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Man Who Battled Japs On Attu Finds Training Is Getting Even Tougher



CAPTURED SOUVENIRS, shoulder insignia of Jap noncoms, taken at Attu are displayed by Pvt. Ewing A. Ellis.

Pvt. Ewing A. Ellis, Co. L, 253d Inf., who recently joined the 253d after 21 months in the Aleutians, says the Blood and Fire Division's training is a "great deal more rugged than the training we got before being shipped to the islands" to fight the Japs.

Pvt. Ellis, whose home is at Ashland City, Tenn., was inducted March 28, 1941, and was assigned to the 37th Infantry which landed in the Aleutians. Later, he was reassigned to the 4th Infantry and with 100 others landed at Attu.

As a member of an outpost, Pvt. Ellis helped his company bag 50 Japs in the opening struggle for that island.

Dutch Harbor Raids

Although his training in the States was mild in comparison, Pvt. Ellis reported that prior to the U. S. attack on Attu his outfit trained at Adak for six months, ten hours daily, seven days a week.

He arrived at Dutch Harbor June 2, 1943, a day before the Jap air attacks on the American base, June 3 and 4. After battle action in the Aleutians, Pvt. Ellis spent a year at a secret base in the northern theater. Reticent about his experiences, Pvt. Ellis withheld identity of the post, but hinted it was designed for use against the Nips.

The Japs raided Dutch Harbor twice, hitting barracks and warehouses and sinking a supply ship, Pvt. Ellis recalled. An adjacent company accounted for one enemy plane, he added.

"We were certain the Japs were planning to invade Dutch Harbor after the aerial attacks."

The Americans and Japs were frequently engaged in patrol and reconnaissance activity before the principal engagement which resulted in the capture of Attu by the Yanks.

Only 24 Prisoners

Combat action seldom occurred during the patrols, he said, because "we didn't know what enemy forces lay beyond us and our patrols took cover when Jap patrols were encountered. We laid low and allowed them to pass us.

"But, once the big engagement began and the enemy was trapped, it didn't last very long. We took 24 prisoners in all."

Pvt. Ellis warned against the fallacy that most Japs are poor marksmen and said his outfit met some "pretty accurate snipers."

He plans in the near future to demonstrate for his buddies the digging of a Japanese foxhole, which he maintains is a clever device often built on the slope of a

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Anti-Tank Co. Wins July Orientation Award at 254th

Showing marked improvement in its display during July, Anti-Tank Co., 254th Inf., won the monthly orientation award of merit and will represent the regiment in the regular Division competition, it was announced today by Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander.

Anti-Tank Co. jumped from last to first place within the space of a month. Several other companies maintained outstanding displays and won honorable mention. These included Regimental Hq. Co., Hq. Companies, 1st and 3d Bns., and Companies A, D, F, G and K.

The orientation section of Anti-Tank Co. is one of three into which the day room is divided. The section is the most elaborate, having three large maps of Europe, China-Burma and South Pacific areas painted in bright colors on the walls. All fronts may be determined easily on the maps, while guide lines show exact distances between important areas.

The second section is the lounge and reading room. Curtained windows built-in book shelves, a radio, a piano and easy chairs make it a luxurious place. The letter-writing room is furnished with two long tables to accommodate between 25 and 30 men. Free stationery bearing the 63d insignia is supplied by the company.

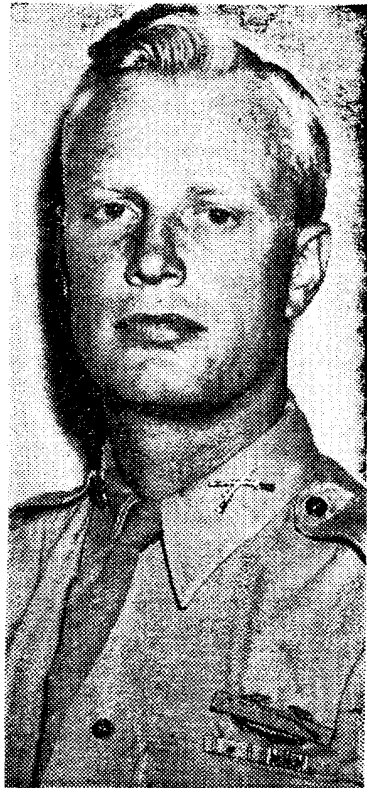
Men who helped remodel the day-room under the supervision of Capt. James Creal are Cpls. Victor Felice, orientation assistant; T/5 Carl Rebachick, art designer; Cpl. Henry Kofsky, interior decorator; Pvt. Bernard Wagener, electrician; Pvt. James Schmid, carpenter, and Pvt. Keith Wilson, general assistant.

Arms Output Up 20 Times

WASHINGTON—You needn't worry about there being enough ammunition to go around.

WPB reports announced this week disclose that America's ammunition production has expanded twenty times since the defense program was inaugurated in July, 1940. Munitions output reached a peak in November, 1943, and made a slight dip in April of this year. Munitions output includes ships, aircraft, guns, ammunition, combat and motor vehicles and communications and electronic equipment.

Guadal Major Predicts Long Fight by Japs



Maj. A. E. Christensen

In spite of the splendid progress United States forces are making in the Pacific area, it will be some time before we bring Japan to its knees, is the opinion of Maj. Answer E. Christensen, Jr., new executive officer of the 1st Bn., 254th Inf., who returned from duty in the Pacific last February. Maj. Christensen wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, one of the few in the 63d Div.

Iowa-born and a graduate of the University of Iowa, Maj. Christensen was called to active duty at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in July, 1939. His first station overseas was Hawaii, where he was attached to the 35th Inf., then a part of the 22d Brigade.

Surprised by Attack

The bombardment of Pearl Harbor caught the Major by surprise as it did all our forces on the Island. With the rapid reorganization of the United States forces in the Pacific, the Major's regiment was attached to the 25th Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. J. Lauton Collins, now one of the key commanders in Normandy.

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Soldiers Crowd Open Air Arena For Two Shows

'Stop, Look and Listen',
'Top Kick' Prove Big
Hits With GIs

"Stop, Look and Listen", a USO show, and "Top Kick", presented under the auspices of Camp Special Service, made thousands of GIs forget the heat and even the mosquitoes during the past week as they flocked to the Open Air Theater.

The USO presentation with its dancing chorus and versatile performers, was one of the most elaborate and best of its kind to visit Camp Van Dorn since the 63d Div. has been here. "Top Kick," a variety show composed of professional talent from New Orleans, was also well received by the soldiers.

The Three Swifts, jugglers extraordinary, Joe Moore a comedian, George and Perry Mayo and the Emerald Sisters, acrobatic dancers, highlighted the USO show. The Emerald Sisters were terrific in the

Good Shows

That the efforts of Division Special Service Office and Camp Special Service Office in bringing good shows to camp are appreciated is testified to by the fact that within the course of a week it is estimated that nearly 45,000 soldiers witnessed three shows presented at the Camp's Open Air Theater. The series of entertainments consisting of a USO show, a quiz program and a Camp Show, drew thousands of eager GIs each of the six nights.

manner in which they slammed each other about. The Swifts were among the best jugglers to appear in any show at the Camp to date, and Joe Morris drew a barrelful of laughs in a verbal exchange with Dorothy Ryan, the personable mistress of ceremonies.

Toni Lane, a swing singer and comedienne, who drew applause for her performance, was forced to cancel her appearance on Monday night because of an injury.

A group of vaudevillians composed the troupe which presented "Top Kick" Thursday and Friday nights. Bobby Babbitt, formerly of Ringling Brothers, made fire eating seem easy and walking on glass like stepping on feathers. A father and son act presented Eddie Regio, Sr., and Eddie, Jr., in hand balancing stunts while Rita Eager captivated her audience with her voice. Pretty Marion Serpas presented a clever acrobatic dance, and Walter Herod sent chills down the spines of even doughty GIs with his backward somersault on a tight wire.

Next Saturday the Higgins Circus from New Orleans, featuring the Flying Hell Cats, trapeze artists, will play at the outdoor theater.

Voting Changes Listed For Illinois, Kentucky

Changes in the requirements for soldier voting in Illinois and Kentucky were announced this week.

Illinois now will accept the Federal ballot application (USWBC Form No. 1) or WD AGO Form No. 560 as an application for a state absentee ballot.

Appropriate officials in Kentucky must receive the voted absentee ballot on or before Nov. 6.

Gen. McNair Dies Facing the Enemy

Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of the Army Ground Forces in their most critical and glorious years, died as he would have wanted on the Normandy front this week—killed by enemy fire at the front.

On his last previous appearance at a battlefield, on a tour of inspection in Tunisia, he missed death by inches when shrapnel struck him in the head. As soon as medical authorities would permit him to leave the hospital he was back at his desk in Washington, full of fire for the manifold problems of the tremendous job he shouldered and burning for action again.

Blood and Fire soldiers saw Gen. McNair in February, when he visited Camp Van Dorn for two days on a routine inspection of the Division. Even then he displayed his carelessness to personal injury when he stationed himself at forward observation posts to watch artillery bursts only a few hundred yards ahead of him.

Although an artilleryman, the

Infantry was Gen. McNair's real love. Writing recently in a na-



Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair

tional magazine, he made this prophetic statement: "Despite the

public's fascination with the mechanized phase of modern war, we in the service know full well that the finish must come on land—and that the decisive struggle will be fought by the infantry and its supporting arms and services. . . Today all our forces are welded into a combat team in a fashion unprecedented in history. Yet the infantry is the only arm that can win a decision. And the contribution of the other arms is to be measured by the aid they give to the infantry."

Only two weeks ago Gen. McNair was relieved as commander of the Army Ground Forces, and the appointment of Lt. Gen. Ben Lear as his successor was announced. Gen. McNair, it was stated, was leaving for Europe at once on a secret mission.

Death came to the doughty little general shortly after he had completed his fortieth year of Army service. Graduated from West Point in the class of 1904, he saw his first active service in Gen. John J. Pershing in the northern

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Two in One 'Chute Pickaback Down

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND—Lt. Robert Callahan, navigator, and Lt. Robert L. Sanders, navigator, were in a hell of a spot.

Eighteen hundred feet up, their B-24 Liberator burning, they were stuck between Heaven and Earth with one parachute between them. The rest of the crew had bailed out and not until the last went over the side did Sanders notice that the flames had eaten a big hole in his 'chute.

Sanders rushed back to the nose of the plane, where Callahan was preparing to jump and straddled his back, crossing his hands between the parachute harness and Callahan's body and holding tight on the shoulder straps.

"I sat down and slid out of the plane," Callahan said, "with Sanders on my back. Looking up as we fell free, I pulled the rip-cord as soon as we had cleared the tail. There was only a slight jolt when the parachute opened."

As they floated to earth Sanders crawled around to the front and faced Callahan so they could hold each other. They landed—"very hard"—in a wheatfield. Callahan broke an ankle and Sanders sprained his.

Dances, Concerts At Baton Rouge

A dance at the Community club on Florida street, which is scheduled for 2000, classical music and a sing-song at the USO, are scheduled for servicemen and women today in Baton Rouge.

Tomorrow there will be snacks from 0800 until 1000, recorded hymns from 0930 until 1100 and games until 0100. A walking tour of LSU will be conducted at 1400, and there will be diversified musical programs at the clubhouse from 1400 until 1630. There will be another recorded concert from 1800 until 2000.

