11:00.
Week Day Masses
 Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1430.
 Chapel 7, Monday, Wednesday—1430.
 Chapel 10, Tuesday, Novena Benediction—1930.
 Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
Confessions
 Chapels 5, 7, Saturday—1330 to 2000.
JEWISH SERVICES
Friday
 Hospital—1820.
 Chapel 7—2000.
Sunday
 Chapel 3—1100.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
 Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
 Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

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EDITORIAL FOR LIBERTY

Eighty-eight and eight years ago our fathers brought forth a new nation, conceived in liberty.

Today is the 168th anniversary of our own independence. Again, as at the time of the Gettysburg Address, we are engaged in a great war, testing whether that nation or any other nation of free men can long endure. This time it is not a civil war, but one to impress forever upon the world that it can be as free of tyranny as the Thirteen Colonies became 168 years ago.

Our American independence is a symbol throughout the world. From its fire have been carried brands which set torches of liberty burning on many foreign shores. Today, born and brought up in a land of freedom, Americans willingly sacrifice security, personal safety, even life, in a determined effort to give the rest of the world the right to choose its own government. We do not even require that they dedicate themselves to the proposition that all men are created equal. We merely turn our tremendous power into the fight to guarantee to all men the rights we claimed for ourselves in 1776.

Today, glorying in our own independence and freedom from oppression, let us highly resolve that this world shall have a new birth of freedom.

READ THE STORY

"JAP FLEET LICKED!"

This headline appeared recently in a New Orleans paper, and led many men, who merely glance at headlines, to believe that the Pacific Ocean was now a peaceful millpond upon which our own fleet could cruise at will, dropping shells onto the Japanese mainland whenever the mood struck it.

A perusal of the actual results of the encounter shows that, although we secured a stunning victory over the Japanese, sinking or damaging 14 ships of a powerful Japanese naval force, our fleet did not even encounter the main body of Japanese naval strength.

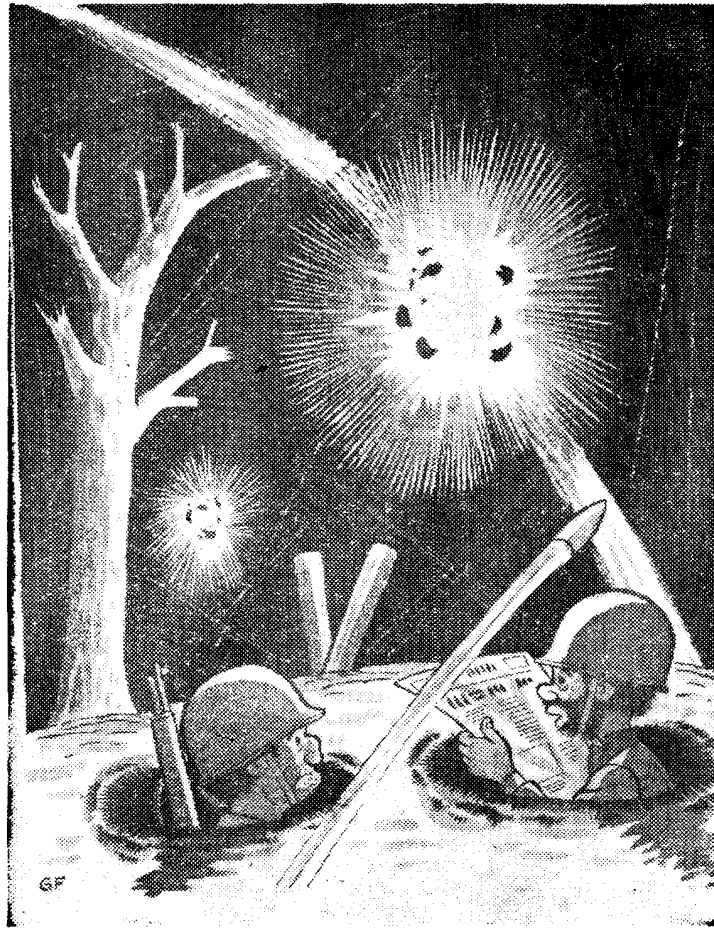
Wishful thinking has never won a war nor have misleading headlines ever done anything more constructive than sell newspapers. Every informed soldier should learn to skip the headlines and read the body of the story. If he has little time for lengthy study, he can have a broad knowledge of what is really happening by studying the "leads" of all stories. The "lead" is that part of a story which encompasses the gist of the news in the first two or three paragraphs.

A typically informative lead, describing the naval battle, is that of the New Orleans Times-Picayune, Friday, June 23d:

"Carrier aircraft of the United States Fifth Fleet sank or damaged 14 ships of a powerful Japanese naval force between the Philippines and the Marianas Islands Monday before the enemy fled in darkness.

"Results of the battle, which did not bring combat ships together or involve the imperial grand fleet, were announced today by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz."

The "lead" of a story will tell you what really happened, giving the paper's authority for printing the story.



"They banned fireworks back home it says here."

News from Here and There

Sergeant's Acrobatics Save Crew in France

ENGLAND (CNS)—The acrobatics of Sgt. John J. Nick of Clifton, N. J., were credited with saving the lives of the personnel aboard a troop carrying plane over France.

With Nazi bullets humming around his head like honey bees, Sgt. Nick was suspended head downward by two crew members who held his ankles while he hacked away with a knife at a parachute bundle which had become fouled in the control under the plane's fuselage. He finally freed the bundle, averting a crackup.

'Escaped' War Prisoner Found Eating at Mess

NEW YORK (CNS)—Emanuel Kalytkin, a German prisoner of war at the Army's Halloran Hospital here, slipped past his guards recently and wandered around seeing the sights for a couple of days while police of eight states were looking for him.

Finally, weary of his lonely odyssey, he returned to the Hospital, worked his way into the chow line. A few minutes later he was "captured" by guards while eating mushroom soup.

Army's Glory Boys Lauded for Ability

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The work of the Army's "Glory Boys"—the U. S. glider troops used in the Normandy invasion—was lauded here by the War Department in a statement commending the young pilots for their "magnificent disdain" of danger.

Calling the job of landing glider troops in enemy areas one of the most complex and dangerous of invasion assignments, the WD gave full credit to Brig. Gen. Paul Williams of Los Angeles, who organized the group.

