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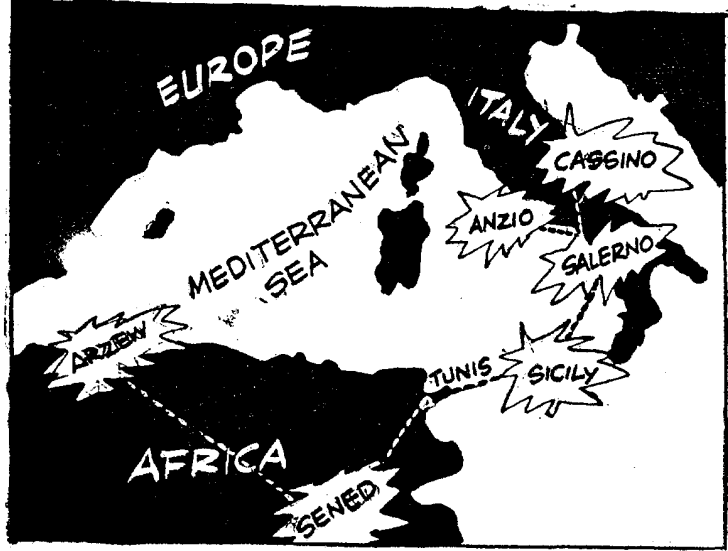


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63d's Beachhead Boy Stormed Five Points, Starting With Dieppe



AFTER DIEPPE, Sgt. Sweazey stormed ashore at Arzew, Sicily, Salerno and Anzio. At Sened Station he won his Silver Star. He was also at Cassino.

"General Fredendall pinned the Silver Star on me. Then he stepped back and said, 'Sergeant, you certainly seem to have spilled jam all over that uniform.'"

The scene was Sened Station, North Africa. The sergeant was S/Sgt. Owen Sweazey, now of Co. D, 254th Inf. The jam was the lifeblood of a German machinegunner that had spilled over Sgt. Sweazey six hours before when he bayoneted him to death in a one-man attack on an apparently unshakable pillbox.

It wasn't the first blood Sweazey had seen. Eight months before his Ranger platoon had gone in with the Canadians at Dieppe and before he reached the security and comfort of Van Dorn last month he was to become the original beachhead boy, making hazardous landings on Sicily, at Salerno and, last and never to be forgotten, at Anzio.

Anzio Was Hell

Anzio, he'll tell you, was hell on wheels. And it would have been a lot worse, the men in his part of the line found, had it not been for the work of numerous nameless heroes far behind the German front who saw to it that the shells they made were the kind that would do no harm to the United Nations cause.

"There must have been a lot of sabotage," Sweazey said. "It seemed that every other Kraut shell was a dud. Somebody back in the occupied countries was giving us a 50 per cent break every time a shell was fired."

Sweazey's Army story, after a brief four months in training at Camp Wheeler and Ft. Dix, starts in Belfast, Ireland, in June, 1942, when he left the 34th Division to volunteer in a new outfit, the American Rangers. On the Fourth of July his Ranger group was transferred to a British Commando unit to train for an important and highly secret mission.

They didn't learn what the mission was until some weeks later when, in the middle of the English Channel, their CO calmly told them (Continued on Page 5)



S/Sgt. OWEN SWEAZEY

Medics Lead 254th In War Bond Drive

Spurred by the efforts of an energetic team composed of Sgt. Warren Orlick and Pfc. Warren Wiener, the 254th Medical Detachment put \$2,450 on the line recently for War Bonds to take the lead in the regiment during the current campaign. The Detachment commander, Maj. Abraham Glotzer, and Lt. Hillis Rittenberg, band officer, praised the pillrollers for investing in the new \$10 bonds.

Pay Raises Pile Up For Infantry Experts

'Reveille Brevities' Staged by 255th At Outdoor Arena

"Reveille Brevities" staged by men of Combat Team Blue and sponsored by Division Special Service, was presented before a large crowd at the Open Air Arena Wednesday. The show had its premiere last week at the CT Blue Rec. Hall.

The CT Blue orchestra, directed by T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn, furnished the music for the acts. T/5 Mordecai Bauman directed the show under the supervision of Lt. Mike Naddeo, Special Service Officer.

The singing and tap dancing of Pfc. Jackie Paris of Co. I was one of the highlights of the show. Paris is a former scat singer from New York, sang "Can't Get Started With You," "Big Fat Momma" and other songs. Pvt. Jimmy Westgate presented a novelty act involving ping pong paddles and balls which he manipulated cleverly.

Feats of magic were performed by Pvt. Gilbert Vitale, of the Medics.

T/5 Mordecai Bauman, concert singer, sang several spirituals and an original composition "You Don't Need a Pass to Dream." He sang "Night and Day" as an encore. The orchestra with Pfc. Marvin Merrill as soloist, featured "Indiana," and "Natchez Ball," written by Bauman and T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn.

63d to Present 'Ballad' in August

Division Special Services is planning another large outdoor spectacle similar to the circus revue which featured the entertainment program for Organization Day. The forthcoming spectacle, scheduled for early next month, will combine music and drama.

The Division Chorus, composed of singers from nearly every unit in the 63d, will sing the dramatic "Ballad for Americans" by John Latouche and Earl Robinson. The Ballad is a stirring tribute to Democracy and freedom set to music. It traces the history of the (Continued on Page 2)

2 New Highs With Carbine



Pfc. Robert J. Carlin, Btry. C, cleans carbine with which he shot 195 out of 200.

Things were pretty hot last week out on the carbine range, too.

The old carbine marksmanship record—192 out of a possible 200—was not only tied but broken twice, on successive days.

Pvt. Ervin Miller, Hq. Co., 254th Inf., started the ball rolling by firing a score of 192. Then a man from his own regiment, Pfc. Robert E. Dubin, Co. M, firing the first time for record, hung up a new high of 194.

This lasted only a few hours. The next day Pfc. Robert J. Carlin, C Btry., 851st P. A., also firing the first time for record, hung up a new mark of 195 out of a possible 200.

\$5 Increases Retroactive to Last January

There's a wad of back pay piling up for those soldiers who had the energy and the ability to pass the Expert Infantryman or Combat Infantryman tests.

The President last week signed a bill making all Expert Infantrymen eligible for a five dollar a month pay boost and all holders of the Combat Infantryman badge eligible for a \$10 monthly raise.

Only One Raise

The increases will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1944, and they will apply from the time the wearer of the badge qualified for it. No one will be eligible for both raises; if, for instance, he passed the Combat Infantryman test after having passed the Expert, he will be eligible only for the Combat Infantryman's extra pay.

The money will be added to GIs' pay as soon as Division Finance office receives the necessary authorization from Washington.

The bill as finally approved by Congress and forwarded for the President's signature made all combat ground force personnel eligible for the extra pay but the War Dept. so far has not set up a merit system under which the pay can be given in any branch but the Infantry.

Wording of Bill

The wording of the pay increase bill is open to a number of interpretations. This interpretation has been left to the War Dept. As approved and signed, the bill reads:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled during the present war and for six months thereafter any enlisted man of the combat ground forces of the Army who is entitled, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War, to wear the Expert Infantryman Badge or the Combat Infantryman Badge shall be paid additional compensation at the rate of five dollars per month when he is entitled to wear the Expert Infantryman Badge and at the rate of \$10 per month when he is entitled to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge; Provided, that additional compensation for both awards may not be paid at the same time."

10 Enlisted Men Sent To OCS at Ft. Benning

Ten enlisted men from the 63d Division, headed by six sergeants from the 255th Inf., have qualified for OCS and have been transferred to Ft. Benning, Ga., for training. The men transferred were T/Sgt. John J. McDonald, 253d; T/Sgt. Randall B. Davis, T/Sgt. Norman O. Anderson, S/Sgt. Carleton Schaller, Jr., S/Sgt. Eugene F. Lash, S/Sgt. Walter R. Howell, Jr., Sgt. Harold J. Meyer, all of the 255th; Sgt. James B. Keel, 254th, and Sgt. Alan J. Butler and Pfc. Edwin C. Guy, Jr., both of the Divisional MP platoon.

How Soldiers Will Vote in Each State

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here's what you have to do if you're going to vote in the national elections this fall.

First, you're going to get a regulation post-card application for a state absentee ballot. Fill it out, get it witnessed by some officer or sergeant in your outfit, and send it off to the secretary of state of your home state.

Pretty soon you will receive a ballot from home. In most cases this will be the regular state absentee ballot. Some states, however, do not authorize the use of this ballot and in these instances, special ballots will be sent to GIs who request them.

Later Bulletin

The dates and details for voting

in states may vary, but they can be checked by consulting WD Soldier Voting Poster 2, which soon will be posted on your bulletin board, or in some other conspicuous place.

OK? Well, after you receive your ballot, you should mark it and mail it back to your state capital again. That's about all there is to it.

One thing you want to make sure about before you send out your application is your eligibility to vote. Find out, for instance, whether the state you come from permits absentee voting, whether it permits voting by the Federal ballot, and whether you have to pay a poll tax. If you come from Georgia, you can vote if you're 18 or over, in all other states

you've got to be 21. GIs from Washington, D. C., can't vote at all.

Special Instruction

In 36 states, simply sending in an application or voting ballot is enough for registration. You have to write home for special voting instruction, however, if you come from one of the following states: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina and West Virginia. If you're from one of these states, or from another state whose voting regulations leave you in doubt as to your status, send a V-Mail letter to your secretary of state and find out if you're eligible. (Continued on Page 2)

New AGF Head

Washington—Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair has been relieved of command of the Army Ground Forces to take "an important overseas assignment," the War Department announced yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear has succeeded to the command.

KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

Finance Office Responsible for Prompt Payment of Division Personnel

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 most important day, month to month, in the life of the average soldier is that day on which the "eagle screams" and in the 63d Div. it's Lt. Col. Albert W. Widmer and officers and enlisted men in the Division Finance Office who are responsible for that phenomenon.

