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Sergeants Parted in Cassino Pop Up in Adjoining Bunks In 63d Division Artillery



THAT'S THE SPOT where Sgt. Arthur Schwalbe (left) and S/Sgt. Frank H. Sabadini last met before they bumped into each other in the 861st F. A. Bn. To Van Dorn is quite a jump.

When S/Sgt. Frank H. Sabadini arrived at his new assignment as liaison pilot for Hq. Btry., 861st F. A. Bn., early this week his thoughts were far away from his hectic winter last year in the mountains around Cassino, Italy.

He hung up a uniform and grabbed his mess kit for evening chow, and then he got a shock—for bunked down just a few feet away was Sgt. Arthur (Bud) Schwalbe—whom he had last seen at a Christmas party in Italy.

Sgt. Sabadini, who is the first NCO assigned to the 63d Div. as a liaison pilot, wears on his shirt his silver wings, and in addition the ribbon of the National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, North African Campaign, with five

stars, and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Taught in Africa

The sergeant is modest about his aerial accomplishments. He was a road grading machine operator in Massachusetts before he was drafted "for one year" back in 1941. He served with the 60th F.A. until May, 1943, when he was transferred to 9th Div. Artillery. Always a flying enthusiast, he sought and received permission to attend flying school in North Africa when his division was establishing aerial liaison connections.

When the American forces landed at Licata, Sicily, just a little more than a year ago, Sgt. Sabadini was at the controls of one of the "grass-hopper" planes, and for his 70 sorties over enemy territory in the North African and Sicilian campaigns, he was awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster.

In October of last year Sgt. Sabadini was transferred from the 9th Div. to the 34th Div., which was at that time in the heights headed for Cassino. He was assigned as aerial observer for the 151st F.A.Bn., and remained with that outfit through that phase of the campaign.

In Salerno Landing

Sgt. Schwalbe, who was also a 1941 draftee, served with the 151st almost from the day of his induction at Camp Claiborne, La. He left the U.S.A. in January, 1942, for additional training in Ireland and England, and joined the forces in North Africa shortly after our initial landings.

He fought through that campaign, including Hill 609, and then, after a breathing spell, his outfit took part in the landing at Salerno, and the subsequent march up to the heights before Cassino, where he was slightly wounded by shrapnel.

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63d Units to Appear In War Show Friday

Soldiers Resent Undue Optimism From Home Front

Soldiers fighting daily against the enemy are growing bitter these days about all the optimistic speculation back home over how soon the war will end, Kenneth L. Dixon, Associated Press correspondent, says in a dispatch from Italy.

Doughboys along the front and airmen still flying daily missions are cheered by news of internal strife in Germany and other optimistic trends, and they won't deny things are looking a lot brighter.

But, says Dixon, they remind you of these things:

1. Until the shooting stops, there is no peace.
2. The shooting has not stopped.
3. As long as the war continues, the smart soldier does not let his mind dwell on the possibilities of an early peace or a quick return home.
4. Knowing full well how demoralizing such thoughts can be, German propagandists are taking full advantage of all Allied optimistic talk.

Fatalistic Attitude

"Point Three is something everyone knows along any front," Dixon says. "With the war's end seeming

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GIs Entertain Natchez Rotary

Division Special Service office sent four entertainers to Natchez Wednesday night where they presented a varied program for members of the Natchez Rotary club who were celebrating their 25th anniversary with a Ladies Night at the Hotel Eola roof.

Sgt. Robert Peters, a singer, T/5 Arnold Spector, a comic entertainer, and T/5 Paul Taubman, pianist, represented Division Special Service, while Pvt. Gilbert Vitale of 255th Medics, performed feats of magic.

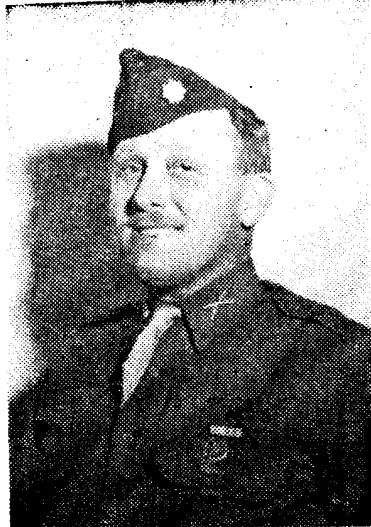
Peters, a tenor, sang, "Night and Day," "The Lord's Prayer," "Because," and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Taubman played several selections and was encored many times. Spector entertained with comic stories and songs. He presented "Old Man River" by request.

No Back Copies

It is impossible to comply with the increasingly frequent requests for back copies of BLOOD AND FIRE and for photographs, both to be used in orientation display.

Because of the fire hazard, lack of storage space and the paper shortage, only a few back copies of each issue of BLOOD AND FIRE are on hand; many issues are exhausted. Many units have kept files of the Division newspaper; it is suggested that all others begin such a file now.

Extra prints of photographs generally are unobtainable. The Public Relations Office does not possess war photographs, either for its own use or for loan. It does not possess any orientation materials, which should be obtained through orientation offices.



LT. COL. EDWARD A. BAIER

63d Loses Three Top Line Officers

Assignment to other stations has deprived the 63d Div. of three of its top-ranking line officers.

Col. Keith K. Tatom commander of the 255th Inf., and his executive officer, Lt. Col. Donald E. Paul, have left that regiment. At the same time Lt. Col. Edward A. Baier, executive officer for the 254th Inf. Regt., also was transferred.

Col. Elliott Watkins will succeed Col. Tatom in command of the 255th, it was announced this week.

Col. Tatom came to the 63d Div. recently when Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, who had been given command of the 255th following activation of the Division, was transferred overseas. His executive officer, Lt. Col. Paul preceded him by almost a year, having been assigned to the 63d after being with 2d Army Hq. at Memphis, Tenn.

Lt. Col. Baier also came to Camp Van Dorn with the 63d from its original station at Camp Blanding, Fla. He was commander of the 1st Bn., 253d Inf., prior to his transfer to his most recent post in the Division last December.

Battle Exercise To Be Staged By 254th Inf.

Demonstration at LSU Stadium Sponsored By Chemical Plant

Soldiers of the Blood and Fire Division will join with Navy fliers, a heroic Navy enlisted man and outstanding Army officers in a huge public demonstration of miracles of American war production in Baton Rouge Friday evening.

The exhibition, to be held in the Louisiana State University stadium, will be sponsored by employees of the Ethyl and DuPont plant to demonstrate the importance of the firms' products in the war effort.

Men of the 3d Bn., 254th Inf., commanded by Maj. Robert K. Lieding, will stage an attack on a fortified position, using most of the weapons of the Infantry.

Hero to Speak

Gasoline-operated mechanical equipment from the 63d Div., including such items as bulldozers and prime movers, will be on display to emphasize the importance of petroleum products in the war. Music will be furnished by the 63d Div. Soldiers Chorus and the Harding Field band.

Aviation Ordnanceman 1/c Kenneth Bratton, a Mississippian who holds the Air Medal, will tell war workers of the importance of top-quality fighting equipment. Bratton was shot in one knee and both hips after shooting down a Jap Zero when he was a gunner in a torpedo bomber aboard the aircraft carrier Saratoga during an attack on Rabaul.

Show Nazi Plane

A captured German Messerschmitt plane will be on display.

During the program, planes from

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Men of 63d Hit High Bond Total

Soldiers of the 63d Div. have been doing their part in the Fifth War Loan Drive. A report of sales for the period between June 1 and July 31, made by Capt. Bernard H. Levkoff, Acting Division Special Services Officer and 63d War Bond Officer, indicates a total of \$109,073.46 has been subscribed by men of the Division.

Sales for the month of July both in cash and by allotment topped those of June, the figures submitted by Capt. Levkoff indicate. Cash sales for July were \$16,073.70 against a total of \$13,081.00 for June. Class B allotments amounted to \$40,640.65 for July and \$39,278.11 for June.

The 253d Inf. Regiment reports, through its Bond Officer Lt. Robert C. Gossen, that a total of \$6,254 has been subscribed by men of the organization to date. Hq. Co. with a total of \$1,237.50 led, while Co. C. with \$1,096 was second.

The 254th Inf. reports a total of \$6,469, and the 255th Inf. had a total of \$8,360.50 for June and July.

Gen. Stilwell Heads List Of 10 Officers Promoted

WASHINGTON—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was promoted to the temporary rank of full general this week and 10 other high ranking Army officers received promotions for leadership and courage in various theaters of the war.

The promotion of Gen. Stilwell raises him to rank level with Gen. George C. Marshall, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Gen. H. H. Arnold. It also suggests the possibility that new and more important work lies ahead of "Uncle Joe" in the Burma-China-India theater, where he recently completed a campaign to control North Burma by the complete capture of Myitkya. He is Commanding General of United States forces in the CBI theater.

Promoted to major general was Brig. Gen. Robert T. Frederick of San Francisco. Gen. Frederick achieved distinction in operations east of Cassino and at the Anzio beachhead. Brig. Gen. Jens A. Doe of Chicago, a veteran of World War I, who saw outstanding

service at Biak, Buna, Wakde, Aitape and Sarmi and heavy action in New Guinea was also advanced.

Several colonels were listed for advancement to the temporary rank of brigadier general, including Col. John H. Church, who helped in breaking up the Nazi attacks at Anzio.

Other new brigadier generals are Gerald J. Higgins, Buht, Idaho, Infantry; Maurice W. Daniel, New Albany, Ind., Field Artillery; James A. Van Fleet, Coytesville, N. J.; George A. Taylor, Portland, Ore., and Charles D. W. Canham, Kolo, Miss., all of the Infantry, and Hqn. G. T. Hoffman of Fort Smith, Ark., Cavalry.

254TH COMES THROUGH

Last payday found men of the 254th Inf. more than eager to cough up the four bits for their semi-annual subscription to BLOOD AND FIRE. The regiment already has entered 1,690 new subscriptions or renewals.

Six men insisted on taking out 12-month subscriptions.



READING, PA. (CNS)—William Nagle is a patient man but he finally filed suit for divorce against his wife, Imogene, who, he complained, deserted him in 1897.

DANVILLE, ILL. (CNS)—Arrested for driving his car with last year's plates, a motorist explained that he tried hard but "I couldn't get the old plates off."

DENVER (CNS)—"I'm sorry," a stranger told Mrs. Martha Martin after he had batted her in the eye on a Denver street, "I thought you were my mother-in-law."

RAKEFIELD, R. I. (CNS)—When his rationing board granted him permission to buy one and one-half tires instead of the two he had requested, Edwin Northup appealed. No one would sell him half a tire, he protested. The board relented.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA. (CNS)—War nerves were responsible for the extraordinary behavior of Lefty Smith, auto rities believe. He recently wrecked havoc in downtown Muskogee by flinging eggs at every woman he saw who wore slacks.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. (CNS)—Her husband's extreme informality eventually led Mrs. Minnie Malone to the divorce courts. "When we had guests he would sit around in a red undershirt," she testified in winning a decree. "And once, when I was giving a dinner party, he left his teeth on the table."

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (CNS)—Burglars here have strange tastes. On successive nights recently, thieves stole a grandfather's clock from a local residence, a black cat from a backyard fence, a rooster from a farmyard and 40 watermelons from a fruit stand.

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—"Taxi," gurgled a pedestrian who obviously had been nibbling on a jug. The car stopped and gave him a ride to the city cooler. He had hailed a police wagon.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—Jules Zaleskie, 29, nibbled the grape the other night, then decided to climb atop the Bay Bridge. He did, then sobered up and forgot how to get down. Firemen rescued him, juggled him on a drunkenness count.