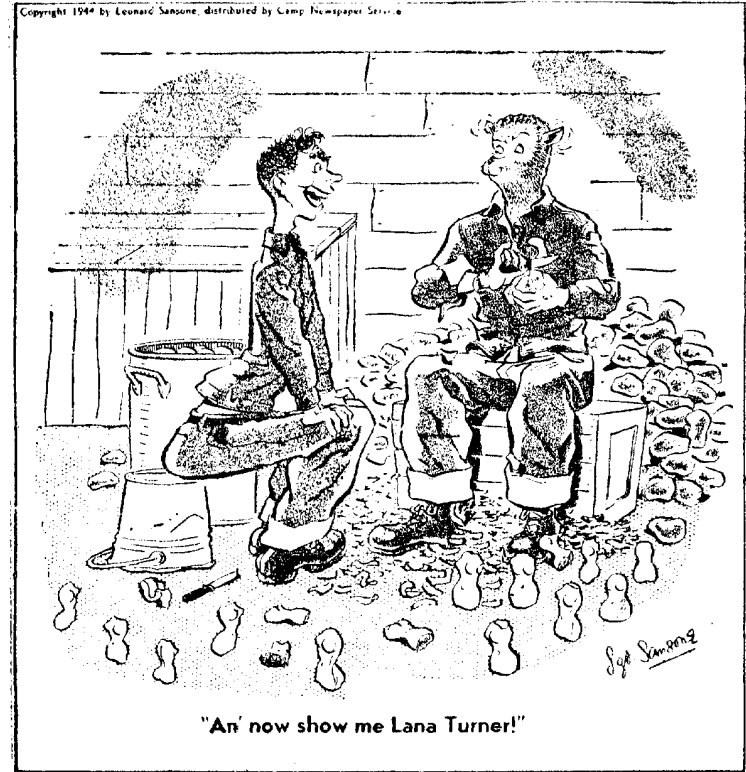
Dancing classes are held at the USO every Monday night from 1930 until 2130, and informal games and dancing are scheduled for Tuesday from 2030 until 2230. Games are scheduled for Wednesday and a musical program is slated for Thursday from 1930 until 2130. The Sodality Girls will be hostesses at an informal dance from 2030 until 2230 on Friday.

Natchez Girls Guests Tomorrow at 255th

Military Maids of Natchez will be guests tomorrow afternoon at a dance at the CT Blue Rec Hall. The affair, arranged by T. S. Mordeca Bauman, of the 255th Special Service Office, and Miss Jennie McLin, Program Superintendent for the Natchez Servicemen's Center, will run from 1530 until 1800.

Music will be furnished by the 255th orchestra under the direction of T. S. Daniel Mendelsohn. Refreshments supplied by various companies, will be served during the afternoon.

The Wolf by Sansone



KNOW YOUR GENERALS



MacArthur Hero of Bataan

The most gallant and determined figure in America's global war is now slowly and relentlessly pushing back to the Philippines in fulfillment of a promise made more than two years ago when, defeated, his fiercely-fighting troops cut off from all hope of rescue, he departed from Bataan with the ringing promise: "I will return."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's statement on that occasion was more than an oratorical pledge. Defeat had not blunted the sharp edge of his military genius. In his new headquarters in Australia he quickly surveyed the pitiful force available to him in those early dark days of the war and, miserably undersupplied, hemmed in on every side by victorious Japanese, expecting a massive invasion hourly, he attacked.

Victory in Coral Sea

With an army of little more than 20,000, Gen. MacArthur undertook one of the decisive campaigns of the war, striking swiftly across the Coral Sea at the Japanese apparently securely established in New Guinea. Our great naval victory in the Coral Sea strengthened the weak hand he had originally bet on, and then MacArthur's tiny force commenced an amazing series of operations that showed us that our troops, even under the most adverse conditions, could outfight the Japs two-to-one.

Some of the victories in New Guinea were by the most hair-bread margins. Crossing the Owen Stanley Mountains, Gen. MacArthur had to transport and supply 26,000 men by air. During one stretch of bad weather this force was down to one day's rations. Had not the weather lifted they would probably have perished miserably in the jungles. But they survived to fight on to complete and glorious victory. The daring of Gen. MacArthur's original drive in New Guinea was the inspiration of the later historic blows he struck at New Britain, the Solomon Islands and most recently at Biak, only 1400 miles from the Philippines and its pledged liberation.

To the unprecedented problems of his South Pacific Command—covering an area of land and sea twenty times as large as Texas brought magnificent training and a battle record unexcelled by any general officer in the United States Army. In the last war, which he entered with the Rainbow Division, he was cited seven times for ordinary bravery and 13 times for extraordinary bravery. Army from birth, he had been the youngest Chief of Staff in the U. S. Army. But that is getting ahead of the story.

Wounded at Age of Six

Douglas MacArthur was born in an Army barracks at Little Rock, Ark., where his celebrated father, who later became a lieutenant-general, was serving. His first wound, according to reports, was received at the age of six when his scalp was grazed by an Indian arrow at Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Graduating from the barracks to the schoolroom, he went through West Point in a walk, compiling the best undergraduate record in 25 years to beat out Ulysses S.



Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Grant III, as head man of his class.

Three months after graduation he landed in the Philippines where he served with his father clearing up the last of the Post-Spanish-American war troubles. When the Russo-Japanese war broke out President Roosevelt, casting about for authorities on the Orient to send as observers, received this memorandum from the War Dept.: "The two best qualified men are the MacArthurs." Here Douglas MacArthur got his first good look at the enemy he was later to beat so badly and an intimate knowledge of what is now the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere—Siam, Java and Malaya.

When peace came in the Far East he was called to Washington to serve as President Roosevelt's aide and for the next 13 years he devoted himself to the study of the intricacies of soldiering, studying and teaching at Army engineering schools, broken only by a brief tour of Mexico.

He went into the World War as a major and came out a brigadier-general and famous. He was appointed superintendent of West Point, youngest man ever to hold the post, and in 1922 he left again for the Philippines. In 1930 he reached the summit of every soldier's ambitions. He was appointed Chief of Staff, again the youngest man ever to hold the job. In 1935 he returned again to the Philippines, this time as military adviser to the Commonwealth government and field marshal of the Philippine army.

Some time before Pearl Harbor Gen. MacArthur was made head of all U. S. forces in the Far East, and his years of experience in that strange, steaming theater of operations did as much as the brave fighting of our men to block Japan's plan for empire in the East. When—and if—you are shipped to the Far East, those years of experience will be fighting on your side, and it's quite likely that you'll live to bless the name of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

254th Band to Play For Officers' Dance

The 254th Inf. Orchestra put in a busy week starting with a weekend stand at Natchez and ending with a split date last night, playing at both the CT White Officers Club and the CT White boxing bouts. Wednesday night the orchestra played for two hours at the Regimental Retreat, the CT White beer garden, and Thursday they played at Service Club No. 1. Monday it played at Service Club No. 2 and tonight it will play at Officers Club No. 2.

Bugler Sings Out In Five Tongues

Pvt. Paul Evans, bugler for Co. E, 255th Inf., can get his buddies out of bed regardless of what language they understand if the bugle ever fails to wake them. Pvt. Evans speaks Japanese, Chinese, Russian, German and French.

The Blood & Fire soldier admits that his knowledge of Japanese, Chinese and Russian is rather limited, but he is working hard at learning those languages. With textbooks obtained from the extension division of the University of California at Los Angeles, he puzzles through regular lessons in Japanese.

With books from the United States Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wisconsin, he pores over Russian grammar and sentence structure, and in his spare time, he takes lessons in Chinese from T/S Jim Soon Fong, E Co. cook.

In college at Oberlin, Ohio, Pvt. Evans majored in German, minored in French, and studied Arabic and Polynesian with the help of friends.

The reason for his interest in languages is that Pvt. Evans hopes after the war to enter the diplomatic service or become a foreign correspondent. The latter ambition was stimulated by the success of his uncle, Glen Stadler, now broadcasting from Madrid for the Columbia Broadcasting System, and formerly with the United Press in Paris and Berlin.

Evans, 20, has been in the Army almost a year.

Tom Harmon to Marry Elyse Knox of Movies

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Lt. Tom Harmon, former Michigan gridiron All-American, and Elyse Knox, motion picture actress, will be married August 28 in St. Mary's student chapel here, with Fr. Frank J. McPhillips, chaplain of Catholic students at the University of Michigan, celebrating the nuptial high mass.

Miss Knox is in Hollywood. Lt. Harmon, fighter pilot who last year survived two airplane crashes—one in China and another in a South American jungle—is stationed in Los Angeles.

It will be Lt. Harmon's first marriage and the second for Miss Knox. Her first marriage ended in annulment granted by the Los Angeles archdiocese and she was received into the Roman Catholic church. It was understood the couple will honeymoon in Miami.



CHICAGO (CNS)—Thompsons from all over the country are filing claims to the estate of the late Mayor William Hale (Big Bill) Thompson, who left nearly \$2,000,000 in cash in a couple of strongboxes here. All the Thompsons claim a close relationship to Bill and one asks simply for "a million dollar cut" in the estate.

CONY ISLAND, N. Y. (CNS)—Hot dogs and soda pop are "essential" commodities to Coney Island visitors, the OPA in New York has ruled.

EVANSTON, Ill. (CNS)—Police found the loot from several Evanston burglaries cached in the First Methodist church. Later they found the burglar himself. He had been living in the Boy Scout rooms of the church for more than a week.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—When George Cazana, manager of the Seven Seas juke joint, opened shop one morning, he found the juke box blaring and \$2,460 missing from the till. The tune on the juke box was "Pistol Packin' Mama."

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (CNS)—Police found Cecil Baker's lost dog wandering around a downtown street. They called Baker. "Put him on the phone," said he. Dubious, the police complied. "What are you doing down there, Pat," Baker admonished over the telephone. "Come home at once." The dog went directly home.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Collectors of bric-a-brac turned out en masse when property seized from a Bowery bar went on sale at a U. S. Marshal's auction here. Among the articles auctioned off: a dozen broken chairs, a cracked brass bar rail, a pot-bellied stove, a 35-foot bar, two empty suitcases, a stuffed alligator, 45 old bats and a violin with no strings.

PATERSON, N. J. (CNS)—Ten local businessmen who had grown tired of waiting their turn at their favorite barber's chair, bought the barber shop and hired the barber for their personal use.

PITTSBURGH (CNS)—Two local residents were jugged after they stole a mounted policeman's horse and took it into a nearby saloon for a drink.

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—The post-war world will be a wonderful world for blue suit wearers. Cloak and suit geniuses here have devised blue serge suits that won't shine—and seersucker suits that won't wrinkle.

FORT McLENNAN, Ala.—"GI Joe" was overwhelmingly selected as the soldier's favorite name for himself in a poll conducted here. Other suggestions: "Hellbuster, Gloryboy, Kellyman."

Religious Services

- PROTESTANT SERVICES**
 - Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
 - Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
 - Chapels 6, 7, 8—1100.
 - Chapel 5, Episcopal Service—1100.
 - Chapel 8, Lutheran 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—1930.
 - Chapel 5, Choir Rehearsal, Thursday—1930.
 - Chapel 5, Evening Prayer Meeting, Thursday—1930.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES**
 - Sunday Masses
 - Chapels 5, 10—0800.
 - Theater 5—630.
 - Chapel 7—1000.
 - Theater 5—1030.
 - CT Blue Rec. Hall—1100.
 - Week Day Masses
 - Chapel 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
 - Chapel 5, Wednesday, Novena Miraculous Medal—1830.
 - Chapel 10—Monday, Wednesday, Friday—1830.
 - Confession
 - Chapels 5, 10, Saturday—1830 to 2000.
- JEWELRY SERVICES**
 - Friday
 - Hospital—1830.
 - Chapel 7—2000.
 - Sunday
 - Chapel 9—1100.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE**
 - Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
- LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE**
 - Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**
 - Chapel 3, Friday—1930.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

When I jumped on beer lovers a few weeks ago in this column I was really stepping on my own toes a little bit because I must admit that dipping my nose in the foaming mug is one of my favorite hot-weather pastimes. That cold bottle of brew nestling down in that PX ice box awaiting my



pleasure beats that proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow by a long shot and the thought of

'Untitled' Presented By Able GI Cast

"Untitled," an eloquent explanation of why we are fighting the present war and a searching indictment of future wars by ace radio writer Norman Corwin, was presented before the entire Division last week by the Special Service Office of CT Red at 13 shows in camp theaters.

Able presented by a cast drawn from CT Red, CT White and the camp WAC detachment, the playlet made a profound impression in the Division. Capt. Edmund Fritzsche, 253d Orientation Officer, and the cast received a special commendation from Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander.

The cast included: T/4 John Larkin, Serv. Btry., 862d P.A.; T/5 Edward J. Butler, Co. I, 253d; Sgt. William Edwards, Co. A, 253d; Cpl. Fred Weiner, SSO, CT Red; T/5 Leslie Heath, CT White; Pvt. George Goldberg, Co. I, 253d; T/5 Florence Rathbone, and Pvt. Jane Weinert.

Mrs. Rathbone, a mother herself, gave a sympathetic and praiseworthy portrayal of the part of the mother in the script.

S-Sgt. Lazar Helps Married Men Win

Married men of the 254th Inf. bested single men in the first of a general quiz series run by Cpl. Samuel C. Clark, Quizmaster at Service Club No. 2, Wednesday.