Efficient Handling Saved Lives in France

FRANCE (CNS)—Quick and expert medical attention has been responsible for the saving of 99 per cent of the lives of American soldiers wounded on the Normandy beachhead, according to Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, Chief of Medical Services on Gen. Eisenhower's staff.

Penicillin, sulfa drugs, whole blood and blood plasma are being used constantly in France, Gen. Kenner said, as a part of the treatment wounded soldiers receive on the battlefield, in front line hospitals and on special ships and airplanes returning to England.

Mark Twain Was First To Use "Sweat It Out!"

LONDON (CNS)—Do you know who originated the most over-used GI remark of them all—"Sweat it out!"

Well, it was Mark Twain, from whose "Tom Sawyer" the following dialogue is quoted:

"It's her own fault," he finally says, "let her sweat it out."

'Did My Best' Says Hero Who Cleaned Up Nazis

ITALY (CNS)—"I just did my best," Cpl. James Slaton, of Gulfport, Miss., explained after he had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for destroying three Nazi machine gun nests in a single action near Oliveto.

Slaton's heroism also won for him the Russian Order of Patriotic War, Second Class, which entitled him to ride on railroads free in the Soviet Union. He is the first American enlisted man so honored by the Russians.

Top Men Are Needed For Posts in CIC

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Army is on the prowl for some top men with which to complete the roster of its Counterintelligence Corps.

Enlisted personnel for the Corps will be acquired from the three major commands in monthly quota for a period of about six months. If the major commands cannot furnish qualified personnel, however, it will be secured from reception centers.

Men assigned by the Corps to organizations using its services must be no younger than 24, no older than 38, must be physically fit for general overseas duty, have an AGCT score of at least 110, must have completed the Counterintelligence Corps Training Program, and must be high school graduates and U. S. citizens with residence in the U. S. for at least five years. Complete fluency in one or more languages is also desirable, although not mandatory.

'Don't Wink, Hands Off' GIs in France Are Told

FRANCE (CNS)—GIs in France have been warned by the War Department not to wink at French girls—"and keep hands off if you want to keep out of trouble."

The WD further advises them, in a booklet distributed along the Normandy beachhead, to give the women a hand with the housework. "French women still talk about how your fathers did," the booklet recalls.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Grant E. Mann
(Division Artillery)

A person who is near-sighted can only see the things that are placed immediately before him. To recognize any object in the distance or to be able to describe any of its distinguishing features, would be entirely out of his realm. To make it possible for this type of individual to understand and recognize distant objects, glasses with special lenses are manufactured. By this aid, his environment has some meaning to him. He can see distant objects easily. He is safe from accidents when coming or going from his daily work.

Whether he be in the crowded city or the flower-laden hillside of the country, by the aid of his glasses, he can enjoy the handiwork of both God and man, whereas the removal of these lenses renders him quite helpless.

This analogy might be made to apply to us as individuals. Are we to be likened to the near-sighted man without the aid of the glasses? Is it practical in the short span of life to gratify those appetites close at hand, or will he go farther on the road of life by having a general perspective and at the same time keeping in mind continually the virtues of faith, hope, charity, love, good sense, and continence? Should we remove those glasses and forget the teachings of our parents and Chaplains, or wear them and use good judgment?

There is no excuse for anyone to toss decency and self-respect to the wind because of what the immediate future holds for him. The false doctrine of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," has no place in our daily lives. When the portals of life open and close behind us, we shall still have ourselves to live with and our record to go by. When the future is uncertain and confusion is upon us, then it is time for sober thinking—not for careless living.

Once Over Lightly

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

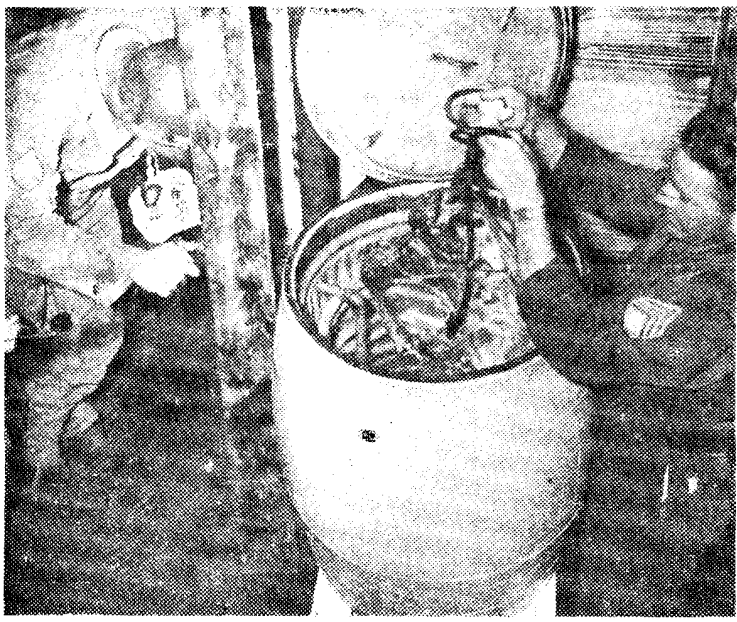
A good number of Nazi divisions are tied up in knots... and a very good number of Nazis are dead... because of a bunch of kids who scrawled things on wooden fences and staged sit-down strikes in grammar school... Those kids, more than three years ago, refused to obey their government... because the government had signed a treaty with Adolf Hitler... The spirit of those kids inflamed the entire country and Yugoslavia went to war against the Wehrmacht... The army surrendered in about a week... but not the Yugoslavs... Ask Adolf Hitler if Tito and the Partisans are in the war today... even if they do fight with stolen German weapons... Tito's Partisans are a cross-section of every group in the country... although they sometimes have to fight the native Fascists in their midst...

The star on their caps is not the emblem of the USSR... It seems that their forefathers wore that insignia on their caps in 1848 when they fought the Austrians... It represents the red morning star... Danica... America had a Partisan Army, too, in 1780, the Continental Congress recognized Light-Horse Harry Lee's Partisan Corps in a formal resolution... a group of "irregulars" fighting for freedom, too...

One of the standing gags in the service is the youth of some high-ranking officers in the Air Force... some say there are signs over the bars of Officers' Clubs refusing to serve drinks to lieutenant-colonels unless they are accompanied by their mothers...

