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GENERAL HIBBS LEAVES 63D DIVISION

High Pointers Begin Classes Monday

Approximately 1,500 of the 63d Division's 4,500 Category IV personnel will begin attending classes in a wide variety of courses on Monday, 30 July 1945. The classes, a part of the Army's Information and Education program, are under the supervision of the Division's I & E Office.

A quota of 16 men from the Division will attend civilian colleges in subjects and on dates as shown below:

Four men, Dijon University, "French Language and Civilization", 6 August to 29 September 1945.

Six men, University of Grenoble, "French Language and Civilization", 6 August to 29 September 1945.

Five men, University of Nancy, "French Language and Civilization", 30 July to 22 September 1945.

One man, Sorbonne University, "French Civilization", 12-25 August 1945.

"Additional quotas for colleges in France and England are expected for the Division in the immediate future," a spokesman for the Division I & E Office stated.

"A decided increase in interest in correspondence and self-study courses has also been noted in the Division," the spokesman continued. The courses, which are prepared at the University of Wisconsin, include a wide variety of college-level subjects.

Military personnel attending courses in civilian colleges will be required to complete the course regardless of the number of points they have and quotas received for shipment home. Attendance at either of the two Army University Centers in Shrivenham, England, and Biarritz, France, does not, however, delay a soldier's separation from the service.

Chaplains' Corps Celebrates Anniversary.

On the occasion of the 170th anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps which will be observed Sunday, 29 July 1945, Lieutenant Colonel William E. Patrick, 63d Division Chaplain, who received the Distinguished Service Cross while serving as a Chaplain, First Lieutenant, with the 23d Infantry, Second Division in World War I, recalled a few interesting facts concerning the Chaplain Corps.

The Corps now numbers approximately 8,000 Chaplains with two-thirds of its members serving in overseas stations. During the present conflict, 52 chaplains have been killed in action or died of wounds, 180 have been wounded in action and 34 are listed as detained by the enemy. A total of 754 decorations have been awarded 602 chaplains.

While the Corps as such was not officially established until 1920, the Continental Congress first granted formal recognition of a legal status for chaplains in the armed services on 29 July 1775.

Of the 49 chaplains who have been connected with the 63d Division during its history, the Division Chaplain, the Assistant Division Chaplain, Major William J. Guinan and many others have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Chaplain Guinan is the only chaplain now with the Division who was a member of the original group when the Division was activated. Chaplain (Captain) Raphael H. Miller, Jr., now with the Rheims Assembly Area, was wounded while serving with the 255th Infantry Regiment and in addition to the Purple Heart, wears the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster and the Bronze Star. Chaplain (First Lieutenant) Edwin U. Monroe, 254th Infantry Regiment, was killed in action near Rebeaume, France on 23 January 1945.

To The Officers and men of the 63d Infantry Division

To have had the privilege of commanding this Division, and the privilege of combat fellowship with its officers and men, I consider the greatest honor which could ever have fallen my lot. I leave the Division with sorrow, but I carry away with me a pride in your fine achievements which will always be a warm, glad memory of a duty done and finished with honor. Perhaps, with good fortune, I may meet some of you in the Pacific. Good luck and Godspeed to you all!

LOUIS E. HIBBS,
Maj. Gen., U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Invasion memorial to be Dedicated August 15

Remember the boom and the huge flash as the battle ships threw their deadly might toward the shores and the constant rumble of the exploding bombs as hundreds of aircraft bombed the invasion coast of Southern France? A year has passed and a lot of those men who waded ashore that day are now in the 63rd Division. They have not forgotten the endless waiting for those who watched the varied assortment of landing craft come in to their shores forgotten.

The ceremonies marking the inauguration of a huge monument at Green Beach, west of San Raphael, on the Riviera Beach, will be held August 15 to commemorate the D-Day landings in Southern France. Men from all units who participated in the original landings will be present with as many of the original men as possible.

The elaborate program is scheduled to start at 0815 with the arrival of French and American troops at Drammont. Following band music, honors will be paid assembled dignitaries and a brief account of the landing operation on August 15th will be given in English and French.

Formal inauguration of the monument, which will include the setting of the foundation stone, will be held at 0915. During this ceremony units of the French

fleet at anchor off the coast, will fire a salute, and French aircraft will fly over the site. Speeches by French and American officials will follow.

An atmosphere of pageantry will prevail when natives of the vicinity attend a solemn high Catholic Mass in the area. Ancient costumes will be worn and these, together with the brilliant vestments of the clergy, are expected to present a brilliant medieval picture. Protestant services will also be held at the same time. At 1015 French and American troops will pass in review and the exercises will conclude with a dinner for officials served beneath the trees.

Ceremonies will be held by the 45th Division in St Maxim and the 3rd Division in St Tropez in the afternoon. The men of the 36th Division will dedicate a temporary memorial directly in front of the proposed monument and will note the landings made on Green Beach by the Texas Division. The smaller bronze plaque will be permanently affixed alongside the plaques of the 3rd and 45th Division and VI Corps.

