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Col. Mesick's Son Cited By President For Job in China

Son of a fighting man is First Lt. John L. Mesick, whose father, Col. John Mesick, is Executive Officer of Division Artillery. Lt. Mesick, a member of the India China Wing of the Air Transport Command, received a citation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt along with other members of the unit, for outstanding performance of duty in action during December, 1943.

The citation reads in part: "The India China Wing, Air Transport Command, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action during December, 1943. In that month the India China Wing exceeded substantially the tonnage target set for the transportation of vital supplies to China by air. The record was made on high-level air routes over impassable terrain under treacherous weather conditions and through territory constantly patrolled by enemy fighter aircraft. Only fine teamwork and outstanding devotion to duty by the entire personnel of the command made this accomplishment possible. The achievement reflects highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

Lt. Mesick, known as Mike, came up through the ranks. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1940. He was preparing to enter West Point but was unable to become a cadet because of chronic hay fever. The lieutenant was commissioned at Miami in August, 1943, and was advanced to first lieutenant last December.

254th Corporal Equals M-1 Mark

Shooting 200 out of a possible 210 with the U. S. Rifle, Cal. 30 M-1 on the range last Saturday, Cpl. John W. Lawrence, Co. M, 254th Inf. not only shot the highest score among 233 men, but he also equaled the 63d Div. record.

By his achievement Cpl. Lawrence takes his place alongside T/Sgt. Joseph F. E. Oktoves and T/SAs David G. Collier and Paul L. Hastings of 563d Signal Co., who also registered similar scores recently, and parallels the efforts of a former member of the 254th, Pvt. Richard Dickson, who tallied his 200 last winter.

Prior to his achievement with the shooting iron, Lawrence's claim to fame was limited to window decorating and artistry.

Second and third highest scores to date have been turned in by T/S Louis Le Pore, of Co. G, with 191 and S/Sgt. Robert L. Delgeile of Co. C, with 188.

254th Sends Seven Sergeants to OCS

Bearing with them the commendation of their commander, Col. Joseph H. Warren, seven sergeants from the 254th Inf. Regt. left this week for OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga.

They were 1st Sgt. Joseph W. Morrison, Co. I; T/Sgt. Roger M. Pezzelle, Co. L; S/Sgt. Walter E. Hear, Co. M; Sgt. William B. Smith, Co. P; S/Sgt. Charles J. French, Co. B; Sgt. Donald N. Latham, Co. I, and Sgt. Andrew L. Carlin, Co. H.

NEW AIDE NAMED

Lt. Lawrence E. V. Stenstrom, 254th Inf., was named aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, this week. He succeeds Lt. Loamie S. Brestler, who is at school.

Vicksburg 'Surrenders' to 63d

Officially observing the Fourth for the first time since its surrender to the Union Army in 1863, Vicksburg took the 63d Div. to its heart Tuesday in a historic celebration. After the big show in the downtown streets Vicksburg came out to the ball park to gape and gasp at the Division's display of the terrific power of today's Infantry weapons, as the crowd in the stands below is doing. At the bottom of the page, Frances Boone samples the kick of a Springfield '03 as a grenade takes off.



Citadel on Mississippi Greets 255th Troops On Historic Day

United States troops occupied the heart of Vicksburg Tuesday—and for the first time in 81 years the citadel on the Mississippi observed the Fourth of July as a day of jubilant celebration.

Acclaiming our recent victories and pouring out money to assure still greater ones, Vicksburg gave elements of the Blood and Fire (63d) Division a tumultuous welcome. More than 12,000 persons crowded downtown streets to shower the troops with confetti in Vicksburg's first official Fourth of July celebration since the city fell to Grant's army on July 4, 1863.

General Honored

The city was officially turned over to the 63d Div. for the day in an early morning proclamation issued by Mayor J. C. Hamilton. The proclamation gave the troops the freedom of the city for the day and Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, was made an honorary citizen of Vicksburg for all time.

The parade into the city from the bivouac area in City Park started shortly before noon and everyone in Vicksburg who could leave his work bench was on hand to greet the 63d. Two blocks of town were roped off for the exhibits and for three hours the soldiers picked units from the 255th Inf. Regt., explained the intricate weapons of modern war to a goggled populace.

And at the close of the exhibit, the war was won, as far as Vicksburg was concerned. War Bond purchasers crowded around the exhibits and officials of the Fifth War Drive reported the sales barometer was mounting hourly at a surprising pace.

While the exhibits were being

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Brookhaven Opens Doors to 253d After Bond Show on Fourth

A father whose only son is battling the Japs on bloody Saipan paid tribute to fighting infantrymen of the 63d Div. in a touching scene Tuesday in Brookhaven, Miss., where 145 men of the 253d Inf. took the leading part in an all-day Fourth of July bond rally.

Tears streaming down his cheeks, R. D. Friett, whose 18-year old son, Ralph, is a seaman, first class, in the Navy and now is fighting on Saipan, told the hundreds who came to see the steel-helmeted infantrymen march "to get into the fight to the limit and, please, for the sake of God and for the sake of some boy some mother loves, buy War Bonds so that our boys can come safely back to us."

"These Blood and Fire soldiers," he said, "from all over America—from big cities and from little towns like ours—are away from their homes and loved ones this July 4. They are ready to give their very life's blood if need be so that the freedom we proclaimed to all the world 168 years ago will still be ours. I have a boy who faced Jap steel on Kwajalein Island. Right now he is on Saipan."

Big Quota for Town

"These soldiers here today are tough, trained fighting men. Look at their weapons. Then open your pocketbooks and buy bonds with every penny you have. Money means nothing when American lives are concerned. Will anyone tell me otherwise?"

Capt. Otis L. Copeland, Jr., Co. A., 253d Inf., led a convoy from Camp Van Dorn into Brookhaven—a little Mississippi town of 6,000 with a \$504,000 War Bond quota, with enough weapons to have blasted the town out of existence.

In the business center the troops displayed and demonstrated their

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Three Leaders Appointed For Division Posts

Col. Tatum Takes Over In 255th; Six Other Officers Promoted

The appointment of a new Division Quartermaster, new commanders for the 255th Inf. Regt. and Hq. Sp. Trs., and the promotion of five staff officers and one chaplain were announced this week.

Col. Keith K. Tatum, former commander of the 33d Inf. Regt. at Camp Claiborne, La., is the new regimental commander of the 255th. Col. Tatum replaces Col. Paul E. Tombaugh who was recently transferred from the Division.

Maj. Frank B. Farr, Division Staff officer who was most recently commander of the PTD and RTG, was assigned to command of Headquarters Special Troops.

Maj. Henry P. Duvall, Jr., succeeds Lt. Col. Elmer L. Thompson as Quartermaster. Maj. Duvall came to the 63d from the 18th Command and General Staff School's Service Staff Section at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Prior to that he served as adjutant at the Quartermaster Depot at Richmond, Va., in 1942, and later as Chief of the Storage Division, Quartermaster Section, of the Richmond Army Service Forces Depot. He was also assistant director of depot storage at Richmond and later attended the 15th Administrative Officers Course at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va.

Among members of the Division Staff, Capt. Thomas P. Reaves, Division Provost Marshal was named major. Capt. Reaves has been with the Division since March when he succeeded Maj. Paul Smith.

Other promotions were Capt. Joseph S. Kauter, Asst. A. C. of S., G-2, to major, and Second Lieutenants James E. Lonergan of Judge Advocate's office, George W. Cornell of Chemical Warfare Service and Rex L. Dunfee of Signal Co., to first lieutenants.

The promotion of Chaplain Aaron Kahan, from first lieutenant to captain was also announced this week.

Lt. Hughey Weir was transferred from the 255th Inf. to command of Div. Hq. Co.

Special Troops Attend Gloster Maids' Picnic

Sixteen member of Division Special Troops were entertained at a picnic by members of the Military Maids of Gloster on the evening of Independence Day. The soldiers consumed quantities of fried chicken furnished by the Military Maids, while the Gloster USO supplied watermelons and other refreshments. Following the supper games and informal recreation were enjoyed at the Gloster USO.

Guns of 863d Fire 63d's Salute to Fourth

The 168th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was marked by the 63d Division on Tuesday when Battery A of the 863d P.A. fired a salute of 48 guns, one for each state in the Union, at noon from the area to the north of the camp flagpole.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION: Special Troops Commander Co-ordinates Training, Supervises Company Administration

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.

The complexities peculiar to the training and administration of units within present-day infantry divisions led to the formation of a separate battalion command shortly after the activation of the 63d.

The Ren. Trp., Ord. Co., Sig. Co., Med. Bn., MP's, QM Co. and Band, all of which have been dealt with in previous

articles in this series, were grouped together as Div. Special Troops, together with personnel of Div. Hq. and Hq. Co. The company administration of these organizations as well as the training of some of them thereupon was made the responsibility of the Commander of Special Troops and the officers and enlisted men of his section.

Maj. Frank B. Farr, the present Commander, and members of his section co-ordinate activities among these units servicing the line organizations, acting as a clearing house handling the company administration through personnel clerks from each unit. Actually, the headquarters personnel of this section is larger in number than that of a battalion although not quite as fully manned as regimental headquarters.

Supervises Training

One of the chief functions of the section is supervision of the training of Band, MP and Div. Hq. and Hq. personnel.

Members of Hq. Co., incidentally, are those 100-odd men entrusted with the defense, transportation and the details incident to the feeding and quartering of the officer and enlisted personnel of Div. Hq.

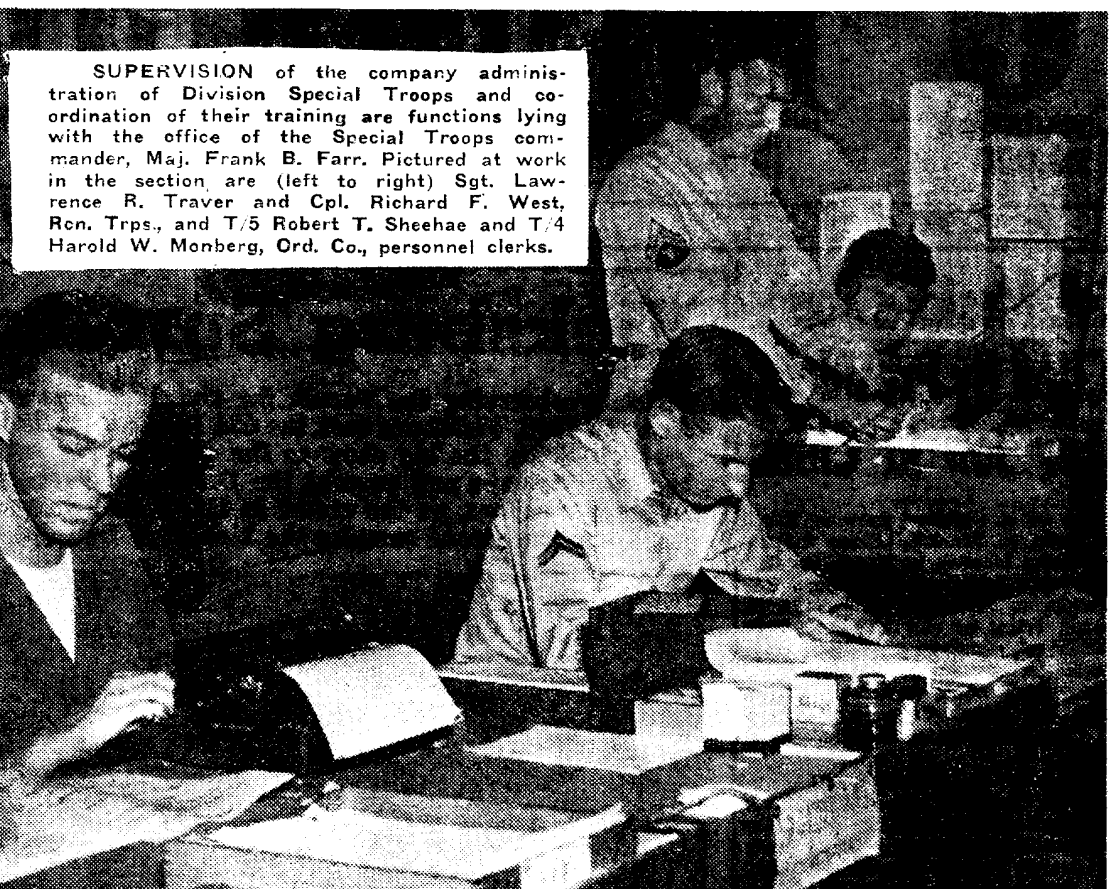
Furthermore, Maj. Farr co-ordinates such training activities as may be specifically designated for the other organizations, checking their training schedules for form, promptness of submission and conformance with directive, although responsibility for the actual training and the tactical and technical functioning of these other components lies with their commanding officers.

