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MISSISSIPPI'S GOVERNOR, Thomas L. Bailey, visited Camp Van Dorn, Wednesday and toured the 63d Div. area. He is shown with Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Col. Robert E. Guthrie, Camp Van Dorn commander.

State Governor Sees Battle Show

Swinging down through the state on a tour of Army camps and municipalities, Gov. Thomas L. Bailey of Mississippi and Mrs. Bailey, visited Camp Van Dorn Wednesday. In addition to his wife the governor was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ralph Hays, state adjutant general, and a group of leading citizens of McComb, Woodville, Clinton, Liberty and Centerville.

The governor and his party toured 63d Div. areas in the afternoon accompanied by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. The party witnessed an attack on a fortified position staged by the 2d Bn., 255th Inf., and Cannon Co. of the same regiment presented an exercise in which the function of the unit was demonstrated.

The visitors concluded their tour by attending a retreat parade of the 3d Bn., 255th Inf., led by the 63d Div. Band.

The governor and his party were guests of Col. Robert N. Guthrie, Camp Van Dorn Commander, and officers of the 63d at an informal dinner at Officers Club No. 1, Wednesday night.

Officers Dance

The Girls' Battalion of Baton Rouge will hold a dance for officers at the Westdale Country Club at 2100, tonight. Officers of the 63d Div. are invited to attend.

Six Units in 63d Top Spot Check

Six units of the 63d Div. turned up with an average of less than two deficiencies per vehicle following a spot check of vehicles by the Division Spot Check Team. The 363d Medical Bn., with a 1.0 average, led all others. The 763d Ord. Co. was second with 1.5.

The Spot Check was the 19th in a series conducted and indicated an average of 2.45 deficiency per vehicle.

Other percentages were: 254th Inf., 1.7; 253d Inf., 1.8; 718th F. A., 1.8, and 63d Ren. Trp., 1.8.

Barracks Bags Burn In Centreville Fire

The passenger station of the Illinois Central railroad at Centreville was saved from possible destruction by flames Thursday night by quick work on the part of Camp Van Dorn firemen under Chief Ennis Tipton.

Summoned to fight flames which had broken out in the station's freight office shortly before 1000, the firemen stretched two lines of hose to the blaze and soon had the fire under control. The contents of several barracks bags belonging to soldiers were among the articles damaged by fire and water.

A soybean shower at a wedding has created a Victory Garden for the chapel at Ardmore AAF, Okla.

Labor Pledges Vets Will Get Jobs Back

Tougher Training Saves Many Lives, Normandy Proves

Don't become accustomed to ten-minute breaks in training. There's no time for anything like that on the battlefield.

That's some advice picked up by a Stars and Stripes reporter as he made the rounds of a hospital in England, a hospital stocked with men wounded in the Normandy landings and in the battle for the Cherbourg peninsula.

Some more advice from combat:

Watch the Snipers

Watch out for German snipers. They work hidden away in the branches of trees. When you get close to them they let you have it. Dig in. Then camouflage your foxholes. Foxholes themselves will not give you all the protection you will need.

Don't hug the roads all the time. The enemy has every road mapped and zeroed in. It's a good way to get plastered by 88 fire.

Don't trust the German. He's sneaky and as treacherous as the Jap. Be suspicious of "natives," too. Don't expect help from anyone but your own men.

Travel light, but don't forget your weapons and your ammunition. These are what you kill with.

Nazi Is Wily

The German, the wounded men said, isn't as good a fighter as the Yank, but he's sneaky. One Yank platoon captured five German soldiers sniping at them from trees. All the Germans wore civilian clothes. Another GI told of a group of Germans that surrendered. "When we got close to them," he said, "they started to bawl and cry and make a lot of noise. That was the tip-off to their pals behind them. The ones who 'surrendered' fell flat on their faces and the guys behind pumped it into us with the old MG42."

The wounded men were emphatic advocates of stiffer training back home.

"We walked for five hours without any of these damn ten-minute breaks," one of them said. "When we finally did stop, the Germans put 88 fire right on us and we lost a lot of men."

"Make the training tough," he said. "You can't make it tough enough."

Four Brothers Make the War Private Affair

When T/Sgt. Eugene Wiergacz, Co. C, 254th Inf., went out for his Expert Infantryman's Badge he wasn't interested in showing anybody else that he could qualify. He wanted only to prove that he was good enough to wipe out a personal grudge he has against the Axis.

His brother, William, is a prisoner of the Nazis, taken in the Italian campaign. And two other brothers in widely scattered parts of the world are doing their best to even up for whatever the Germans might have done to Bill. One, Seaman 3d Class Bruno Wiergacz, is with the Navy in the North African zone and Pvt. Felix Wiergacz is with the Army in Australia.

Dancer Wows GIs At Variety Show

With Willie Hoffman, eye-arresting dancer from New Orleans, stealing the show, "Whiz Bang," a variety show presented by Camp Special Services, drew thousands of GIs to the Open Air Theater Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Clad in a white hula hula costume which was quite an improvement on the usual grass skirted affair, Miss Hoffman drew the major share of the applause and was forced to return for several encores. The New Orleans dancer is one of the contestants in a current Bathing Beauty contest at the Crescent City.

Running a close second to the dancer for the soldiers' favor was Lorraine Gaye, radio and blues singer, who was called back many times.

Bob Ranoux, a strong man who performed difficult weight lifting and balancing tricks with comparative ease, and Helen Ranoux, his partner, were also well received. Others on the bill were The Drake Sisters, eccentric dancers; Lorraine Daquin, another dancer, and Rose Thurston, a comedienne. The 63d White band played during the performance.

Another similar show will be sponsored by Camp Special Services at the Open Air Theater next Thursday and Friday nights.

Seniority Issue Sidestepped In AFL-CIO Plan

Local Units Must Pass on Terms Approved by Negotiators.

An agreement that protects some of the employment rights of the returning service man but still fails to recognize all of the rights guaranteed by the Selective Service Law has been reached by representatives of the A. F. of L. and CIO and the labor relations committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The agreement provides one huge bone of contention and makes one glaring commission.

The bone of contention is the returning veteran's right to reinstatement in his old job even if it necessitates the laying off of non-veterans with greater seniority rights. According to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the returning veteran is entitled to this preferential treatment but representatives of organized labor have consistently opposed it and even attempted to have Gen. Hershey's ruling reversed.

The omission, which in many trades and cities may invalidate the agreement altogether, is the failure to make it binding upon international or local units of the labor organizations. This could mean that the veteran might get a fair break in one community and an awful rooking just across the river, if local labor so willed it.

However, the agreement is signed by outstanding leaders of the A. F. of L. and the CIO and their weight will be behind their recommendations.

On one point the veterans' representatives got all they hoped for and more. This concerned occupational skills acquired in the Army. This point in the agreement states:

"It is agreed that honorably discharged veterans of all wars, campaigns and expeditions who have acquired or may acquire sufficient reasonable skill, either by military (Continued on Page 2)

Tank Flattens Beachhead in One Heat—And What Heat!

Beachhead Perkins was rugged. The boys said so and he agreed with them. He was fast and tough. Yep, tanks would bounce off him, they said, and he believed them.

Believe them? Why not find out for himself? Those tanks in the 763d Ord. shop, the ones they ran over your foxhole (to test your nerve)—couldn't a fellow ride in one of them just to see what it was like?

Sgt. Roy Layton, the artilleryman who was in charge of the eight-man platoon of former Armored Force tankmen, couldn't see why not. They'd be glad to have Beachhead along. There was plenty of room, he said; just might be a little while before they got

back from running target for rocket-gun marksmanship practice. They also might have to take a few rifle-launched dummy grenades off the side or demonstrate in support of the infantry, but



they'd be back in time for dinner.

Would Beachhead mind? It got pretty hot inside. Sometimes 40 degrees hotter.

Mind? The Beachhead? What were they waiting for? Okay, he'd wear a crash helmet—but only because the Sergeant made it an order. Helmet. Why, he was tough. Ask the boys.

The M3-A1 tank, weighing 14 tons when fully equipped and manned, revved up as Beachhead clambered up the side to the opening in the turret. He crammed his bulk into the aperture atop the turret, made it halfway as Layton set off near the top cruising speed of 35 miles per hour. "She can do 60 without trouble,"

the sarge yelled back above the rear of the 250-hp. Wright Whirlwind motor, but the fact was lost



on Beachhead, who was still trying frantically to get his body to

follow his legs down into the turret.

He made it, just as Layton pulled "left stick," cut a 90-degree turn onto 7th Ave., and headed in the general direction of Artillery Corners. The breech of the 37-mm. gun in the fore turret bounced off Perkins' head.

Beachhead reeled back from the jolt. He grabbed blindly with both arms, held on to whatever came into his arms. It happened to be the gun. Layton took that moment to cut across the rutted field, the tank bucking and rocking.

The spring-propelled seat beneath Beachhead sprang its catch—and he was stuck in the hatch again. (Continued on Page 2)

New Regulations For Gas and Tire Rationing Issued

A new memorandum on gasoline and tire rationing for privately owned vehicles was issued this week by Maj. Thomas P. Reaves, 63d Div. provost marshal.

The Division Ration Board, located in the Provost Marshal's Office, at 13th Ave. on 6th St., is open from 0700 to 1730 Monday through Friday and from 0700 to 1500 on Saturday.

To obtain supplemental gasoline rations, applicants must register their cars at the Camp Provost Marshal's office at the main gate. A share-ride team is required, consisting of two additional passengers for a coupe and three for a sedan.

Applicants whose wives are living within 70 miles of camp can apply for supplemental gasoline to drive to and from home. Not more than 13 trips per month will be allowed. Wives working on the post may apply for 26 trips per month.

Gasoline will not be issued to go home on furlough, but it will be issued to drive a car home or to another camp on a permanent change of station. When orders read "TPA" (travel by privately owned automobile is authorized), the application for special mileage gasoline must be made at the office of the 63d QM Co. at 8th and 10th Sts. If orders do not read "TPA" the application should be made at the Division Ration Board. Sellers and buyers of new and used cars will deal with the Military Personnel Branch at Camp Van Dorn Headquarters.

Applicants for tires must have the serial numbers and condition of tires noted on the application by an authorized tire inspector. Tires marked "D" by the inspector will not be replaced by the rationing board until tires marked "B" or "C" have been repaired or re-capped.

13 from 862d Attend Schools at Ft. Sill

It's schooldays for many members of the 862d F. A. these days. Nine enlisted men and four officers have left on detached service for special schools at Ft. Sill, Okla.

The students are: Communications—S. Sgt. Robert E. Haughey and T/4 George Bollen, Hq. Btry; Cpl. Clarence Lewis, Btry. B and T/5 Jean Thiery, Btry. A. Motors—T/5 Eugene Crause, Btry. B; T/5 Kenneth Burlingame, Serv. Btry; T/5 Aca Hohmre, Btry. A, and Pvt. Clifford Lanterman, Hq. Btry. Artillery Mechanics—Pfc. Ned Sherrick, Btry. C. Officers Advanced Class—Capt. Charles Gildersleeve, Capt. John Mercer, Jr., Capt. Elric S. Pinckney, Capt. William Weller. Battery Officers Executive Course—Lt. Dwight Zeller.

GIs in France have been warned not to work at French girls.

KNOW YOUR GENERALS +--+

(This is one of a series.)

Imperturbably sitting on the exploding corn-popper that is the Allied front in France is Lieut. Gen. Omar Bradley, the Army's nearest approach to the popular conception of the ideal general, a studious, close-mouthed Missourian who in preinvasion days was frequently referred to as the calmest man in England.