The front side of the 20-million franc memorial will represent the open doors of an LCI.

"Up In Central Park" Has Excellent Cast

Beginning Friday, August 3, at 1930 in the theater at Bad Mergentheim, "Up In Central Park", a current Broadway musical hit, will be presented for eight nights to the men of the 63d Division.

The performance on Sunday, August 5, will be for units of the 253d, 254th and 255th Infantry Regiments and 63d Division Artillery while beginning Monday, August 6, attendance will be restricted to personnel of units as outlined below:

Monday, August 6 — 253d Infantry.
Tuesday, August 7 — 254th Infantry.
Wednesday, August 8 — 255th Infantry.
Thursday, August 9 — 63d Division Artillery.
Friday, August 10 — Sp Trs., 363d Med. Bn., 263d Engr. Bn.

In addition to an excellent score by the renowned Sigmund Romberg, the show boasts a fine cast which compares favorably to any troupe ever to tour the ETO.

Paul Haakon, reputedly one of the best dancers in the United States, plays the part of Joe Stewart. Haakon has appeared in "At Home Abroad", "Three Cheers", "American Jubilee" and more recently "Mexican Hayride".

In the role of John Mathews is George Young who was leading singer at Radio City Music Hall for two years and last appeared in New York as Emperor Franz Joseph in the Fritz Kreisler operetta, "Rhapsody".

Bernice lead in the production is

played by Marjorie Cooke who has appeared in many Broadway musicals and is best remembered for her appearances in musical revivals at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey. Her beautiful soprano voice is a fitting medium for the unusual songs Romberg has written for the show.

Jack Benny Show

Jack Benny, the man who knows no enemy other than Fred Allen, the man with no hair and many jokes, will entertain members of the 63d Division in Anderson Bowl at Weikersheim tonight (Saturday) at 1900. Sharing in the fun-making, and fulfilling a beautiful dream, will be one of Movieland's queens, Ingrid Bergman. Filling the bill on the vocal side of the dream will be lovely Martha Tilton of radio fame and formerly vocalist with Benny Goodman's orchestra. Larry Adler, world famous harmonica king, who makes a harmonica do everything except raise your critical score to 85, rounds out the cast of performers.

The vast seating capacity of the amphitheater will easily accommodate the expected large audience. Transportation will be provided by G-4 and S-4s.

So, soldiers, don your laugh jackets and hold tight for Benny rides tonight.

Colonel Wheeler assumes command



Major General Louis E. Hibbs, who commanded the 63d Infantry Division from March 1943, left Sunday, 22 July, by plane for the United States and Colonel Earle G. Wheeler, the Division's Chief of Staff since March 1943, has assumed command in the absence of the Assistant Division Commander, Brigadier General Frederick M. Harris and Brigadier General Edward J. McGaw, commanding the 63d Division Artillery.

Colonel Wheeler, who is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, was born in Washington, D.C. Following his graduation, he served four years with the 29th Infantry at Ft. Benning, Ga., and in 1936 he attended a regular school course at Fort Benning. In June 1937, he arrived in Tientsin, China, where he served with the 15th Infantry.

Subsequently he served with the 3d Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington, as an instructor at West Point and as an aide to Major General Fred L. Walker of the 36th Division. Later he attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 of the 99th Division, leaving that organization to become Chief of Staff of the 63d Division in March 1943.

63d Starts Inactivation Training Program

Effective 30 July 1945, the 63d Infantry Division will follow an inactivation training program consisting of a five-day week with a minimum of 35 hours of training.

Emphasis will be placed on the athletic and recreational phases of training as well as on maximum voluntary participation in the Information and Education program.

According to Training Memorandum No. 14, Headquarters 63d Infantry Division, dated 19 July 1945, the weekly training program will include such subjects as Orientation (required), Dismounted Drill and Ceremonies, Military Courtesy, Hygiene and Prevention of Disease, Conditioning Marches, Domestic disturbances, Safeguarding Military Information, Interior Guard and Local Security, Care and Maintenance of Clothing and Equipment, Organized Athletics (required) and Inspections.

The objective of the new training program is to prepare each individual for return to civil life and to develop and maintain a high standard of physical conditioning, discipline and morale.

It is anticipated that those men in the Division who will see future combat in the Pacific Theater will undergo intensive training after arrival in the U.S.A. and prior to their departure for participation in the fight against Japan.

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Left Germany As Non-Aryan Returns As U.S. Soldier

Private First Class Felix Wolf, Company D, 255th Infantry, was born in Austria and, until Hitler's Anschluss, lived in comparative comfort with his parents in Vienna. After Hitler annexed Austria he, like other Jews, was banished from schools, places of entertainment, and all social functions. His father was whisked off to the notorious Dachau Concentration Camp.

Felix suffered many beatings from the Hitler Youth and was often forced to remove his clothing in the street as a distorted form of amusement for German onlookers.