S Sgt. Ralph Lazar, Co. D, won the first prize, three dollars, by remembering that Tolstol was the author of "Anna Karenina." The last quiz contest, he entered, which he also won, took place in the desert when he was serving with the 81st Div.

The next contest, to be held Wednesday evening at the same place, will pit three members of the Army Nurse Corps against three members of the regiment's Medical Detachment.

On the single men's team were Cpl. Robert Miller, Co. I; Sgt. John Kern, Hq., 2d Bn.; Pvt. Victor Baum, Hq., 1st Bn.; Pvt. Gordon Baker, Co. L, and Pvt. Isaac Starr, Cannon Co. On the married men's team were Sgt. Lazar; T/5 Arthur Clauter, Serv. Co.; Cpl. Aaron Linett, Co. E; Pvt. Daniel Goldsmith, Co. B, and Pfc. Richard Frowenfeld, Co. M.

25 Named Pfc. in 253d

The following named privates of Co. C, 253d Inf. were promoted to pfc. this week: Donald R. Rattliff, John Wienko, Ervin F. Brafford, John C. Wischart, A. J. Largent, Donald Benscoter, Lupa Rodriguez, Ray Stillings, Clarence Vossberg, Donald D. Dowd, Joseph DeMar, M. D. Portman, Leo Squillacote, Lawrence Larsen, Herbert Rohloff, Robert Chaffee, Kenneth Lytle, Ancel L. Axson, Joseph A. Morgan, Ronald A. Bohnstadt, Dale Wright, T. T. White, David B. McMeans, William Koch and Nathan E. Sharroun.

its acts on me like a bundle of fodder on a stick in front of a mule and has helped me pull through many a scorch in many parts of the world.

I remember the Far East for its Ashi (Ash-hi to you)—a Jap beer of unknown content which sweat on the brow had the power of changing from the worst to the best in the world; Canada, for its La Batts Ale (so called because it is said that it never lost a battle); Panama, for its Milwaukee (don't mention it in the same breath as the product of our own Milwaukee.) From the foregoing I think you can surmise that to deprive me of my beer is worse than taking milk, money or candy from a baby, which gets me around to the subject at hand.

A few nights ago I wandered in to our PX beer garden to have a little nightcap nip. Now, this garden isn't a place of beauty, either, but what the hell—they find diamonds in dirt, don't they? Anyway, what do you reckon I found? A bunch of dumb GI jerks amusing themselves by throwing bottles upon the roof and watching them roll down and break.

After stopping it and swallowing an impulse to break a few of their heads I found the manager, who said sadly, "These same guys will be complaining to beat hell later on when there isn't any beer. Most of the camps around here have beer only once or twice a week—we got more by guaranteeing the return of the bottles, but it looks like a bad deal for the breweries. It ain't the money—it's the bottles. They've gotten to where they demand an empty bottle for a full one and that bunch right there has cost us at least a case."

I don't think that I am the only beer lover in this division. I am certain that there are many more who enjoy it as much as I do and



I think it's high time we got together and stopped such stuff as I have just described. They say that a drink or so beneath your belt makes you show your real nature. My earnest tip to you bottle busters is that if you can't handle a glass or two of 3.2 any better than that it's high time you nailed your pants to the top of the pole.

Division Singers To Give Concert At Open Air Arena

The combat singers of the 63d Div. Chorus who have been heard as supporting attractions in Division shows and in the Twilight Concert series, will step out next Friday night, Aug. 4, with their own complete musical show at the Open Air Theater at 2030.

The singers, recruited from all outfits in the 63d and conducted by Cpl. Joseph Evans, will offer a diversified program consisting of a group of spirituals, songs of the United Nations and a special group of Fred Waring arrangements. One of the highlights of the concert will be the presentation of an original arrangement of a spiritual by Pfc. Sidney Cox, Hq. 2d Bn., 253d.

In addition to the works executed by the entire chorus, soloists and a quartet will also be heard. Cpl. Evans of Btry. A, 861st F. A., T/5 Frank Richert, Btry. C, 861st F. A., T/5 Richard Sutch, Div. Atty. and Pvt. Larry Clark, Hq. Co., 63d Div., will appear as soloists. The quartet will be composed of Cpl. William Woods, Hq. Btry., 718th F. A., Pvt. Donald Hartzell, Div. Atty., T/Frank Richert, Btry. C, 861st, and Cpl. Joseph Evans.

Two other shorter concerts are also scheduled for the Division singers. The Chorus will sing several selections as part of a show which will be presented at the CT Blue Rec Hall Thursday night, and on Friday afternoon they will entertain patients at the Station Hospital.

Smoking in Bed Cause of Fires

Most frequent causes of fires in camp are smoking in bed, operation of gasoline field ranges, starting fires with gasoline and careless throwing away of lighted matches and tobacco, Capt. C. P. Moorer, Camp Van Dorn fire prevention officer, said this week.

Capt. Moorer and Fire Chief Dennis Tipton have prepared a program discussing fire prevention in camp and how troops fit into fire prevention. This program also explains the operation of the camp fire department and the characteristics and use of various types of extinguishers.

Under the direction of Maj. William J. Bryan, C. O., and Capt. Robert E. Farrell, S-3, members of the 2d Bn., 254th Inf., saw the program recently. The same demonstration is available to other units, Capt. Moorer said.

SOMEWHERE IN NORMANDY—

Fifty-five Wacs, first to arrive in France, are billeted on the grounds of an old chateau behind the lines.



REUNION AT VAN DORN occurred recently when Ann Lane, a singer, left, and Cpl. Jack Israelow of Btry. C, 861st F. A., right, both of Guttenberg, N. J., and Peggy Reiter, top, and Pvt. Gerald Mitchell, of Division Hq. Co., both of Canton, Ohio, met when the two young women came to Camp Van Dorn as members of the cast of "Stop, Look and Listen," a USO show which played at the Open Air Theater.

861st F. A. Uses Own Radio To Bring Men News of Day

The orientation section of Hq. Btry., 861st F. A. Bn., feeling that officers and men did not always get a chance to keep abreast of the news, began last week a daily five-minute summary of the news by radio from within the battery orientation room. Scheduled for 1730, the broadcast enables men of the entire battalion to hear the daily news while they stand in formation for nightly retreat, as each of the batteries has at least one radio which can pick up the broadcast.

Pvt. Edwin Brown, radio operator and orientation assistant to Capt. Ralph Perlman, and T/4 Sol Krinberg, originated the program. Pvt. Brown bases the broadcast on the daily news summary issued to units of the Division and Camp Van Dorn by the Division Special Service office, supplemented by late news from evening papers and radio. He writes the program and narrates it himself.

In addition to war news, Pvt. Brown introduces items of local interest about men of the battalion—such as the announcement last week that a member of the battalion, Pfc. R. J. Carlin, Btry. C, had set a new Division carbine record by firing 195 out of a possible 200.

The program is broadcast over a SCR 609 frequency modulation transmitter, which is light and compact and widely used by the Field Artillery. The program is broadcast on a frequency of 35.0 mg., and may be picked up by other units in the vicinity with similar equipment.

In the field this system of orientation will enable the troops to keep abreast of the news when they are unable to obtain daily newspapers or listen to commercial news broadcasts.

As an additional aid in keeping the men abreast of current war events, each battalion orientation assistant has painted all-weather maps of the war theaters so that he may illustrate the broadcasts for his battery as they gather around the radio in the field.

Veterans Get Work Training

CHICAGO—The Army is already making plans to prepare soldiers in overseas service for their return to civilian life.

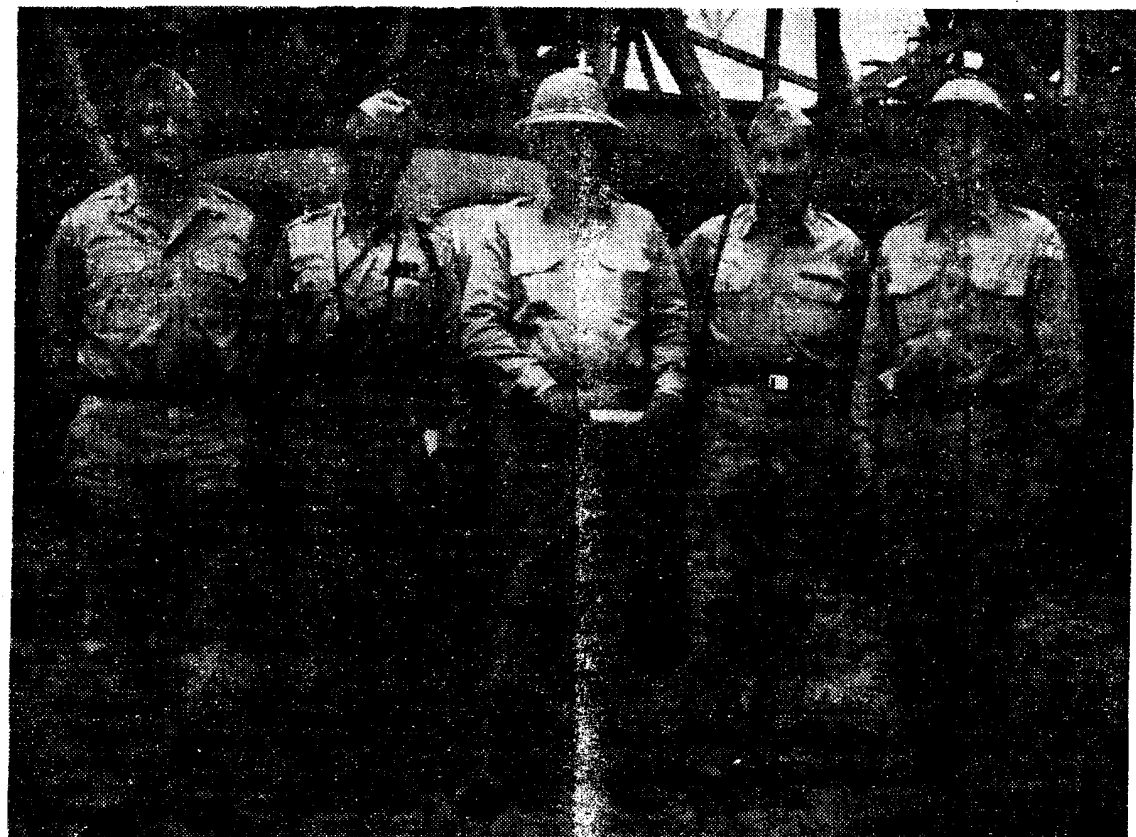
Maj. Gen. Joseph N. Dalton, Director of Personnel ASF, announced here that an educational advisory program had been undertaken to fit soldiers for their return to separation centers where, within the next two months, every man who is discharged from service will be able to receive individual counsel on how best to adapt his war-acquired skills to civilian occupations.

Ward Shows Presented By 254th at Hospital

Lightening the long hours in the Station Hospital, the 254th Special Service has been sending an entertainment team on regular tours of the wards. Last week, on their first trip, the team covered the convalescent ward, the psychiatric ward and the rehabilitation group. The second trip was limited to the sick wards. In the half-hour show are Cpl. Leslie Heath, Pfc. Joe Dolin and Pfc. Anthony Carchio.

French Underground Praised for Sabotage

FRANCE (CNS)—Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, has credited the French "army of the interior" with delaying considerably the movement of German reserves to the Normandy combat zone through widespread sabotage. The French Underground, SHAEF said, has been particularly successful in paralyzing rail and road traffic and interrupting telegraph and telephone communications.



FIVE GENERAL OFFICERS, two of them divisional commanders, including our own commander, lined up for this picture at Ft. Benning, Ga., during The Infantry School's famed Demonstration No. 235, "The Attack on a Fortified Position." Left to right, they are: Maj. Gen. H. E. Kramer, commanding the 66th Div., Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Brig. Gen. Henry W. Perrine, commanding general of the Infantry School Troops Brigade; Brig. Gen. F. W. Rollins, of the 66th, and Brig. Gen. R. A. Henning of the 77th Div.

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EDITORIAL

LEGIONS OF LIGHT

The combat soldier, whether he wills it or no, is very close to God. In the awesome moments of battle man becomes very aware that only a shadow separates him from Eternity, that the slightest mischance might at any moment make him accountable at once for the omissions of years. So it follows that there are no atheists in fox-holes. It was only natural that the last act of thousands of Americans before they left the shores of England for the liberation of Europe was solemn, devout prayer at field masses and field services conducted by the chaplains.