But the idea of young officers is old... Alexander the Great conquered the world before he was 33... and Napoleon was only 26 when he crashed the headlines of the French revolution... and Gen. Grant was 39 at Shiloh... One of the great leaders of this war believes in youthful leadership... all his lieutenant-colonels must be under 30... brigadier-generals under 40... The leader, Lt. Gen. Andy McNaughton, Commanding General of the overseas Canadian Army... the first Canadian to command English troops... He was placed at the head of the defending forces after Dunkirk... The general is one of the world's foremost artillery experts... he introduced the grasshopper plane as an artillery OP... invented the tricky sound and flash system of detecting enemy batteries... Gen. Pershing said of him that if he cut off the right leg of a grasshopper, he would call for an adjustment because he missed the left...

Note to the ever-confident: Remember Cherbourg is a peninsula, not a country...



ICE WATER COMING UP—S Sgt. D. Stiles feeds the cooler in the powder-room of Anti-Tank Co., 253d Inf.

Winner of Essay Contest Praised By 63d Leaders

Why a soldier fights, told in simple soldier's words and expressing nothing greater than love for a daughter and faith in a belief, won the essay contest conducted by Service Club No. 2 for T/5 Leo Murphy of Co. B, 253d Inf.

Murphy's entry, which brought forth words of praise from the Division commander, is printed herewith in its entirety:

"I fight because I have two precious things: a belief that is also a hope, and a daughter who is its symbol and illustration. When she is older, my daughter, I will give her my belief so that she in her way may fight for it as I proudly fight now—in my own way.

"It is a simple belief, as simple as this—that some day through our determined effort, each new child the world around will be born, as she, into a home of plenty, a land of freedom and a world less troubled with poverty and fear."

Pvt. A. L. Selman, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 254th won the second prize. This was his entry:

"I fight the many-headed Fascist hydra that has demonstrated there is no room in the world for its ideology and any other ideology. I fight a system which condemns the things I like and prescribes the things I dislike. I fight an arrogant, bigoted, lustful oligarchy and the people who, actively or quiescently, countenance it. I fight men who would enslave me, imprison my mind in a snail's shell. I fight to hold the ground the forces of freedom have taken inch by inch from the Magna Charta. Finally, I fight for the four freedoms, and for the dignity of man."

A separate prize, a \$25 War Bond, offered by Col. Joseph H. Warren of the 254th Inf. for the best essay by a soldier in his regiment, was won by Pvt. Mark H. Wheeler, Service Co. His entry follows:

"I am fighting because I am sentimental—about a cottage and trees, cool water and splashing trout. About saying 'Hello Jim' over the backyard fence and the rowdy cheers of a baseball game. About my wife and the President and the dream that my son may some day fill his shoes. About the peace descending from a country choir and ice cream and hot dogs. About the Star Spangled Banner and the right to make a living by the sweat of my brow. Yes, that is what I am fighting for. It is all of life. It is America."

255th Dance Orchestra Playing at Baton Rouge

The 255th Inf. orchestra is in Baton Rouge this week end to play for two dances sponsored by prominent local organizations.

Last night, the band appeared at a dance sponsored by former Boy Scouts, now successful businessmen, who gave the dance as part of a war bond rally at LSU stadium.

Tonight they will play at a dance given by the Girls' Battalion for officers. The girls, who are frequent visitors at Camp Van Dorn social affairs, give three dances monthly for enlisted men and one for officers.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS) — An insurance company clerk opened a plain envelope. Inside was \$1,000—and nothing else. No one knows who sent it or why.



DIVISIONAL COMMENDATION—Capt. Charles R. King, Regimental Motor Officer, and T/4 Theodore Wallak, Serv. Co., at work in 254th Inf. motor pool. Capt. King and personnel under him were recently commended by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs and 95 drivers and mechanics in the 254th received proficiency badges from Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander.

95 At 254th Motor Pool Rewarded for Proficiency

Ninety-five drivers and mechanics who have been outstanding in the 254th Inf. received proficiency badges from Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander, at a special formation Wednesday afternoon.

Each of the drivers completed three months of duty as an assigned driver without a traffic violation or an accident. The drivers were required to pass qualification tests, practical and written, and serve three months without accident or traffic violation.

Mechanics qualified by completing a course in mechanics and by working three months in the second echelon or higher.

The 254th received a commendation recently from Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander,

following the annual general inspection of motor parks and vehicles. Maj. Herbert C. Hershey, Jr., Division Inspector General, commended Capt. Charles R. King, Regimental Motor Officer, for the splendid showing made by his installation. The commendation declared specifically that less irregularities and deficiencies were noted than in any other motor park thus far inspected in the Division.

An aggressive inspection procedure which uncovers errors of commission or omission promptly was a big factor in making the 254th motor pool proficient, Maj. Hershey's report stated.

The following drivers of the 254th received ratings of excellent:

Hq. Co., 1st Bn.—T/5s William E. Orell, Jerome L. McGovern, Henry E. Pelletier, and Pfc. Herman Mitchell. Co. D.—Sgt. John V. Nichols, and Cpls. Oliver M. Savin, Joseph E. Cubinski and Fred E. Baker. Hq. Co., 3d Bn.—T/5s William M. DeFrance, Ceryl C. Newell and Harrison Woodcock; Pvt. William Gourey, Roy Jordan, Donald Weaver, Robert Jones, Charles Yancey, Rex Thornly, Alvin Roden, Jimmie Jenkins, Albert J. Grubel, Robert Beltran, Carl Yancey. Hq. Co., 2d Bn.—Sgt. Willard Dragon, T/5s Thomas Edge, William Feigley, Russell Steever, Edward Vaughan, Pfc. Paul Aldrich, and Pvt. Clarence Short. Co. E.—T/5 Fred Clarke, and Pvt. Joseph Semanko.

Co. G—T/5 Francis Cepax, Co. H—T/4 Leo Murrey, Cpl. Jewell McIntyre, and Pvt. Albert Landenberger. AT Co.—S/Sgt. Adam Treichen; T/5s William Orr, Herbert Sink, Wayne Patton, Harold Morris, Joseph Fiteam and Robert McClellan; Pvt. Thomas Lefer, Nicholas Sandora, Norwood Wink, James Jones, Leon Rodgers, William Gass, Charles Struder and Fred M. Burkhardt. Co. I.—Pvt. Anthony Mason, Wayne Warjomen and Clarence Gaskin. Serv. Co.—T/5s Dominick Gentile, George Gibson, Dennis Riley, Charles Bastian, John Rogers, Burr Manning, Bernard Phillips, Samuel Stanford, Bernard Jackson, Fred Harris, James Hickman, Anadio Scennan, Richard Fabian, Jess Williams and John Phillips; Cpl. Luther Swanson; Sgt. Lloyd Watkins; M/Sgt. Marshall Miner; Pfc. Woodrow Chilcote, Jack B. Otto and Harold Culver.

