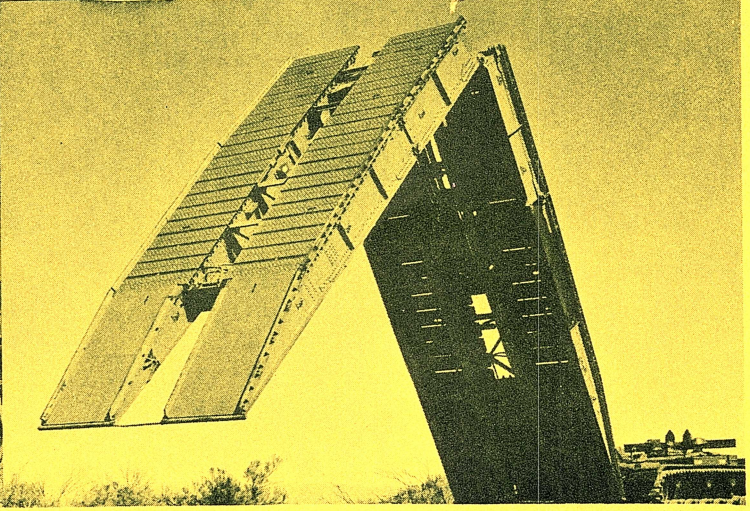
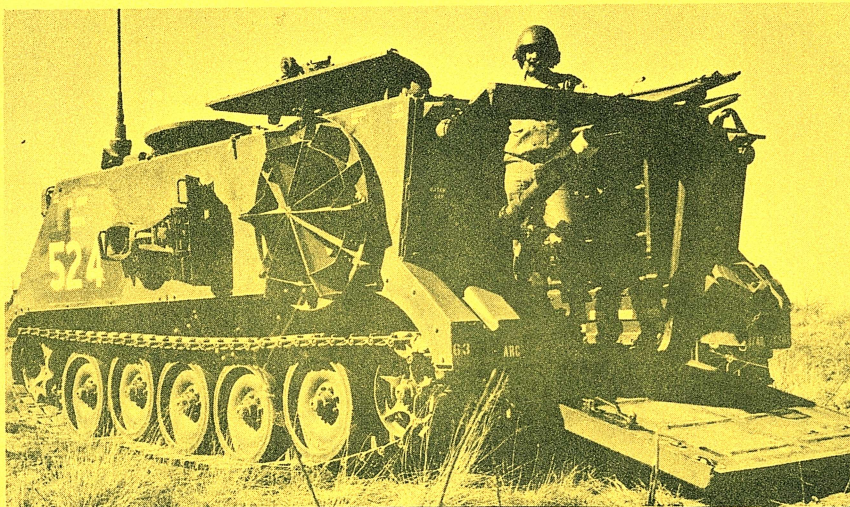


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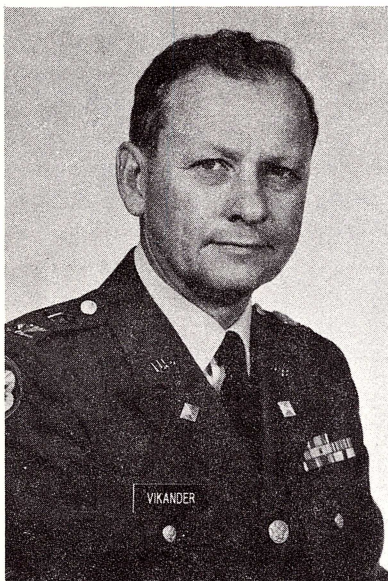


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## President's Message

May 18, 1974

Dear Fellow Members:

It will soon be nine years since the inactivation of the 63d Infantry Division, but its proud history lives on. The Division's colors and lineage are carried forward by the 63d U.S. Army Reserve Command, and we in the Division Association honor and preserve its tradition and valorous record written in war and peace.

Let me pose a question, and presume to answer it.

Are we just engaged in a nostalgic exercise, with our Association providing a forum for war stories growing more colorful as imaginations wax and memories fade?

No, it is more than this. It is the lasting comradeship of those who dedicated themselves in service to a cause larger than our own, in a Division of which we were deeply and rightly proud. We are faithful to that heritage. There is not a man among us who would not leap to serve it again in any far corner of the earth at the first note of the bugle.

But, sad to say, the advancing years make it unlikely that we will be so privileged. Rather it is for us to make ours a living Association, honoring our Division by speaking out for the citizen-soldier trained and ready and committed to defend this country when called. More specifically, it is for us to support with our time and effort those charged with leadership of the Army Reserve, by working shoulder-to-shoulder with them in bringing new young men and women into their ranks. That is our task, to which I call you for the years ahead.

One of our most distinguished members has said, "We're a last-man Association." Indeed we are, and while there is one of us left let us honor the past by devoting ourselves to the future.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Vikander



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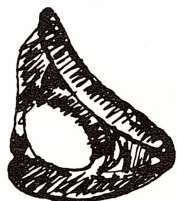
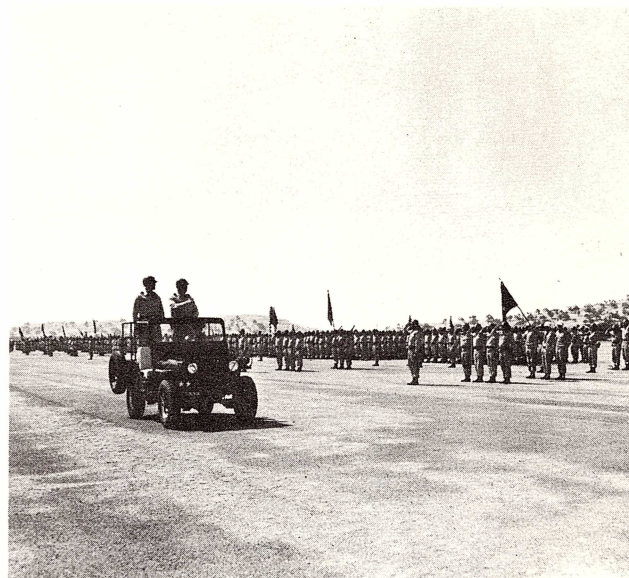
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# Whooze Nuze...