LOS ANGELES—Brig. Gen. Anby C. Strickland, former head of the Middle East Fighter Command and military governor of Pantelleria, captured Italian island, has stuck his neck out, but way out. Gen. Anby unequivocally picks Nov. 11—Armistice Day, as the day by which the war with Germany will be over.

KNOW YOUR GENERALS

Dwight Eisenhower Beachhead Maker

(This article is one of a series.)

When his time comes and if his wishes are followed, as they usually are, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will lie in state in a ceremonial casket of his own design, a design that he has made famously and appropriately his own. Naturally, it will be a landing craft, for it is in landing craft that Gen. Eisenhower has found most of his headaches and triumphs.

Four times in the last two years Gen. Eisenhower's landing craft have scuffed his name indelibly on the beachheads of history. In North Africa, with an army equipped with the famous earmuffs, he sent the Allied cause off on the first step on the long road back from Dunkirk. He planned the next two great forward strides, carrying the Americans across Sicily and into Italy, and then was called to London to engineer the final jump—into France and across the hedgerows to Paris.

Missed War I Combat

Like many of our top-drawer generals, Dwight Eisenhower entirely missed the glare of combat publicity in the First World War. A member of the outstanding West Point class of 1915, he was singled out as a training officer and he sweated out 1916, 1917 and 1918 in the Zone of the Interior, doing a superb job that marked his future in rigid lines. The years of military education and training ahead of him would lie distinctly in command-and-staff work rather than in combat leadership.

In fact, when he steamed past England's Land's End on the way to North Africa he had never taken even a platoon into battle. Under him were generals with infinitely more battle experience, men such as England's Alexander and Montgomery and our own Bradley and Patton. Yet he was definitely The Brain, having proved in hundreds of blackboard battles that all of his operations were planned with a careful brilliance that in war is the closest thing to Art.

There was nothing offhand about Gen. Eisenhower's facile handling of complex military problems. Although never of high rank before the outbreak of the war, in hundreds of hours at military colleges he had established an unrivaled reputation as one of the Army's coming young men. After West Point, he attended the Infantry Tank School, the Army Industrial College, the Command and General Staff School, where he was an honor graduate and the Army War College. Few of his fellow-officers were surprised when a series of rapid promotions lifted him from lieutenant colonel to full general at the age of 53 just before the United Nations loosed their heavy thunder.

Rise to Fame Rapid

Whereas World War I had found him far from the scene of operations, his new rank and tremendous responsibilities saw him constantly in the thick of things in World War II. Called to Washington to work on war plans, he moved in a series of quick jumps to London as commander of the



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Army's European Theater of Operations, to Africa for the Mediterranean campaign and back to London again as Supreme Commander for the Western Invasion.

Here, while the eyes of the world were turned on Russia and the earth-shaking developments there, Gen. Eisenhower forged the hammer that was to beat the Hun on the Western Front. He immediately distinguished himself by his amazing ability to get along with men, crusty experts in every field of military operations who would have tried the spirit of Job.

The work in London was carried out under terrific tension. The fate of the world and the reputation of every man concerned depended upon the success of the initial operations. Naturally, tempers were short and clashes were frequent. Yet somehow Eisenhower managed to smooth them all over and the gigantic task of planning was carried out with amazing evenness. This, even the experts who at first clashed with him and later worked enthusiastically under him, was his greatest achievement.

Normandy and Brittany proved the worth and thoroughness of his planning. If you serve in Europe you will be under his command and it will strengthen your arm to know that you are serving under the first American general of his day, a soldier fit to rank with Washington, Grant and Pershing in the list of America's great.

Soldiers May Retain Souvenirs of Battle

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Soldiers who want to pick up and bring home souvenirs from the battlefield have been given the green light by the War Department—as long as they don't dig up any buildings.

It's OK with the WD if GIs want to bring back small pieces of enemy equipment collected on the battlefield. Some of the things they may not bring back, however, are name plates removed from captured equipment, items containing explosives and items whose usefulness to the Army or whose value as scrap outweighs their value as war trophies.

Men returning to the U. S. with souvenirs collected abroad must have certificates in duplicate signed by a superior officer stating that soldiers are authorized by their theater commander to bring the articles home. Parcels mailed home must also contain a similar certificate.

18 New Officers Assigned to 254th

The 254th Inf. has started its August training program with 18 new officers, many of whom are in their first station since graduating from officer candidate school.

Heading the list is the new regimental munitions officer, Capt. Wilbur T. Jones who has been assigned to Serv. Co. Capt. Jones, who served for a brief time with the 253d Inf., was a marine technician at the U. S. Navy Yard in Charleston, S. C. From August, 1940, until February of this year he was with the 254th Inf. at Ft. Benning, Ga. He spent the next two months at the 9th Service Command in San Francisco.

Two first lieutenants, Irwin L. Fuller, who has been assigned to Cannon Co., and George R. Sherwin, Co. C, also joined the 254th.

Fifteen second lieutenants have been assigned as follows: Thomas H. Beagle, Co. D; Abraham Brill, Co. G; Harvey H. Carrow, Co. A; Calvin N. Harp, Co. E; Donald W. Lincett, Co. F; James L. McKeever, Co. I; Michael J. Myers, Hq. Co. 3d Bn.; James P. Rowan, Hq. Co. 1st Bn.; Mitchell R. Shell, Co. M; Adolfo F. Smuck, Co. F; Allan H. Whaling, Co. K; Mac P. White, Co. E; Floyd L. Edsall, Co. C, and Daniel M. Van Sant, Co. E.

Four of the officers, Lts. Harp, McKeever, Rowan and Shell attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute before entering the Army.

Sgt. Hermann of 254th Marries Miss Payette

When the reveille whistle blew last Thursday for Serv. Co., 254th Inf., sleepy men in the four barracks knew their first sergeant had returned from furlough. Moreover, the extra cheery warble on the tuneless tooter told them that the furlough was a success. It was, for 1st/Sgt. Robert R. Hermann confessed that he was married while in Wisconsin.

The double ring ceremony, which made Miss Dolores Payette Mrs. Hermann, took place at St. Hyacinthe Catholic church in Antigo, Wis., in the presence of numerous relatives. The couple spent their honeymoon at Land O'Lakes, a favorite fishing haunt of the bridegroom in his bachelor days. The Herfanns are now living in Cerville.

Engineers Sped Three Projects

Besides major projects such as building firing ranges, bridges, dams and roads, men of the 263d Engr. Bn., are also charged with the construction of lesser projects which, while they may be of relatively minor importance, require varied skill.

Recent projects of this nature included the addition of extra parking space for the 214th F. A. Group motor pool, a non-divisional organization, a new two-mile stretch of fair-weather road at the edge of the Camp Reservation, and the construction of an outdoor beer garden between CT Red Rec Hall and PX 202.

The addition to the 214th Motor Pool was finished in two weeks. The 263d Engrs. supplied a grader driven by Pfc. George E. Hall, of Co. C. Camp Engineers furnished a grader and a tractor-hauled carry-all. The job was an extensive one, 100 by 200 yards, with a 40 foot berm, or driving strip, around the outside.

The two-mile road was a rush job requested by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander. It is being used to make a bivouac area accessible to two and one-half ton trucks. T/5 Alexander Grant, Hq. and Serv. Co., supervised the work of Pvt. Alfred Pepe and T/5 Howard B. Crawford of Co. B, and Pfc. Hall, who operated bulldozers and a grader. Within a day and a half the dozers had pushed through dense undergrowth and timber. Capt. Isaac T. Avery, Jr., Asst. Div. Engr., in charge of both projects praised the men for the rapid job on the road.

The construction of the beer hall was under the supervision of the 263d. Plans were drawn by S/Sgt. Ellsworth Herrmann of S-2, and Pvt. Charles W. Lawson of Co. B supervised the work of construction undertaken by details from the 253d Inf., and 718th and 861st F. A. battalions. The structure is of rustic style and is 90 feet long and 32 feet wide.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday
Chapel 7, Episcopal Service—0830.
Chapels 6, 7, 8, 10—0900.
Chapels 5, 6, 8, 10—1000.
Chapels 6, 7—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—1920.
Chapel 7, Monday, Bible Study—1920.
Chapel 8, Thursday, Evening Prayer—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—1850.

Confession
Chapels 5, 10, Saturday—1830 to 2000.
JEWISH SERVICES
Friday
Hospital—1830.
Chapel 7—2000.

Sunday
Chapel 5—1100.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—2000.
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICE
Chapel 6, Sunday—1800.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Chapel 1, Friday—1930.

Give Good Conduct Medal To 47 in 255th Infantry

The following 47 enlisted men of Cn. Co., 255th Inf., were awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

1st Sgt. William P. Tomlinson; T/Sgts. Delbert C. Brett and Robert A. Bandoni; S/Sgts. Lawrence O. Luby, Wilbert L. Roth, James E. Kellett and James L. McMurray; T/3 Norman L. Van Note; Sgts. George E. Duley, Harold R. Marcellus, Karl C. Lybrand and Peter A. Peyser; T/4 Edmund C. Lorenz; Cpls. Elmer E. Childers, William W. Hennon, Alfred F. Kenyon, John J. O'Connell, George J. Berzsenyi, John W. Foell, Charles R. Hudson and Frank J. Kingsbury; T/5 George E. Joseph, George R. Watts, Everett J. Carswell and Joseph F. Kelly; Pfc. Joseph DeClerk, Benedict Koroeci, Max O. Murphy, Anthony Danese, Herman Kiesling, Jr., Clyde M. McWilliams, William T. Myers, Thaddeus J. Robak and Erma G. Swayze, Burl E. Pointer, Alvard M. Smith and Charles A. Voyer; Pvts. Hiram E. Cotton, William I. Farmer, Edward M. Lozak, Roy Neaveill, Tom C. Wosnitzy, William S. Bumpus, Leonard R. Dalton, Norman Foulks, Walter E. Mason and Edward L. Smith.

The Wolf

by Sansone



TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

As many of you folks already know, I'm an old timer who has spent many years service in the Regular Army and most of it during the piping times of peace. No one loved the old Army more than I did and I was in some damned fine outfits, but I will have to admit that the AGCT average, especially among the privates, wasn't anything to write home about. Occasionally you would hit a bright youngster but for the most part you had to use a hammer and cold chisel to knock something into

that lays the golden egg and I don't want you NCOs to take any chances on killing that goose. Listen to what this G. I. private has to say:

"Dear Sergeant: This letter is sent in a spirit of helpfulness and not to release some adverse criticism. In your role as instructor (you do do a great deal of teaching in your column) I think you will agree with me that the average Noncom puts a great deal of effort into his lectures or demonstrations to the men and yet gets little return. . . . I haven't been in the Army long (six months to be exact) but I have been a teacher for the past nine years and from the basis of my experience I find that they invariably make the same mistakes. The suggestions I have outlined I think will improve the technique and consequently increase the learning ability of the men. As a result there will be fewer occasions for repetition and more time to present new work.

"Every instructor should prepare a lesson plan and FOLLOW IT. The Army has an excellent plan for a lesson outline but somewhere between the preparation and execution of the plan things frequently seem to go snafu. The following outline, if strictly adhered to, will make a successful teacher in one easy lesson (I hope):

"OBJECT: Express briefly what you are going to teach or expect to get done.