The Special Troops commander, in addition, acts as executive officer to the assistant Division commander in the operation of the Div. Staff School, and is responsible for the orientation program within Special Troops. Furthermore, as with heads of other sections of Div. Hq., Maj. Farr's activities and responsibilities increase in scope and purpose when the 63d is in the field. He operates as commander of the Division's rear elements and from time to time conducts field exercises involving this personnel.

LOST

GLASSES, clear shell, in leather case bearing name of Dr. Willis E. Cather, McComb, in Station Hospital. \$5 reward. Call Red Cross, Station Hospital, phone 605.

OVERNIGHT KIT, Saturday in an artillery officer's car between camp and Baton Rouge. Pfc. Cecil Frye, 63d Div. Band, phone 2191.



How to Stay Alive and Dry In Jungle of New Guinea

Nobody can make life pleasant in New Guinea, but Capt. E. A. Hessler, until recently chaplain in Division Artillery, now on duty there, has done his best to smooth the path for GIs ticketed to that jungle nightmare in a letter to Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery commander.

Rain, as you no doubt have heard, is the biggest headache in that Far Eastern battleground, and Chaplain Hessler has some valuable tips on how to keep it away from you.

"Of highest priority," he writes, "should be a good, and I underline good, raincoat, about three sizes too large and reaching well below the ankles. DON'T wait until you get down here to purchase a raincoat; four of us purchased one here and when we put them on there's more water in than outside. It's almost impossible to get a poncho here. That can be gotten in the staging area.

Leather Cases Out

"No. 2 on the MUST list—rubber boots. That is self-evident. Add to the list a flash light and extra batteries, a short ax, an all-purpose jack knife and a hunting knife. A few beeswax candles come in handy. At this season of the year it gets dark at 1730, and the tallow candles issued here don't last too long. Another good stunt is to purchase a few plastic or celluloid cigarette cases. The constant dampness deteriorates leather cases."

Another thing, keep an eye on your equipment.

"While en route to the staging area in the United States," Chaplain Hessler writes, "keep your eye on ALL bags and baggage. I was fortunate in that my junk was shipped out on my ticket two weeks before I arrived at Camp Beale but some men, I heard, had a delay in their baggage and had we pulled out 24 hours sooner than we did there would have been some sad, sad sacks. Cigarettes are rationed here—four cartons a month at 45 cents a carton. Our PXs carry toilet articles, crackers, cookies, candy bars and incidentals cheaper than any place on home soil."

On his arrival in New Guinea, Chaplain Hessler was surprised to find that things weren't as bad as they had been painted back home.

Mosquitoes Licked

"What the Army has done since taking over borders on the miraculous," he says. "The big thing, of course, is malaria control, and in our section it has been prosecuted so successfully that I have yet to see my first mosquito, and that in spite of our daily rations of rain. We are required to take Atabrine tablets daily, which in due time gives you a greenish-yellow complexion. This is called 'Atabrine tan.' Any resemblance

to the coloring left by yellow jaundice is purely accidental.

"There are two seasons in New Guinea, the normal season when it rains most of the time and the rainy season when it rains all of the time. We haven't hit the rainy season yet but I'd like to have the sensation of wearing dry socks and dry shoes again. The temperature is okay, especially at night when woolen blankets come in handy."

Unless you like to get shots, the captain advises you to hold tight to your immunization record. "Heaven help the lad who loses it," he warns.

First of the veterans of the 63d that Chaplain Hessler ran across was Capt. John C. Kelbaugh, who was formerly Air Officer with Division Artillery. They met in the staging area and, unless the censor strikes it out, they seemed to be headed in the same direction.

New Training Program For Non-Combat Units

PRINCETON, N. J.—Outlining a plan for reducing the purely military instruction of Army units not directly engaged in combat operations, terming it a big step toward solving the morale problem of the Army in an intelligent manner, Maj. Gen. Joseph N. Dalton, director of personnel, Army Service Forces, spoke before a Princeton University conference recently.

Gen. Dalton explained that a wide choice of non-military programs both for men and women would be offered, with three types of training provided, post and unit training, training in centrally located technical schools and, where practicable, training in university centers.

Through this project, in which Gen. George C. Marshall is personally interested, industry would be given new sources of trained men, and the schools would find that many of the soldier-students have been stimulated to continue what they began in service, said Gen. Dalton.



Orleans Woman Lauds Men of 63d

The 63d Division made one warm friend and admirer in its Infantry Day exhibition in New Orleans.

In a letter to the Division through BLOOD AND FIRE, Miss M. Walt of New Orleans writes:

"In behalf of New Orleans' loyal citizens and gorgeous Southern belles, I take this opportunity of thanking all you boys of the 63d Division for the splendid work and performance you put on in our city throughout the day.

"You men were great and we admire you for helping New Orleans on its big Fifth War Loan Drive. Already you are near our quota and no doubt we will go much higher. Thanks to you.

"We think your majors, lieutenants and captains and other higher-ups who helped produce such a splendid outfit. We know you boys are 100 per cent and ready to give Hitler and Tojo a good taste of it. You have a tough outfit, fellows, and all your equipment is handled by well-chosen men. We are really proud of the 63d Infantry.

"Again, thanks for your consideration and may New Orleans greet you boys again soon."

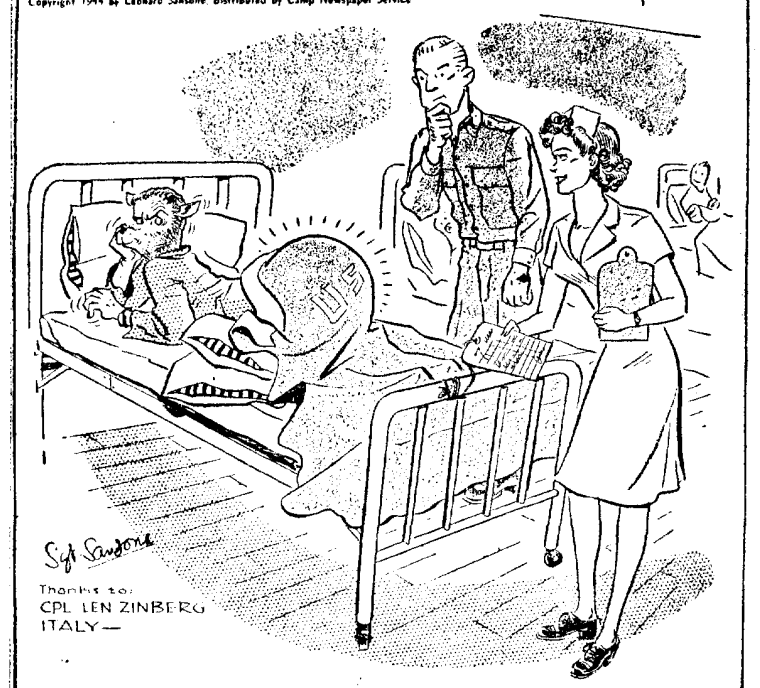
14 at 254th Inf. Get Infantryman's Badges

Additional awards of the Expert Infantry Badge have been announced by Col. Joseph H. Warren, commander of the 254th Inf.

Led by 1st Sgt. Frank W. Jones of Hq. Co., the group included S/Sgt. Delmas E. South, Co. K, Cpls. Daniel W. Galbraith, Hq. Co., George B. White, Co. F, Laverne A. Burch, Co. I, and Frank P. Loverde, Co. I. Also Sgts. Willard Brown, Hq. Co., Jack H. Evans, Co. F and Marvin J. Zimmerman, Co. F, T/Sgts. Thomas O. Smith, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Emmet F. Caldwell, Co. I, and Andrew Oreschak, Co. I, T/4 Michael Larco, Cannon Co., and T/5 Joseph I. Rusnak, Co. G.

In the first four months of this year the Fourth Service Command, which does the maintenance work and housekeeping for all posts in the seven southeastern states, released for field duty more than nine thousand desk-bound soldiers—or enough to make up three Infantry regiments.

The Wolf by Sansone



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TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Being a modest man I am not going to come outright and say that the discipline in my outfit is any better than in others in the division; although, as a matter of fact, it ought to be, seeing as how I've been playing this old Army game a lot longer than most. Anyhow, although I occasionally give my boys hell, most of the time I am mighty proud of them. As a matter of fact, it has gotten to a point where I kind of take unfair advantage of them and if my conscience wasn't so tough all the little things they do willingly would hurt it.

I have been in some outfits in my time where I thought I was doing fine to keep a whole skin and



once I even had my bunk nailed to the floor to keep from being thrown in the river in my sleep. But, here it's different; most of the time I have only to bring things to the attention of the NCOs and the old chain of command does its stuff. Consequently, I have gotten to expect it and when occasionally it fails I am all upset. For example, I have always hated these "one more puffers." These are the undisciplined people who must always take at least one more

drag on a cigaret, after "fall in" or "lights out" has been given.

Well, the other night we had a problem and when it was time for it to begin I sounds off "lights out." When I did this you'd have thought that every man had a pet lightning bug and that when I yelled that was the signal for all of them to begin to glow. What made me mad was that I couldn't put my finger on a single one of the culprits, but if I had you could have bet a couple of smackers that I would have had some chevrons dangling from my belt mighty quick. Anyway, I corrected same and then it occurred to me that telling you folks about it would make a good tip for my column.

There are many little but mighty important things about an outfit by which anyone with any experience can quickly tell whether it is disciplined or not, and this is one of them. It is just like the steam gauge on a locomotive—small, but it tells plenty to the engineer. Old timers can tell mighty quick whether you are good or not. How do they do it? Simply by knowing how to read the little gauges in an outfit; the salute, manner of executing "fall in," military courtesy, hair cuts, neatness of soldiers and the company area, how many fell out at parades and on hikes, manner of executing field problems, whether the NCOs do a good job of instruction, etc.

There are a lot more of them, but a dial reading on just a few gives the dope because they are all hooked up together. I'll give you a good example. My company commander told me that General Lucas told all the officers that the 63d was a damn good division. How do you suppose he could find this out in only one day? He just

Expert Badges To 50 in 255th

Expert Infantryman Badges were awarded to 50 additional men and officers of the 255th Inf., recently. These were in addition to the 220 already awarded at ceremonies previous to Organization Day. The 255th lists a total of 270 men who received the coveted badge.

Those honored recently were: Hq. Co.—Sgt. Denis P. Lynch, Anti-Tank Co.—Cpls. Edward T. Ferguson, Leon L. Sanders and William M. Schmid, T/5 Walter J. Krueger.

Cannon Co.—2d Lts. Joseph F. Kinnan and Robert W. Miller, T/Sgt. Eugene Barnette and Delbert C. Brett, S/Sgt. Andrew J. Dereck, Sgt. Karl C. Lybraud, and Harold R. Marcellus, and Cpls. John J. O'Connell, John W. Poell, Frank R. Laughlin, Jr., and Ralph E. Owen, T/5 Edgar L. Shepard, Pfc. Warren G. Hansen, and Pvts. Walter S. Cumbea, Thaddeus J. Robak, Joseph L. DeClark.

Hq. Co. 1st Bn.—T/Sgt. Norman O. Anderson, and T/5 Edgar L. Shepard.

Co. A—James H. Kirkendall and T/Sgt. Odell W. Hill.

