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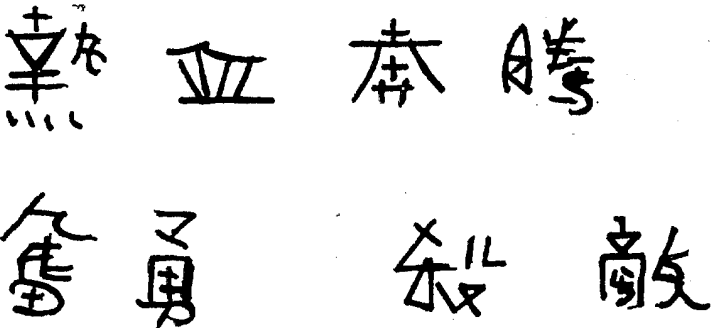
63D INFANTRY DIVISION, CAMP VAN DORN, MISS.

July 22, 1944

Home Towns Blasted By Japs, Chinese GIs Know Their Enemy



Pvt. You Hor Chin studies route back to Canton and (below), BLOOD AND FIRE, in Chinese.



There are two soldiers in the Blood and Fire Division who have no need to be told why they fight.

Both have had the cities of their birth bombed and blasted by the enemy. Both have had their parents humiliated and starved by the enemy. Both are burning with desire to return to China to avenge the horror and shame brought by the hated Japanese.

To Pvt. You Hor Chin, Co. L, 253d Inf., the Japanese enemy stands for brutality, destruction and avarice. Recently, before his company orientation class, he told of the destruction wrought by the Japanese in his birthplace, a town south of Canton.

Burned Town

"They bombed my home town four times and then the infantry men rushed in only to find that the entire population had fled to (Continued From Page 5)

Larkin and Higgins Help 862d Win Quiz

For the second time within a month, T/4 John Larkin of Serv. Btry, 862d F. A. demonstrated that he is right up on the news of the day when he tied for individual honors with Cpl. Robert V. Higgins of Btry. B. also of the 862d, in an Orientation Quiz held at Service Club No. 2 last Friday night.

The astuteness of Larkin and Higgins in answering questions aided their team to beat the 254th (Continued on Page 5)

Division Commended On War Bond Shows

Gen. Milburn Praises Work Of 63d Units

Special commendation for the manner in which its units helped boost Fifth War Loan Drives in eight communities in Mississippi and Louisiana, came to the 63d Div. this week from Maj. Gen. F. W. Milburn, commanding the XXI Corps.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, the Corps Commander praised the spirit and ability of the men and officers who participated in demonstrations at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, McComb, Brookhaven, Vicksburg, Ty-lertown, Meadville and Centreville.

The demonstrations which aided the sale of bonds in each community ranged from elaborate exhibitions of weapons and the staging of battle exercises in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, to variety shows and exhibitions in the smaller towns.

At New Orleans elements of the 254th Inf. staged a spectacular battle exercise on Canal St. on the night of June 15, while on the same night the 253d Inf. staged a similar demonstration at the LSU stadium in Baton Rouge.

Smaller groups of the Division visited Brookhaven, McComb, Ty-lertown, Meadville and Centreville to help boost their war loan totals. At Vicksburg, on Independence Day, the 255th Inf. sent a reinforced company to parade and display weapons in the interest of bond sales.

All of the demonstrations were arranged and planned by Division Special Service under the direction of Capt. David H. Duffy and Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, his assistant.

Absentee Ballot Cards Require Full Addresses

Directed to the attention of all soldiers and attached civilian personnel, a warning has been sent out by the Army Service Forces noting that in many instances applications for state absentee voters' ballots are being sent in which do not show in the return address the postmaster in care of whom mail for applicants' APO is to be addressed. Complete military mailing address is required.

Don't Banish Pup, Immunize and Keep Him Tied

It is neither necessary nor desired that dogs be removed from camp, but they must be vaccinated and tied up or confined until further notice, Maj. Russell L. Cowen, chief of the Camp Veterinary Service, warned this week.

Camp Van Dorn is in an area where the prevalence of rabies is suspected, Maj. Cowen said, and therefore dogs now in camp may not be moved outside camp or shipped to other states.

No additional dogs will be admitted to camp, and those now in camp must be vaccinated and confined or tied. Vaccination of dogs is required on all military reservations, whether or not a quarantine exists.

"The response to the vaccination program has been slow," Maj. Cowen said. "There still are many unvaccinated dogs in camp. The Military Police are instructed to pick up and impound any dog found loose in camp."

Claims for impounded dogs may be made by telephoning 827. Unclaimed dogs will be destroyed.

Men of 63d to See Corwin's 'Untitled'

Norman Corwin's "Untitled," the sensational radio show which was presented over the Columbia Broadcasting System two months ago, will be staged by the 253d Inf. for units of the division starting on Monday at Theaters No. 1 and 5.

The play, the theme of which voices a strong plea against future wars, will be presented each morning at Theater No. 1 Monday, through Saturday and on Wednesday afternoon. On Friday and Saturday mornings it will also be staged at Theater No. 5.

The story deals with a soldier Hank Peters, who has been killed. He will be represented only by the voice of T/4 John Larkin of Serv. Btry., 862d F. A. Bn., former radio dramatic actor. Others in the cast will be, T/5 Edward J. Butler, Co. I, 253d, a medical officer; Pvt. George Goldberg, Co. I, a teacher; Pvt. Menzo A. Preston, Cannon Co., a doctor; Sgt. William Edwards, Co. A, as Charley Ferriter, a soldier and buddy of Peters; Pvt. Bennett Rathbone of the WAC, as (Continued on Page 5)



CHAIN of Command has a new top name, that of Lt. Gen. Ben Lear (top), who succeeded Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair (bottom) as commander of Army Ground Forces. Gen. McNair is in Europe on a mission as yet undisclosed.

Age of Allied Leaders At Front Averages 41

EXTREME HEADQUARTERS, AEP—The average age of the American and British general officers who direct air coverage for front line troops is only 41 years. The oldest is Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, 54, commanding the 9th USAAF. The youngest is Brig. Gen. Richard Sanders, 28, administration officer of the 9th Bomber Command. Only five of the group are more than 45 years old.

It Comes Up Hot - - So Knuckles Makes a Racket Out of It

By Pvt. Jack Starr
(Cannon Co., 255th Inf.)
Most of the fellows are too smart to fall for the schemes Knuckles Knudstson, Anti-Tank Co., 255th Inf., designs to raise money, as it is no military secret that Knuckles is better equipped to face life's battles with his fists than with his noggin. To be blunt, some of the more discerning think Knuckles is not all there, and I am happy to count myself, Pvt. Jack Starr, among the discerning, but I will say the system Knuckles devises to amuse himself and beat the heat, one or both being a problem to every individual at some time, astounds me.
Knuckles is always broke the week-end before payday. I do not know why this is so, as, after he

makes an allotment to his loving parents, pays his insurance and laundry and stocks up on a month's necessities, he has for himself more than \$10. Of course, \$1 of this goes to civilian insurance premiums, but even so that leaves him a dollar and a half to throw away each week.
Friday, Knuckles walks up to where I am having some refreshments at the PX and as I am blowing off the suds he says:
"Starr, I wish to borrow two dollars until the 10th, which is when I get paid on the supplemental. I have a date next Wednesday night and I need some funds."
"I am sorry, Knuckles," I reply, "but I am visiting New Orleans on a three-day pass and I will need

all the wampum I have. As a matter of fact," I add hastily, "I do not intend buying another bottle of refreshments until I hit the Vieux Carre."
Knuckles takes this blow with great poise.
"I have 30 cents," he says, "which I will save until tomorrow when it will be hotter than it is today, no doubt. Then I can enjoy a brew."
But Knuckles, trying to increase his stake, gets involved in a game of chance wherein he wagers that four and four make eight and it develops that four and three make seven, leaving Knuckles as bare as a plucked duck, on top of which he goes in the hole for two bucks.
Saturday comes, that being the natural sequence after Friday, and

every Joe who possesses fare to anywhere, if he can get a pass, leaves camp, which also is natural, and Knuckles wanders around looking for someone to talk with, as talk is all he can afford. Everybody Knuckles knows is at the PX, thanking their lucky stars for such wonderful weather in which to cool off with amber fluid, and Knuckles accosfs his friend Pvt. Daffy Pzyrsbinski, Co. M., who offers to set him up.
"Sorry, no more," the girl behind the counter says. "No more today."
"Can you beat that!" Knuckles says good-naturedly. He whacks Pzyrsbinski on the back, almost knocking the suds from his throat, and says: "Think I'll go to the

mess hall and get some ice and make some ice water."
He mops his brow, smacks his lips and goes out whistling.
There is no ice at the mess hall. Knuckles cracks wise with the kaypees and says that's okay, he will get his mail and then find a nice, cool spot under a tree and take a nap, maybe.
There is no mail for Knuckles, but this does not make him unhappy, as he has great confidence in Magnolia Blossom, the cute little dimple who attends all the dances and says she loves him.
Slowly Knuckles walks away, and his eyes fall on his large, trained crow in the shade of a scraggly tree. The bird is lifting first one foot and then the other (Continued on Page 5)

KNOW YOUR DIVISION:

Special Service Office Contributes to Troops' Mental and Physical Stamina

A wartime army probably never will be like home and doubtless never was intended to be. Policy in the 63d Div., however, has been that recreational, entertainment and educational activities are its own responsibility and it has invested the Special Services Office headed by Capt. David H. Duffy with supervision and co-ordination of this program.

Athletics, stage and screen entertainment and orientation are the mediums utilized in building up the good spirits of elements of the Division and developing an esprit de corps in their respective organizations. Consequently, there has been created for execution of this steadily expanding program not one but several special services staffs.

In addition to Capt. Duffy, the Division staff includes Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, assistant Division special service and athletics officer, and six enlisted men. Division artillery and each combat team also have their own staffs which are constantly at work discovering and developing new talent for use in camp and field.

Operations Must Be Verstaile

A great deal of simulation and improvisation is put into so full-blown a program with highly effective and at times unique results. When it was decided to acquaint outsiders with the 63d Div. shortly after it moved to Camp Van Dorn the medium selected was a radio show broadcast from Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