"PREPARATION: This means both the instructor's preparation and the preparation of the men for the lesson. Preparation of the men for the new lesson is of vital importance in order to get their minds and thoughts focused on the work to be learned. This can be done by asking questions related to the subject or previous lessons; also, by illustrated examples. Any device that will help to get the attention of the men is useful. When the men have been prepared for the new lesson the actual teaching can proceed by the lecture or demonstration method. While the demonstration is going on questions should be directed at the group and responses solicited from as many men as possible. Direct the questions at the group, then call on an individual to answer. Never call on a man and then ask questions. This procedure shifts the burden of thought on one man while the others star gaze or doze off. Keep those questions going constantly and get the men to review or summarize frequently during the lesson. Follow the same pattern in a lecture. Never do all the talking. Fire questions at them often. Get them to argue with each other by having them express their thoughts, but keep control at all times.

"TEXT OR APPLICATION: When the demonstration or lecture is over the lesson is not complete. We still don't know if everyone has learned the new skill. Have the men go through the new process of lesson by actually doing the work. Never limit it to one or two men but as many as possible. Get them to tell the why and the how. Ask questions, ask more questions, ask still more questions. Remember, direct the questions at the group—then call on individuals. Never accept 'yes' or 'no' as an answer.

"The four steps that will make a good lesson are:

1. Object: What are you going to teach or expect to get done?
2. Preparation: Do you know your stuff? Are the men prepared for the new lesson?
3. Demonstration: Show how and why it is done.
4. Testing or Application: Do the men know how to do it? Can they explain why or how?"



You NCOs don't realize sometimes that those men seated in front of you are thinking to beat the band just as this fellow was when he wrote this letter. You've got to be good to be better than they are, so my tip to you is that if you haven't started already you had better get busy now.



their heads, due either to lack of interest or lack of intelligence.

Consequently I can't get over the brightness and intelligence of the average G.I. nowadays. Of course it is easy to figure out why but just the same I still get a bang out of telling him something just once and having him get it, provided, of course, I do a reasonably good job of telling him. This interest and intelligence is the goose

CT White Revamps Rec Hall Program

Sweeping changes in the interior of CT White Rec Hall have transformed the interior. The building has been repaired, the offices revamped and a new program of indoor games and physical exercise has been initiated, all under the aegis of Lt. George Butler, newly appointed Special Service Officer.

A new music room with luxurious bentwood and leather seats has been arranged. Phonograph concerts over a special set will soon be started. They will include classical and swing music.

Tables have been arranged for card and checker playing and a ping-pong table and several games of darts are available. Physical education apparatus includes parallel bars, springboards, punching bags and wrestling mats.

63d Units to Appear In War Show Friday

(Continued From Page 1) the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., will fly over the stadium.

Two outstanding Army officers will give short talks, and films from combat areas will be shown.

Gates of the stadium will open at 1:00 Friday and the program will begin at 1:30. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Agricultural Center, a huge coliseum on the LSU campus.

Two Sergeants Meet Again in 63d Div.

(Continued From Page 1) Sgt. Schwalbe was chief of section of the liaison section of the 151st, and Sgt. Sabadini was the aerial observer of the battery, so they came into frequent contact during the fighting. Sgt. Schwalbe was returned to the U.S.A. under the rotation scheme last March and joined Hq. Btry, 361st P.A.Bn. as a wire sergeant in April. Sgt. Sabadini was returned to the States to convalesce from malaria.

253d Orchestra Plays For Vicksburg Dance

The 253d Inf. orchestra provided a military touch to the annual dance held Saturday night by the M. Fine & Son Co., at Vicksburg. The firm, which manufactures men's work clothing and Army uniforms, invited 75 soldiers from Camp Van Dorn and admitted others to the affair.

Letters From Overseas to 63d Division

WAR—FROM A HILL IN LA HAYE

A grim front-line picture of the fighting in France, straight from the middle of the hell that was La Haye around the Fourth of July, has been sent to the 63d Div. in a letter from a buddy to Sgt. Charles Jones, Co. F, 254th Inf.

The letter is from Pfc. William H. Irby, Hq. Co., 508th Parachute Inf., 82d Div., and was mailed just after his return to England. The 82d was in the thick of the fighting.

"At dawn on the third of July," Irby writes "we were to start the big push toward La Haye. Our mission was to capture Hill 131 which was commanding ground for the country for miles around and was just outside Le Haye. There was another hill just next to 131 called 95. Another outfit was to take that.

"The hills had been pounded for a week by artillery fire and the planes had worked it over.

Their Toughest Fight
"Well, at dawn we started the attack and around three that afternoon we were sitting on the hill. Up to that time it was the toughest fight we had had. The Jerries gave us hell all the way by use of their artillery besides the men we were fighting. We lost a lot of men because of the artillery.

"My job was to string an attack wire from the attacking companies to regimental headquarters. I went forward with the attacking companies and whenever we stopped all we had to do was tap on and we could talk to Regiment. There were four of us when the attack started, but only two finished. The others were hit in the legs and feet by shrapnel and, although I was with them, it didn't get me.

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.

I was blown down several times but never hit.

"They set up defenses on the hill and then found out that the other outfit had not taken 95 and we were going over to help them. We moved into position that night and on the Fourth we started another attack.

Four of Eight Hit
"That was the toughest fight of the whole campaign. We moved up on the hill that day, only to be driven back again. That night we tried twice to get on the top, only to be knocked off again. The following day one succeeded in taking its position and the next day we had completed our mission. Here we lost another man by machine gun fire. He was hit in the knee by two slugs.

"We started out with eight wire men and now there are only four here. One was killed and the other three are in the hospital.

"By taking these hills we had succeeded in flanking La Haye, and it was very important that we did. From our CPs on the hills we could see the Jerries in town,

which meant a lot because we could direct artillery fire at them. "We were in France 36 days and we were on the 35 of them."

A hint of somewhat lighter moments around La Haye comes from Pfc. Paul Pitak in a V-Mail letter to his former buddies in Co. B, 253d Inf.

"We are somewhere in France," Pitak writes, "and we can't tell you a thing except that we saw some nice women. No whisky or beer, and I'm still waiting to get paid.

"These towns around here are plenty shot to hell and we just keep moving closer and closer to that paper-hanger and his gang."

Kirby Clark Wounded
From a hospital in England came a letter from Pfc. Kirby Clark, formerly in Co. G, 254th Inf., who was wounded in the invasion. He doesn't seem to be faring too badly.

"I have been wanting to write sooner," Clark says, "but I have been so busy chasing Jerries that I haven't had time. Hope these lines reach you all right.

"I am wounded and am in a hospital. I was chasing Jerries when I got it. Chasing Jerries is like hunting squirrels—you can run him into a hole, then sit and cover the hole and wait for him to come out. Tell Sgt. Lenig that a Jerry shot at me with a pistol and I ran him into a hole. Then I let him have a hand grenade. He came out of that hole and another buddy of mine got him."

"I wish I could talk to you," he continued, "I could tell you a lot. I am 'Somewhere in England' in a hospital. I am improving right along and I'm able to walk around again."

63d Chorus Sings At Open Air Arena

The 63d Div. Chorus led by Cpl. Joseph Evans, made its first concert appearance at the Open Air Theater Friday night, Aug. 4, and was enthusiastically received by a good-sized audience.

The program, one of the "Music Under the Stars" series, proved that the division has a fine group of voices. Featured soloists of the evening were T/5 Frank Richert, Pfc. Larrie Clark and Pvt. Anthony Casella, all of whom have had concert experience. T/5 Richert is a former opera and concert singer while Pfc. Clark was a soloist with the Kansas City Little Symphony.

12 Army Nurses Awarded Bronze Star in Italy

WASHINGTON—Bringing to 17 the number of American nurses who have been decorated for gallantry under fire, 12 officers of the Army Nurse Corps have been awarded the Bronze Star for service in Italy; the War Department has announced.

Theater Schedule

THEATERS 1 AND 2
Starting Time—No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
(Saturday, Aug. 12 Through Friday, Aug. 18)
SATURDAY—"The Falcon in Mexico," with Tom Conway and Mona Maris.
SUN.-MON. — "Abroad With Two Yanks," with William Bendix, Dennis O'Keefe and Helen Walker.
TUESDAY—"Strangers in the Night," with William Terry and Edith Barrett; also "Stagecoach to Monterey," with Allan Lane, Peggy Stewart and Wally Vernon.
WED.-THURS.—"Great Moment," with Joel McCrea and Betty Field.
FRIDAY—"Take It or Leave It," with Phil Baker, Edward Ryan and Marjorie Massow.
THEATER 5
Starting Time—1900
(Sunday, Aug. 13, Through Saturday, Aug. 19)
SUNDAY—"Oh, What a Night," with Edmund Lowe and Jean Parker.
MONDAY—"The Falcon in Mexico."
TUES.-WED. — "Abroad With Two Yanks."
THURSDAY—"Strangers in the Night" and "Stagecoach to Monterey."
FRI.-SAT.—"Great Moment."

Gen. Montgomery, who is a non-smoker, nevertheless has sent a million cigarettes to men on the Normandy front and will send a second million shortly.

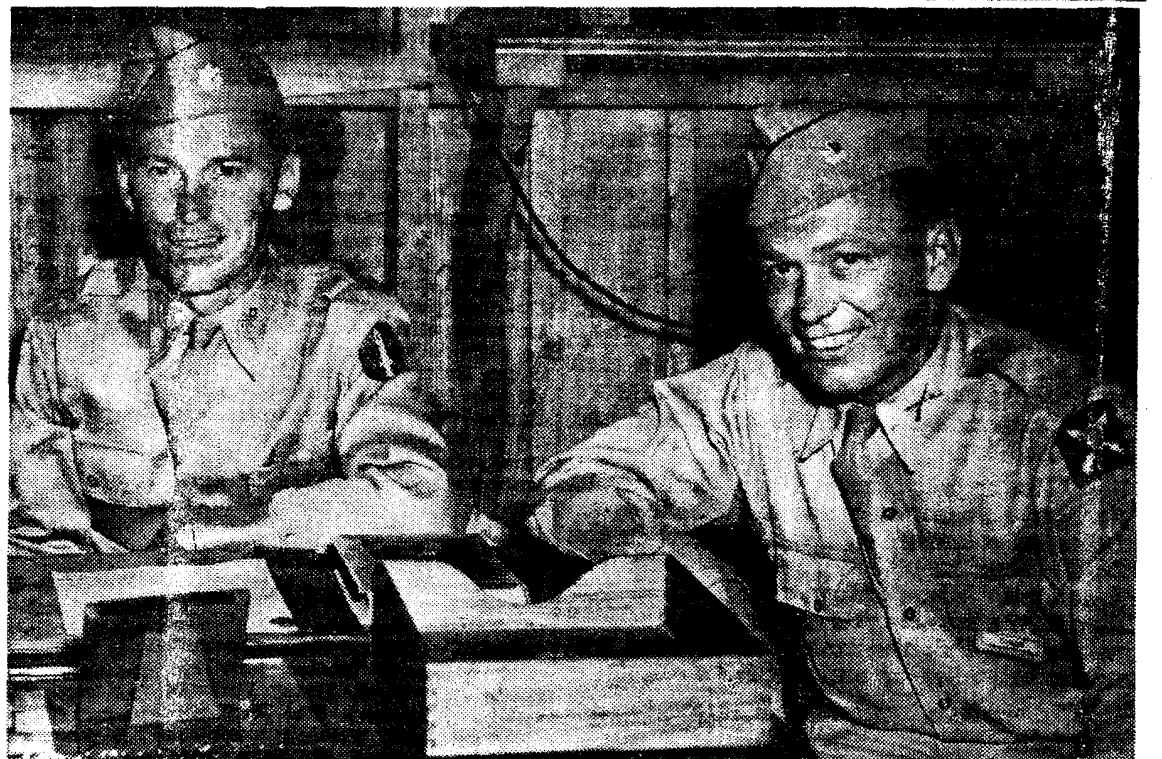
Girls Win Quiz For Second Time

The girls won for the second time in a row when the Battle of the Sexes quiz was held at Service Club No. 2 Wednesday night. Three young women, one of whom was Jeanette Larrieu, an LSU sophomore, amassed a total of 198 points against 88 for members of 1st Bn. Hq., 254th Inf. Miss Larrieu spelled parallelism correctly while the men missed on knowledgeable and so lost the quiz. Sgt. Gene Galenter led the men with 43 points.