Co. B—First Sgt. Albert Wessels and Cpl. Robert R. Dorsey.

Co. C—S/Tsgt. Laubert J. Barker, John S. Siczek and Russell W. Carlson and Sgt. William Betz.

Co. D—1st Sgt. John C. Barber, Sgt. Robert L. Rhodaberger, T/Sgt. Thomas J. Coyne, Jr., and Cpls. John H. Bies, Hersh H. Moore, Norman P. Akerly and Joseph J. Matulewicz.

Co. E—T/Sgt. James C. Hamblin, Co. G—T/Sgt. James V. Rosa, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.—1st Lt. Michael A. Eguival and Sgt. Herbert Weinberger.

Co. I—S/Tsgt. Oscar J. Howse, Jr., and Wilbur L. Ward and Sgt. W. Streppel.

Co. M—1st Sgt. Gilbert G. O'Brien and S/Tsgt. John T. Sullivan, Jr., T/Sgt. Perry M. Erhard and Sgt. Ernest T. Billiard.

Tree in Road Fails To Fool USAF Pilot

FRANCE (CNS)—A big tree in the middle of a French road looked out of place to Lt. John Kropnick, of Newark, N. J., a Thunderbolt pilot, so he strafed it. "It was a German truck," he said later, "neatly camouflaged but in the wrong place."



read a few gauges and found them o. k., or maybe he didn't even have to read any at all. When you have been at it as long as he has you can just about smell a good outfit.

So, my tip this week is to keep the pressure up on all those little gauges.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
 Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—9:30.
 Chapels 4, 7, 8, 10—9:30.
 Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—10:00.
 Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—11:00.
 Chapel 5, Episcopal Service—11:30.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
 Chapel 5, Sunday Evening Worship—18:15.
 Chapel 4, Sunday—18:15.
 Chapel 7, Motion Picture, "Power of God"—20:00.
 Chapel 8, Sunday Prayer—13:30.
 Chapel 5—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday—19:00.
 Chapel 6, Choir Practice, Thursday—19:30.
 Chapel 10, General Protestant Song and Worship, Sunday—19:30.
 Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—19:30.
 Chapel 7, Twilight Concert—20:00.
 Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—19:30.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**
Sunday Masses
 Chapels 5, 7—8:30.
 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—18:30.
 Chapel 7, Tuesday, Wednesday—19:30.
 Chapel 10, Tuesday, Novena Benediction—19:30.
 Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—18:30.
- Confessions**
 Chapels 5, 7, Saturday—19:30 to 20:00.
- JEWISH SERVICES**
Friday
 Hospital—18:30.
 Chapel 7—20:00.
- Sunday**
 Chapel 9—11:00.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING**
 Chapel 6, Sunday—20:00.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
 Chapel 5, Sunday—18:00.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
 Chapel 1, Friday—19:30.



WHAT WITH THE BUSY SOCIAL LIFE any one as beautiful as Hedy Lamarr must lead, she too was a little late in sending birthday greetings to the 63d. But—but—lovely, isn't it, boys?

Chicago Night Club Owner 64 Are Promoted Says Army Relatively Easy In Ranks of 255th

The horrors of total war hold no terror for Cpl. Bernard L. Rynkus of C Btry., 718th FA Bn. After a ten-year career which includes separating two blondes with the same male in view, pacifying irate wives who discover their husbands with someone else, and attempting to keep rival gangs from patronizing his place simultaneously, there is no secret weapon that can feaze him.

Cpl. Rynkus, when he isn't busy being a corporal, owns a night club in Chicago's North Side—the Gaiety Village, and many a G.I. in Camp Van Dorn recalls it with nostalgic thoughts of civilian days. It's not a big club, but it's not a small one, either, and it's definitely one of the more popular places.

Purchased for \$600

Rynkus wandered into his dream occupation back in 1932, when Prohibition was bowing out and beer was coming back. At the time he

was a driver on a laundry truck and a patron of the club. One day he wandered into the joint, found an auction going on, and bought the place for \$600.

He took a partner at that time and they spent a stormy three years trying to put the place on its feet. It was making a little money, but they were sinking it all and a little more, too, right back into it for fixtures and renovations.

After three years the partnership was rapidly going on the rocks, so the two decided to sell out. And how Cpl. Rynkus retained control of the club is a story in itself.

"We saw we weren't going to make a go of it, so we both decided to clean it up completely. We advertised in the papers that we were going to sell it on a certain day and we agreed that the guy who came in with the most cash on him would take the place."

"But by accident I found out that my partner had a couple of friends planted that day—with cash he had given them. So I did a little planting too."

Price Goes Up

"His friends came in saying here were a couple of guys with \$750 in cash and a check for \$750 more. So I turned around and said that there was a man here with \$1,000 in cash—and according to our bargain, he got the place. My partner couldn't do anything but sign the bill of sale. When he found out later that I was the owner of The Village, he was fit to be tied."

The club has grown and prospered under Rynkus' management. Shortly after gaining control, he sank \$15,000 in it, rebuilding the place completely.

Now the little place that he bought for \$600 12 years ago often does \$1,000 worth of business a night. It seats 250, and it's usually packed.

It's an interesting life, too, Cpl. Rynkus maintains. You meet all sorts of people—and you get into all sorts of situations.

Not that it's a rowdy club. It isn't. But incidents happen in the best of families and night spots, and the Gaiety Village is no exception.

So far, after two and a half years of war, all the American armed forces together have suffered only 75 cases of total blindness.

Sixty-four men of the 255th Inf. were promoted recently. It was announced by Regimental Headquarters.

Advanced to staff sergeants were the following sergeants:

Stanley T. Gomiela, Charles J. VanWinkle, William C. Makuhau, Robert G. Merkert, Alvis L. Teague, Frank R. Brazicki, William W. Mohilla, William G. Shipman, Rojer J. Cate, all of Co. I; Robert W. Waugh, Gerald N. Yeomans of Co. K; Arthur F. Smith, Raymond A. Brausch, Nicholas R. DeSero, Reimo E. W. Keranen, Wayne D. Robins all of Co. G; Wilbur Ward, Bernard G. Pastor, William J. Mar, Oscar T. How, Jr., of Co. L.

To be T/3:
 T/4 Donald L. Nordberg of the Med. Det.

Advanced to sergeants were the following:

Alexander Strecker, Charles L. Furrell, Jr., Conley K. Harrell, James G. Harlan, Clyde R. Hogerich, Robert C. Alfien, Edward J. Dunn, Robert B. Daniell, all of Co. K; George Simmons, Steve Covikas, Fred L. Greiner, Otto J. Luoma, John Hudak, John O. Tames, Lovell J. Stewart, George N. Bartalone, Stephen J. Kozlowski, James P. Hutson, Meyer Leder, James E. Ford, all of Co. I; Felix A. Lakomy, of Co. A; William B. Shuman, Marvin W. Ford, Aloysius L. Doherty, John L. Terrell, Dominic J. Sacco, Jesse H. Moore, Jr., of Co. G; Vance F. McIntyre, Jr., Robert H. Bauer, Edwin A. Papp, all of Hq. Co. 3d Bn.; Eugene F. O'Brien Co. M; and Paul W. Hendrix of Co. L.

Advanced to T/4 were the following T/5s:

Howard A. Morrison, Jr., Harry S. Simpson, Kenneth M. Forshee, Harold E. Gerstner, and Joseph E. Gilchrist, all of the Med. Det.

Advanced to corporal were the following: Jacob A. Solin, Charles R. Hudson, both of Cn. Co.

Advanced to T/5 were the following:

Fred H. J. Drew, James F. McFadden, Henry V. Gaughan, and Edward Cronin, all of the Med. Det.

The WACs will soon have a new headpiece. A woman modification of the soldier's overseas cap, it will be pointed fore, but not aft.

11 Men Proposed For West Point

Meeting the high standards required by the United States Military Academy at West Point, 11 men of the 254th Inf. have been recommended for appointment as cadets by Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander.

Following an Army announcement that enlisted men between the ages of 18 and 21 may apply for admission to the Academy, the following men were interviewed and recommended by Col. Warren:

Sgt. Eugene H. Galanter, 1st Bn. Hq. Co., Cpl. Oscar W. Tisher, 1st Bn. Hq. Co., and Pvts. Thomas Lucas, Co. L, Robert J. Sarlo, Co. L, Robert A. Wolfe, Co. B, Morton Herman, 1st Bn. Hq. Co., Robert W. Lewis, Co. K, John W. Cunningham, Hq. Co., Earl H. Dunn, Jr., Co. E, and Samuel C. Rattmansky, Co. B. Also Pfc. Harry A. Sides.

Each applicant must have an AGCT score of 135 or better, must be a high school graduate and demonstrate excellent character and leadership qualities. A year of active service as an enlisted man is also required. Should applicants be accepted, these men will enter the Academy in July, 1945.

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EDITORIAL

Lend Lease—And After

What good has Lend-Lease done?
What'll we ever get out of Lend-Lease?
How can the other United Nations ever pay us back for Lend-Lease?

These and a hundred side-questions on the gigantic structure of Lend-Lease, in all truth, really too vast an economic and military operation for the layman's mind to grasp, are briefly and pointedly answered in a new training aid issued by Division Artillery which does an admirable job of shooting through the fog of statistics and figures that covers our economic aid to our Allies.

It has now become evident that Lend-Lease and the vast British purchasing power that preceded it set up American industry for the gigantic task it faced when war came; that alone should be sufficient reward for all the billions poured into it. Former Lend-Lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius makes this blanket statement in his book, "Weapon for Victory":

"If we had been caught without the mobilization of our resources that we achieved through foreign cash orders, our own defense program and through Lend-Lease, it would have been utterly impossible to attempt the 1942 Victory program . . . It would have taken us a year longer to stop the advance of our enemies and to take the offensive and by that time they might have become impregnable."

Today American blood is buying back at a dear price the land the Japs grabbed in the Pacific in their red year of almost unimpeded aggression. Where would they have been if another year had slipped by?

As for the future of Lend-Lease, the Division Artillery summary says this:

"Actually, the settlement of Lend-Lease opens the door to economic co-operation after the war. The bill states 'the benefit to the United States may be payment or repayment in kind or property or any other direct or indirect benefit which the President deems satisfactory.' The Master Agreement states 'the terms and conditions thereof shall not burden commerce between the nations but promote mutually advantageous economic relations between them . . . the expansion of production, employment and the consumption of goods which are the material foundations of the liberty and welfare of all people shall be the guide to action on settlement.'"

So, Lend-Lease, when all this battling is over, may buy us peace for all time.

No matter how many billions it cost, Lend-Lease looks much better when you consider it in that light.

In the first ten days of the Fifth War Loan Drive individual subscriptions totaled almost one-fourth of the six-billion-dollar goal set for individual purchases in this campaign.

On the basis of another highly pertinent comparison, however, merely to achieve the goal, and not to exceed it by a substantial margin, would be less than satisfying. That is on the basis of comparison with Canada's Sixth Victory Loan (its eighth war loan), just completed.

Canada raised \$1,400,000,000 in that drive, and when allowance is made for the difference in population, this is equivalent to just about 16 billion dollars the United States is seeking.



News from Here and There

Japs Just One Headache For Yanks at Saipan

SAIPAN (CNS)—Here are some of the things the Marines are battling on Saipan, besides Japs:

In the surf, they must beware of sharks, barracuda, sea snakes, razor-edge coral, polluted waters, poison fish, and giant clams capable of snapping on a man's leg like a bear trap.

Ashore, the men must watch out for leprosy, typhus, yaws, typhoid, dengue fever, dysentery, skin and eye infections, and a wide variety of insects, snakes and giant lizards.

Coast Guard to Mark Founding Next Month

NEW YORK (CNS)—The United States Coast Guard, oldest of the nation's sea-going services, will mark its 154th birthday Aug. 14. It was founded in 1790 by Alexander Hamilton, under the Treasury Department as the U. S. Revenue Service.

A presidential proclamation and celebrations by the Coast Guard on fighting fronts the world over will mark the anniversary.