In camp the chaplains hold 42 services a week, attended by from 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers, and attend to the spiritual needs and personal problems of men of 47 different faiths. Religion is a definite part of Army life.

Today the Corps of Chaplains observes the 169th anniversary of its establishment in the Army. On July 29th, 1775, the Continental Congress made the first formal recognition of the chaplain as part of the services by including one on the payroll of the Army.

In every war our nation has fought since the need for chaplains has been recognized in increasing measure. So profound an impression did their work make in World War I that the Corps of Chaplains was formed in 1920 with the late Col. John T. Axton as the first Chief of Chaplains. Today the Chief of Chaplains, William A. Arnold, holds the rank of brigadier general and the son of the first chief is Chief Chaplain of the Fourth Army, in which we serve.

TRIBUTE TO A SOLDIER

The recent death of Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair points up the aptness of the saying applied to the active leaders of this new, active war—"Generals die with their boots on."

Until recently commander of Army Ground Forces, Gen. McNair was sent to Europe on what the War Department called "an important mission." He was killed by enemy fire while observing from an advance post in Normandy. It was not the first time he had exposed himself to enemy fire. He was hospitalized briefly in 1943 after being struck by shrapnel while making a front-line inspection in North Africa.

By virtue of rank, service, assignment and the respect in which he was held, Gen. McNair is by far the most important United Nations military leader to die in this war. But numerous other general officers, both of the United States and allied armies, have died before him in the performance of duty and proved that these armies are not led by arm-chair generals. Even most of the German enemy's losses of high-ranking officers have been in battle. (Conversely, there has been more than a suspicion of hara-kiri in the cases of the several high Japanese officers whose deaths have been revealed.)

Gen. McNair proved even in the manner of his death that he was a soldier.



News from Here and There

News of Dad's Opulence Amazes \$72 a Month GI

ITALY—Cpl. Robert Fleisher, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who receives \$72 a month, virtually fell out of his chair on learning that his father, Sidney R. Fleisher, was listed by the Treasury at the top of its annual salary list, with \$45,000 income. Cpl. Fleisher, a reporter for Stars and Stripes, said he had been able to save \$500 in the last year from his service pay. "I sent some of it home to ease the strain of the high cost of living," he grinned.

German Workers Chant 'Song of Flying Bomb'

LONDON—Nazi composers have written a "Song of the Flying Bomb," supposedly sung by workers as they launch the new missiles against England. Translated, the chorus runs: "Yes, they're roaring off to England without pilots or gasoline. That's the answer, that's the answer, for our Hamburg, Cologne, Munich and Berlin."

China's Habeas Corpus Recommended by Chiang

CHUNGKING—On recommendation of President Chiang Kai-shek, China now has a habeas corpus act which gives Chinese citizens for the first time legal guarantees against detention without trial.

Benny the Bum Reports To Fuehrer 'From Italy'

LONDON—A DNB announcement from Berlin said Benito Mussolini has returned to Italy, and sent a telegram to Adolf Hitler assuring him of confidence in victory over the "powers allied with Bolshevism."

Lidice to Live Again From Model Made Here

NEW YORK—Plans for a new Lidice, to be built in Czechoslovakia after the war are being designed at Columbia University under the auspices of the Czechoslovakian government in exile. The new Lidice, to replace the town wiped out by the Nazis in reprisal for deaths of German officers, will be erected near the old site, which will be used as a war memorial park.

Tropical Chocolate Bars Withstand Excessive Heat

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Tropical chocolate bars, melting at 120 degrees Fahrenheit instead of the usual 85, have proved so satisfactory in the armed forces that they "will undoubtedly appear in peace-

time through out Southern States and in the North during summer months," a spokesman for the overseas resale procurement section, ASF, predicted. The bars are made of chocolate, skim milk, cocoa fat and oat flour, with flavoring and vitamins. They cannot be poured but must be compressed into molds. The taste and texture are the same as those of regular chocolate.

Gallon of Gas a Day For Men on Furlough

WASHINGTON—A member of the armed forces can get a gallon of gas for every day of a furlough from three to 30 days long, the OPA ruled this week. The limit is thus changed from five gallons a furlough to 30. No ration is to be granted for leaves or furloughs of less than three days, at the suggestion of the Army and Navy.

Thirsty Yanks Denied Beer From Nazi Brewery

ITALY—In the capture of Livorno Allies took possession of a brewery which had been turning out choice beer for Nazi troops. The first Americans who entered the city pronounced the brewery's product delicious. Word of their find spread rapidly through the ranks, but soon two MP officers got one of the most thankless assignments ever known in war! They had to say no to hundreds of GIs who stood before the brewery in the scorching sun with their tongues hanging out.

Red Cross to Handle All Emergency Data

ATLANTA, Ga.—The American Red Cross is prepared to handle additional emergency communications from chapters to be forwarded to field staffs for delivery to servicemen. The War Department recently ordered all such requests referred to Red Cross chapters. Emergency messages transmitted through the Red Cross for servicemen and their families in June totaled more than 81,000. Officials estimated the number would go to more than 100,000 in view of the War Department requirement that all messages regarding requests for emergency furloughs be sent through the Red Cross.

Sharks Angered by Bop, Stranded Pilots Find

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—S/Sgt. Jerrold O. Eis of Dodge City Kan., thinks he has a better method for combating sharks than the one given in the sea manual. He and four other men spent seven days on a raft after their plane was forced down in the South Pacific. "The book said to bop them on the nose," Sgt. Eis said. "We did, but that only made them madder. So we let them alone and prayed."

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain William Paul Grunow
(253d Inf.)

"Ever since I've been taken into the Army things have been going wrong at home. If I don't get back soon, there won't be any family for me to fight for. It's no use to continue." For a few men, such statements as the above appear to be a true summary of domestic affairs. With other men such complaints portray predicaments that are entirely imaginary. But in all cases the issue is real and burning—"Why should I continue to give my best? What is there in this war for me?"

If all others in the past centuries had felt and acted that way, where would you be? What chance would you have had for a free and independent determination of family affairs (up to the draft), if others had not been willing to die for principles? And where would the battle lines be drawn today if during the past few years anonymous thousands had not been willing to risk their families' safety in order to thwart the enemy?

There are plenty who thought it was not worth the price. That is why some proud nations were overwhelmed with scarcely a struggle, and why we have to fight all over the globe today. But if it had gone one step farther—if we, too, had placed a higher value on the sentiments and comforts of home than on the security of home—then we might also be fighting closer to home; indeed in our own back yards, or in the ruins of our walls.

Some point out that that has been averted. "Our enemies are now on the run. My family and I are safe. Let me go home, and let others finish the job." It so happens that we are in this thing together, that we are not safe until the enemy surrenders, and that even then we are not so sure that it is all over. You still owe it to your country, yes, to your family, to give the best that is in you.

For the Britisher there is quite a bit more reason for seeing this thing through. The home front is as safe as if he were there, for he accepts God's promises. "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?" (Jer. 13-23) "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro through the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." (11 Chron. 16, 9). So when bad news reaches the man in the field, he knows what to do. "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord." (Ps. 27, 24).

Once Over Lightly

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

Exactly 81 years ago this month, the United States and Japan fought their first war. . . . It lasted only 1 hour and ten minutes . . . but it was war . . . The story is hidden away in the dusty files of the United States Navy. . . . While Japanese envoys were in conference with the American minister to Japan (shades of Pearl Harbor), the steamer Pembroke was fired upon in the Straits of Shimonoseki. . . . Soon after, the U. S. S. Wyoming steamed in and a barge, a brig, and a steamer as well as six shore batteries opened fire. . . . The steamer was blown up . . . the brig sunk . . . the guns on shore silenced . . . and the Wyoming limped off with 11 casualties. . . . A misunderstanding? The Kokura clan that took no part in the affair was roundly bawled out by the Mikado . . . Seems the Japs never learn. . . .

Brooklyn has been blamed and praised for many things . . . but has anyone ever traced the great Chinese Revolution to Greenpoint? . . . A dentist from Greenpoint altered the course of the Chinese Republic by a book that had not sold a single copy. . . . Dr. Maurice William found himself in disagreement with the diagnosis of Karl Marx and wrote "A Social Interpretation of History" . . . published it himself in 1921. . . . He believed that the solution to the problems of our economic society were to be found in the treatment of the consumer and that labor and capital have interests in common. . . . A Chinese student found the book in a subway stand . . . ordered 39 more copies and brought it back to China. . . . When Sun-Yat-Sen, the founder of the Revolution read the book, he turned away from Communism for China . . . adopted the principles of this book . . . and changed the face of the new Chinese Republic . . . all because of a book that nobody had bought . . . written by a Brooklyn dentist. . . . Great place, Brooklyn . . .

Letters From The Front In Normandy

THAT FRENCH MUD IS STILL THERE

First-hand pictures of the fighting on the Normandy front, making it a lot dirtier, colder and lonelier than the newspaper accounts convey, were sent to two 63d Division soldiers last week by friends and relatives in combat.

Cpl. Edward Bielinski, Co. D, 253d Inf., learned much about the mud immortalized in the front-line fighting in the last war in a letter from his brother, Capt. Henry Bielinski, a medical officer.

"Last night," Capt. Bielinski wrote, "I awoke lying in two inches of water with my feet sunk in four inches of the stuff. I am now sitting at a table writing this letter to you with my shoes and stockings off. My feet and clothes are very damp and very cold."

"The French people, many of them—mostly kids—are glad to see us, but the grown-ups—some seem glad, others are indifferent, some apathetic and many (to me) seem otherwise."

Happy to Be Taken

Capt. Bielinski said enemy prisoners "are a crummy looking lot. Many of them in German uniforms are not even Germans, but are Czechs, Poles and Russians who seem happy to be captured."

Architecture is in a pretty sorry state in Normandy. "French towns are sure blown to hell," he writes. "You cannot describe in words what a town looks like after shelling, bombing and battle. The only consolation is that some Germans were killed in the process of that ruin."

A more personalized account of the difficulties of war, showing that headquarters work isn't all wine and roses, came from Sgt. Ernest H. Hayhow, formerly of G-3 Sec., 63d Div., now with G-3 Sec., 83d Inf. Div., in France.

His First Shelling

"At last I'm experiencing real

Mail Call!

What do you hear from your buddies overseas? The fellow in the next bunk might be interested in what's happening to them, seeing that the same thing is going to happen to him pretty soon. We'd be interested in looking over any letter you've received and, possibly, in printing excerpts from them. Just drop them in your company mail box, addressed to BLOOD AND FIRE, Hq. 63d Div., APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

combat," Sgt. Hayhow writes. "So far it's been rather a mild adventure, but it's early yet and undoubtedly the worst is yet to come. Have to admit that the first time an artillery shell exploded near me (a fragment landed about a yard away after passing over my shoulders), it scared the daylight out of me. By now, though, while far from a veteran, I'm accustomed to all the war noises and take things pretty much in stride."

"We have to dig in. Rud Miller and I have a two-man foxhole, but we are reasonably safe."

"Haven't been in France long enough to give my impressions of the country. Then, too, we're not here as tourists, of course, and don't pick the spots we visit. A few times French children have come running up to us and shaken hands all around. You should see their faces when we offer them gum and candy! When we go along roads and through towns some natives wave excitedly and shout greeting; others smile and give the V sign. Others just look glum. One woman made a horrible face when we passed her."

Wonder what her true thoughts were.

Life at the Front

"Odds and ends from brief combat experience (not intended as tips from a veteran to a would-be combat soldier by any means): All troops here wear ODS all the time. Unless you're a front-line man you discard your pack-carrier, too. We just roll our blankets in our shelter-halves and toss them in the truck, because Headquarters personnel doesn't do any marching. There's no social life, of course, and you don't get too much time to yourself. Often we work 16 hours a day or longer. Laundry is a real problem; in fact, getting any kind of water is a real problem. Went for a week without taking our clothes off; went 10 days without being able to bathe properly."