Recently a lifetime Army officer filling out a questionnaire bluntly stated his civilian occupation as "Child." Gen. Bradley could have answered with the same word. When he came to England to perfect Gen. Eisenhower's invasion plans he brought with him the experience gained in 31 intense years of Army life. Of these years 20 had been spent in planning and preparation, one in combat. This sensationally victorious year of combat attested to the care and application he had spent in acquiring his 30 years of "know-how."

Graduated With Eisenhower

Gen. Bradley was graduated from West Point with the famous class of 1915, which included, beside himself, Gen. Eisenhower and 30 other generals-to-be. Burning for action, he spent the World War on the Mexican border and training in the West. When the war—and war for all time, according to the thinkers of the day—was over, he sat down seriously to the study of the unfashionable science of winning battles. For the next 20 years he studiously prepared himself to be a commander of armies and when Germany again plunged the world into conflict he was ready, a finely-shaped weapon that had reached full maturity just at the time when it was needed.

These training years took him into almost every corner of military America. Between 1920 and 1924 he taught mathematics at West Point. The next three years he spent on active duty in Hawaii. A year as instructor at the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth followed. From 1929 to 1933 he studied weapons in the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., under Assistant Commandant George Marshall, and taught as well. For the next year he taught at the Army War College and afterward returned to West Point as instructor in Tactics and later Plans and Training Officer.

When America entered the war Omar Bradley became the first man of his famous "Generals' Class" to win his star. Gen. Marshall made him commandant at Ft. Benning and there he expanded the Officer Candidate School in a brilliant plan that was to become the model for all such schools springing up over the United States. In 1942 he went to Louisiana to activate the 82d Infantry Division. He was shifted over to command the 28th while the finely-trained 82d was being converted into an airborne division and in February, 1943, when it seemed we might have stubbed our toe in Tunisia, Gen. Marshall sent him there.

Battles Won in Classrooms

Here for the first time he had



General Omar Bradley

a chance to practice what he had preached—and learned himself—in Army schools. At El Guettar he was made assistant commander of the II Army Corps and later commander. At Mateur his years of training flowered into an amazing victory. From then on his II Corps was the spearhead of Gen. Patton's Seventh Army. With Gen. Bradley proving time and again that battles are won in the classroom as well as in the field, the Seventh Army romped through Sicily in 38 days. Gen. Bradley's calculations had shown him that it would take about 40 days, as he publicly predicted.

The day after the Seventh Army hopped across the Strait of Messina into Italy Gen. Bradley received peremptory orders to leave for England. He was to miss the big show in Italy, but only so he could plan the bigger one in France.

After conferences in Washington, Gen. Bradley flew to England to take charge of the huge force gathering there to push the Germans out of France and for six solid months, from October, 1943, to April, 1944, he worked steadily on The Plan. Then, with all details perfected and Gen. Montgomery on the scene to direct his end of the show, he waited patiently for The Day. It came—on June 15th—and it is doubtful if at any time during those two anxious months of waiting Gen. Bradley had any fear that it would not work. He had planned it right; it would succeed.

It did succeed, not beyond the wildest dreams, but just as he had planned it, and how well it was planned was told in the flaming streets of Cherbourg and St. Lo and will be told further in the bloodstained road that leads to Paris and, beyond that, to Berlin.

Omar Bradley Spearhead-Maker

9th Div. Exploits Thrill 25th Soldier

The exploits of the 9th Div. have a particular interest for Cpl. Raymond Ledden, Co. D, 25th Inf., and so he was surprised and thrilled to read a recent article by Ernie Pyle, entitled "Capture of Cherbourg" which appeared in YANK and in which the writer described a squad of Co. D of the 47th Inf. in action.

Cpl. Ledden knows every one of the men except one in Co. D, having served with the group and section in North Africa.

While in the African campaign Ledden was a jeep driver. He received the Purple Heart when bomb fragments from strafing French planes wounded him and shattered the jeep which he was driving during the early landing operations on North Africa when the French were offering token resistance.

He received from his wounds and later carried on with his outfit at Kasserine Pass, Gafsa, El Guettar and Bizerte. He described the fighting at El Guettar as "fourteen days of Hell."

When the 9th Div. left North Africa for Sicily Cpl. Ledden was sent back to the states and to Camp Van Dorn.



Cpl. Ledden

'Battle-Wise' 862d Returns Following Maneuver with 84th

Wiser and more experienced in the ways of a field soldier, men of the 862d F. A. Bn., are back in camp following a week's problem with the 84th Inf. Div. in the wilds of Louisiana.

Memories of sleepless nights, waterless days, and sand-sprinkled food are still fresh this week and nine members of the battalion are absent—casualties of the battle. They are confined to the hospital at Camp Polk, seven are victims of the "enemy's" No. 1 "secret weapon"—Dermatitis Vincenta acute, or, in everyday language, poison oak. A number of others suffered from the same skin poisoning but the cases were not severe enough to require hospitalization.

Bivouacked in Woods

Traveling all the way in organic motor transportation, the battalion moved to Camp Claiborne, La., Saturday, July 22. It crossed the Mississippi at Natchez and bivouacked in the woods just outside the gates of the camp Saturday and Sunday.

On Monday, July 24, it moved about 70 miles to the west, as part of the Red forces, to the Leesville maneuver area—a vast section of rolling, desolate ground, covered by a myriad of intertwining white-sand truck trails and a few scattered patches of oak and pine trees.

The 862d had the mission of supporting the OPLR (Outpost Line of Resistance) during the first phase of the problem, as part of the Red defensive force. A withdrawal was required by the initial attack by the Blues and the 862d then went into a reinforcing role, working with one of the organic artillery battalions.

Reds Join Blues

After fully preparing defensive positions for a long battle, all units of the Red forces moved over to join the Blues on Friday for the main assault of the defensive position, which was early Saturday morning, in which phase live ammunition of all calibres was fired.

The battalion moved back to Camp Claiborne Saturday afternoon where it bivouacked overnight and returned Sunday via Baton Rouge.

Labor Pledges Vets Will Get Jobs Back

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or naval service, vocational or educational training, or on-the-job training, to satisfactorily perform services within any business or industry that recognized labor organization by contract, should be entitled to full membership in the union, at a cost not to exceed the admission fee charged by such union prior to January 1, 1944, and that the dues shall be no higher than those of all members doing the same work.

Another clause that clearly indicates labor's desire to help disabled veterans states:

"It is agreed that any veteran with prior employment rights who has been disabled by reason of naval or military service shall not lose his right to employment. If the veteran has acquired physical limitations by reason of his military or naval service which make it impossible for him to fulfill his former job, he should be given another job which he is able to perform at the prevailing wages for the job he receives."

The veteran is protected from impressment into any labor union to whose views he is opposed by a clause providing that if his shop has been fully or partly unionized in his absence he may or may not join the union, as he prefers.

went on and over the hill into the field beyond.

"You'd feel even less shock if I did that at a higher speed," Sgt. Layton said. But no one heard him. Just this once, the tank didn't bounce off Beachhead. For him this trip was over.

The boys might say "Beachhead, you're tough," but henceforth Perkins would have his doubts.

HARDIN, KY. (CNCS)—So severe has been a three weeks' drought here that local authorities let the county's only well digger out of jail so he could dig some more wells.

The Wolf

by Sansone



Tank Flattens Beachhead In A Heat-and-What Heat!

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Now Layton swung across the field toward the group of trainees preparing their bazookas for firing. Beachhead excitedly pushed and pressed his perspiring torso down into the turret. He made it once more—this time with a bit of unexpected help from a hatch cover that flipped over and slapped him in, whacking his helmet down over his eyes.

Beachhead, now bruised and doubting whether it was good for him even if tanks did bounce off him, half sat, half lay in the commander's seat above and behind Layton. When he was able to keep his skull-saving helmet above his eyes, it was his responsibility to guide the driver right or left by a tap of foot on head or shoulder. This Beachhead never managed to remember, what with grabbing for his seat, pushing his helmet back from his eyes, bouncing around and having only two hands to correct these things. In disgust, he slid down into the seat beside Layton, who was driving.

Layton pulled left stick and swung across the field again. In a moment the blast of rocket fire

and the clang of steel against steel smote Beachhead's consciousness a startling blow. The butterflies in his stomach rolled back in their cocoons.

A score abreast, the bazooka teams moved to the firing line, loaded, fired and were succeeded by another wave.

"Some days we get shot at by a whole battalion," Layton remarked. Beachhead's reaction was a prayer that this wasn't to be one of those days.

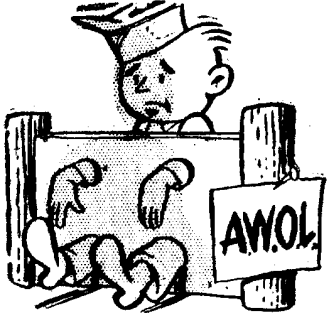
Rockets flew all around the tank, smashed at the treads, the turret. One crashed against the shatter-proof glass vision slot beside Perkins' head.

The ordeal finally was over. Layton headed up the road as Beachhead observed to himself how much smoother than a jeep the treaded tank negotiated the washboard road. The sergeant, meanwhile amplifying on the virtues of his bone-bruising "baby," suddenly pulled right stick. The tank did a flank movement across the road, smashed into an almost perpendicular embankment. It recoiled a moment, picked up traction and

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I have bitten my nails so damned much this week over a couple of bums in my outfit that I can hardly hold on to my pencil to write my weekly effort. I had better watch my step or I will be in the same predicament as Venus de Milo.

I used to think that the lowest form of soldier life was the guy who got venereal disease, and in warning my outfit against this I would point out that they lost plenty and gained nothing by their callousness and carelessness: pay; health; self-respect; outfit; home folks—all these suffer. That worm, however, has a rival—the AWOL.



There is even less excuse for his existence. When you look at the damage he causes you realize that he is worse than the Japanese beetle: loses a bunch of his pay; takes up his domicile in a place surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards; gets reduced and loses his chance of promotion; hurts his outfit, home folks and his country and is guilty of helping the Axis—just a bum.

Sometimes I think shooting is

2-Piece Bazookas GI for Invasions

WASHINGTON—The bazooka has been made almost as easy to carry as an umbrella in the new folding model, now being issued to all invasion forces.

The first bug in the bazooka appeared when troops tried to carry it through tangled jungle. The old style one piece five-foot launcher showed a painful genius at snagging on every creeper. Paratroopers and glider troops reported similar complaints and the Ordnance Dept., Army Service Forces, went to work on the problem.

Their solution, the M-9A1 2.36-in. rocket launcher, is carried as a two-piece unit and is quickly and easily assembled to form a 61-inch launcher for firing.

In the China-India-Burma theater the bazooka's big brother is being used against Jap ground, sea and air targets. It is a 4.5 aircraft model and, brother, it packs a terrific wallop!

Show, 'Follies a la Mud' To Be Staged by 254th

Plans for "Follies a la Mud," a variety show to be given later this month at the (C) White rec hall, are being made by the 254th Inf. Special Services Office.

A new regimental song, now being written, will be featured in the show, which will include in its cast guest artists from other regiments and battalions and from the WAC Det.

Four Million Soldiers Moved to 127 Ports

WASHINGTON—The Transportation Corps moved more than four million troops and millions of tons of supplies to 127 overseas ports from December, 1941, through June of this year.

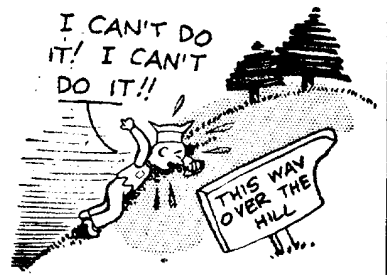
The volume of Army traffic moved overseas during the last year represents an increase of more than 100 per cent over that of any previous year. Maj. Gen. C. F. Gross, chief of transportation, said. Nearly twice as much cargo was shipped in May as in the same month a year ago.