WD Rescinds Circular On Training in ASTP

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has rescinded WD Circular 184, which authorized the selection of trainees for the Army Specialized Training Program from troop units for certain courses of study.

According to the ASTP headquarters in New York, the Adjutant General's Office said that the circular was rescinded shortly after it was issued and that the ASTP is not now accepting men from field units in its courses.

Hitler Still Rates With German Army

FRANCE (CNS)—Seven officers of the German army have been executed for "slandering, mocking and insulting" Hitler, according to a captured German high command document.

The document said that the officers had been found guilty of "Communist activities, premeditated subversive influences, undermining the nation's military strength and breach of their oath of allegiance to the Fuehrer by slandering, mocking and insulting his person."

Convalescents Study To Build Plane Parts

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Convalescing soldiers are making parts

for the P-61 Black Widow fighting plane at the Army's new Birmingham General hospital near here.

The hospital has established a sheet-metal and machine shop where patients are given instruction in industrial skills. Then after they have mastered the shop's tools, they are put to work on the P-61 parts and placed on the payroll of the Northrup Aircraft Inc., builders of the night fighter.

First Marine Division Returns From Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—The famous First Marine Division is back home again after two years spent smashing the enemy in the Pacific.

The 1,200 men arrived here by Coast Guard transport and the sight of a girl ashore set off a demonstration that didn't stop until the last Marine, Sgt. Gioachino Dell'Osso, of Brooklyn, disembarked.

"Wow," said Dell'Osso, "Wow."

Medical Dept. Needs Services of 22,000 Wacs

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Is your sister a Wac yet? If not, she's needed, say Army officials here, as a medical technician in the Women's Army Corps.

According to Maj. Gen. Norman K. Kirk, surgeon general of the Army, the Army needs 22,000 women immediately to serve in hospitals.

Log of Bombed Jap Ship in U. S. Plane

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—The pilot of an Army A-20 attack plane dropped his load of eggs on a Japanese ship, blowing it up.

When he returned to his base he discovered that the blast had blown the ship's log, papers and cargo listing and the names of the convoy personnel into the air intake of his plane's cooling system.

Half Million Chinese Built B-29 Airfields

CHINA (CNS)—Credit for building the Chinese bases from which the AAF's giant B-29s bombed the Japanese mainland goes to 500,000 Chinese laborers who turned in one of the biggest construction jobs in history in only three months—using only their hands, hammers and wheelbarrows.

As there was no cement, asphalt or other binding materials in the airfield area, the Chinese built the fields near rivers which contained most of the natural materials.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Lester J. Houghtaling
(254th Inf.)

"Our one motor had stopped, one wing was partially shot away, but we prayed and God brought us safely back to the base." . . . This statement and others like it have dramatized for us so-called "Foxhole religion." One man, adrift on a raft, said he had promised God that if He spared him he would serve Him the rest of his life.

Publicity given to these experiences has led many people to believe that America is becoming "God conscious." This "miracle religion" is certainly not the basis for a sound Christian faith. It bears the marks of superstition, not of faith.

There is nothing in the Christian religion which teaches that no harm will come to a man who puts his faith in God. The Bible plainly teaches that the Christian is exposed to all the natural forces to which other men are subject. He will face suffering and pain; danger and death as all men do. The Christian will die on the battlefield just as the unbeliever will die.

If we say that a man escapes the hell of war because God took care of him, what shall we say to the loved ones of the man who receives a bullet through the heart or is blown to bits? Shall we tell them that God did not take of him?

There is nothing nobler than a man's faith in God, but let that faith be genuine; let it be based on love for the things of God's Kingdom—not on a bargain to serve God if one is permitted to lead a charmed life and to escape those dangers which our brethren must face. It is dangerous to teach a man that when he goes into battle he will be spared if his faith in God is great enough. He may be disillusioned when he is wounded and facing death.

. . . "Were there no heaven to gain,
no hell to flee,
For what Thou art alone I must love Thee!"

Once Over Lightly

Seems that the United Nations family keeps growing . . . The chief of the Mendi-Mendi islands near the coast of New Georgia, Seni, applied for a job as scout. . . He was signed on and given a rifle. A few days later Seni ambushed six Japs and killed one. . . In this way he acquired a second rifle and persuaded the CO to enroll another native volunteer. They ambushed a party of five Japs—and when the fight was over Seni had five more rifles. . . and five more native volunteers were signed on. At last reports Seni was in command of a scouting force of 32—all of them armed with Jap weapons.

Some Americans like to swallow Doc Goebbels' medicine talk . . . without ever realizing it comes right from that liar's mouth; that nonsense about British casualties in relation to the rest of the Empire is revealed as just that. . . Figures up to June, 1944, show British casualties are about 25 times that of Canada, seven times that of Australia, and 20 times that of New Zealand. . . And did you know that when war threatened the world, no airplane factory in the United States had even a drafting board model of a modern fighting ship. . . and the money to build aircraft, tank, ordnance plants came from the British—with the free right to copy their liquid-cooled Rolls-Royce engine used in our P-51 and their Spitfire.

The newsreel shots of Yugoslav girls fighting with the Partisans got a lot of appreciative GI whistles. . . Ten per cent of Tito's army are women. . . The moral code is strict, too. . . Death for violation. . . The idea of women in the United States Army is not as modern as some GIs think. . . Seems we forget that Molly Pitcher helped win the Battle of Monmouth that saved Philadelphia.

The Germans have always been thorough—even in their cruelty. . . Preparing themselves for "the next chance at world conquest," they have published a manual on what may be termed "regulated rape" . . . soldiers are instructed to have children by women in the conquered nations so that they may be brought up as future soldiers of the Reich. . . The Nazi superman may not marry the girls, however . . . their blood is too pure.

Recommended reading: Those quotations from Archbishop Spellman's radio broadcast to the people of Hungary in this week's TIME. . . makes good reading for us, too.

Huge Crowd Sees 63d Circus Revue At CT Red Hall

Before a crowd which packed every available inch of standing and sitting room at the C. T. Red Rec Hall, Division Special Service presented its Circus Revue for the second time last Friday night. The revue had its premier Organization Day at the Outdoor Theater but because of the heat only a few hundred witnessed the performance. Friday night's show was also scheduled for the open air but rain caused it to be held inside.

Talent for the revue was recruited from nearly every regiment and battery in the Division with the result that the audience was treated to a performance scaled to a fast tempo and with plenty of variety in the individual acts. The Division White Band under WO Arthur Polakoff helped with snappy music.

Sgt. John Campbell, former concert singer, presented the prologue, "Laugh Clown Laugh," with all the gusto which the piece demands.

The singing of Pvt. Irwin Rochlin, sleight of hand trick by Cpl. Gilbert Vitale, the contortions of Sgt. Gail Peek, and the presentation of his marionettes by T/5 Leslie Heath, were worthwhile and drew considerable applause from the audience.

Outstanding also was the fine work of Sgt. Mitchell Johnson, former vaudevilian, who was master of ceremonies.

The "Song of the 63d Uniform" the words of which were written by Miss Dorothy Harris, daughter of Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and the music by T/5 Paul Taubman, was ably presented by the Division Chorus. General and Mrs. Harris witnessed the show.

Members of the WAC Detachment, fetchingly attired in summer apparel, were highly appreciated, and a mock ballet with GIs dressed as dancers, was productive of merriment.

The lyrics and music were written by T/5s Arnold Spector and Paul Taubman of Division Special Service. Sgt. Richard Thomas designed the scenery. Sgt. Daniel Goldstein was in charge of lighting; Lt. Leroy Patrick and Cpl. Harry Winston handled the sound, and T/5 Martin Cardillo had charge of the wardrobe and properties.

Lt. Gossen Is Named 253d Bond Officer

Lt. Robert C. Gossen, 253d Med. Det., has been appointed regimental bond officer in charge of the regiment's drive to fill its quota in the Fifth War Loan drive, according to an announcement by Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding officer.

Aiding in the drive for 100 per cent GI bond buying in the 253d, notices are posted on all Company bulletin boards in the regiment announcing a new GI bond—a \$10 bond for \$7.50. This bond will be sold only to members of the armed forces, Lt. Gossen said.

Appointment of war bond NCOs and naming of an officer in charge of war bond information in each battalion will help the drive to make "every man in the 253d a bond-buyer," Lt. Gossen said.



WINNING LAYROOM OF HQ. BTRY., 718th FA, for which Award of Merit was presented by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant Division commander, in the June Orientation competition.

Hq. Battery, 718th, Wins Orientation

Elements of Division artillery pooled their respective talents to take the monthly orientation award for June, with Hq. Btry. 718th F. A., the winner over Co. D, 254th Inf., by the slim margin of .19 of one per cent.

The excellence of orientation throughout the Division made selection of this winner an unusually difficult task for Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Division commander and director of orientation, and members of his inspecting team. All displays, representative of the respective units, received the maximum of 25 per cent.

The artillery, however, was a mile more topnotch on spot inspections and unit orientation hours during June and consequently achieved that edge which enabled it to displace the 254th Inf. Regt. at the top of the Division.

This was the third time in five months that elements of Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw's command carried off the honors. Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., was the winner in February and Serv. Btry., 861st F. A., followed with the best work in March. In between, Co. B, 253d Inf., and Co. D, 254th Inf., were judged winners in succeeding months.

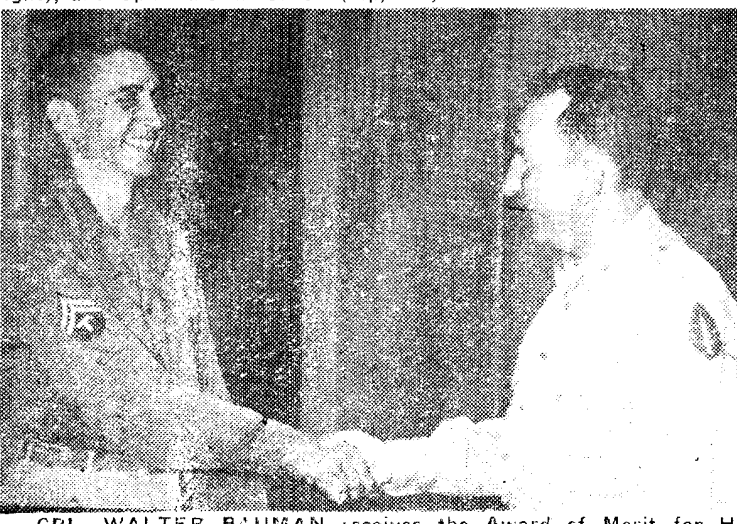
The quality of work turned up by the final check last Saturday had a stimulating effect not only upon the inspectors but also upon Mrs. Harris and daughter Mildred, who accompanied the General and his aides on their tour through the Division.

Lt. William Carder, orientation officer of the winning battery, and T/Sgt. Reginald Bloomer, orientation NCO, created a room-filling exhibit that was highlighted by several unique touches. On the other hand, timeliness was the chief feature of the display which Co. D offered as its ultimate bid for its second straight award.

Of a maximum 25 per cent for spot inspection and 50 per cent for orientation hours, artillery received 23.71 and 45.5 per cent, respectively, for a score of 94.21. The 254th Inf. Regt. was scored 23.65 and 45.37 per cent in similar checks for a total of 94.02.



WINNERS IN ORIENTATION Quiz Contest conducted by Div. Arty.; Front row (left), T/4 John Larkin, first prize winner; rear row (right), Cpl. Walter Bauman, second, Pvt. Maurice Fussell (front, right), and Cpl. Malcolm Schell (top, left) were battalion finalists.



CPL. WALTER BAUMAN receives the Award of Merit for Hq. Btry., 718th FA, from Gen. Harris.

CHICAGO (CNS) — Rosemary Karier found a wallet on the street. Inside, she found the name of the owner and nearly \$1,500 in cash. She returned the wallet and in return received 25 cents from the grateful owner.

TORONTO (CNS)—A university professor X-rayed what everyone thought was the mummy of an Egyptian queen in The Royal Ontario museum and discovered that it wasn't the mummy of a queen at all, merely that of an antelope.

