

63D DIVISION HOMEWARD BOUND FIRST UNITS TO SAIL IN 30 DAYS

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Division Begins Consolidation Plan For Lower Units

Since recent transfers of personnel have reduced the size of the division and made normal tables of organization inadequate, a plan has been devised for the consolidation of smaller units within each major unit of the 63d.

According to a memorandum from the office of G-1, anti-tank and cannon companies will be transferred to Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Rifle company personnel will go to other rifle companies, or an infantry battalion organization may be formed. Artillery batteries will be consolidated into one firing battery, engineer companies into letter companies and medical personnel also combined into letter companies.

A skeleton organization will remain for each unit and will include one officer and at least 10 enlisted men to carry on administrative and supply duties.

Each man transferred will move complete with individual equipment, and organizational equipment may be transferred from one unit to another.

To date, due to the fact that transfers from the division have been enlarged and speeded up, actual consolidation has not been started. However, each regiment has formed consolidation has not been started. However, each regiment has formed tentative plans to be put into effect as soon as conditions permit.

Supply and Housing Difficulties Facing Local Military Govt.

"Send all the boys home and our job will be a lot easier," said Captain Samuel I. Haber, commanding officer of Military Government Detachment 16F2 located in Bad Mergentheim, a town whose normal population of 7,000 is presently swollen to more than double that figure. The Army has increased the MG's housing problems by its necessary requisitioning of living quarters for the tactical troops. "But don't misunderstand me," he said, "for I'm ever so grateful for the extent of cooperation of the troops in Bad Mergentheim."

Together with his staff of three officers, seven enlisted men and nine civilians (of many nations and including a couple of good-looking secretaries), Captain Haber functions as an "overseer" for the entire Kreis Mergentheim, using his authority as indirectly as possible in assuring equal shares of healthful social living conditions to each of the 47,000 people under his detachment's jurisdiction.

"Our prime objective is to eliminate all those who are in power while the Nazis were in power and to remove all people who engaged in profitable business because of their Nazi connections. We are aiming for denazification and elimination of all militaristic influence here in Bad Mergentheim. To cite a good example," the Captain continued, "we have removed 25 mayors in Kreis Mergentheim in July and replaced them with new ones."

Aside from administration and local government, control is exercised over labor relations, food and agriculture, education and religion and transportation, to mention just a few.

"Incidentally," the Captain said, "not many people know this, but Mergentheim is a rich agricultural area. Approximately 250 cattle per week are sent to Mannheim, Stuttgart and Karlsruhe where the food situation is serious." As a result numerous local officials complain about "excessive" food exportation. The Captain advises the officials to deliver their complaints to higher German land officials in Stuttgart where the export orders originate.

"Not long ago, because of lack of transportation, the farmers in parts of the county found it almost impossible to bring

BULLETIN!

Last night at 2000 hours, August 15th, American Forces Network announced that five divisions now in the European Theater of Operations had been alerted for movement to the United States within the next thirty days. The 63d Infantry Division was at the top of the list of the five divisions named.

Later broadcasts stated that division alerted for shipment will be allowed to retain a certain percentage of low-point personnel whose administrative duties will allow them to become essential elements of these units. This will effect approximately 80 men in each division concerned.

The status of other low point men in the division is uncertain but all high point men will be affected by the news. All passes and furloughs have been cancelled for all Blood and Fire men.

Other men in the 63rd Division were affected when Secretary of War Stimson announced that enlisted men 38 years or over will be eligible for discharge 90 days after application.

American Atmosphere, Good Food, Lovely Girls Features Of Divisions Tours Of Switzerland

"If you want to feel like a civilian back in the good old USA for a few days, talk yourself into a Switzerland deal." Such was the advice of 255th men who have recently returned from the Division's first quota on Switzerland tours.

Groups making the tours meet at Mulhouse, France, they are processed from the skin out with new clothing and accessories. Then the men go to the Switzerland tours office. At this office the walls are lined with maps of Switzerland on which are charted the different towns and interesting points of the four available tours. After comparing the maps the men choose the tour which appeals to them most and request it for themselves. Since the groups are large they must be distributed among the four routes. There is a flexible quota for each tour and consequently a few men may be unable to take the one tour which they prefer and take a second choice. This is not often the case and of the 400 men on this initial tour only three or four had to take their second choice.

Each group is then introduced to their guide whose duty it will be to see about quarters, food and travel accommodations during the seven days in Switzerland. Quarters are found in first class hotels at the various resort cities where overnight or three day stops are scheduled. The men eat native foods at hotels where abundant and tasty dishes, served in courses, are a far cry from mess kit lines and cafeteria service. Travelling is done in fast, comfortable all electric trains where the soldiers receive compartments in "regular run" trains. "No all GI trains of 40 and eights there fellows!"

When the tours are arranged the men receive papers which orient them on such items as postal regulations, black list forms,

Lt. Col. Brooks Leaves For XXI Corps Position

Lt. Col. John F. Brooks, Jr., who has served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 with the 63d Infantry Division since that unit's activation in June 1943, left Tuesday of this week to assume similar duties with XXI Corps.

Captain Walter M. Lee who joined the G-1 office last month, has been named as the new Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, replacing Colonel Brooks. Captain Lee was formerly adjutant of the 253d Infantry and has been a member of the 63d Division since activation. He is burning joss sticks to 88 points while Colonel Brooks is nursing 106 points for a ticket to

etc. etc. Under the former it is interesting to note that a post card being sent with just the sender's signature is cheaper than the same card with a message and the signature. The longer the message, the more expensive to send. "Black List" firms are those which for one reason or another are not to be patronized. The soldiers also receive ration coupons for food and for chocolate. These coupons are for extra foods and do not effect the regular meals at the hotels. — One of the men used all his food coupons for Swiss pastry which he called "incomparable". Another member of the tour group, after informing this reporter that Hershey's was originally a Swiss concern, declared Swiss chocolates superior to the American brands. Which is high praise from a GI!