The following mechanics received commendations:

T/4s James Miller, Serv. Co.; Louis Bisset, Serv. Co.; Alfred Sellinger, Serv. Co.; William Chait, Serv. Co.; Wesley Martin, Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Robert Peters, Co. D, and Birdie Stone, Co. Co., T/5s Richard Fabian, Serv. Co.; Leonard George, Co. B; Gordon Blair, Co. C; Ceryl Newell, Hq. 3d Bn.; C. F. Palmer, Hq. 2d Bn., and Frank Garboski, AT Co.

253d Specialists Dance at Rec. Hall

Jitterbugging and dance steps took the place of creeping and crawling for 136 combatmen enrolled in the 253d Inf. Intelligence School Thursday night at CT Red Rec Hall.

Girls of Natchez and McComb were guests of honor at the affair supervised by Capt. Richard G. Cox, 253d Intelligence Officer. Among the other guests were Col. Edward P. Lukert, 253d commander; Lt. Col. John Smoak, commanding the 3d Bn. Lt. Col. John C. Boch, new 2d Bn. head; and Maj. James D. Beckett, 1st Bn. commander.

Decorations and arrangements were in charge of S Sgt. Robert Leonard, Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon and Robert Hunter, Hq. Co., 3d Bn. Sgts. A. Riesenburger, Co. D and Russell Echlinaw, Co. C; Cpls. William Webster, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., and Pfc. Albert Guca, Hq. Co., Bn.

The 253d orchestra played for the dancing to which Wacs and civilian girls of Camp Van Dorn were also invited.

Tank-Busters Bust Heat With Ice Water Barrage

You don't need to ring for a bell-boy to get ice water today at Anti-Tank Co., 253d Inf.

A GI hinkus has been rigged up in the company latrine that makes the hot weather almost a pleasure. Providing a constant supply of

iced water for the drinking fountain, it has nearly doubled consumption of the prescribed salt tablets.

According to Capt. Warren Kirkland, company commander, the heat started brains working around AT Co.

"Second Lt. Wayne S. Webb thought of the idea," he said, "and did most of the work, together with T/5 Arthur Guglier, in rigging up our home-made water cooler."

The perpetual icing machine consists of one 50-gallon barrel obtained from the salvage yard; one 32-gallon GI garbage can set inside it like a thermos bottle lining; sawdust packed in between the can and the barrel, and GI water pipe twisted into the coil and connected to the water pipe which serves the drinking fountain. The top of the barrel is a salvaged GI garbage can, sawdust-filled for insulation.

Fifty pounds of ice are placed in the barrel, and the water passes through the frozen coils. Salt tablets are within handy reach of the fountain.

"What happens is that our men drink more water and take more salt tablets," Capt. Kirkland said. "We think we've got this hot weather licked."

Bauman to Sing At New Orleans

New Orleans will have an opportunity to hear Mordecai Bauman, well-known New York concert singer, now a member of the 255th Inf., tonight when he appears with Izler Solomon and the New Orleans pop symphony orchestra.

Bauman's program will include two arias from the works of Mozart, "Non Più Andrai" from "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Serenade" from "Don Giovanni." He will close with "De Glory Road" by Jacques Wolff.

Before coming into the Army Bauman had a distinguished career in New York and Mexico, where he appeared for an entire season at the Palace of Bellas Artes. In a farewell to his public before entering the Army, Bauman appeared with the Philadelphia Philharmonic and a civilian defense pageant staged under the supervision of Max Reinhardt and Norman Bel Geddes.

Non-Coms in 253d Tackle New Tests

A yardstick for measuring non-coms who have been recommended for promotion was introduced for the first time in the Division by Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding the 253d Inf., when 100 eligibles for added stripes took a three-hour written test recently in CT Red Rec Hall.

The test inaugurated a new policy which will be SOP in the regiment. Col. Lukert explained, whereby non-coms recommended for promotion will be proved best by test.

"Purpose of the innovation in the 63d Division," he said, "is to keep uniformly high the standard of leadership in the 253d Infantry. Leadership spells life or death in combat."

Prepared by Capt. Bruno J. Savoia, acting S-3, and Capt. West A. Williams, assistant S-3, the tests covered military courtesy and discipline, sanitation and first aid, map reading, duties of a squad leader in field and garrison, tactics of a squad, scouting and patrolling and bayonet and grenade methods.

Maj. Thad E. Hummel, 253d executive officer, supervised the tests and was in charge Saturday.

As soon as practicable, Col. Lukert announced, the tests will be given to all non-coms in the 253d Regt. At present it is being given to line company non-coms only.

CHICAGO (CNS)—The Railway Express Agency collected \$150.75 transportation charges from County Coroner A. L. Brodie on a trunk in which the body of a murdered woman was shipped here from Los Angeles. Charges on the trunk were only \$26.46, the agency explained, but the additional rate was for the body. "We're charging the regular double first class rate for that," the expressman said.

Male Call

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

Nice Legs On The T. O.