T-4 Larkin Scores 32 Points to Win Artillery Quiz

Scoring 32 1/2 points for his team, T/4 John Larkin, former dramatic actor, for NBC, and now of Service Btry., 862d F. A., won the Division Artillery Orientation Quiz the finals of which were held at the Open Air Theater Monday morning. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander who is in charge of Orientation for the 63d, was present as was Col. John Mesick, Executive Officer of Division Artillery.

Four men, finalists in an elimination contest which was conducted by A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard, of Division Artillery Special Service, competed. T/4 Larkin not only won the contest but also a \$25 War Bond to boot. Cpl. Walter Bauman of the 718th placed second, Cpl. Malcolm Schell of 861st, third and Pvt. Maurice Fussell of 863d, fourth.

The quiz consisted of pertinent questions dealing with current events in the war and with places and people prominent among allied and enemy leaders. One question, "Why are Infantrymen called doughboys?" was eliminated because no satisfactory answer could be obtained.

Each contestant was given a few seconds to give his answer. If he was unable to answer he was permitted to refer the question to the audience. Most questions counted five, three, two and one point, but there were four questions which counted 10 points each and it was on these that all contestants but Larkin failed. Larkin's question was, "Who is the head of the Allied Military Government in Italy?" The answer was the former Lieutenant Governor of New York, George Peletti. Larkin practically clinched the victory with this answer.

The other ten point questions were: "Major Gen. Joseph Koenig was recently given a new command. What was that command?" The answer is the French Forces in occupied France. Who are the Ustachi? The answer is the Fascist army element in Yugoslavia. Who is the new prime minister of Yugoslavia appointed in an effort to solve the difficulties between the partisans and the King? The answer, Subotich.

Among the other questions on the quiz were the following:
Who is the youngest of the Big Four?
What member of the United Nations does not receive Lend Lease from the U. S.?
The Red Star worn by the Partisans of Marshal Tito is a sign that they:
1. Are communists. 2. Remember their war against Austria in 1848. 3. Appreciate the support of the Soviet Union.
Here are a group of numbers that have battle significance in the news. Make the proper association: 1. 5 and 28; 2. 1474 and 4951; 3. 252d, 169th, 77th, 243d, 91st.
Which of the Allied armies is nearest Berlin? 1. Gen. Bradley's troops at Cherbourg; 2. Gen. Clark's troops below Siegen; 3. The Red Army at Tarnopol.
To what present battle is the City of Garapan important? 1. The British drive on Cebu; 2. In the battle for Saipan; 3. In the attack on Ileskiki.
In proportion to National wealth the most assistance given the United Nations through Lend-Lease has come from: 1. The United States; 2. Canada; 3. USSR.
What is the average daily cost of the war to the United States? 1. \$1,850,000; 2. \$367,000,000; 3. \$467,175,000.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Harry Martin was fined \$250 and jailed for five days because, according to a Manhattan magistrate, "your transactions in the onion black market smell to high heaven."

Male Call



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



It's A Kilt Tilt



Greenies Bow to Vicksburg in Holiday Game

Big Crowd Sees Semipros' Rally Topple 63d Nine

Soldiers Lose, 5-4, After Holding Early Lead; Burns Is Star

The Greenies representing Special Troops neglected to post local security after taking a 4-0 lead over the Vicksburg semipro nine in a first-inning assault July 4 and consequently lost a 5-4 decision in the face of almost immediate counter-attacks.

Playing before the largest baseball crowd the City of 190 Hills has mustered this season, the 63d Div. team struck what should have been the game's decisive blow with two out in the first inning. Four hits bounced off the Greenies' bats and with the help of a walk and error, they sent four of their mates across the rubber.

Home Team Evens Series

That state of affairs, however, was short-lived. The Vicksburg tossers, who had been beaten by the Greenies in an earlier game, chewed a run off the 63d's edge in the second inning. And in the third, two hits, two walks and a pair of errors enabled the home talent to muster a four-run rally of their own to win the game.

A critique of this feature of the holiday celebration and Fifth War Bond rally would indicate this was another game the Greenies should have won—but didn't. Jimmy Mendel gave his usual excellent performance on the pitching mound, limiting the Vicks to three hits and striking out six. He allowed no hits after the third inning. By then, however, the damage done proved irreparable despite the 63d's bag of seven hits and six walks off Rasmussen.

Ormsanski fired the first round of live ammunition in the Greenies' one big inning, facing a sharp single to left. A moment later, however, he was forced by Burns although the latter reached second on a wild throw. The Greenies had two on when Andrews was passed and then Monk rifled a shot into right that sent Burns in with the first run.

Victors Score Two

Successive hits by Stalfo and Barron drove two more runners across the plate and the last tally for the 63d came when Rasmussen threw wild in trying to pick Stalfo off third.

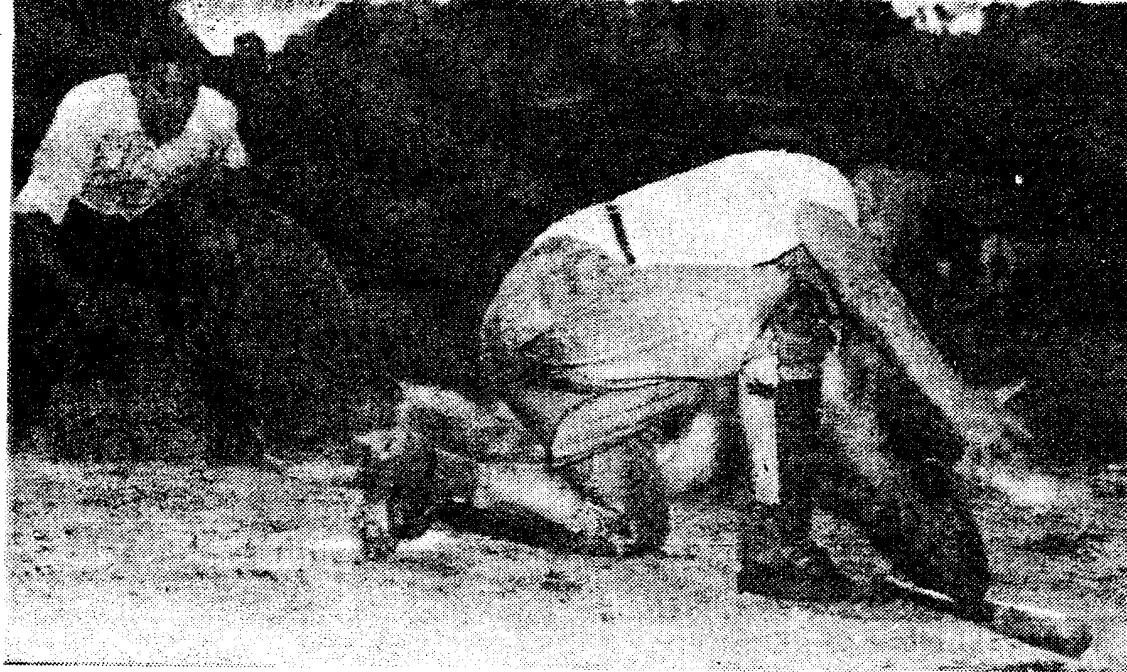
The Vicksburg gang made its first run with only one hit in the second. A walk to Zimmerman and McGue's error enabled the former to score the local's initial tally. They got their two other hits in the third, with King singling to open the frame and Sheffield doubling in the middle of it. In between two walks and a misplay at second did enough damage to nullify the 63d's earlier advance.

The interesting part of the game seemed to follow the scoring. Burns, who shared hitting honors with Stalfo, gave the onlooking gentry an exhibition of topnotch fielding at short. And, some equally sparkling fielding for Vicksburg by Zimmerman in center and Phillips at short killed more than one 63d bid to pull the game out of the fire in the late innings.

The box score:
Greenies— ABRH | **Vicksburg—** ABRH
Bruno, 3b 4 0 0 King, cf 4 1 1
Glick 1 0 0 Pe'baker, lf 2 1 0
O'm'ski, 1b 5 0 1 Phillips, ss 4 0 0
Burns, ss 5 1 2 Zimmerman, cf 1 2 0
Andrews, c 1 1 0 Sheffield, 3b 4 1 0
Monk, cf 4 1 1 Hunt, 2b 3 0 2
Stalfo, rf 4 1 2 English, c 2 0 0
Barron, lf 4 0 1 Jamison, 1b 2 0 0
McGue, 2b 1 0 0 Rasmussen, p 3 0 0
Mendel, p 4 0 0
Totals 33 4 7 Total 25 5 3
*Batted for Bruno in 9th.
Score by Innings:
Greenies 400 000 000—4
Vicksburg 011 000 00x—5

Big League Draft Box Score

Ordered for induction: Ed Huesger, Cincinnati pitcher; Charlie Metro, Detroit outfielder; Rollie Hemsley, Yankee catcher; Al Unser, Detroit catcher. Rejected: Jeff Heath, Cleveland outfielder; Nick Strincevich, Pittsburg pitcher; Claude Pousseau, Cubs' pitcher; and Don Black, A's pitcher.



RACE to the plate is won by runner in third inning of game between Greenies of Special Troops and Vicksburg semipro at Vicksburg, July 4th. Zimmerman, hidden in cloud of dust behind T/5 George Andrews, Greenies catcher, beats throw-in to plate with tying run. Vicksburg got another run to win, 5-4.

Cannon Co. Wins Extra - Inning Tilt In Softball Play

Service Co. Loses After Establishing 1-0 Lead; Co. E Triumphs

CT Blue softball teams made up for lack of activity by other Division units in league competition last week with a pair of 'hot' games.

In one game, Co. E's pennant-bound tossers knocked over Co. F, 3-0, behind the two-hit elbowing of Pvt. Bob Marciglione. In the other, Co. C's formidable combination pulled out a 1-0 decision over Service Co. in a contest marked by airtight pitching.

Either game might have gone the other way. Cpl. Epstein, hurling for Co. F, pitched shutout ball after staking the opposition to all its runs in the first inning. He allowed only five hits in the six and a half innings, but his mates were unable to do anything to help against Marciglione's offerings.

The struggle between the Cannon and Service companies was particularly tense, with two extra innings required to reach a decision. Going into the seventh inning, the Cannoners were on the short end of a 1-0 score, having been held well in hand by T/5 Alex Seigal.

Two errors by Badger, at third, helped the Cannoners tie the count and finally Seigal gave up another tally and the decision in the ninth. Cpl. Hudson, the winning hurler, contributed considerable to his effort with 15 strikeouts.

The box scores:
Co. E— ABRH | **Co. F—** ABRH
Mitchell, cf 1 0 0 Vincent, rf 3 0 0
Green, ss 2 1 0 Hudlos, cf 3 0 0
Cappella, lf 3 0 1 Hestetter, cf 3 0 0
Stoch, cf 3 1 1 C'basano, lf 2 0 0
Bozo, 3b 3 1 1 Keaton, 1b 2 0 0
M'ching, 1b 3 0 1 Howell, 3b 2 0 1
Digherty, c 2 0 0 Monerief, c 2 0 0
Kilbuck, cf 2 0 1 Brooks, 2b 1 0 0
Willy, 2b 1 0 0 Vaughn, ss 2 0 1
M'ghano, p 2 0 0 Doss, p 0 0 0
Totals 24 3 5 Totals 22 0 2
Score by Innings:
Co. E 000 000 000—3
Co. F 000 000 00x—0

Co. C. ABRH | **Serv. Co.—** ABRH
Mason, 1b 4 1 2 Tola, ss 4 0 1
Fuchs, cf 4 0 1 Mishkin, 2b 1 0 0
Hudson, p 3 0 0 Dillon, 1b 1 0 1
A's-wick, ss 1 1 1 Badger, 3b 1 0 0
Wilferson, 2b 1 0 0 Couloa, c 3 1 0
Joseph, c 3 0 1 Sroka, cf 3 0 0
O'Connell, lf 3 0 1 Wacher, lf 3 0 0
Rosen, 1b 2 0 0 Hill, cf 1 1 0
H'rdwag, cf 3 0 1 Bowman, rf 1 0 0
Peyer, rf 1 0 0 Seigal, p 2 0 2
Totals 32 2 7 Totals 28 1 4
Score by Innings:
Serv. Co. 000 001 000—1
Co. C 000 000 101—2

Derby Star Bows, St. Louis Teams Lead as 4th Passes

Pensive, Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner, assumed the unfamiliar role of backslider when he finished seven and one-half lengths behind Georgia Drum in the Stars and Stripes Handicap, feature of the Independence Day program at the Arlington Park race track.