Each tour is arranged so that men can receive the maximum enjoyment from the beauties (human and inanimate) of this lake and mountain country. Each itinerary provides at least two days in some one resorts city, while other stops are made after riding only a few hours in the morning. (Continued on Page 4)

Regiments Rated By Div. Inspection Teams

According to information from Major M. Baynor, director of the Division Inspection Teams, the following are the results of training, administrative and target inspections for the week of 2-8 August:

Training: On top was the 255th Infantry with a rating of 3.13; second was the 254th Infantry with a rating of 3.12; while 253d Infantry was third with a 3.03 rating.

Administrative: The 254th Infantry was best with a 3.66 rating; second best was the 253d with a 3.64 rating; in third place was the 363d Medical Battalion with a rating of 3.33. Fourth place was held by the 255th Infantry with 3.30. Division Artillery fifth with 2.89; and the 263d Engineers also had a rating of 2.89. Special Troops was lowest with a rating of 2.67.

Target: The 255th was first with a 3.75 rating; second was 254th with 3.50; third was the 363d Medics with 3.00 and last was the 253d with a 2.57 rating.

The various ratings are based on point allotments as follows: Superior — five points; excellent — three points; very satisfactory — one point.

Troops of the First Battalion, 254th Infantry, were especially commended by

"Night Must Fall" Thrills and Chills Blood and Fire

A decade ago a fine dramatic production of "Night Must Fall" opened in New York and London to the cheers of all critics who reviewed the show that first night Saturday night, August 11, 1945, the spine-chilling psychological drama unfolded its mysteries to the men of the 63rd Division at the Recreation Palace in the headquarters town of Bad Mergentheim. The responsive audience of several hundred soldiers who saw the show at the Blood and Fire gave the excellent cast five curtain calls — a phenomenon complete foreign for the usual GI audience. But the Sunday matinee and the evening performance the "Night Must Fall" troupe had additional victories in the form of more curtain calls. The men of the Division liked the show even more than its predecessor, "Up In Central Park". "Night Must Fall" was something the boys could get their teeth into, something that would keep them on the edge of their seats — as not to miss the curdling screams, the little jokes in the midst of disaster, and the murder of old Mrs. Bramwell. GI forgot their own troubles and misfortunes and were fascinated by the lives of eight people whom they were seeing through the peepholes of their seats in the theatre.

The entire action takes place in the sitting room of Mrs. Bramson's cottage near Essex, England, where the little old lady lives with her servants and the strange visitors she receives during that two weeks in October.

Elise Bernard, a well known British actress, plays the lovable old Mrs. Bramwell with delicate feeling. Miss Bernard has been on the stage for many years playing in three languages, Russian, French, and English. She began her career as a Shakespearean actress with Sir Frank Vincent in England and one of the high lights of her career was the play, "Tosca" (in French) with Sarah Bernhardt.

The star of the show, Dorman Leonard who plays the part of Dan, gives a superb performance as the boy who has committed one murder and his reaction as he becomes involved in the household of the wealthy Mrs. Bramwell. Many of the GI audience believed Mr. Leonard was British born but actually he's from Brooklyn and can speak a Brooklyn accent at the drop of a hat. He has played in many stock company productions at the lead in many shows, such as "Dead Takes a Holiday" and "Animal Kingdom". It was the latter performance that gave him the chance to make this USO tour. Mr. Leonard feels that he will gain valuable experience playing for soldier audiences which will be better than attending dramatic schools.

Ann Summers, whose husband is in the Air Corps somewhere in Burma, portrays the imaginative Olivia Grayne, intrigued by the air of mystery hanging over the people in the small cottage. Miss Summers, a native of Oakland, Calif., was (Continued on Page 4)

V.D. Rate Highest In 253d Regiment

The 253d Infantry Regiment had the highest rate of venereal disease of any unit in the 63d Division during the week 3-10 August 1945, according to figures released from the Office of the Division Surgeon.

The lowest rate in the Division was found in the 263d Engineer Battalion followed by Special Troops and Division Artillery. Ironically enough, the 363d Medical Battalion had the second highest rate.

The number of confirmed venereal cases in the Division during the past week showed a continued increase over previous

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The Chaplain's Corner

By WILLIAM E. PATRICK, Division Chaplain

Can A Sick World Get Well?

"War is an acute social crisis, and as in all acute crisis experiences there are three possible outcomes according to the reaction patterns which dominate:

"First, there may be no reorganization. The hatreds, the suspicions, the predatory interests, the racial prejudices, the narrow this war may remain uncorrected and unalleviated. In that case many religions will appear spontaneously under the stress of human suffering. Many of these will be quite primitive in type and none of them will have power to win an inclusive loyalty or will reflect any general organization of society.

"Second, there may be a social organization based upon the military dominance of some of the interests which have been responsible for the present catastrophe. The Germans and the Japanese will serve as scapegoats and the real evils will remain uncorrected. The resulting organization would then be of the type which in an individual is called 'paranoid'. The integrity of the organization would be maintained by repressive concealment devices backed by force, and organized religion, probably of a ritualistic variety, would be used by the dominant group to maintain the status quo. Religion would indeed be employed as an opiate of the people.

"There is also a third possibility. We may be able to deal with the situation constructively and begin the herculean task of correcting the real evils, working toward the achievement of a new order of society which will represent the social solidarity of free men held together by faith and love. How we deal with the defeated enemy is likely to prove the acid test of our fitness for this task. It is likely

to be the measure of the success we achieve." — Anton T. Boisen in "The Christian Century".