Through relatives and friends in the United States, his parents were able to obtain a visa and under the quota allotted Germany, were permitted to enter the United States. Felix's father was released from Dachau and the family journeyed from Vienna to Lisbon in boxcars which were often so crowded that there was hardly room in which to breathe. At Lisbon, they boarded a ship for the U.S.A. The family settled in Minneapolis, Minn., and immediately started proceedings to become American citizens.

Wolf was inducted into the U.S. Army on Feb. 23, 1944. He took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and was later transferred to the 255th Infantry Regiment which at that time was making ready for overseas shipment to the ETO.

His knowledge of the German language and people made him invaluable as messenger and interpreter to his company commander.

Wolf also has a brother in the Army serving with the 787th Tank Battalion. His parents reside at 737 27th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

When asked what he thought of America in comparison with Germany, Wolf exclaimed, "There is no comparison. America is God's country. Thank God I'm fit to fight for her."

Col. Jones, 63d G-3 Back From Hospital

Lieutenant Colonel Hayden C. Jones is back on the job as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, after an illness of three weeks during which time he was in the 178th General Hospital.

Colonel Jones, who hails from Georgia, came to the 63d from the 84th Infantry Division where he was assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3. Entering the service in September 1940, he has also served with the 8th and 30th Division. In addition to attending two courses at the Command and General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, he attended a Communications Course at Fort Benning, Ga. He is married and has one daughter.

Emphasis will be placed on the Information and Education program and athletics in the Division as part of the inactivation program which becomes effective Monday, 30 July, according to Colonel Jones.

Major Joseph Hughes served as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, during Colonel Jones' illness.

All American Varieties To Tour Division

An new USO show, "All American Varieties," will tour the 63d Division beginning Sunday, July 29, at Bad Mergentheim and ending Sunday, August 5. A schedule of performances is listed below:

Sunday and Monday, 29-30 July — Bad Mergentheim.

Tuesday and Wednesday, 31 July and 1 August — 253d Infantry.

Thursday, 2 August — 254th Infantry.

Friday, 3 August — 255th Infantry.

Saturday and Sunday, 4-5 August — Division Artillery.

The Chaplain's Corner

"To preserve untarnished our loyalty to our Country."

So runs a phrase in the opening prayer at an American Legion meeting which the writer as National Chaplain twenty years ago has often used.

Loyalty is a fine quality. The re-deployment has brought many changes in this and other Divisions of category IV. The officers and men from the 36th, the 84th, the 100th and other units now part of this division are proud of the fine combat record of their respective units and justly so. In like manner, the veterans of the 63d know that this division made a signal contribution to the success of the Seventh Army in fulfilling its mission.

Pride in one's organization is of the essence of army morale. Now in this dreary season of "watchful waiting" comes a great test of men's calibre. No one division, corps or Army won this war. There is glory enough and to spare. Some men grow; others swell. Have you ever seen a man strut sitting down? Regardless of which division we served, let's none of us be charged with that insidious disease known as "fatty enlargement of the ego". "My father can lick your father" we used to boast as children. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I thought as a child. . . but now that I have become a man, I have put away childish things". Let's act like grown up men should.

It is human and natural to coast on our past deeds. But always remember the civilians here in a country, whose language and customs are foreign, are watching us at very close range. Loyalty to our country is a continuous performance and

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS) — A prospective bridegroom sent this plea to his ration board: "I'm getting married. So I need a new pair of work shoes." The board marked his request "urgent".

I guess there won't be any more rumors about when the 63d is going home. Stars and Stripes says we are leaving for the good old USA next November. Cheer up,

not something put on parade occasionally. It behooves us to keep this fact in mind and to keep our loyalty untarnished by any loose discipline, sloppy, unsoldierly appearance or unsoldierly conduct which would bring discredit on this division and hence upon the whole army.

Schedule of Religious Services

Services at Division Headquarters, Bad Mergentheim.

Protestant Services: Sunday.

0830 — Holy Communion (Episcopal) at Castle Church.

0900 — General Protestant Service at Castle Church.

1500 — Christian Science Service at Hirsch Hotel.

1900 — Lutheran Communion at Castle Church.

Catholic Mass, Sunday

0930 — Holy Mass at Church near DAC.

Note: Confessions at DAC Church, Saturdays, 1800 to 2000. Daily Mass at 1700 (Monday to Friday).

Jewish Services.

1930 Friday — Synagogue, 15 Holzapfelgasse.

1000 Saturday — Synagogue.

Organ Recital: 1530 Sunday, 29 July at Evangelical Church, Weikersheim.

SPOT WISDOM: "A good name is more to be desired than great riches."

Carson City, Nev (CNS) — A local resident wears this sign on his back, while walking the streets of Carson City: "Kick me. I love it." He collects 25 cents a boot. Makes a nice living, too.

New York (CNS) — The Maritime Commission placed some surplus bells on sale. Some, marked USN, the commission announced, are "particularly desirable for . . ."