Congress once met in a Washington hotel after part of the Capitol was burned by the British in 1814.

too damned good for them. There might be some excuse if we never got a furlough, but in this outfit they come around pretty regularly and emergency furloughs are given pretty promptly when the occasion warrants one. I know in my outfit when a chap comes in with a hard luck story and wants to go home I put the heat on right away and the Red Cross kicks through in a hurry and the GI is either quickly on his way or has a good reason why not.

I guess you have doped it out by now that these two of mine were AWOLs. They were mighty anxious to tell why they did it. Before sending them on to the stockade I listened to their tall stories which would have made me laugh in their faces if I had not been so mad. They reminded me of the story of the hen-pecked male sparrow who arrived home late one night in a disheveled condition and reeking of rum. When his irate wife demanded an explanation he gave this one: "I was hurrying home a little late, so I took a short cut across a badminton court and the players batted me back and forth for an hour before I could escape." . . . or of the guy who was caught stealing and gave the excuse that he needed money to buy a tombstone for the grave of his deceased grandmother.

I had an old company commander once who used to say "Think three times before you say anything—and then keep your mouth shut." This is a damned good tip for you AWOLers. Think three times before you decide to go and then



don't do it and if you can be persuaded on any other count don't do it, for the reason that it doesn't pay and you can be sure that you can't get away with it!

255th GI Is Eager To Slap the Japs

Announcement by the War Department this week that Yank doughboys have landed at a base only 600 miles from Mindanao, Philippine Islands, was especially good news for Pvt. Ed Smith, Cannon Co., 255th Inf. Pvt. Smith, native of Asheville, N.C., was at Ft. Drum on Corregidor, when the Japanese first bombed the fortress.

The Blood and Fire soldier was hospitalized with malaria at the time the Japs came over. A few days later, he was evacuated to Sydney, Australia, on a mine-sweeper, which was being used as a hospital ship.

When he recovered Smith was assigned to an advance patrol unit, to which he was attached until he was shipped back to the states in October 1943. Recently Smith volunteered for the infantry and was assigned to the 63d. His fervent hope is that he will be sent back to the Pacific area where he can get his hands on some Japs.

Super-Spectacular Map Outgrows Army Camp

CAMP HAAN, Calif.—The special services office obtained a world map 10 by 12 feet and sent it to the post hobby shop for mounting. The men mounted and framed the map in the yard outside the shop. Then it was discovered it was too big to go through any door or window in the camp.

On the Driver

WASHINGTON — The wartime hobby of one of Washington's street car conductors is giving servicemen free rides. Each week he deposits \$5 of his own money in the farebox, entitling him to give away 60 free rides, at three for a quarter.

Letters From Overseas

C Rations Are Fine But The Cans Are Perfect Targets

The mud on Saipan is well-fitted to rival the classic goo of France—and as proof of it Pvt. Emory R. Necessary, Cannon Co., 255th Inf., has a letter from his brother, Cpl. Marvin Necessary, stained with mud straight from a Saipan battlefield.

The corporal, who is 21 and saw service in the Saipan invasion with a field artillery unit, wrote:

"You should have been with me for the past few months. We have really killed a lot of Japs. I am

Mail Call!

We'll be glad to look over any letters similar to the ones printed on this page that you receive. There's a good chance that there's news or a tip on how to stay alive in your mail that your buddies might like to see. Just drop them in your company mail box addressed to BLOOD AND FIRE, Hq., 63d Div., APO 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

on the island of Saipan. They say it was the worst battle we've had with Japan.

"I am sitting in my foxhole writing you now and it is almost dark. This is the time of day when the Japs start shooting.

"Boy, you should have seen me the first time the snipers shot at us. I was lying in a foxhole about six inches deep and my buddy said he couldn't see any part of me anywhere. These shells don't sound so good, especially when you are scared. But the battle is over now, and we have just a few so we're taking it fairly easy."

Cpl. Necessary had a number of looks at well-known visitor at Saipan.

"We have a Jap plane that comes around every once in a while," he wrote, "and we call him Bed Check Charlie."

Tips from Normandy

From France are some words of warning for any slap-happy soldiers who may be headed that way, contained in a letter to Cpl. Walter F. Milke from his brother, T/4 Emil H. Milke, in combat somewhere in France.

"It's pretty quiet for the Fourth," he wrote, "but we never can tell when Hell may break loose at any time. You know, when rookies have been on their first invasion they aren't rookies any more. Some of us were in on more than invasions and, of course, had more experience."

"Well, these new veterans have been lucky so far as they haven't been under counterfire and they think it's pretty easy. They get careless, such as letting shining C ration cans lie around and they sure give positions away in the sunlight and moonlight. Lots of times they run out into the open fields to watch the planes go by instead of getting under cover."

The Real Thing

"Well, all this stuff they do makes me nervous and I hate to stick around where they stay, and all the talking can't convince them of that. Sometimes I wish the enemy shells would come closer. I'll bet they would say their prayers like I did the day the shells came too close, and always think that the next shell had their names on it. I guess they'll have to learn the hard way and somebody's going to get hurt."

To add emphasis to the last remark, another letter arrived for Cpl. Mike from his brother on the same day. Through it was a small, neat shrapnel hole.

"Just as I ended the other letter," it said, "the ack-ack started, and let me tell you, they are good. In fact all outfits do plenty good. Even have to praise the MPs, that is, those who came in with us. They were O. K. The only thing that makes me sweat are the planes at night, but they haven't many to send over. Shelling is nothing and we are used to it, but we must never get careless and always have a good foxhole."

Man's Best Friend in Pacific Is a Good GI Mosquito Bar, Warns Officer Newly Back

Sent home by a losing battle with an Anopheles mosquito, Lt. George E. Rogerson is drilling lessons hard-won on New Georgia and Rendova into the men of Co. F, 254th Infantry—and the first one is: "Keep your mosquito bars up."

Lt. Rogerson knows well whereof he speaks, for malaria picked up in the Russell islands, near Guadalcanal, cut short his combat career shortly after he saw his company cut down to 50 men in the bloody fighting for Munda airport in New Britain. Another company in his battalion came out with only 18 survivors.

Lt. Rogerson served the early days of the war in Kodiak, Alaska, as an enlisted man and he had to make a second trip through Ft. Benning, this time in OCS, before he was shipped to New Zealand as a second lieutenant, with the 43d Div. in October, 1943. His outfit was supposed to take part in the Guadalcanal fighting but after they had finished five months of intense jungle training on New Caledonia they arrived in Guadalcanal to find the shooting was just about over.

His luck stuck when his regiment was transferred to the Russells. The American came in at one end of the island while the Japs took their departure at the other.

But on their next assignment



LT. GEORGE E. ROGERSON

things were different. His battalion was sent to Rendova, where it formed its own beachhead and engaged in extensive patrolling. Casualties, however, were light and when the Russells were secured his battalion was assigned to the 172d Inf.

With the 172d he saw action aplenty. The regiment stormed ashore on New Georgia, only eight miles below Munda airport and in the very thick of the fighting, in July of last year. When the airport fell only Lt. Rogerson and one other officer were left among his company's commissioned officers. Four had been killed.

Last November Lt. Rogerson secured a transfer to the Army Air Forces, but his malaria returned and he came back to the Infantry.

For those about to fight the Japs, Lt. Rogerson has a word of warning: Don't underestimate the Japs. They're just about as good as you are. And it might be worth while to spend more time on the B.A.R. "On Munda," says Lt. Rogerson, "we found it our most effective weapon. It'll do almost everything."

A license is required to ship new or used postage stamps out of Tunisia.

Three Officers Promoted in 862nd

Promotion of three officers of the 862d F. A. Bn., to the rank of captain and one to first lieutenant were announced this week.

The new captains are Capt. Harold H. Hall, S-2; Capt. Charles Gildersleeve, liaison officer, and Capt. William Weller, battery commander.

Lt. Robert McGowan, forward observer of Btry. C, is now a first lieutenant.

Dept. of Understatement

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—"The Russians," the Tokyo radio reported in a masterpiece of understatement, "are aiming to disturb the German withdrawal."



FIRST BLOOD AND FIRE sign to appear after the 63d was activated at Camp Blanding, Fla., over a year ago, is depicted above. The sign now stands in front of the orderly room of Co. L, 255th Inf. Beneath it stands Capt. Donald Likas, Co. D, its former commanding officer.

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EDITORIAL

'AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

This is our regular warning to that most persistent of camp pests—the unconscious firebug. He comes to our attention again in a routine report from Capt. C. P. Moorer, camp fire prevention officer, which points out that the leading causes of fires in camp remain the same despite repeated warnings. The saddest part of the report is that every one of the causes has its root in carelessness that borders on the criminal.

The biggest source of fires, of course, is that happy-go-lucky goof, The Bed-Smoker. Moving from camp to camp, he leaves behind him a trail of blistered beds, burned-out mattresses and lacerated nerves and often the Army is forced to stern methods in dealing with him. Usually The Bed-Smoker has an alibi handy, and sometimes it's a pretty good one. When you lie down for that blissful moment's rest after a gruelling hike, it's well to remember that a tired body can't always be trusted. To make sure that you don't fall asleep with a cigarette in your hand, follow the old Army rule: BOTH FEET ON THE FLOOR WHILE SMOKING.

Another menace and nuisance in the barracks is the burning butt can. These tiny fires can easily spread to blankets and a quick-starting bed fire can easily wreck an entire barracks. Barracks orderlies should keep an inch of water in the butt cans. And you should keep paper out of the butt cans and ditch your butts before you throw them away. This last bit of advice applies anywhere in camp.

For your own protection, you should be extremely careful in handling gasoline field ranges. Anyone who has worked around them can tell you how tricky they can be. Watch yourself around them at all times.

Recently the Division completed a two-month stretch without a single fire alarm. Our record so far has been excellent. Let's keep it that way.

THE ROAD BACK

Events are shaping in the battle-torn Pacific that presage early revenge for Gen. Wainwright and his men, awaiting the day of deliverance in barbed-wire concentration camps on the bleak mainland of Japan.

The net is closing on the Philippines, and coming soon is the vindication of Gen. MacArthur's promise to return, uttered in Corregidor's days of despair as he left to plan and execute the liberation of Japan's stolen empire in the Southwest Pacific. From Saipan and Guam to the East and from Sansapor to the South, on the tip of New Guinea and only 600 miles from Mindanao, daggers are pointed at the Philippines. Its liberation is not far off.

On the same roads that Wainwright's men plodded in the barbaric "March of Death" conquering American troops will soon march. And their triumphant footsteps will echo prophetically in Tokyo.

The main event in the Far East is coming up at last and the Japs don't seem to want any part of it.



"Now if we were back in civilian life, I'd tell the Colonel, what a no good, blind robber he was!!"

News from Here and There

The Sad Sack Himself Appears in Camp Show

FT. DIX, N. J. (CNS)—The Sad Sack, banana-headed hero of Sgt. George Baker's famed YANK comic strip, is being brought to life in "Hi Yank," a GI musical now in rehearsal here. In the show the Sack will be portrayed by Pvt. Bobby Faye, former Broadway funnyman.

Coast Guard Celebrates Fighting 154th Birthday

NEW YORK (CNS)—The guns roaring from Coast Guard ships at every corner of the globe marked the 154th birthday of the United States Coast Guard yesterday. The Coast Guard was founded by Alexander Hamilton in 1790 as the Revenue Cutter Service to combat smuggling and enforce the nation's revenue laws.

Radio Summons Brings Nazi Captives Pouring In

FRANCE (CNS) — "Achtung! Achtung!" bawled the Allied loud-speaker on the Front Lines. And then the Germans were told they might as well give up because their resistance was hopeless. The next morning 28 Nazis walked meekly into the American lines.