Bag of Tools

"Isn't it strange that princes and kings And clowns that caper in sawdust rings, And common folk like you and me Are Builders for Eternity?"

To each is given a bag of tools, A shapeless mass, and a book of rules, And each must build ere life has flown, A stumbling block or a stepping stone."

R. L. Sharp.

SPOT WISDOM: "He, who is slack at his work, is brother to him who destroys."

Schedule of Religious Services

Services at Division Headquarters, Bad Mergentheim.

Protestant Services: Sunday.

0830 — Holy Communion (Episcopal) at Castle Church.

0900 — General Protestant Services at Castle Church

1500 — Christian Science Service at Hirsch Hotel.

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).

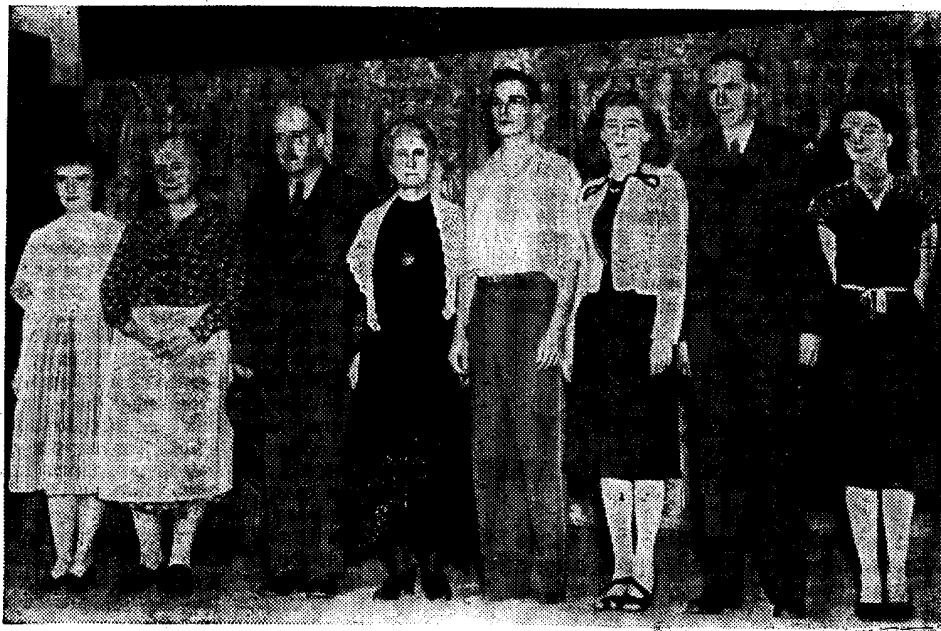
Jewish Services:

1930 Friday — Synagogue, 15 Holzapfelgasse.

1000 Saturday — Synagogue.

Spot Wisdom: "Get the facts — of the facts will get you".

"Night Must Fall" Cast Makes Curtain Call



The cast of "Night Must Fall" stands before their all-soldier audience at the Recreation Palace for a curtain call. From left to right: Jane Harven, Valerie Valaire, Matthew Boulton, Elise Bernard, Dorman Leonard, Ann Summers, Stanley Tackney and Meg Wyllie. Photo by Jackson

T-Patchers Achtung!

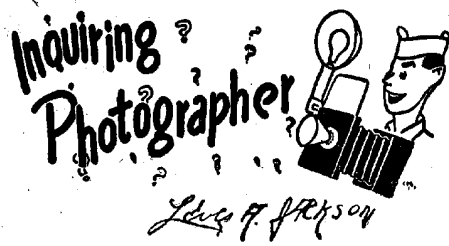
Members of the 63d Infantry Division who were formerly in the 36th Division will be interested to learn that copies of "The Eyes of The World Are Upon You, 36th", a song with words and music by Technician Fifth Grade—Jon Forte, have been made available to them through the 63d Division Special Service Office.

Forte, composer of the popular "Somewhere on Via Roma", has dedicated his latest number to the 36th Division's former commander, Major General Fred L. Walker and to the men of the 36th. Division. The front cover of the music sheet has an attractive design containing the "T-Patch" insignia and a photograph of General Walker while the back cover has an inscription written by the General addressed to the relatives and friends of members of the Division.

various units by contacting the Division Special Service Office at Bad Mergentheim. The cost is twenty cents per copy and it is expected that the demand will exceed the available supply consisting of approximately 400 copies.

Missoula, Mont (CNS) — Irked when he was fined \$5 for overtime parking, stubborn John Brandenburg refused to pay the fine, went to jail instead and then spitefully flushed his \$1000 bankroll down the celloblock toilet.

New York (CNS) — Standard Oil has developed a new high octane aviation fuel into which it is possible to drop a lighted match with safety. In a demonstration, the match went out. The new fuel, which will be produced after the war, will make air travel safer. It is desirable for military



THE QUESTION: Should Emperor Hirohito be left in power after Japan's surrender or treated as a War criminal?

T/4 Edward H. Hoffman, 563d Sig. Co.



I say leave him in. Don't think it will hurt any. By taking the surrender now we can leave him, of thereby saving a lot lives. Anyhow, we can tell him what to do, and in turn the people will do what he says. I think it can be done without having to invade the country. Yes he can keep his white horse too. We can get plenty in Africa.

T/5 David Diamond, 718 F.A. Leave him in. It will make the people easier to handle. That happens to be their form of religion, and that is one of the things we are fighting for. I know it is not exactly up to date, but he is their God. I don't think he is responsible for the war anyhow. It is all the fault of the Military leaders. No Halsey shouldn't ride the white horse. It is only for a personal ambition anyhow, and will make us look funny in the eyes of the Jap people. No use putting salt into the wound.