Inquiring Photographer

By Pfc Levie A. Jackson

THE QUESTION: Is the mustering-out pay now given discharged veterans enough, or should there be a bonus, and if so, how much?



T/3 ALEXANDER KATZ, 5630 Signal Co. I think \$300 is plenty. Personally, when I come out of the Army I don't want to get paid for my time. The \$300.00 will come in handy to buy a suit and other things to get started, but I wouldn't want any more. I think it would be money out of my own pocket. Somebody has to pay for it and it will be the taxpayer. The way it looks to me, I am going to be the taxpayer, so why take money out of my own pocket.



T/5 SAUL S. STERN, Div. Hq. Sure there should be a bonus. We're entitled to it. I'll put the figure somewhere close to \$1,000.00, for each man when he is discharged from the service. And as for the method of payment, why, I'll say, just leave it to the man. If he wants it all in one lump sum, O K. If he wants it spread out ok. And on the other hand the man who put all of his time in service in the states, or other than a combat zone, I'll say, give him about \$850.00.

Pfc LESLIE L. KENNEDY, Co. "A", 254th Inf. I don't think the \$300.00 is enough. Maybe for the guys who stayed in the States all during the war, but the guys who had to spend a couple of years overseas, or five minutes in a foxhole, should get at least \$5,000.00. Some guys wouldn't want to work if they had that much money coming in, I know, but that would be just their hard luck in the long run.



WOJG DONALD C. McCLELLAN, Div. Hq. My opinion is that \$300.00 is definitely enough for any soldier. Every man who has spent time overseas should have some money, and have a bank account. I don't think there should be any bonus later either. It would be too much of a burden on the tax payers, which will include us. However, the government's allowance for disability is far from enough. Of course, I also understand that with married couples who are together during the training period it is harder to save any money.



Pfc JAMES MACAIONI, Co. "B", 254 Inf. If I had anything to say about it, I would make it skyhigh. But of course the government couldn't stand it. There's no use talking about it anyhow, because the government will never get around to it. Actually, though, it should be at least \$500.00. That's outside of the \$300.00 we will get anyhow. How should it be paid? All at one time, brother, all at one time.

Firing Lines

It seems that everything happens to Pfc. Frank Kaulsky of "F", 255. While swimming in the Kocher River, he noticed a rather large fish moving slowly towards him. Visualizing himself having a fat fist with all the fixings for his evening meal, he made a stab at it with his right hand. The fish, smarter than most denizens of the deep, darted in under Kaulsky's hand, bit him on the lip, and darted away like any fish would under the circumstances.

Immediately after the news that the non-fraternization policy had been modified, there was a sudden increase of interest in the German class being conducted at B Battery, 718 FA. Some 30 hopefuls crowd into the German class, while lack of interest has made it necessary to discontinue the class in French. I wonder why?

Among the interested spectators at the Horton Smith Athletic show last week was the undefeated Ping Pong champion of the 63d Division, Pfc. Howard Jacobson, Hq. 1st Bn. 255. Said Jacobson, "I have seen many champion ping pong players, but few are in a class with Sol Schiff. He ranks right up there with me."

The softball team of Hq. 2d Bn, 255, is becoming known these days as the most consistent team in the battalion league. Mostly because they always end their games the same way — with the least number of runs. At any rate, there is a lot of enthusiasm and the boys are always looking forward to the day when the wreath of victory will rest upon their brow.

Gil Fox, former cartoonist of the "Blood and Fire" and originator of "Bernie Blood", is now working on the Germany edition of Stars and Stripes. He ran into a snag recently when a certain editor thought the girls in his drawings were too naughty. "What the heck!" said Fox, "I just give 'em what the guys want".

The "Over 85 Pointers" are really sweating it out on these road marches, but we keep telling them that there is no gas in the states either.

We are all wondering when those gals in the U. S. will stop worrying about fraternization. The stock remark overheard in any group of GIs when an especially good looking fraulein passes is, "If she had on American clothes, she'd be almost as good as the gals back home." Only the best of them rate even that!

We've all heard a lot about Texas recently, but all the Texans forget the "Lone Star State" is the land "where there are more cows and less milk, more rivers and less water, and where you can look farther and see less than anywhere else in the world." Don't get ade, you "T-Patchers", I'm just kidding.

PS-The boss just said, "Kidding or not, you can print the following: Texas — where the people are the friendliest — but don't ever cross 'em; where the air fresh and clean; where the kids are the healthiest; where millions of dollars amble around under beat up old ten gallon hats; where undisputedly, the girls are the most beautiful in the world and the men are the fightin'est. That's Texas — and I'm a Yankee — or was."

I see that "H" Company, 255th Inf., is really going to town on the new Education Program. Lt. Michael Esposito, the I & E Officer, has everybody enthused about it and enrollments are mounting daily. Some GI's might be wasting time but not the boys in "How" Company.

The 63rd Div. baseball team dropped a close one to the league leading 7th Armored nine, 4-2, at the victor's field, Tuesday, July 24th.