A comic strip titled 'Male Call' and 'Nice Legs On The T. O.' by Milton Caniff. It features a woman in a military-style uniform talking to a group of men in military uniforms. The woman says: 'LOOKEE YONDER! REAL HARDWARE GENERALS.... IT'S THE WOLF PATROL WITH MERIT BADGES! COME IN AND WRINKLE YOUR PINKS, GENTLEMEN!' One man replies: 'THIS IS NOT EXACTLY AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MISS LACE— BUT WE SORT OF REPRESENT OFFICERS GENERALLY....' Another man says: 'DEAL 'EM AND WE'LL PLAY 'EM! WHAT COOKS WITH THE ACT OF CONGRESS SET?' A third man asks: 'FRANKLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU DISLIKE OFFICERS? YOU SEEM TO DATE ONLY ENLISTED MEN... ARE WE POISON?' The woman responds: 'FAIR QUESTION!... NO, I'M NOT ALLERGIC TO BRASS... I COULD GO INTO A FITCH ABOUT THE O.D. JOKERS HAVING FEWER PRIVILEGES AND ALL THAT... BUT YOU KNOW THOSE REASONS' The woman continues: 'IT SOUNDS SORTA CORNY TO TELL IT, BUT I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO TILL YOU ALL GET BACK TO STRIPED NECKTIES!... YOU BRASSIES RATE A SALUTE FROM ALL E.M. — BUT JOE GEE OFTEN FORGETS THAT CIVILIANS WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH THEIR CAPS TO HIM, IF THEY KNEW HOW!... I'M HERE TO PROVIDE SOMEONE TO SALUTE HIM FIRST!... THEN HE PASSES IT ON TO YOU!... BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED — YOU MIGHT GET THE BREAKS ANYTIME... HMMM?' The comic is signed 'MILTON CANIFF' and 'Copyright 1944 by Milton Caniff, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service'.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Pvt. Joe Demar, Co. G, spent almost two years in Alaska with an anti-aircraft outfit near Anchorage without so much as a snuffle or a cold. This week, in sunny Mississippi, he reported on sick call with a sore throat, was hospitalized. . . . Stork Club members: T/4 Harold Youngsma, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., is papa of a son. T/Sgt. John Poggi, Co. E baseball star, left on furlough this week to see his new-born daughter in Brooklyn. . . . S/Sgt. Harry L. Marks, Co. K, is a former vaudevillian who does a smash imitation of Band Leader Ted Lewis. . . . Pvt. Robert L. Hausser, Intelligence Reconnaissance platoon, was cited by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs for his essay on "The Creed of the Rifleman." . . . T/5 Harold Tabachnick, Expert Infantryman, aims to reach the expert's rank in communications too. He leaves next week from Hq. Co. 1st Bn., for three weeks' communications training at Ft. Benning, Ga. . . . New 1st Sgt. of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is Harry N. Smalley, 29-year-old, 5-foot, 11-inch husky who has spent 10 years in the Army. His home is in West Pittsburgh, Pa., but he has made his "home" in almost every Army camp in the United States, spending most of his service in the Medics. . . . Another new 1st sergeant is William J. Edgar, Jr., who came here from Camp Robinson to take over at Co. I. Edgar never has been a private, although he has had five years' service in the Army. He entered as a sergeant in 1938 and has been a 1st sergeant since December, 1942.

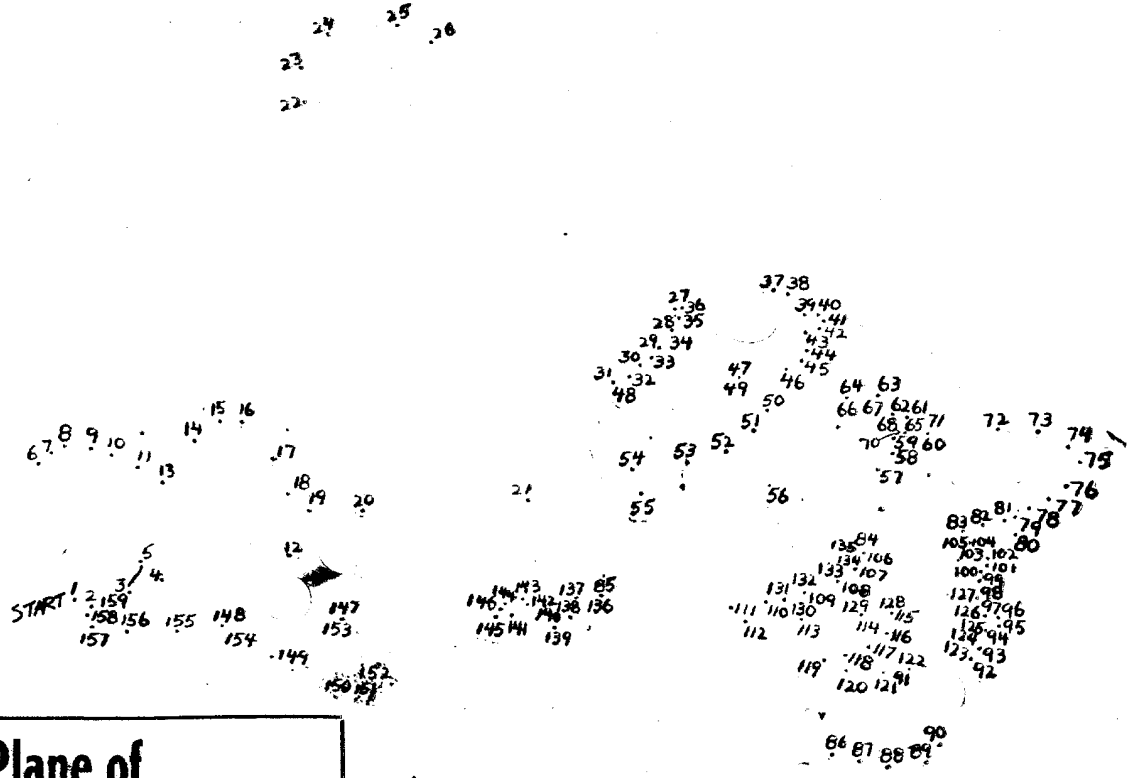
254th Inf.—Pvt. Woodrow Annon, Serv. Co., waited two years to take the plunge into matrimony, and when he did he dove right into the tornado that devastated Eastern Pennsylvania and West Virginia last week. Just married, Annon took his bride, the former Betty Bartlet of Clarksburg, W. Va., to New Hampshire on their honeymoon. Homeward bound, they ran smack into the tornado at Waynesburg, Pa. They had time to dive into a viaduct before the full force of the wind hit and for an hour and a half they crouched there while the tornado ripped through town. Huge hailstones, 22 inches in circumference, battered their car, and iceboxes and buildings still intact whirled down the street past them. Annon met one miner who had come up from his pit to find his home smashed, his wife and six children dead. . . . Another Serv. Co. soldier, T/5 Dennis Riley, spent some sleepless hours until his family wired that they had survived unhurt. His home is in Shinnston, W. Va., where the tornado took 60 lives. . . . Many officers have been added to the regiment in the past week. Lt. Lawrence E. V. Stenstrom has been assigned to Hq. Co.; Lt. William J. Weinischke and Lt. Jay S. Fitzgerald to Anti-Tank Co.; Lt. Frederick W. Llander to Co. A; Lt. John E. Hatch to Co. E; Lt. Cleveland W. Skelton to Co. F; Lt. Bernard F. Bigley to Serv. Co. as Battalion S-4; Lt. Fred L. Snowalter to Co. H; Lt. Thomas J. Carney to Co. I and WOJG John R. Hagg to Serv. Co. . . . During the leave of absence of Lt. Albert M. Davoust, Lt. Robert A. Scruton has been made acting adjutant. Lt. John G. Bruce has a new assignment as liaison officer. . . . Two former members of Co. M met in North Africa, recent letters reveal. Although they left Van Dorn months apart, Cpl. Milton Kosman and Pfc. John Swatsky sailed out on the same boat. . . . In Cannon Co., a bouncing young cannoneer was born to the wife of T/5 Deforest Snyder at Munising, Mich.