It is the responsibility of this section to pay regularly and promptly all personnel within the 63d, from generals to privates. Seeing that almost three quarters of a million dollars is placed in the proper hands in a monthly average of 15,000 disbursements is a tremendous job requiring competent men of specialized training.

Two officers and almost a score of enlisted men conduct the business of the office under Lt. Col. Widmer's supervision and direction. Their work is broken down and divided among the officers and enlisted pay sections and the accounting department and administrative section.

At least half of those placed on duty with this office were employees of banks or men with previous accounting experience. All attended Finance School to prepare them for their respective situations. The principal work of some men is computation of the monthly pay of personnel. Others write checks and handle the bookkeeping, the object being to distribute the work equitably and efficiently among members of the staff.

Lt. Col. Widmer, as a member of the Commanding General's staff, must furnish sound advice on all technical matters pertaining to finance and accounting. In fact, he is expected to furnish complete service, as it pertains to his office, to the entire command. Furthermore, he is responsible to higher headquarters for such data and special reports as may be called for, as well as periodic and routine reports.

Getting to you the money due you each month is a triangular process, inaugurating with your company clerk, passing through the Finance office, and being consummated in passage of United States currency from the company pay officer to you.

The clerk enters the amount to be deducted from your monthly pay in the company pay roll by reason of allotments, insurance premiums and laundry costs. These amounts are then subtracted by a computer in the Finance office to determine the balance to be paid the individual.

The respective sections have their own particular duties. The Enlisted pay section, in addition to providing the service between the company clerk and the company pay officer, makes a change list for each company or battery,



breaking down the payroll into such denominations of bills and coins as will be necessary to expedite payment. Payment of mileage allowances where travel by private conveyance was authorized and for such specialized services as court-martial reporting by enlisted personnel also is made here.

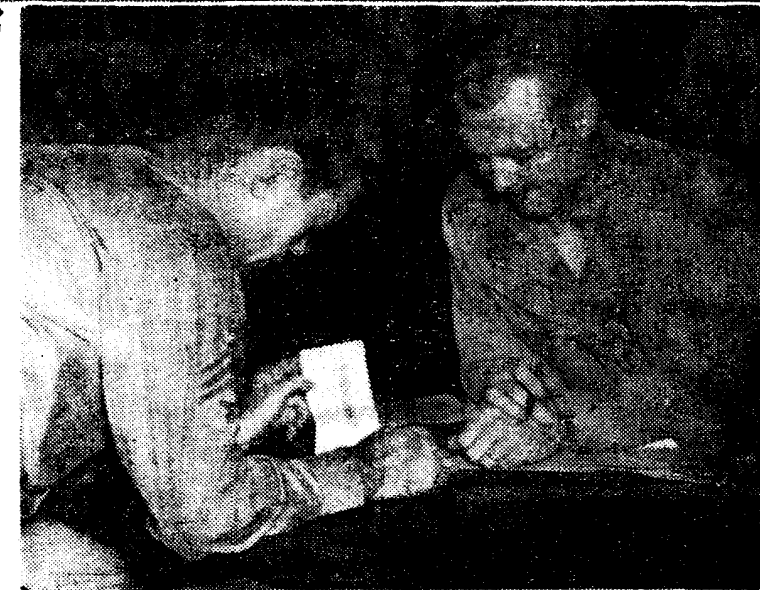
In the Officer pay section, advice on how to claim reimbursement for the movement of one's dependents from station to station is provided for those unacquainted with regulations governing such matters. Reimbursement for expenses incurred in such travel, however, is not made by the 63d Finance office, but through the Finance Office, United States Army, at Washington. Officers own travel allowances are computed by this section.

The accounting group accounts to the General Accounting office under the Comptroller General of the United States for all transactions. Its bookkeeping primarily is concerned with maintaining the Cash Book and Cash Blotter. All transactions, cash or otherwise, are recorded in the former; the other treats exclusively with actual cash transactions. In this section also are written all checks for payments desired in that manner.

Hardly a day passes in which no new regulations, circulars and instructions are received. These are thoroughly reviewed by the Chief Clerk, M/Sgt. William Willoughby. His responsibility also encompasses supervision of the operations of all the branches of the office, maintenance of office files, and supervision of personnel.

Lack of Education Cuts Army Quotas

WASHINGTON—The May edition of the Selective Service Bulletin reports that more than 240,000 registrants were unable to pass the Army intelligence tests and were rejected. Such educational deficiencies have deprived the Army of the services of many thousands of physically fit men.



PAY DAY in the 63d Div. brings to a climax activities in the Finance Office where company payrolls are computed, broken down into change lists and disbursed to duly appointed pay agents. In photo at top M/Sgt. William Willoughby (extreme left) and T/5 John Strom (extreme right) stand by while Lts. Theodore Sosnay and Fred Murphy count their change. T/4 James Laggan (bottom left) provides Capt. Albert Homberg with information regarding his travel pay.

Vaudeville Days Recalled In Show at Open Air Stage

The palmy days of vaudeville were recalled Thursday night at the Open Air Theater when Camp Special Service presented a lively bill of acts for several thousand men of the 63d and other units on the post.

There were the Houghtons, veterans of the stage, who performed on bicycles; Robert and Roberta, who performed difficult hand balancing; Theresa Venezia, a really good contortionist; Bobby Belmont and his marionettes, and Pat Vernon, the master of ceremonies, who, by the way, was a show in himself.

Tricks on Bicycles
The Houghtons, although they had limited space in which to work, did some clever riding on single and double cycles. Their act consisted of balancing on a bicycle, jumping rope and riding a wagon wheel.

Marjorie Lawrence, a dancer, wowed the GIs with her personality and her steps, while Zonia Dill, a singer and accordionist, was also acclaimed. Her renditions of "Indian Love Call" and "Old Man Mose" caused the audience to call for more.

Robert and Roberta, who were with Ringling Bros. a few years ago, gave some startling demonstrations of hand balancing. Bob Ripley saluted Robert at one time for being the only man to hold a hand stand for 16 minutes. He displayed his stamina and skill to the

soldiers both in a single act and in a double with Roberta.

Theresa Venezia, a petite brunette, did her best to demonstrate that the human body can be turned into something similar to a pretzel. Her contortions won her enthusiastic applause.

As a finale Bobby Belmont, who comes from a long line of Puppeteers, presented his marionettes. The last one, a prototype of Sonja Henie, was true to life, in grace of movement, spangles, skates and all.

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapels 6, 7, 10—1100.
Chapel 5, Episcopal Service—1100.
Chapel 8, Lutheran Communion Service, 1100.
Sunday Afternoon and Week Days
Chapel 5, Sunday Evening Worship—1815.
Chapel 10, Motion Picture, "Power of God"—1930.
Chapel 8, Sunday Prayer—1830.
Chapel 5—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Group, Thursday—1900.
Chapel 6, Choir Practice, Thursday—1930.
Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—1930.
Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1930.
ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses
Chapels 5, 7—0800.
Theater 5—0900.
Chapel 7—1000.
Theater 1—1030.
OT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
Week Day Masses
Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
Confessions
Chapels 5, 7, Saturday—1950 to 2000.
JEWISH SERVICES
Friday
Hospital—1830.
Chapel 7—2000.
Sunday
Chapel 9—1100.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING
Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

How GIs Can Vote In Each of States

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ble to vote. Be sure to list your full name, serial number, military unit and APO. Tell him how long you have lived in your home state, what your home address was and the number of your voting district, if you can remember it.

Officer in Each Outfit
If, after hearing from your secretary of state, you're still in doubt about your eligibility, consult the Soldier Voting officer of your outfit. One will be appointed for every military organization down to company and battery.

Additional information may be secured from WD posters issued on the subject. One of these posters outlines general information on voting, another contains data on requirements on voting by state absentee ballot in each state. A third is a map of the U. S. showing every Congressional District in the country, and a fourth will list in addition to the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, the senatorial and congressional nominees in states whose laws allow the Federal ballot to be used. The fifth poster outlines just what servicemen who are eligible to use the Federal ballot must do.

63d Division to Stage Ballad for Americans

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United States highlighting three great periods, the Revolution, Growth of the Union, Civil War and the Machine Age.

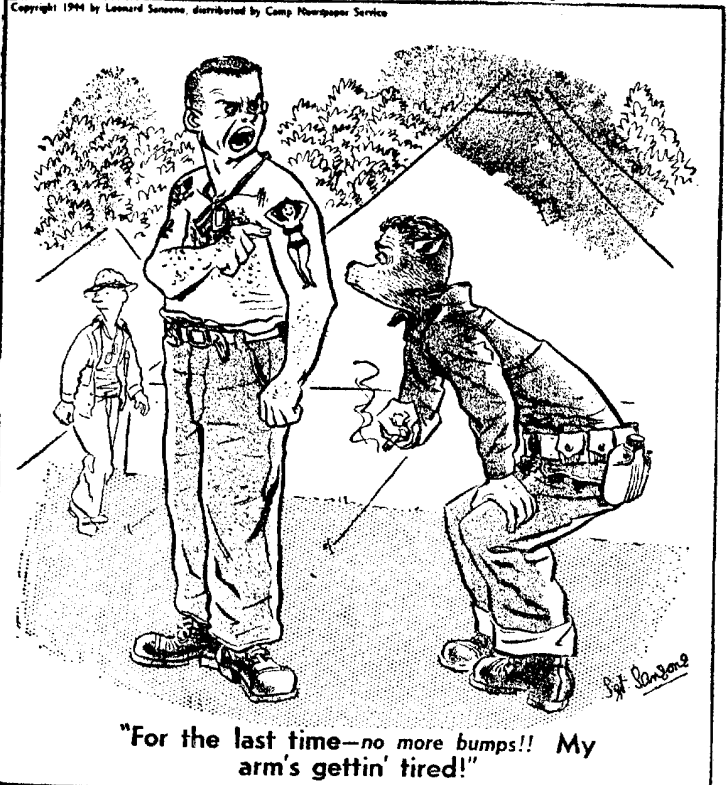
T/5 Mordecai Bauman, baritone of the 255th Inf., who was a concert singer in New York during his civilian career, will be the soloist. Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer, was the soloist when "Ballad for Americans" was first presented by the Columbia Broadcasting System. Besides the epic presentation, there will be a band concert by the Division military band of over 50 pieces and the play "Submerged" which was scheduled to be staged last month, but which was postponed, will be presented.