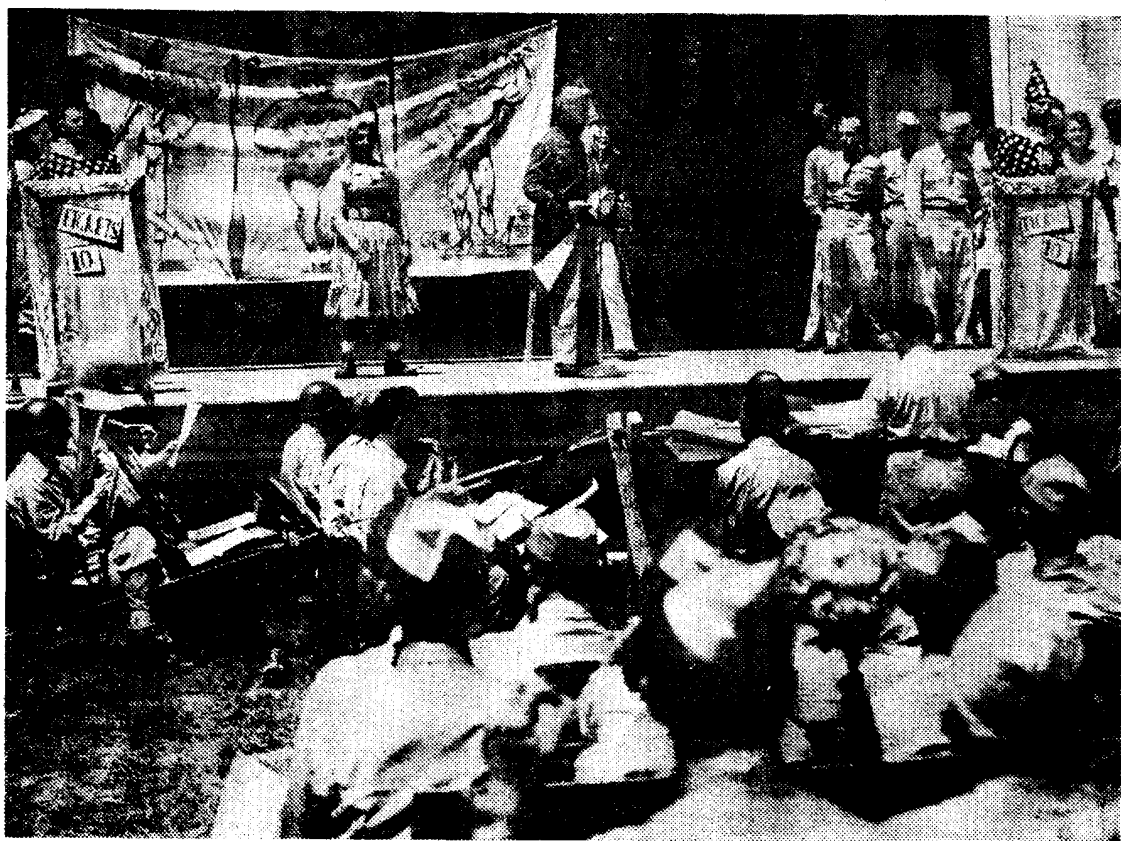
When the New Orleans Pelicans came to Van Dorn for a game with the 63d All-Stars, a diamond was laid out and stands erected near the Parade Grounds. The advisability of entertaining men in the field during the unit training period resulted in the creation of a portable stage and, more recently, expansion of the daily entertainment program has been accomplished by creation of the Twilight Concert Hour and the Division Chorus.

Most entertainment usually has come from men of talent within the 63d and new unit productions are scheduled for presentation before elements throughout the entire Division.

A constant stream of stage productions, however, is not always possible. On occasions such features as the Robin Hood operetta, with cast of 100, the Circus Revue which was a highlight of the Organization Day program and the appearance of Dinah Shore, who sang before men of the Division at the personal invitation of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, have been special attractions.

Aided Bond Drives

The 63d's participation in Infantry Day ceremonies and War Bond sales drives in neighboring communities recently placed upon the SSO the responsibility for arousing public interest and enthusiasm. This was accomplished by employment of facilities and personnel of the Public Relations Office, which also is under Capt. Duffy's direction, and utilization



Sets New Record For 25-Mile Hike

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—M/Sgt. Gordon B. Franks, who uses his time on passes to compete in long distance runs, has hung up an all-time Army record for the 25-mile hike, dusting it off in three hours, 58 minutes and 35 seconds, carrying a full field pack, a carbine and wearing a steel helmet.

Paced by a jeep, Franks ran the first 11 miles in one hour and 20 minutes and after a few miles of slow hiking got back into a dog trot. At the finish, while GIs cheered, he staged a spirited sprint and was literally mobbed at the finish line. Measuring the course again, officers found he had really gone 25 miles and three-eighths.

Franks is 24 years old and is from Hornell, N. Y. He did no running while at Syracuse and Niagara universities and entered his first marathon after coming into the Army in 1942. In his first 50 distance runs, he won all but the first. This year at Philadelphia he became the first man to win the PAAA 10-mile race three years in a row.

of its newspaper, radio and wire service contacts.

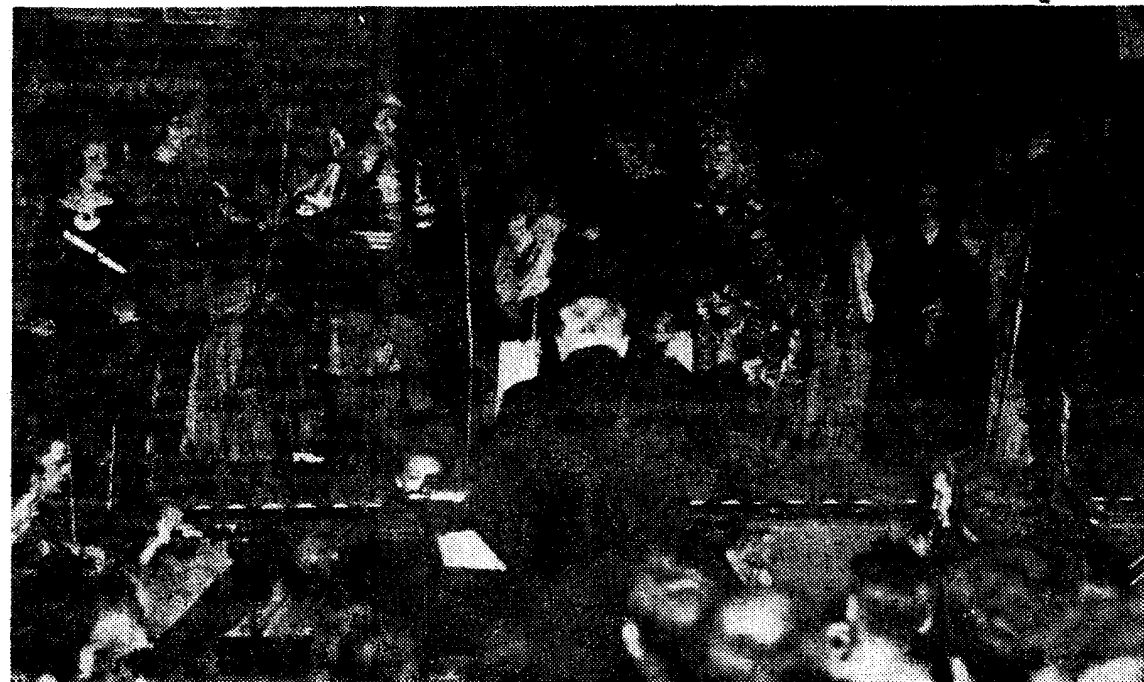
Public Relations also publishes BLOOD AND FIRE, prepares the daily and weekly orientation news summaries and creates outside publicity through its aforementioned contacts.

Consolidation of War Bond sales is another function of the Special Service Office while much of the detail connected with furtherance of the Division orientation program also emanates from it.

Capt. Duffy assists Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant Division commander, in direction of orientation, consolidating schedules and making assignments for inspection of dayroom displays and unit discussion hours. Both hold weekly meetings with unit program officers.

Athletics may seem like a busman's holiday for a soldier, yet a comprehensive program is arranged and executed by Capt. Levkoff. Schedules are planned and plans made for athletic leagues aimed at getting as many participants as possible into action. Ball fields, boxing rings and stands and basketball courts are made available. Contests are scheduled with outside competition and Blood and Fire athletes are given the opportunity of impressing their talents upon others in district basketball, boxing and swimming championships.

In this sphere of competition, incidentally, Special Services has seen men of the 63d give a good accounting. Two swimmers and one basketball player established themselves as outstanding performers in Southern AAU championships and two



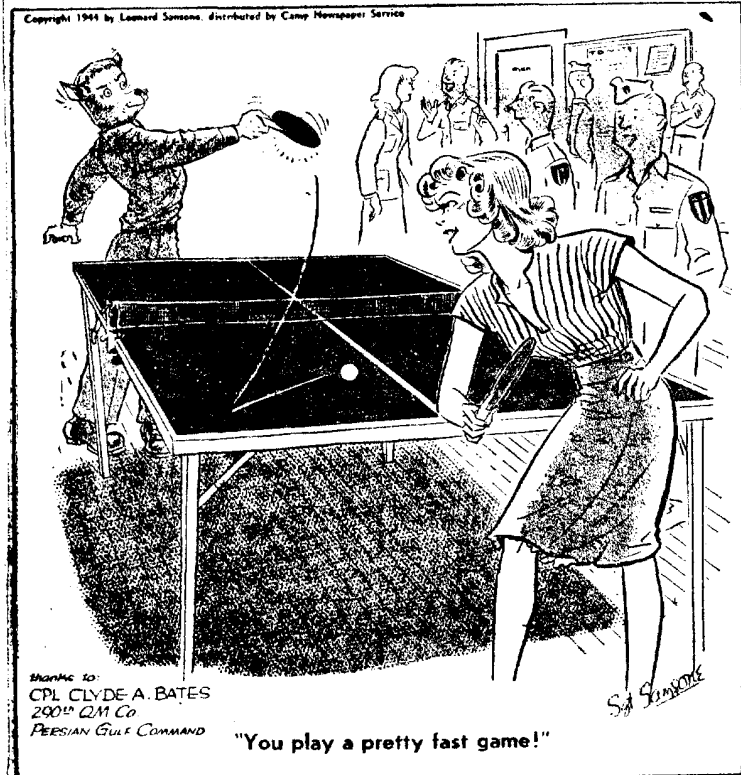
teams failed at achieving top honors only by the slimmest of margins.

Much of the work of the SSO is directed toward creation of self-sufficient entertainment and recreation groups within each unit. It acts as a supervisory body in assisting units in development of their own sources of talent. It ballyhoos shows with use of a mobile public address system, borrows costumes or provides material for their creation and makes possible actual opportunity for presentation of these shows at the hospital, before non-Division units



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES for men of the 63d are furnished through the Division Special Service Office. Top photo is a scene from "Robin Hood" presented in camp through the efforts of the Special Service Office. Bottom photo shows the opening number in the Circus Revue in which 63d personnel and members of the WAC Detachment performed. A stirring play in one of the league baseball games is depicted in bottom photo.

The Wolf by Sansone



Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
 Sunday
 Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
 Chapels 4, 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 Church of Christ Service—2000.
 Chapel 8, Sunday Prayer—1830.
 Chapel 6, Choir Practice, Thursday—1920.
 Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—1920.
 Chapel 8, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1920.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**
 Sunday Masses
 Chapels 5, 10—0800.
 Theater 5—0900.
 Theater 1—1030.
 UT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
- Week Day Masses**
 Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
 Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1820.
- Confessions**
 Chapels 5, 7, Saturday—1820 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.

GIs May Escape Grip Of Two-Timing Wives

NEW YORK—Servicemen may be relieved from making compulsory allotments from their pay to wives believed to have been unfaithful, if legislation sought by the War Committee of the Bar of the City of New York comes through.

This announcement came recently through Charles E. Hughes, Jr., chairman of the committee. In his annual report Hughes stated that a "very large percent-

age of the legal problems presented by servicemen are of this character, and that the committee had been in frequent consultation with the War and Navy departments as well as members of Congress "looking toward legislation that would alleviate this condition without involving an unreasonable administrative problem."

A new Army AA gun, the 120 mm cannon, can outreach the highest flying bombing plane. It can fire up to 12 shells a minute and requires a crew of 19.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

"Dear Sergeant: This is a public statement and I have decided the best way to give it publicity is through your column. Since you are a great booster of the 63d I am fairly certain that you will delight in publishing it which is one of the reasons why I am sending it to you.

"To begin with, I am not just speaking for myself but for my others who joined the divis

about the same time and in the same way I did. We came here

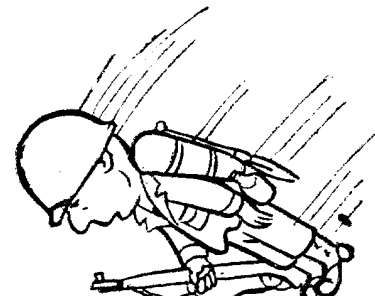


from the Air Corps and I don't mind admitting that we were a pretty disgruntled and disappointed lot at the time of our arrival. Can you blame us? With a commission in sight, we went from white table cloths and sheets to the tough life of an Infantry GI Joe. We took it but we didn't like it and I had plenty of company when I sounded off and gave vent to my wounded feelings.