255th Inf.—Several proud new papas reported from the 255th this week. First was T/Sgt. Delbert C. Brett, Cannon Co., whose wife in Akron, Ohio, presented him with eight-pound Patricia Sue June 19. . . . 1st Sgt. William C. Younger, F Co., celebrated the arrival June 25 of an eight-pound daughter at Columbus, Ga. . . . And Pvt. William Osburn, Co. G, passed out cigars in honor of his new son, born at Sylcausga, Ala. . . . Co. G claims the three writingest sergeants in the Army. Sgt. Melvin Olsen and Sgt. Adrian Williams pen long epistles two or three times daily to their wives and Sgt. Jack Meyer spends all his spare time corresponding with a girl friend. . . . Pfc. Herbert Arbitblit, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., is entertaining his wife, who arrived for a three-week stay from Bayonne, N. J. . . . Pvt. David Nichols, Anti-Tank Co., also welcomed his wife, who is now living in Gloster. . . . There is a soft glow of romance over things these days in Hq. Co., 2d Bn. T/Sgt. Jerome Kroeck is counting the hours until his furlough when he will marry Mary O'Brien in New York. And 1st Sgt. Ray S. Schaeffer is a beaming bridegroom. His bride was Miss Hazel Arceneaux of Baton Rouge. . . . T/Sgt. Edwin Jacques of weapons platoon, Co. E, is now commuting to Liberty, where Mrs. Jacques has come to live. . . . Cpl. Charles Tuls, Co. E, and Pvt. Leonard Kirkland, Co. I, are entertaining their wives, here for a visit. Mrs. Tuls and Mrs. Kirkland, who lives at Bangor, Pa., are twin sisters. . . . CT Blue NCO club has a new floor show, made up of Cpl. Teddy Scharrp, Co. L, and Pvt. Sunny Ludwig, Co. M, the steward. They do a piano-singing act.

718th FA—It's like old home week in Btry. C. Mrs. William Neilan, Mrs. Lester Froelich, Mrs. Norbert Heinikel and Mrs. Leonard Franklin have arrived to join their husbands here. . . . Revenge is sweet and it's having its day in the same battery. Privates are enjoying KP much more since corporals started to pull it. . . . Three near-heroes showed up in B Btry. In Cpl. Thomas J. Gess, Cpl. Norbert A. Gawinowicz and T/5 Thomas L. Torpin. They came to the driver's aid when a truck started to burn near the camp dump and saved a valuable piece of government property. . . . Romance took an awful beating when T/5 Peter Puralaustel, Serv. Btry, was taken to the Station Hospital with blood poisoning. An anxious and pretty WAC is a constant caller. . . . In the same battery, Lt. Ralph West has been transferred out of the Division and Lt. Roy Clark has taken over again as Orientation Officer.

63d QM Co.—Three members of this unit have left for Quartermaster OCS. M/Sgt. Ronald Gregory, Cpl. Roland Snow and Cpl. George Bedell. . . . T/5 Eddie Shea led the Grand March at the Natchez City Auditorium last week with Miss Margaret Laub of Co. B of the Military Maids. . . . Lt. Col. Elmer Thompson, Divisional Quartermaster, has been reassigned out of the Division. Capt. Edward A. Lewis, Division Transportation Officer, has taken over his duties temporarily.

763d Ordnance—Lt. C. Hartsell, formerly in charge of the Armament Shop, has reached New Guinea, according to letters back to his old outfit. . . . T/Sgt. Jimmie Donahue, chief mechanic of the third echelon shops, received his appointment as a Warrant Officer last week and was transferred to Hq. Btry., Div. Arty. He is the seventh man in the company to qualify as a Warrant Officer. . . . Sgt. N. Alfred Britt, supply section, has been accepted for Ordnance OCS. . . . The Ordnance softball team, Special Troops champions, plans to play several games off the post as soon as its star pitcher, T/5 Gail Hughes, returns from furlough.



Plane of the Week

START at No. 1, connecting all the numbers consecutively with a continuous line. Now you should be able to recognize it. Check your bulletin board and FM 30-30 for details on the Plane of the Week.

Vicksburg to Celebrate First Fourth Since '63

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by Nature. And the Southern generals had gone Nature one better, drawing up strong defensive lines on two parallel ridges that rim the city and heavy batteries on the tall hills, adding near the levee a water battery of 12 guns which the sailors on Union gunboats nicknamed "The Twelve Apostles." The best military engineers of the South designed its defenses and President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States of America was certain it would never be taken. He termed it "a Gibraltar."

And for long it seemed that Davis was right. Twice Grant tried to storm Vicksburg and twice he was driven back. But each time his troops entrenched where they were stopped, fixing their lines closer to the powerful Southern breastworks. And with each reverse Grant strengthened the invisible ally that fought beside him—cold, gnawing hunger that made the plight of the defenders each day more desperate.

Pemberton's Vow

Dissension, too, was at work within the city. Enemies whispered that Gen. Pemberton, Pennsylvania-born and Pennsylvania-raised, was plotting to sell Vicksburg to the North. Pemberton gave his enemies a fighting answer. Speaking to his troops after Grant's second storming attempt had failed, he said: "You have heard that I was incompetent and a traitor; and that it was my intention to sell Vicksburg. Follow me and you will see at what cost I will sell Vicksburg."

During the horrible weeks of May and June, when artillery fire and snipers had sent soldiers and citizens into cellars, bombproofs, caves dug into the hillside, Pemberton fulfilled his promise. Few troops have endured the sufferings that his men stoically faced in their shell-pounded entrenchments.