Army Air Corps Marks Best Birthday in World

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Tuesday the biggest and most powerful air arm in the world, the U. S. Army Air Forces marked its 37th birthday. The forerunner of the AAF was established Aug. 1, 1907, when a War Department Signal Corps order created the first Division of Aeronautics "to study the flying machine and the possibility of adapting it to military purposes." The new division consisted of one officer and two enlisted men. Two years later the division received its first plane.

Talks on Battle Facts Preluded Invasion Day

NEW YORK (CNS)—A series of talks on "battle facts" in which GIs scheduled to take part in the invasion of France were psychologically conditioned for battle were described by Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, Director of the War Department's Morale Services Division, in a recent talk be-

fore members of the staff of YANK, the Army Weekly, here. "The talks were about hard battle facts," Gen. Osborn said. "The first was about the Nazi soldier, his training, his background and indoctrination from youth. Another was a collection of personal accounts by American soldiers who fought the Germans in Tunisia and Sicily."

These talks, the general said, were prepared in booklet form and released to all troops as part of a training program to gear the men for invasion. In addition, radio programs over an American network of 49 stations, discussion groups among the troops themselves, and articles in both YANK and the Stars and Stripes were used to condition the men—most of whom never before had seen battle—for combat.

\$170,235 Per Minute Is Cost of Winning War

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U. S. spent \$69,721,000,000 on war during the fiscal year that ended June 30, Treasury Department figures disclose. At that rate of spending the war is costing the U. S. \$170,235 a minute, or \$2,837 a second.

Traveling Salesmen Scarce in Germany

MADRID—A German textile firm, evidently having trouble in filling a position, has inserted the following advertisement in Hitler's Voelkischer Beobachter, "Wanted: Traveling salesman to visit our Balkan clientele."

Workers Stick \$2,928 To Skin of Liberator

BRITAIN—A check for \$2,928 was presented to a Liberator group commander at an Eighth Air Force base here. The money was a gift raised in a bomber plant in Fort Worth, Tex., when workers spontaneously began sticking bills and coins to the aluminum skin of a Liberator as it went down the assembly line.

Nazi Torpedo Victims Find Romance Ashore

LEWIS, Del.—Nazi submarines that terrorized shipping along the Atlantic Coast in 1942 brought romance as well as injury to at least three merchant seamen. Brought ashore from torpedoed vessels, they met their future wives at Beebe Hospital here, where they were nursed back to health.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By William E. Patrick
(Division Chaplain)

Great historic monuments—sacred and secular—have been destroyed. Moreover millions of lives have been snuffed out also by the war.

Now, devastating as has been the destruction, it is possible to erect other structures which in time will have equally hallowed associations. A building can be replaced.

Furthermore, in regard to the loss of life, there is the potent fact that more survive than are slain by "man's inhumanity to man." This is tough medicine and sorry consolation, but history has shown man's elasticity. The human race will endure.

The greater tragedy is spiritual. Sad it is to think of physical destruction of property, and sadder, more poignantly, the loss of life and limb, but the bombing of ideals is the greatest blow to mankind, for countless thousands have had a shock to their faith.

If, in ordinary times, men tend sometimes to be content with lower ideals, the impact of war upon society, while bringing out sacrifices and other fine qualities on the one hand, also brings out ignoble qualities and characteristics, thus tending to obscure the gradual rising of men to this highest achievements which has taken centuries of endeavor.

St. Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration said "Master, it is good for us to be here." More than ever before we need figuratively to go up on the mountain top and catch a vision of a more perfect world, above the smoky fog of this world's conflict.

Let us pray to be men of like vision. A recent writer has said, "You cannot stay on the mountain top, but you can bring the vision down with you and put it to work 'on earth as it is in Heaven.'"

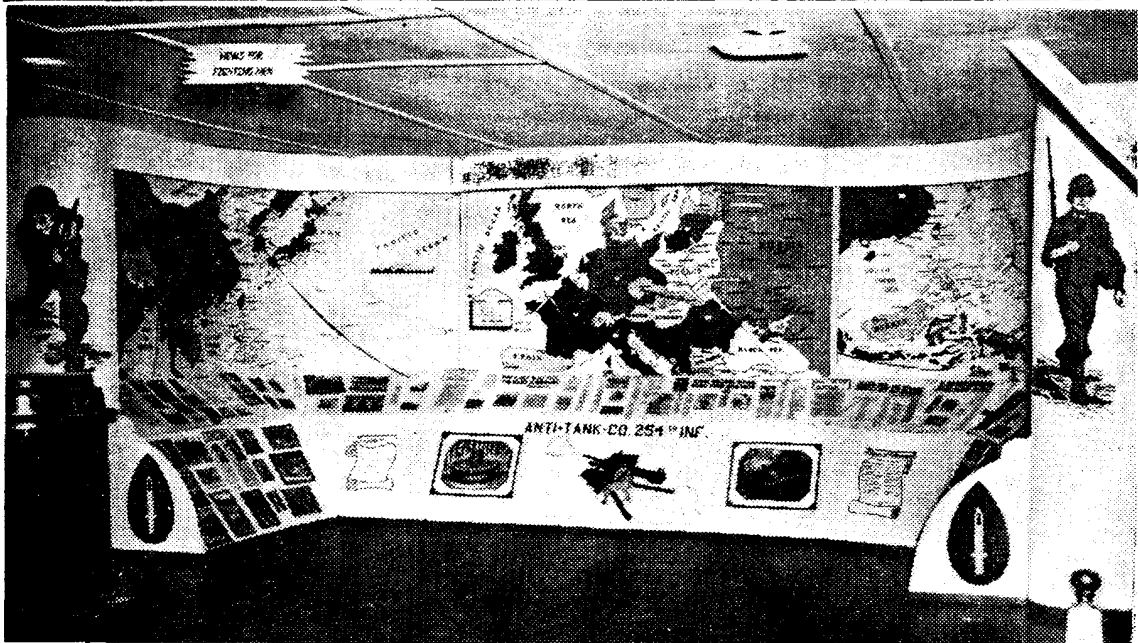
Once Over Lightly

Do you know the "Klink"? . . . She is the feuhrer of German women . . . Supported by the gestapo and the Storm Troopers, Frau Gertrude Scholtz-Klink was selected by Hitler to be the supreme leader of Germany's twenty million women. . . . Her most important job is the mass production of little Nazis . . . she runs some eighty schools for teaching the facts of childbearing and runs little free excursions . . . These are motherhood caravans that tour the countryside to mate the girls with boys of Aryan blood . . . The progressive Klink has made a special effort to develop thirteen year old mothers . . . Must take quite a wonderful brain to conceive of a human stud farm . . .

There is a Prussian proverb that the Nazi turn to in these despairing days. . . . "He who attacks Germany, bites on iron." . . . Is it any help, Dr. Goebbels to know that Eisenhower means "breaker of iron?" . . .

As the Red Army crushes closer and closer to Warsaw, the grim story of the Jews' resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto a little over a year ago rises from the memory of that tragic city. . . . German efficiency had reduced the population of the Ghetto from 600,000 to 35,000 in a few bloody months . . . the efficiency of the gas chamber . . . the machine gun . . . starvation . . . disease . . . The Ghetto was overcrowded with 50,000 . . . so the Nazis put 600,000 there . . . Lebensraum . . . Arms were smuggled in from the Government-in-Exile and a detachment of Nazi SS troops coming for their prey were met by a withering blast from a machine gun . . . war was on . . . Tanks . . . armored cars . . . artillery reduced the houses to rubble . . . but the fight went on from cellars to rubble . . . The Nazis cut off the water supply and sent bombers over to drop incendiaries. . . . Jews were burned alive . . . the war went on . . . Five weeks later it was over. . . . 1200 Nazis were dead and some 20,000 to 25,000 Jews had committed what amounted to mass suicide. . . . They wanted to prove that Hitler could destroy their bodies but not their human dignity . . . so this was their stupendous, tragic, and proudly defiant answer. . . . The people of Europe will have long memories, Adolf Hitler, Herman Goering, Joseph Goebbels, Junkers, Nazi soldiers and . . . German people. . . .

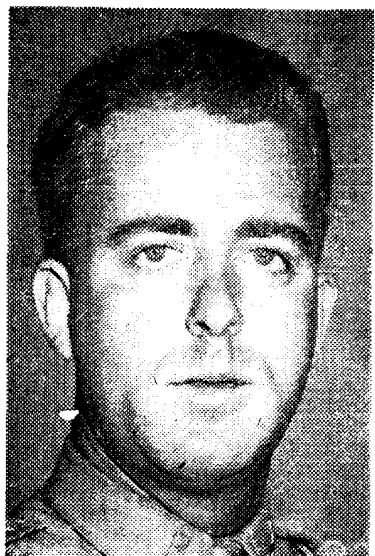
Note to GIs who are packing their bags 'cause the war is over . . . Read "The Defeat of the German Army" in your dayroom particularly pages six and seven . . . on June 9, 1918 the German Army was within inches of winning the war . . . although Ludendorff had said a few months before: "We were completely exhausted on the Western Front. . . . The Army had been fought to a standstill and was utterly worn out." . . . And that doesn't spell Nature backwards . . . or forwards.



REACHING ITS OBJECTIVE Anti-Tank Co., 254th Inf., helped the regiment win the Division Orientation award for July when it came up from last place among the regiment's displays with the attractive display depicted above.

Lt. George Butler New CT White SSO

The CT Blue Special Service Office is being administered by a soldier who has had considerable



LT. GEORGE BUTLER

experience in morale work. He is 1st. Lt. George E. Butler who succeeds Lt. Saul Manin.

Lt. Butler is a graduate of the School for Special and Morale Services, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., and has been in morale work since he was commissioned in March, 1943. He served in this capacity at Camp Joseph Robinson, Ark., Camp White, Oregon, and Camp Wolters, Tex.

The lieutenant has already laid the groundwork for an extensive program in CT White which will range from leisure time checkers competition to more strenuous athletic contests and theatrical performances.

Censor Stubs His Toe On Bobby Socks Gag

DES MOINES, Ia.—"That's the truth, Ruth" is a popular saying at Roosevelt High School, but it only spelled trouble to a conscientious censor.

When Tom Miller, former Roosevelt student now in Italy, wrote to Doris Harrod, he ended with the customary "That's the truth, Ruth."

Noting the "Doris" at the start of the letter and "Ruth" at the end, the censor diplomatically eliminated "Ruth."

Anti-Tank Co., 254th Wins 63d Orientation Honors

Coming up the hard way, Anti-Tank Co., 254th Inf., not only won regimental honors in the 254th for the month of July, but also helped the regiment take the Division orientation prize by scoring 96.39. Anti-Tank Co., was in last place during the regimental judging for June but when Capt. Joseph Creal, orientation officer and company commander, and Cpl. Victor Felice finished their labors in the company dayroom, the display was a prize winner.

Division Artillery as represented by Hq. Btry, 718th F.A. Bn., with 95.51, was second, and Co. Ia, 253d Inf., with 91.6, was third. Co. B of the 255th was fourth scoring 88.82, and the Provisional Regiment consisting of the 263d Engr. Bn., Special Troops and 363d Med. Co., was fourth. The H. and S. Co. of the Engineers amassed 86.

The winning exhibit occupies one end of the Anti-Tank Co. dayroom which has been completely renovated. Besides Capt. Creal and

Cpl. Felice, T/5 Carl Rebarchick, an architect, and a number of others including electricians, carpenters and painters, contributed to the display.

The display depicted in the accompanying photo has a large map of the European theater in the center, flanked on the right by one of the Western Pacific area, and on the left by one of the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. Photos of battle scenes and news articles dealing with the war, complete the main display.