Members of the winning team were Edna Tolbert, Jeannette Larrieu and Betty Whitehead. Representing the 254th were Sgt. Galenter, Pfc. Victor Baum and Pvt. Morton Herman. A large crowd witnessed the contest. Cash prizes went to the victors and watermelon to the losers. Cpl. Samuel Clark was the quizmaster.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa began to lean over before its completion in the fourteenth century.

Believe it or not, horses must be off the streets of Ricier Edge, N. J., by 10 p. m. each night.



BROTHERS met Tuesday when Lt. Col. Charles W. Gibbs, Division Signal Officer, was surprised by his brother, Maj. Clarence R. Gibbs, who is stationed at Camp Polk, La. Maj. Gibbs visited Camp Van Dorn en route to Camp McCain, Miss.

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EDITORIAL

YOU'LL NEED THAT MUSCLE

There is a lot of grousing around camp, over the tough grind the Infantry has. It doesn't seem natural to give each muscle in your body a daily workout that should do it for a hundred years—but these aren't natural times we're living in. And what's more, when you get on the other side you'd better be as tough as you can make yourself because you'll be battling in the toughest league in the world.

Every Division ever trained griped about the toughness of its training, but when they got into action every soldier thanked his lucky stars that it had been tough and boot-ed himself mentally for those heavenly moments when he managed to goof off. As a result even the proud and stubbornly rugged British fighting beside our Americans in France have expressed open amazement at our ability to take it without a whimper. The London Daily Mail's Normandy correspondent had this to say recently about the Yanks with whom he entered France:

"No doubt you are wondering how they are faring. Back there in England life seemed so generous to them—clothes, food, equipment and money, particularly money. You wondered how these American cousins of ours with their neatly creased clothes and their fondness for what seemed to us to be luxuries would face the stubborn Hun...

"First thing that happens to the Americans when they get into the line is that they stop talking. You notice how the conversational silence deepens as you pass the thump of artillery and approach the chatter of machine guns. That apparent casualness and man-to-man friendliness which rather appalled our disciplinarians at home disappears. Commands are tersely given and tersely acknowledged with an immediate 'Yes, sir' and a smart salute. All trace of casualness evaporates. These men go to it with the snap of Guardsmen...

"They die quietly, these American boys, without fuss or complaint, perhaps muttering about 'Mom' just before the end. Grousing—'bitching,' as they call it—is left behind in the rear areas.

"No soldiers could be more resolute. I have seen them ordered to attack a strong point almost impregnable to infantry. They filed off without a word. Many died in that sortie. The survivors did not utter one word of private criticism of the task they had been set.

"You expect to see officers in the front line, but no army in the world sees the profusion of colonels and higher officers in the battle line more continuously than the American. When things get hot and you dive into a foxhole you are just as likely as not to find that the man who followed you was a brigadier or major general.

"American toughness," he ends, "is not just talk."

So you'd better get tough, soldier. As you can see, there are no light duty slips in the front lines.



News from Here and There

Bouncing Steel Helmets New Hazard on Trains

WASHINGTON (CNS)—When you're riding on a railroad train, keep your steel helmet underneath your seat and not on the hat rack over your head.
The Army's getting tired of patching up GIs' skulls split open by falling helmets.
"Train commanders and railroad officials have advised that troops are suffering severe head injuries because steel helmets stowed on overhead racks on troop trains fall as the train rounds a curve and hits the troops on the head," the Army reports. "It is suggested that all troops on trains place their helmets and liners underneath or between seats."

Red Light Stops Driver; Bomb Passes Overhead

LONDON (CNS)—J. Edward Murray, United Press correspondent, was riding down the street in a bus here when a 220-pound "doodlebug" bomb came whistling up the street—aimed straight at the bus.
The driver stopped his bus, waited patiently as the bomb sailed overhead, missing his vehicle by a fraction. As soon as he regained his composure, Murray turned to the driver.
"Why did you stop?" he asked.
"Had to," the driver replied. "Red light."

Douses Destroyer Fire In Wake of Big Carrier

FARRAGUT, Idaho (CNS)—How the skipper of a destroyer saved his blazing ship by giving it a bath in the wake of the aircraft carrier Enterprise was described by Thomas Russell BM1c, formerly a gun captain and now a patient at the naval hospital here. The destroyer, said Russell, caught fire when attacked by Jap planes. Its skipper swung into the wake of the Enterprise and maneuvered his ship so that it rocked heavily, dipping its sides and decks into the sea on one side, then the other. Finally the fire sizzled out and the destroyer moved back into position.

Captured Fort Crashes; 9 Nazis Are Interned

SPAIN (CNS)—Nine Germans made a forced landing here recently in a U. S. Flying Fortress and were interned. The Fort, undamaged, bore German markings and it appeared to have been patched together with parts from Allied planes that had crashed in Germany.

New Automatic Pilot Aims as Course Shifts

CHICAGO (CNS)—The AAF has developed an electric automatic pilot device which permits a Flying Fortress bombardier to make course changes at the moment he is sighting a target.
The device, which is being manufactured at a midwestern plant, is capable of making 300 flight corrections per minute. It has been in use since shortly after Pearl Harbor.

Bougainville Movies Run 50 Feet From Fighting

BOUGAINVILLE (CNS)—Hollywood has come to Bougainville, which is a long, long way from California. Soldiers stationed at outposts here now are seeing regularly scheduled motion picture programs, including feature length films and short subjects, sometimes within 50 feet of the fighting.

Suggestion Campaign Saves U. S. \$22,242,197

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War department has announced that its civilian employees saved their government \$22,242,197 during the first 12 months of the WD's "Ideas for Victory" program.
For this service the employees were rewarded \$230,714. They submitted 109,011 suggestions, of which 9,884 were adopted. Cash awards ranged from \$5 to \$1,250 with three employees receiving the top award.

GIs Finance Marriage Of Their Indian Bearer

INDIA (CNS)—Durgas Pasa, native bearer to a couple of GIs stationed at an air depot here, wanted to get married. But he hadn't the money he needed to pay off his prospective father-in-law.
The two GI sahibs came to his rescue. Between them they procured the funds needed, accompanied the happy bridegroom to a neighboring village and stood in on the ceremony.

Even Athlete's Foot Can Become Annoying

SAIPAN—Things were at a feverish pitch in the sick bay of a vessel here. Five serious casualties had just come aboard from the battlefield. Coast Guard medical corpsmen were scurrying for plasma and oxygen masks.
A passenger, unaware of the crisis, strolled in.
"What," he demanded earnestly, "have you got for athlete's foot?"
Censorship deleted the reply.

The Sky Pilot Says It

By Chaplain George W. Almond
(255th Inf.)

Nearly every one of us has at some time received an invitation to a party, musical, dance, dinner or some such entertainment. Some of them have been formal, some informal. But, in each case, there has been attached to the invitation, either actually or tacitly, the letters R. S. V. P. They are the letters which represent the French sentence meaning, "Reply, if you please."

What many of us forget is that, whether the R. S. V. P. appears or not, we are expected to reply. Some invitations are better declined; others we certainly should accept. It is most important that we know which is which. A good diet is made up of a variety of dishes which complement each other. They would not be a good diet if just one dish were taken day in and day out. So with these invitations; many of the things to which we are invited are good enough in their way, but not good enough for a steady diet. We need balance.

There are, according to some, four great freedoms for which we are fighting. To each of them is attached the need of a response from the individual. Every bill which goes before Congress is thrown out to the American people with the R. S. V. P. understood. What is more, it is passed or not as the people direct. Are we making the right response to this?

Your government has placed chaplains in all its camps over the country. All of them came into the Army in answer to an unspoken R. S. V. P. attached to the Government's expressed need. Our being here is again an invitation to the men of the camp to "Respond, if you please." Unlike some of the others, this is a privilege, not a duty.

Your chaplains cannot command you to attend chapel, or to come in and have a talk, nor would they if they could. But we are here because the Government feels that what we can do is important enough to offer to every soldier an invitation to respond to this side of life.

Jesus said "and I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Again there is an R. S. V. P. attached. How will you respond to this invitation?

Once Over Lightly

By A/Cpl. Sy Bernhard
(Division Artillery)

Fortunes change . . . when the Nazi Blitz was terrifying the world with its devastating blind speed it averaged about six miles a day . . . the Red Army drive is hitting a pace of 10 miles a day. It seems the home front is doing a terrific job when you learn that a plane is produced every five minutes . . . a ship every five hours . . . a machine gun every 32 seconds. . . . And did you ever stop to think that labor and capital have proved that our democracy can outproduce any nation . . . or combination of nations . . . ?

The 63d Div. has been roundly praised for its orientation program by the Morale Service Division . . . recent issue of their publication, "The Digest," carried a detailed story of the division's program . . . and this month . . . a full page of pictures of winning day rooms . . . That makes the 63d the only division so honored . . . Speaking of orientation . . . maybe you wonder why it's stressed so much . . . Well, Gen. Eisenhower thought it important enough to use every medium of information to drive home the message of orientation over a five week stretch directly before D-Day . . . Results? . . . Gen. Marshall acclaimed the aggressive action, and high morale of our troops . . . And a chaplain serving with an Infantry regiment throughout the Sicilian and Italian campaigns has stated that "the greatest thing in maintaining morale is to keep the men informed of what is going on in the war."

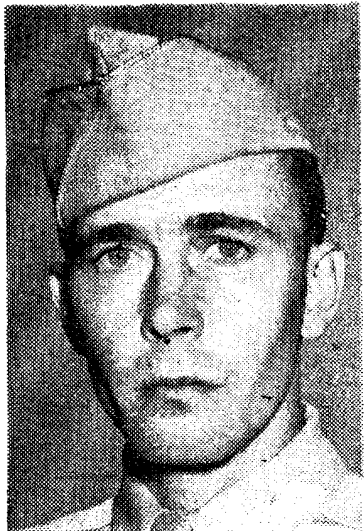
Seems a lot of GIs thought the war was over when Hitler almost went kaput from that bomb . . . Try reading this item of William Shirer of "Berlitz Diary" fame:

"Getting rid of Hitler will no more solve the problem of seeing to it that Germany launches no more wars than chasing the Kaiser did in 1918. Only when Americans understand the role of other powerful elements in the German nation, the Junkers, the heavy industrialists, and the fact that the vast majority of the German people supported Hitler in this war as long as they thought he would win . . . can we hope to get a solution to the German problem that will at least spare the next generation from war."

Postwar Futures for GIs Abound in South America

There's a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for any GI who wants to look for it—and it doesn't lie in France alone, according to Pfc. Joseph W. Thoman of Co. B, 254th Inf.