For some, no news is good news. For the 63d Infantry Division Association, again your editorial staff is asking for input for publication. Send us your old stuff so we can share it with our members and help to build our bank of material for a real good history. We will carefully do a real pro type copy job and return each item in perfect shape. No news means we just don't take time to let someone know.



## 63d INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

### Financial Statement

27 March 1974

Balance on Hand: 31 January 1974

Deposited - Bank of America	
Los Angeles	\$ 944.32
Los Angeles Federal	
Savings & Loan	330.30
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	\$ 1,274.62

Receipts: 31 January - 27 March 1974

Memberships - Life	3 @ 20.00	\$ 60.00
3 yr	4 @ 5.00	20.00
1 yr	4 @ 2.00	8.00
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Disbursements: 31 January - 27 March 1974

None

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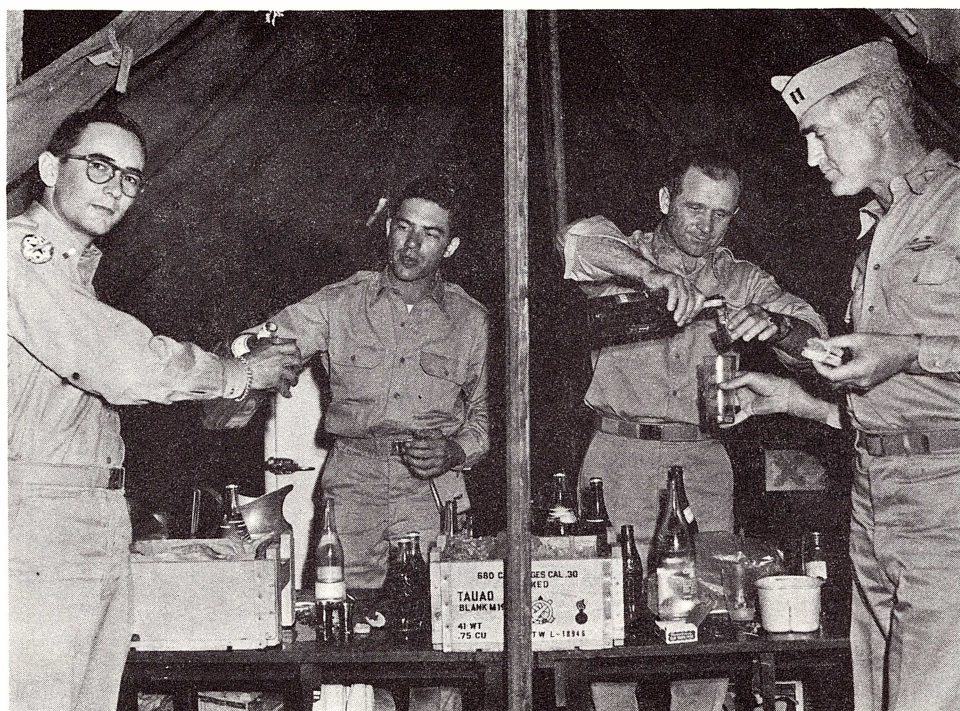


# Remember When...



253d Infantry, Camp Roberts 1957

The 253d at rehearsal for the Division Review



The 253d Infantry Regiment was organized from the redesignation of the 67th Armored Infantry Battalion in 1952. But, even further back than that, one could say that the beginning was in early 1948 as LTC Lewis Rosenberg began his actual unit organization as its first commander. By November 1948, the unit had grown to 50 officers and enlisted men and moved with the entire 13th Armored Division to Fort MacArthur for week-end drills. Their first "home" was in an old coastal defense mortar position known as battery Barlos-Saxton, located on the Upper Reservation. At this time, the 67th AIB was part of the Combat Command Reserve under the command of Col Barrat.

By 1951, the strength of the unit was around 100. The new commander of the CCR was Col Hixson and LTC Hall was his executive officer. Administrative headquarters was then located at 1112 S. Crenshaw Blvd in Los Angeles. Within this same year, LTC Rosenberg left and the new commander designate was LTC Ellison.

On 27 March 1952, the 67th AIB was deactivated/redesignated the 1st Bn, 253d Infantry Regiment, 63d Infantry Division. CO at that time was Major Walter Beswick. The other unit that helped to form the regiment was the 46th Tank Bn under the command of LTC Edward D. Miller. During this same year, the organization went to Hunter Liggett for summer training under the command of Col Lynch. On his staff were Capt Kelly, Maj Greenwald, Maj Doughty and Maj Pine. 1st Bn was commanded by Maj Beswick, 2d Bn by LTC Miller and 3d Bn by Maj McKinney.

In 1953, back to HLMR with some changes in command and staff. LTC Miller was Regimental Exec O, Kelly was now a Major, Capt Browne and Capt Villars joined Major Doughty to complete the staff. Unit was still in tents, water and bathing conditions improved but very low in strength; actually the lowest in their history.