The Mule's Sacrifice

At the very start, the meat ration was cut to one-third of the

issue prescribed at hungry Richmond; the meal issue was cut to two-thirds—and what meal! Field peas were ground and mixed with meat and later the soldiers introduced a wondrous concoction made entirely of pulverized peas, and cheerfully referred to as bread. Pemberton's cows and hogs and horses and dogs went into the stewpot, as did that most sacred of military animals—the Army mule.

On the day before the surrender this classic document was issued to brigade commissaries by the army's chief of subsistence!

"The issue of meat tomorrow will be one half (½) pound of mule to the ration. Please report the amt. you require for your command so that I may have it prepared."

The soldiers decided that the mule meat wasn't bad. According to one, "it seemed of coarser grain but more tender than that of the ox and had a decidedly horsey flavor." Yet, in all, he decided it was "sweet."

Tuesday, after 81 years of mourning, Vicksburg for a day will forget these heroic sufferings and before the caves that once sheltered its desperate and doomed defenders its prettiest girls will sell the War Bonds on which success in this war depend. And the Axis will have another example of Allied and American unity.

'Remarkable Andrew' At 255th Tomorrow

The CT Blue special service office will present "The Remarkable Andrew" as its regular weekly feature film Sunday night at 2030 at the CTB Rec Hall.

The films are shown on a screen set up outdoors in front of the building. Large crowds have been attending the recently inaugurated series of popular pictures.

Theatrical Revue To Run Two Days

A theatrical revue will be presented by Camp Special Service at the Open Air Theater Tuesday, Independence Day, and Wednesday at 2030. The revue will consist of music by the 63d Div. White orchestra, and professional talent from New Orleans and vicinity.

Outstanding among the performers will be Emile Parra, master of ceremonies, who is a singer and dancer formerly with the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. Willie Hoffman a feminine contortionist, will interpret several South Seas dances including the Hula Hula.

The shapely legs of Onelia Denoux, won honors in a national contest. She will display them when she dances a special rendition of the Can-can, a French dance. The Houghtons, bicyclists, Collins and Anita, an adagio team and Rita Meade, a blues singer, will round out the bill.

Lt. Hanin Is Married To Miss Ruth Goodkind

Lt. Sam Hanin, recently appointed special service officer for the 254th Inf. regiment to succeed Lt. Lawson M. Kateley, who changed stations, was married last Sunday to Miss Ruth Goodkind of Williamsport, Pa., in New Orleans. The couple spent a brief honeymoon at Gulfport, Miss., and are now residing in Natchez.

The lieutenant is a graduate of Pennsylvania State college, where he played varsity football and specialized in Physical Education. He is also a native of Williamsport.

SAVANNAH, Ga. (CNS) — Arthur Arbethnot was eating a beef stew in a cafeteria. He ran out of bread, went to the counter to replenish his supply and when he returned he found another man eating his stew. When Arbethnot protested, the stranger looked up indignantly. "What's the matter?" he asked. "There's plenty more left."

BERNIE BLOOD

BELLY LAUGH

By GILL FOX



'Nazis,' 'Japs' Lend Realism to Bond Rally at McComb

The "capture" of four citizens by soldiers wearing Japanese and German uniforms gave point to a War Bond rally in which 63d Div. troops participated last Saturday in McComb.

The three enemy-uniformed soldiers, brandishing bayonets, sprang into a crowd of 350 civilians in the center of the city and seized their "victims." A moment later T/5 Fred Wiener, special service assistant of the 253d Inf., explained to the gaping spectators that the Jap and two Nazis were really American soldiers assisting in the bond rally.

"These men represent the killers of your sons and sweethearts, the terrorizers of ordinary peace-loving folk like you," Wiener said. "Your dollars in War Bonds will help destroy them because your dollars buy the weapons that kill these threats to our way of life."

The three soldier actors probably are the three members of the 253d most eager to kill the foes they portrayed. One is of Japanese descent and the other two of German descent.

Wearing the Japanese uniform was T/5 Masuru Shimizu, Cannon Co. armorer-artificer who was born in California 29 years ago and who has been in the Army more than three years. After Pearl Harbor, Shimizu was forced to sell his prosperous California truck farm and four of his family were sent to a relocation camp.

In German uniform was Pvt. Ralph Krueger, 23-year-old member of the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, and Pvt. Walter A. Lauf, 18-year-old I & R man. Krueger's grandfather marched with the German army under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris in 1871. One of his brothers, a member of the USAAF, was shot down over Germany three months ago and is listed as "missing in action." Lauf, whose father was born in Germany, has two brothers in the Navy and another who is a technical sergeant in North Africa.

The 253d troops participating in the bond rally were augmented by units of the 63d Ren. Trp. and the 763d Ord. Co., who set up street displays of armament used in the Division.

The 253d Orchestra led the troops in a parade through downtown McComb, took part in the rally and played later at the Servicemen's Center.

The 63d Div. contingent also visited Magnolia, eight miles from McComb, where hundreds of citizens inspected the war machines which their dollars put in War Bonds are buying.

No Fires in 60 Days, 63rd Troops Praised

No fires in Camp Van Dorn for two months, was the report made at 0800 this morning by Maj. Roy D. Warren, Camp Fire Marshal. The last time a fire engine roiled was on April 30. Since that time the firemen have been busy tilling Victory Gardens with one ear cocked for the alarm bell which has been silent for 60 days.

Maj. Warren attributes the fine fire record to the excellent co-operation of the Division and non-divisional troops in observing safety measures, to the special efforts of each unit fire marshal, and to the zeal of the fire inspectors in examining buildings and their contents and recommending the elimination of fire hazards. The Major also praised the efforts of civilian employees on the post in helping to prevent fires by eliminating carelessness.

Dance and Religious Services at Gloster

The Gloster USO will be the scene of recreational and religious activities during the current week end. Tonight there will be a dance for service men and women with a 63d Div. band furnishing the music from 2000 to 2300.

Tomorrow morning the Rev. Patrick Moran, will celebrate Catholic Mass at the USO at 0900 for soldiers and their wives residing in Gloster. Mass will be said twice monthly thereafter.



WE'RE LUCKY THAT CAROLE LANDIS has a bad memory for dates. Otherwise we'd never have had room for this birthday greeting to the Division. If you get around to reading the autograph, notice the "Much love" at the end. M-m-m-m-m!