R H E
63rd Div. 0-1-0-0-0-0-0-1- 2 7 1
7th Armd. 1-1-0-0-0-0-2-X- 4 9 0
Batteries: Haag, Higgins and Petersen
7th: Hastedt, and Burggrat.
Losing pitcher: Haag.

Chaplain's Corps

(Continued from Page One)

During the month of June 1945, chaplains throughout the 63d Division conducted 259 services with an attendance of 21,094 including Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faith. A total of 604 hospital calls were made, 1,449 personal interviews were held, 736 pastoral calls and visits to quarters were made, and 1,261 pieces of religious literature were distributed.

63D LOSES HEART BREAKER 10106TH DIVISION

Sports Slants

Hi there sport fans! This column is open to all comments, criticisms, and contributions by you readers of the sports section.

I don't know how many of you people know this, but the 63rd Division has a darn good baseball team, and it really is a shame that the turnouts for the home games aren't much larger than they are. Speaking of the ball team, this column doffs its hat to manager and catcher "Red" Petersen, who is doing a swell job with the ball club. Keep up the good work, "Red".

After watching the ball team in action, I couldn't help noticing that quite a few runs were lost by poor base running or coaching, for against the 100th, two men were tagged out going into third in one inning alone. Against the 36th, two men of our team were out going into home plate, and another was out for failing to touch second base on his way to third. We lost the game against the 36th, and if it hadn't been for those plays, we might have won it. The team seems to have come into a hitting slump, for we've lost a few games by one run, and the game Alusik lost was a heartbreaker. Here's hoping the boys pull out of it and play heads up ball, for our team is as good as any of the others, if not better.



Skipping over to boxing, we hear that Pfc. Patrick McNamara, who put up such a swell showing against Billy Conn during the latter's visit here, is the new boxing coach of the 254th Inf. Pat, who hails from Hempstead, Long Island, won 53 bouts as an amateur, and was the middleweight champ of the 36th Division. With the scrappy little Irishman as their coach, the 254th leather pushers can't go wrong.



After winning three straight victories in softball via the shutout route, Co. "M" of the 255th Inf. hereby challenges any or all teams in the Regiment to a softball game, any time, any place. Takers can arrange a game by contacting S/Sgt. Roth at Co. "M".

Correction: Last week, we erroneously referred to "Blood and Fire" pitcher Wally Higgins as having formerly played for Kansas City. Wally played for the Milwaukee Brewers. We hope were are forgiven.

254th Prepares For Division Athletics

In conjunction with the Division's extensive athletic and recreation program, the 254th Infantry is making preparation for the construction of athletic fields to provide facilities for such sports as track events, volley ball, swimming, baseball and horseshoe pitching.

Designed to keep the GI in physical condition during the period of redeployment and readjustment, the Division is emphasizing the athletic program which is part of the Information and Education plan.

Schedules are drawn for intra-battalion baseball and volley ball games winning teams to participate in the Division play-offs.



Stafford out at home in fifth inning of game with 36th Division, July 20. Photo Jackson.

Alusik Pitches No Hitter But Loses 1-0

Though pitching a no hitter, Johnny Alusik, 63rd ace, lost a mound duel, as the 106th Infantry Div. beat the 63rd team, 1-0, at Bad Mergentheim, on Monday, July 24th.

The tightness of the ball game can be shown by glancing at the box score which showed a total of three hits for the entire game, all of which were garnered by our boys. The first inning was scoreless, although the "Blood and Fire" players threatened in their half of the inning, when with two away, Zelasko singled through short, Shoemaker dropped a single into right, and catcher "Red" Petersen walked, filling the bases. The threat ended, how as Dooley grounded out.

In the second, the 106th team scored the lone run of the game, when with one out, Copeland reached second as Dooley threw wild to first trying to get him out. He took third on a wild pitch, and scored on Blake's long fly. In the 2nd half of the third, with two away, Zelasko reached first on the shortstop's error of his grounder, and Shoemaker walked, but the rally died as Petersen grounded out to end the inning. The remaining innings were uneventful, and the game ended with the 106th, victors, 1-0.

Only thirty men faced Alusik, which is three more than a perfect game, and those three got on through errors. Johnny allowed no walks, and struck out three. Credit must be given to Frank Beatty, 106th hurler, who shut out our team with three, hits, and pitched a fine game.

R H E
106th Div. : 0-1-0-0-0-0-0-0-1 0 2
63rd Div. : 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 3 3
Batteries: 63rd Alusik and Petersen
106th: Beatty and Copeland.

Division Athletic Officer Promises Big Things For Sports Fans

Plans for the Division Athletic Program have been announced by Major Conte, Div. Athletic Officer. Practically all sports possible will be offered to G.I.s of the 63rd. In charge of this will be a Division Athletic Council consisting of Major Conte as chairman, whose duties will be to control and supervise the program, and co-ordinate it with the other activities of the Division such as training and special services. He will approve selection and scheduling of activities, financial expenditures, and requisitions, and he will obtain the necessary equipment and assist in providing facilities for the program.