"Finally, though, my common sense got the upper hand and I began sizing up the outfit into which I had landed. I was plenty capable of doing this because before going to the Air Corps I had done hitches in the field and coast artillery and engineers and some of them were pretty swell outfits. . . . and some lousy.

"I want to say here and now, however, that in the short time I have been in the Infantry I have grown to love it, that no outfit I have seen can compare with the company I am in now. From the lieutenant commanding and that fine first sergeant down to the low-ranking private there isn't one who hasn't its welfare at heart and wouldn't do anything for it.

"I am as happy as a bug in a rug and as tough as a pine knot. A year ago I would have fainted at the thought of making a 25-mile hike. Today our company made it and lost only two men and they fell down on their faces. That's morale



with a capital M and it's what impelled me to write this letter. And, remember, I've talked to lots of former Air Corps men and they feel as I do.

"That's my statement, Sergeant, and no one ever took greater pleasure in giving one."

The foregoing would produce a thrill in the hardest of hearts and toughest of doughboys and I would cut off my arm rather than not publish it. I would like to add at this time that there are several of you former Air Corps men in my outfit and it's amazing how you've come to the top.

Thanks a million, Son--your letter will warm the cockles of the hearts of many a lover of the 63d.

Birds Taught to Fly By Use of Airplane

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Now airplanes are teaching birds to fly. Douglas Aircraft Co. officials claim to have received this report from a Marine combat correspondent at Midway:

A dive bomber pilot found a brood of Gooney birds deserted by their parents. The fledglings were afraid to try their wings, so the pilot herded them into the airship and revved up the propeller of his plane.

The Gooneys soared into the air, but when the engine stopped, they tumbled to the ground. Two more tries and the Gooneys got the idea.

Thanks to a device made by a GI in England, it now takes only 15 minutes instead of 45 to load a truck convoy with bombs.

Film, Talk Portray Lives of Japanese To Men in 254th

Films and maps were used to show a group of 400 former IRTC men temporarily attached to the 254th Inf., the nature of our enemy Japan. This was part of an orientation program presented by Lt. William E. Brick, Regimental Orientation Officer.

Feature of the program was a March of Time film based on the report of former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, who spent 19 years in Japan. The film embraced every phase of Japanese life and showed the people at work and at play, preparing for war and actually launching their march of conquest.

Presenting a background talk on the nature of Japan, T/5 Nathan Gutman showed that the country, about the size of California, has a population about half that of the United States.

"The Japanese are a fanatical people, while the Nazis are pure bullies," he said. "The Japs really believe in their mission, fighting to the bitter end, as they did in Saipan when 99 per cent of them died. However, the Nazis are willing to surrender, as in Normandy, where we took 60,000 prisoners and have buried only 8,000 so far. It is not a racial war we are fighting, for the color of a man's skin does not reveal the nature of his mind. It is a battle of ideas, of fascism against democracy."

Cpl. Samuel Clark surveyed the day's news, and dwelt on the upheaval of the Japanese cabinet, the rapid advances of the Red Army, and the particular effect of robot bombs as a Nazi countermeasure.

GI Changes Jobs But Not Hosses

Pvt. Frank C. Monnick, Anti-Tank Co., 253d, changed jobs when he was inducted into the Army last November, but still has the same boss, War Secretary Henry L. Stimson.

Monnick, 31-year-old company clerk, was employed by Mr. Stimson for 14 years. He began as an office boy and worked up to become personal accountant to the War department chief, handling his record of investments, payrolls and other matters of estate.

The close association between employer and employe developed a close friendship. As a GI, however, Monnick is on his own and the friendship will play no part in his Army career.

While stationed for a time at Ft. Meade, Md., Monnick visited his former boss and toured the Pentagon building. Monnick is a native of Staten Island, N. Y., and holds a B. S. degree in accounting from New York university.



Pvt. Monnick

Red Cross Girl Saves Sleepy Pair From AWOL

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—"This tale of woe could happen to anyone," said Miss Margaret Harper, assistant field director at the Red Cross. The tale of woe began when two soldiers, returning from furloughs, found at Washington that train delays would prevent their getting back to the post before their furloughs expired.

They obtained a note for their commanding officer from the military police in the Washington station stating the train had been delayed, and they stumbled wearily into the train for Butner. Exhausted from a long trip they fell asleep. When they awoke they were near the South Carolina border!

In agitation they applied to the Red Cross at the next station. That chapter immediately phoned Miss Harper, who called their commanding officer. "It could happen to anyone," she said. "Why, it happened to me just a short while ago." "It happened to me, too," echoed the officer. All was forgiven.

KNOW YOUR GENERALS

The Man Who Runs it All



Gen. George Catlett Marshall

(This article is the first of a series.)

In the higher hierarchy of the Army—in those dizzying heights to which a plain foot-soldier looks with the awe otherwise reserved for the Almighty—there shines no brighter star than Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Generalissimo of the Allied Armies.

Yet there is no one to whom the average soldier should look with greater gratitude and friendliness, for Gen. Marshall has practically doubled his chance to come back alive and flung wide open to every ambitious GI the door to unprejudiced advancement.

Today, under him, social standing, peacetime abilities and even formal education are ignored as requisites for leadership. Emphasis is laid solely on intelligence, character and temperament, giving every man in the Army, in Gen. Marshall's own words, "a star in his pocket."

A Battlefield Army
Faced with the problem of training and equipping an army of millions out of our tiny peacetime army, his first order to Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, head of the Army Ground Force, took the Army off the parade ground.

"Don't bother about fancy formations," was the order to Gen. McNair. "Teach them what they will need on the battlefield." What Gen. Marshall wanted and what Gen. McNair gave him was a beachhead army, men who knew how to get on and off a landing barge and what to do afterward, aggressive soldiers able to wage an offensive war on their own initiative and their own terms.

On the day Gen. Marshall, then Assistant Chief of Staff, was raised to the highest command, he was hardly known to the general public, but he had long been ticketed in the Army as the man who would some day become Chief of Staff. Not a West Pointer, he had won his commission after a brilliant record at the Virginia Military Institute, graduating after that from the United States Infantry School and the Army War College. In the Philippines he served under Gen. Franklin Bell, who enthusiastically proclaimed that he might well become "the greatest military genius since Stonewall Jackson."

Years With Pershing
In France in 1917, he soon rose

to be Chief of Operations for the First Army, where he attracted the attention of Gen. Pershing, who entrusted him with the delicate job of withdrawing troops from the Saint-Mihiel salient to new positions for the Meuse-Argonne offensive. In 14 days he moved a million men and their equipment right under the noses of the Germans without arousing their suspicions. It was one of the military masterpieces of the first World War.

He became Gen. Pershing's aide after the armistice and remained in that post for four years, moving slowly up the ladder until 1936, when he received his first general's star. He was transferred to Washington in 1938, and became Assistant Chief of Staff of the War Plans Division, Deputy Chief of Staff and finally Chief of Staff.

Tremendous Problem

It has been pointed out frequently that in this war Gen. Marshall is probably handling the heaviest burden ever undertaken by one man. He is in over-all charge of nine theaters of operations, covering an overseas force scattered over six continents. To feed and supply these men he must hurry Army ships over 56,000 miles of communications lines, every mile of which he must try to protect. At home are millions of soldiers in camp and training he must feed, clothe and prepare for, what is to come and, moreover, he must coordinate all of this with the plans of Congress, the Navy, the State Department and the White House.

To handle this tremendous task the men in the ranks can be thankful that they have Gen. George Catlett Marshall, one of the finest soldiers of our generation.

WAC Prospect Slams Recruiting Sergeant

DENVER—First Sgt. Bob Payne will do his recruiting of Wacs with his "guard up" from now on.

This member of the local Army recruiting office saw a likely looking prospect on the street, and approached her with, "Pardon me, Miss—" Before he could utter another word, she swung and almost broke the sergeant's jaw.

To fire a 15-inch gun once costs \$900; to fire a 16-inch gun costs more than \$1,500.

Redcat Orchestra Highlights Show

Highlighted by the 253d Inf. orchestra, CT Red Special Service Office presented a variety show before a large crowd at the CT Red Rec Hall Tuesday night.

A skit presented by members of the band led by Cpl. John Abate, got the show off to a good start. T/5 Fred Wiener of Red Special Service sang Harold Rome's parody on "Begin the Beguine," "When We Begin to Clean the Latrine." Later in the show Wiener, appropriately garbed in black gown and wearing a wig, pantomimed Ella Fitzgerald singing "Once Too Often."

Pvt. John Darr of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d, a magician, performed feats of legerdemain, and Cpl. Marty Schopp, who appeared in films with Gene Autry, and who plays the bass in the Redcat orchestra, presented several hot juke box numbers.

Selections by the orchestra were, "Coming Out Party," the introductory number; "Trumpet Blues," featuring Cpl. Charles Rudibaugh; "Jump Town," "Swinging the Blues" and "Two o'Clock Jump."

The show, sponsored by Division Special Service, was originally scheduled to be presented at the Open Air Theater but rain forced it indoors.

Miss Miller Wed To Lt. Hamblen

Lt. Archelaus Hamblen, Jr., commanding Co. M, 254th Inf., and Miss Mary Katherine Miller, of Laurel, Miss., were married Sunday, July 16, in Laurel.

Mrs. Hamblen is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. James C. Miller, of Laurel. Lt. Hamblen is the son of Brig. Gen. Archelaus Hamblen. Mrs. Hamblen's brother, Lt. James C. Miller, Jr., was Lt. Hamblen's roommate at the United States Military Academy.

Another roommate, Lt. R. E. Platt, commanding Btry. C, 718th P. A., was best man. The bride was attended by Miss Ruth Katherine Ford, of Laurel.

Lt. Hamblen was a 1943 graduate of West Point. Mrs. Hamblen is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

The couple left for Gulfport, Miss., on a wedding trip.

British Army to Draft Men From Naval Units

LONDON—The British war cabinet has authorized the army to draft substantial numbers of Royal Navy personnel to replenish invasion-depleted land units.

The first requisitions will be made upon shore naval stations and warships undergoing long repairs. Naval circles said navy casualties have been relatively light and that the navy is so well manned there are men to spare.

The London Daily Mail commented that "as the bulk of the naval ratings (noncommissioned officers) are men who volunteered for the service, the decision is not likely to be a highly popular one."

CAMP MacKALL, N. C.—The bear cub mascot of the 458th Parachute Bn., is in disgrace, in shackles and in a cage today. He was caught peeping on WACs and members of the Army Nurse Corps from the branches of a tall tree adjacent to their barracks.

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EDITORIAL

THE MEN WHO LEAD YOU

It has been one of the fortunate qualities of democracy that, no matter how great the problems it has faced, it always has produced men able to meet and conquer them. Nowhere has this been more marked than in our military history. Although the United States never has been a militaristic nation and it has been the custom between wars almost to forget that the Army exists, the Army always has come through in times of crisis with a soldier who was able to attack his problems with a talent that amounted to genius.

From Washington to Pershing there has been a glorious line of military leaders who have arisen in our darkest days to bring new strength and hope to the nation. When the Union seemed faced with certain dismemberment, Grant, obscure and overlooked in the political scramble for Army jobs in the first days of the Civil War, came out of the West with a master plan to save the nation—and he made his plan work in a storm of criticism and a welter of blood. In an earlier crisis, with the nation humiliated and disheartened by the reverses of the War of 1812, Andrew Jackson came through at the last hour with a victory that restored its pride and re-established its prestige among the powers of the world.