Informal Dance Tonight At Natchez Auditorium

An informal dance at the City Auditorium will entertain visiting soldiers at Natchez tonight at 2000. Miss Jenny McLin, program superintendent, announced today that all companies of the Military Maids will sponsor the dance. During the course of the evening there will be a special whistle dance, a circle dance and several no-charge dances. The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Mattie Ruth Fabbitt, Co. G; Estelle Jones, Co. D; Ann Elizabeth Burns, Co. C; Margaret Laub, Co. B, and Anita Dickson, Co. H. Last week the 254th Inf. orchestra furnished the music for the dancing and played for the broadcast on Sunday afternoon.

LYNN, Mass.—Cpl. Norman LeBlanc, radio operator on an Army transport plane, was so glad to see his mother after 16 months in the South Pacific that he cracked two of her ribs when he gave her a big hug.

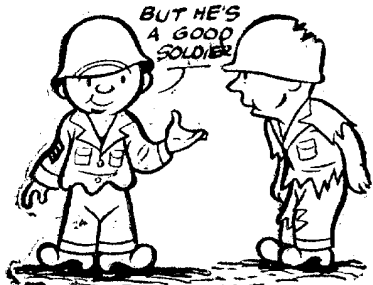
The Wolf by Sansone



TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

It's funny sometimes how you'll get to relaxing against your difficulties and faking excuses which sound mighty plausible to yourself when you are digging up an alibi as to why you haven't made your outfit do something which you know damn well they should have done.

Then after you've got it all worked out to your own satisfaction and have an uneasy conscience well-salved, you run into another outfit which had the same problems to contend with that you had. However, instead of using up their time in establishing iron-clad alibis



as to why they couldn't, they just pitched in and did them. Then your house of cards collapses around your ears and you get awful red in the face. But if you've got the right stuff beneath your belt it acts like a shot of Georgia corn and you work like hell to make up for lost time.

Ex-253d Soldier Wounded in France

A former Blood and Fire soldier who was wounded in front-line fighting in Normandy wrote his wife deprecating the fact that he does not have the use of his hands to work for the Red Cross.

He is Pfc. Jon Govatos, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., formerly an assistant squad leader in Co. C, 253d Inf. Govatos, who was inducted into the Army July 5, 1943, left the 63d Div. Feb. 2 and was shipped to England April 3.

In a letter to his wife, Govatos wrote that he now is recuperating from an operation for the removal of shrapnel from his left arm.

"The Purple Heart is one award I hadn't hoped to receive, but now that I have it I am very proud," he wrote.

Govatos said he was in the front lines for several days.

"About noon on the last day of my fighting, a shell dropped too close," he wrote, "and I received the 'German calling cards' in my left arm. I never knew what happened after that until I found myself in the hospital in England. If I only had the use of my hands there is so much I could do for the Red Cross here. They bring things for the confined soldiers to make, but the doctor has told me it will be a long time before I will be able to use my arm again."

Miss Williams Bride Today of Sgt. Arnott

Miss Jennie Williams of Chicago, will become the bride of Sgt. Robert Arnott of Co. M, 253d Inf., tonight at the Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg at 2000. Miss Louise Hennasse of Chicago will be the bride's attendant while Sgt. Albert Fortino also of the 253d will be the best man.

Sgt. Arnott, a member of the CT Red baseball team and an all-around athlete, is a resident of New York City. Members of the team and of the CT Red orchestra, will attend the wedding.

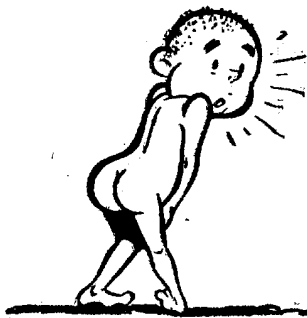
CT Red Band Plays At Vicksburg Tonight

The CT Red Orchestra will furnish music at a dance Saturday night at Vicksburg. Cpl. John Abate will wield the baton in the absence of Cpl. Ralph Cerasuolo who is spending his furlough in New York City, his home. The dance is sponsored by the Vicksburg USO.

Friday night the band played at the 1st Bn., 253d Inf. Officers Club dance.

Well, that's what happened to me the other day. For a long time I have been mighty proud of the way my boys look on pass. Of course, one reason is that they are all checked before they leave and another is that they understand that they are representatives of Blood and Fire and have to look good. But the thing that's bothered me was how sloppy some of them looked in their fatigues: dirty as hell, tears, buttons off or not being used, smelling to high heaven. Then it got to where the web equipment looked the same way, crummy looking, pockets and canteen covers unbuttoned, etc.

And all the time matters were going from bad to worse, I kept making excuses for it: at best only two pairs of fatigues, no time to wash them, no needle and thread to sew up the holes, and what the hell difference did it make anyway. They would pitch in and work harder if they weren't worrying about how they look. I had it all worked out, then—BANG! and I was naked.



You see, I happened to run into another outfit one day which had a damn fine reputation for good honest hard work and fine morale, and, hell, I couldn't believe my eyes—the men had on clean fatigues, clean web equipment and every button and hook was fastened.

They looked like a million dollars and I stayed and watched them go through a platoon-in-attack problem and they did it in a way that would make my outfit look sick, and once again I realized the truth of that old Army saying that a soldier is no better than he looks.

You should have seen me get into action when I got back home. After about 24 hours, and a lot of hell raising I had them fairly presentable and since then they have been getting better and better, and it's a funny thing—the company commander remarked to me that for a while he thought the company was laying down on the job but that they had certainly snapped out of it lately.

So, my tip to you folks this week is to get busy on that work uniform. It's amazing how much better you can do when it's clean and in order.

862d Noncoms Expert Gunners

Two howitzer-section noncommissioned officers made perfect scores on the gunners' examinations given in the 862d F. A. last week.

S/Sgt. John Hodges of Btry. A and Cpl. Robert Freiwald of Btry B each scored 100 to earn the rating of Expert Gunner.

Twenty-six others earned the Expert ratings and 10 made First-Class. A total of 55 enlisted men look the exams.

Experts

Btry. A—Cpls: Anthony Perrotti, John Carnahan, David Redmayne, Joseph Moser, Kenneth Hughes, T/5 John Rich and Sgts. Julius Cappiello, Arthur Steffens, Paul Ricken and Cornelius Ahern.

Btry. B—T/4 Leon Faldawski, Sgts. Clifford Green, James Marshall, John Colding, Cpl. Matthew Chrobocinski, Pfc. Stanley Brunner and Ray Gunderson, and Pvt. Edmund Sienko.

Btry. C—Cpls. John Franklin, James Jones and Rudolph Rohling, Pfc. Andrew Koval, William Benz, Norwin Dixon and Ned Sherrick.

First Class

Btry. A—Sgt. Joseph Buckley and Pvts. Hugh Horn, Neil Vandernoot and Modesto Pomeo.

Btry. B—Pfc. William Reichart, Nazareth Cervi, Charles Fox.

Btry. C—Sgt. Leo A. Kowalski, Pfc. Frank Ditullio and Pvt. Carlos Rodriguez.



ZEROING IN THE DOT denoting that the driver received less than two gigs in the monthly spot check, T 4 Forest C. Whitehead starts him toward the Driver's Medal, to be awarded on successful completion of three such spot checks. Capt. Jack N. Duncan, commander of 253d Motor Pool, which recently won high commendation, looks on.

GI Joe Expects to Be Led, Not Driven, Says Veteran

Today's GI is better educated than his counterpart of a generation ago and because of this he expects to be led, not driven, in training and combat.

That's the opinion of Capt. Melville C. LaForce, who recently assumed command of Co. G., 253d Inf. Capt. LaForce is a veteran of almost 20 years Army service, 14 of which consisted principally of administrative and personnel work and college ROTC instruction.

"The modern soldier is better educated, more intelligent and more adaptable. He expects the same or more from his officer. Given a definite, intelligent plan of training action, he will carry out instructions. He need not be driven. He should be led."

Discussing older men drafted recently into the Army, Capt. LaForce said those with flexible minds and personalities "become adapted to Army life as quickly

as their younger buddies," but added: "It's a problem to change men who have set ways of thinking and acting."

Capt. LaForce entered the Army in 1925 at the age of 18 "out of curiosity." He received his early training at Ft. Cook, Neb., and for 12 years taught ROTC students at the University of South Dakota.

Although he has not yet seen overseas duty, Capt. LaForce receives letters and cards frequently from his former students, now officers in the Army and Marine Corps stationed in the Pacific, Mediterranean and European theaters.

An advocate of peacetime military training, Capt. LaForce asserts:

Casualties Pass World War Total

WASHINGTON—In its first 31 months, the second World War has already passed World War I in the number of American casualties.

In all, there have been 261,511 casualties in the American forces in this global war as compared to 259,735 in the 18 months of United States participation in the 1917-18 conflict.

In this war the casualties are: Dead, 56,733; wounded, 107,738; missing, 55,903, and prisoners, 40,928. The greatest number of casualties, 80,856, occurred in the North African campaign.

Double-Take

When Pvt. John Chadwick, formerly of the Coast Artillery at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, volunteered for the infantry, he had no idea of dealing with the occult.