Units to Help Bond Sales At Vicksburg, Brookhaven

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St. and proceed through streets lined with shops displaying Civil War flags and relics of Vicksburg's famous siege. As soon as the parade breaks up the 63d units will set up their displays along Washington St.

The displays, in addition to furthering the War Loan Drive, will represent a determined effort to show the people of Vicksburg the implements of war their sons and husbands are using and the conditions under which they fight. The entire Anti-tank Co. of the 255th will display its weapons and 27 men from the 255th Cannon Co. will be on hand to describe the working of modern artillery pieces. Infantry weapons will also be shown and a demonstration team will illustrate their operation.

A complete demonstration of smoke bombs and grenades will also be given by a unit from the Chemical Warfare Service and the public will be invited to use the sniff sets and learn the sharp differences between the odors of the various poison gases.

The flame-thrower, most spectacular feature of these shows, will be demonstrated by a team from the 263d Engineers Battalion.

At 1400 there will be a break in the demonstration while the Green League baseball team from Special Troops plays the Vicksburg Illinois-Central team. After the game the exhibits will be set up again in the ball park and from that point the War Loan Drive officials will take over, with an assist from the 63d.

War Bond purchasers will be offered numerous inducements to increase their purchases. For purchasing a \$25 bond civilians may use the walkie-talkie or mine detector; for \$50 bonds, the reward will be a chance to fire the .30-cal. carbine or throw a smoke grenade; \$100 bonds will entitle purchasers to fire the pyro-technic flares, and buyers of \$1,000 bonds will be entitled to fire blanks from the 105-mm. howitzer.

To the man making the largest bond purchase of the day will go the highest reward—he will be allowed to fire one practice round from the bazooka. The lady who makes the heaviest purchase will be the guest of honor when the troops have dinner at 1900.

Also at 1900 in the City Park pool, Pvt. John Simpson, Btry. B, 862d Field Artillery, one of the country's best divers, will give an

exhibition. At 0830 a dance will be given for the troops at the Servicemen's Center. The Division Band, which will also play at the parade and ball game, will provide the music.

Brookhaven's celebration will be featured by the parade, headed by a company of the 253d Inf. and a bathing beauty contest at the city pool at which the GIs will serve as judges.

Displays will be set up in midtown in the afternoon and soldiers will be auctioned off as part of the bond-selling program. The soldiers will only lose their liberty for the evening, unfortunately. Girls who bid highest for individual soldiers will be their guests at a basket supper to be given on the Whitworth College campus and at a block dance to be held in the evening. Whitworth College, in case you didn't know, is a girls' college.

A number of Wacs from the Jackson Air Base will also participate in the Brookhaven celebration.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 and 2
 Starting Times—No. 1 1845; No. 2 1819
 (From Sat., July 1, through Fri., July 7)
SATURDAY—"Roger Touhy—Gangster," with Preston Foster, Victor McLaglen and Kent Taylor.
SUN.-MON.—"Marine Raiders," with Pat O'Brien, Ruth Hussey and Robert Ryan.
TUESDAY—"Secrets of Scotland Yard," with Lionel Atwill, C. Aubrey Smith and Stephanie Bachelor; "South of Dixie," with Anne Gwynne and David Bruce.
WED.-THURS.—"The Hairy Ape," with William Bendix, Susan Hayward and John Loder.
FRIDAY—"Take It Big," with Jack Haley, Arlene Judge, Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson.
THEATER NO. 5
 Starting Time—1900
 From Sat., July 1, through Sat., July 8)
SATURDAY—"Home in Indiana," with Walter Brennan, Lon McAllister, and Jeanne Crah.
SUNDAY—"The Ghost Catchers," with Olsen and Johnson, Martha O'Driscoll and Gloria Jean.
MONDAY—"Roger Touhy—Gangster," with Preston Foster, Victor McLaglen and Kent Taylor.
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Battalion Leaders Shifted in 254th

A shift in battalion commanders was announced by Col. Joseph Warren, 254th Inf. commander, this week.

Lt. Col. Harmon Williams assumed command of the 3d Bn. while Maj. William P. Keane, who was temporary head of that unit has been assigned to the 1st Bn. Maj. Frank B. Farr, former head of the RTG is now commander of the 2d Bn.

Col. Williams who attended Arkansas University and Wentworth M. A., began his military career with the Oklahoma National Guard. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1937, and was promoted to major shortly before the activation of the 63d, to which he was transferred. Prior to attending a course at Ft. Benning, Ga., Col. Williams was commander of the 1st Bn.

Maj. Farr is also a former National Guardsman. As a first lieutenant he worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Texas from 1935 to 1936. From 1940 to 1942 he was captain and then major in the ROTC at Clawson College, S. C. Subsequently he served as executive officer with the Fifth Inf. at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He has been a staff officer with the 63d, serving in various capacities, notably with the Provisional Training Detachment and the Replacement Training Group.

Maj. Keane served as military instructor with the ROTC from 1930 to 1938. He was called to active duty in January, 1941, and has been regimental S-3 with the 254th and commander of the 3d Bn. He was in charge of the Infantry Day exhibition staged by the 254th at New Orleans last week.

253d Sergeants Named to OCS

Picked as outstanding combat infantrymen with qualities of leadership, three sergeants in the 253d Inf. have been named for Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Ga., by Col. Edward P. Lukert, regimental commander. The candidates are: T/Sgt. Ralph S. Meredith, Sgt. Moses Kadish, Co. K, and T/Sgt. Isaac D. Smith, Hq. Co., 2d Bn.

The appointment of T/Sgt. Smith to OCS enables him to follow in the footsteps of his brother, Howard, a former 253d sergeant who is now a second lieutenant. T/Sgt. Smith, an ROTC instructor for eight years, enlisted in 1939 with the rating of sergeant.

Sgt. Kadish, 29 years old, was inducted ten months ago, and became a sergeant April 7. T/Sgt. Meredith, 22, has been in the Army since December 17, 1942. He became a technical sergeant last March.

PITTSBURGH (CNS)—Leo Geisler, a war plant worker, wants a divorce. He complains that his wife recently cashed 60 of their jointly-owned war bonds "to entertain her boy friend."



MOLLY PICON, comedienne queen of the Yiddish theater, gives her autograph to a group of GIs during reception at the CT Red Rec Hall.