By 1954, HLMR was routine, Capt McCleery became the new S1, Major Browne was the S2, Major Kelly the S3 and Major Harrington the S4. LTC McKinney had the 1st Bn, Major Thompson the 2nd. Unit history left the name of the CO of the 3d Bn blank. This was the year of the first ATT's for all personnel and a 2-day CPX.

In 1955 the Division left the field for barracks. Summer training was held at Camp Roberts, and a welcome change it was. LTC Miller was the CO, LTC Henry Hare the exec. Capt McCleery the S1. Major





2 rounds left



Corbett & Kellogg

Browne S2, Major Elstein S3 and Major Harrington S4. LTC McKinney had the 1st Bn, Major Thompson the 2nd Bn and Major Banner Rice the 3d Bn. Strength was low, but a shot-in-the-arm with the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, started the flow of new 6-month trainees.

In 1956, LTC McKinney became the XO, Capt Ekberg the S3, Major Saldman was CO of the 1st Bn, noting the changes in command and staff. Strength began to go up and the organization was beginning to show signs of becoming an operational unit of the Division. The training year and two-day CPX was good even though some turmoil resulted from personnel instability and transfer.

The summer of 1957 again, found the Regiment back at Camp Roberts. Major Kappler was the S2 and only change in staff. The Regiment conducted the ATT's for the entire 63d Division in a three-day period. Everyone was commended for the effort and results obtained in accomplishing a

monumental task with a new organization. At the review held on the final Saturday of summer training, the 253d took top honors for marching and formation.

In 1958, another change. The Division moved from Los Angeles to Camp Roberts by rail. The 253d was on the train with the bad engine, a delay resulted near Santa Susanna and the troops arrived about four hours late. The bad start seemed to be an incentive. Many superior and excellent ratings were earned by the units. Messes were excellent and according to the unit historian, "there was no question that the 253d was the top infantry outfit for that year." Tank-infantry problems with simulated atomic bombs, all types of weapons training and night problems following a night bivouac were part of the exercise. The CO was now COL Miller, Major King the S2, Major Nolan the S3, LTC Gilliam commanded the 1st Bn, Major Browne the 2nd Bn and Major Rice the 3d Bn.

In April 1959, the next major

change of the 63d Infantry Division was a reorganization under a new concept. Regiments and battalions disappeared, as such, and were replaced by Battle Groups. ROCID was now in effect and the 3d Battle Group, 30th Infantry was to become the "Queen of Battle" as the regimental colors of the 253d Regiment, and many others, were retired.

### Bird qualification





# ACTIVATION OF THE 63D INFANTRY DIVISION



## BLOOD AND FIRE

TO BLEED AND BURN  
IN EXPIATION OF THEIR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY  
WAS PROMISED TO, AND PLANNED FOR OUR ENEMIES

BY THE UNITED NATIONS

AT CASABLANCA

IN 1943

BORN THAT YEAR

THE

## 63D INFANTRY DIVISION

WEARS THE SYMBOL OF THAT PROMISE.

PREPARES FOR AND PLANS ITS SURE

AND JOYOUS EXECUTION

The story of the activation of the 63d Infantry Division was included in our Annual Report beginning with the 1971-72 issue. The first four pages of the "Blood and Fire", the division's first official newspaper was just about as complete in detail, as any document we have received to date. It gave us history as the soldier saw it, as well as the reproduced speeches of those who began our history. In this issue, we continue reproduction of the last four pages of Issue 1, Number 1. We hope that future contributions will enable your staff to share more of our early history, perhaps even development of a history per se sometime in the future.



## Wife And Son Main Hobbies Of Division G-1

"My only hobbies are my wife and small son," the Major admitted with a boyish grin, although later he granted that he also likes baseball and plays it whenever he gets the chance. In high school he played on the football team and in college participated in dramatics.

Major John Edward Brooks Jr., Division G-1, was born and lived much of his life in Winchendon, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Norwich University in 1932 with majors in history and education. While there he was a member of the Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi, a national fraternity. Although he received a commission as 2d Lieutenant on graduation from Norwich, he entered business with his father and later was employed by the state highway department. In February 1935 he began a three year hitch with the CCC as a company officer and later was made a company commander. Leaving the CCC in 1937 he took a position with a financial concern.

Entering active duty with the United States Army on August 3, 1940, he was assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky with the First Armored Division where he served as executive officer with the Brigade Headquarters Company. Following that he was transferred and assigned as Headquarters Company Commander of the Fourth Armored Brigade when the 4th Armored Division was activated at Pine Camp, New York.

In October of 1941 Major Brooks joined the Brigade Staff at Pine Camp as assistant S-3, later going to the Sixth Special Class at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In March of 1942 he returned to Fort Knox where he was stationed until July. From there he was sent to join the Headquarters of the II Armored Corps which was then on maneuvers in the Carolinas. Following the maneuvers was desert training and a subsequent assignment to headquarters at San Jose, California, where the Corps took over the training of several new divisions. In March of this year, Major Brooks was ordered to Fort Leavenworth to undergo training for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of this division.

## Activation Day

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way for a day of festivity and recreation.

Theaters will be opened for matinees, beaches made available, softball and volley-ball games played. Official transportation will be used to transport members to the Division beaches. A band concert will be given by the Division band at the beaches. Evening movies will be shown.

A reception and formal dance for officers and ladies of the 63d will be held at Bldg. No. 2817 from 2030 to 2400.

Enlisted men will have a dance at Service Club No. 1 from 2000 to 2300. Girls will be present from Camp Blanding, Gainesville and Jacksonville.

The Blood and Fire Division is activated now and we're in the process of having a good time. There's much work ahead.



"But honey—G-I means Good Intentions!"