After having said goodbye to Cpl. William McAvoy at Dutch Harbor, Pvt. Chadwick arrived in Camp Van Dorn and went into a Bob Hope double-take upon being greeted by the exact likeness of McAvoy at Division Headquarters, wearing master sergeant's stripes.

"How did you do it, Mac?" he queried.

"Beats the stuff out of me," answered the apparition, "Do what?"

"Get down here from Dutch Harbor ahead of me and get made master sergeant?" the puzzled private asked, with a promotional gleam in his eye.

Finally M/Sgt. John McAvoy, chief clerk at G-2, saw the light.

"That was not me, that was my twin brother," he explained.



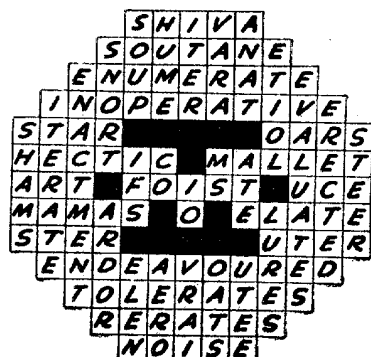
CAPT. M. C. LA FORCE

ed capable ROTC students frequently became successful business and professional men. He said: "Employers frequently came to us for the pick of our better students whom they regarded as prospective leaders."

Capt. LaForce spent 15 months as post personnel officer, post adjutant and Director of Administration at Camp Crowder, Mo. He was later assigned to the Reception Center at Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Later Capt. LaForce was put on detached service at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he attended the Infantry Training School. He came here from Camp Wheeler, Ga., where he was with the 9th Bn., 3d Regt., of the IRTC unit.

Puzzle Answer



253d Motor Pool Sets High Record For Maintenance

One of the highest records for motor pool efficiency of any regiment in the 63d Div. was attained by the 253d Inf. motor pool, commanded by Capt. Jack N. Duncan, Col. Edward P. Lukert has announced.

"Keep up this unexcelled record," Col. Lukert urged motor pool personnel in a message of commendation.

Seventeen inspections of 253d motor pool vehicles—from jeeps to six-wheeled, 2½-ton trucks—found fewer gigs on the more than 100 possible gig items than in any regimental motor pool in the Division, Col. Lukert observed.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "an inspection by Capt. C. R. Smith, Fourth Army representative, on February 12, showed a perfect score. The 253d motor pool was commended for passing the rigorous Fourth Army inspection with not a single deficiency noted. That is a mark to shoot at."

The year's first inspection of the 253d motor pool by the 63d Div. experts showed only one deficiency, Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, observed. "The vehicles are in excellent condition," he declared.

The record, Capt. Duncan said, "is attributable in large part to the daily check-up which is SOP at the motor pool each day at 1545. Drivers and mechanics check and service each vehicle at the motor pool, in addition to the preventive maintenance service which drivers perform whenever the vehicle is halted for any period of time."

Co. B, 253d GIs Hold Lawn Party

Gayly colored lights and bright-hued awnings and parasols decked the area of Co. B, 253d Inf., in a lawn party recently which departed from the conventional ban on beer served in the presence of female guests.

The party, first of its kind reported at Van Dorn, featured company entertainers and a juke box which provided music.

Committee in charge of the affair included Capt. William Gerard, advisor, Lt. Henry E. Fulcher, Jr., chairman, Sgt. "Bugs" Bayer, entertainment, and Cpl. Bob Bard, program and decorations. They were assisted by Pfc. Victor Cowdell, Larry J. Saiba and Henry J. Serwiok. Sgt. Darrell M. Mullen headed the mess personnel who prepared sandwiches, salads and other refreshments.

The satisfactory decorum at the party promised similar beer parties by other companies.

A total of 9,800 "high class entertainment" places in Tokyo have been closed "to fit the mode of public living to wartime requirements."

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EDITORIAL

Danger in Words

Some birds talk too much. Of this we are reminded by the current security poster in which the parrot's beak is tied shut.

Some birds write too much, too. A recent War Department circular says that military personnel are continuing to write letters and post cards while on troop trains and are sneaking them off the train.

It takes no genius to recognize the danger of communicating with friends while en route to a staging area or POE. Most of this kind of letter thrown from a train or slipped to passing civilians contains speculation concerning the movements of ships, aircraft, troops, supplies and equipment.

Less easily recognizable, however, is the danger of talking and writing too much right here in Wilkinson County. Many military birds talk too much to civilians who frequent the post. Your barber usually can tell you more than he ought to know about troop movements. Bus and taxi drivers point out to their passengers objects of military interest and usually can tell a lot more about a shipment—even to naming names and places—than most GI's know. Civilians in Centreville have told soldiers of impending arrivals of military groups before they were generally known in camp.

Familiarity may breed contempt, but it breeds danger, too. Just because there are many civilians regularly employed on the post, don't make the mistake of spilling information to them. Don't discuss military matters in Centreville. Watch your tongue on the bus. However well you know the PX girl or the civilian clerk, don't confide in her. Be careful what you write home or to friends. Don't discuss military matters when you telephone home. Security is just as important as in the days of Pearl Harbor.

Thanks

On the Fourth of July two fighting units of the 63d Div. left camp to show Mississippi a little something of the art of war and the horrors it brings today. They did their job well, but they found that Mississippi had something very fine to show them—the art of hospitality and open-hearted friendliness toward the men who are fighting to protect it.

In Brookhaven and Vicksburg the soldiers were pleasantly surprised to find that they weren't received as highly-trained practitioners in the science of killing alone. The citizens and officials of both these towns showed that they deeply appreciated the sacrifice these men were making for their country and the men and women went out of their way in numerous little ways to show this appreciation.

So—to our neighbors and fellow-Americans in these towns, many thanks and a toast to the day when we can meet again under more pleasant circumstances—as soon as we've finished that little job with the Axis.

It Won't Be Long Now



News from Here and There

Far Eastern Air Force Merges 2 Tough Outfits

AUSTRALIA (CNS)—Gen. MacArthur's great new air arm, the Far Eastern Air Force, combines two battle-wise outfits, the Fifth and Thirteenth AAF and is headed by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney. As its name implies, the Far Eastern Air Force will have as its field of operations the Philippines and the East Indies.

Golden Bars Issued For Overseas Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has authorized officers and enlisted men of the Army to wear a golden bar on their left sleeve for every six months period of overseas service. The bar will be worn four inches from the end of the sleeve. Each six months of overseas entitles the wearer to an additional bar and soldiers with long overseas service may wear them "even if they extend past their elbows," the WD said. The new bar is made of cloth, one-quarter inch wide and one and three-eighths inches long. It will be worn on the overcoat, blouse, shirt and field jacket.

Nazi Army Is Down To Old Men and Boys

FRANCE (CNS)—Five years of war have so depleted the cream of German youth that many divisions fighting here are comprised of men either under 20, or well over 30 years old, according to an Allied announcement.

One American staff officer said that of more than 37,000 enemy soldiers captured in the fighting here, very few fell into that category of men of 20 to 25 years which forms the backbone of any great fighting force. The oldest prisoner was 69, the officer said.

Platoon of Butchers Cuts Up in CBI Area

CBI THEATER (CNS)—A Quartermaster butchery platoon has been established in this theater to provide fresh meat for American soldiers stationed here. Activated less than a year ago at Camp Lee, Va., the platoon is the first to operate as a separate butchery organization overseas.

Japs Called Suckers For Change of Pace

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (CNS)—The Jap is "a sucker for a change of pace," according to Lt. Gen.

George C. Kenney, who has seen the enemy in action both here and in the South Pacific.

Writing in the magazine Air Forces, Gen. Kenney said that the Allies have discovered that the enemy is baffled by any new type of attack. "Finally, he figures it out and is ready for it," the general wrote. "But by that time we have it changed."

Iron Bars Fails to Stop GI's Letter Seeking Girl

DETROIT—A Detroit girl is proclaiming the unseen co-operation that must have helped her brother's mail along.

The brother is in a German prison camp. In one of his lonely moments he thought of a cute girl who had made his last minutes in the States cheerful.

He wrote her, addressing the letter:

"To the Blonde Who Passed Donuts and Coffee in Grand Central Station, New York City, at 6:15 p. m., April 16, 1943."

The letter reached her.

British Can't Be Stolid About 'Doodlebug' Bomb

ENGLAND (CNS)—The British don't care for Germany's pilotless "Doodlebug" robot planes. They prefer the old fashioned bombs which, they explain, could be treated with a certain fatalism on the theory that any bomb that hit you "had your name on it." The flying "Doodlebug" bombs, they feel, is addressed "To whom it may concern."

He Comes Back Alive To Prove Radio Is Liar

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—"You may quote me as saying that the news of my death is a gross exaggeration." So says S/Sgt. Herbert Boyd, who heard his obituary over a Texas radio station on a South Pacific island during the early part of the war.

Sgt. Boyd, at 28 an Army veteran of six years, who is now in the station hospital here, disclosed how the broadcast outlined his life history after relating that his mother had just received a War Department telegram stating that her son was missing in action against the Japs.

Once at the secret South Pacific base in early January, 1942, the unit set up defenses and anti-aircraft batteries and waited for the Jap bombers. They came. The Nips battered the island in check-board style. Many Americans were killed. Sgt. Boyd lost his left eye.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Russell A. Wingert
(Hq. Special Troops)
90 to 10

What a score! If this were the results of a baseball game we would say that it was a "Field Day." If it were the score of a football contest, it would be called a "crushing defeat." We at Camp Van Dorn are faced with these figures. For each man of the 63d Inf. Div., 90-10 has deep significance.

Someone has said that the Army is 90 per cent monotony and 10 per cent activity. Whether or not these figures are entirely correct, they sum up in a few words the feelings of many.