Problem in 'Jungle' Re-run by Platoon

The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of Headquarters Co., 253d Inf., repeated a two-day field problem recently at Homochito National Forest under conditions described as almost perfect tactically.

Moving out Friday with 18 jeeps, and three trucks, the platoon worked a reconnaissance problem over the 50-mile trip and established a bivouac at 1700.

The next morning the I & R men, commanded by Capt. Richard M. Cox, S-2, 253d, and Sgt. Robert Leonard, conducted a 1200-yard compass course over terrain described by Capt. Cox as equal in density to the jungles of New Guinea.

The problem lasted until late afternoon. In the evening convoys took a number of the soldiers to neighboring Bude, where they attended a movie. Others were entertained by Congressman Dan McGehee who was host on his large plantation to 70 men and three officers. Lt. J. P. Weissenegger and Corp. Benjamin Greenfield were in charge of the problem.

GI Posts Warnings Then Gets Ivy Rash

FT. SHERIDAN, Ill.—For a week Pvt. Edwin Schwein spent his time placing warning signs along the Ft. Sheridan beach. Then he went to the post hospital to be treated for poison ivy infection. The signs Schwein placed read: "Beware! Poison Ivy."

Pfc. Dolin Can Even Eat With Dramatic Overtones

Pfc. Joe Dolin inhaled a spoonful of chocolate pudding in a Natchez restaurant the other day. It proved not to his liking.

Most men would have swallowed it quietly and pushed the dish away. Not so Dolin. His brow furrowed. His eyes glazed. He clapped his hand palm outward to his sweating forehead. He gulped and gagged as though he had swallowed three fingers of hemlock. Then he raised his arm in an imperious gesture to a waiter to come for the offending dish.

This is not acting with Dolin. It is his natural manner. He would no more think of plain walking into a room than he would of volunteering for KP; he makes an entrance (you seem to hear a fanfare of trumpets), preferably accompanied by a stirring statement in his deep, hoarse accent overlaid with the brogue of the stage. Until hot weather overcame him, he always wore a scarf, tippet-like, wound twice around his throat.

All this is because Dolin has been an actor ever since prep school days. Since last fall he has turned his talents to the recreational programs of the CT White Special Services office.

Dolin was born 22 years ago on East Broadway, appropriately enough. When he was a few months old the family moved from New York City to Uncasville, Conn., a village named for the Last of the Mohicans. He claims New London as his home.

The stage and radio have claimed his attention since he was in his early teens. Pittsburgh was the scene of most of his dramatic appearances, and it was there that he played his heaviest roles, including the title role in "Lilium" at the Pittsburgh Playhouse and that of Mercutio in "Romeo and Juliet" at Carnegie Institute of Technology. He had a Carnegie scholarship and left Carnegie Tech after two and one-half years to enlist in the Army 15 months ago.

Dolin has worked and studied in civic theaters and on the "straw hat" circuit in five states. He directed two productions at the Tyler, Tex., Little Theater while stationed at Camp Fannin. Enlisting in the Army prevented his going to Hollywood; as a result of his Shakespearean appearances, he had been offered a contract with Warner Brothers to do character juveniles on the screen. (Dolin describes his face as the "sinister" type and says he would play that kind of role.)

Dolin's theatrical interests lie not only in acting and directing. His own play, "Because He Is My Foe," was produced in Pittsburgh last year and is under consideration for New York production. He also has written verse for broadcasting and had three years of



PFC. JOE DOLIN

radio acting experience in New London and Hartford, Conn.

Nor has he spent all his time on the stage. At the Bulkeley school in New London he played center on the football team and was named on an all-conference team for eastern Connecticut and western Rhode Island.

In comic he has appeared chiefly in comic sketches, making up a partnership with T/5 Leslie Heath, of the same office, and in more serious roles in orientation programs.

Dolin recently married Pfc. Sally Fort, of the Camp WAC Det., whom he met last spring during rehearsals of the "Gay Nineties Revue," which he produced and directed for CT White, drawing talent from the entire Division.

Southern Lass Wins Quiz Test

Miss Peaches Reed of Centreville won the Battle of the Sexes Quiz Contest at Service Club No. 2 for the women Wednesday night when she recited correctly the first line of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." A large crowd witnessed the quiz.

Miss Reed, who is as pretty as a peach, and a sophomore at LSU, defeated Pvt. Andrew Breidenbach, Co. I, 254th Inf., who stumbled on the opening lines of the old song, "Long, Long Ago." Miss Reed's victory gave the women a 75-71 victory.

Individual winners received cash prizes and the losers were consoled by ice, cold watermelon. Cpl. Samuel Clark of Co. D, 254th, was the quizmaster. Another Battle of the Sexes will be conducted next Wednesday.

The contestants were, in addition to Miss Reed and Pvt. Breidenbach, Betty Schertz of New Orleans and Romona Pockrie Lawton of Oklahoma, and Pvs. Richard Butler, 254th Medics, and Robert Peak, Co. I, 254th.

Pennsylvania Outlaws Mail and Proxy Bridals

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Marriage by mail, approved by the Army, is not valid in Pennsylvania, the department of state has ruled.

The Army ruled that marriage by mail would permit the wife to collect allowances of her soldier husband if the state in which the contract is made recognized it as legal.

"Even a marriage by proxy is not recognized in Pennsylvania," Samuel M. Jackson, deputy secretary of state, said.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

- Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
- Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
- Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
- Chapels 6, 7—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 7, Evening Prayer—1900.
- Chapel 6, Choir Practice, Thursday—1930.
- Chapel 7, Bible Study—1930.
- Chapel 8, Lutheran Service—1100, Thursday—1930.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES

- Sunday Masses
- Chapels 5, 10—0800.
- Theater 5—0900.
- Chapel 7—1000.
- Theater 1—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.

JEWISH 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 1, Friday—1930.

Puzzle Answers

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Male Call

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

WHY SAILORS GO TO SEA

OH, I KNOW JUST HOW IT IS! —I SAW DICKIE DAINGER IN "JOLLY TARS AT SAVO"... ISN'T IT NICE THAT HE'S IN 4F SO HE CAN PLAY IN THOSE WONDERFUL MOVIES?

DID THEY NAME THE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AFTER THAT FELLAH IN DICK TRACY?

MAJOR JACKSON WILL NOW TELL US HOW HE KILLED ALL THOSE NASTY OLD JAPS WITH HIS DARLING LITTLE PX BOAT

HOW COULD A KID LIKE THAT GET ALL THEM RIBBONS JUST RIDIN' IN A BOAT?

DON'T TELL ME HOW TOUGH IT WAS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC... I'VE SEEN THOSE DOROTHY LAMOUR PICTURES!

Vermillion Whips Cole in White Boxing Show

CT White Rallies To Tie 718th F. A. In Baseball Loop

Gets Four Runs in Ninth For 5-5 Stalemate; Blue Wins Two

Pvt. Charley Kovach couldn't stand a prosperity composed of hits and runs and contributed much Wednesday night to the first tie game to emanate from the struggle for the Division baseball championship.

On the pitching mound for the 718th F. A. against CT White, Kovach squandered a four-run lead in the ninth inning to permit a 5-5 tie. This probably will be played off at some later date because darkness necessitated cancellation of further play.

Although the Redlegs found Pvt. Steve Stetzke parsimonious with his hits, they pulled into the last inning with a 5-1 lead. The first three White batters to face Kovach, however, hit safely. This turn of events unsettled him and when a wild pitch and an error by Jaworski followed, the paddlefeet had enough runs across the plate to call for extra innings.

Although out, the 718th appeared to have this one tucked away safely. Kovach sparked a three-run outburst in the first with a home run with two on. In the fifth, T/F Bill Flanagan provided the punch in another two-run effort with the Redlegs' second homer.

The game was the best of three played in the circuit this week. CT Blue was a party to the others, winning both. Sgt. Bill Jacobsen, former Sacramento, Cal., moundman set down the Special Troops Greenies with three hits as he beat them, 11-2. In a later game, Pvt. Bill Hag struck out 16 and allowed only four hits as the 263d Engrs. submitted to a 7-0 defeat.

The box scores: CT White AB R H 718th F.A. AB R H

James, cf 5 1 0; Flanagan, 1b 2 1 1; Garlock, 2b 4 0 2; ...

Score by innings: 718th F. A. 0 0 0 0 0 0 5

CT Blue AB R H Greenies AB R H

Dillon, cf 3 3 2; Osmanaki, p 3 0 1; Lynch, lf 1 1 0; ...

Score by innings: Greenies 0 0 0 0 0 0 2

CT Blue AB R H 263d Engrs AB R H

Dillon, cf 4 1 2; Ketchum, lf 4 0 0; ...

Score by innings: 263d Engrs 0 0 0 0 0 0 7

CT Blue Blows Game To All-Stars Nine, 8-5

Errors—seven of them—cost CT Blue another game when it submitted to an 8-5 defeat by the Baton Rouge All-Stars in the Louisiana capital last week. The victors were out-hit but gained an early lead and squelched the Blue's late rally to finish in front.

The box scores: CT Blue AB R H All-Stars AB R H

Bruno Was Pirate

A temporarily-shelved ambition belonging to Pvt. Joe Bruno flamed anew when the CT Blue infielder watched the National League All-Stars win their dream game from the Americans at Pittsburgh this month.



Pvt. Bruno

He attended a baseball school sponsored by the Pirates and as a consequence was signed to a contract at the end of the session. A better than .300 hitter in high school, Joe nevertheless was signed because of his fielding ability and spent much of his practice time with the Pirates working out at second and third.

Bruno saw many of his major league friends at the dream game and came away with the conviction that his Pirates may yet be on top of the standings when the National League pennant chase is over.

Mother Instinct Fatal for Ducks

Hunters often wonder why they bring down more male than female ducks. The accepted ratio is four females to six drakes. H. Albert Hochbaum offers an explanation in his new book, "The Canvasback on a Prairie Marsh." He writes:

"Mother ducks while nesting become easy prey to predators and marsh fires. They stay with their broods until the young are able to shift for themselves, which is in mid-summer when marsh water levels are lowest. Then they begin their annual moult and are unable to fly from the fast-drying marshes. Consequently many die from drought and resultant outbreaks of botulism, or 'duck sickness.'"

"The drakes leave the marshes earlier to moult on the larger and safer inland lakes and they do not suffer the hazards of the females."

Camp Livingston to Play in Baseball Tournament

Pending permission from higher headquarters, Camp Livingston will send the State of Louisiana's representative to the National Semi-pro Baseball congress championship at Wichita, Kan.

State champions in 1943, the 39th Ren. Sqdn., this year but the winner later found itself unable to go to the tournament.



PVT. JIMMY MENDEL

Jimmy Mendel Hits a Jackpot

Pvt. Jimmy Mendel showed plenty of "know how" as he gave something of a one-mar. show on the Parade Ground diamond last Sunday when CT White defeated the Higgins Industries nine, of New Orleans, 11-1.

Guesting for Cpl. Joe Cordts' nine, which was shot full of vacancies by absenteeism, Mendel made four hits on as many trips to the plate. One was a 456-foot homer in the sixth, ranking with the longest hits made in 63d Div. baseball. He also pitched five-hit ball, a feat vieing with his batting for popular acclaim and marred only by a fifth-inning homer by Gottschalk, Higgins catcher.