## Benediction At Activation

As the curtain falls upon this last scene of the activation of the 63d Infantry Division, we turn our thoughts to Thee, Almighty and Eternal Father, Creator, Sustainer, and Judge of the World, and we humbly implore Thy blessing upon our mission in this just war.

Those who will comprise this Division will represent the fairest flower of America's manhood. Their ancestors came from distant shores to escape persecution and tyranny, and here they found a sanctuary of freedom. Here they learned that the state was made for man, not man for the state.

Thy Kingdom has fallen upon evil ways, Oh Lord. Evil and lunatic forces have arisen in the world to strangle and destroy all free peoples. They have rejected Thee, Oh Lord, the only source of law, order, and morals. They have defied themselves. With unspeakable brutality they seek to enslave all people, thus defying You and Your sacred laws.

Under Thy guidance, Oh Lord, the free peoples of the earth band themselves together to rid the earth of these despoilers of Thy Kingdom. The youth of America takes arms in righteous wrath against these Axis foes who seek to destroy us and our beloved country.

Sustain them, Oh Lord, and grant them a stout courage to carry out their mission. Guide and enlighten those in authority in making of right decisions and in the efficient execution of their tasks. We ask this for Thy greater honor and glory, Lord, and for the enduring character of our beloved nation. . . . Amen.

And Can He Squawk  
Sheppard Field, Tex. (CNS)—Cpl. and Mrs. E. E. Duck, of this Post, have a baby son. His name is Donald Duck.

## Invocation At Activation

"Almighty God, in whose hands lie the destinies of men and nations, may we come to this hour and its purpose with hearts and minds alert to its significance. We thank Thee for a heritage that has been so greatly blessed, make us worthy of our blessings. We praise Thee for the stalwart sons and daughters who have answered the call to serve our country in her hour of need.

In the battle against injustice, brutality, and ruthless tyranny, make us strong; grant unto all our leaders an invincible zeal to accomplish the task before us and bring us to victory; may Thy sustaining spirit be with all our comrades on the far-flung battle-line, reverently remembering those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, and with them enable us to establish more firmly the cause of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

With inspired courage may this Division serve in undivided loyalty our God and our country. Amen."

## General's Aide Gets New Boss

Lt. Bartow Kelly, aide to Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, joined the ranks of the Benedicts June 12, 1943 at 2030 when he was married to Miss Ann Waddell Turner at the First Presbyterian Church, Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Radford Turner of Macon. Lt. Kelly is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1940. While at Harvard Lt. Kelly was active in fraternal organizations.

## CRIME

Denver, Col. (CNS)—An AWOL soldier was picked up and charged with staging seven successive hold-ups. He blamed his brief career in crime on his girl, who, he said, broke a date.

## Busy Men Are A. G.'s

There's no doubt but that the two busiest men in Camp during the next couple of weeks will be Major Ralph Lavorgna, Adjutant General of the 63d and Captain Carl R. Mahder, Classification Officer.

To them has fallen the responsibility of properly placing and classifying every man who enters the Division. Both men have done much similar work before and are fitted for the job.

Speaking for them both, Captain Mahder said, "It is our ambition to accomplish the assignment of placing the incoming filter replacements more satisfactorily than it has ever been done before."

Major Lavorgna, a native of Connecticut, enlisted in the Regular Army in 1923 as a buck private. Since then he has served almost continuously in administrative branches. In 1931 he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in the Reserve Corp and entered active service in that capacity in November of 1940.

After serving in Panama with the infantry and air corps he returned to the States in 1942 and was assigned to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington. He served with the 80th Division until October 1942 and was then transferred to the 100th Division. In both cases he acted as Assistant Adjutant General and helped each Division during activation periods.

Attended Georgetown  
Captain Mahder, born in Hamilton, Ohio, was graduated from Ohio State University with an A.B. in Public Administration and Economics. Later he received an LL.B. in Law at Georgetown University and studied at the National Institute of Public Affairs, a Rockefeller endowed institution.

An athlete of no mean proportions, the Captain was quarterback on the Ohio State football team and did some boxing. His varied interests took him on a tour of Germany and Austria. On leaving the National Institute of Public Affairs he worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as an economic analyst.

A 2d Lieutenant in the ROTC at Ohio State he was called into service in March of 1942. After a short course at Ft. Benning, Ga., he was assigned to the 80th Infantry Division at Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he worked in Division Headquarters and as a unit personnel officer. He left Camp Forrest for a short time to attend the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., and on his return was ordered to observe the activation of the 66th Division at Camp Blanding, Florida, prior to reporting with the 63d.

## Dogface Reports For KP; Learns of His Discharge

Camp White, Ore. (CNS)—Pvt. Anthony Philbin, DEML, had been hanging around camp for a week, awaiting final confirmation of his certified disability discharge.

One day he showed up at the mess hall for KP.

"What are you doing here?" said the mess sergeant.

"My name's on the KP list," said the amiable Philbin.

"Hell's bells, man," screamed the Sergeant. "You were discharged from the Army last Sunday."

Philbin left camp within the hour.

## Division Releases Swim Schedule

Anyone standing on the corner of Florida Ave. and Meridian St. certainly wouldn't have to be a super-sleuth to figure out that there must be pretty good swimming in this camp. He'd only have to see about three soldiers hot-footing it down the road, towels slung over their shoulders, to know what was up.

To prevent spoiling this pleasure by any unfortunate occurrences, Division Headquarters has published certain regulations for the guidance of the men of the Division.