Ninety to ten are the odds which characterize the struggle for each of us here. This struggle against monotony may be the biggest battle any of us will have to fight. The battle against physical hardship which heat, sweat, mosquitoes, chiggers and training bring. The battle against loneliness caused by the breaking of ties with home and loved ones. The battle against the impatience that makes us restless and miserable; the impatience which arises from that which men despise—waiting.

This is the monotony against which we must strive. This is our battle! It is easier to face an enemy with the propulsive power that action brings, than to face the silent, yet overwhelming power of monotony. For against this power, the soldier can resist only with the personal courage of his own determination to carry on and to overcome.

"To bleed and burn in expiation" is the meaning of the symbol which the members of the 63d Div. wear. The promise of and the hope for victory can be realized only as we are able to withstand the invisible bleeding and the silent burning which the monotony of the present brings.

Ninety to ten! How great are the odds! But as a man faces these odds, he finds the strength to overcome and the purpose which brings victory in this confession of faith:

"...For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

"...Everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

"...I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Once Over Lightly

A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

Laughter is a tough thing to beat and the Nazis are finding that out in the occupied countries again and again... the latest story is about the imprisonment of a French Jew for "eating the brains of a German soldier at 9:30 P. M. on such and such a date"... Seems he couldn't be guilty because Jews do not eat swine... everybody listens to the verboten BBC at 9:30... and further, Germans don't have brains.

So many Americans are proving that they got the stuff that makes heroes that we lose sight of some of them... for example, there's Charles W. David, mess attendant 1/C... a New York Negro who saved 92 fellow seamen on a torpedoed merchant ship in the icy North Atlantic... He finally pulled himself to safety when he saw his commander near exhaustion on another raft... He dove in and saved him too... 93 men pulled from death by one man... He couldn't receive the Navy and Marine Cross that was his reward... because soon after Seaman David died of pneumonia from submergence in the ocean.

The recent story... completely unofficial... and from a highly suspect source... Madrid... told about the exploits of escaped prisoners within Germany... The French have always scrawled advice on their walls! "Choose your Hun! there won't be enough to go around"... The Dutch are getting their appetites... and implements... whetted up for "Hatchet Day"... Looks like the Master Race is gonna have to do some tall racing pretty soon.

The report by a British Officer recently returned from a German prison camp is particularly significant as the Red Army gets closer and closer to the superman... He says that the Russians are underfed and worked to death... treated as a commodity less valuable than cattle... some working at hard manual labor until two weeks before they died of tuberculosis... Seems like there may be another meaning to that slogan... The Battle is the Pay-off... The Russians have long memories... and lots of things to remember.



861st Puts Tank Out Of Picture

First training aid of its kind produced in Division, this photo strip put out by 861st F.A. shows: (Top) a gunner sighting through his panoramic telescope and signalling he is ready; (Center) the first shell leaving the 105, and (Bottom) the direct hit on the tank. The hit is reproduced just as it would be seen through a battery commander's binoculars.

This Soldier Is Fighting to Get Back to Bogota

From a British banking house in South and Central America to the Blood and Fire Division is a long path but Pfc. Gavin C. Boyd, Ho. Co., 2nd Bn., 254th, travelled it, and now looks forward to making his home in the Americas permanently.

Boyd, who is 32, was graduated from high school in Arbroath, Scotland, his home, and attended the Institute of Bankers, from which he received a diploma in 1933.

Shortly thereafter he took a position in London working for the Bank of London in South America and in 1935 his firm sent him to work in its branch in Bogota, Colombia. In 1938 he was transferred to the branch in San Salvador, where he stayed until 1939. Then he returned to London on six months' leave. While there he tried unsuccessfully to enlist in the British Army.

Returns to Enlist

Returning to San Salvador, he married a New York girl there in 1941. They met while on a Caribbean cruise.

San Salvador didn't hold Boyd long after his marriage. He changed jobs, going back to Bogota as chief accountant for Colombian branches of a British drug combine.

Boyd, however, was not content to sit the war out while his two brothers were in active service, one with the RAF in the Middle East, the other as a warrant officer in England. So in March, 1943, he and his wife and child took the Clipper from Bogota to New York City where he enlisted in the United States Army.

His first assignment was at Shenango, Pa., then he was transferred to Ft. Meade, Md., where he stayed until he came to Van Dorn.

861st Redlegs Act In Training Film

There was no Clark Gable but there was plenty of GI talent around when the photographic section of the 861st F. A. Bn. filmed "Direct Laying," the first in a series of original training films showing Blood and Fire soldiers in action. The 36-shot film is the first training aid of its kind to be produced within the Division.

The T/O of the 861st does not call for a photo section but last fall Pvt. Raymond A. Dailey and Pvt. Leon H. Becker, two battalion mailmen, got together and established a studio where they operate in off-duty hours. It is an entirely self-sustaining project, paying for itself with the proceeds of studio portraits and group shots of various units. Dailey and Becker, now both T/5s, have also undertaken the training of several assistants, who handle air photos and other assignments.

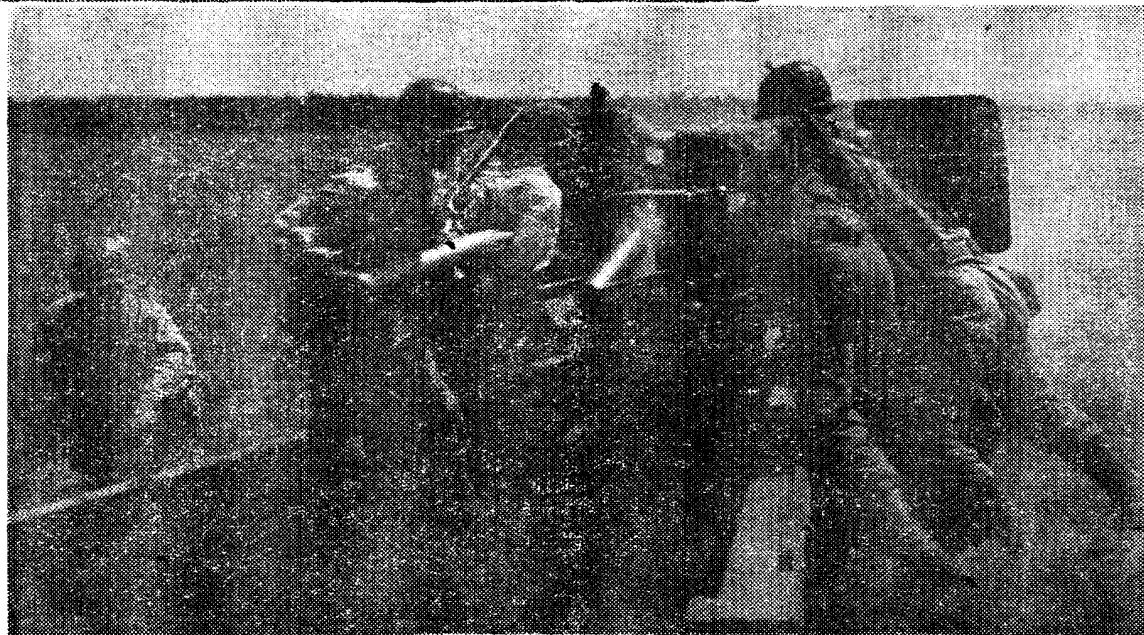
Is First of Series

"Direct Laying" is the second instructional film strip produced by the section but is the first of a new series in which they plan to cover advanced phases of training. The film strip is designed to accompany a lecture which Becker has put into script form. Each of the 36 photos illustrates a definite point in the talk.

In order to film the strip under closely-simulated war conditions Becker and Dailey took one of the howitzers of A. Btry. into the field along with a tank and crew borrowed from the 63d Reconnaissance troop. While Dailey did the actual "shooting" of the film with an 8-10-inch view camera, the same one he normally employs in taking studio portraits, Becker signaled to the tank some 2,000 yards away.

Realistic Effect

The film shows the adjustments the gun crew makes to bring its fire upon an advancing enemy tank. Some of the pictures show actual hits near and around the advancing tank, but these were staged effect, simulated by the setting off of explosive charges. One of these, simulating a direct hit by a 105mm. shell, was set off about a foot from the tank and even Field Artillery experts, viewing the film without knowing the charge really was a safe one, thought they



GIs Ad Boosts War Bond Drive

DETROIT—Twenty-five Detroit soldiers of the Red Arrow (32d) Division, in combat in New Guinea, bought a display advertisement in the Detroit News to urge their home town to buy War Bonds. They pooled \$200 in small bills and sent it home with Pvt. Alfred Buchsbaum when he returned on sick leave.

"We took a lot of ribbing about Detroit, mostly about race riots and strikes," Buchsbaum said. "We knew a lot of Negro troops in New Guinea, and they were just as brave and decent as the rest of us. We didn't want to run an ad about strikes, because we weren't sure we had all the information and thought it would be unfair to all the workers who were sticking to their jobs."

So the 25 decided on the War Bond ad. After he had paid for it, Buchsbaum was asked to sell bonds for a day in a special booth on Woodward Ave., the main street.

were witnessing the actual shelling of the tank.

After contact prints were made of the 8x10 negatives, titles were hand-lettered on the prints and the entire production re-photographed on 35-mm. direct positive film. The entire project took 2½ weeks. Maj. A. C. Maier, battalion executive, supervised it.



Summer Program Set For 254th Theater

A program of boxing bouts, wrestling matches, concerts and other exhibitions are planned for the newly constructed outdoor theater of the 254th Inf., every Friday night, weather permitting.

There will be no admission charge at any time.

The theater is situated behind the Regimental Retreat in a natural amphitheater. The platform is adaptable to stage presentations as well as boxing or wrestling matches. Last Friday night a movie was scheduled for the arena but rain forced the show indoors. The

photoplay, "This Side of Heaven," was well received by a large audience which participated in community singing assisted by the 254th Inf. orchestra.