Pfc. Emil Gardebrecht, 254th Inf. Treat him as a War criminal. Take him and



show the Japs who is boss. He is indirectly connected with the way they are doing anyhow. I think they should get an entirely new setup. Because he is bound to have something to do with it. And if he stays in there, the

Jap people will say they have put something over on us.

Miss Meg Wyllie, USO Camp Shows. Well, he shouldn't be treated exactly as a war criminal, but I feel that he should be replaced, with another government figure. I was reared in the Philippines, and I have always felt that he was only a puppet, a God. It is a known fact that he has to do what the military leaders tell him to do. The Military Command only uses him as a go-between for the people. They tell him and he tells the people. I think a government such as the British have would be good for the Japanese. No, I don't think he is a war criminal, but he should be replaced



Pfc. Frank Scott, 255th Inf. He is as far as I am concerned, a war criminal. In this way. He is their religion, and their religion is, as I see it, war. So lets wipe it all out, and teach them our way of government. Wipe him out too, to show them who is boss. He'll do what we say, to save himself, but he will still want to rule the world, and they might try, if we don't do away with him. Why, I read in the Stars and Stripes, where a lot of Nazis were in South America getting ready to start another war.



M/Sgt. Wilton A. Bonds, 254th Inf. For my part, I say leave him in there. It won't hurt, and the most important thing is to get the war over with, to save lives. I don't mean to let them have their own way, but I don't think it would hurt much to leave their God in there. The thing to do is to get the war



NEWS AROUND the DIVIS

254TH INFANTRY

In a small bar in Markelsheim th of Company "C" 254th Infantry (their enlisted men's club Saturday The president of "Club Charlie" is Shiering, who arranged for the Regi Dance Band to play for the gala of In the line of drinks "Club C" features American liquor, cognac, and wine Pfc. Leonard Dav the company for a long awaited p Brussels last Friday All the in the Company are looking forw that trip home, but in the meantime still have the security target in M heim to keep them busy. Since that is the town brewery, there is ple elbow bending material available. I have its drawbacks, though, especia Pfc. James Rogers and Pfc. Martir who pull night guard and have to sure that the beer stays in the br

255TH INFANTRY

Last week saw the opening of the Regimental NCO Club in downtown zelsau and a large number of noi was on hand to help dispose of the of American liquor as well as as German drinks.

Sergeant Dominic J. Sacco, forme prieter of Jerome's Grill in Boston head bartender and feels right at behind the bar. "Only difference is Sgt. Sacco, "the whiskey is rationed and everytime I serve a drink I punch a card."

The club, located in the Blocke H open every day from 1200 to 2200 drinks are not served until after T/Sgt. Royal H. Durst of New Yor is in charge of the club and Lt. K supervisor of all regimental office NCO clubs, acts in an advisory ca

For many men in "G" company th few days were the last spent with th for here as in most other units red ment is the order of the day. Sent gatherings with many recollections (experiences are common sights, and to see you soon, Buddy", is an oft farewell.

At a recent discussion of transf the CP, Lt. McGuyer remarked, "I the First Sgt. and myself will be th ones left." The First Sgt. shippe several days ago and the lieutenant also leave soon. We wonder who's left.

Ironical is the fact that Hq. Co pitcher Willie Pickett, who trimme in a protested game, is now assigned company as First Sgt. That pr accounts for the red faces in form these days.

The only second lieutenant remain the company, Lt. Arthur Smith, i beaming with joy over the birth son, Smitty Jr. Pictures and cigar keep the boys informed and conscil the event.

Like so many other people these Hq. Company, 2nd Battalion is invol the mad scramble of award submi Men of the various platoons devotin and effort to the cause are Harold I communications platoon; LaFoye Lenz platoon; Robert Ford, AT platoon Frank Wood, Hq. and Hq. platoon. haps August, 1947 may see a s higher percentage of the company p sporting the Bronze Star.

One member of the Hq. platoon is sweating out an ETO discharge. pointer Joe Fazekas, one of the com ration skimpers, would like to ret Merrie England to resume contacts comely British lass to whom he pr while stationed in the U.K.

Hearts were heavy in "F" Compe 8 August as the men watched the ture of the four platoon leaders, Lts. pell Hughes, Schinker, and Levy. boys all wish them the very best c in their future commands.

The prize crack of the month is cr to Pfc. Goodman who, in a heated ment about why we fight, said, "W you mean this is my war? Ten hasn't been invaded yet!"

New York (CNS) — John S. S who doesn't like sin, points with pi these results of his record this y: suppressing vice: 37,002 books b 23,818 pictures and postcards confis 12,900 circulars burned and 24,299 moral" odds and ends destroyed.

Bloomington, N. Y. (CNS) — The fathers here have passed a bill mal unlawful to display any part of the anatomy between the knee an shoulder. The move was made to summer visitors who parade on Blo

SPORTSLANTS

By Pfc. Sidney Tatz

With the weather taking a turn for the better, the baseball team finally got a chance to get a game played. The boys still continue to make errors, and ball games aren't won that way. Wild throws, fumbled grounders and late throws certainly can be eliminated. Doug McDougall's work behind the plate and at bat was well worth watching. Doug got two of the team's four hits against the 12th Armored in Sunday's game. Lt. Howell, team coach, and "Red" Petersen, manager, added more gray hairs to their heads when they found out that mound ace Johnny Alusik, had been transferred out of the Division. Johnny is now with the 18th F.A., and we wish him luck in his new work. It is their gain and our loss.

A player who deserves a word of praise is old "Boots" Zelasko, the shortstop of the team. "Boots" can be heard almost any game pepping up the team up with his cry of, "Okay, babe". In addition to being a darn good spark plug, the guy really can field and when he hits a ball, brother, that ball is ticketed for a ride. In getting a double against the "Hellcats", he really clouted the horsehide, and if it hadn't been for the fact that he had a bad leg, he would have had an easy triple.