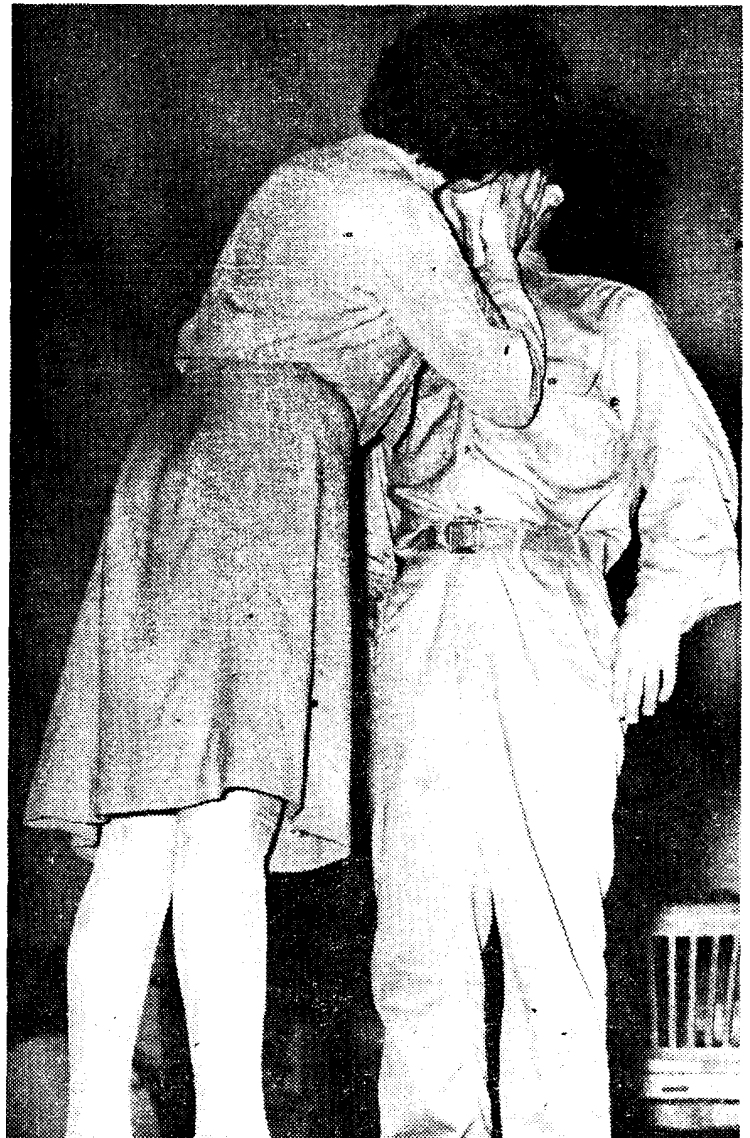
"Combat men get one duffel bag and everything goes in there or doesn't go at all. Even then you cut down on your personal items. Traveling light pays big dividends. Leave all the room for ammunition and rations—that's all, brother. No FXs; get your personal needs from home or do without. Cigaretts come in your rations (10 a day) but if you're a pipe or cigar smoker it's just TS." (Hayhow was an inveterate pipe smoker.)

"What they say about snipers in the newspapers is mostly true, but there's nothing you can do about it because you never see them and don't know their location until and if they fire at you."

Mail deliveries were sporadic at the end of June, Sgt. Hayhow said. "Outgoing mail, too, is not on any schedule," he wrote. "It's catch-as-catch-can all along the line. My folks mailed me three packages in the two months and so far I've received only the first one."



SWEET AND GOOEY is the chocolate pudding on the face of Sgt. Charles Deark of Btry. C, 861st F. A., as he paid his forfeit in Division Quiz show.



SMACK FROM A WAC is received by Pvt. Frank Ferrara, Co. A, 263d Inf., who not only won this kiss from S Sgt. Frances Pressley, Mess Sgt. for the Camp WAC Detachment, but he also won a three-day pass when he emerged unscathed in a quiz contest entitled "The Bugle or the Bird." The show presented at the Open Air Theater Tuesday, was sponsored by Division Special Service.

Soldier Wins Pass, Kiss in Quiz Test

Pvt. Frank Ferrara, Co. A, 263d Inf., may not have been the most nattily attired individual at the Open Air Arena last Tuesday night but he certainly was the best informed. He not only won the quiz contest conducted by Division Special Service, but he also won a kiss from a pretty WAC, and a three-day pass authorized as first prize by Col. Earle G. Wheeler, chief of staff.

Runner-up to Pvt. Ferrara was S Sgt. Frances Pressley, eye-catching mess sergeant, who won a free hair do at the WAC beauty parlor. Pvt. Ferrara was told to make a date with Sgt. Pressley, she accepted and as a penalty she had to kiss Pvt. Ferrara.

A Cpl. Sy Bernhard, Div. Arty., made a clever quiz master.

There was Sgt. Charles Deark of Btry. C, 861st, who was forced to duck into a pan filled with chocolate pudding in quest of a dollar in change. Then there was Pvt. Tony Santangelo of Btry. A, 861st who failed to come through and was set to rocking a suckling pig while singing "Rockabye Baby." Pvt. Norman H. Schacht, Co. F, 253d, husky blonde, paid for his ignorance by having to don a complete set of WAC underwear, while eight Wacs and GIs participated in a mass feeding from infant's bottles.

Pvt. Schacht placed second and won a chicken dinner and WAC privates Champion and Lento won free trips to McComb.

And Was Daddy Mad!

NEWARK, N. J.—Pvt. Frank LaVista's 14-month-old son, Frankie, played a hot joke on the old man the other night. LaVista, an MP on pass, and his son were rolling around on the floor of their home here when Frankie playfully snapped Daddy's handcuffs on Daddy's wrists. LaVista roared with laughter, then summoned his wife to free him. She broke the key off in the lock. Four hours later LaVista finally freed himself free. But by that time, Frankie, Jr., tiring of his little joke, had gone to sleep.

1,000 Casualties Being Flown Daily

Washington—One thousand casualties a day are now being flown back from America's far-flung war fronts in military aircraft. Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, Air Surgeon of the Army Air Forces, has announced.

With the invasion battle at its height, 7,432 casualties, including Allies and a few prisoners of war, were transported by air from the Normandy beachhead to England between June 10 and July 1.

Actual evacuation of medical casualties by air began on D-Day-plus four. Gen. Grant revealed, as soon as engineers had built a runway on the Normandy beachhead on which the C-47s could land. Hundreds of the "flying jeeps" participated in the operation. Overhead a protecting umbrella of AAF fighters patrolled in invincible strength.

Since Pearl Harbor more than 7,500 patients have been flown into the United States for hospitalization by the Air Transport Command.

WAC GETS SOLDIER'S MEDAL

CAMP MCCOY, Wis. (CNS)—Pfc. Mary Jane Ford, a Los Angeles WAC, has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in attempting to save the life of a drowning man at a lake near Camp McCoy.

Men of 255th to Hear Experienced Veterans

The Orientation Office of the 255th Inf. announced a new plan this week to bring men into closer touch with the actual fighting overseas by giving them first-hand accounts of conditions by men who have lived and fought in the various theaters of operation.

Lt. Ralph B. Bond, Orientation Officer, said each company will have an opportunity to hear, during their orientation period, discussions by returned veterans. The speak-

ers will tell about battlefront conditions, habits of the enemy, and what 63d Division men may expect when they face the Germans and Japs.

CONTEST WINNERS

Two Division soldiers displayed their terpsichorean ability at the weekly dance for Servicemen at Natchez last Saturday. Pvt. James Ingudino of Co. A, 255th Inf., teamed with Miss Mae Odum to win a jitterbug contest, while Cpl. Ralph Collittle of 63d QM and Miss Carolyn Langmore won a conga.

Puzzle Answers

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255TH BAND AT MCCOMB

The 255th Inf. orchestra will play for a dance tonight at the Servicemen's Center, McComb.

Male Call

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

Mess Consolidated



YUP! YUP!

Charles, Merrow Pace Swimmers to Victory

63d Boxing Show Uncovers Gem In CT White Lightweight, Rudy Cruz

Crowd Thrills to Mexican's Bout With Rossi Featuring First Outdoor Bill; Wrestlers Entertain

Some 2,000 members of the 63d, long accustomed to seeing fine pieces of fighting machinery, feasted their eyes on yet another type beauty of mobility and firepower last week when Pvt. Rudy Cruz boxed a three-round exhibition with Pvt. Al Rossi.

Cruz, an 18-year-old Mexican from CT White, completely won the enthusiastic crowd with the impressive quality of his boxing at this first of a series of weekly ring shows. He maneuvered the more experienced Rossi into presenting frequent openings and into these events in Al's defensive armor Rudy sent home a high velocity left jab and a right cross that had Rossi hanging on despite the use of 12-ounce gloves.

A protégé of Gus Wilson, of whom there are almost as many legends as there are of the fighting men he trained (including Jack Dempsey, Jack Johnson, Georges Carpentier and Ted (Kid) Lewis), Rossi gave every indication of being what Pacific coast boxing experts had rated him, "one of the best of the new crop." He showed ring knowledge far beyond that normally exhibited by one with only 19 pro scraps behind him.

It took him a few moments to fathom Rossi's aggressive, weaving fashion but when he finally zeroed in, Rudy repeatedly set up the CT Blue veteran with his jab and rocked him to his heels with the right. In justice to Rossi, who fought such scrappers as former Champion Fritz Zivic and Lou

Jenkins, it must be noted that he went into the ring with a bad knee. It was only upon the insistence of Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, Division Athletic Officer, that the 142-pound Albany, N. Y. ringman agreed to the termination of the proposed six-round bout at the end of the third.

The bout was a rousing climax to an evening of varied entertainment. It inaugurated the second season of outdoor boxing and placed in operation the 718th F. A.'s new arena, which incidentally, was taxed beyond capacity for the occasion.

It took a scrap such as Rossi and Cruz waged to take the spotlight off the wrestling bout between Pvt. Demetrius J. Singares and Pvt. "Hammerlock" Ellery which preceded the exhibition. The matmen from CT White executed a Donnybrook that had the spectators, among whom were Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander; Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Arty. Commander, and members of their respective staffs, figuratively rolling in the aisles.

That Singares, billed as the "63d's own young Jim Londos," won in straight falls was incidental. He and his precocious colleague, their work made especially amusing by the volume of repartee from nimble-wits in the stands, gave out with mimicry that would have swelled the chest of the Duseks, the Zahariases and others of the grappling troupes.

A free-for-all among representatives of the 718th, and five other boxing bouts composed the remainder of the show. The participants were comparative novices in the sport but Pvts. Robert Vermillion, CT Blue, and Harry Cole, CT White, who fought a draw, and Amedeo Petrongolo, CT Red, who topped Johnny Johnston of CT White, won the unanimous approval of the ring-wise ringsiders.

The results:

Boxing

Pvt. Pat Devine, 135, and Pvt. Dave Owen, 135, both of CT Red, drew, three rounds.

Pvt. Amedeo Petrongolo, 145, CT Red, won decision over Pvt. Johnny Johnston, 149, CT White, three rounds.

Pvt. Smith Greenwood, 179, CT White, won decision over Pvt. Joe Kalfas, 179, CT Blue, three rounds.

Pvt. Robert Vermillion, 150, CT Blue, and Pvt. Harry Cole, 160, CT White, drew, three rounds.

Pvt. Russ Hobson, 150, CT Red, won decision over Pvt. Archie Thompson, 148, CT Red, three rounds.

Pvt. Rudy Cruz, 139, CT White, and Pvt. Al Rossi, 142, CT Blue, fought three-round exhibition.

Free-for-all among Pvt. Warren Hull, Btry. A; Pfc. Murl Lutes, Btry. B; Cpl. Cooper McCoy, Jr., Btry. C; Pvt. John Davies, Serv. Btry.; and T-5 Arthur Massarelli, Hq. Btry., all 718th F. A., declared a draw after two rounds.

Judges: Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw; Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Enage; Capt. Patrick Eason, Referee—Lt. Ralph Shema.

Wrestling

Pvt. Demetrius J. Singares, 175, CT White, pinned Pvt. "Hammerlock" Ellery, 140, CT White, two straight falls.

Referee: Pvt. Tony Shabanas.

CT Blue Errors Lose Game With Navy Guard

Poor support cost Pvt. Bill Haag a merited pitching victory when CT Blue bowed to the Naval Armed Guard at New Orleans, 5-2, last Sunday.

The big right-hander gave up only five hits and was enjoying a 2-0 lead as late as the fifth inning. Errors in the outfield, however, enabled the Guards to tie the count in the fifth and get three more runs in the sixth to even the series.