Extensive shelter trenches have been dug under the sidewalks of Tokyo in anticipation of Allied bombings.

Male Call

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

Practically A Signal Corpse



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DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Pvt. Clarence Vossburg, Co. G, mapping his entertainment plans for the furlough he expects soon, wrote his wife at Waterloo, Ia., to get the family automobile in readiness for some motoring. She wrote back that his younger brother, a staff sergeant in the Marines beat him home on furlough and wrecked the car in a collision. . . Pvt. Louis Couchevitz, Co. G, was on his way home on a furlough. Some hours later he rushed to the company supply room and pleaded frantically with Supply Sergeant Walter Kenny to open his foot locker. "My false teeth are in there and I might need them," Couchevitz explained. . . T/Sgt. Zeddie R. Sears, of the same company, claims the distinction of being the most generous husband in the Division because the \$125 he sends his wife each month exceeds his \$114 base pay. Sgt. Sears, who recently completed four years' Army service, also prides himself on the fact that the Government pays nothing to his wife, Mrs. Edna Mae Sears, of Nashville, Tenn. Besides his base pay, Sgt. Sears draws five per cent longevity and \$1.25 daily for his wife's quarters. That comes to \$43.20 extra. . . Expert Infantryman badges were awarded this week to the following non-coms: Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 1st/Sgt. James C. Harvey, S/Sgt. James G. Gaynor; Co. G, S/Sgt. James J. McCoy; Co. L, 1st/Sgt. Jennings Wolfe, T/Sgt. Don I. Higginbotham, T/Sgt. Richard P. Marsh and T/Sgt. Orla J. Arbaugh.

254th Inf.—The war is a family matter to T/4 Gerald Blackburn of the Med. Det. His brother, George, is getting boot training in the Marines at Parris Island. Another brother, William, technical sergeant, was wounded in Italy, and his sister, Laura, is a cadet nurse at the Indiana Medical Center in Indianapolis. . . Mail from former men of the 254th now overseas is coming in droves. Co. M got one letter through Sgt. Peter Noon from Pvt. Murdock McKenzie, who is in the Rome area, where they don't have chiggers but do have malaria. Pvt. J. J. Armstrong, formerly with the company, is an invasion casualty. He has been taken back to England from France for hospitalization.

255th Inf.—Cpl. John U. Smith, Co. M, will marry Miss Maree Riley July 29 during his furlough in Chicago, where both live. . . 2d Lt. Edward G. Fox, Co. M, was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge while on Guadalcanal with the 164th Inf. . . Another wind from the Pacific brought 1st/Sgt. G. G. O'Brien and the pictures he picked up while serving in Hawaii. They're getting a daily going-over from grass-skirt-minded GIs. . . 1st/Sgt. Victor D. Mlodzik, Co. E, reports the birth of Anna Jean Mlodzik July 3 at Bunkie, La. She weighed in a five pounds three ounces. The next day S/Sgt. George Dougherty, Co. E, learned that Mrs. Dougherty had presented him with a boy. . . In Co. F there is another new father—1st/Sgt. William C. Younger has become father of a daughter. Incidentally, Younger is one of four first sergeants in the outfit. The others are John H. Wilson, Walsh B. Monciel and Windall N. Aguilard. . . T/Sgt. Daniel Sullivan, Co. G, was married while on furlough at Oswego, N. Y. . . In the same company T/Sgt. Henry Crapps is passing out cigars in celebration of the birth of a son at Columbia, S. C. Hq. and Hq. Co. threw a party Tuesday night, and Hq. Co., 1st Bn., and Co. C threw ones Thursday night. . . In a Retreat formation Monday, Col. H. K. Tatom, new commander of the 255th, awarded a plaque to G Co. in recognition of the company's orientation display, which took first place in the monthly regimental competition. Co. G placed third in the Division competition. Lt. Norman Mellenbruch is Orientation officer. His assistant is Pvt. Theodore Keller. . . The feature film to be shown tomorrow evening in the regular weekly series at the CT Blue Rec Hall is "The Road to Zanzibar," with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. . . T/5 Henry Rosen, Cannon Co., is entertaining his wife and mother from Boston. . . Co. D had a party Thursday night.

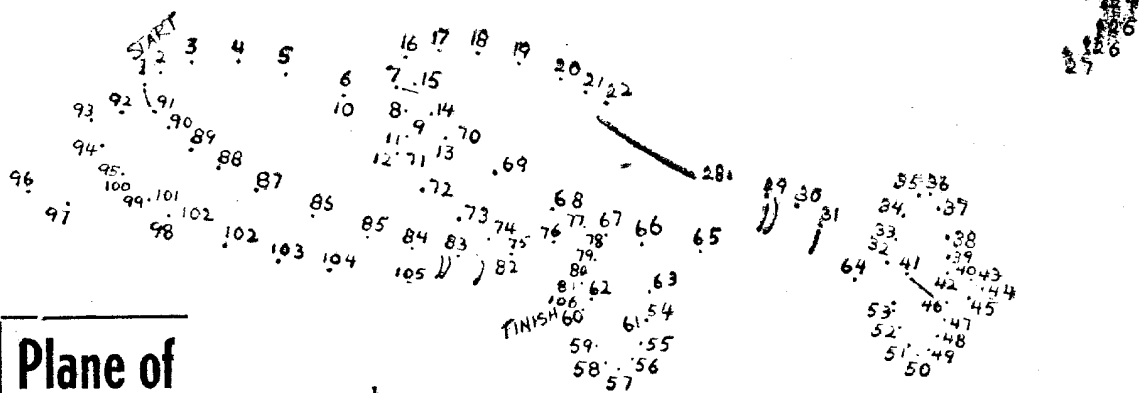
718th F. A.—A diminutive but active rookie has been added unofficially to the battalion roster. He is John Gilbert, 8-year-old son of the Hq. Btry. commander, Lt. Melvin Gilbert. Johnnie, just back from Page Military Academy in California, had taken active part in several field exercises, dismounted drill and even studied up on the bazooka. . . T/5 Haines has returned from classification school, Ft. Washington, Md., after a three-month clerk's course. . . Sgt. Douglas McCracken has gone to Denver, Colo., for a four-week course in chemical warfare. . . Hq. Btry. learned of the death of Pvt. Harvey Shields, a former member, in the first days of the Normandy invasion. . . In Btry. A S/Sgt. Ludwig Stadtmueller has been made acting first sergeant. . . Cpl. Charles Oister has returned to the battery from an Atlantic City hospital, where an attack of appendicitis laid him low. . . T/4 Warren Ferrarini, Btry. C, is to be married Monday in Holy Rosary church, New York. The bride is Miss Jean Grauer. S/Sgt. Mario Antonucci arranged a furlough at the same time so that he can be Ferrarini's best man.

861st F. A.—New arrivals in Btry. C include Pvt. Wilson B. Clemons and Pfc. Aubrey L. Williams, both from Camp Roberts, Calif. Second Lt. William P. Duncan of Btry. C, is attending Executive Officers' School at Fort Sill, Okla. . . Two new officers have joined the battery, Second Lts. Stubb and Short. . . Cpl. Robert Fuch is back in Btry. C, after his marriage at Santa Monica, Calif., to Mary Elizabeth McPeak.

862d F. A.—Sgt. William Swiney is the new first sergeant of Btry. B. Three new officers have joined the battalion, Lts. Earl Lowe, Robert Potter and Lester Lloyd.

63d QM. Co.—Two new officers reported to the company last week, Lts. Edward Gallagher and Charles Noderquist. T/5 Clebert Kellam ran up a score of 196 with the M1. The company received two commendations last week. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, chief of staff, cited the unit for high performance in sanitation and Maj. Frank Farr, new commander of Special Troops, at Retreat formation called the company the best he has seen since he joined the Division.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Pfc. Richard W. Wolford, Chemical Section, was promoted to T/5 last week. T/4 Morris Klass, assistant to the Division chaplain, is on furlough visiting his wife and their twin sons in Miami, where Mrs. Klass is a physician. Sam Rosen, former Hq. Co. drill sergeant, now is a staff sergeant and is back in the Division. After leaving for one of the engineer units in camp, he rejoined the 63d by becoming an Infantry Volunteer. He was assigned to the 254th Inf. last week.



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.



The Inquiring Line

Q. On a recent furlough I contracted a venereal disease from my wife. Now I'm in the station hospital. Will I lose my pay.

A. No. WD Cir. 205, 24 May, 1944, says that venereal diseases proved innocently contracted by a member of the Army from his or her spouse will be regarded as incurred in line of duty. No loss of pay will result.

Q. I'm with another outfit but served with the American Division at Guadalcanal. I have been told that this division received a presidential citation. Is this true, and if so, how can I get the citation recorded on my service record?

A. All units which made up the American Division on Guadalcanal December 9, 1942, received the presidential citation. In order to obtain it on your service record, you had better check with your company commander.

Q. They tell me that I may convert my National Service Life Insurance to a 20-payment life policy. If this is true, will my wife, as beneficiary, receive her payment in a lump sum in the event of my death?

A. No. The payments will continue as they would have under your present form of insurance, on a monthly basis, their amount based upon the age of your beneficiary.

Q. Is it true that because I am not a native American, but only a naturalized citizen, I am barred from OCS?

A. No, that is false. It is only necessary that you become a citizen before your appointment as an officer candidate. You can become a citizen after 90 days in the Army.

254th Musicians Play At Unit Beer Garden

Music while you drink is the policy at the Regimental Retreat sponsored by the Special Service Office of the 254th Inf. Every Wednesday night the regimental orchestra gives a concert at the Retreat while Pvt. Milton Krieger croons.

Members of the band are Pfc. Michael DeBunio, and Pvt. Jack Campbell, Harry Bryan, Nicky Piazza, Alex Shapiro, Walter Sharp, Joseph Hurley and Duane Lewis.