In the present conflict we have been fortunate as never before in the quality of our leaders. We entered the war woefully unprepared, but in the quality of our leadership we again had a huge fund of hidden power. At the top was Gen. Marshall, who had spent a lifetime preparing for the gigantic problems he was called on to carry. In the Far East Gen. MacArthur was ready to put into effect at a moment's notice the plans he had been quietly perfecting during years of service in the Philippines.

From the very beginning a well-prepared plan was being followed, through defeats and reverses that for anxious months made our cause doubtful. But, as strength piled up at home, details of the master plan began to appear and, with the invasion of North Africa under Gen. Eisenhower and the reconquest of the Pacific under MacArthur, victory came within sight.

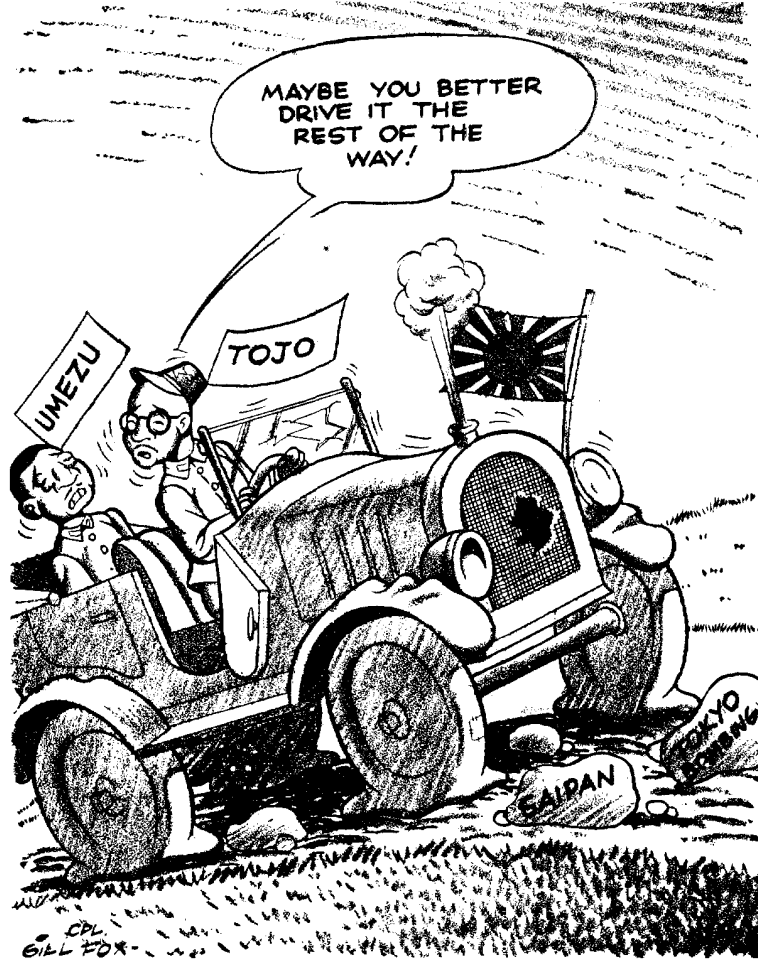
Again America had been saved by the soldiers developed in peacetime. A series starting in BLOOD AND FIRE this week will give the background of our outstanding military leaders. It will be worth your while to learn more about them.

Wherever you fight, in France, Italy, China or, in time, Japan, you will probably serve under one of these men. This is a good time to start knowing your generals.

"South of Minsk, German formations fought their way farther backwards."—Nazi communique.

"There is still a tough fight ahead of us."—Lt. Gen. Breton Somervell.

"American machines of war and American food have contributed to the success of the Red Army."—Joseph Stalin.



News from Here and There

Scout Wages One-Man Offensive on Nazis

FRANCE—Pfc. G. C. Smith, of Philadelphia, a rifle scout, was mixed up on his time and took off two hours ahead of schedule for an attack on an important hill overlooking St. Lo. He explored a hedgerow and encountered a man he said talked an "unintelligible" language. When the man ran, Smith followed him to a German machine gun nest.

Smith shot the gunner, but missed the assistant. Then, discovering he was waging a one-man offensive, he returned to his own lines in time to take off with the rest of the Army.

Macaroni Necklaces Fool GIs on Guadal

GUADALCANAL — Servicemen here bought beautiful necklaces from the natives for a time. But the flourishing business crashed in a hurry when a suspicious Marine's investigation disclosed that the "coral" of the necklaces was macaroni the natives had obtained from the Army and painted.

Radar Will Eliminate Hazards of Sea Travel

LONDON — Wartime developments in radar will bring a new era to ocean travel in peacetime, according to experts here. Atlantic passengers who, before the war, were slowed down by the peril of icebergs and fog will do a four-day dash in perfect safety. The experts believe that radiolocation apparatus on liners and cargo vessels will even put some lighthouses out of business.

New Citizen Joins WAC After Naturalization

LOS ANGELES—When Ingvarda Johansen, qualifying for United States citizenship, said she would be willing to bear arms for the nation, she meant just that. Less than four hours after she swore allegiance to the nation, she enlisted in the WAC.

Woman Rope Splicer Beats Sailors at Job

WASHINGTON—Anybody who thinks that splicing ropes is a sailor's job hasn't heard of Helen G. Wheeler. Chief rope splicer at the Bureau of Standards, Miss Wheeler is credited with the knack of producing splices some 13 per cent stronger than the best of many male experts and has the wide-eyed admiration of Navy men.

Grenade on Tank's Tail Causes Marines to Flee

SAIPAN—Crew members of a Buffalo amphibian tank churned back into their own lines only to see their buddies of the 4th Marine Div. scattering away from them like picnickers at the approach of a skunk. The tank men were puzzled until notified—by radio—that the Japs had affixed an antitank charge, a "sticky grenade," to the tail of their tank. They disposed of the explosive in a hurry.

9th Service Command Had Long Wash Line

FT. DOUGLAS, Utah—More than a quarter billion pieces of laundry were handled by the Ninth Service Command's QM laundries during 1943. Enlisted men's laundry is done first, at \$1.50 a month. Officers' laundry comes last, and they pay by the piece.

Bond Lost in Plant Turns Up in Africa

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—Thomas Larkin lost a War Bond at the bomber plant in which he works here. Some time later he received a letter from an American soldier in Africa. The bond was enclosed. The soldier, a boy from Michigan, was a member of an AAF ground crew. He had found the bond while working inside one of the planes.

Tons of Popular Sweets Being Shipped Overseas

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The most popular brands of candy bars now are going to soldiers overseas, according to the QM sub-depot here. During the first quarter of this year more than 300,000,000 candy bars or packages or nationally known brands of candy were purchased for overseas troops. Chocolate-covered candies are shipped to comparatively cool climates; hard candies and jellies go to warmer stations.

Hen's Eggs Revealed As German Booby Trap

NEAR BAYEUX, France—British soldiers rationed to one egg a month came upon an egg in a nest alongside the lane, and almost rushed over to pick it up. A sixth sense warned them to stop. A mine detection device revealed that the nest was the latest thing in German booby traps (which recently have included explosives in bars of soap and acid in liquid soap containers), for whoever picked it up would have set off a charge of high explosives beneath the nest.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain Carl E. L. Lucky.
(255th Inf.)

A man moves a piece on the chess board. The piece advances. Sometimes it moves backward. The force by which the piece is moved is not self-contained, but from without. The chess piece hasn't any power of self-determination.

Men are different. We have that God-given gift of self-determination by which we are able to so order our lives that chance and circumstance do not control. But some men, though they have within them the power of self-determination, are content to let themselves be governed entirely by outside forces. This shifting from inner to outer compulsion involves also the shedding of responsibility, and so we have men who think the world owes them a living and who always have a ready excuse for failure.

We have laws, and we are under external authority; a soldier is governed by orders, and these are all external forces. But rightly understood, a law or any proper exercise of authority is not the closing of man's opportunity but rather the direct challenge of opportunity; not the negation of man's power of self-determination, but a calling upon it for its best. The cinder track may be marked in lanes. This is regulatory. But the effort which the runner will put into the race is a matter of his own self-determination.

Could any combination of outer circumstances drive those many early Christians to contend for the faith unto the martyr's death? Could any law be passed or any order issued which could drive men from comfortable homes to preach Christ in kraal and igloo?

Is it the authority of the draft board that has driven our brothers in arms through torrents of enemy fire into beachheads, across deserts, through jungles, and into all manner of deadly combat? What but a driving compulsion from within can throw men into every task and opportunity with the best that is in them?

For the man of God this power rises to its heaven-born destiny in submission to God's will. Paradoxically we rise to the greatest heights of achievement and service only when we submit to God and seek to conform our wills to His.

This isn't easy. It wasn't easy for our Lord Jesus to go to Jerusalem, knowing what was in store. God has never promised that His way is the easy way. But it is the best way, and the only way to real and enduring success and the highest kind of self-expression and self-realization.

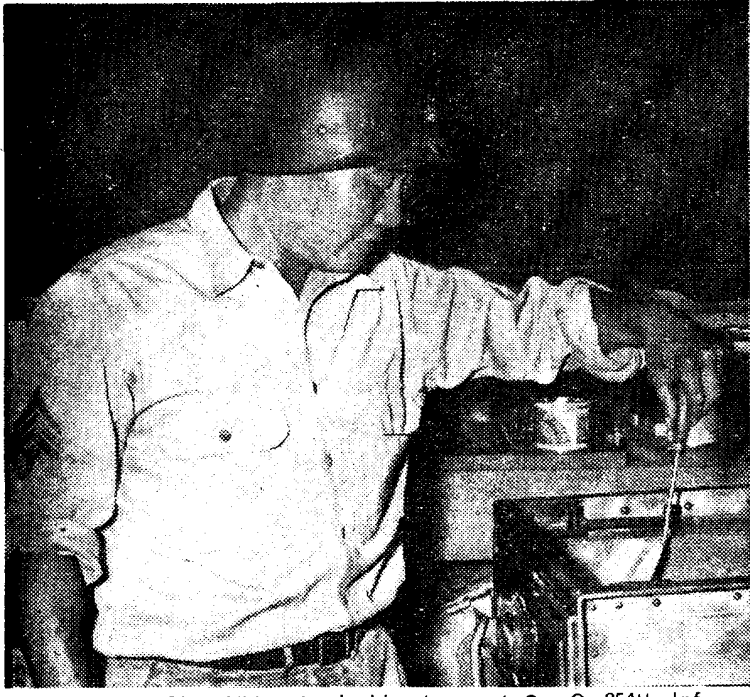
Keep those inner forces on top, remembering that "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." Your life will be marked by success or failure not by virtue of the ebb and flow of circumstance, unless you surrender to circumstance, but rather by the compulsion from within. Are you a hopeless chess piece, or a wishful believer in your own powers, or a confident and victorious believer and follower of God?

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

This is almost the end of the fifth year of the Nazi conquest of Poland . . . five years of deliberately "plopping under" of a whole nation . . . a "gainfully-employed" Pole gets less than one-half a pound of bread every two days . . . and a hundred pounds of coal a year . . . well over two million Poles have been exported as slave labor . . . rounded up in the streets . . . And the Superman are getting a bit worried . . . they carry printed warnings on their passes advising German soldiers not to be out alone after dark . . . railroad sentinels carry machine guns . . . and the fear is growing as Allied armies get nearer . . . The story of the daily execution of thousands of Jews at Belzee has been printed in many newspapers . . . but the logic behind it has not been made clear . . . The Nazi officer in charge explained that "it is necessary for our youth to be brutal. The Fuehrer wants an arrogant, insensitive German youth . . . Poland is where we can train men in those virtues . . . We must train a generation brutal enough to control the whole world . . . Anybody want to know why we fight???"