The Athletic Council, which will be made up of Unit Officers (one officer from each Regiment, Artillery Battalion, Division Artillery Headquarters, Separate Battalions, and Special Troops) will assist the Major. The Division Athletic Council will set up rules and regulations of participation.

Each unit will have their own Athletic Council. The Division Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Medics, and Special Troops are members of the Division Athletic Program. Each unit, down to, and including battalions, will appoint an Athletic Officer whose sole duty will be athletics.

Sports activities will be determined by the season. For late summer and early fall, softball, volley ball, boxing, and other sports are scheduled.

Competition will be inter-company, inter-battery, inter-battalion, and inter-regiment. Leagues will be set up consisting of a Div. League, which will have one team from each Infantry Regiment, Div.

Artillery, and Special Troops, making five teams in all, a Regimental League consisting of the Orange League (the Special Units), the Red League (1st Bn.), the White League (2nd Bn.), the Blue League (3rd Bn.), and the Div. Arty. League (each Arty Bn. furnishes one team).

Competent officials will be furnished for all games, one from each team, with the home team official being in charge.

Complete plans, rules, and regulations are in the hands of Unit Officers. The program is already under way.

Army Southern League Standings

*BASEBALL			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
7th Armd	9	1	.900
106th Inf. Div.	3	1	.750
36th Inf Div	5	3	.625
63rd Inf Div	5	6	.455
12th Armd	4	5	.444
100th Inf Div	2	3	.400
1st Armd	0	3	.000
84th Inf Div	0	5	.000

*SOFTBALL			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
100th Inf Div	6	0	1.000
84th Inf Div	5	2	.714
7th Armd.	4	3	.571
12th Armd	3	3	.500
63rd Inf Div	2	4	.333
36th Inf Div	0	1	.000
106th Inf Div	0	1	.000
1st Armd	0	6	.000

* Incomplete Standings

63d Takes Game 9-0 From 100th

Led by Coach Livingstone, the 100th Div. nine walked off the field in protest of the plate umpire's ruling on a play, thus automatically forfeiting the game to the 63rd Div. baseball team, 9-0, at Creglingen, Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, before a large turnout.

At the time of the argument, the "Blood and Fire" team was leading 5-2, and it was the fifth run that caused the dispute. With two men out in the last half of the sixth, Sal Stampiglio doubled to left. Pitcher Wally Higgins then drove a hard grounder over first base into right field for a single scoring Stampiglio. The base umpire called Higgins' drive foul, while the plate umpire, who was in a better position to see the play, and who is supposed to rule on such plays, called it safe. The "Centurymen" griped about the decision, and the coach ordered them off the field "till the umpire changed his mind". The umpire gave them a time limit to resume playing. On their refusal to do so, he awarded the game on a forfeit to the 63rd, by the automatic score of 9-0.

Our boys jumped off to an early start, when with one out in the last of the second inning, Dooley hit one back to the box, and reached first as the pitcher fumbled the ball. Powles slammed one through short for a single, and when Stampiglio doubled to left, Dooley scored, but Powles was nabbed at third base. Higgins hit one to third which looked like a hit, but the third baseman tagged Stampiglio coming into third to retire the side. The 100th bounced right back to tie the score at one all in the first half of the third inning, when with one out, Oliver reached second on a wild throw by Higgins. Wray flied out, but the run scored a moment later when Longacre

Male Call



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"Something For The Boys" Has Veteran Cast

Last week a USO show, "Something for the Boys", toured the units of the 63d Division providing some hilarious entertainment for those who saw it. The unit had guys and gals from all parts of the States and has toured in most of the countries in the ETO.

Frances McCoy, petite mistress of ceremonies, made a big hit with everybody. She hails from Bronx, N.Y. and has been in the ETO since September 1943. Frances says that she is definitely going to be home in September. "I'm getting 'khaki wacky!'" she added.



Frances McCoy

Other members of the troupe included Ray Knetser from Amsterdam, N.Y., Jerry Lawton from New England, dance team Lorretta and Lorraine Stanley, Minneapolis, Minn. The latter were with George White's Scandals and Earl Carroll's Vanities and are the originators of the Shadow Dance.

John Kelvin and Vicky Lynne (they're married) almost stole the show with their sweet style of singing. Roger Warren, pianist, comes from New York City, and Bill Acker, drummer, from Union City, N.J. complete the aggregation.

Central Park

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Dean Myles, who replaced June Havoc in the leading role of "Mexican Hayride", is now playing her first original musical comedy role as a comedienne.

Charles Caudle and John Boyd, who have appeared in everything from burlesque to Broadway, have the show's comedy roles.

As Lotta Stevens, Ann Connolly is carrying on her family's tradition in the theater. Daughter of the late Walter Connolly, noted Hollywood and Broadway star, Ann recently returned from a tour in the South Pacific Theater.