Dig 'Till It Hurts

Shells were whistling over a field in Normandy as Lt. Claude B. Bishop, executive officer of an infantry company in the 2d Div., received his first mail in France.

Feverishly he opened the envelope. Out fell a War Bond leaflet from the War Finance Committee of Texas.

"This is America's zero hour!" the leaflet proclaimed. "Dig down—dig down deep!"

"Brother, I was!" Lt. Bishop wrote his brother, Maj. James F. Bishop, of the 63d Div.'s G-3 office, this week. "I was down about four feet and still going strong!"

CT Blue Beaten In Extra Innings

CT Blue failed to retain the fruits of a twelfth-inning rally at Alexandria, La., last Sunday and gave up the two runs enabling the Esler Field fliers to win a 6-5 decision.

The Blood and Fire nine made a bold bid for victory in the first half of the inning, breaking a 4-4 tie with a burst of crisp slugging that scored Cpl. Frank Lanzetti. The fliers, who had manufactured an eighth-inning run to force the game into overtime, wound it up by also getting three hits and scoring two runs.

Superior to their rivals in every aspect of play except run-making, the Blues threw away victory with untimely misplays in the field. Pvt. Bill Haag kept the fliers' 10 hits well scattered while his mates were rapping Anderson for 14. Errors, however, contributed to the home team's seventh and eighth-inning runs that wiped out the 63d's 4-2 bulge.

The boxscore:

Esler—				CT Blue—			
	A	B	R	A	B	R	H
Keuba, c	6	2	1	Dillon, rf	6	1	3
Brown, cf	6	1	1	Dondona, lb	6	0	0
Gladeck, ss	6	1	2	Lanzetti, ss	6	1	3
L'k'nski, 3b	6	1	2	Horne, 2b	5	1	3
Lind'an, 2b	6	0	2	Stupiglio, cf	6	0	1
Fitz'gld, lb	5	1	1	Freeman, lf	5	1	2
Anderson, p	5	0	1	M'D'goll, c	5	0	1
Agrallo, lf	5	0	6	Harris, 3b	5	0	0
M'zullo, rf	5	0	6	Simmons, 3b	5	0	0
H'm'ldt, rf	5	0	6	Haag, p	4	1	0
Totals	50	6	16	Totals	48	5	14

Score by innings:
 CT Blue 6 10 0 0 1 0 1 0 5
 Esler Field 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 2 6

253d to Repeat Problem in Forest

Success of a three-day field problem at Homochitto National Forest near Natchez will send the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of Hq. Co., 253d Inf., out in the area on a similar problem next Friday.

Under supervision of Capt. Richard G. Cox, the platoon scouted and patrolled in the field under combat conditions last week-end.

Proceeding tactically into the Homochitto area, the platoon began the problem at 2630 and, with the aid of 19 jeeps, light trucks and radio cars, scouted intersections and terrain features to obtain security.

Highlights of the three-day problem included stream-crossing practice on a small lake. The men floated three jeeps in 45 minutes after wrapping the vehicles in a two and one-half trapaulin. The movement was effected under heavy artillery fire simulated by dynamite explosions. One crossing was made in daylight and a second between 2100 and 6300.

In the second crossing six men escaped from the unit's beleaguered command post, which was discovered and attacked by two patrols. The assaulted CP was lost. The escaped men used a rubber boat in crossing the 40-foot stream to safety in darkness.

In a commendation to Capt. Cox, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, said: "I desire to commend you for the manner in which you conducted a class in communications and radio voice procedure on 8 June 1944. Inspectors from the XXI Corps who attended reported that your demonstration and manner of presentation were excellent!"

Following next week-end's problem, the soldiers will attend a picnic at Clear Springs given by the Meadville Girls Club.

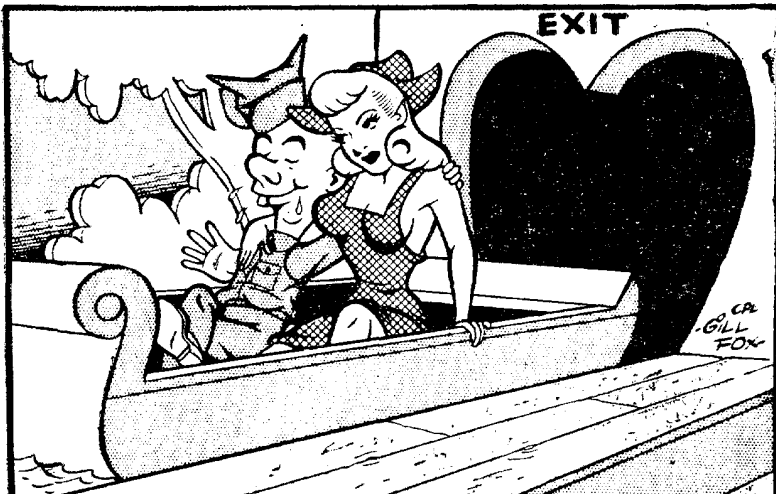
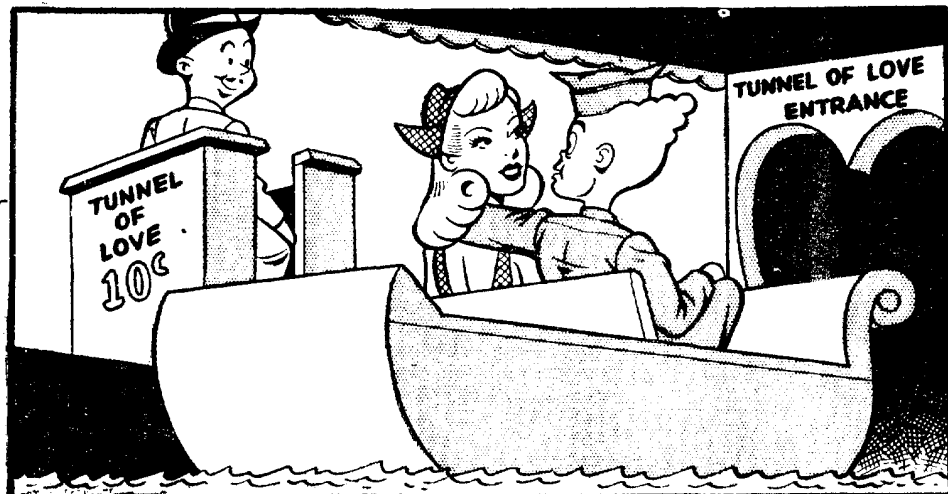
Bauman, Mendelsohn Entertain at Gloster

Citizens of Gloster and visiting soldiers were entertained at the USO Sunday afternoon by T/5s Mordecai Bauman and Daniel Mendelsohn. Bauman, well known as a concert singer during his civilian career, sang a group of spirituals, songs from some of the current Broadway shows, and "You Don't Need a Pass to Dream," an original composition. Bauman was accompanied by Mendelsohn who also entertained, giving his impressions of several well known pianists and band leaders.

BERNIE BLOOD

Amphibious Operation

By GILL FOX



BERNIE IS IN THE AMUSEMENT PARK AT LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

GILL FOX

GI Son of Nisei Parents Lets Bonds Talk for Him



T/5 MASURU SHIMAZU

In Army for 3 Years, Shimazu Sports Good Conduct Ribbon

Eleven war bonds and a good conduct medal speak for the loyalty and patriotism of T/5 Masuru Shimazu, armorer and artificer, Cannon Co., 253d.

A native of Indio, Calif., the 30-year-old Japanese-American has been in the Army three years. During that time he was a member of the 41st Division now in the South Pacific, and was stationed at Ilwaco, Wash., Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Atterbury before joining the 63d Div. At Ilwaco, Shimazu helped guard a section of the Pacific Coast strung with barbed wire, part of the defense against possible Japanese attack.

It was during the opening days of our participation in the war and Shimazu recalls digging and occupying foxholes in the Washington area.

The eldest of seven children, Shimazu says he is "proud to be an American" and hopes to join some of his former buddies in one of the foreign theaters of operations.

Shimazu's parents, both Nisei, with their other children are now in the Hart Mountain Relocation Camp for former west coast Japanese-Americans.

Two of Shimazu's sisters visited Japan before the war and upon their return expressed dislike for that country.

A typical G-I, Shimazu's tastes—including choice American slang—make him a typical American.

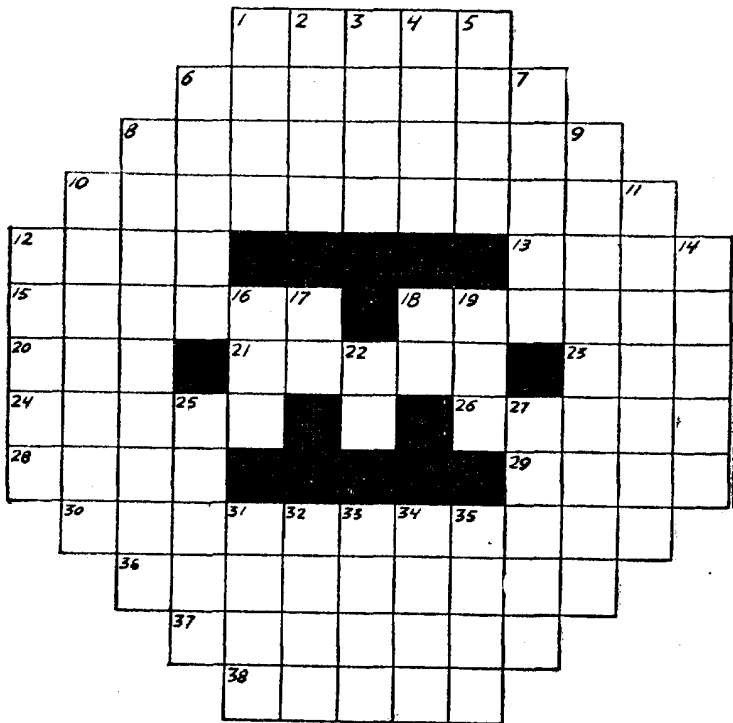
Army Acts to Guard That Job You Gave Up

WASHINGTON—Re-employment rights of veterans in their former jobs are set forth in rulings issued this week by Selective Service Director Hershey, most important of the edicts being that veterans' rights to jobs will be unaffected by any employment deals which may have been entered into by employers during the absence of workers in the service. The memorandum reads:

"If, upon a veteran's return from military service, he finds that his employer has entered into employment agreements with others setting up conditions of employment different from those which existed at the time the veteran left, the veteran cannot be deprived of his re-employment rights by reason of these agreements."