The recent fiasco of the Jap attack on Imphal near the border of India brings up the amazing picture of that member of our United Nations . . . a peacetime army of 182,000 has jumped to a force of two million—volunteers . . .



T-4 Jung Sing Thing tends his stoves at Co. G, 254th Inf.

Homes Sacked by Japs, These Men Seek Revenge

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the hills. They then burned the town to the ground. Three days later Chinese troops drove the Japs out.

You Hor Chin's parents are still in this town, which he left in 1928. In 1933 he returned for a two-year visit and on leaving he had a

Larkin, Higgins Help 862d Win

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Inf. team, 68 to 35. Six enlisted men represented each unit in the Quiz which was sponsored by CPT White Orientation Office directed by Lt. William E. Brick.

Cpl. Samuel Clark of Co. D, 254th Inf., acted as quizmaster and posed the three sets of questions that grew tougher as the contest continued. Hostesses at the Service Club cooperated by contributing three lemon pies to the winning team and two watermelons to the losers.

Members of the winning team included in addition to Cpl. Higgins, and T-4 Larkin, T/Sgt. Frederick Koch of Hq. Btry. Cpl. Raymond Y. Finston, Btry. B, T-4 Jack Sargent, Hq. Btry., and Cpl. William Evans, Btry. C. The 254th was represented by Cpl. Martin Sacks, Cannon Co., T-4s, Victor Baum and Morton Herman, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., Sgt. John Boehn, Co. E, Pfc. Lachlan MacInnes, Co. K, and S/Sgt. John Zaro, Co. M.

Prior to the start of the contest 36 members of the 254th Drum and Bugle Corps marched into the club and played six numbers.

254th Orchestra Plays Return Date at McComb

Presenting special arrangements by Pts. Jack Campbell and Gordon Bland, the 254th orchestra played a return engagement for the McComb Military Maids last week. Paula Bland, Pvt. Bland's wife, and Pvt. Milt Kreiger, Co. K, sang.

The Presidio of Monterey, Calif., has been designated a separation center to speed and systematize discharges.

prime example of the Japanese technique. The Japs took all of his belongings and he was forced to spend all of his money in Jap shops to buy clothing for his return.

China-born T-4 Jung Sing Thing, cook in Co. G, 254th Inf., also saw his home city, Canton, taken over by the Japanese, but he is confident that he will walk its streets in freedom again some day. He is a fervent admirer of Chiang Kai-shek and he is certain that the great Chinese leader will rule soon over a united and free nation.

Day of Jubilation
The day of final victory in the Far East will be a day of jubilation in the home of Jung Sing Thing for it will herald the early voyage to America of his wife and their youngest son. Thing has never seen this son. Married in Canton in 1925, Thing came to America in 1926, leaving his wife and first son in China. In 1934 he returned to China and brought his son back with him. Another son was born the next year.

Thing is very proud that his older son, Tai, will probably enter the Army soon. He will be the third generation of his family to be represented in the U. S. armed forces, for Thing's father, born in California, served through World War I.

Just so you can see what it looks like in Chinese, T-4 Thing has written Blood and Fire in Cantonese to illustrate this story. How'd you like to have to write that on your envelopes to have your letters sent free?

Men of 63d to See 'Untitled,' at Theaters

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the mother of Hank Peters: Cpl. Jane Weinert, as Marion, Peters' sweetheart; and T-5 Fred Wiener, as the Nazi soldier who kills Peters.

T-5 Zal Venetsky of Cannon Co., will handle the sound effects, while Pvt. Donald G. Metcalf, Co. I, will have charge of lighting. Music will be from recordings of famous American songs. The production will be under the supervision of Capt. Edmund Fritzsche, 253d Orientation Officer.

It Waxes Hot So Knuckles Makes a Racket Out of It

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off the ground in rapid succession. Knuckles reaches to pick him up, as if he is dancing, and when the crow winks and holds forth both feet. Knuckles comprehends that the bird wishes him to rub his feet, which he does, and the bird sighs and points a wing to the telephone wires overhead, where it seems he fried his feet when he sits down a few minutes before.

As Knuckles rubs the crow's feet, he begins to squirm his own toes, and he notices that his shoes have never felt so hot. The more he rubs the more pleased the bird appears and the greater becomes his desire to scratch his own toes. Finally, he can bear it no longer. He sets the bird on the grass, takes off his shoes and, with an expression of complete contentment, he rakes his fingernails through the steaming recesses of his pedal extremities.

This feels so good Knuckles continues it several minutes. Then the bird hops in his lap and demands attention, and when Knuckles again rubs the fried feet of the feathered creature the crow is so happy he flaps his wings rapidly, creating the same effect as an electric fan, and pretty soon the breezes from the bird's wing dry off Knuckles' brow and he's as comfortable as an Arab in a sandstorm.

Sometimes during this ideal cooperation between him and the bird Knuckles gets an inspiration, and when I emerge from the barracks, dressed and ready to swelter the week-end in New Orleans, I see a most peculiar sight.

Knuckles has tied his shoe-shine brush to the tree trunk with his tent rope and is lazily pulling his toes back and forth through the stubby bristles; he is resting his head on his helmet and the bird is sitting on the upper edge of a book on Knuckles' chest, holding out his feet for Knuckles to scratch and beating his wings just fast enough to stir a gentle breeze. Close by are some salt tablets and a bottle of worms. Knuckles is reading the comics and occasional-

ly, without missing a beat, the bird reaches for a tidbit.

This sight causes me to laugh so hard the tears come in my eyes, as rarely do I see a man and a bird this happy.

Do not laugh so loud," Knuckles says. "You may frighten the bird." But I cannot stop laughing, and the crow flies up in the tree and I bend double, it is so funny.

I cannot explain how suddenly I am flat on the grass and Knuckles is standing over me. Either the bird threw a brick or Knuckles got angry. Anyway, I get up and brush myself and feel the knot that is rising immediately under my right eye. Hastily I leave, as I have to catch the bus and I do not have time to argue, especially with Knuckles.

The last thing I see is Knuckles lying on the ground, coaxing the bird to come back, which he does, and Knuckles tells me Monday he never spent such a pleasant week-end. So highly does he regard this system of keeping cool and amusing himself that he will patent it, and he believes there is a fortune in it, as well as genuine relief and happiness for the Common Man.

"Purely a sales proposition," he says. "Birds, brushes, books, worms and salt tablets. No production difficulties. We'll call it the Coolerbust Self-operating Breeze Machine."

"It's terrific," I say, "really terrific!"

"I will make you a partner for two bucks," he says. "You get in on the ground floor with me and we'll be right after the war."

I pay him the two dollars and get a receipt, as I am strictly business on a deal of this nature, and now we are selling stock.

Next week, Knuckles is going to send a copy of the plan to Washington, for a patent, if he has enough money after his date with Magnolia Blossom.—Fiction.

Cited for Bluing Stoves Each Meal

The lustre of the field stoves in Co. B, 253d Inf., reflects the kitchen prowess of Sgt. Darrell M. Mullen who recently was commended by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and Col. Edward P. Lukert, 253d Commander for the cleanliness of the sergeant's cooking utensils.

With the 63d since its activation and a year each with the 82d Airborne and 38th Infantry Divisions, Sgt. Mullen reports bluing of his mess stoves takes 15 minutes after each meal.

"We never begin cooking until those stoves are thoroughly clean," Sgt. Mullen explained.

His cooking objectives center on satisfaction of his buddies' appetites and in Co. B it's not uncommon for the cooks to prepare fried eggs right off the griddle or to bake pies a few hours before evening chow. Steaks are cooked over wooden grates in the Army stoves, which, comments Sgt. Mullen, "are as good as those in civilian life." The Co. B mess staff cooks for 220 men or 660 meals per day.

Sgt. Mullen has spent the three years of his Army career in the kitchen. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, the 37-year-old mess sergeant enlisted five days after the attack on Pearl Harbor and believes in injecting some of the Army's chow technique into his own home. His wife and daughter reside at McComb and on visits home the sergeant frequently shares kitchen duties with Mrs. Mullen.

Training Stressed By Ex-254th Officer

First Lieutenant Jack M. Nicholson, formerly with the 254th Inf., in a letter to Col. Joseph Warren, Regimental Commander, tells of his experiences in active battle zones somewhere in Europe.

The Lieutenant makes a particular point of urging men to pay attention to the instructions given them while training. He says, "If I had my training to do all over again I would pay closer attention and do a hell of a lot more studying."

"There was a saying back there that things were rough everywhere," writes Lt. Nicholson. "That is a masterpiece of understatement when applied to the ETO. The work back in the States is invaluable when you get over here, and every moment spent in training, with particular emphasis on marksmanship, is extremely valuable."

Puzzle Answer

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Twins Travel Identical Paths To 253d Inf.

It's twins at Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 253d Inf.

Goggle-eyed men in the company tried to distinguish between Ronald and Donald Dorning, 18-year-old twins from Seattle, Wash. Capt. Bartow Kelly, commanding officer, had the answer though. He pointed out that Donald is one inch taller and two pounds heavier than Ronald.

First Sgt. James C. Harvey added that Ronald shoots five points better than Donald, though both are sharpshooters with the M-1.

To the ordinary observer, however, it is difficult to tell them apart. Both are amateur radio repairmen and auto mechanics. Both play football and baseball. Both are accomplished musicians on the trombone, cornet and trumpet. Both took their basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and graduated together from high school.

According to Army regulations, Capt. Kelly said, the twins will be kept together throughout their service.

Sgt. Harvey went the regulations one better recently. He put both boys on the same detail—KP.

Pigeons released from submarines have been used by Allied forces in efforts to contact partisan units in occupied countries.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Times—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810 (From Saturday, July 22 through Friday, July 23)

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TUESDAY—"Three Little Sisters," with Ruth Terry, Mary Lee, William Terry, "The Mummy's Ghost," with John Carradine, Robert Lowery, and Lon Chaney.

WED.-THURS.—"Mr. Skiffington," with Betty Davis, Claude Rains, and Walter Abel.

FRIDAY—"Dixie Tamboree," with Frances Langford, Eddie Golan, Guy Keebe and Charles Interwirth.

THEATER NO. 3
Starting Time—1900 (From Saturday, July 22 through Saturday, July 23)

SATURDAY—"Step Lively," with George Murphy, Gloria DeHaven, Frank Sinatra, and Adolph Menjou.

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

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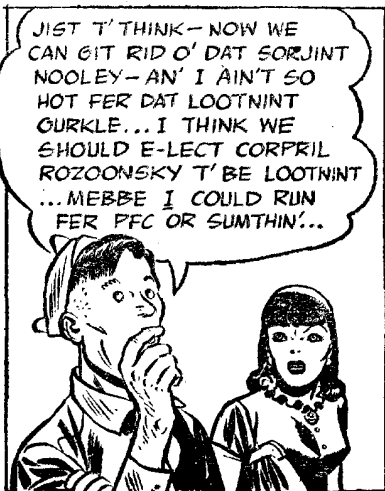
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Male Call

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



Knot Hole In Any Party Platform

CT White Beats Blue Nine for First-Half Title

Lynch and Robins Star in CT Blue Softball Circuit

CT Blue continued to offer its softball enthusiasts a steady diet of activity, carrying its second-half pennant chase through another week.

Competition "down in the neck" uncovered another pair of capable boys, both of whom provided about all the fireworks emanating from their respective games.

Cpl. Jimmy Lynch got himself three for three and a pair of runs. But, since his tallies were the only ones made by the 255th Med. Det. against the Secv. Co. ten, the latter came away with a 3-2 victory. This game, by the way, was finished in three-quarters of an hour.