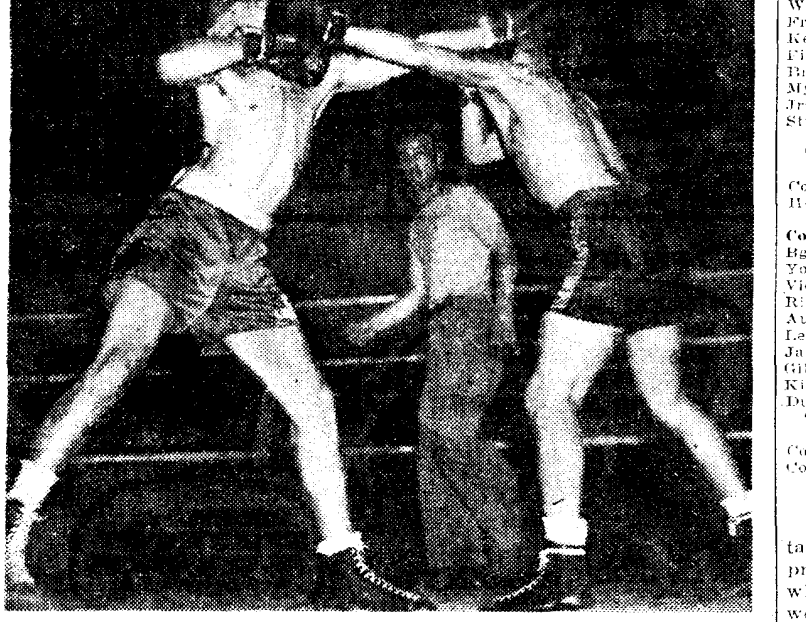
Inspired by the work of the 763d Ord. Co. hurler, the Whitemen went out to score every time at bat except in the fifth. Ahead 5-0 in the fourth, they reached their peak with a four-run burst when Mendel added a triple to his bag of hits to clear the loaded bases.

The box score: CT White AB R H Higgins Inds. AB R H

Thanks From Yanks

"Something for the Boys" is the name of popular Broadway musical comedy but that also was the thought which prompted many generous persons to purchase War Bonds in New York this week.

The bonds were good for admission to the Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery prize fight at Madison Square Garden last night. A number of the buyers, like Joe Leonard, brother of the former lightweight champion, and Mike Jacobs, the promoter of the show, turned over their tickets to hospitalized servicemen.



PARRY AND THRUST, pugilistically speaking, is cleverly demonstrated above by Pvt. Rudy Cruz, 254th Inf. boxer, as he lays back Rudy Kessler's head with a stiff left jab in their recent bout at Camp Fanning, Tex. Cruz, who took his infantry basic there, was permitted to return for the special match after Col. Joseph H. Warren, regimental commander, had been petitioned by Fanning officers. Both Cruz and Kessler are nationally rated lightweights.

Big Crowd Sees DeMar Surprise Mickey McDonald

Defeat of Div. Hq. Star By 253d Scrapper Is Upset

A matter of some unfinished business found Pvt. Bob Vermillion in the ring at CT White's outdoor arena last Friday night taking up his week-old feud with Pvt. Bob Cole and terminating it with a well-earned three-round decision.

Stalpmated in a three-round draw in the ring show opening the summer series at the 718th F. A. arena the week previous, Vermillion and Cole took up just about where they left off—with Vermillion the heavy-punching aggressor and Cole standing him off with cautious counter-punching.

Such fighting, however, was only temporary. Vermillion, who carried the colors of the 255th Inf., gradually fathomed Cole's style. He hammered home some rib-bruising right-hand punches as he penetrated the CT White's middleweight's defense and eventually piled up enough of a margin to earn the favor of both judges, Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris and Lt. William E. Brick.

Attesting to the tremendous popularity of such sport, spectators again overtaxed the capacity of the stands and overflowed into the background as they took in the seven-match boxing and wrestling show. They were rewarded with a program every bit as entertaining as that which inaugurated the series a week earlier.

There was much to keep their interest focused on goings-on inside the ropes. Two paddlefeet who had been beaten in previous bouts rebounded with clean-cut victories. A third had courage enough to undertake what several others had feared, took on and triumphed over S/Sgt. Mickey McDonald, of Div. Hq. Co.

McDonald, who had established a reputation as a classy boxer, was having trouble finding an opponent. Pvt. Joe DeMar, of the 253d Inf., finally agreed to tangle with the speedy welterweight and so baffled Mickey with his somewhat unorthodox style that McDonald found himself on the short end of the milling before he had a chance to get started.

Pvts. Johnny Johnston and Joe Kalfas were the two who found incentive for continuation of their boxing activities in respective victories. Dropped to the canvas in the first round of his match with Pvt. Pat Petrucci, of the 253d Inf., Johnston rebounded to win with a clean-cut margin. Kalfas won a rousing slugfest from Pvt. Ray Ellery, of the 254th.

Pvt. Amedeo Petrongola, 253d Inf., and Pvt. Mike Fuller, 255th, won the remaining boxing matches, while Pvt. Demetrius Singares and the Masked Marvel, a pair of heavy-weight wrestlers, provided the comedy relief with a Donnybrook that terminated with the Marvel's shoulder's pinned to the mat.

The results: Pvt. Johnny Johnston, 254th, 138, defeated Pvt. Pat Petrucci, 253d, 140, three rounds. Pvt. Joe Kalfas, 255th, 179, defeated Pvt. Ray Ellery, 254th, 185, three rounds. Pvt. Joe DeMar, 253d, 147, defeated S/Sgt. Mickey McDonald, Div. Hq. Co., 165, three rounds.

Pvt. Amedeo Petrongola, 253d, 140, defeated Pvt. Crow Necklace, 254th, 142, three rounds. Pvt. Mike Fuller, 255th, 135, defeated Pvt. Dave Owen, 253d, 135, three rounds. Pvt. Bob Vermillion, 255th, 160, defeated Pvt. Bob Cole, 254th, 155, three rounds. Pvt. Demetrius Singares, 254th, 185, pinned the Masked Marvel, 187. Referees—S/Sgt. Robert Robinson, Pvt. Angelo Calabrese, Pvt. Smith Greenwood, Timar—Lt. Victor Lowman.

BOXING AT CT BLUE CT Blue's newly-created Combat Bowl will be the scene of this week's boxing show. A six-bout card has been arranged for Friday night, featuring a heavyweight scrap between a pair of 200-pounders.

Homer by Kerns Decides Hill Duel

Pvt. Joe Kerns lifted himself by the bootstraps above the heads of his fellow dogfaces when he hit the home run that gave Co. B, 254th Inf., an overtime 3-2 victory over Hq. Co., 254th Regt., in a Division softball game this week.

With Sgt. John Francis and Pfc. Harold Wallace locked in a pitching duel that carried the game past the regulation seventh inning, something had to happen to decide the game. Kerns, batting fifth in the lineup, personally took the matter in hand with a hit over the head of the centerfielder to circle the bases standing up.

Co. H, winner of the first half championship in CT White, flashed some of its winning form to whip Co. G, 3 to 5, in a week devoid of the usual crop of noteworthy events.

Cpl. Lovell Stewart, one of the 63d's most effective softball tossers, took a disheartening defeat when his Co. I ten was beaten 2-0 in a CT Blue match with Co. K. Stewart allowed only one hit and fanned 14 but poor support in the first inning gave the opposition the runs with which it won the game.

Co. M, unbeaten in the second half, added Hq. Co., 3d Bn., to its CT Blue victims with a 9-0 decision to virtually achieve succession to Co. I as the battalion champion.

Co. E AB R H Hq. Co. AB R H Francis, cf 4 0 0; Blaes, cf 3 1 1; Wilson, cf 4 0 0; Wallace, p 3 0 0; ...

Co. K AB R H Co. I AB R H Eghley, 3b 2 1 0; Holmes, 1b 2 0 0; ...

CT BLUE AT VICKSBURG

Another 63d Div. ball team will tangle with the Vicksburg semipro tomorrow when CT Blue, which played at Baton Rouge last week, visits the City of 190 Hills for a week-end game.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Five promotions in Division Headquarters were announced last week. T/4 James Handjis, AG Office, went to T/3; T/5 Wade C. Barton, Fin. Sec., to T/4, and Pvts. Floyd W. Haboeck, Fin. Sec., Larrie N. Clark and Donald K. Taggett, both of AG Office to Pfc. Another recent promotion was that of Pfc. Richard W. Wolford, Chemical Sec., to T/5 . . . T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec., author of BLOOD AND FIRE's crossword puzzles, took Mrs. Dickinson to Natchez during her recent visit here. He distinguished himself by judging a jitterbug contest at the City Auditorium. Cpl. Lawrence W. Naylor, G-2 Sec., left this week for Ordnance OCS, which he will enter after a 10-day furlough . . . Sam Rosen, former drill sergeant in Div. Hq. Co., now is a staff sergeant and is back in the Division. After leaving for one of the engineer units in camp, he rejoined the 63d by becoming an Infantry Volunteer and was assigned to the 254th Inf. . . Pvt. Arthur Van Wyhe, Transp. Plat., and Virginia Irene Smith, of Buchannon, W. Va., were married July 29 in Chapel 5. Van Wyhe's home is in Hull, Iowa. His best man was Pvt. Michael Levitski, another transportation member, and the bride was attended by Cora Varnell, a civilian employe on the post. Mrs. Van Wyhe is living in McComb.

254th Inf.—Co. G reports that two former members were in on D-Day. Pvt. Cecel Barber is now in a hospital back in the States and Pfc. Kirby Clark is in a British hospital. . . S/Sgt. Jack McCain, of Co. E spent from August, 1942, to last March in the Aleutians on construction work and outpost duty. He remembers only three days of sunshine during that period. . . Sgt. Earl Ontko, of the Medics, had his furlough cut short by illness and is receiving bouquets at a hospital at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. . . Another medic, Sgt. Warren Orlick, is proud of his brother John, who won a Medal and field promotion from Pfc. to staff sergeant for meritorious service in Normandy. . . T/5 Gerald A. Hansen, Serv. Co., leads the new pappies. His wife gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl, in Los Angeles. . . Lt. Elmore M. Godfrey, III, has joined Cannon Co. and Lt. Joseph R. Darrigo has gone into Hq. Co., 2d Bn. . . 1st/Sgt. E. C. McGovern was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Ga., and 1st/Sgt. Alexander Dipeso became top kick of Hq. Co., 2d Bn. . . S/Sgt. E. B. Keel of the same company, intelligence section, is at Infantry OCS.

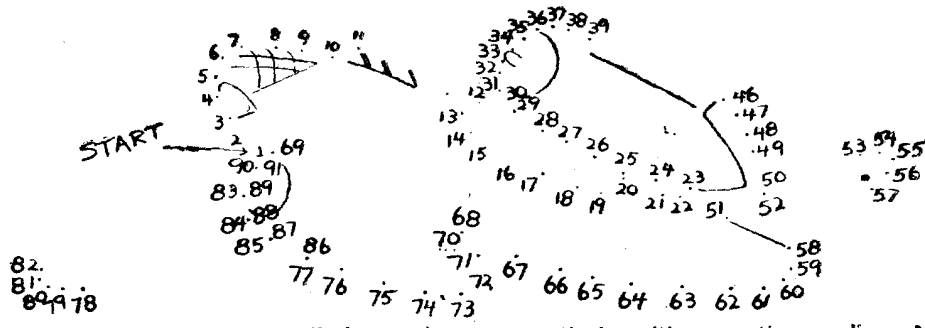
255th Inf.—The Sunday afternoon dance of the Athletic Recreation office drew a large crowd of soldiers and their girl friends, including a delegation of Military Maids from Natchez. . . Feature film tomorrow night at the CT Blue Rec Hall will be "Wake Island," with Brian Donlevy, McDonald Carey and Robert Preston. . . Two parties were given at the rec. hall during the week, by Hq. Co., 2d Bn., and the I & R Plat. . . The UNO gave a show Wednesday and the 63d Div. Soldier's Chorus gave a concert Thursday. . . Cpl. Mario J. Capuano, Co. F, had an unexpected visit from his mother-in-law Tuesday. She was his guest at dinner in the mess hall. . . Pvt. Isaac Brown, Serv. Co., will be married in Baltimore on his furlough. . . Cpl. George Watts, Cannon Co., returned from furlough bringing Mrs. Watts. Pvt. Charles Smith also brought back his wife and two daughters, to live near camp.