Thoman, who was one of the assistants of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs before he changed to khaki, thinks that the greatest opportunities for intelligent and industrious soldiers in the



Pfc. Joseph W. Thoman

postwar world lie in South America, where peace will open innumerable glistening opportunities, particularly for textile engineers, industrial technicians and petroleum developers.

Brazil, Bolivia and Mexico, he feels, offer the greatest openings. In Brazil, for instance—

"Take the metallurgy industry. Brazil is potentially one of the greatest steel-producing nations in the world. So far it has only one large steel plant, the Volta Redonda, built at a cost of \$60,000,000. For years it has been known that Brazil has all the materials needed for making steel—the only country in the world, by the way, that has all of them, except good coking coal. It was until just recently that coal beds were found which are inductive to the making of coke. There will be a time when Brazil will need mining engineers, metallurgical engineers, construction engineers, highly skilled workers of all types and supervisory employees.

"In Mexico, too, the metallurgy industry will be a big thing for men who want to try careers in South America. Today Mexico is the biggest producer of lead, mercury, zinc and graphite in the raw

Mississippi's Heat Licked in 718th F. A.

Fans, the hand variety or the more modern electric contraptions, are pretty scarce in the 63d Div., and when the Mississippi sunlight hits a building it really makes it hot inside. Such a hot box was the supply room of Serv. Btry., 718th F. A., until S/Sgt. Warren Luckel and T/5 Raymond Mayer decided to do something about it.

The pair secured a discarded electric motor once used to run a meal grinder and Mayer fashioned a protective guard for blades taken from propellers of a model airplane. An extension was provided and now it's at least 20 degrees cooler in the supply room of Serv. Btry.

state. Mexico's future plans call for home refinement of these metals and it will need the same type of workers Brazil will need."

Too little is heard about the possibilities of Bolivia, Thoman thinks. It holds the same opportunities as Mexico.

"While her tin industry is developed to a high peak, he says, "she will want to set up industries around her large deposits of copper, zinc and lead."

"The second great South American industry which holds possibilities for Americans," he continues, "is the textile industry. All of these three countries have developed textiles by hand but there is a great deal of room for machine improvement. Mexico is the leader in both wool and cotton."

Builds Silk Industry

The world won't have much appetite for Japanese silk after the war and Brazil is developing a silk industry that has unlimited possibilities. Also, it holds a great weather advantage over Japan.

Thoman lists these other possibilities for the ambitious: Mexico has a well-established petroleum industry and Bolivia and Brazil have tremendous oil potentialities; in general over South America, there are opportunities in lumber and allied industries; construction; vegetable oil, furniture, plastics, hides, power, refrigeration and cement.

Pfc. Thoman spent nine years in government service, starting as a clerk in the Government Printing Office and, after studying in the Foreign Service School at night, entering the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. When he was called into the Army he was chief of the Brazilian section of the Coordinator's office, one of the aides of Nelson Rockefeller.

Rain Causes Circus To Be Held Indoors

The Higgins Circus came to Camp Van Dorn this week but rain dampened the Outdoor Arena Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the big show, minus several of its most spectacular features, had to be moved into Theater No. 1 Wednesday.

The song and dance acts and other presentations went on before a large crowd of GIs but the featured trapeze act of the Three Hell Cats and other high wire stunts had to be cancelled.

The Higgins band of 15 pieces conducted by Al Hessmer provided entertainment before the show, and then followed a procession of singers and dancers both male and female.

Marie Starr pleased the audience by her rendition of popular songs, while Johnny Sala drew applause with his Irish melodies. Joe Ayo, a whistler, and Penny Valentine, interpreter of native South Sea Dances, also came in for their share of the plaudits.

Others on the bill were Pete Amato, tap dancer, Charlie Rapolo, another tap dancer, the Cain Brothers, comedians, Jeff Riddick, who played the piano and sang, Hazel Duncan, a dancer, and Vic LaBrosse, a tap dancer. Bob Cain was the master of ceremonies.

Penicillin is manufactured by 13 American and two Canadian firms in continually increasing amounts.

Sergeant, 30 Years in Army, Has Signatures of Leaders In War Theaters Overseas



S/Sgt. George W. Wilson

A real 30-year man with an unblemished record is S/Sgt. George W. Wilson, 63d QM Co., who on Sept. 13 will complete 30 years' service in the Army. He joined the Blood and Fire Division on Organization Day two months ago.

Sgt. Wilson, who was born 46 years ago in South Carolina, has nine honorable discharge certificates from the Regular Army. Several of them were signed by men who now are among the foremost officers in the Army. His 1934 discharge bears the signature of Lt.

Col. (now Lt. Gen.) George S. Patton, Jr., former Fifth Army commander, now on Gen. Eisenhower's staff. His 1937 papers are signed by Col. (now Lt. Gen.) Jonathan M. Wainwright, who was captured by the Japanese at Corregidor.

The sergeant has served with the 1st and 3d Cav., among other units, and spent five years in Panama. He participated in the Mexican Border campaign in 1915.

Sgt. Wilson is a member of Serv. Plat., which breaks down food rations for the Division.

Mountain Passes Aid Reds, Ex-Polish Officer Declares

Among all the men of the 63d Div. it is quite probable that none was as much interested in the recent developments on the Russian front as was Pfc. Alfred Block of 3d Bn. Hq., 254th Inf. Pvt. Block, a former officer in the Polish Army, was interviewed at Service Club No. 2 by Cpl. Samuel Clark during the nightly newscast last Monday.

Block was born in Boryslaw near the oil town of Drohobyz. Both of those towns fell to the Russians on Monday. Block's father, now dead, was mayor of Boryslaw for 10 years.

In answer to questions on the Russian situation, Block spoke at length on the strategic importance of the many passes in the Carpathian mountains. He declared these passes to be an asset to the Russian drive and predicted that the Red armies would not invade the Balkans, but, protected by the terrain of the Carpathians, would drive directly towards Berlin.

Discussing Warsaw, Block said that Berlin took the city in 19 days because there are no defenses west of the city. On the other hand, Warsaw's defenses to the east are

superb. This is because the Poles for centuries have been invaded from the east. Warsaw will not fall until the Russians manage to break across the Vistula north of the city, he declared.

Block explained that Russia hopes to avoid all the errors of previous military experiences. He asserted that too great a drive into East Prussia would not be made because of the terrain which protects the defenders. Block thinks a terrific drive will be made bypassing Warsaw and will continue into Silesia and then on to Berlin.

The present lull in the battle is a natural one, according to Block. Russia must bring up her supplies, rest the armies and time future offensives with those of the Allies in France.

Next week's newscast interview will present 1st. Sgt. Chauncey LeRoy, Co. D, 254th Inf. who fought in the Southwest Pacific.

Equipment dropped with paratroopers includes plastic lamps with different colored lenses that automatically turn on when the 'chutes opens, to identify the type of equipment.

Most of Wounded In France Helped Within 10 Minutes

WASHINGTON—Handling of casualties is so well organized in the American lines in France that 80 to 90 per cent of the wounded are receiving medical aid within ten minutes after they are hit.

Returning from a survey of medical facilities and hospitals of the European theater with Secretary of War Stimson, Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, the Surgeon-General, reported that in one English hospital alone 6,000 patients had been handled since D-day with the death of only one man.

Profitable Planning

"The thing that's saving lives," he stressed, "is surgery, plus plenty of blood plasma, penicillin and the sulfa drugs and the fact that the whole set-up was so well planned in advance. That means that we had keenly intelligent personnel and the spirit to carry it through.

"Veritable miracles are being performed," the Surgeon General said, "in the development of techniques to meet the constant emergencies on the battle field. In chest surgery particularly we are doing things that we never knew we could do."

Elaborate advance precautions and the use of penicillin and the sulfa drugs have reduced infection so that it develops in only ten per cent of the cases brought in from the battlefield. Speedy transportation also has held down the danger of infection and the death rate. Forty per cent of the evacuations from combat areas are being made by airplane, Gen. Kirk said.

10,000 More Nurses

Appealing for 10,000 more nurses, Gen. Kirk said that so far there has been enough of everything the American forces require for medical care. The extra nurses are needed at home to replace Army nurses being sent abroad to care for the increasing number of wounded.

Gen. Kirk was full of praise for the manner in which D-day had been carried out. LST craft had been fitted up with operating facilities and with tiers of litters along the side, in addition to emergency accommodations on the deck. These craft took aboard casualties after they had unloaded their troops at the beachhead. On the beachhead field hospitals were set up in record time and the evacuation proceeded with a smoothness that under such conditions was remarkable.

Some of the natives of Ponape, in the Carolines, have etiquette in warfare. They give notice of the day and place of battle to the tribe to be attacked.

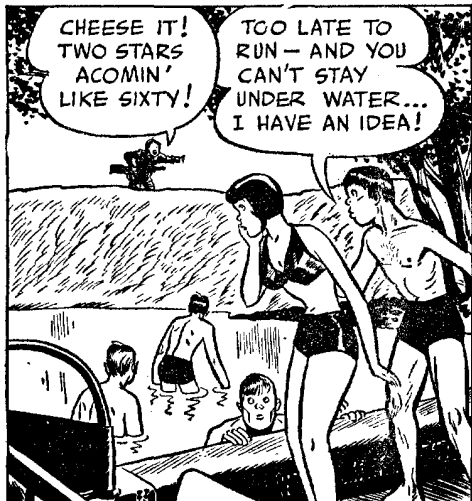
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Male Call



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



Beachhead Feint



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Monsanto Stops Kalfus in Second Round

Pontone Blanks Greenie Nine in Farewell Game

Gives Five Hits Pitching CT White to 9-0 Win; Mendel Beaten

Pfc. Joe Pontone, who was headed for big things in organized baseball as a member of the Toledo Mudhens' pitching staff prior to his induction, made his last appearance on the mound for CT White a testimonial to his skill with a baseball last week.

The speedy righthander from the 862d F. A. pitched CT White to a 9-0 victory over the Special Troops Greenies in a Division League game. In doing the job he scattered the Greenies' five hits over as many innings and got himself at least one strikeout in each of the last six frames.

Pontone was opposed by Pvt. Jimmy Mendel and had to be at his best to win, despite the disparity in the run-making. Mendel just a few days earlier had hurled for CT White in a non-Division game with Higgins Industries, of New Orleans, and turned in a one-man job of personal achievement that matched anything previously done in 63d sports.

For three innings the contest was definitely between the pitchers. There was no scoring and hardly any hitting. The break came in the fourth and with it determination of the outcome.

Mendel faltered momentarily and two passes ahead of Sgt. Richard Stev's double combined to give the line outfit a 3-0 lead. In the next inning Jimmy's control over the ball and the batters blew up in his face. The White batted all the way around and when Pvt. John Dooley, batting for the second time in the inning, lost a race with the ball at first the eventual victors had added six more runs to their score to give the game the aspect of a romp.

The Greenies, who had missed a chance for an early lead after filling the bases in the third, blew an opportunity to avert the shutout when Pfc. Harry Burns tripped to right with two out in the sixth. Pontone, however, struckout the next batter.

The box score: CT White AB R H Greenies AB R H Dooley, 3b 4 0 0 Bruno, 2b 2 0 1 ...

Sports Quiz

- 1. Who was the first major league manager to win four consecutive pennants? (a) Connie Mack, (b) Frank Chance, (c) John McGraw, (d) Joe McCarthy.