Now that rackets are being sold at the Athletic Office, and more tennis courts are being built, we expect to see the sport take an upswing, for there are many GI's who are quite interested in the game. We hear that as soon as the tennis courts at Bad Mergentheim are in good shape, the Division will hold another tennis tournament, so all you future Bill Ildens better get into condition, "oot sweet".

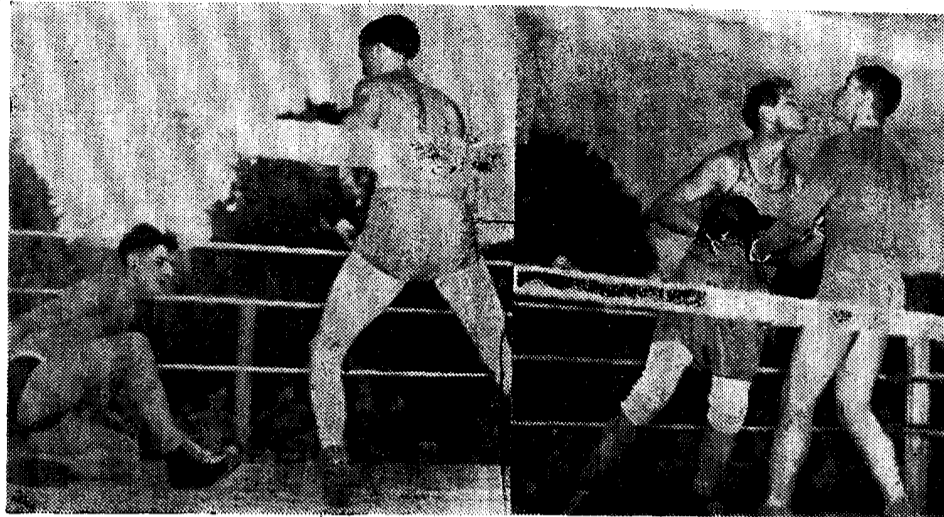


The Division Softball team is scheduled to play four games at home this week, opening up a two-game series against the 106th Inf. Div. team on Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17, and following that with two games against the Century Division softballers on Saturday and Sunday. Our boys have a darn good team, so how about showing them that we are behind them by coming out to all their home games. The same holds true for the 63d baseball team. The fellows play a much better game when there are men of their own outfit to cheer for them. How about it? Let's show them that we are behind them!

Every time we glance at the picture of the "grudge match" at the top this page, we wonder if the water that "One Eye Louie" and the "Rebel" were squirting at each other has halazone in it. After all, the boys ought to remember their lectures in sanitation. We hear that if their managers hadn't stopped them, the boys would have squirted cognac at each other. Some grudge fight, eh?

Tennis rackets may now be purchased at the Division Athletic Office at Bad Mergentheim. Only one racket will be allowed per person. A bill of sale will be given with each purchase thus protecting the purchaser from any possible charges of looting or "liberating". Prices for the three types of rackets for sale are: 36, 42 and 45 marks per racket.

Action in 253d Boxing Bouts



Left: Pfc. Mike Pape, Company "B" floored by right to the jaw in the second round of bout with Cpl. Vic James, Company "L". Right: "Fate: Carnival" scene from the "grudge" fight between Pvt. Bill (One-Eyed Louie), Company "L" and Sgt. Kelly (Rebel) Hammond, Company "L".

Photo by Jackson

GI Sports Program Carries on Under all Conditions

On May 12th, GI's in the 63d Division as in other divisions, laid down their weapons, and with the war in the ETO won, their thoughts turned to more pleasant things, namely recreation, for after the gruelling campaign, all of them could well afford a little relaxation.

Unlike the German youth who were taught militarism from the day were born, the Yanks were mainly interested in softball, baseball, basketball, volley ball and other sports. Before long, baseball and softball games were being played in the fields, and wherever volleyball nets could be strung up, games were started.

As the equipment started coming in more rapidly, a program of sports was started, and before long, company and battery teams were formed. Bulldozers and other equipment were borrowed from the Engineers, and fields began to take on the semblance of good old American ball fields. Horseshoe pitching began to take its place as a competitive sport, and then, some of the more enterprising outfits began construction of boxing rings and tennis courts. Here, they hit a temporary snag, for unlike baseball, boxing could only be had if the contestants could meet in a ring, and constructing a ring was no easy task. The lumber posed no problem to the GI's, but getting the matting for the canvas and trying to get ropes for the ring were two tough problems. That barrier was soon swept aside, for after searching the area, they found the necessary materials, and before long, the ring was completed. In this respect, Co. "M" 253d Regt., deserves credit, for they constructed a ring all by themselves, and for a company, that is quite a feat. In addition to the boxing ring, they have a

softball diamond, facilities for basketball and horseshoe pitching, and their tennis court is almost complete. The 63d Recon Troop also did a swell job in constructing an athletic field, for they have a softball diamond, a swimming pool, a tennis court, and facilities for other sports. All the units in the Division have softball teams entered in battalion leagues, and they also have volleyball and horseshoe pitching teams entered in league competition. The 253d Regt. leads in the amount of boxing rings, with three rings completed, one being in Wertheim, one in Reicholzheim, and another in Tauberbischofsheim. They also have three tennis courts, and in Tauberbischofsheim, they have a horizontal and parallel bars for those GI's interested in gymnastics.

Perhaps one of the biggest blows to the athletic program is the shipping of so many men from the division, for it will mean the re-forming of most teams. Plans however have been made to take care of that, and as long as the Division will be here, GI's will have the opportunity and facilities to indulge in a variety of sports.