In addition, the show boasts eight dancing girls who form the line.

The play deals with the effort made by John Mathews, a New York Times reporter, to expose the corruption of the notorious Tweed Ring, a group of political grafters who cost the taxpayers of New York millions of dollars in the 1870s.

Mathews falls in love with the daughter of one of the minor members of the ring and tries to win her from one of the ring's top members.

100th Game

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doubled to deep center. Shea popped out to end the threat. The "Blood and Fire" men soon took back the lead. With one away in the last of the third, Lanzetti reached first on an error by the third baseman. "Boots" Zelasko then drove a terrific smash over the left fielder's head good for a homer, scoring Lanzetti ahead of him, and putting the 63rd ahead, 3-1. No further scoring was made by either team till the first of the fifth, when with two away, Oliver, the "Century" second, baseman, walked, Wray was hit by a pitched ball, and Longacre once again doubled to center, scoring Oliver, but Shea struck out ending the inning. The scrappy 63rd team got the run back as Lanzetti singled to right, stole second, and scored on Shoemaker's timely double through shortstop. Higgins held his opponents scoreless in their half of the sixth and then, in the latter half of the inning, the game-ending argument ensued.

Higgins turned in a swell performance, and in six innings of play, allowed only two runs (one earned) and three hits. The "Blood and Fire" men collected five runs on nine hits, and made two errors to the "Centurymen's" three.

100th Div. 0

63rd Div. 9

Batteries: 63rd: Higgins and Petersen

100th: Morgan and Burns.

253d Soldier Saves Girl From Main River

A 14 year old Wertheim girl is alive today as a result of quick thinking on the part of T/4 Albert Bova, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 253d Inf. in leaping into the Main River last Sunday afternoon and bringing her safely to shore.

The child, Constantine Fogel, had been swimming in the Main, unusually rough because of high winds, and was swept inot deep water, when the 253d soldier noticed her.

Bova realized the girl was in trouble and, disregarding the rocks which line the banks, went to the girl's assistance. When he reached the shore, he noticed that she was unconscious. He immediately applied artificial respiration and revived her.

According to witnesses, the girl had been swimming for some time when she was apparently overwhelmed by the short, choppy waves running in the river. She had gone down for the second time when Bova reached her.

Bova's home is in Allentown, Pa. A veteran of three year' service, he has been with the 63d since August, 1943. He was at one time Senior Lifeguard at City College of New York, and has several other rescues to his credit.

Re-Deployment Continues In Division Artillery

Continuing the redeployment of personnel in the 63d Infantry Division, a total of 205 enlisted men from artillery units of the Division were transferred during the past week while a like number of artillerymen from other units were brought into the Division.

Men leaving the Division were sent to the 84th Division Artillery, 100th Division Artillery, 802d Field Artillery Battalion, 18th Field Artillery Battalion and 252d Field Artillery Battalion.

No official information concerning possible additional quotas for shipment of high-point men to the United States or future transfers of low-point men from the Division was available at the time this publication went to press.

763d Ordnance Has Mail And Female Troubles

Having trouble with the mails or females? It's either noe or both on which the "point-happy" minds of most GIs dwell during these quota-conscious days of impatience.

At least 22-year-old Missourian, Noel High of the 763d Ordnance Company, papa of a five-month-old girl, has his female problems well in hand. But not so with his mail problems. Everything was proceeding according to Noel's plan until his recent return from a seven-day forlough in England. It seems to Tec 5 High that the whole U. S. Army has been reshuffled in those seven days and that he has been dealt a card from the bottom of the deck.

For him it now is a job of learning the names of about 100 new "high-point" men and to learn the sections to which they have been assigned. He must also learn the new addresses of 75 former members of the company who have been transferred to other units.

As a result, he separates the mail in seven different sections for distribution within the company and an additional five sections for distribution to men transferred to the 36th, 84th and 100th Division, 6th Corps and the old U.S.A.