Answers

- 1. John McGraw was the first big league manager to win four straight pennants. He won in 1890, '91, '92 and '93.

Mule Races At Natchez

GIs HAVE FUN DOING KIDS GOOD



PFC. BURL POINTER found the Mississippi mule every bit as ornery as its Missouri kin in the races at Natchez last week. The 255th Inf. cannoneer had his hands full trying to get Let's Go up to the starting line in the GI Futurity, but when the bodacious critter finally made up its mind there wasn't another mule in the lot able to keep up with it.

A bunch of reckless, fun-loving enlisted men from the 63d Div. gave the second annual Natchez mule races a touch of GI robustness last Friday night, helping the Bluff City Lions Club realize a considerable sum, which is earmarked for construction of a wading pool and playground for Natchez children.

Nine Texans and a mule rider from—of all places, Boston—took the center of interest midway through the program and kept the 1500 spectators in an uproar until they withdrew from the scene. They raced, rode bucking mounts and dominated a greased-pig chase.

Win Prizes and Bumps

When they withdrew they carried with them a worthwhile portion of the prize money, a healthy crop of aches and bumps and the gratefulness of Natchez children, who will some day enjoy the pleasures of the pool and playground.

Those Texans, particularly Pfc. Burl Pointer, Pvt. Ernest Southard and Pvt. "Tex" Hartwig, all of the 255th's Cn. Co., were in their element. Astride the unpredictable hybrids they were at home again. Only the lone buckaroo from Down East, T. J. Ed Cronin of the Medics, kept them from making an all-Texan affair by whipping home his

One Man's Team

Connie Mack celebrated his 50th anniversary as a big league manager by naming the following as his team of living all-stars:

- Walter Johnson, p Lefty Grove, p Mickey Cochrane, c Bill Dickey, c George Sisler, lb Eddie Collins, 2b Hans Wagner, ss Frank (Home Run) Baker, 3b Babe Ruth, rf Tris Speaker, cf Ty Cobb, lf

mount behind Pointer's victorious Let's Go in the GI Futurity.

The boys, some of them with rodeo riding experience, had their hands full with the Mississippi mules. The home-grown product was as much inclined to spend time gazing pointlessly at the Liberty Park fence or dashing for the bleachers on the first turn as it was to race around the improvised turf track.

One even made so bold as to unseat Hartwig on the backstretch and then race in ahead of Pointer's winning mule, to the amusement of

all but those who had wagered on him.

Appearances Lie

Even those two gray hybrids which Southard, Hartwig, Pointer and Pvt. Johnny Flowers tangled with in the mule-bustin' contest belied their lethargic mein. Once free of restraining hands, they pitched like jeeps on a washboard road. Not enough, however, to throw any of the four paddlereet. For, when the trial was over the prize money was divided equally among the contestants.

This, incidentally, was the second purse to make its way into Flowers' hands. Previously, the young Texan had pinned down the lubricated porker, which committee chairman Joe E. Gardner had promised to "any man, woman or child who can hold him."

Flowers' prize, which broke twice from his grasp after he had won it, was auctioned off. The bidding rose until Sam (Tot) Passavante, Camp Van Dorn tailor who makes his home in Natchez, came through with an offer of "ten bucks and beer for all" to bring Pvt. Eric Blomberg, Pvt. Peter Sonts and Pfc. George Barrera, all of the 254th; and Pvt. Stanley Zebrowski and Pvt. Palmer Reeves, all of the 255th, into the circle of "prize winners."

Pitterle Pitches Softball Victory

Division Headquarters got back into softball competition this week with a 7-2 decision over Co. B, 362d Med. Bn., in a five-inning tilt curtailed by Wednesday evening's downpour.

The game not only served to emphasize the strength of the airborne infantry's revised lineup, but also brought several of its players into the limelight as the result of individual performances.

M Sgt. Leonard Pitterle gave up only four hits and had the Medics eating out of his hand until the last inning when they nudged him for a brace of runs to avert a shutout.

T-4 Charley Gallagher had much to do with Pitterle's success as the result of his spectacular work in left field, although even he couldn't keep McCarron, the Medics' pitcher, from touching Pitterle for two hits. That feat matched the work of M Sgt. Jack McAvoy, the only Headquarters batter to get more than one of that team's eight hits.

In CT Blue, which continued its consistent play, although here, too, activity was limited to one game, Co. F, of the 2d Bn., continued its unsuccessful quest for its first victory. This time Co. E hung a 12-0 defeat on the Effis, with Pvt. Bob Marcellino adding to his already

well-established reputation with a six-hit pitching performance.

The boxscore: Div. Hq.— AB R H Co. B, 362d Med.— AB R H Sprinto, 2b 2 2 1 Whittitt, cf 2 0 0 ...

The boxscore: Div. Hq.— AB R H Co. F— AB R H Mitchell, cf 4 2 2 Page, 3b 3 0 0 ...

Batters have hit .490 or better 11 times since 1909 to win American or National league batting championships. Roger Horasby, of the St. Louis Cards, holds the top figure with .424.

Marty Sullivan of the White Sox was the Jekyll and Hyde of baseball for 24 hours. One afternoon he hit three triples, on the second he had five errors in left field.

CT Blue Nine Wallops Vicksburg Semipro, 17-1

Any objection in 63d Div. rivalry with the Vicksburg semipro baseball team was corrected in full last Sunday when CT Blue walloped the home team in the City of 100 Hills, 17-1.

For five innings this game with the semipro was as tough as any played in Vicksburg by a Blood and Fire team. The score was then 1-0 favoring the Blue. In the sixth the Blue made eight runs and from then on the outcome was beyond doubt.

The boxscore: CT Blue AB R H Vicksburg AB R H Bruno, 3b 6 2 2 King, lf 3 1 0 ...

Fifty-four American league contests were won in the ninth inning in 1943, with the New York Yankees pulling 12 games out of the fire.

Guy Hecker, pitching for Louisville, picked off John (Cub) Stricker, of the Athletics, at first base three times in one game.

Loser Succumbs To Body Punches Of 255th Slugger

Cpl. Galvin Calp Boxes Two Opponents in 718th Fights

Cpl. Pete Monsanto, the 211th Inf. middleweight who fought himself out of opponents last winter, made his bow in open air boxing last week with a two-round technical knockout over Pvt. Joe Kalfus, a regimental rival, in the 718th F. A. arena.

Looking none the worse for his extended absence from the ring, Monsanto completely outclassed Kalfus. Although Joe had impressed in two previous inter-regiment bouts, he lacked the fitness and experience to cope with Monsanto's sharp smashes.

It was this effectiveness at close and long range through the first two rounds which readied Kalfus for the finish. On the ropes virtually helpless, Joe was considered in no condition to weather much more of Monsanto's pummeling and the bout was halted by Referee Lt. Ralph Shaima in the second.

The knockout was the first of the season and gave Monsanto top spot in the attention of the 1,000 spectators. Cpl. Galvin Calp, also of the 211th, rivaled him in the spotlight by engaging in two scraps the same night.

A rugged, bull-like slugger with quite a punch for a junior-welterweight, Calp banged out a three-round victory over Pvt. Jess Freeman, of the 253d, and then glided through three additional rounds of an exhibition with T. J. George Digilio, of the 718th.

S/Sgt. Mickey McDonald, flashy Div. Hq. Co. welterweight, returned to winning form in beating Pvt. Kamien, of the 255th, over the three-round route. T. J. John Lee, 718th, was a winner over active 253d welterweight, Pvt. Amedeo Petrongolo, while the two other bouts were declared respective draws.

The results: Pvt. Charles Williams, 136, 255th, and Pvt. William Thompson, 138, 363d, drew, three rounds.

Cpl. Galvin Calp, 141, 255th, won decision over Pvt. Jess Freeman, 138, 253d, three rounds.

S/Sgt. Mickey McDonald, 147, Div. Hq. Co., won decision over Pvt. George Kamien, 146, 255th, three rounds.

Pvt. Fred Passavante, 173, 718th F. A., and S/Sgt. George Biddis, 176, 255th, drew, three rounds.

T. J. John Lee, 142, 718th, won decision over Pvt. Amedeo Petrongolo, 144, 253d, three rounds.

Calp and T. J. George Digilio, 143, 718th, fought three-round exhibition.

Judges—Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw and Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Ungar. Referee, Lt. Ralph Shaima.

Softball Team Plays Polk Rival at Natchez

Athletics with a military flavor will be the novel treat offered Natchez residents and visitors to the Bluff City tomorrow when Co. H, CT White softball champion, plays Hq. Co., 8th Armored Div., of Camp Polk, La.

Reportedly one of the outstanding softball teams in the Eighth Service Command, the Polk combination will breeze into Natchez accompanied by at least a hundred of its rooters. The 63d Div. team will be accompanied by the 25th Inf. drum and bugle corps which will march and play prior to the start of the game in Liberty Park at 2:30 p. m.

Mehall Pitches Victory

A Blood and Fire athlete grabbed himself some glory outside the 63d Div. last Sunday when Sgt. Gene Mehall, member of CT Red's baseball team, pitched the Vicksburg semipro to a 5-3 victory over the 219th F. A., of Camp Shelby, at Vicksburg.

The Yankees Stadium in New York has the shortest foul lines, from plate to stands, of any ball park in which American league teams are now playing.

Ty Cobb won his first American league batting crown in 1907 and won it again each of the succeeding 12 years except one.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

863d F. A. (at Ft. Sill, Okla.)—Since arriving at Ft. Sill about three weeks ago the battalion has fired about 5,000 rounds of ammunition. Ammunition handlers in Serv. Btry. really have learned how precious is leisure time. They are up regularly at 0300 to make sure that all guns are ready to fire by 0730 each morning. . . . The cannoners have been able to get a lot of extra experience because each battery has been issued two 75-mm. guns. . . . The situation is not all work and no play. The two post swimming pools are used both for recreation and training. The air-conditioned theater is most popular with the men from Van Dorn. The USO in nearby Lawton has taught a lot of city slickers how to square dance. The WAC pool has proved most popular with Hq. Btry., especially with T/4 Jack Wilder, but his partner, S/Sgt. Randolph Blackstone, prefers the Dinty Moore Hall where beautiful Oklahoma cowgirls play host to the Blood and Fire men. . . . Five men of Hq. Btry. have made Pfc.: Clyde Berryhill, William Krotzer, Timothy Murphy, Dan Skiba and Bill Wallace. . . . Radio and wire men of Hq. Btry. who went on a terrain ride to the top of Mt. Scott (2,480 ft.), said to be the highest point in the state, were treated to a beautiful view. . . . Lt. Willis E. Brown now is commanding Btry. B, filling a vacancy created when Capt. N. J. Williamson left to attend Officers' Advanced Course here at Ft. Sill. . . . Sgt. John Smith, formerly Btry. C, has been transferred to the fire direction section of Hq. Btry. . . . Many men of the battalion now stationed or in school at Sill are renewing acquaintances with their fellows of the 863d. Among them is Officer Candidate Albert Wuttke, formerly of Btry. C, ranked as one of the highest in his class in OCS here. . . . Capt. James Richards has taken over Btry. C in the absence of Capt. Kilduff, attending OAC.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Nellie, the alleged automobile belonging jointly to M/Sgt. Pete Needle and S/Sgt. Tom Gallagher, both of the G-4 Sec., reacted to Sgt. Gallagher's furlough like a puppy when the master leaves home. She lay down and died on a New Orleans street after being driven to a furlough-bound train. . . . T/4 Donald H. Aldrich, AG Office, was promoted to T/3 this week.