Second Swim Meet Planned

63d Division swimmers will get another chance to show their wares, for the Division Athletic Office announced that the Seventh Army is sponsoring another swimming meet to be held August 25 and 26 at Ladenburg, Germany.

Entries are to be turned in to the Division Athletic Office before August 18, and should contain the following information: Name, rank, and ASN, unit and APO, home town, events desired and experience.

The list of events for the meet is: 50, 100, 400 and 1500 meter Free Style, 200 and 400 meter Breast Stroke, 100 meter Back Stroke, 300 meter Medley Relay, 800 meter Free Style Relay, and one and three meter spring board diving.

The Division will only be allowed one relay team in each relay event, and three men in individual events.

Recons Extend Streak

One of the hottest teams in the Division, the 63d Recon softball team, won their 17th straight victory against no defeats by beating "B" Btry, 863d F.A. Bn. players, 5-3, Sunday, August 12, at Lauda. Lt. Ira Miller, who was the winning pitcher, has pitched the Recon boys to 12 of their victories, and has compiled an impressive record.

Of the 17 victories, 12 of them were battalion league games, and the softballers, at present, lead the Special Troops league.

Blood and Fire Nine Drops Two to 12th Armd

Handcuffed by the four-hit pitching of Wally Lanfranconi, the 63d Div. nine lost their first home game of this season to the 12th Armored "Hellcats", 7-1, Sunday, August 12, at Bad Mergentheim, before a crowd including General Harris, Commanding General of the 63d Division.

The game started out as a pitchers' duel. The first three innings went by scoreless although the "Blood and Fire" team missed two swell chances to score. In the last of the second, with one out, Powles reached first as Lanfranconi's throw was wide of the bag. McDougall singled past third, sending Powles to second, but the threat ended as the next two batters flied out. With one away in the third, Lanzetti poled a long triple to centerfield. Shoemaker hit a grounder to second, but the play was made on Lanzetti who was trapped between third and home, and tagged out. Shoemaker taking second on the play. Dooley failed to hit, and the side was retired with no score.

In the fourth, the "Hellcats" pushed a run across as La Marra singled, stole second, went to third as Matulis was tossed out, and scored as Haag threw wide to first trying to get Yount. Our boys came right back and tied the score as "Boots" Zelasko blasted a double to left, Powles flied out to center, McDougall singled to left for his second hit, sending "Boots" to third where he scored a moment later as Wyhne grounded out.

The 12th took the lead again and held it, as a walk, two singles, a long fly and a double were good for three runs. They added another run in the sixth on a double and a single, and in the eighth, a double, walk, double steal and a single netted them their last two runs.

From the fourth inning on, the 63d boys failed to get a hit, and although Lanfranconi didn't strike out so many men, he had splendid control, using a fast ball and change of pace to good advantage. Haag put in a good performance, but the errors afield did him no good.

	R	H	E	
12th Armd.:	0-0-0-1-3-1-0-2-0-	7	10	2
63d Div.:	0-0-0-1-0-0-0-0-0-	1	4	4

Batteries: 12th Armd.: Lanfranconi and Yount.
63d Div.: Haag, Pecchia and McDougall.

The 63d Div. baseball team dropped their fourth straight game of the season as the 12th Armored "Hellcats" made it two in a row over our boys, beating them, 9-2, in a game played at Bad Mergentheim, Monday, August 13.

In the first inning, the "Harrismen" missed a swell opportunity to score, as Lanzetti singled, Shoemaker flied out, Dooley grounded out, and Zelasko followed through by beating out a slow roller, but on the play, Lanzetti over-ran third base and was tagged out.

The "Hellcats" drew first blood, when they combined an error and two singles to make two runs. There was no further scoring till the sixth, though our team managed to get base hits in every inning. In the fatal sixth, the "Hellcat" artillery opened fire, and six hits and three walks netted them seven runs. The "Blood and Fire" men scored their first run in the seventh, when singles by Chuck Freeman and Wynne followed by a passed ball accounted for one run. In the ninth, the same two players pushed our final run across when Freeman got on through an error, and Wynne blasted a long double to center, scoring Freeman.

	R	H	E	
12th Armd.:	0-2-0-0-0-7-0-0-0-	9	8	1
63d Div.:	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0-1-	2	10	2

Batteries: 12th Armd.: Matulis and Yount; 63d Div.: Vinson and Pecchina; Petersen and Quinn.

Umpires: Collier and Farley.

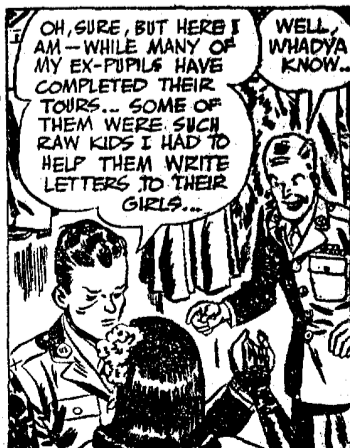
Army Golf Tourney to Start 30 August

The 7th Army announced that they are sponsoring a second amateur and professional golf tournament which is to be held about August 30, 1945.

The amateur tournament will be held at Vittel, France, while the professional tournament will be held at Spa, Belgium. Entries are to be submitted to the Division Athletic Office not later than August 18 with the following information: Name, rank, ASN, unit and APO, amateur or professional, experience, and average for eighteen holes.

The tournaments will be low medal play with qualifying rounds to determine the finalists. In all probability, winners will represent the Seventh Army in the ETO golf championship tourney which is scheduled for the near future.

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



Permanent Party with Temporary Advantage



Swiss Tour

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ing. In this way the afternoons and evenings are free for self-entertainment. These recreations range from window shopping through hiking, swimming, boating, steamer excursions on the crystal clear lakes, to visiting the night clubs.