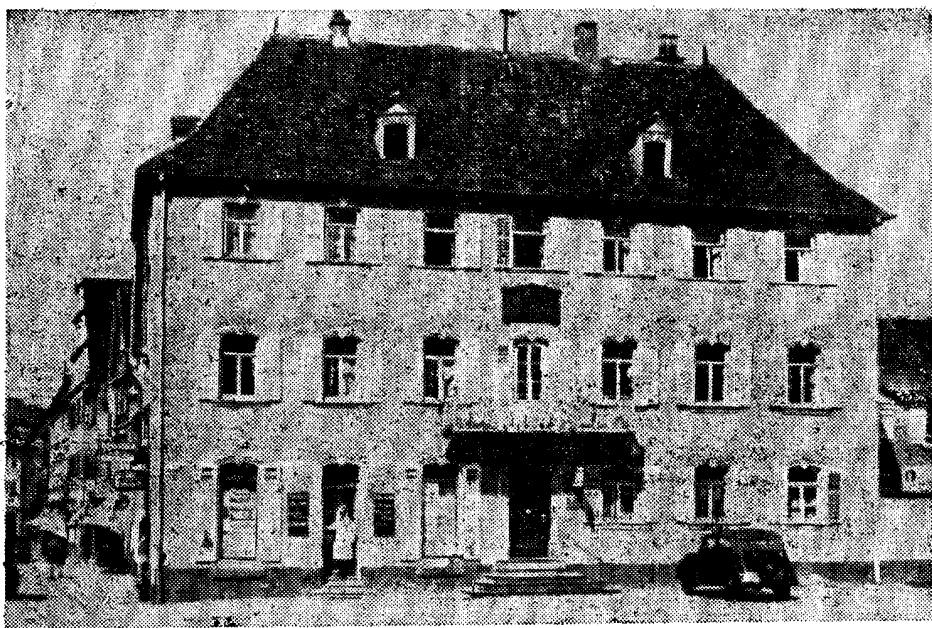
Noel's has had 26 months of experience as a mail clerk and has motivated many a GI's smile with the approximately 197,600 incoming letters and the \$52,000.00 worth of money orders which have passed through his hands while serving with the 763d Ordnance Company. Except for the V-mail he received from his wife announcing the birth of his daughter, which Noel was really "sweating out", his job has been a steady grind. Noel's 52 points leave him "sweating" at the post, wondering whether he'll be required to move his mail box to the Southwest Pacific.

Meanwhile he performs a swell job of continuing the flow of "love and kisses" from the females to the males trough the mails.

Hollywood (CNS) — This is nice work if you can get it: the movie script, called for "kiss-smearred lipstick," but makeup artists couldn't produce the proper effect. Actor Zachary Scott offered to produce the real thing upon the lady in question, and he did.

Beethoven, 18th Century "Boogie Woogie" King, Slept Here

By T/5 Elmo Stafford



Yesterday the Captain said to me, "I want you to go out and get a story on Ludwig Van Beethoven, the great German composer."

I think it over for a minute, or maybe two, "Captain, I ain't so sure on this Beethoven guy. What'd he compose? I remember Bing Crosby singing "Brahms Lullaby" and Larry Clinton playing "Bach to Boogie", but I don't think I ever heard of this fella, Beethoven."

The only explanation I have for the Captain wanting this story on this Long Hair is because he lived here in Bad Mergentheim for several months. But being low man on the totem pole in this Army, I breezed over to the ARC Library and looked up this guy, Beethoven. Sure enough, he made the grade in this big book I found . . . fact is they had a quarter of a page on him.

It seems that he lived quite awhile ago—he was born in 1770, Bonn, Germany. Beethoven didn't run around much as a kid, I guess, just stayed in Bonn. He studied music under old man Beethoven and took piano lessons from a teacher named Neefe. He did all right tickling the ivories, so the citizens of Bonn gave him a job as court organist and opera band conductor.

When he was 21 years old he came here to Bad Mergentheim, playing a viola (a big fiddle) in a cellar down town and in one of the rooms of the Castle. Apparently playing in a band didn't pay off so good in those days because Beethoven had to work as a waiter in the Castle what time he wasn't playing. It must have been a pretty sharp looking band though because they had to wear red uniforms with gold braid. One of the old men downtown said Beethoven played the piano for small gatherings. The old man looked like he might have been there to hear him. I heard that he played a "little boogie woogie too called it "Bad-boogie in Mergenwoogietheim".

An iron plaque hangs over the balcony of the house where Mister Beethoven lived while here. It's right across the street from the castle wall where all the guys sit to pick up these hot tomatoes as they go . . .

Well to get back to the subject of Herr Beethoven, soon after he left here he studied music in Vienna with Mozart. While in Vienna he made his public debut as pianist and played a number called Concerto in C Major.

In his sonatas and symphonies, Beethoven developed musical forms of his predecessors, as in his use of a greater variety of key relationships in change from one movement to another, it says here. Must've been something like Duke Ellington.

Ludwig Van Beethoven wrote nine symphonies and among the best known are the 3rd or Eroica in 1804, the 5th in 1808, the 6th or Pastoral 1808, and the 9th or Choral in 1823. He wrote a lot of sonatas too, including Monlight Sonata, Pathetique, Kreutzer Sonata and along about that time he also wrote five concertos for piano and a Violin Concerto in D.

In the 57 years of Beethoven's life, music fairly poured from his soul. Such music as Minuet in G and the Battle of Vittoria (Battle Symphony) and vocal compositions including Mount of Olives and the opera, Fidelio.

Now there's no need to skip over this part of Beethoven's life. Fellows, because his music has been played now for 175 years and that's a long time. I suppose some of it rates with "Stardust" and "In the Mood", so it's nothing to laugh about.

In 1819 Mister Beethoven became deaf and his last years were spent with worry and ill health. But actually Mr. Beethoven had no reason to worry because his music will be played in this world as long as there are musical instruments and there are people on earth to play them.



By Charles Mackay