Sgt. Wayne Robins, playing with Co. G, fared well, too, and so did his team as it galloped off with a 4-2 victory over Co. F. While Pvt. Teeta had the Co. F batters well in hand with neat hurling, Sgt. Robins' boys in all four runs for the Gees and nullified the opposition's attempt to register its first victory.

There was little change in the league setups. Co. M continued unbeaten as it topped Co. K, 3-0, to retain leadership in the 3d Bn. circuit. Co. D, undebated in 1st Bn. rivalry, was idle but results of games in this loop failed to affect the standings in any extent.

Co. F	AB R H	Co. G	AB R H
Mohr, c	2 0 0	McHalek, 2b	3 1 1
Ortol, 2b	1 0 0	Samak, ss	1 0 0
Douglas, ss	2 0 0	Karmon, 3b	1 1 0
Katon, 1b	3 1 1	Katitzky, 1c	2 1 0
Pope, 1c	2 1 1	Fessze, 1b	3 1 0
Levy, 2b	2 1 1	Jackson, c	3 0 0
Lover, rf	2 2 0	Bousard, rf	3 0 0
Easton, p	3 0 0	Giamone, rf	2 0 1
Vogel, ss	2 0 0	Robins, ss	2 1 2
Hughes, cf	2 0 0	Teeta, p	2 1 0
Totals	25 5 2	Totals	27 6 4

Co. F	AB R H	Co. G	AB R H
Teeta, p	2 1 0	Levy, 2b	3 1 0
Mohr, c	2 0 0	Teeta, ss	3 0 0
Ortol, 2b	3 0 0	Smith, cf	1 1 0
Douglas, ss	3 1 0	Lynch, 1b	3 3 2
Katon, 1b	2 0 0	Drew, 1b	3 1 0
Pope, 1c	2 0 0	Gilchrist, ss	3 0 0
Levy, 2b	2 0 0	Rybacki, 1c	2 0 0
Lover, rf	2 0 0	Herrmann, c	2 0 0
Easton, p	4 1 0	Robins, rf	3 0 0
Vogel, ss	1 1 0	Tray, p	3 0 0
Hughes, cf	1 1 0	Totals	23 6 2

Score by innings:
Med. Det. 255th 011 000 3-2
Secv. Co. 255th 000 210 X-1

4:00 Mile Near

The four minute mile, one of the most discussed subjects in track and field circles this last decade, edged a shoulder around the corner when the Swedish Arne Andersson hung up a new world record of 4:01.5 this week.

Andersson raced the first quarter in 56.8 seconds as he triumphed over his celebrated countryman, Gundar Haegg, who trailed him in an amazing 4:02 performance.

Miller Hurls 8th Win As Red Tops Vicksburg

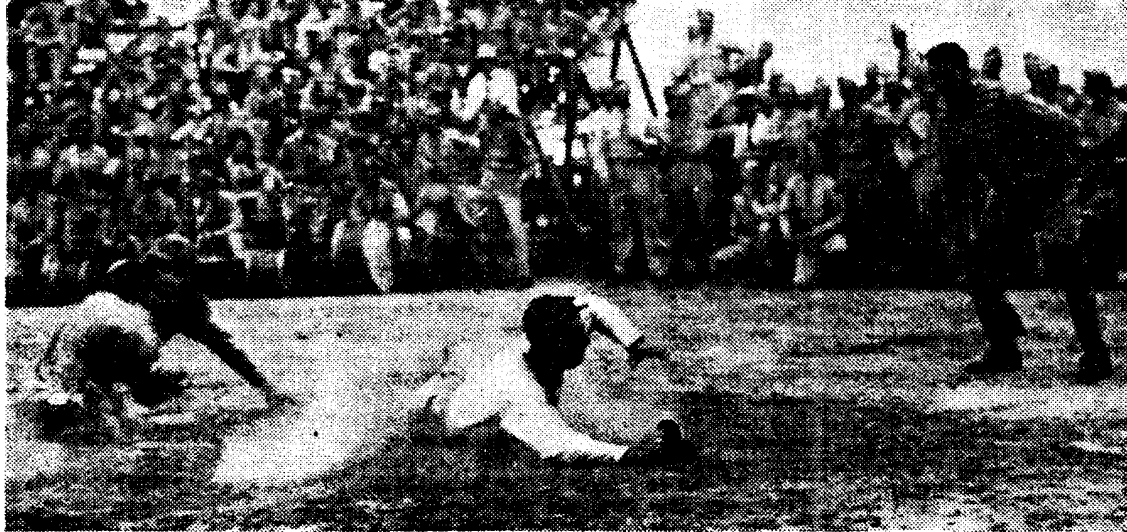
Sgt. Oscar Miller notched an easy victory for his eighth in 19 starts this season when his CT Red nine topped the Vicksburg semipro, 13-4, in the City of 100 Hills last Sunday.

The former Cincinnati Reds hurler gave up nine hits and was only in troubled moments when the home nine rallied in the seventh to get all its runs. Aside from this, however, the Redcats walloped Brothers Austin and Cutt for 13 hits and made good use of eight Vicksburg errors to keep Miller in the velvet all the way.

CT Red	AB R H	Vicksburg	AB R H
Hassell, c	5 3 3	King, rf	5 0 2
Swinger, 2b	4 2 2	Zimmer, cf	5 0 2
Buchli, ss	4 2 2	Phillips, ss	5 0 1
Kochler, 1b	4 0 2	Shenfeld, 2b	3 0 0
Cortese, 1b	5 1 2	Ponbaker, 1c	1 1 2
Wildar, c	5 3 2	Andrews, c	2 1 0
Poggi, 2b	5 2 2	Steples, 2b	3 0 0
Barris, cf	5 0 2	Katon, 2b	2 1 1
		Jamison, 1b	2 0 0
		Brothers, p	3 0 0
		Austin, p	3 1 1
		Cutt, p	2 0 0
Totals	48 13 18	Totals	42 4 9

Score by innings:
Redcats 314 022 901-14
Vicksburg 009 009 100-11

Five American league pitchers were robbed of no-run, no-hit games in 1913 by the matter of one hit each.



Mermen Compete At Selman Field

Members of the 63d Div. squad which won a major share of the honors at the all-service men's swimming championships at New Orleans will enter competition again in a meet with Selman Field mermen at the Monroe, La. air base tonight.

Fifteen men under the direction of Capt. Bernard H. Leykoff, Division athletic officer, compose the squad which will take on the flippers in an eight-event meet. Cpl. Alvin Morrow, who won the 100-yard backstroke crown and emerged with individual scoring laurels in the Southern AAF affair at New Orleans, heads the competitors from the 63d. Pvt. John Simpson, erstwhile Ohio State U. diver who set a district scoring record in winning the springboard honors, will not compete being on detached service.

Not much is known of the Selman Field outfit but Capt. Leykoff is confident of the outcome of this competition. Although the service men's affair was the first for the Blood and Fire squad, the group finished only eight points off the winning position.

The program facing Morrow and his mates consists of the 150-yard medley and 300-yard freestyle relays, the 50 and 100 yard freestyles, the 50-yard back and breast stroke trials and the diving.

263d Engineers Beaten By CT White Nine, 16-2

CT White sought, and obtained, a lot of practice against the 263d Engns. this week, winning by 16 to 2 in a game curtailed by darkness after five innings.

Led by Al Matolla, who hammered a homer, the infantrymen put on a 10 run uprising in the second inning to put an early decision to the issue.

CT White	AB R H	263d Engns.	AB R H
Smith, 1c	2 2 1	Krischner, 1c	2 1 1
Doolay, ss	2 2 1	Hess, p	2 0 1
Lakot, 2b	1 1 1	Russell, c	2 0 1
Carlock, 2b	2 2 2	Rabonson, 1b	2 0 0
Polgreen, c	2 2 2	Beckett, rf	2 0 1
Smith, 1b	3 1 2	Burlingame, ss	1 0 0
James, cf	2 0 0	Schmitt, 1b	2 0 0
Galbreth, cf	2 1 1	Vandell, cf	2 0 0
Lebowitz, rf	2 1 0	Coughlin, 2b	2 1 1
Matolla, 1b	3 1 1		
Steele, p	1 1 1		
Totals	22 16 13	Totals	13 2 1

Score by innings:
263d Engns. 1 0 100-2
CT White 13 10 94X-16



NEVER A DULL MOMENT was there in the playoff between CTs White and Blue for the Division Baseball league first half title, Wednesday. In the photo at top, First Baseman Matolla, of the White, safely slides past Catcher MacDougal's outstretched hand for a second-inning run. In the same inning, there was a dispute on Lt. Ralph Shaima's ruling on an overthrow into the stands and below he is seen (arrow) having his say in the matter. CT Whites won, 5-4.

Division Driver Envisions Jeep As Fast Racing Car

Pvt. Mike Levitski is looking forward to having a jeep of his own some day. He's sure he can make a fast job for auto racing of one and resume a career that was derailed by the accidental death of a friend.

Mike drives a jeep and other GI vehicles for Div. Hq. Co. now. To some that might seem like a far cry from racing your half-interest in a car capable of doing 100 miles per hour. The 24-year-old Detroit-er, however, does not see it that way.



"I got started in auto racing by turning a stock car from the junk pile into a racing model," Levitski points out. "At its best that 1935 model Ford could only hit 30. When I and the fellow with whom I bought the car got through giving it two air-cooled heads and dual carburetors, turning down the cam shaft and grinding the valves over-size for faster exhaust, it traveled almost twice as fast."

"I don't believe the jeep could be made capable of that kind of speed," this much-traveled soldier says, "but given the same kind of going-over that old Ford got, I think it could be made to do better than 100 mph."

Levitski has been in the service (Continued on Page 7)

Americans Win First Allied Games

While Allied troops still engaged in battle with the enemy on Italian soil, athletes of the American, British and French armies staged a track and field meet in Rome which in all probability was a prelude to much larger and finer "Victory Games" in some European capital in the near future.

As in the inter-Allies games of World War I, dogfaced and gobs walked off with the major share of the individual honors and the team prize. They won eight of the 12 championships and provided the games' outstanding victor in Lt. Wilho I. Mehl, of the Navy.

Not even listed as a starter, following his withdrawal from the 5000-meter race because of a painful leg injury the day before, Lt. Mehl won in 4:11.91. The former intercollegiate champion from the

University of Wisconsin, said after breaking the tape, "I never thought I could make it."

He started third, made his way forward and took the lead for a winning drive at the start of the final lap. He had to break stride once and visibly grimaced as his leg injury momentarily got the better of him. His winning time was considered remarkable in light of the fact that spikes were unavailable. All athletes ran either barefooted or in tennis shoes.

Only double-winner of the games was Pfc. Willie Steele, of San Diego. Holder of the national junior broad jump title at 25 ft. 7 in., the young Negro displayed versatility in getting off a winning leap of 22 ft. 2 in., in the broad jump and then topping 5 ft. 10 in.,

in the high jump for his second winning achievement.

The winners included:
High Jump—Private First Class Wilho Steele, San Diego, Cal., 5 feet 10 inches.
Broad Jump—Private First Class Wilho Steele, 22 feet 2 inches.
Shotput—Sergeant Robert Smith, Ocean City, Miss., 44 feet 3 inches.
110-Meter High Hurdles—Pharmacist's Mate Henry Waterbury, Jackson, Miss., 15.93 seconds.
400 Meters—Private First Class Fred Sickinger, Astoria, N. Y., 2:43.1.
200 Meters—Gunner Charlie Masters, Auckland, New Zealand, 22.93 seconds.
400 Meters—Sergeant Ronald Edjaey, British, 52.95 seconds.
100 Meters—Private First Class Paul Devoit, 11 seconds.
200-Meter Low Hurdles—Ray (French), 25.94 seconds.
1500-Meter Relay—Corporal Eugene Taylor, Pasadena, Cal.; Thomas Canon, Chicago; Private Parker Harris, Yarrima, Wash.; Sergeant Jim White, Fresno, Cal.
5000 Meters—Sergeant Major Tattar Ben Smaia French Army, 15:54.5.