Bathing hours will be as follows:  
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays . . . 1400 - 2000  
Weekdays . . . 1600 - 2000

Bath-house assignments:  
Area . . . Building  
A-1 . . . 2816  
A-2 . . . 2814  
A-3 . . . 2813  
A-4 . . . 2811  
A-5 . . . 2812  
A-6 . . . 2815

Enlisted men off duty on week days may swim between the hours of 1400 and 1600, provided they use bath-house No. 2813.

Swimming is authorized only when qualified lifeguards are on duty.

## Lt. Stowe Weds

Friday, June 4th, marked the end of one campaign for 2nd Lt. James B. Stowe, executive officer of Battery B, 865d Field Artillery Battalion, when he married Miss Esther Gravenkemper.

Mrs. Stowe is the daughter of Major and Mrs. C. W. Gravenkemper of Norwood, O. Before her marriage she was a student at Marietta College.

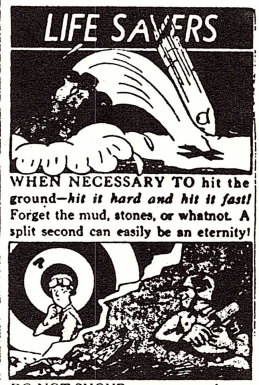
Lt. Stowe, a graduate of Ohio University, has been on active duty since June, 1942.

## SIGNATURE REQUIRED TO DATE WAACS

Air Base, Salt Lake City (CNS)

To visit a WAAC dayroom a dogface must have an invitation from a gal soldier, then must stand inspection by the area guard.

When a "G. I." takes a WAAC off the Base he must sign her out and when he brings her back he must sign her in again. . . . Let's equipment.



DO NOT SHOVE your sun goggles up on your helmet when not in use. It's a handy place to keep them—but the reflection makes an ideal bulls-eye for the enemy.

## Male Call



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



## This Took Crust



## DIVISION STAFF AT LEAVENWORTH, MAR.-APRIL



Pictured above is Brigadier-General Hibbs, Division Commander, and staff at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Similar groups were at Fort Benning, Ga. with Col. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with Col. Edward J. McGraw, Artillery Commander.

Left to right are, front row: Major John E. Brooks, G-1; Major John M. Hardaway, G-2; Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff; Brigadier-General Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General; Lt. Col. Lucien F. Wells, Jr., G-3 (since replaced by Lt. Col. Gordon M. Eyrer); Major Frank T. Ritter, G-4. Second row: Major Ralph Lavorgna, Adjutant General; Lt. Col. Elmer L. Thompson, head of Quartermaster Corps; Lt. Col. Harold O. Pinher, Inspector General; Capt. Joseph R. Cumming, Judge Advocate; Capt. Charles W. Gibbs, Signal Officer; Major Jack L. Coan, Division Engineer. Third row: Lt. Col. George C. Gutierrez, Division Surgeon; Major Frederick C. Johnson, Ordnance Officer; Capt. Glenn Y. Williamson, Chemical Officer; 1st Lt. William M. Gwyn, Jr., Ren. Tr. Comdr.; Capt. Paul H. Smith, Provost Marshal; Capt. John P. Reames, Hq. Co. Comdr. Back row: Capt. Abe Kramer, Assistant G-2; Major R. A. Nichols, Assistant G-3 and Major Leslie W. McMahon, Assistant G-4.

63D ACTIVATED TODAY AFTER MONTHS OF PLANNING  
TRAINEES MIXED WITH CADRES FROM MANY DIVISIONS

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which they belonged.

The Parent Division, the Ninety-eighth, had meanwhile selected from among its own officers the bulk of the small unit commanders, such as company and battery commanders, and the staff officers for the various battalions. From the Ninety-eighth, also, were to come the enlisted men who would form the nucleus around which the new Division would be built.

Having selected the key officers, the men who were going to command the various units of the Division and man the staffs of the unit commanders, the next job was to prepare these men for the responsible positions they had been called to. So back to school they went. All of them from the Division Commander down to the lowest second lieutenant were assigned to various Army schools for advanced and crash courses.

## Nothing Left to Chance

The Division Commander, the Assistant Division Commander, the Chief of Artillery and the Chief of Staff attended first the Auto Ordnance School and the Ordnance School in the East. From there they traveled west to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where they were met by the officers of the General Staff.

Nothing was to chance. While the Division Commander was yet in the East, plans were being laid at the Fort Leavenworth school to assist him in his huge task of organizing a division. An instructor was sent from the school to make a detailed study of Camp Blanding. Back to Fort Leavenworth with him he brought maps of the Camp, reports on the size and condition of the buildings and areas available to the Division. Information about local towns and cities, about housing, liquor, prostitution, recreation, transportation, schools, hospitals, and all about the thousand and one things necessary for the commander of a large unit to know.

Thus, when General Hibbs and his assistants arrived at Fort Leavenworth, a huge mass of carefully compiled information was awaiting him. Assisting him in the digestion of this mass of material were the instructors of the Staff and Command School, men who had gained wide experience in such work in the organizing of countless other divisions before the Sixty-third. It was at Fort Leavenworth that the first detailed plans for the new division were set up.

Many Schools Attended

In other Army schools similar aid was being given. At the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., the Regimental Commanders and their staffs were listening to the latest reports from the battlefronts of the world. At the Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Okla., the Field Artillery Battalion Commanders and their staffs were learning the newest artillery techniques—the techniques that put the Afrika Korps on the run at El Alamein and Gafsa. And the same thing was going on at the Medical Field Service School, at the Signal School, at the Engineers School, at the Adjutant General's School, and at the Chaplain's School.

On May 3d the first contingent of the Sixty-third arrived at Camp Blanding. This group consisted of the Division Commander and his staff—nineteen officers in all—plus chauffeurs, seven of them. Other officers began to arrive soon after.