63d QM Co.—Cpl. Ralph Garreth has left for Quartermaster OCS at Camp Lee, Va., and Sgt. Owen F. D. Kearney will leave soon. . . . T/4 Charles Richards used to be a driver for the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark when the generals were in the United States.

Div. Arty.—T/5 William H. Blackmore, Hq. Btry., formerly of G-3 Sec., Division Headquarters, will leave this month for Quartermaster OCS at Camp Lee, Va.

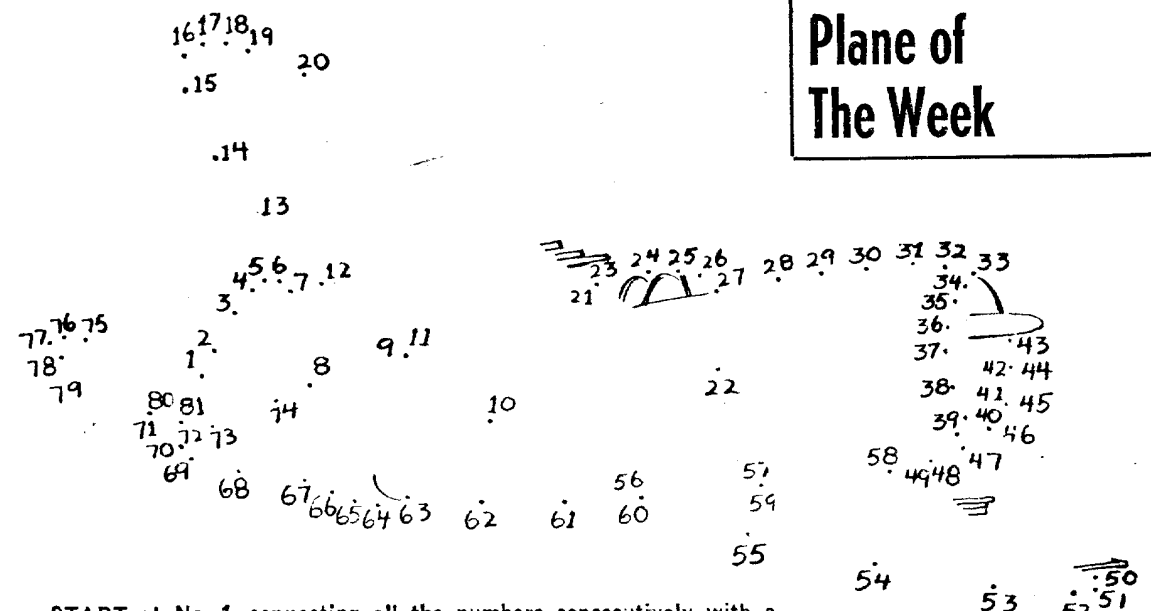
263d Engr.—Luckily huge Pvt. John F. Danielsen, Co. A, has a sense of humor in proportion to his size (he weighs about 290 and stands 5 feet 10). One of his undershirts returned from the GI laundry with a note which said: "You big, big elephant, don't you ever send this shirt here again! Do it up yourself! You should be at home; you aren't doing anything but wasting Uncle Sam's food." . . . T/4 Keith S. Brimhall and Pfc. Pasquale Fiorello, both of Co. C, swung into action on a water moccasin as though they had been developing a skilled routine for years, but it was unpremeditated and unrehearsed. The three-foot snake was swimming near the Bailey Bridge on Highway 48 when Fiorello jumped down, plunged his hand into the water, snatched the moccasin behind the head and tossed it on to the bank. Instantly Brimhall jumped on it, grabbed it by the tail and, with a snap, broke its neck. . . . Cpl. Thomas H. Duffy, Jr., Co. A, left this week for Transportation Corps OCS. . . . When 1st/Sgt. John A. Lucey, Co. A, became the father of a seven-pound daughter, Helen Louise, men of the Castle Club, the Engineer NCO social center, prepared a shower of heribonned baby articles. They arranged the display around a cradle which contained a "baby" made out of waste and burlap by the motor pool boys.

253d Inf.—Members of Co. C, welcomed back Sgt. Kenneth Carter, who returned to duty after three months at LaGarde General Hospital, New Orleans. . . . Mrs. Hazel Mazzarella, wife of the Co. C supply sergeant, rejoined the circle of company wives last week after spending several weeks at home in New York. . . . On a two-day bivouac with the 2d Bn. last week, 35 enlisted men were caught in a storm during a field problem and took refuge in what appeared to be a sturdy hut. Their shelter was only temporary, however, for a heavy gust of wind blew in the building over the head of the hapless paddfeet. . . . On the same bivouac, Pfc. Edgar Montoux, Co. G, had trouble donning his shoes before mess. He later was seen standing in line with right shoe on left foot and left shoe on right. . . . Cpl. Larry Witte, former Co. D clerk, has been transferred to Serv. Co. and now occupies the job of sergeant major in the office of the regimental personnel adjutant.

861st F. A.—Btry. C's newly-picked forward observer group consists of Lt. John P. McIntyre, Cpl. John Grim, Cpl. Bob Fuchs and T/5 Nathan Centers. . . . Donna Reed, movie starlet, has been picked as the favorite pin-up girl of the cannoners section of Btry. C. . . . The engagement of Miss Gloria Dreaper of Mobile, Ala., to Lt. William P. Duncan, executive officer of Btry. C, was announced this week. They will be married in the fall in Baltimore. . . . Sgt. Roy Bolinger, 3d Sec. chief in Btry. C, and Miss Jean Anderson were married in Derry, Pa., where they met while attending high school. . . . New Pfc. in Hq. Btry. are Walter R. Baskas, Robert J. Bricker, Alvin G. Ferrell and Edwin H. Brown.

254th Inf.—When 93 survivors of 166 who started Co. K's speed march led the entire 3d Bn. back to camp, Capt. Sidney S. Young marched them right into the mess hall, where they devoured 40 ice-cold watermelons. . . . Co. D now has a daily newspaper of its own activities, "Daily Doings of D." It is posted on the bulletin board each evening by Cpl. Samuel Clark. . . . 1st/Sgt. Chauncey LeRoy, who was in the Southwest Pacific, has succeeded 1st/Sgt. J. B. Swink, who left for overseas duty. . . . Two new staff sergeants are Peter T. Noon, Co. M, and Adeler H. Blythe, Co. I.

718th F. A.—The ferry trip between Baton Rouge and Port Allen has become a popular nocturnal excursion with officers and men of the battalion. It is the coolest nearby spot, and a touch of atmosphere is (Continued on Page 8)



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.

Plane of The Week

Soldiers Resent Undue Optimism

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to be somewhere in the dim and distant future and the chances of going home equally far away, the average soldier slips into a fatalistic frame of mind."

The correspondent illustrated this point by telling what happened to a sergeant who had gained considerable fame for almost foolhardy courage. He volunteered for countless patrols. Once he took on two German Tiger tanks with Molotov cocktails. Several times he cleaned out German machine gun nests either single-handed or as a squad leader.

Then someone told him he had been recommended for rotation leave. Almost instantly he became a changed man. His mind, which long had accepted the likelihood of death or injury, suddenly rejected it in favor of going home to his wife, alive and whole. He stayed glued to his foxhole until his rotation orders came through.

Shaken by Good News

"That happens again and again," Dixon says. "Before Anzio, several correspondents with reputations for taking almost any risk to get a good story were told they would get home leave as soon as the operation was over. And these guys who had taken all kinds of shelling, bombing, strafing, mortar and small arms fire in their stride suddenly were shaken by the worst fears they had ever known."

"Figuring that as a pretty average reaction, you can imagine what it does to a fighting man who is seeing men die around him every day when he hears that all the big shots are saying the war will be over any week now—or gets a letter stating that it looks like you'll be home in time for the football season this fall, Johnny."

German propaganda leaflets and radio speeches are asking Allied soldiers why they still are fighting when they are likely to be killed and when the war is practically over, anyway.

"Luckily, the doughboys still can laugh at anything the German propagandists say," Dixon says, "but it's a strange, ironic twist of war that soldiers' spirits are shaken and embittered somewhat by the well-meant but unwitting words of the folks back home. They have to be strengthened by their utter disbelief in the same words when they're spoken by the enemy."

CRAZY CROSSWORD

(THIS ONE REQUIRES IMAGINATION)
By T/4 James F. Dickinson, G-2 Sec.
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1. Lazy reader's friend.
 7. Shoots off about oneself.
 13. Stupid and stupid.
 14. And it comes out here.
 15. Cause of Porky Pig's avoidu-pts.
 16. Spaik between lovers.
 18. Late lamented Blue Eagle Department (pl).
 19. A teehee.
 20. Figures in the black.
 22. Conjunctions you might use if you row with if you couldn't spell.
 23. Short shot of tea.
 24. The art of paring.
 25. Headless peon.
 27. Hitler's hand-picked gangsters (abbr).
 38. "For the love of Allah."
 39. Every poor fish knows this is on the other end of the line.
 31. Ritzy water bar.
 32. The wise guy always puts it on the ground.
 34. What the horse did as he went.
 32. What every man does on his wedding day.
 40. An abbreviated Royal Mater.
 42. Marlene's front-piece.
 43. The Democrats at the moment.
 44. Indicative of a big stink.
 45. Sick with a French accent.
 47. And they came to Bromfield.
 49. July in the Army.
 50. Al is this, Al is that.
 52. Who does Hitler think he is!
 53. Pirate's toad-stabber.
 54. Just a poor dumb sheep to you.
 56. You can eat it.
 58. Spice things up a little.
 59. Got ticked, here's dressy.
- Vertical**
1. Open up wide.
 2. It has to be born in you.
 3. This is some outbit.
 4. Like everything else, this has a beginning.
 5. This is the real Latin itself.
 6. These happen when lovers get together.
 7. It's only skin deep. (And it ain't love chuns.)
 8. Step right in here for your transfer, please.
 9. Greek poetry.
 10. Hot fiddle wielder.
 11. All right, czars to you.
 12. More confidential form of "Hey, you."
 17. Are you familiar in France.
 20. Prime requisite for an elbow-sealer.
 21. What the well-dressed foot is wearing this season.
 24. What to view things with.
 26. Wants when I was young and her twin.
 28. Home to a city slicker (abbr.).
 30. This started out to be lasting, he said.
 33. Bottled goods in Elizabeth Ar-
 35. Sailor's spatula.
 36. Rip snorting fire breather.
 37. How you leave a speed march.
 38. Every printer should measure up to these things.
 39. Racey one-sealer.
 41. A knock'em-down and drag-'em out.
 34. Oyster fruit to Italians.
 48. This old Greek gal was as light as a heifer.
 49. What are on the other ends of the job sheets.
 51. What the Span-ness gal said to her twin.
 53. Preference of the girl who said no a thousand times.
 55. Lady's affirmative.
 57. Is there an abbreviation in the house?

Plastics now are used in the manufacture of the magnetic compass used in tanks and armored vehicles.

The British Empire covers 13,707,084 square miles, or one-fourth of the world's surface.