The leader for the nation's three-year-old horse championship slipped somewhat on the road to the throne by finishing out of the money in the \$59,350 event. At the same time, however, the winner bounced into major competition for the first time after having run in cheap races on Pacific coast tracks.

The upset on the track pushed baseball for the sports spotlight in July 4 columns. Traditionally, diamond fans looked to the standings for a peek into the future for the respective winners of the National and American league pennants.

July 4, when the loop leaders normally are conceded to be the eventual champions, found the Cards and Browns of St. Louis pacing the parade toward World Series days. The Cards were safely ensconced on the top rung with a ten-and-one-half games edge over the second-place Pittsburgh Pirates. The Browns, however, weren't as securely situated being on that day only one and a half games in front of the fast-traveling Boston Red Sox.

Neither team had played half of its scheduled games, though, and while the respective decks seemed stacked in favor of the two St. Louis clubs prospects of one or both of them being off the top at the final out were not being discounted.

The holiday had its other interesting points in the world of sports. Henry Armstrong, one of the prize ring's most enduring institutions, showed signs of wearing out as he dropped a 10-round decision to John Thomas, 19 years younger.

The Memphis Chicks won the first-half championship of the Southern Association in a race that went right up to the next-to-the-last game of the schedule, whipping Atlanta, 2-1, for the flag.

All in all, it was a big day for sports—and War Bonds. More than a million fans jammed baseball parks, race tracks and fight arenas, greatly surpassing the throngs in attendance at Memorial Day events. Virtually all programs were designed to foster the 5th Ward Bond drive and all reports satisfactory sales.

Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, the well known San Francisco lasagna fancier, hasn't lost his batting punch. He clubbed out four home runs in four games recently at a Central Pacific base.

CT Blue Defeats Armed Guard, 5-1

The very active CT Blue nine actually and figuratively took into camp the Naval Armed Guard nine from New Orleans last Sunday, playing host to the Crescent City Service League champions and beating them, 5-1.

The game was another personal triumph for Pvt. Bill Haag, the pitcher primarily responsible for keeping the Blue in the race for the Division first half championship. Haag allowed only two hits and struck out 10 in ruckling up another victory.

His rival on the mound, S/IC Dryzmalu, also was stingy with his hits. Limiting the home nine to four. Three of these, including a home run by Pvt. Doug McDougal, were bunched in the third inning and gave the Blood and Fire combination enough runs to win the game.

The box score:
CT Blue— ABRH | **Armed Guard—** ABRH
Dond'na, 1b 1 1 0 Friskney, 2b 3 0 0
Horne, 2b 3 1 1 Vull'na, 3b 3 0 0
F'eman, cf 3 0 0 Rosner, cf 3 0 1
L'uzetti, ss 2 1 0 Dryzmalu, p 3 0 0
D'b'voise, lf 1 0 1 Truss, c 2 0 0
Dillon, rf 1 0 0 Ringland, ss 1 1 1
Harris, 3b 3 0 0 Nelson, 1b 2 0 0
Stimms, 1b 1 0 1 Murray, cf 2 0 0
M'Dougal, c 3 1 1 Cramer, lf 2 0 0
Haag, p 1 1 9
Totals 22 5 4 Totals 34 1 2
Score by Innings:
Armed Guard 000 010 0—1
CT Blue 000 001 00x—5

CT Blue Wins Playoff Of Protested Victory

The Division Baseball League's first half championship will go either to CT Blue or CT White. That was decided Thursday when the Blues played off their protested 1-2 victory of May 24 over CT Red and won again by the same score.

The playoff was necessitated when the Redcats protested the catching of a foul pop up behind the backstop in the ninth inning of the earlier meeting. The incident occurred with one out, a man on first, two strikes on the batter and the score 3-2 in the Blue's favor.

That was the situation when Pvt. Bill Haag went to the mound to pitch for the last two outs. Sgt. Hal McCallough was at the plate batting for the Redcats and Cpl. Oscar Miller, who had pitched in the protested game, was on first as the result of a walk.

Haag only needed two pitches to qualify his team to meet White for the title, each with four victories and two defeats. His first throw was fouled by McCullough. The second was smacked down to shortstop and a double play followed, retiring the required two men and ending the game as it ended more than a month before.

Earlier in the week the Blues enhanced their prospects of winning the second-half pennant by taking over the Invaders by the rather decisive margin of 19 to 2. Bohenko was on the hill for the eventual victors and after getting off to a wobbly start, came through with an impressive seven-hit performance. The first four men to face him reached base safely and the result was a 2-0 edge for the Redlegs.

The interesting part of the game seemed to follow the scoring. Burns, who shared hitting honors with Stalfo, gave the onlooking gentry an exhibition of topnotch fielding at short. And, some equally sparkling fielding for Vicksburg by Zimmerman in center and Phillips at short killed more than one 63d bid to pull the game out of the fire in the late innings.

The box score:
Greenies— ABRH | **Vicksburg—** ABRH
Bruno, 3b 4 0 0 King, cf 4 1 1
Glick 1 0 0 Pe'baker, lf 2 1 0
O'm'ski, 1b 5 0 1 Phillips, ss 4 0 0
Burns, ss 5 1 2 Zimmerman, cf 1 2 0
Andrews, c 1 1 0 Sheffield, 3b 4 1 0
Monk, cf 4 1 1 Hunt, 2b 3 0 2
Stalfo, rf 4 1 2 English, c 2 0 0
Barron, lf 4 0 1 Jamison, 1b 2 0 0
McGue, 2b 1 0 0 Rasmussen, p 3 0 0
Mendel, p 4 0 0
Totals 33 4 7 Total 25 5 3
*Batted for Bruno in 9th.
Score by Innings:
Greenies 400 000 000—4
Vicksburg 011 000 00x—5

Notre Dame Coach Lauds Freshman's Passing

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Ed McKeever, coach of Notre Dame's football squad, predicts 17-year-old Joe Gasparella will make the fans forget the forward passing of Angelo Bertelli and Johnny Lujack.

"I've never seen a lad with so much natural talent. With the proper development I believe he'll be one of the all-time greats," McKeever said in speaking of the freshman from Vandergrift in Pennsylvania's steel section.

"He can throw anything hard or soft and feints like a veteran. All he needs is a little more poise and self-confidence." Son of an iron puffer, Gasparella is 6 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 295.

CT White Plays Tomorrow

CT White's baseball nine, dominant factor in the Division League, gets back into action tomorrow, playing the Louisiana State Prison nine at Angola. Twenty-two men are making the trip under the supervision of Lt. Saul Hauin, Special Service officer, and Cpl Joe Cordts.

Babes in the Wood

A great many duffers may not be in agreement, but T/5 Americo Abbatangelo and Cpl. Louis Rusotto find golf a source of much relaxation.

During a recent round at Duncan Park, Natchez, these two members of Co. L, 255th Inf., let another twosome through while they continued their leisurely round. When the fast-playing twosome came upon Abbatangelo and Russotto some two hours later, the dogfaces were reposing under the shade of a leafy tree, fast asleep.

They had lost all their balls, visited the PX in the recreation area for refreshment and then picked the shady nook for a snooze. Only the gentle rain in their faces awakened them.

63d Teams Prep For Selman Fete

A week-end of Blood and Fire athletics is being arranged for Selman Field, Monroe, La., July 22-23, when the 63d Div. swimming squad and the CT Blue baseball nine match talents with the personnel stationed at the Army air base.

The swimming squad which won runner-up honors at the recent Southern AAU all-servicemen's championships and produced two individual winners, will engage the Selman mermen Saturday evening, the 22d. The baseball teams will tangle the following afternoon.

The affair in the Selman tank will bring Pvt. John Simpson, Btry. B, 862d F. A., and Cpl. Adin Merrow, of the 255th Inf., into action for the first time since each won titles in the servicemen's meet at New Orleans. Simpson won the diving crown with a record 143 points. Merrow took the 100-yard backstroke championship and also was the individual high scorer.

In New Guinea is one Private First Class Ernest Jump. His job—paratrooper.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Acting 1st/Sgt Louis Tirelli, Co. C, has received word from former topkick Barney Whewell, somewhere in the Pacific, that he and Lt. Martin Herpolsheimer, former weapons platoon leader who preceded him overseas by about six months, are together again in the same regiment . . . Capt. Hubert N. Nance, Co. C, commander now attending school at Ft. Benning, Ga., was presented with a ninepound boy by Mrs. Nance at their Virginia home . . . Two other Co. C alumni have been located overseas, Lt. James Thome in England and Sgt. Vernon Hart in Algiers . . . Pvt. Joe DeMar, Co. G, thinks Camp Van Dorn is heaven compared with his two years of anti-aircraft duty in a lonely Aleutian outpost, where winter saw 60-degree-below temperatures and 100-mile winds. Drill on ice, regimental parades in deep snow, Christmas cards months late and killing a bear with his M-1 are among DeMar's Alaskan experiences. He also traveled on the Alcan Highway, wore a parka and met Eskimo girls . . . T/5 Saul Held, Co. G, driver, is a graduate of aviation mechanics school at Chanute Field, Ill., and was a civilian instructor in plane landing gear at Seymour Johnson Field, N. C., for a year before he entered the Army. He taught officers and ground crews . . . Cpl. Howard Connolly, Serv. Co., designed the attractive shield which identifies 2d Bn. headquarters. Maj. Jack F. Gray, battalion executive officer, coined the sign's slogan: "Second to None." T/5 Norman Kaphan, Hq. Co., communications man who photographed such glamor girls as Rita Hayworth and Lucille Ball when he was a movie still photographer, has a glamor girl of his own—a new baby daughter . . . Pvt. John Mermer, 28-year-old veteran of two years overseas, served in the Army four years without a scratch. Monday he was doing physical exercises with Co. I when suddenly he stretched out on the ground, moaning. The doctors' diagnosis: "Contusion of right shoulder suffered during physical exercise."

861st F. A.—When Molly Picon, celebrated comedienne of the Yiddish theater, visited camp last week she greeted T/5 Leon Baker with a big hug and kiss. Miss Picon and Becker, orientation assistant in Serv. Btry., have been friends for years . . . Pvt. John J. Barry, Btry. A, was married while on furlough in New York . . . New Pfc. in Btry. C include Thomas M. Carne, Thomas C. Hamilton, Billie L. Harper, Ira M. Hoppock, Edward J. Nemec, Virgil J. Null and Lloyd S. Stull . . . Just returned from a honeymoon in California is Cpl. Malcolm Scheil, runner-up in the recent Division Artillery orientation competition . . . Mrs. John Wirkku now is settled in Gloster . . . Pfc. Eugene Glansman passed out cigars last week—for the marriage of his brother . . . When Robert F. White was attending ROTC courses at Purdue university he studied under Col. D. M. Beere. After graduation from The Field Artillery School last week, he reported for his first assignment as a second lieutenant in the 861st. His new commanding officer is Lt. Col. D. C. Beere, 28-year-old son of Lt. White's former mentor at Purdue.