Petty Officer Jimmy Edwards, pitching for the home nine, turned in a worthwhile five-hit job and retired 10 of the Blues on strikes.

The boxscore:

CT Blue				Armed Guard			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Dillon, rf	4	1	0	Franny, 2b	4	1	1
Simons, 1b	3	0	0	Truss, cf	4	0	0
Bruno, 3b	1	0	0	Hilton, of	2	1	1
Cruz, 4s	4	1	0	Gales, 3b	4	2	2
Hogg, 1	1	0	0	Johnson, cf	4	1	0
Present, of	2	0	0	Carl, 1b	3	0	0
Smalley, of	2	0	0	Johnson, if	4	1	0
McDougal, 4	0	0	0	Vanatic, cf	3	0	0
Deby'ae, lf	3	0	0	Pikak, ss	2	1	1
Dond'na, 1b	3	0	0	Edwards, p	3	0	0
Haag, p	3	0	0				
Totals	33	5	2	Totals	30	5	5

Score by innings: 000 300 000-2 CT Blue 000 023 00x-5

Didya Know—?

Rivalry Sharpens In Baseball Loop

The pace grew hotter in the Division Baseball League this week as the improving 718th F. A. nine walloped the Invaders, 8-4, while the leading CT Red barely eked out a 4-3 decision over the Special Troops' Greenies.

The Redlegs, beaten only once, did a more thorough job than the score indicates in beating their rivals in the 214th F. A. group. They made a dozen hits, twice the number the Invaders got. In addition, they threw away at least two other runs by lethargic base-running and had nine men stranded on the bases.

This game was decided in the early innings. The 718th crammed all but one of its hits and all its runs into the first five innings. By then it held an 8-2 lead and Cpl. Darrel Cox's two-run hit into center for the Invaders brought him individual honor in the sixth but changed little the outcome of the game.

It took some of the fine playing with which they currently seem abundantly stocked to bring the Red Cats to their fifth straight victory in the clash with the Greenies. This game principally was a hurling match between Sgt. Oscar Miller, CT Red manager seeking his ninth triumph in 11 starts, and Pvt. Jimmy Mendel, with the latter allowing even less hits than his victorious rival.

The boxscore:

CT Red				Greenies			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
Church, 2b	4	0	0	Bruno, 2b	4	0	1
McHall, ss	3	0	0	Ormski, 1b	4	0	0
Slinger, 3b	2	1	1	Moak, cf	4	0	0
Miller, p	1	0	0	Burns, ss	4	1	2
Thorton, 1	2	0	0	Stolfo, c	3	1	1
Poggi, c	3	0	0	Potok, 2b	3	0	0
Harris, 1b	3	1	1	Coop, rf	3	0	0
Lawman, cf	2	1	1	Mendel, p	3	0	1
Totals	25	4	4	Totals	31	3	5

Score by innings: 000 010 00-3 CT Red 013 009 0x-1

Teams Speed Pace In 63d Softball

Softball play again became widespread throughout the Division this week after a spell in which virtually all league competition was confined to CT Blue.

That very active circuit furthered its plan to add the second-half honors to those previously won by Co. H of the 255th, first half champion. Its battalion championships drew nearer determination, with Co. A holding the edge in the first with four straight victories; Companies B and G leading the race in the Second Battalion, and Co. M making a runaway of the Third Battalion pennant chase.

Meantime, however, interest in CT White goings-on perked up with the defeat of the previously unbeaten Co. F 10 by Co. E, and CT Red made its bid for attention with a three-game program highlighted by the Med. Det.'s 8-3 victory over Serv. Co.

Most notable of the games during the week occurred in the Blue circuit, when Co. G defeated Co. H, 7-6, in an extra-inning contest. Showing flashes of the ability which enabled them to win 12 straight games in the first half season, Co. H players won a brace of tallies in their half of the seventh to tie the score.

The next time around, however, Sgt. Johnny Michalak stretched a three-bagger into a home run by alert base-running after two were out to give the Gees the decision.

The 253d Med. Det. had too great a bulge on the Servicemen going into the sixth inning to lose the game, but Cpl. Bill Schuller added something for the enjoyment of the spectators by hitting a homer with one on. The clash between E and F in the 254th had its high-spot in the third when the eventual winners gathered in eight runs to attain a victory.

Other softball scores (CT Red) Co. L, 3 Co. K, 2; Co. D, 5, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 2; (CT Blue) Co. M, 11, Co. L, 1; Co. I, 4; Co. K, Co. M, 3; Co. K, 0; Co. E, 4, Co. I, 0.

The Chicago Cubs of 1936 hit the all-time high for games won when they took the National league pennant with 116 triumphs. The Yanks hold the American loop record of 110 set in 1927.

Doing some drafting of their own, the major leagues brought up 16 players from the minors last year.

Each Wins Twice As Selman Team Is Beaten, 43-23

Division Squad Captures Six Events From Army Fliers

Splashing over with talent, the 63d Div. swimming team won six of the eight events to beat the Selman Field squad, 43-23, in the fliers' pool at Monroe, La., last Saturday.

The Blood and Fire mermen opened their drive for their 20-point victory by sweeping to triumph in the opening 150-meter medley relay in 1:29.5. The winning combination was composed of Lt. Robert Beaven, Div. Hq. Co.; T/5 Adin Merrow, 253d Med. Det., and Pvt. Don Charles, Co. F, 255th Inf., and the latter pair promptly proceeded to branch forth in a duel for individual honors which was consummated in each winning two events.

Merrow, who was the leading individual scorer in the recent all-servicemen's championships at New Orleans, stroked out impressive triumphs in the 50-yard backstroke and the 200-meter freestyle. Charles bounded back with victories in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle tests. At the conclusion of the first six events, all won by the 63d, the visiting team was "in" with a 39 to 11 advantage.

The Selman team, despite the disparity in the scoring, hardly could be considered outclassed. Its representatives gave good account of themselves in finishing second in four of the events won by the 63d. On top of that Ledman's victory over W/O Howard L. Mintzer, in the 50-yard breaststroke, and the 200-meter freestyle relay team's defeat of the Blood and Fire combination of Sgt. Al Featherston, Pvt. Rodolph L. Musolino, Merrow and Charles was no slight accomplishment.

The result:

- 150 Meter Medley Relay—Won by 63d Div. (Merrow, Beaven, Charles); second, Selman Field (Belsinger, Ledman, James); Time—1:29.5.
- 50-Yd. Freestyle—Won by Charles, 63d Div.; second, Featherston, 63d Div.; Timmings, Selman Field; Time—25.5.
- 200-Meter Freestyle—Won by Merrow, 63d Div.; second, Rawstrom, Selman Field; third, Musolino, 63d Div.; Time—2:42.2.
- Diving—Won by Simpson, 63d Div.; second, Mands, Selman Field; third, Lenken, 63d Div.
- 100-Yd. Freestyle—Won by Charles, 63d Div.; second, Carson, Selman Field; third, Featherston, 63d Div.; Time—1:10.
- 50-Yd. Backstroke—Won by Merrow, 63d Div.; second, O'Connell, 63d Div.; third, Belsinger, Selman Field; Time—32.5.
- 50-Yard Breaststroke—Won by Ledman, Selman Field; second, Mintzer, 63d Div.; third, Szymanski, 63d Div.; Time—32.
- 200-Meter Freestyle Relay—Won by Selman Field (Mands, Kisby, Smith, Rawstrom); second, 63d Div. (Featherston, Musolino, Merrow, Charles); Time—1:51.
- Final Score—63d Div., 43; Selman Field, 23.

63d Sports Results

63d Div. Baseball			
718th F. A., 8;	Invaders, 4;	CT Red, 4;	Greenies, 1.
63d Div. Softball			
Med. Det., 11;	Serv. Co., 4;	Co. L, 3;	Co. K, 2.
Co. D, 5;	Hq. 1st Bn., 2;	CT White,	
Co. E, 11;	Co. F, 9;	CT Blue,	
Co. G, 7;	Co. H, 5;	Co. M, 11;	Co. L, 1.
Co. I, 4;	Co. K, 9;	Co. M, 3;	Co. K, 4.
Co. E, 4;	Co. L, 3;	Swimming	
		63d Div., 43;	Selman Field, 23.
Boxing			
Pvt. Pat Devine, 135, and	Pvt. Dave Owen, 135,	both of CT Red,	drew, three rounds.
Pvt. Amedeo Petrongolo, 145,	CT Red,	won decision over	Pvt. Johnny Johnston, 149, CT White, three rounds.
Pvt. Smith Greenwood, 179,	CT White,	won decision over	Pvt. Joe Kalfas, 171, CT Blue, three rounds.
Pvt. Robert Vermillion, 150,	CT Blue,	and Pvt. Harry Cole, 160,	CT White, drew, three rounds.
Pvt. Russ Hobson, 150,	CT Red,	won decision over	Pvt. Archie Thompson, 148, CT Red, three rounds.
Pvt. Warren Hull, Btry. A;	Pfc. Murl Lutes, Btry. B;	Cpl. Cooper McCoy, Jr., Btry. C;	Pvt. John Davies, Serv. Btry.; and T/5 Arthur Massarelli, Hq. Btry., all 718th F. A.) fought free-for-all draw.
Wrestling			
Pvt. Demetrius J. Singares, 175,	CT White,	pinned Pvt. "Hammerlock" Ellery, 140,	CT White, in straight falls, 16-00, 17-00.

CTs White and Blue Lose Athletic Officers

Two Combat Teams in the Division are without Special Service Officers, Lt. Mike Naddo, under whose aegis many of CT Blue's athletic teams attained championships in the 63d was transferred out of the Division last week as was Lt. Saul Hanin of CT White.

Lt. Naddo saw 255th Inf. teams win championships in Divisional touch football, and intra-combat team softball. The basketball team was a finalist in the Division court tournament. T-5 Alex Siegal was Lt. Naddo's assistant. Lt. Hanin succeeded Lt. Lawson M. Kately at CT White recently and was busy with an intensive athletic program when ordered to change stations.

Softball Results

Co. I	AB	R	H	E	Co. K	AB	R	H	E
Brzezicki, ss	3	1	1	0	Clarkson, 1b	4	1	0	1
Hahn, 1b	4	2	2	0	Miller, ss	3	3	3	0
Zutagana, cf	4	1	0	0	Barrett, ss	2	0	0	0
Williams, 2b	4	0	0	0	Woods, 2b	4	0	0	0
Snowell, p	2	1	0	0	Johnson, 3b	3	0	0	0
Kalwa, 1b	3	1	0	0	Schiffman, p	2	0	0	0
Dunn, ss	3	1	0	0	Avramov, c	2	1	0	0
Morris, 1	2	1	0	0	Hartford, cf	2	1	0	0
McDonnell, cf	2	1	0	0	Johnson, cf	2	0	0	0
Agarwal, p	2	0	0	0	Johnson, cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	25	7	4	0	Totals	35	4	4	0

Score by innings: 000 000 1-0

Co. I, 25th Div. 000 000 2-4

Co. K	AB	R	H	E	Co. F	AB	R	H	E
Francis, 2b	4	1	3	0	Stevens, c	4	1	1	2
Strom, cf	4	1	1	0	Stichard, 1b	4	1	1	1
Cruz, ss	4	1	2	0	Hoedinger, 3b	4	1	2	0
Schmickl, 1b	4	2	3	0	Ryerson, cf	4	2	0	0
Kramer, if	4	1	2	0	Miller, 1	4	2	1	0
Prawatz, 3b	4	2	3	0	Kavanaugh, 2b	4	1	2	0
Beck, of	4	1	1	0	Winters, 1b	4	1	1	0
Wilson, cf	4	1	3	0	Zimmerman, p	4	1	1	0
Myers, 1	3	1	2	0	Wentzels, cf	4	0	2	0
Rogerson, p	3	1	1	0	Porter, cf	4	0	2	0
Totals	34	11	19	0	Totals	40	9	15	0

Score by innings: 002 120 0-3

Co. K, 25th Div. 000 000 2-4

Medies	AB	R	H	E	Serv. Co.	AB	R	H	E
Shorman, 2b	4	0	2	0	Carroll, ss	4	1	1	1
Kelchess, 1	4	1	1	0	Hughes, 1	3	1	0	0
McDuff, of	4	1	1	0	Hudson, cf	4	0	0	0
German, 1b	4	1	2	0	Pewsey, 2b	4	0	0	0
Kramer, 3b	4	1	1	0	Spradlin, if	3	0	0	0
Kemp, cf	4	1	0	0	Winters, 1b	3	0	1	0
McDow, of	3	1	0	0	Wisher, 1b	3	0	1	0
Payne, 2b	4	2	2	0	Campbell, 2b	2	0	0	0
Herman, cf	2	0	1	0	Smith, p	2	0	0	0
Edlyke, c	2	0	1	0	Smith, cf	2	0	1	0
Totals	34	8	11	0	Totals	25	3	4	0

Score by innings: 100 320 x-3

Medies, 253d 000 000 2-4

From April 10 to May 14, 1913, Walter Johnson pitched 56 consecutive scoreless innings.