5,000 See Victors Stave Off Rally For 5-4 Decision

Peterson Stops Baker at Plate in Ninth; Pontone Stars

The up and down CT White baseball team ended on the high note once more to top CT Blue, 5-4, in the playoff for the Division League first-half championship on a neutral diamond, Wednesday evening.

More than 5,000 soldiers watched Cpl. Joe Cordts' combination take an early lead, lose it, and then gain the deciding margin in the sixth on Pvt. Dick Snow's hit.

The champions were there with the pitching and the fielding. Pvt. Joe Pontone did a fine job on the hill, striking out 10 of the 34 men who faced him. He gave up seven hits and only in the second and ninth, when the Blue got all but one of its runs, were his rivals able to get more than one an inning.

Pontone's teammates, who decided the game for him in the sixth, saved it for him in the ninth. With one run in and Baker on his way home on Staupiglio's hit, Snow's relay of Smith's throw-in from left field beat the runner to the plate; the tying run never developed.

The boys played for high stakes and Lt. Ralph Shaima, who handled the game from behind home plate, had his hands full. The contest was delayed for 20 minutes in the second inning while the boys debated the umpire's ruling on an overthrow into the stands. His decision stood and the Blue received credit for a couple of runs. The same situation, incidentally, developed in the sixth inning and the White was on the receiving end this time.

The spectators, largest in number since most of the division turned out to watch the New Orleans Pelicans play here, never were allowed to lose interest in the game. Although hits were well scattered, the see-saw nature of the scoring kept them absorbed. And, the ninth inning climax when Earl Peterson put the ball to Baker to squelch the tying run, sent them away with something to talk about.

The box score:

CT White	AB R H	CT Blue	AB R H
Smith, 1c	4 1 0	Freesman, 1c	4 0 0
Doolay, ss	4 1 1	DeBussie, 1c	4 0 0
Carlock, 2b	4 1 2	Stanetti, ss	4 1 1
Peterson, c	4 0 0	Horne, 2b	4 1 1
Snow, 1b	3 1 1	Baker, 3b	4 1 2
Galbreth, cf	3 0 0	Staupiglio, cf	4 1 1
Matolla, 1b	3 1 1	MacDougal, c	4 0 0
Lebowitz, rf	2 0 0	Dandona, 1b	3 0 1
Pontone, p	2 0 0	Baker, p	2 0 1
Staver, cf	1 0 0	Diller, p	1 0 0
James, cf	0 0 0	Staver, p	3 0 0
Totals	31 5 6	Totals	34 4 7

Score by innings:
CT Blue 021 000 001-4
CT White 210 002 00X-5

Camp Beauregard Rally Beats CT Blue Nine, 5-3

Pvt. Bill Haag's pitching came apart at the seams in the last inning of CT Blue's game with the visiting nine from Camp Beauregard here last Saturday and the guests took off with a 5-3 victory.

Haag allowed only one hit and had seven strikeouts to his credit in addition to a 3-1 lead when the Beauregard boys went to bat in the seventh. They tagged the Blue hurler for four more hits, got unexpected help in the form of a couple errors and made enough runs to sew up the game.

The box score:

CT Blue	AB R H	Beauregard	AB R H
Freesman, 1c	4 0 0	Campbell, 2b	3 0 0
Horne, 2b	2 1 1	Smaden, 1c	3 1 1
Lauzatti, ss	3 1 1	Canawick, 3b	3 1 1
Staupiglio, cf	3 0 0	Coleman, ss	3 1 1
Baker, 3b	3 0 0	Brookling, c	3 0 0
MacDougal, c	2 0 1	Hartack, rf	2 0 0
Dillon, 1b	3 1 1	Zniowski, cf	1 1 1
Dandona, 1b	3 0 0	Castro, 1b	3 0 0
Hays, p	1 0 0	Schmitt, cf	3 1 0
Simon, 1b	0 0 0	Petzer, p	3 1 1
Totals	25 3 6	Totals	37 5 5

Score by innings:
Beauregard 100 000 4-5
CT Blue 004 000 0-3

Babe Ruth's supremacy as a batter is emphasized by his holding the American league record for home runs, (50), total bases in one season (457), runs scored (177) and walks received (170).

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—1st Sgt. James D. ("Spider") Webb, Jr., and T/5 "Bloody Mait" Terlizi, who engage in two-round boxing matches in Co. E's supply room each afternoon, arranged this week to take their furloughs together so that their fight series could continue uninterrupted by outsiders taking on one or the other . . . Co. E boasts two mascots, a brown-and-white speckled hawk named "Hawkeye," found in one of the training areas, and a white puppy called "Chigger." Both hang out in the supply room . . . Capt. Walter E. Lee, 253d adjutant, is the father of a newly-born girl weighing 6½ pounds . . . WO William F. Arket, of the regimental personnel office, is the father of a seven-pound baby boy, born last week . . . Co. F has introduced a new method of waking KPs and others who rise before the regular hour . . . Large white signs with black letters, "KP," and "Wake Me" are hung from the soldiers' bunks.

254th Inf.—With Lt. Albert M. Davoust leaving the regiment for a new assignment, Lt. Robert A. Scruton, personnel officer, has assumed the duties of regimental adjutant. . . Lt. Charles Cornett has moved into Lt. Scruton's post as personnel officer . . . Serv. Co., on bivouac last Tuesday had heavy casualties as a night patrol under M/Sgt. Lawrence Gadenkorf and T/Sgt. Harold Lenz infiltrated past the security outposts to mark "dead pigeons" with white chalk. One "dead pigeon," Pvt. Woodrow Annon, refused to play dead, so "Flying Dutchman" Duheer and his henchmen went to work in commando fashion, leaving Annon with a wounded wrist watch. As a nightcap to the problem, Capt. James Myers provided watermelons, which were quartered among the men.

255th Inf.—The feature film at the regular weekly series at CT Blue Rec. Hall tomorrow night at 2030 will be "The Major and the Minor," with Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland . . . Pvt. Ted Demcak, Co. M, is acting as steward at the NCO club while Pvt. Francis (Sunny) Ludwig furloughs in Pittsburgh. . . Company parties in the 255th are getting to be swank affairs. Co. G took over the Rec. Hall for its shindig Wednesday night, featuring food, dancing and refreshments . . . Cannon Co. redecorated its dayroom with murals by T/5 Waldo Schumaker and brought in a busload of girls from Baton Rouge to celebrate Friday night. A musical combination from the regimental orchestra under Pfc. Marlin Merrill played for dancing . . . Serv. Co., also entertained, with music provided by another group under T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn. Girls from nearby towns were guests . . . While the heat was bearing down this week and a lot of interviewing was going on at Personnel, Capt. Harry Walters and his assistants moved their tables and typewriters out under the shade of some trees beside Chapel 10 and carried on, cool as cucumbers . . . If the plans of Pvt. Walter E. Mason, Cannon Co., materialize, two of Hollywood's most famous glamour girls will be his guests at camp. Mason kept looking at pictures of Betty Grable and Ava Gardner which adorn the walls of the company dayroom, and decided he'd like to see them in person. So he spent several evenings composing a letter to each star, enticing them with prospects that any girl would appreciate. "I'll even let you eat out of my own mess kit," Mason promised. Then he commented: "That ought to get 'em!" . . . A little while back we mentioned "Sunny" Ludwig. When he was a civilian, singing on a Pittsburgh radio station, he used to get fan-mail from a Dolores May Virginia Crushong. The other day Ludwig learned that she now is 1st Sgt. Crushong of the camp WAC Det. and that she never had gone to a company party. He invited her to a Hq. and Hq. Co., affair and there she met 1st Sgt. Laurier Donat Michand, who had not had a date since coming into the Army. She was his date for the evening.

718th F. A.—Hq. Btry.'s fast-moving foursome, made up of T/Sgt. Perkins, S/Sgt. Bavasse, S/Sgt. McCombs and Cpl. Wilson, put on quite a show at the City Park golf course in Baton Rouge Sunday. Sgt. McCombs provided the feature play of the day when he hooked a terrific drive into the crowded swimming pool. No one was hurt, but he never found the ball . . . Lt. Ralph Shajma was promoted to first lieutenant while home on leave . . . The Artillery Bowl, Hq.'s thrice-delayed project, is taking on a professional appearance under Lt. Shajma's direction, what with overhead lighting and bleachers capable of seating more than 1,000. The ring, when completed, will be used for boxing and wrestling matches, amateur shows and whatever else comes along . . . T/5 Albert Smucler, formerly battery cook, now is in the wire section and thinks wire-laying is a snap. Picking it up, he has found, is another matter . . . Among the new AA men in Serv. Btry. is Pvt. Curtis A. Lindley, who has a tour of duty in the Aleutians to his credit . . . Pvt. Gennaro F. Parrella is the new orientation assistant in Serv. Btry. . . Also in Serv. Btry., T/Sgt. Mario Macchione has his wife visiting him in camp. . . The carbine-record of 195 hung up by Pfc. Robert A. Carlin, Btry. C, 861st F. A., is in for a battering. Cpl. Frederick W. Plumridge, Jr., Serv. Btry., is gunning for it. The last time he fired for record, at 18 above zero, he hung up 190. In a familiarization course with the .45 pistol he fired 239 out of 250. A member of the Broomall (Pa.) Sportsmen's Club and the Lower Merion Rod and Gun Club, he has been a marksman since he was 12.

861st F. A.—Lt. Winiford F. Emerson, Jr., is acting BC of Serv. Btry. . . Visiting Vicksburg on a two-day pass, Pfc. James Romano leaped the barriers of rank and acted as escort for a general's daughter who was visiting there . . . Btry. C made an impressive showing when men recently transferred here attended services at Chapel 7 . . . On pass in New Orleans, Cpl. Israelow and Pfc. Sussman met Annabelle Lane, dancer in the USO show scheduled to be here this week-end. Miss Lane, an old friend of Israelow, comes from Guttenberg, N. J. . . Visiting his favorite pin-up girl in Brookhaven, T/4 Herman Friedman has fixed flats on three consecutive week-ends.

Pfc in 254th Was Officer When Nazis Blitzed Poland

With the news that the Red Army is closing in on Lwow this week, Pfc. Alfred Bloch is able to visualize the progress of the forces which are liberating his native Poland. His birthplace, Boryslaw, a small town between Lwow and Tarnopol, was liberated in this southern thrust of the Red Army.

Now a member of Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 254th Inf., Pfc. Bloch has had considerable experience in higher echelons. At the age of 19 he acted as a Chorz (second lieutenant) liaison officer attached to Polish Army Headquarters under Gen. Wladislaw Sikorski when the Nazis launched their blitz on September, 1939.

Bloch, graduated from the Boryslaw Gymnasium (high school). He was a student of political science at the University of Lwow and for a summer, attended the University of Grenoble in France. Pfc. A. Bloch He had four years of ROTC to his credit when war broke out.



Confidant of Aid
"The Polish people were confident that England and France would aid them in case of German aggression," he states. "They felt that Soviet Russia would never ally itself militarily with Nazi Germany. However the partition of Poland by Germany and Russia cut short Polish resistance by six or seven weeks. We expected France to storm the Siegfried line before the Nazis could attack Poland, but were disappointed," he said. "Later on the way to America, I saw specimens of the French Army, drunk and depressed."