## Units Given Numerals

Unit numerals had been assigned to the various subdivisions of the Sixty-third by the War Department when the Division had first been planned. The Infantry units were to be known as the 253d, the 254th, and the 255th Infantry Regiments. To the Artillery had been assigned the unit numerals of the 861st, the 862d, the 863d, and the 178th Field Artillery Battalions. There were also the 363d Medical Battalion, the 263d Engineer Battalion, the 763d Ordnance Co., the 563d Signal Co., the 86d Quartermaster Co., the 63d Reconnaissance Troop and the 63d Military Police Company.

On May 8th the first large group of men arrived. They were the cooks and mess sergeants, the M. P.'s and postal workers, and the officer cadre—all from the Ninety-eighth. The stream of arrivals widened as the Quartermaster and maintenance personnel arrived a week later. With them came the rest of the enlisted cadre.

On May 24th the officers who were to compose the bulk of the division officer personnel began to arrive. They came for three solid days from all over the country. As quickly as they came they were classified and assigned. With this last group of officers, 471 of them, the training personnel was completed.

## Prepare to Receive Men

New active preparations for the

reception of the men who were to compose the mass of the Division were made. Hutments and walks were repaired. Rifles and machine guns, shelter halves and blankets, canteens and mess kits, shovels and wire cutters, compasses and range finders, and all the thousands of items the soldier uses poured in on sleepless supply sergeants to be counted and sorted and stored away until the men to whom they would be issued should arrive. Trucks and jeeps newly off the assembly line were rolled into motor pools stacked high with as yet unsorted tools.

Almost magically, however, order started to emerge from the confusion. Typewriters began to chatter in the various administrative offices. Filing cases arrived to replace the corn flakes boxes that had formerly been used. "Coke" machines were plugged in. Electric fans arrived. Things began to look up.

## Still Plenty of Work

But there was still plenty of hard work to be done. Division and regimental schools were set up to further the training of the officers and non-commissioned officers who were to have the difficult job of making finished and ready soldiers of men newly arrived from civilian life.

There were many difficulties to cope with. The almost entire absence of privates reduced hard-boiled sergeants to K. P.'s. Lieutenants, Captains, Majors and Colonels wielded scrubbing brushes and mops in an attempt to make living quarters more comfortable.

At the same time, training plans were being drawn up as busy staff officers pored over the Army's Mobilization Training Program and made careful schedules for the instruction of a new division. Teams of officers and non-commissioned officers were organized to deal with the problems of housing and assigning the trainees. Carpenters and technicians were set to work constructing training aids. The hum of activity had become a roar.

Today the first group of trainees arrives. Today marks the end of one phase, the planning phase, and the beginning of another phase, the training phase.

Tomorrow begins the combat phase.

One of the finest cooks in the 254th Infantry Officers' Mess is from Headquarters Co., 1st Bn. His cooking is much easier to digest than his name—T-4 Zackostelucky.

Div. G-2 Has Long  
Armored Experience

A son of sunny California—the age-long rival of Florida, Major John M. Hardaway, Division G-2, seems to bear Florida no ill-will. In fact he has already moved his wife and son to St. Augustine.

Born in San Francisco he lived much of his life in California, although while a boy he and his parents spent a year in Honolulu. He was graduated from high school in Sacramento and following that, worked in the advertising field. In 1934 he was commissioned a 2d Lt in the reserve corps and in 1935 and 1936 he served as a company officer with the CCC in Yosemite Park, California.

After leaving the CCC, and until he was called to active duty in 1941, he worked for the Public Relations Office of the State of California. This work entailed much traveling and gave him many opportunities to enjoy his hobby of color photography. Since then the Major has been forced to dispose of much of his equipment due to transportation difficulties and now he finds it easier to further his linguistic pursuits which he does in leisure moments. At present he is studying Portuguese.

On his call to active duty in 1940 he was ordered to the then 66th Infantry (Light Tanks) at Fort Benning, Georgia where he remained as a company commander until July 1941. Following that he joined the 1st Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky as Assistant Headquarters Commandant.

In December 1941 he was a transfer to the 5th Armored Division, also at Fort Knox, as Assistant G-2. Subsequently he joined the Division to Camp Cooke, California and later to Camp Beale, as Acting G-2 and later Assistant G-2 of the 13th Armored Division.

Major Hardaway has attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas three times since he entered service. He was with the 7th New Division Class and the 11th Special Class, and while at Camp Beale, California, orders sent him to the 13th New Division Class, preparatory to joining our Division.

Message From  
Medical Chief

By Lt. Col. George G. Gutierrez  
Division Surgeon

You are now a member of the Army of the United States. It is an honorable profession and the Army expects you to uphold that honor. One of the most important ways of doing this is by keeping yourself physically fit. The Army does everything possible to help you but you must do your part to preserve your health. It is your duty to do so.

Before you entered the Army, you probably consulted a doctor only when you were sick enough to take to your bed. In the Army you are expected to report to a medical officer the first sign of any illness, such as a cold, headache, fever, sore throat, feverishness or a rash on your body. The reason for this is that any of the above symptoms may be the starting point of a "communicable disease," that is, a disease that you can give others, and since you are living and eating with large groups of men, there is always the danger of infecting them.

Beware, however, of "gold-bricking," "riding the sick-book," for you will soon be found out.

Always observe the rules of personal hygiene and tell your doctor about them during your training so it is sufficient now to say that the observance of these rules means, to a great extent, the difference between health and disease.

A word about venereal disease, but a most important word, avoid it and you would surely avoid it. Although among the commonest of contagious diseases, they are most easily avoided—simply by staying away from the prostitutes and the so-called "victory girls."