Guadalcanal Major Predicts Lengthy Fight by Japanese

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 The 25th landed on Guadalcanal in December, 1942, to clean up after the first push by the Marines. "It was here that the close teamwork of land, sea and air elements was amply demonstrated," said Maj. Christensen. Stricken with a tropical disease, the Major was removed to New Caledonia, but returned to the "Canal" six weeks later.

In August, 1943, his outfit moved on to Vella La Vella, which had been temporarily by-passed in the island-hopping program of Gen. MacArthur. After bitter fighting, a unit of New Zealanders came to the relief of the Americans. "Sometimes we made the initial landing on an island, but often the New Zealanders or Australians were given such assignments. We have a great deal in common with the people Down Under," says Maj. Christensen.

Men Captured Jap Officer

On Guadalcanal, two men in the battalion of which Maj. Christensen was executive officer, captured a Jap officer alive, one of the very few to be taken in that phase of the war.

Commenting on the nature of the Jap, the Major says, "They don't surrender willingly. The descriptions you read in books about their willingness to die is based on fact."

Attu Vet Says Training's Tougher

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 hill. This, he explained, affords perfect protection to the enemy rear. The foxhole, with three shooting positions, could accommodate as many riflemen. It comprises two parallel trenches connected by a third trench which provides convenient moving space.

First Bag: 50 Japs

As a member of his organization's outpost, Pvt. Ellis helped kill 50 Japs in the opening struggle for Attu. The men also bagged considerable war booty, including four sabres, numerous rifles, pistols, hand grenades, shells and collar insignia, three of which he now has with him.

Captured Japanese, he added, displayed a strong taste for American canned salmon, numerous samples of which were found in the enemy's possession.

After the campaign closed, Pvt. Ellis said the men were cautioned against careless collection of those souvenirs, which could easily have turned out to be booby traps.

Gen. McNair Died Facing the Enemy

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 Mexican expedition and in the first World War. For his exploits in France he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

When the Army was reorganized in 1942, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, named him one of the three men to carry out his plans. With Gen. Henry H. Arnold and Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, he accomplished the miracle of converting the Army into the present mighty force of 7,700,000 men.

Division Sidelights

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 on bivouac last week. The "enemy" was a four-foot snake . . . Sgt. Ray Bolinger came back from his furlough a married man . . . S/Sgt. Michael Grimes has received word that his wife, WAC Pvt. Christine Grimes, arrived safely in England. 63d QM Co.—T/Sgt. Wilbert Curry and Sgt. Adolph G. Goldbach, Jr., have gone to Quartermaster OCS at Camp Lee, Va. . . Topkick Austin R. Hull now has his family in McComb; last time Mrs. Hull visited here she was alone. Now she has brought their new daughter, Linda Lee . . . The QM Co. received another commendation from Maj. Frank Farr, commander of Special Troops, as one of the two best outfits in his command. The other is the 763d Ord. Co.

Here It Is—The Dream Date



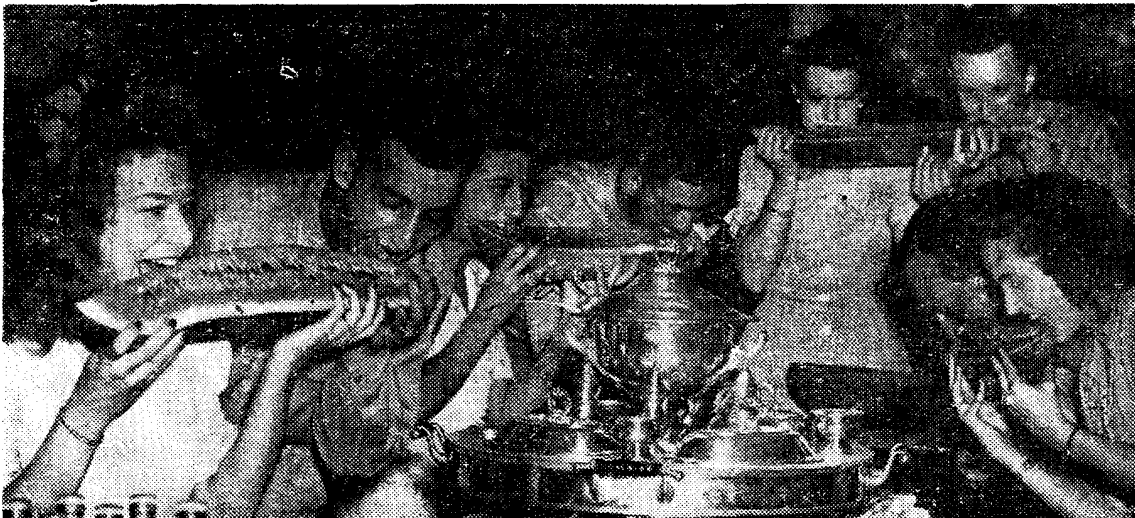
Half the party, Cpl. Partridge, Virginia Beltzhoover (left), and Pfc. Harold and Mary Brandon dined at Top's Grill, the others at the Eola Hotel.



At the bar in historic Connelly's Tavern, Pfc. Harold (left) and Pantanella simulate for Alma Kellogg (left) and Mary Brandon.



One of the most pleasant intervals was the swimming party at Virginia Beltzhoover's private pool.



The GIs and their dates had lots of fun at Alma Kellogg's watermelon party Sunday, just before going on the air at the Servicemen's Center for the windup of "Blind Date" in Natchez.

'Blind Date' Gay Holiday for Four GIs From 254th

There are four GIs in the 254th Inf. who are still talking about the swell time they had last weekend when the regiment's Special Service Office sent them out on a "Blind Date" program with four of the prettiest girls in Natchez.

The soldiers, S/Sgt. Charles Jenkins, Co. I, Cpl. William J. Partridge, Co. A, and Pfc. Gerald J. Patanella, Serv. Co., and Richard P. Harold, Co. G, won the right to represent the regiment at a contest held at the Open Air Theater last Friday night.

The GIs "sold" themselves to four Natchez Military Maids, Alma Kellogg, Edna May Parker, Virginia Lee Beltzhoover and Mary Ann Brandon. Each group was concealed from the other by screens and communicated via the public address system. T/5 Leslie Heath and Pfc. Joseph Dolin of CT White Special Service Office, conducted the affair.

Starting Saturday afternoon the soldiers and their dates toured Natchez.

The party attended a movie in the afternoon and then split up for dinner, four dining at the Eola Hotel and four at Top's Grill. That night the couples led the grand march at the weekly dance for service folk at the City Auditorium.

The four soldiers reveled in the lap of luxury by having breakfast in bed Sunday morning at Hope Farm, ante-bellum home, where they spent the night. Historic Connelly's Tavern, built during Revolutionary times, was visited, and later the group were guests at a swimming party in the Beltzhoover pool. A watermelon party followed at the home of Alma Kellogg, and the program ended when the four couples were guests on the Sunday afternoon broadcast over station WMIS from the Servicemen's center.

Capt. Copeland Weds Lt. Chapman

Capt. Otis L. Copeland, Jr., until recently commanding officer of Co. A, 253d Inf., and Lt. Bonnie M. Chapman, of the Camp Van Dorn WAC Det., were married Tuesday evening at Chapel 7 in a ceremony witnessed by 65 Wacs and Army nurses and 40 male officers and enlisted men.

Chaplain George W. Almond performed the ceremony. Lt. W. Scott Brown, 63d Recon Trp., was best man and Lt. Alma B. Dobbs, WAC Det., was the bride's attendant.

Capt. Copeland, who is on leave preparatory to leaving the Division, and Lt. Chapman left on a short wedding trip.

Capt. Copeland's home is in Ehrhardt, S. C., and Lt. Chapman's is in Evansville, Ind.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
 Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
 (From Saturday, July 29, Through Friday, August 4, Inclusive)
SATURDAY — "Girl Crazy," with Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra.
SUN.-MON. — "I Love a Soldier," with Paulette Goddard, Sonny Tufts and Beulah Bondi.
TUESDAY — "Allergic to Love," with Noah Beery, Jr., Martha O'Driscoll and David Bruce; also, "Twilight on the Prairie," with Johnny Downs and Leon Errol.
WED.-THURS. — "Mr. Winkle Goes to War," with Edward G. Robinson, Ruth Warrick and Bob Haymes.
FRIDAY — "Crime by Night," with Jerome Cowan, Jane Wyman and Hugh Herbert.

THEATER NO. 5
 Starting Time—1800
 (From Saturday, July 29, Through Saturday, August 5)
SATURDAY — "Girl Crazy," with Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra.
SUN.-MON. — "I Love a Soldier," with Paulette Goddard, Sonny Tufts and Beulah Bondi.
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Six thousand pounds of bond are required to make enough blueprint paper for the plans for a pursuit plane.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

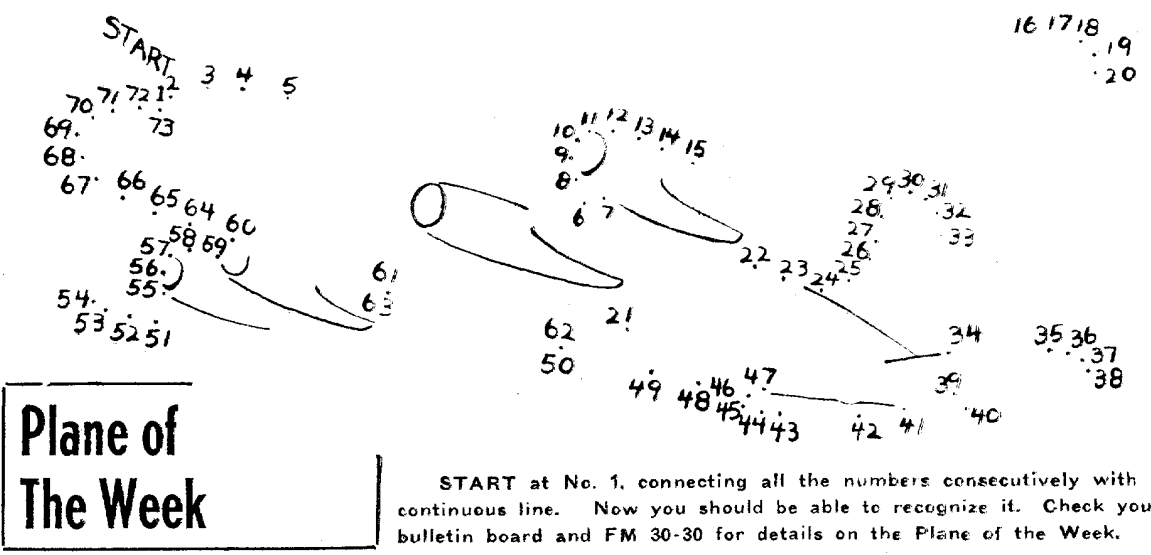
254th Inf.—One of the Army's busiest officers is Lt. J. Clement Coss of Co. I. He is orientation officer, supply officer, mess officer, War Bond officer, soldier voting officer and acting CO—in short, he is the only officer present in the company. Two lieutenants recently left for the paratroops and a third is on leave, making Lt. Coss as busy as a pair of dice on pay day . . . In Co. I Sgt. Tom Morris returned from furlough a bridegroom and in the same company Pvt. Edward Keller was informed that he had become the father of a six-pound, nine ounce son. Mrs. Keller and the baby are back home in Utah, both doing well . . . In Co. G, Pfc. Joseph Shearer is a new pappy . . . Two former members of the 3d Bn. have arrived in England, Pfc. Birger Kaino and Charles Brini-combe . . . T/Sgt. George Trojanowski of Co. D was married Sunday in Centreville to Miss Vera C. Cutrae. 1st. Sgt. J. B. Swink was best man. The Trojanowskis are honeymooning in New Orleans . . . Lt. Glenn Mueller has been transferred out of the Division and Lt. John G. Bruce has assumed command of Co. D . . . Bastille day brought a baby daughter to Sgt. Herman Vincent of Co. D, in Fitchburg, Mass. . . T/5 Henry Roberts is looking forward anxiously to his overseas orders. It's almost certain he'll run across one of his five brothers on his way into action. One is in Normandy, two are in England, one in the Southwest Pacific and the last is training at Camy Gruber, Okla. . . Cpl. Carl Mazzarelli of Co. B returned from furlough to announce his engagement to Mary Kuzian of Wilmington, Del. . . S/Sgt. Elwood Edlund recently married Edith Cunningham of Coffeeville, Miss. . . Lt. William B. Chesser has been named CO of Co. B. Lt. Loring Lane has been transferred out of the regiment . . . The world's reclining broad jump record should go to Pfc. Chester Simmons of Co. L. He jumped at least seven feet when a snake crawled across his neck while he was lying down in the field after chow . . . Pvt. Felix Jamionek of Co. L, once a corporal in the Polish army, says the U. S. Army is not strict in its discipline. However, he finds the American system more thorough than those of the European countries . . . Lt. Mons L. Hansen has taken command of Co. F . . . New Pros. in Co. F are James W. Gadberry, Emil J. Biros, Charles Blackner, Warren R. Bohlgren, Ben DeBerg, Clarence C. Epperson, Donald R. Fuller, Harvey G. George, Rick E. Hamilton, James R. Harris, Eugene J. Hines, Garry N. Horton, Grady Martin, Henry J. Messaro, Anton L. Mazac, Louise H. Mode, Charles R. Roth, Albert E. Swegheimer, James I. Taylor, Richard E. Timms, William E. Walsh and Ruby S. Webb . . . 1st/Sgt. John R. Hopkins, AT Co., is recuperating after an operation . . . There have been six promotions in the company: S/Sgt. Dewey Goins has another stripe and former Privs. Elzie T. Gordon, Thomas E. Sergeant, Elmer L. Hahn, Richard A. Fossam and Andrew Santabarbara are sewing on their first stripes.