863d F. A.—The usual number of odd and amusing incidents occurred while the 863d was on a problem with the 84th Div. In Hq. Btry. S/Sgt. John Reilly killed a three-foot snake. 1st/Sgt. Robert Johnson at Claiborne ran into a flock of his old buddies from his days there with the 82d Div. T/5 Leonard Wood, jeep driver, surrounded by the Blues in an assault on the air strip and captured, ran across James DeJulio, former member of the battery now with the ACFTC at Claiborne. Btry. A: S/Sgt. Melvin Dickson entered the hospital the day the battalion reached Claiborne for treatment of a throat ailment and was released a week later, just in time to make the trip back to Van Dorn. Pfc. Robert Higgins, switchboard operator, was courted all one night by an armadillo. . . Btry. B: Cpl. Arnold Weber, challenged something in the dark on his post and found that he had flushed a wild hog. The terrified animal so startled Pfc. Joe Cox that he lost his balance and fell into a ravine, bedroll and all. . . S/Sgt. Otto Ockert and Pfc. Russell Gustafson spent six hours finding the kitchen. . . Serv. Btry: S/Sgt. Harry Schmitt, T/Sgt. Dalton Kindig, T/5 Frank Lopez and Pvt. Lewis Manwaring, of the rations section, averaged about four hours of sleep a night during the problem, working all night and getting what sleep they could by day. . . W/O David Rosenblum reported the battery hauled 2,100 gallons of water during the problem and the battalion consumed more than 7,000 gallons of gasoline in the entire trip.

718th F. A.—The Battalion NCO Club is undergoing alterations with the addition of a juke box, bar stools and new pictures. . . T/5 Willard Pugh, formerly with Btry. A, now is in France. . . T/5 John Mottery, Btry. A, is expecting his wife for a visit. . . In Btry. C, Cpl. Leonard Franklin furnished added proof that war is hell. Married in Chapel 1, he returned to duty the same day while his bride left for Florida on their two-week honeymoon. . . S/Sgt. Milton Gross, same battery, will blossom out as an author in Argosy Magazine soon. . . Actg. 1st/Sgt. David Malloy, was a professional ball player before coming into the Army. He played with the New York Giants and the Boston Red Sox. Also in Btry. C is Pvt. Art Dorazio, former desk man on the Detroit Free Press. . . Cpl. Jerry Bungert, a member of the crack St. Al's bowling team, is now clerk in Btry. C. . . In Hq. Btry., S/Sgt. Anthony Lettieri, on detached service with the artillery liaison group, left on furlough recently, altar-bound. . . Romance: Mike, the battery rooster, now has a mate, Minnie. They are "at home" now in the latrine. . . T/5 Louis Alex, pneumonia, and Pvt. Richard Morford, appendicitis, are back from the hospital.

63d QM Co.—Come Sept. 13, S/Sgt. George Wilson will be a 30-year man. . . T/4 Charles Richards used to drive a command car for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark before the general left the States to conquer Italy.

Plane of The Week



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

Change of Status Headache for ODB

In addition to unsnarling, processing and paying six million family allowances and Class E allotments-of-pay, the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits is doing an almost equal volume of business in change of status, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the office.

Pouring in at the rate of 300,000 monthly, more than 4,500,000 change of status petitions have been received and processed to date, says Gen. Gilbert.

Every GI knows that a change of status is any change in a dependents, circumstances or living arrangements which affect the account being administered on his behalf by the ODB. These changes include marriage, divorce, birth, death, change of financial status, change of address—and, in the case of children or minor brothers or sisters, the celebration of their 18th birthday, an event which makes them no longer eligible for allowance payments.

Of the four and a half million changes so far received by the ODB, 1,412,476 have been changes in address. There have been 761,624 changes caused by marriage, birth, dependency of a parent formerly not dependent or vice versa and similar changes in family conditions, and 704,000 Class E allotments-of-pay have been changed, increasing or decreasing the amount or naming a new payee. A quarter million changes involved the addition of a child to the family circle.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
(From Saturday, Aug. 5, through Friday, Aug. 11)
SATURDAY—"They Made Me a Criminal" with John Garfield, Ann Sheridan, Claude Rains.
SUNDAY—"Barbary Coast Gent." with Wallace Berry and Blinnie Barnes.
TUESDAY—"C-Boat Prisoner," with Bruce Bennett and Erik Rolf; "Sing Neighbor Sing," with Ruth Terry, Lullabelle and Scotty.
WED.-THURS.—"The Seventh Cross," with Spencer Tracy and Signe Lasso.
FRIDAY—"Oh, What a Night," with Edmund Lowe and Jean Parker.
THEATER NO. 5
Starting Time—1900
(From Saturday, Aug. 5, through Saturday, Aug. 12)
SATURDAY—"Mr. Winkle Goes to War," with Edward G. Robinson, Ruth Warwick and Bob Haymes.
SUNDAY—"Crime By Night," with Jerome Cowan, Jane Wyman and Hugh Herbert.
MONDAY—"They Made Me a Criminal."
TUES.-WED.—"Barbary Coast Gent."
THURSDAY—"C-Boat Prisoner"; "Sing Neighbor Sing."
FRI.-SAT.—"The Seventh Cross."

63d CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec.
(Answers on Page 5)

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 2. Combine.
 3. Besiege.
 4. Whip.
 5. I love (Latin)
 6. Partite.
 7. Trapeze artist.
 8. Breed of dog (two words).
 9. Horn (French).
 10. Regimental Supply Officer.
 11. Succumb.
 12. Pipe.
 13. Protection.
 14. Three-toed sloth.
 15. National Economic Council.
 16. Taking from boxes.
 17. Hermit.
 18. Woman's name.
 19. Transgression.
 20. Neurogia.
 21. Enunciate.
 22. Inhabitants of Jaen.
 23. Protest.
 24. Having several cylinders.
 25. Of each an equal quantity (Pharmacy).
 26. Differed.
 27. Upper regions of space.
 28. Pronoun.
 29. One who believes that matter is essence of mind.
 30. Plural ending.
 31. Liaison (combined form).
 32. Marking with letters.
 33. Self.
 34. Eucalyptus-like evergreen.
 35. Character of the Donat Bible.
 36. Of long standing.
 37. Peruse.
 38. Fool (Prosody).
 39. Goose (French).
 40. Witness.
 41. Portions of a circle.
 42. Daze.
 43. Corps of Engineers.
 44. Exists.
 45. 14th flag of International Flag Code.
 46. Name (French).
 47. Garland.
 48. Wife of Cadmus.
 49. Half the width of an em.
 50. Yes (German).

15 in 254th Promoted To Staff Sergeant

Announcement of the promotion of 15 sergeants to the grade of staff sergeant was made this week by Col. Joseph H. Warren, 254th Inf. commander.

Those promoted were: Raymond G. Baunsreuter, Co. A, Frederick D. Pietropaolo, Co. B, Robert I. Guier, Co. C, Luther M. Brinson, Co. D, George H. Fodor, Co. E, Paul R. Jarsznska, Co. F, Marvin J. Zimmerman, Co. F, Raymond P. Davis, Co. G, Attilio J. Mastrobattista, Co. G, William H. Gilpin, Co. H, Spencer W. Borden, Co. I, Cecil V. Olsson, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., Robert E. Clements, Co. I, and Thomas W. Morris, Co. J.

Another promotion was that of

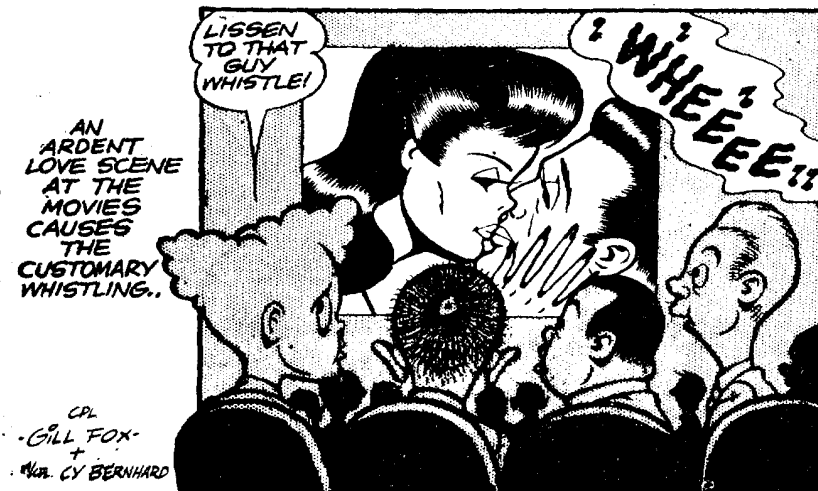
T/5 Herry A. Filing, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., to sergeant.

Ex-164th Lieutenant Fought at Guadalcanal

Activities of the 164th Inf., now at Bougainville Island, have a special interest for Lt. E. G. Fox, Co. M, 255th Inf. for it was when Lt. Fox was with the 164th that he won the combat medal for helping his outfit subdue the Japanese at Guadalcanal.

Lt. Fox, now 25, entered the Army with a national guard unit from Rugby, North Dakota, in 1940. He spent 18 months as a platoon sergeant in the Fiji Islands, New Caledonia and Guadalcanal. He was chosen in the field to attend Officer Candidate School.