Buy war bonds.

63d CROSS WORD PUZZLE



- HORIZONTAL**
- Hindu deity of destruction.
 - Cassock.
 - Count.
 - Producing no effect.
 - Protagonist.
 - Rowing implements.
 - Restless (colloquial).
 - Small maul.
 - Skill.
 - Insert surreptitiously.
 - Union College of Engineering (abbr.).
 - Female parents (familiar).
 - To exalt the spirit.
 - Suffix denoting agent.
 - Combining form denoting uterus.
 - Strived.
 - Suffers.
 - Evaluates again.
 - Clamor.
- VERTICAL**
- Purce.
 - Eighteenth century Scottish philosopher.
 - Roman road.
 - Portuguese measure of length. (abbr.).
 - Anatomy (abbr.).
 - Contempluous noise.
 - Science of causes (root word).
 - Legislation of a law.
 - Appraisees.
 - Repeat.
 - Constructed.
 - Counterfelts.
 - Guide.
 - Conditional conjunction (plural).
 - Commanding officer.
 - Manuscript (abbr.).
 - Corroded.
 - Peacock butterfly.
 - Fervor.
 - Decoys.
 - Feminine name.
 - Of or devoted to aircraft.
 - True (French).
 - Cereal grass.
 - Variant of axis.



MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—An elderly man dashed into police headquarters. "I've been robbed," he told the desk sergeant, "of \$309 on Washington avenue." The sergeant looked up from his blotter. "When did it happen," he asked. "Ten or twelve years ago," his visitor replied casually.

MONROE, Utah (CNS)—Citizens of this town are restrained by an old ordinance from dancing together in public places "unless daylight may be seen between the partners."

OLD FORGE, N. Y. (CNS)—Mrs. Mabel Parsons has successfully completed her basic training at last. After serving 26 years as "temporary" librarian here, she has accepted permanent appointment.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — Mrs. Rachel Walker's cat Tabby has solved its personal meat shortage problem. Each night Tabby brings home a nice big mole for dinner.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (CNS)—Mrs. Mabel Warren stepped into a telephone booth and dialed the city hospital. The operator took ten minutes to put the call through. In the meantime, Mrs. Warren gave birth to an eight-pound baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing well now, thank you.

DETROIT (CNS)—The police are holding a pony on a hit-and-run charge here. The frisky little fellow is charged with ignoring a red light and running down two pedestrians.

DIXON, Calif. (CNS)—A local newspaper ran this exciting ad: "Owner of a truck would like to correspond with a widow who owns two tires. Object: Matrimony. P. S. Send picture of tires."

AUSTIN, Tex. (CNS) — When Dan Moody was elected temporary chairman of the State Democratic Convention recently, a friend rushed up and clapped him on the back heartily. Moody gulped, swallowed a short cigar he was chewing, and left the room hurriedly.

BOSTON (CNS)—Just as two policemen broke into a flat to arrest a couple of horse players, a pet parrot squawked: "Cheese it, the cops!" The warning came too late, however, for the officers arrested the gamblers and seized several hundred horse race betting slips.

JOLIET, Ill. (CNS) — When Clifford Beebe, 13, refused to help his brother William, 10, with the dishes, William shot his brother in the stomach with his father's gun. "Now I'm going to be boss around here for a while," he remarked.

WICHITA, Kan. (CNS)—When one inmate of the city jail reported the loss of his false teeth, a jail-wide dragnet was spread. The choppers were recovered from the mouth of a trusty.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
(From Saturday, July 15. Through Friday, July 21)

SATURDAY—"Manpower," with Edward G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich, George Raft and Alan Hale.

SUN.-MON.—"The Centerville Ghost," with Charles Laughton, Robert Young and Margaret O'Brien.

TUESDAY—"The Girl Who Dared," with Lorna Grey and Peter Cookson; also, "Jungle Woman," with Evelyn Ankers, J. Carroll Naish and Acquafredda.

WED.-THURS.—"Step Lively," with George Murphy, Gloria De Haven, Frank Sinatra and Adolphe Menjou.

FRIDAY—"Summer Storm," with George Sanders, Linda Darnell and Edward Everett Horton.

THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
(From Saturday, July 15. Through Saturday, July 22)

SATURDAY—"Christmas Holiday," with Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly.

SUNDAY—"Secret Command," with Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis and Chester Morris.

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GLOBAL BIBLE he is showing above chased Cpl. Norman Schuett of Serv. Btry, 861st F. A., more than 30,000 miles before it caught up with him here. Two years ago a friend sent him to Darwin, Australia, but he had seen sent to New Guinea. It trailed him there and back to Australia again, and to Texas and several other Army camps—all on its original three-cent stamp. He received it last week.

63d's Beachhead Boy Hit Five Points and Dieppe

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that the secret was an attack on Dieppe. Before the Rangers could quite grasp it all, it turned out that their mission wasn't going to be a secret after all.

A Nazi E-boat loomed up in the haze about five miles off Dieppe and all the months of carefully-kept security went for nothing.

E-Boat Spoils Show

"The E-boat swept us with a couple of machine gun bursts," Swezey said, "and four or five men went down. Our boat was a British flak ship. Our guns blew the E-boat out of the water in the first burst, but he really spoiled the whole show."

Swezey's outfit didn't have it too tough at Dieppe. Their objective was a concrete gun emplacement about half a mile inland that housed two 8-inch guns and a 12-inch. Behind the emplacements were several wooden emplacements with highly decorative woodwork.

guns—"and I imagine they fooled a lot of our fliers," Swezey said.

The Rangers took the emplacement in half an hour without too much trouble. They also took 20 Germans, but they turned them loose on the beach after disarming them. After eight hours they pulled out and on the way home they saw the toll the watchfulness of the single E-boat had taken.

"Three or four landing craft were smashed in the harbor and we could see a bunch of our tanks wrecked on shore. There were a lot of soldiers, Canadians, on the beach, but we couldn't put in for them. Most of them are probably prisoners now."

African Nazis Superior

Swezey's next landing was at Arzew, near Oran in Africa. Except for the incident at Sened station, he didn't find this campaign too rugged, although the Nazi soldiers seemed far superior to the ones he was to meet up with later in Italy. In Africa Swezey fought at Gafsa and around El Guettar and his outfit was one of the first ones shipped out for the Sicilian campaign.

After Sicily the Rangers luck held out and they were sent into Salerno with the first wave. His battalion fought with distinction around Cassino and its losses were not too heavy until after the surprise landing at Anzio. In the fighting around Casserna di Roma Swezey's battalion was practically wiped out in a desperate attack on a strong German position. Swezey came through unscathed and, after more than two years of foreign service, he finally was shipped back to the States.

For men bound for combat theaters, Swezey has a piece of advice:

"When you get in combat, soldier, do as you're told. If they say 'Dig a hole,' dig it. You can take my word for it, the officers and noncoms over there know what they're doing."

255th Band Lists Many Engagements

The 255th Inf. Orchestra has reorganized and regrouped its membership, enabling it to furnish several combinations to meet the musical needs of any occasion.

Tonight the orchestra is scheduled to play for a dance at the YMHA in New Orleans.

The 15 musicians, some of whom played in the country's leading bands, are led by T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn, whose prototype, Artie Shaw, has recorded Mendelsohn's arrangement of "St. James Infirmary."

Members of the band are: Pvts. Bob Kutscher and Bob Colton, Co. A, Cpl. Gay Roderick and Pfc. Daily D'Allasandro, Co. D, saxophone section; Sgt. Fred Emery, Co. B, Pvt. Max Cramer, Co. G, Pvt. John Telford, Co. K, Sgt. George E. Duley, Cannon Co. and Pfc. Marlin Merrill, A., brass section; Cpl. Angelo DePonce, Co. C, Pfc. John Chameli, Co. E, Pvt. Joe Bosco, Cpl. Bobland, Co. L and Pvt. John Kirkland, Co. L and Pvt. Sam Savar, rhythm section. Vocals are handled by Pfc. Merrill.

Religious Film Slated For Chapel 10 Tomorrow

A religious sound film, "The Power of God" will be shown at 1930. Admission will be free.

The film, which comes highly recommended by all Protestant denominations, was made in Hollywood with professional talent and technique. The picture is in the present tense and in modern dress. It deals with a wayward and lovable boy, an unscrupulous business man, a liquor-crazed gunman, a young wife and husband, a doctor—these meet and feel the Power of God.

Bird Aid

The Communications Section, Cannon Co., 255th Inf., found use for first-aid knowledge and methods learned in basic training recently, but their patient was not a GI.

While the section was laying wire in a field problem, Cpl. Frank Laughlin picked up a baby mocking bird with a broken leg. With the assistance of Pfc. Joseph DeClerk and Jerry Malec, T/5 Edward Spreen, Sgt. Karl Lybrand and Cpl. Kenneth Tenge, the bone was straightened and the leg bound in a splinting made of twigs padded with waste paper and wrapped with friction and adhesive tape.

A week later, while in the same area, the men found the same bird hopping around on his splinted leg like a veteran. He was shy and failed to recognize his benefactors who finally caught him and removed the bindings. His leg had healed perfectly.