Swiss Courteous and Generous

To find entertainment or direction is very simple for half the people speak English and all are most anxious to help the Americans to enjoy their visit and not for the pecuniary or mercenary reasons which characterize Paris and London offers. The Swiss holds his and out to be shaken, not „pour boire". In friendliness and generosity, the Swiss people excel even the inhabitants of the smaller cities in the United States.

Men returning from these tours have innumerable incidents which make the generous character of the Swiss people more memorable than the great scenic beauty of the country. One example will suffice to make utilitarian Americans whistle in astonishment and incredulity. On his second evening in Switzerland, an American corporal was sitting in a club drinking beer, while waiting for his phone call to Texas. Two hours after the call was placed the page boy announced publicly that his call to Texas was ready. This announcement identified him as an American on pass and after the completion of his call he received several invitations to join civilians at their tables for a drink. He accepted and joined a table party where he exchanged comments (?) on Texas for stories and anecdotes of Swiss origin. Eventually the conversation revealed that he had chosen between a „call home" and the purchase of a good watch, for the \$35 allowance would not cover both. Before he left the club that night one of the Swiss gentlemen had given our GI Joe an „extra" wrist watch which he had been wearing. — Later investigation showed it to be an excellent watch works in an eighteen carat case. Which is not „hay" even in a country where Longines sell for about \$35.

A common pastime such as window shopping created nostalgic feelings in the GI breasts. The towns are immaculately clean; the store windows are trimmed with modern techniques; and the merchandise makes one think of pre-war Main Street in Middletown; hardware stores flaunt unrationed electric appliances for every need; drug stores stock merchandise similar to that of large American chains; butcher stores display a variety of meats, including steaks; and American cars cruise the streets in spite of some fuel shortage. Civilians are all neatly and modernly attired and THE GIRLS ARE AS BEAUTIFUL AS AMERICANS.

What more need be said unless we prove the desirability of a Swiss pass by saying that there was not a gripe in the trainload of GI's when they returned.

For any further confirmation, or other stories of Swiss hospitality ask the men of the 255th Inf. who were there: Capt. Erastus Ross, Service Co; Lt. Neuremacher; 1st Sgt. John F. Adams, Co „D"; S/Sgt. Richard D. Krenz, Co „M"; S/Sgt. Orvin K. Tresners, Cn Co; Sgt. Walter J. Krueger, A-T Co; Tec. 5 J. C. Conley, Serv Co; Tec. 5 Franklin G. Tate, Med. Det.; Pfc. Cornelius R. Connor, Co „K"; Pfc. Harold E. Crider, Co „F"; Pfc. John R. Gaughan, Co „H"; Pfc. Giles McCrary, Hq & Hq Co; Pfc. William P. Mitchell, Hq Co 1st Bn; Pfc. Joseph A. Pulichene, C „L"; Pfc. Andrew Punola, Co „B"; Pfc. Norman J. Roy, Co „A"; Pfc. Peter Sergolia, Co „I"; Pfc. Earl Thompson, Co „G"; Pfc. Dorman K. Zirkle, Co „E".

Chaplain Kahan's Book Published In States

„Oaks And Acorns", a collection of addresses and sermons prepared by Chaplain (Captain) Aron Kahan with an introduction by the author while serving with the Second Battalion of the 254th Infantry in the Colmar Pocket, has been published by Block Publishing Company and is now on sale in the United States.

Chaplain Kahan, formerly Regimental Chaplain of the 254th Infantry and at present serving as chaplain for Special Troops 63d Division, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., is single and joined the Division in December 1943 at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Smuggles Boy Into U. S. In His Barracks Bag

Camp Shanks, N. Y. (CNS) — The second waif in a week picked up off Germany's battlefields and befriended by American troops was smuggled into the country in a barracks bag. He is Joseph E. Paremba, 12, a Pole, foster son of Battery C, 38 FA Bn, 2d Div. Cpl La Roy Ritchie, Tulsa, Okla, here for discharge has announced his intention

Acute Postwar Problem



The post-war home would not be complete without a striped couch such as the one shown here. They are made to decorate the weary veteran's bedroom and you will notice the curved flowing lines are built with an eye for the utmost in comfort. Ann Rutherford, MGM Star, is admittedly an added accessory and does not accompany the couch into the bedroom.

„Night must Fall"

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under contract to RKO in Hollywood and appeared in several motion pictures, including „Flight For Freedom", „Hitler's Children", and as the dumb secretary in the „Doughgirls".

Member of Original Cast

„The Show-off", „The Old Soak" with Guy Kibee, „Pygmalion" with Sylvia Sydney, and „Murray Hill" with the late Leslie Howard are a few of the many shows that Miss Valerie Valaire has taken a leading role. As Mrs. Terence, the housekeeper, Miss Valaire does a magnificent piece of work, often setting the pace of the play. Miss Valaire is from St. Paul, Minnesota, but lived for many years in Boston.

The British actor, Matthew Boulton, is the only member of the original Night Must Fall company, having appeared as Inspector Belsize from Scotland Yard the opening night in London. He also played the Inspector in the movie version of the show with Robert Montgomery. Mr. Boulton spent eight years in Hollywood writing many movie script and several one act plays.

Stanley Tackney appeared in many of the Dr. Kildare pictures in Hollywood and just before coming overseas he finished „Now It Can Be Told" with Lloyd Nolan. His last Broadway production was with Grace George in „Kind Lady".

Jane Harven, the slightly dumb Dora Parkoe of Night Must Fall, has played in USO tours of the Doughgirls in Alaska and the Aleutians. For many years she had many „soap opera" plays in radio, which included My True Story and Cisco Kid. She also appeared in Pygmalion with Sylvia Sydney and Valerie Valaire.