254th Inf.—Pfc. Lawrence Hinzman, recently transferred to Co. A, has seen action with the 15th Inf., of the 3d Division in four major campaigns. He spent eight months in Tunisia and Morocco and received the Purple Heart in Sicily. Besides the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Ribbon, he wears the European Theater ribbon with four bronze stars for his major campaigns. . . . A letter from Italy told Co. M that Lt. Elroy Leamaster, their former CO, is chasing Nazis north of Rome . . . Cpls. Robert Blum and Morton Lehnich, both of Co. I, returned from furloughs to ask for family allotments, each having gained a member of the family. . . . Co. I boasted three first sergeants for awhile until Joseph Morrison was accepted for OCS. Now T/Sgt. Andrew Oreschek is acting topkick while 1st/Sgt. Carl H. Gawenus is on special duty at Division Headquarters. . . . Pvt. Clarence DeHart, Co. D, is one of the few men of the 63d entitled to wear the Combat Expert Infantryman badge. . . . A carton of cigarettes was divided among five members of Serv. Co. when they licked a motor pool quintet in an orientation quiz last week. The five are S/Sgt. Paul Farran, T/4 Daniel Parry and Cpls. Darwin Amoroso, Milton Cordts and Leonard Kaplonski.

862d F. A.—T/5 Elgin Lemmon, Btry. B, telegraphed his fellows from New York that he was married on furlough. . . . Lt. Richard Goldberger, Btry. A, who recently returned from Survey School at Ft. Sill, Okla., has been promoted to first lieutenant, and the notice of Lt. George A. Buck's promotion to first lieutenant arrived at Btry. B just a few hours after he left on leave.

255th Inf.—Pvt. Ernest E. Southey, Cannon Co., got around to announcing to friends that he has been married two months today. He married Miss Camilla Moore in the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Pvt. and Mrs. Southey both come from Los Angeles. . . . The regimental orchestra split into two bands for Saturday night entertaining. One group played at the Centreville USO and the other at the 255th Officers' Club. . . . "Life Begins at 8:30" is the feature film for tomorrow night in the CT Blue Rec Hall's series of outdoor shows. Life may begin at 2030; the movie does, too. . . . When T/5 Mordecai Bauman was in New Orleans to sign with the New Orleans "Pops" Orchestra, a constant companion of the corporal and his bride was Doris Duke Cromwell, the tobacco heiress, now a volunteer worker with the Maritime Service.

718th F. A.—T/5 Albert Smucler, the Romanian refugee who is Hq. Btry's baker, was captivated by the battalion radio and decided to learn Morse. His enthusiasm paled considerably when he learned that what he had thought was the squeaking of static was really the code. . . . Lt. Velmar W. Davis has been assigned to Btry. C. He is a recent graduate of Field Artillery OCS and this is his first assignment . . . Mrs. Robert F. Fischer has arrived to join Btry. C's colony of Army wives. Her husband is a sergeant in Btry. C.

63d QM Co.—T/5 Clebert Kellem was married while on furlough in California. . . . Lt. Sidney M. Cooley has just returned from Ordnance School at Fort Crook, Neb., and now is a staff officer in the Office of the Division Quartermaster. . . . Lt. Buford H. Boswell has left the company for assignment and duty with the 253d Inf.

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, Brookhaven Entertain Men Of 63d As They Help Boost Bond Sales

Citadel on Mississippi Greet 255th Troops On Historic Day

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staged Vicksburg paid its official honors to the Division at the famed Old Southern Tearoom, where Gen. Hibbs received his official local citizenship at a dinner at which he and members of his staff were the guests of Mayor Hamilton and the City Council. Later the General inspected the exhibits and points of historic interest in the Vicksburg Memorial Park.

In the afternoon the 63d gave a twinned-up show at the ball park. Before the largest crowd ever jammed into the grounds, the Greenies of Special Troops played the Vicksburg semipro team of the Illinois Central Railroad and units of the 255th Inf. Cannon Co., under Capt. Robert M. Young, and the 255th Anti-Tank Co., under Capt. Robert Stuart, gave a smart and thrilling exhibit of heavy Infantry weapons in action.

For a time it seemed that Vicksburg was back in Civil War days as 57mm. anti-tank guns and 105 mm. cannon roared and a dense pall of smoke spread over the city from smoke-making exhibits staged by our chemical units. Once the 57mm. rifle, coming into position, paused for a moment and its steel mouth gaped at the bleachers. The bleachers emptied in a flash. Old residents said that Vicksburg hadn't seen anybody move so fast since the days of the evacuation.

Dance for Troops

An exhibit of colored signal smokes closed the show and while the 63d Div. Band under CWO David Wright played the crowd spilled onto the ball field to inspect the exhibits at first hand and collect the bonuses for their bond purchases. These ranged from the privilege of firing grenade-launchers to—and this went only to the purchaser of the greatest number of bonds—firing the bazooka. The bazooka went unfired, for the Vicksburg resident entitled to fire it, purchaser of a \$5,000 bond, decided to forego the privilege.

A display of fancy diving by Pvt. John Simpson, Btry. B, 862d FA, followed in the City Park pool adjoining the ball park and in the evening Vicksburg's prettiest girls in taffeta and crinoline entertained the soldiers at a dance at the Servicemen's Center.

FOR SALE

1939 Chrysler Royal four-door sedan. Excellent rubber. Call Capt. David H. Duffy, Division Special Service, 2139.

Smile—Darn Ya;

Pvt. Francis (Sunny) Ludwig, M Co., 255th Inf., was a night club entertainer before he entered the Army and he always flashed a broad smile while he sang and quipped for the patrons. It was natural that the NCO Club of CT Blue should select as its steward.

The Army found it necessary to yank all of Sunny's teeth, leaving him nothing to be sunny with. For two months he waited glumly for his store teeth. Last week they arrived.

Today's Sunny's smile flashes as usual and he and his partner at the piano, Cpl. Ted Schaupp, L Co., have renewed their act as the NCO Club's favorite singing comedians.

Visiting Talent Tops 255th Show

Featured by visiting talent from Baton Rouge, a CT Blue variety show Thursday night drew a large audience at the rec hall. Sgt. Jack Bracken, T/5 Mordecai Bauman and T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn, all of Serv. Co., handled the arrangements for the presentation.

The Three Blonde Bombshells, a singing trio, composed of Patsy Cotton, Jewel Rone and Rita Fourier, made a hit with the audience as did Maxine Carroll, soloist.

The 255th orchestra, directed by T/5 Mendelsohn, brought out its top talent to perform musical feats other than routine. A cornet solo "Body and Soul" by Pvt. Max Cramer, Co. G, was outstanding. Pvt. Jackie Paris, Co. J, drew hearty applause for his tap dancing and scat singing. Pvt. Francis "Sunny" Ludwig of Co. M, former night club comedian, did a good job as master of ceremonies.

The show was ballyhooed by the use of sandwich men, posters, announcements in company areas and by a pre-curtain parade by the Drum and Bugle Corps under the leadership of Pfc. Marlin Merrill of Anti-Tank Co.

PRAIRIE, S. D. (CNS)—Chief Leonard Foolish Woman, a lonesome Indian, wants his foolish woman back. He claims his wife deserted him for the glamour of the stage. She's now featured in a side show in Chicago, he says.

Brookhaven Opens Doors to 255th After Bond Show on Fourth

weapons. Blasts from a 37mm. anti-tank gun, firing blanks, lent reality to the grim, efficient display.

Chaplain's Display

On a crowded sidewalk a GI took his M-1 apart and explained how it worked to knots of questioners. Throngs gazed curiously at a 60-mm. mortar which, a sign explained, it takes \$165 in War Bonds to buy. Other weapons were similarly price-tagged.

Lt. William P. Grunow, 253d chaplain, displayed a field desk, a field altar and a tiny field organ.

Day For The Army

Mayor Alfred E. Morton proclaimed the day one of all-out welcome to the 63d soldiers, declaring: "There must be no strangers in Brookhaven this Fourth of July." Everywhere, Brookhaven citizens proved their hospitality.

Miss Evelyn Zwirn, hostess at the Brookhaven Servicemen's Center, had a greeting for every Blood and Fire soldier she saw. That's not new with her, though.

Her concern for GIs enjoyment in Brookhaven has won Miss Zwirn many friends in the 63d. The same day the 253d's infantrymen were parading in town Cpl. Melvin Euzent, 254th Inf. stopped in to see her on his way back from furlough. Euzent had been married Sunday in Baltimore. He brought a piece of wedding cake for Miss Zwirn.

GIs also discovered Dr. Harry Hannon, whose 14-room home has special accommodations for his soldier guests, who are invited to use his riding horse—and have servants bring their breakfasts in bed!

Picnic On Campus

Infantrymen picnicked Tuesday evening with Brookhaven citizens on the grounds of Whitworth College, beside one of the buildings that was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers in the Civil War. Later the 63d Div. Band, led by M/Sgt. Leland White, played for a street dance.

Melvin Flowers, Lincoln County War Finance chairman, reported that several thousand dollars worth of War Bonds were sold at the rally in Brookhaven's streets while the 63d Div. men displayed their equipment. Miss Virginia Magee, volunteer bondlady, told how two residents of Wesson, Miss.—Lamar C. Magee and Nelson B. Beasley—bought \$1,000 bonds, the largest purchases of the day.

Arrangements for the appearance of the 63d units in Brookhaven were made by Col. Edward P. Lukert, commanding officer, and Capt. West Williams, assistant S-3,

BERNIE BLOOD

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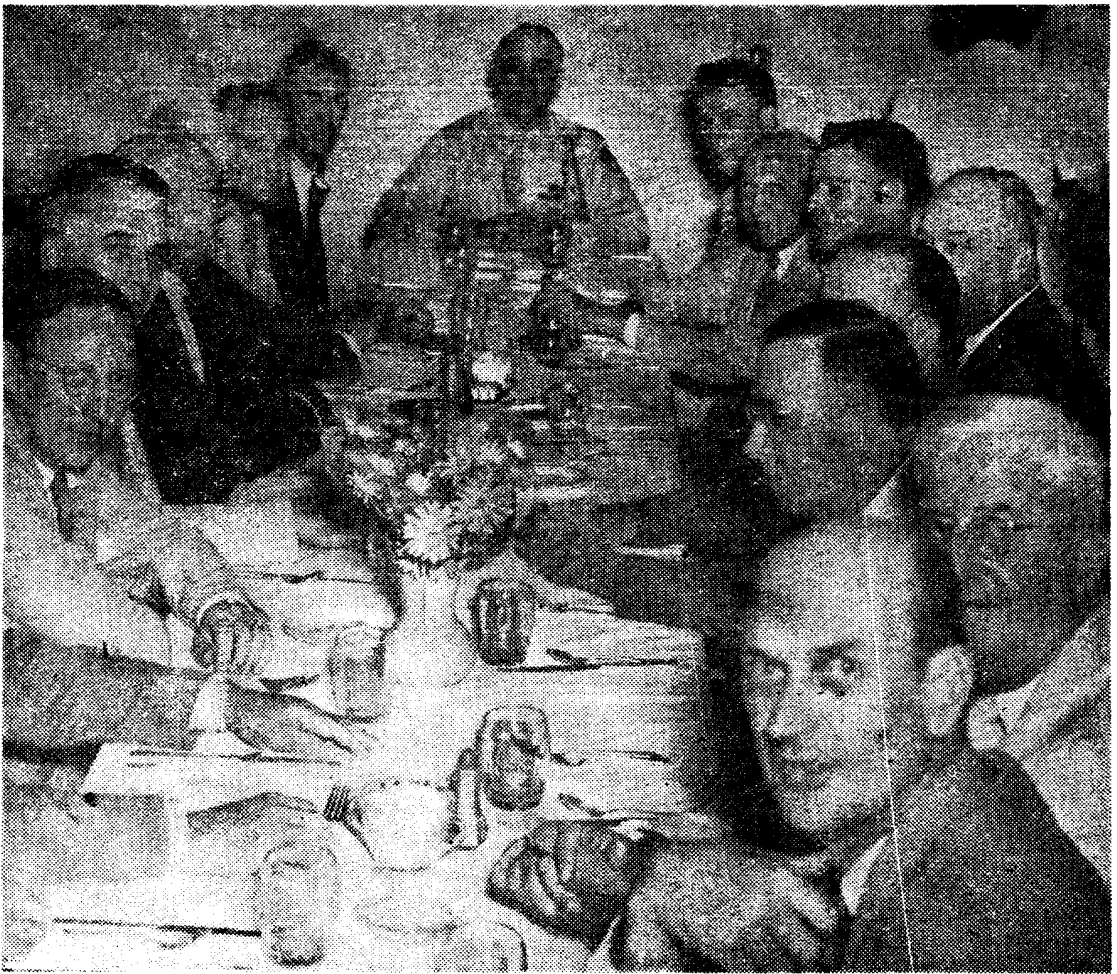
By GILL FOX





The Social Side of Vicksburg

Fourth of July in Vicksburg was not all work. The city bestowed citizenship on Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs at the dinner pictured below at which, flanking the General on the right, are shown Brig. Gen. Max C. Tyler of the Corps of Engineers in charge at Vicksburg and Judge Harris Dixon. On the left are Mayor J. C. Hamilton of Vicksburg and Col. Milo P. Fox. The other guests are members of the City Council and Vicksburg civic and business leaders. In the picture at the left is shown the GI's Paradise: a moment in the dance at the Servicemen's Center at which the girls for a change made up the stag line and had to tap us for dances.