When the Nazi blitz struck, the Polish armies were pushed back. Bloch was with Gen. Sikorski who reorganized whatever troops he could to counterattack at Lwow—the only victory scored by the Poles in the brief fight for national freedom. In this battle, Poles captured 200 Nazi tanks. At the insistence of Gen. Sikorski, who later headed the Polish Government in Exile, and was killed in a plane crash, Bloch planned to leave Poland and join the forces fighting for its liberation.

When the Reds entered the Lwow area, they arrested all Polish Communists in order to avert rioting. They were particularly interested in the welfare of children, giving them food and care. A very polite Russian officer, dressed in a resplendent uniform reminiscent of the old Imperial Army, hinted that Bloch cross the border to Romania if he wanted to get out at all.

Long Journey

Without adequate identification papers, Bloch crossed the line to Cernauti, hit out for Bucharest, and spent three weeks being pulled off trains and questioned about his identity. His odyssey took him to Budapest, Fiume, Milan, Paris and again Italy where he boarded a ship for the United States.

He recalls an incident which occurred at the Romanian frontier. The guards would not permit him to enter without a passport. He countered by insulting the king of Romania in colorful language whereupon he was arrested and placed in a Romanian jail. A bribe of less than a dollar, American money, got him out and he proceeded to the next border, Hungary. The Romanian officers, he chuckled, wear lipstick and corsets—it's almost SOP.

Once at Ellis Island, Bloch was admitted to this country as a student at New York University, where he won his master's degree in political science. He worked for the European economic research office and with the American oil industries. He has a considerable knowledge of the oil industry and predicts greater production of this mineral in post-war Poland and Hungary, where new fields can be opened. Inducted into the Army in January, 1943, at Ft. Dix, N. J., Bloch underwent basic training at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and enrolled in the ASTP. Waiving the language course (he knows Polish and Russian fluently and understands all the Slavic languages) he specialized in the Polish-Russian area. He foresees a peaceful solution to the boundary disputes between Poland and Russia which may be used as a model for other boundary settlements.

Hee Haw Race

If there are any dyed-in-the-wool mule jockeys in the 63d Div., now is the time for them to step forward and shout "Present!" or forever hold their peace. Announcement was made today by the Recreation Commission at Natchez, that the annual mule race will be held at Duncan Park Friday, August 4. Soldiers may file entries at the Servicemen's Center up until and including Thursday, August 5.

63d Driver Sees Jeep as Future Racing Machine

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since 1940 when he was among the first to be called into military training. His initial assignment was for infantry basic at the Grayling National Guard reservation, near Detroit. He has been out of the infantry, into the air forces and out of the air forces back into the infantry since then, this being the 14th camp to which he has been assigned.

Mike was a mechanic working on Flying Fortress at the Pyote Army Air Base in Texas before joining the 63d Div. He was doing somewhat similar work at the Ford plant when he and his buddy pooled their talents and resources for a try at auto racing.

The car they purchased was down at the wheels, figuratively speaking. That suited the boys fine for they cut down certain of its features to lower it to the ground, added a pair of racing tires and installed a remodeled 57 V-8 motor which they plucked off the same junk pile.

After an expenditure of \$400 and much elbow grease, the potential Oldfields were set to try their luck.

They raced their two-place job in outlaw events at Flint, Mich., and finished in the money their first four times at the post. Fate took a hand the next time out. Mike's partner prevailed upon him to let him try it alone. He was out front leading the field around the half mile oval when he went through the fence. The injuries caused his death.

It took Mike some time to regain interest in racing after that. The car was in no shape for it either. Before he could get himself thinking of getting out on the dirt again for the starter's flag, his number was pulled out of the big glass bowl in Washington and Mike was on his way.

Problems Call 2 Artillery Units

Two of the Blood and Fire Division's three light artillery battalions were out of camp today, preparing to participate in maneuvers and training problems with other organizations. Both battalions will return to the 63d on completion of their assignments.

The 862d F. A. left today by truck convoy for Camp Claiborne, La., where it will participate in brief maneuvers of the 84th Inf. Div.

The 863d F. A. left by train a week ago for Ft. Sill, Okla., where it will remain for several weeks. The battalion will serve as school troops for the Field Artillery School.

The 863d was attached to division artillery of the Rainbow (42d) Division, which went to Ft. Sill from Camp Gruber, Okla., to fire for the Field Artillery School. The three battalions from the 42d Div. and the one from the 63d will perform their missions as part of the 31st F. A. Brigade.

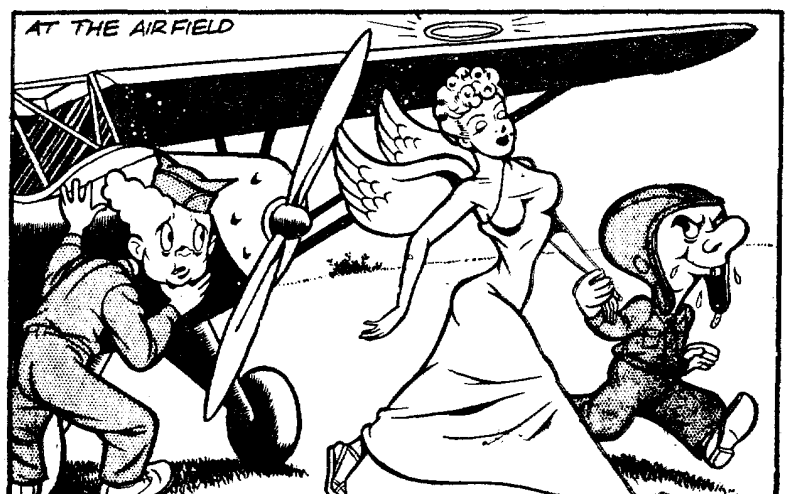
OFFICERS TO DANCE

Two dances are scheduled for Officers Clubs No. 1 and 2 this week. Tomorrow afternoon Club No. 2 will be the scene of a tea dance from 1630 until 1830, and on Wednesday night, starting at 2030 there will be a dance at Club No. 1. Division orchestras will play at both affairs.

BERNIE BLOOD

Where Bernie Fears to Tread

By GILL FOX



Heir Corps At Gloster

Some of the ways in which the USO provides for the leisure time of Army wives is shown in these pictures taken at the Gloster USO. (upper) The Heir Corps, a child care group. (Left to right): Agnes Poland, of Sargent, Neb., wife of CWO Raymond A. Poland, 263d Engrs., and their son, Jackie Ray, 8 months old; Gloria Donnan, St. Louis, Mo., wife of Sgt. Dwight Donnan, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 255th Inf., and their son, Geoffrey, 8½ months, and Virginia White, Ft. Worth, Tex., wife of T/Sgt. Lake White, 144th Inf., and their daughter, Sharron Kay, 5½ months. Lower picture shows a handicraft circle painting woodenware and adding to the nearly 100 embroidered names on a tablecloth started when the 99th Div. was stationed here. (Left to right): Irene Coday, Exeter, Calif., wife of Pvt. Howard Coday, Co. C, 254th; Dorothy Von Dietsch, Nyack, N. Y., wife of S/Sgt. W. R. Von Dietsch, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th; Ruth Gordon, Raeford, N. C., wife of Sgt. Charles Gordon, Hq. Sp. Trs.; Buddy Wahl, Minneapolis, wife of Lt. R. G. Wahl, 421st Ord. Co., and Joan Creamer, Anderson, S. C., wife of S/Sgt. William R. Creamer, Hq. and Hq. Co., 255th.



USO Clubs Make Home Near Camp For 'GI Josies'

The USO was established to provide a "home away from home" for GI Joe. But one of its most useful functions is to care for some of the recreational and social needs of "GI Josie," the soldier's wife.

USOs have taken on the burden of providing a clubroom for the wives of enlisted men and officers alike, recognizing that rank is subordinate to loneliness and that life in a strange and isolated community is at least as difficult for the women as for the husbands they have followed in the Army.

Army Wives Clubs exist at USOs in Centerville, Woodville and Gloster. More elaborate than most is the program at Gloster, 10 miles from Camp Van Dorn. Here, while GI Joe trains and studies at camp, GI Josie sews for the Red Cross and dreams of that home after the war as she weaves rugs, paints decorative wooden trays and embroiders tablecloths.

Luncheon Starts Week

The week at Gloster begins with a luncheon on Monday, prepared and served by eight different Army wives each week. An average of 70 women attend. Handicraft work and bridge follow the luncheon.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons one group, led by Mrs. Edith Furbee, wife of Cpl. Edward Furbee, Btry. C, 861st F. A., makes overseas kits for the Red Cross.

The "Heir Corps," a course in child care and general health, is conducted every Wednesday afternoon by Miss Eloise Conn, county health nurse. Friday is recreation day, when the bridge club presided over by Mrs. Buddy Wahl, wife of Lt. R. G. Wahl, 421st Ord. Co., meets.

Kitchen Popular

Use of the modern kitchen is popular with women who have no cooking facilities in their Gloster homes and who want to give their husbands the nearest thing to a home-cooked meal some night after duty. An electric sewing machine is available for the wives' use, as is a small library. Dancing and a community sing provide week-end entertainment for couples and for unattached GIs who flock to the club.

Miss Helen M. Stephenson, a native of New Jersey, is director of the Gloster USO. She also is an area worker in charge of junior hostesses and women's activities in the Camp Van Dorn area. A Gloster resident, Mrs. Margaret Day, doubles as staff assistant and instructor in weaving.



Correction

It was stated in the column, "The Inquiring Line" which appeared in last week's issue of BLOOD AND FIRE that a soldier may become a citizen of the United States after 90 days in the Army. This is erroneous. War Department Circular No. 193, 27 August, 1943, Par 4 (d) provides that an applicant for naturalization need only be in the active service for 30 days.

This circular rescinded the previous provisions of War Department Circular No. 120 (1942) which did require 90 days active service before a person could make application for naturalization.

63d CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec.

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| 7. Withdraw. | | 2. Pay back. | 25. Watted honey eater. |
| 13. Close again. | 31. Spanish definite article. | 3. Consume. | 29. Gregarious. |
| 14. Sunmons forth. | | 4. Attestation. | 32. Unruffled. |
| 15. Force. | 33. Prayer beads. | 5. Cue. | 33. Type of craft (pl). |
| 16. Most sensible. | 34. Distributed cards (variant). | 6. Cunning. | 35. Moves quickly. |
| 17. Civilian defense. | 35. Alternating current. | 7. Legal point. | 39. National Labor Association. |
| 18. Greek maiden who became a heifer. | 37. Sun god. | 8. Harriet Beecher Stowe character. | 40. Explosive. |
| 19. Likeness. | 38. Having definable limits. | 9. Configuration of the stars. | 41. Letter of the alphabet. |
| 22. Eredicate (variant form). | 42. More beautiful. | 10. Supplement. | 42. Remote. |
| 24. Royal Air Force. | 45. Claws. | 11. Covet. | 43. Collection of facts. |
| 25. Publicize. | 46. Consecrate with oil. | 12. Prevent. | 44. Equip. |
| 27. Part of sacred. | 47. Oblique. | 20. Ventures. | |
| 28. Succession of confused state. | 48. Wide open spaces. | 21. Family retainer. | |

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Field Promotions Prove Leadership

Battlefield appointments of warrant officers and enlisted men to be commissioned officers has become one of best means of securing competent combat leadership, the War Department has learned.

More than 200 of these appointments were made in the North African Theater and all of these men subsequently have conducted themselves with credit as officers. It is estimated that within the next year, approximately 6,000 more of these combat appointments will be made.

The WD has made it clear that battlefield appointments as second lieutenants are not bestowed as rewards. Decorations are established for that purpose. The appointments are reserved for those soldiers who are of officer caliber and who demonstrate on the field outstanding qualities of leadership required of combat officers.

There are approximately 175,000 officers in the Army Air Forces rated as pilots, bombardiers, navigators and the like.