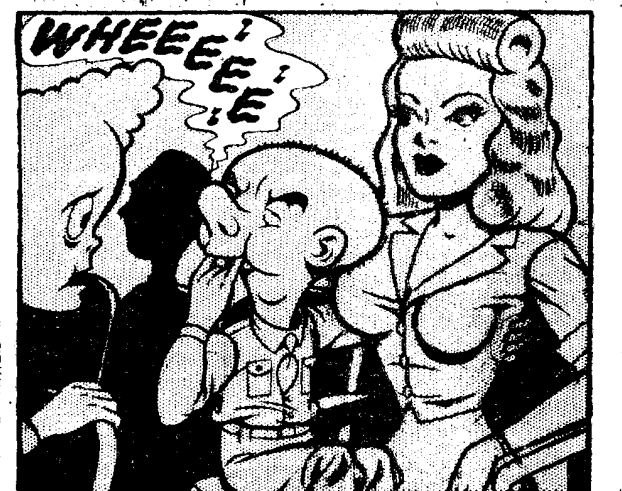
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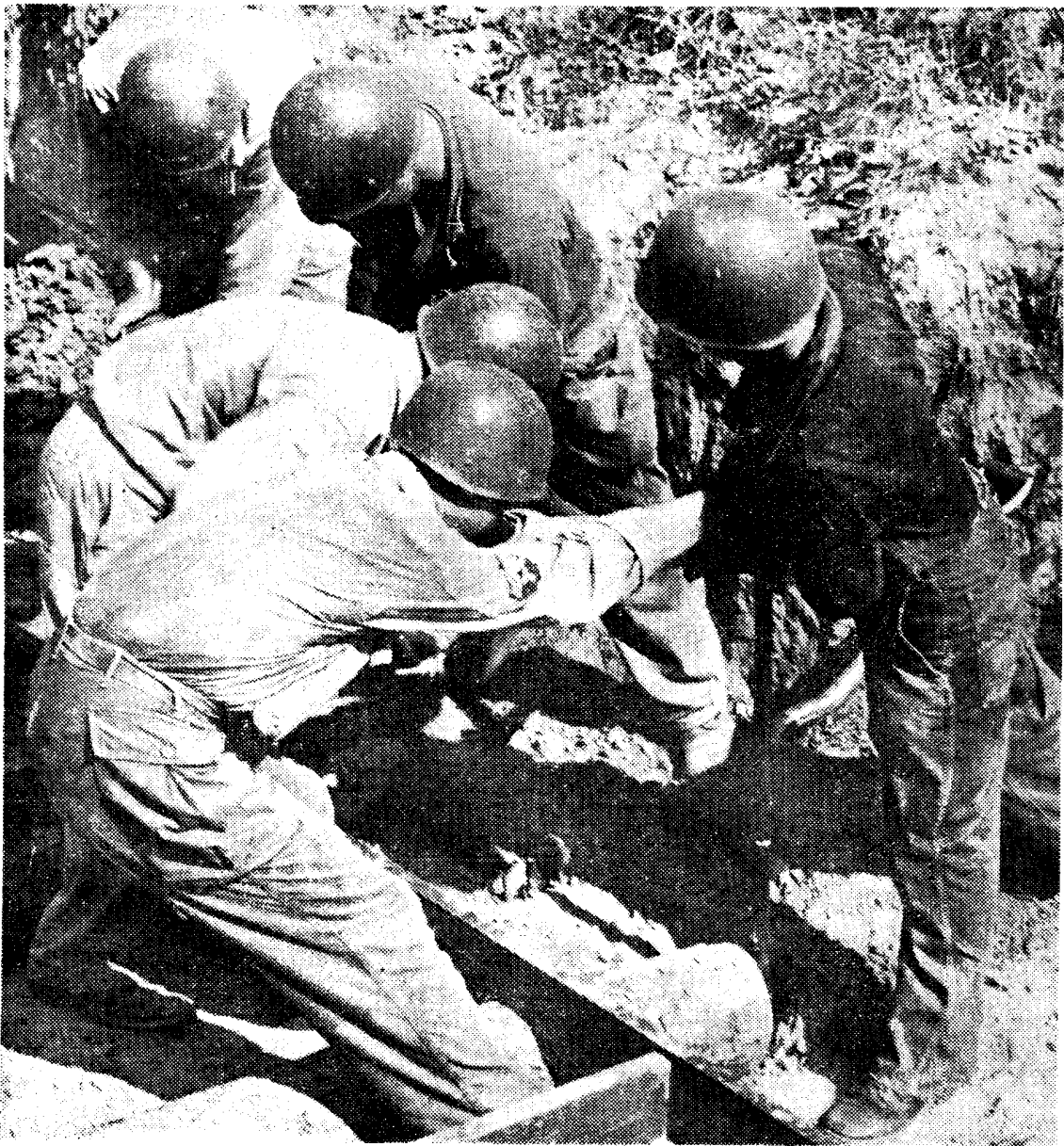
Whistler's Girl Friend



By GILL FOX



CPL GILL FOX + MR. CY BERNARD



Range In Baptism Of Fire

The 263d Combat Engineers were tossed a man-sized job when Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs requested a new moving target range on Range 15. A work gang lines up the track in the picture at the left and at the center is shown the target jeep on an early run before the track was completed. It had to be turned around by hand. The jeep is pictured at the bottom in its first test run, carrying (left to right): Maj. Van Natta, Maj. Redfield, Col. Wheeler and Maj. Sanders. Wednesday it had its baptism of fire as a battle course for artillery when the 718th F. A. carried out an all-day problem on the range. The range got an earlier unofficial workout when units of the 253d Inf. used it in firing 57 mm. anti-tank guns. All units stationed in camp will be permitted to use it in the near future.

255th Band Plays At Natchez Dance

The 255th Inf. orchestra will play for a dance sponsored by the Military Maids at the City Auditorium in Natchez at 2000 tonight, and will be heard over Station WMIS from the Servicemen's Center tomorrow afternoon at 1600. T/5 Daniel Mendelsohn will conduct the orchestra.

Tomorrow afternoon's radio program will consist of the following selections: "Natchez Ball," an original number composed by Mendelsohn and dedicated to the Military Maids, and "San Fernando Valley" and "Yesterday," which will be sung by Cpl. Jackie Paris. Pfc. Marlin Merrill will sing "Where Or When?" and an instrumental arrangement of "It Had to Be You" will feature Pfc. Bob Kutscher, clarinet; Pfc. Max Cramer, trumpeter, and Pvt. Bob Colton, saxophone.

The band played for two company parties during the past week. Thursday night it played for a dance given by Hq. Co., 2d Bn, and on Friday for the I & R Platoon of the 255th. Both affairs were held at the CT Blue Rec Hall.

255th GI Twice as Old As Son in Air Forces

A veteran of World War I, T/5 Emmett Patterson, Anti-Tank Co., 255th Inf., is just four years more than twice as old as his son, Lt. Jerry D. Patterson, U. S. Army Air Forces. The father is 45, and the son, now stationed at Bowen Field, Boise, Idaho, is 21. T/5 Patterson, whose home is at Houston, Tex., was drafted in 1942, and scarcely two weeks after donning khaki, he was off for Panama where he served 19 months in a coast artillery outfit. The last time he saw his son was in 1942. During the first World War, Patterson served in the Navy.

Stillwell Is Named Full Army General

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has nominated Lt. Gen. Joseph Warren Stillwell, American commander of Chinese forces in the China-Burma-India theater, to a full general in the Army of the United States. The proposed promotion would raise the general to a rank held by Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Navy Issues Insignia To Amphibious Force

NORFOLK, Va., (CNS) — The Navy's amphibious forces now have their own official insignia. It is a gold and scarlet shoulder patch with an American eagle rampant on an anchor, gripping a machine gun in its talons.

Engineers Set Up New Target Run

A new moving target range built at the request of the Commanding General has been completed by the 263rd Engr. Bn. under the direction of Maj. A. W. Sanders Jr. The Engineers cut and transported the ties, laid 4200 feet of track in the shape of a figure eight and converted the jeep which draws the target. Although the new target, built on Range 15 to replace an old one, was built primarily for the immediate training of the 63rd Div. troops, its facilities will be available for other units stationed in camp and it can be used for 30 or 50 cal. machine gun, 37 and 57mm AT guns and 105mm artillery.

The job was initially undertaken by Maj. Sanders, who drew up the original plans with the help of S/Sgt. Ellsworth L. Herrmann of the Bn. S-2, and Pfc. William E. Clark, who took the aerial photographs.

Three-Foot Ditch

The heavy road equipment, under the direction of Capt. Isaac T. Avery Jr., Assistant Division Engineer, started the work. T/5 Thomas S. Jensen of Hq. and Serv. Co., T/5 Howard B. Crawford of B Co. and the "dozer" operators of the three companies prepared a three-foot ditch, with the spoil being placed on the firing line side to provide a parapet to protect the jeep.

The next job was handled by the individual companies under the command of Capt. John H. Teunisson Jr., Co. A., Capt. E. B. Dahl, Co. B, and Capt. George S. Shephard, Co. C. Each company cut down and transported 500 pieces of timber with a minimum diameter of eight inches to be used as ties for the track on which the jeep would run.

The main work was done the week the Engineers bivouacked on the job. This consisted of spacing the ties and notching them to receive the track. The track was furnished in pre-fabricated sections by Post Ordnance. In plan the figure eight of the range track is so set that the lower edge of the figure is on the side nearest the firing line, 400 yards away, and the figure as a whole is 400 yards deep.

B Gets Main Job

The work was distributed among the companies so that Co. A built the super-elevated curve, as well as the shed to house the jeep. Co. B laid the longest section of track on the side nearest the firing line and



Co. C built the intersection and joined up with the track laid by the other companies.

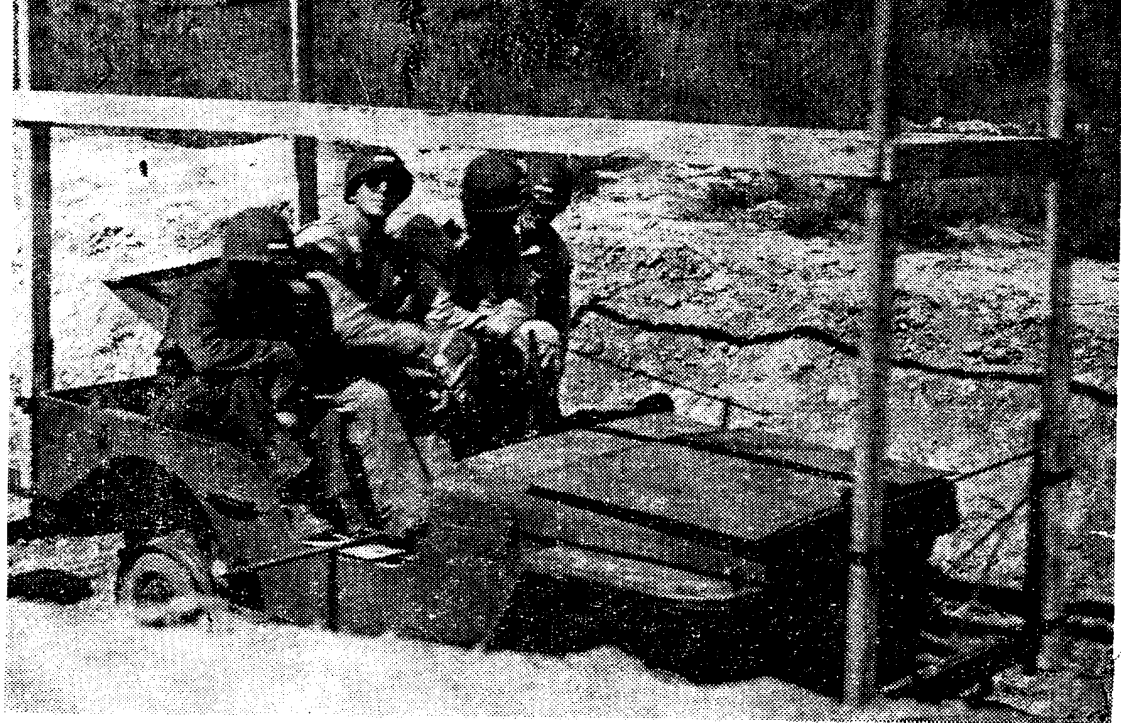
Perhaps the most interesting single feature is the jeep built by mechanics of the 263rd Engr. Motor Pool. From plans of CWO Raymond A. Poland, a governor to keep the jeep at a constant speed of 15 miles per hour was built out of an old generator by T/5 Athol B. Anderson of Hq. and Serv. Co. M/Sgt. Frank C. Barry directed the work of converting the jeep, one element being the Rube Goldberg contraption used to bring it to a stop. A hinged post at the side of the track can be raised and the inertia of this standing post is enough to trip an arm which grounds the ignition, supplies the brakes and halts the jeep within 40 feet.

Officers Build Target

The officers built the target themselves. It took only about half an hour and Maj. Sanders, Capt. Avery, Capt. Homburg, S-3, and Mr. Poland all pitched in with T/5 Marshall Fender of Hq. Serv. Co. and put up the target, made of canvas stretched on a wood frame that sets into the corners of the jeep.

The test run was made with Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Maj. Robert S. Redfield, G-3, and Maj. Vail A. Van Natta, assistant adjutant general, aboard.

The first crossing of the English Channel by air was in 1909.



Hell Cats to Feature Higgins Circus Tuesday

Featured by the Flying Hell Cats, a group of trapeze artists, the Higgins Industries circus will visit Camp Van Dora Tuesday

night for a performance at the Open Air Theater. Camp Special Services is sponsoring the show.

The Higgins show will include clowns, comedy and music by the Higgins Band.

The Flying Hell Cats, all employees of the Higgins Industries,

will present hair-raising tightrope walking and other stunts on the high wires. The circus will bring all its own equipment. In the event of rain the show will be held at the arena Wednesday night.