The nurse who dashes on the stage to administer aid to the stricken members of the cottage in „Night Must Fall" is played by Meg Wyllie. The little girl is from Glendale, Calif., and was a member of the Pasadena Playhouse and stock companies in Chicago.

William G. Johnson, stage and company manager, did this same type of work for Billy Rose' „Aquacade" and American Jubilee at the New York World's Fair. He has also been stage manager for many Broadway shows including the Pulitzer Prize Play, „Skin of Our Teeth".

The Night Must Fall company left New York, June 22, on the Army Transport, James Parker and arrived at Le Havre July 1. The troupe has played for soldier audiences in Angsbura. Schwabisch

Military Government

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milk into the towns to sell. Therefore they churned the milk into butter and sold it on the black market." This threat to the public health and economy was soon dissolved by the Military Government's action in organizing a motor pool of German vehicles which were requisitioned from Seventh Army Enemy Vehicle Collecting Points. These vehicles were dispatched by the MG Office on a pro-rated basis to satisfy the communities' needs.

„Hardly any black market exists now and the crime rate in Bad Mergentheim is infinitesimal," the Captain said. All violations of military government laws, if not too serious in nature, are tried by the local Military Government Summary Court. Such cases are those of black market dealings, refusals to work and curfew violators. Courts of higher echelons of Military Government try more serious offenses. A case of this nature was the recent one involving a former allied officer whose large scale black marked activities were uncovered by Captain Haber. The case is now being reviewed by Seventy Army.

Capt. Haber is no stranger to the BLOOD AND FIRE men for his detachment had joined the G-5 Section of the 63d Division at Camp Oberhoffen and was with them until the breakthrough of the Siegfried Line at which time the detachment was assigned to the 45th Division at Aschaffenburg. His assignment to Bad Mergentheim in mid-May was a happy reunion between old friends.

Not so long ago, Captain Haber received much publicity for his discovery of the whereabouts of Baron and Baroness Von Behr which led to the discovery of the complete library of Rosenberg's „Race Politics" organization. Von Behr was chief assistant to Rosenberg in Paris where he aided the Nazi chief in robbing art treasures. The Baron and Baroness committed suicide the day after their apprehension.

„Military Government work is a whole lot of sweat and tears", said Captain Haber in closing the interview. „If soldiers would not answer questions of civilian nature, but would refer them to the Military Government, there would be less sweat and tears."

Capt. Haber holds a B. A. degree in Economics. His civilian experience in research work in the field of labor and his directorship in the Division of Research and Statistics of the Federal Work Agency provide a solid background for his present

On The Job Training Courses Offered To 63d High Pointers

Applications from men in the 63d Division with 85 points or more are now being accepted for attendance at schools of theater and army level conducting „On-the-Job Training" courses, quotas for the Division to be announced at a later date, according to the Division I & E Office.

The length of the courses is approximately six weeks. Information concerning the locations of the installations conducting the courses is not available at this time.

Trainees, who can be either officers or enlisted men, accepted from this Division will be placed on detached service with the training unit and will return to parent unit. If the Division is alerted for departure from the theater prior to completion of the course, trainees will be transferred to the proper reinforcement depot for eventual return to the Zone of the Interior.

Courses offered include training in automobile body repair, automobile mechanics, automobile electricians, blacksmithing, Diesel mechanics, tire rebuilding, automobile radiator repairing, carpentry, floating crane operating, electrician, electric motor repairing, machine operator, railroad car repairing, refrigeration mechanics, riggers, combination welder, pharmacy technician, medical laboratory technician, x-ray technician.

Previous training in the course is not essential.

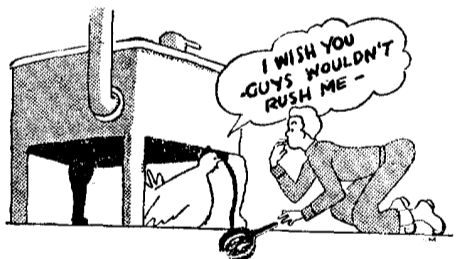
Pfc. Writes History Of 254th In Combat

A history of the 254th Infantry Regiment, 63d Division, entitled „The Trail of 254 Thru Blood and Fire", in four colorful, exciting chapters will soon be available for distribution to present and former members of that unit.

Written by Private First Class Harris Peel, the pages of the book are filled with drawings depicting the battles of the 254th Infantry, the artists being Corporal John R. Sontag and Staff Sergeant Algernon J. Keith. Lieutenant Colonel Marion W. Schewe and Second Lieutenant Chester A. Price, Jr., were advisors for the publication with Master Sergeant Vernon J. Kile in charge of the design and layout.

The dedication of the history reads as follows: „Dedicated to every man who was ever assigned to our unit. But above all it is dedicated to those who fell on the long road to victory. It is with the hope that these men will be remembered not for the war in which they fought, but for a new lasting peace for which they died that this book recounts the history of the 254th Infantry."

Another Chicken Story



Some of the damndest stories come through message center to this office these days and there's no thing we can do but sit here and read them, shed a few tears and hope we have better luck next time.

Here is one of the little gems, so grab a stiff shot of cognac and lend an ear.

„Some time ago, a few of us were sitting around the table in the little kitchen of the house in which we lived and we were both shocked and amazed to see a good looking little chicken open the door and walk in. She strolled past the table, giving us the glad eye, wiggled her shapely little tail at us a couple of times, and proceeded to crawl under the stove where it's nice and warm. She sat there for a few minutes, laid an egg, and without a word, walked back across the room, wiggled her little tail, and went out the door."

„The next day, and every day that followed, the little chicken went through the same routine... and none of us ever egged her on, because she always gets under the stove, and with no trouble at all, lays a nice fresh egg and takes off. We have investigated the matter a little more thoroughly and have decided that the eggs are fertile... but we can't find