255th Inf.—The Co. K dayroom is getting a face-lifting under the skilled direction of T/Sgt. Harry R. Helm and Pvt. Jack C. Snow. Helm was a commercial artist in civilian life. . . Sgt. Edward C. Camper is passing out cigars in Co. K to celebrate the arrival of Edward C. Jr. . . . T/4 Nick Pann has welcomed his wife, who came on from Chicago . . . Pvt. Antonio S. Arruda, Co. K, wants to sell his eight-tube, eight-band table model radio . . . And S/Sgt. James Kellett, Cannon Co., announces his 1939 Pontiac coach is for sale. New tires and small mileage, he adds. He is in the company supply room . . . Pfc. Jerry Malec, Cannon Co., is entertaining Mrs. Malec, who is on an extended visit . . . When 1st/Sgt. Howard Spann, Anti-Tank Co., was a student at LSU, Col. Keith K. Tatom, regimental commander, was his professor in military science . . . Pvt. Donald R. Holden, AT Co., poses a problem for the supply sergeant every time he needs a new pair of shoes. He wears size 15C . . . Pvt. Philip Marino, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., entertained his father, here from Chicago, over last week end. . . Co. P took over the CT Blue Rec. Hall for a party that featured food, refreshments and dancing. Music was furnished by a unit of the 255th Orchestra, under the direction of T 5 Daniel Mendelsohn.

253d Inf.—Expert Infantryman's badges were awarded this week to these enlisted men of Co. L: 1st/Sgt. Jennings A. Wolfe, T/Sgt. Don I. Higginbotham, T/Sgt. Richard P. Marsh, S Sgt. Orka J. Arbaugh . . . Three Garcias, Pfc. Encarnacion and Privs. Samuel and Gonzalo, are on the Co. G roster . . . Pfc. Robert Burr, Co. G, had the satisfaction of resigning his KP assignment when a flood of mail forced his return to his regular job . . . Capt. Herschel N. Burton, commanding officer of Co. L, reports competition for prizes stimulates interest in orientation. This week Pvt. Harold Mochrie won a carton of cigarettes with a score of 97.5 per cent. S/Sgt. William Droyer and Pfc. Allan Brandon took honorable mention with scores of 96 and 94.5.

718th F. A.—In Serv. Btry., Pvt. Cosmo Castiglia entertained his father in camp recently and Pvt. Joseph Fann's wife has come from Oregon on a visit . . . Pfc. Richard Seimer has received letters indicating that his brother, an engineer, was in action on Saipan . . . Pvt. John Davies and Pvt. Campbell are no strangers to the tractors used in the 718th. They used to test-run them at Bettendorf, Iowa. . . Lt. Fred G. Traut is acting commander of Btry. A and will remain in command until Capt. Edward Culver returns from Advanced Officers' School at Ft. Sill, Okla. . . Lt. Paul E. Thieret has joined the battery . . . In the same battery, 1st/Sgt. Edward Stopka brought a bride, the former Miss Alice Altenhofen, of Milwaukee, back from his furlough. She is now making her home at McComb. . . Two of the old Schneider howitzers were fired alongside of the new M1s to show the great improvement the new guns make . . . Lt. John Gallagher, Btry. C, is out of the Station Hospital after a bad case of bronchitis . . . New men assigned to the battery include 22 who were on active duty with the Coast Artillery in Panama.

861st F. A.—Sgt. Raphael Garcia, Btry. C, has returned from furlough and brought his family along to live in Gloster . . . T/5 William Raipon is the new Btry. C clerk . . . Pfc. Bill Stinson sends regards to the men of Btry. C from the California camp at which he is now stationed. Lt. Col. Beere welcomed the new men in the battalion, many of them from Alaska and the Aleutians. Saturday night at CT Red Rec. Hall . . . Pfc. Simon Still got his first "enemy" (Continued on Page 8)



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.

Club 2 Newscasts To Add Interviews

A special feature has been added to the regular weekly newscast made by Cpl. Samuel C. Clark of the 254th Inf., at Service Club No. 2. Cpl. Clark, who has been conducting his newscasts in the lounge of the club, will conduct five-minute interviews starting Monday night at 1930 and continuing each Monday through August 28. Outstanding soldiers in the division will be guests on the program.

On next Monday night Cpl. Clark will interview S/Sgt. Owen Sweazey, of Co. D, 254th Inf. Cpl. Sweazey's experiences at Dieppe and in Africa and Italy were told in a recent article in BLOOD AND FIRE. The subject of the interview will be "Combat."

On Monday, August 7, Pfc. Alfred Bloch of the 3d Bn., 254th, a former officer in the Polish army, will speak on "Central Europe." Pfc. Leo V. Sovinsky of Hq. Co., 254th, a Russian, will be interviewed on the country of his birth. On August 21, Pfc. Earl L. Russel, who was an ASTP student at Stanford university, and who is a student of the Far East, will be interviewed on that subject. The program on August 28 will be devoted to questions from the audience directed at all four speakers.

23 Pups in Litter Born to Foxhound

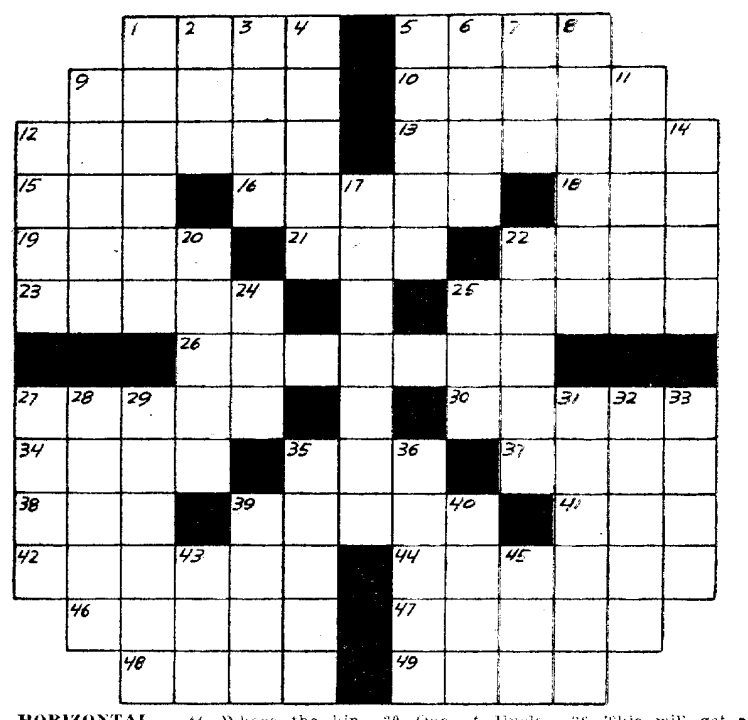
What the world record is for a litter of pups is debatable but a search of available material indicates that Lena, a year-old foxhound in Philadelphia, has achieved the champion whelping performance.

Lena recently gave birth to a record litter of 23 pups which is something to bark about since the average foxhound litter is from eight to 14. However, the problem of feeding is not easily solved by a 40-pound dog and man-made ingenuity has resulted in recruiting the assistance of two foster-mothers for nursing purposes.

Lena accordingly, has been obliged to take care of only 10. Lucy and Lydia, the foster-mothers, feed the remainder.

Ordinarily no more animals are whelped in a litter than a mother can care for, although exceptions do occur. Lena's case is as remarkable as quadruplets or quintuplets among humans. Nature discourages such extraordinary litters by the drastic measure—the surplus and weaker die.

CRAZY CROSSWORD (THIS ONE REQUIRES IMAGINATION) By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec. (Answers on Page 8)



- HORIZONTAL**
- There's one to every barber.
 - Red and official.
 - How a new broom sweeps.
 - This is a barb!
 - What is raised in the desert.
 - What lengths the French go to.
 - It's a journey to this star.
 - What Eves do to Adams.
 - Long away and far.
 - Orange's overalls.
 - Beginning to rust.
 - Prevent phonetically.
 - Chemist's conception of ether compound.
 - What highbrow fathers with white shotguns are.
 - She's a great dame when she smiles.
 - Highbrow rule.
 - Genesis of gadget.
 - A liar can't do this.
 - What you do when you fail the first time.
 - What women do in your arms.
 - Pinched best wishes (abbr.).
 - Let down gently. (This is almost easy).
 - Kind of "yes"
 - Ecclesiastical rite.
 - Where the hindmost part is sweet.
 - What's read in the sunset.
 - The gardener's nemesis.
 - You'll give 'n if you're this.
 - A poet's end.
 - The Round-up for moribund cowboys.
 - What not to do to an exit.
 - Tamp, tamp, tamp, the boys are marching.
 - Legal Aid.
 - Mike's old pal.
 - These are the publisher's errors.
 - What you would have called Columbus if you had known him.
 - Biblical conception.
 - It's, as a weed.
 - What low-brow fathers with white shotguns are.
 - Now we call them rosters.
 - The draft board never did this to you.
 - Oh boy, when the boat comes in!
 - Britisher's interpretation of "Baloney."
 - Progressive termination.
 - The Navy is full of these.
 - Last words to a landlord—"You can't do this to me."
 - One of Buck Skunk's millions.
 - To skunk, or to avoid.
 - What act goes along without a kick?
 - The end of Peter.
 - What Tommy and Maud did to the feast.
 - This will get a use.
 - This is really existence, according to Lenin.
 - that fly!
 - Mad in dress clothes.
 - That all-purpose stuff.
 - The End.
- VERTICAL**
- What's not to do to an exit.
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Allied Firepower Tops German's Four to One

FRANCE (CNS)—Allied fire-power soon will be four times that of the Germans here, according to Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War.

"This tremendous fire-power, Patterson explained, "includes everything—small arms, grenades, mortars, artillery, airplane bombs and rockets."

He added that "the figures for the Pacific will be fully as good."

Boy Offers Fair Swap; Golf Balls for Gum

ENGLAND (CNS)—Seeking golf balls, an AAF lieutenant filed an ad in an English paper. He received this reply: "Dear American officer, I am Peter Turner, aged 9. I will trade my four golf balls for two packages of candy or chewing gum, P.S. If you fly a B-17 or a B-24, you can have them for nothing."

BERNIE BLOOD

A Dream Walking

By GILL FOX