Redcat Musicians Have Busy Schedule

The orchestra representing the 253d Inf. and known as the Redcats, is one of the busiest in the 63d Div. The Cats play for numerous dances both on the post and in Mississippi and Louisiana communities. Recently the men made two trips to New Orleans to play at the USO.

Last Saturday and Sunday the band played at the USO on Carondelet St., in New Orleans. On Tuesday it furnished music for the Independence Day dance at Service Club No. 1.

Next Friday the musicians are scheduled to play for a dance sponsored by the officers of the 1st Bn., of the 253d and Officers Club No. 2 and the following night, Saturday, the bandsmen will journey to Vicksburg to play at the Service Center. On Saturday, July 22, the orchestra is scheduled to play at the Centreville USO.

Led by Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo, the band has such leading players as Cpl. Martin Schopp, bass fiddler, who played with the Tennessee Ramblers on the radio; Cpl. Robert Crnek, drummer, formerly with Joe Venuti's band; Cpl. John Abate, guitarist in civilian life with Harry James; Sgt. Tom Cortese, trombonist with Lenny Martin and Harry Blue; Sgt. Peter Karlovich, saxophonist, who conducted his own band in Pittsburgh; Cpl. Charles Rudibaugh, former trombonist with the Grove City College band, and Cpl. Phil Colosimo, saxophonist, a professional musician from Steubenville, Ohio. Others in the band are Cpl. Norman Schuett, trombonist; Pvt. George Gialas, saxophonist; Pvt. John Lippatt, saxophonist; Cpls. Cliff Ditzel and Donald Earney, trumpets, and S/Sgt. Howard McVey, saxophonist.

'Typical GI' Serves In ETO, Says Cantor

NEW YORK (CNS)—America's typical GI Joe is 22-year-old Pvt. Charles W. Peers of Louisville, Ky., now serving in the ETO. Peers, who was chosen "the most typical American doughboy" over 250,000 other servicemen, is five feet nine inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, has gray eyes and brown hair. The contest was sponsored by Eddie

Even the Birds

It's a pretty good job of camouflage when it fools even the birds.

Pvt. C. W. Williams, Cannon Co., 255th Inf., parked his jeep under a tree at the edge of a clump of trees and covered it with twigs and brush. Then he covered himself with twigs and brush and sat down.

Suddenly there was a thump on the windshield and a little ball of bright feathers fell on the hood. It was a wild canary. Pvt. Williams picked it up, nursed it back to sensibility and let it fly away. Then with great satisfaction he surveyed his camouflage.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
 (From Saturday, July 8, through Friday, July 14)

SATURDAY—"Candlelight in Algeria," with James Mason and Carla Lehmann.
SUN.-MON.—"The White Cliffs of Dover," with Irene Dunne, Alan Marshall and Frank Morgan.
TUESDAY—"A Night of Adventure," with Tom Conway and Aurey Long; "Henry Aldrich's Little Secret," with Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith and Joan Mortimer.
WED.-THURS.—"Christmas Holiday," with Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly.
FRIDAY—"Secret Command," with Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis and Chester Morris.

THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
 (From Saturday, July 8, through Saturday, July 15)

SATURDAY—"The Hairy Ape," with William Bendix, Susan Hayward and John Loder.
SUNDAY—"Take It Big," with Jack Haley, Arline Judge, Harriet Hilliard and Ozzie Nelson.
MONDAY—"Candlelight in Algeria," with James Mason and Carla Lehmann.
TUES.-WED.—"The White Cliffs of Dover," with Irene Dunne, Alan Marshall and Frank Morgan.
THURSDAY—"A Night of Adventure," with Tom Conway and Aurey Long; "Henry Aldrich's Little Secret," with Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith and Joan Mortimer.
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254TH BAND AT NATCHEZ
 For the second weekend in succession the 254th Inf. orchestra will play for a formal dance tonight at the City Auditorium and for a broadcast from the Servicemen's Center at Natchez tomorrow. The band will have Miss Paula Bland and Pvt. Milton Krieger as vocalists.

Redlegs, Doughboys Unite To Make Division's Chorus

It's almost unbelievable—50 tough combat soldiers hot and grimy from a squad run, artillery service practice, a march, or running a survey, standing at attention in their fatigues, on their own time, making beautiful music.

That's the 63d Division chorus. Born out of the original Division Artillery Chorus, decimated by shipments, this choral group has already made the Blood and Fire GI sit up, listen and beam with pride. These guys can sing! He's heard them at the Circus Revue, at Twilight Concert Hours, at soldier shows, and, be he jitterbug or long-hair, he has sounded his approval in no uncertain way.

Army in Miniature

The Division Chorus is like the Army in miniature; there's the fellow with the gray hair singing first tenor while the kid with the peach fuzz on his cheek sings second bass. There's the sergeant taking orders from the chorus leader, just a line corporal. There are truck drivers and lawyers, professionals with special training under famous voice teachers—and there are amateurs with just some high school music, all working together out of a common love for music.

Rehearsals are held at least twice

a week for two hours—on off-duty time. The chorus has its own special arranger, Pfc. Sidney Cox, who turns out unusual treatments of spirituals and folk songs. There are top soloists in the chorus, too; the conductor, Cpl. Joseph Evans, has appeared on the concert stage; Frank Richert has sung in opera and others have appeared on radio programs all over the country.

All Combat Soldiers

And every one is a combat soldier, doing a full job in his outfit, but like combat soldiers from the legions of Caesar down to the GI, the Aussie, the Tommy Atkins, the Red Army—these combat soldiers sing. Seventy per cent of the orchestra are sharpshooters; more than 25 per cent are experts with their respective weapons.

The Chorus roster follows:

Chorus director: Cpl. Joseph Evans, A Btry., 861st FA Bn.; assistants: Cpl. Williams Woods, Hq. Btry., 718th FA Bn.; T/5 Irving Hopkins, Serv. Co., 253d Inf.; head vocal coach: T/5 Frank Richert, Hq. Btry., 861st FA Bn.; assistant coaches: Cpl. Lionel Sleeman, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 255th Inf.; Pvt. Merwin Kindig, Co. E, 2d Bn., 254th Inf.; Pvt. Paul Aldrich, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 254th Inf.; Pvt. Isaac Starr, Cannon Co., 254th Inf.; accompanist: T/5 Richard Sutch, Hq. Btry., Div. Arty.; Librarian: Pvt. Marshal Boardman, Hq. Btry., 861st FA Bn.; arranger: Pfc. Sidney Cox, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 253d Inf.

Chorus members and their units are: Hq. Btry., Div. Arty.; T/5 Richard Sutch, Pvt. John Katchko; 718th FA Bn., Cpl. William Woods, Hq. Btry.; Pvt. Donald Laughran, B Btry.; 861st, Pvt. Marshal Boardman, Pvt. Frederick Gody, Pvt. Kenneth Caulfield, T/5 Frank Richert, Hq. Btry.; Cpl. John Graves, C Btry.; 862d, Pvt. John Petraglia, Hq. Btry.; Pvt. Carmine Bruni, Pvt. E. P. Grassi, A Btry.; Pvt. Jeremiah Mullane, C Btry.; 863d, Pvt. Kenneth Corbett, Pvt. Jacques Carde, C Btry.; Pvt. Claude Tremblay, Serv. Btry.; 253d Inf., 1st Bn., Sgt. James Shute, D Co.; 2d Bn., Pfc. Sidney Cox, Hq. Co.; 3d Bn., Pvt. Durward Hinkleley, L Co.; T/5 Irving Hopkins, Serv. Co.; 254th Inf., Pvt. Bernard Wagener, Pvt. Richard Fossum, Cpl. Henry Kofsky, A-T Co.; Pvt. Isaac Starr, Cannon Co.; 1st Bn., Cpl. David Reed, Hq. Co.; 2d Bn., Pvt. Paul Aldrich, Pvt. Short, Hq. Co.; Pvt. Stephen Mason, Pvt. Richard Harold, G Co.; T/5 Joseph Bertalan, Serv. Co.; 3d Bn., T/5 Earl Tremaine, Hq. Co.; Pvt. McAllister Blanton, K Co.; 255th Inf., Pvt. Marlin Merrill, A-T Co.; Pvt. James Crowe, Hq. Co.; 1st Bn., Cpl. Lionel Sleeman, Pvt. Magno Sapere, Pvt. Charles Bopp, Sgt. Richard Kerschner, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Richard Stowe, C Co.; Sgt. Andrew Casella, D Co.; 2d Bn., Sgt. Ralph Dougherty, Sgt. F. B. Wood, Hq. Co.; Pvt. Richard Marcigliano, E Co.; Pvt. Paul Tache, G Co.; 3d Bn., Pfc. Harry Kalkines, 863d Medics, T/5 Harold Western, Pfc. Joseph Barron, C Co.; Hq., 864 Div., Pvt. Larry Clark.

Navy Abandons Plans To Rebuild Normandy

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Navy has abandoned plans to rebuild the fire-gutted French luxury liner Normandie into a U. S. troopship. Shortage of manpower and critical materials have forced cancellation of the plans, the Navy announced.

98 and Fit as a Fiddle, General Wants to Fight

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—A 98-year-old "three-star" general remarking that he was in the best of health and would be 1-A in the draft and ready to take up radio operating except for his age, dropped in here to inspect the work of students at ton Claypool, descendant of a Dec-10 the AAF radio school. The visitor was Gen. John Millaration of Independence signer and Confederate war veteran.

Air Force Officer Praises Artillery

Following three days as an observer with the 861st F. A. Bn., Lt. Richard Lingenfelter, in charge of photography at the Army Air Base at Jackson, Miss., declared:

"After seeing these men in action here at Van Dorn I can better understand why the Germans are so respectful of American artillery, and why they firmly believe we must have 'automatic artillery.' I was greatly impressed by the extent to which communications are set up within the batteries and between batteries and battalion to assure both radio and wire communications at all times."

Lt. Lingenfelter has been interested in the aerial photography being done by enlisted men of the 861st, and he arranged to be with the battalion while it was in the field on an artillery groupment problem.

While he was the guest of Lt. Col. D. C. Beere, commanding the 861st, Lt. Lingenfelter visited the various units of the battalion as they acted under combat conditions. When he visited one of the firing batteries he was invited to join a gun crew as No. 1 man. He pulled the lanyard firing the piece.

News Campaign Started at 254th

Launching a new campaign to teach GIs how to read newspapers, Lt. William L. Brick, 254th Inf. Regt. Orientation Officer, has made a number of changes in his orientation personnel and appointed a number of new assistants to replace men transferred out of the Division.

"Many people get headline-happy," he told his assistants at the regular Monday meeting. "By reading only the large type of newspapers they get the impression that the war is practically over. Let's learn to get the true facts, which are often hidden in the smaller type of the news story."

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—It's okay with the Hays Office if Dorothy Lamour parades around the screen scantily clad in a sarong. But Dotty has been forbidden to pose in a sweater.