Gonorrhea and syphilis can be cured—though difficult—they can be prevented with ease. Venereal diseases are serious diseases—because they affect your efficiency in the Army and your future health and happiness. Remember, too, that the efficiency of your outfit is much affected by the number of venereal cases in it—so keep 'em down.

New Engineer Chief  
Wants His Crew Best  
In Entire Division

His keen, grey eyes give away a mind filled with energy and ambition, indicating that when he, Major Jack L. Coan of Division Engineers, says that he wants the best "da—" outfit in the Division, he will have it.

A native of Alabama, he was graduated from Auburn in 1935 with a major in electrical engineering. While there he was a cadet colonel of the Engineer outfit in the R. O. T. C. and a member of several fraternities. He is also a member of the Scabbard and Blade.

Under the Thomason Officer's Act he was in the first class at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 1937 and was among the five-percent in a class of 1000 students, receiving commissions.

Major Coan's first job with the Army was on river and harbor duty in the middle of the New Mexican dust bowl where the Government had a \$16,000,000 flood control project on the South Canadian River. There he received a chance to use his initiative and test his school-learned principles. Before starting the project they were forced to construct a town in which to live, acquire a water supply and build a power plant.

In September, 1940 Major Coan was sent with the 11th Engineering Regiment to the Canal Zone to construct fields and bases for the Air Corps. He later helped arrange for landing fields in South and Central American countries.

Major Coan returned to this country last Winter.

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vere enough to hospitalize the 63d's new commander for nine months. Ironically enough, the General suffered his first injury on a Friday and the second on the 13th, "No I now spend all Fridays—the 13th, in bed," he jokes.

Awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in action, the General returned to the States on New Year's Eve 1918, "and believe me, seeing New York on New Year's Eve was a thrill I'll never forget," the General said.

He wears the French Fourragere in the colors of the Croix de Guerre as an individual decoration.

Recovered from his injuries, General Hibbs became adjutant and aide to General Douglas MacArthur at West Point in 1919, serving with the hero of Bataan until 1922.

## Made Staff Work

Promoted to the rank of Major during the course of the first World War, the General held various staff and command positions from 1922 until January, 1942, while serving at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; Ft. Bragg, N. C.; Hawaii at War College and in the War Department in Washington, D. C. and at West Point.

January, 1942 found the General as Artillery Commander of the 36th Infantry Division and in March of this year he was placed in command of the 63d—a position to which he brings all the vigor of his years. "This is going to be a real fighting unit," says the General, "anything worth doing is worth doing well. So Hell's Bells! Let's get going!"

Married, General Hibbs resides with his wife at Keystone Heights and is the father of a son, Louis E., Jr., 18, who is scheduled to be inducted into the service sometime this month.

Typical of the zip and spark so much a part of the General is the new divisional insignia, created by the General himself. Both gruesome and colorful, it portrays a bloody dagger on a background of fire—a flaming oath that the heroic dead of Corrigidor and Wake; of Bataan and Manila will be fully avenged; a vibrant reminder that these men have not died in vain.

To sum up the General, he likes his soldiering tough, his language plain—and his most used phrase is "Hell's Bells! Let's get going!"



## Three Cadres Find Brothers Doing a Duet

Still together after riding a trio of cadres and hoping to remain that way until the war's end, the Walters brothers — John F. and Charles E. — twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Walters of Waverly, Ohio, represent a sharp contrast to the Army's usual wheel of fortune.

Now members of the 253d Infantry, John is in Hq. Co., 1st Bn. and Charles or "Bucky" is an expert mortar man with Co. D.

The twist of fate that was to see them united through three years of soldiering began on September 1, 1940 when the two brothers enlisted in the Regular Army at Portsmouth, Ohio. A few days later they were sworn in at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and on September 6 were shipped to Fort Bragg, N. C.

At Bragg 18 months, John was a record clerk in Message Center and "Bucky" was an 81mm mortar section sergeant.

February, 1942 found the pair transferred on cadre to Camp Claiborne, La., where the 82nd Division, now an airborne outfit, was activated. While there John was promoted to the rank of buck sergeant and made Message Center Chief and "Bucky" was made a platoon sergeant in charge of a 50 cal. machine gun platoon.

The chance to ride a second cadre — this to Camp Breckinridge in Kentucky — came in August of last year, fate again placing the two brothers together. Members of the 98th Division while in the Blue Grass state, John served as 1st Battalion Sergeant Major and "Bucky" returned to the mortar section of Co. D.

Old dame fate was still in their corner when the time came to select the cadre that was to activate the 63d and as a result the two brothers are still together and happy about the whole thing.

Another brother, Robert L., is a member of a Coast Artillery outfit and was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese pulled their famous "sneak" attack. Uninjured during the raid, he is now at Ft. Kamehameha in the territory of Hawaii.

John, Charles, was with the Walters brothers at Ft. Bragg and Camp Claiborne, but failed to make the cadre to Kentucky and is now a member of the 101st Airborne Division's 401st Infantry.