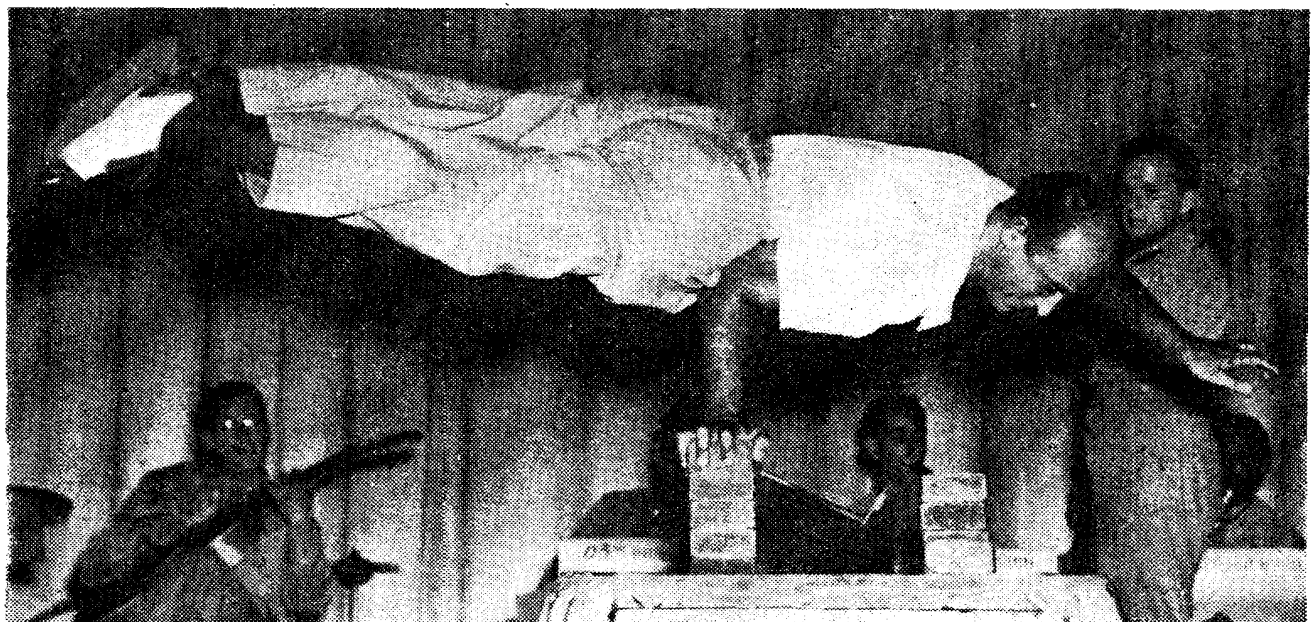
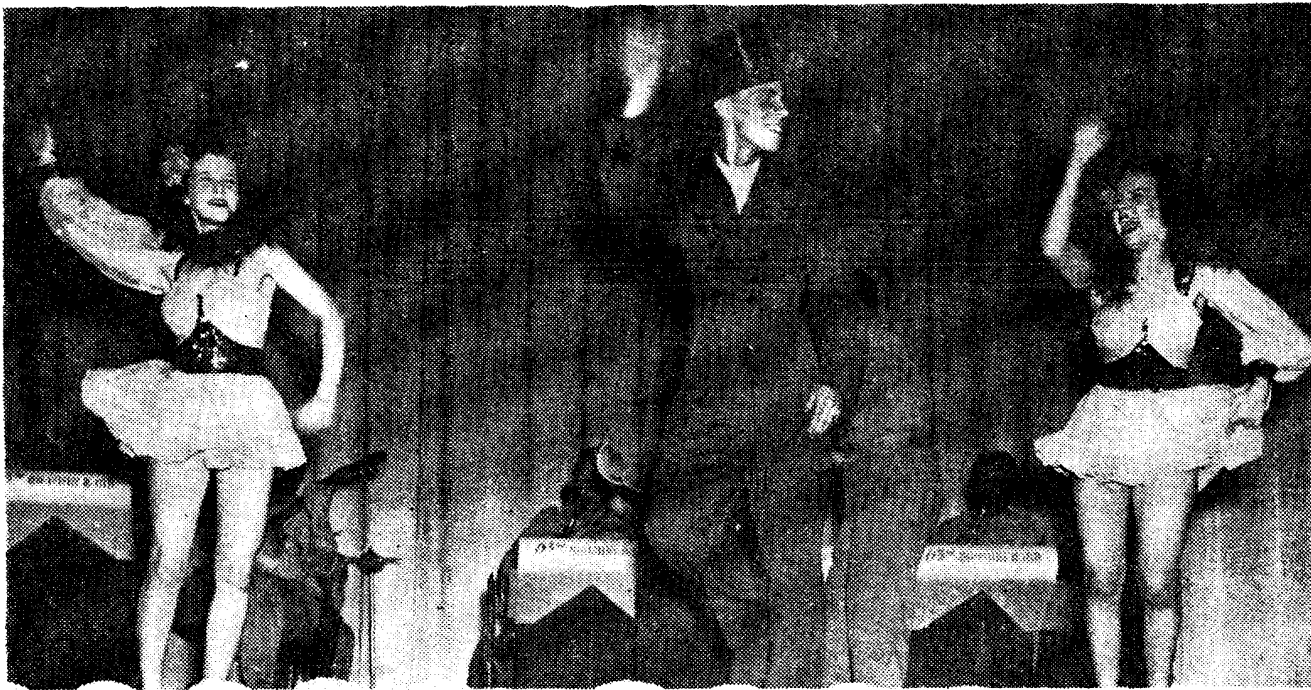
BERNIE BLOOD

Locker Shocker

By GILL FOX



Speedy Variety Show Wows 63d GIs



The three nimble-footed Wagners, Dot, Johnny and Honey, (top photo) presented fast moving dance routines at the Variety Show sponsored by Camp Special Services at Theater No. 1, this week. Middle photo shows Nino Ghezzi in a hand stand. Ghezzi, late of the Army Air Forces, performed some remarkable feats on his hands to the delight of the huge audience. Doing the Can Can, 1944 style, O'Nelcia DeNoux of New Orleans, stole the show. The costume depicted above is considerably more covering than the one she wore a short while later when she did a hula. The GIs wouldn't let her go.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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supplied by the display of lights from the Standard Oil plant on the river bank . . . Of more than 100 men who fired on the carbine range, only one boled. T/4 Edward Rhine took top honors in Hq. Btry. with a score of 175.

255th Inf.—Promotions last week included the following: to be staff sergeant: Oval O. Smith, Emmit Crittenden, Orin K. Tresness, James H. Albright, James E. Warren, James H. Kirkendall, Roy L. Offield, Leo S. Jendrzewski, Michael G. Connolly, Edward C. Camper, Jr., Court R. Henkel, Patrick H. Majors and Earl W. Kipp; to be sergeant: James J. Malone . . . S/Sgt. George Dougherty, Co. E, and Mrs. Dougherty have a new baby boy . . . When Mrs. Anthony Crasmer visited her husband, T/4 Anthony Crasmer, Co. E, to celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary she had an opportunity to judge his prowess in the kitchen, where he is acting mess sergeant . . . sounds like a gag, but Cpl. Frank Kingsbury, Cannon Co., swears it is not. He is trying to sell a round pool table, the sides of which are trimmed with leopard skins. Kingsbury says it is the only one of its kind in the world and was custom-made for one of his close relatives who was active in the African trade . . . New topkick in Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is 1st/Sgt. Theodore Clayton . . . Pvt. Francis (Sunny) Ludwig, Hq. & Hq. Co., and S/Sgt. William Kearns, AT Co., are fathers of new daughters. Patricia Ludwig weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and Kathryn Elsie Kearns at five ounces more . . . The feature film tomorrow night in the CT Blue Rec Hall weekly series is "Road to Singapore," with Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Monday night "The Prisoner of Zenda." . . . The versatile dance orchestra of the 255th took on three engagements this week. Thursday night it played for a party at the rec hall given by Co. E. Tonight the band will split, with one unit playing a dance at the Centreville USO and the other playing for civilians in camp . . . Cpl. Frank Laughlin, Cannon Co., received a letter from France in which Pfc. Richard L. Knudtson, now in France, says it isn't such a large world after all. Knudtson left Camp Van Dorn several weeks ago. Three of the first persons he saw abroad were Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, former commander of the 255th; Lt. Madison Leslie, former CO of Cannon Co., and Lt. Raymond P. Behm, another ex-Cannoner. "Small world" anecdotes come thick and fast this week in Cannon Co. Sgt. Peter A. Peyser was in a New York department store on furlough when a friendly hand slapped his shoulder. "How's the Blood and Fire?" the civilian cried, pointed to Peyser's shoulder patch. While shoppers gaped, the greeter explained he formerly was in Co. E, 255th Inf., and was discharged last March . . . Pvt. George J. Karanik, AT Co., is the father of a second lieutenant in an infantry outfit at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. The son, Lt. Michael, entered the Army Feb. 4, 1941. The father, Pvt. George, was inducted Aug. 24, 1942. During World War I Pvt. Karanik served with the 16th F. A. in the 4th Div. and participated in four major offensives. He spent eight months in France and, after the Armistice, eight months in Germany with the Army of Occupation . . . Men of Co. G don't have to wonder whether they'll have beans or steak—or fish on Fridays. S/Sgt. Daniel Diefenbach, the mess sergeant, types out a menu each day and puts it on the company bulletin board . . . Pfc. Frank Siriannt, Serv. Co., was married in Bayonne, N. J., last Sunday while on furlough.

Clever Acrobatics, Dancer Top Show At Theatre 1

The rain played some mean tricks on GIs eager to see two outdoor shows which came to camp during the past week, but the boys forgot the rain and the dampness Thursday night when they crowded into Theater No. 1 to witness a variety show presented by Camp Special Services. The show was repeated last night.

From the time the curtain parted to reveal the 63d Div. White band under the direction of W. O. David Polakoff, until the final act, the GIs were royally entertained.

At Ease On Hands
Acts consisted of dancing, singing and some acrobatics. Ex-Pvt. Nino Ghezzi of New York, who was discharged from the Army Air Forces because of bad feet, demonstrated that one can use one's hands in place of feet most effectively. Ghezzi was an outstanding hit of the show when he performed some clever handbalancing stunts, even to doing a jitterbug dance with as much ease as a veteran hepeat does it on his feet.

Attractive O'Nelcia DeNoux of New Orleans, a girl with a lot of personality presented two dances, one a French Can Can in a billowy dress of the 90's, and another, a Hula in abbreviated attire. O'Nelcia so captivated the fancy of the GIs that she had a hard time bowing off the stage. She was distinctly the hit of the show.

Fast Dance Routines
The three Wagners, Dot, Johnny (who is in the Army now) and Honey, presented some fast dance routines while Johnny Babin, late corporal in the 34th Div., and his wife Markita Rozika presented a novelty song and dance act entitled "Harlem Twist." Van Taylor, the rotund master of ceremonies entertained with such songs as "Begin the Beguine," "Chloe" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Clare Karl, a blues singer was recalled many times as she sang

"There'll Be Some Changes Made," "Basin Street Blues," "Shoo Shoo Baby," and "As Long as You're Not in Love."

About one-fourth of all land in the Netherlands is below sea level.

Hawaii May Shake Hula For Indian War Dance

PLUMMER, Ida.—Pvt. Herman Zachary, an Indian who has been stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for some time, is weary of the hula. He wrote home to his folks, asking for his tribal costume of feathered headgear, breechcloth, tomahawk and moccasins.

"I'm going to show 'em a new dance," he explained.



FORMAL PRESENTATION of the certificate symbolic of victory in the Division's Orientation competition for the month of July was presented to Cpl. Victor Felice, orientation assistant to Capt. Joseph Creal of Anti-Tank Co., 254th Inf., by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander and Director of Orientation in the 63d.