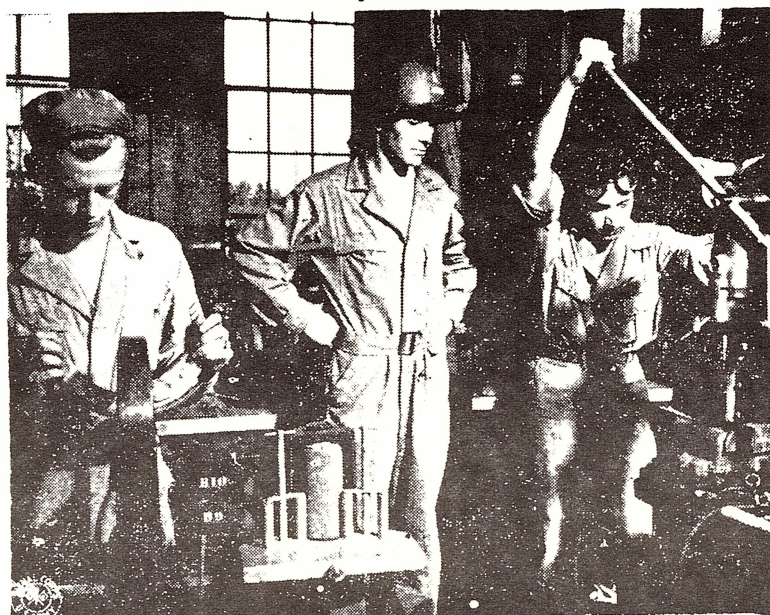
### Sports Slants

Pvt. J. Donald Budge, red-headed holder of more tennis titles than any other living man, recently completed his 41-day conditioning period at the Sheppard Field, Tex. Basic Training Center.

Buzz Borries, Navy's great back of a few years ago, downed a pair of Zeros in his first five minutes of flying in the South Pacific. He's now an instructor at Pensacola.

The Boston Red Sox, who have sent Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Lou Finney and Dom DiMaggio into service, claim to be the biggest contributors to the war effort in the big leagues; a claim that's disputed by the Detroit Tigers, who have lost 22 men to the armed forces. Among the Tigers to go were Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, Barney McCosky, Freddie Hutchinson, Pat Mullin and Birdie Tebbets.

## Whatta Shop! It Rolls Too



That excellent machine shop you see pictured above is one of the rolling shops of the 763d Ordnance that will keep the Division rolling in the field and in combat. At work are T Sgt. Stanley D. Crouch, chief mechanic; Lt. Donald G. Middleton, officer in charge of auto maintenance and Pvt. Nicholas R. Rago.

## 763D Ordnance Keeps 'Em Rolling

Outfit Has Busy Time Since Beginning Blanding Operations

They can give you a complete motor replacement within a period of two hours or, when tactical or combat conditions necessitate they can put their entire outfit on the road within a period of three; they can patch up a radiator or put new life in an old battery and can do the 101 other things so vital in keeping Uncle Sam's vehicles in A-1 running condition. These are the jobs of Capt. Joseph G. McLean's 763d Ordnance Auto Maintenance boys—the boys of 3d Echelon who really "keep 'em rolling."

Under the direct supervision of Lt. D. G. Middleton, the 763d has been a busy outfit since beginning operations here in Blanding. Working both "graveyard" and "swing" shifts, the repair crew has been turning out job after job—returning everything from jeeps to 2½-ton trucks back to active service. From early morn to late evening the shop represents a beehive of activity and each of the 57 men on duty has his own task.

"We start nothing we can't finish in three hours," says S/Sgt. Morris J. Rothstein of Ravenna, Ohio, shop foreman, who was been connected with automotive repair since transferring from the Quartermaster Corps ten months ago. "We operate just as effectively mobile," he added, "just loading our equipment onto trucks and swinging into action."

"Damn Good Bunch" "A damn good bunch of fellows," is the way Capt. McLean, a native of Albany, N. Y., describes the men who see to it that each and every vehicle sent to 3d Echelon for repair work returns in Class A shape. They've been on the go almost continuously," the Captain said, "and really turn out work. You bet they're the boys who 'keep 'em rolling'."

Divided into various departments, 3d Echelon is composed of welders and blacksmiths; auto mechanics and carburetor technicians; body mechanics and radiator repair men. Each man is a specialist and in the majority of cases has had some previous experience in that particular line.

Operating in the field, the outfit carries up to 6,000 spare parts and in gear, or in the field it is ready to go at all times.

Mr. Jerry take notice!

Lt. Big George Earnshaw, who helped right hand the Philadelphia Athletics to pennants in 1929, '30 and '31, has been switched from his job at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Naval Base to a plane carrier.

Sixth Service Command in Chicago where he served a year with the Military Police and Military Intelligence Sections. In 1942 he was transferred to the Inspector General's Department in Memphis, Tenn. and in July of that year was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel.

Completing his service in Memphis, Col. Pinther reported to the 63d Division May 3. And although those days of collecting non-com stripes are in the dim and distant past, he is still adding to his ever-growing collection of shoulder patches.

### Sports Slants

The first division hopes of the Philadelphia Phillies were dealt a staggering blow recently when Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren, first baseman extraordinary, who has been catorting at short for the Phils most of this season, passed his Army physical. Smooth fielding Dahlgren is scheduled to enter the service sometime in July.

## CHEVRONS, INSIGNIA, AUTOGRAPHS RATE HIGH IN COLLECTION OF I. G.

Corporal's stripes and sergeant's chevrons; Division insignia and autographs of leading military personnel — mementos of World War I and the present conflict — comprise the simple, yet unusual

hobby of Lt. Col. Harold O. Pinther, Inspector General of the 63d Division.

His interest aroused by a "buddy's" collection of hotel menus and other novel souvenirs, Col. Pinther set out on his new hobby shortly after his enlistment in May, 1917, as he was working his way through the ranks. A member of the 121st Field Artillery, the Colonel's collection began with his first promotion — that of corporal — and subsequently grew until he had reached the rank of regimental sergeant major. Today a commissioned officer, the Colonel still treasures those ancient stripes — stripes that bring back fond memories of his own days as an enlisted man.

Born in Fon du Lac, Wis., Col. Pinther attended grammar and high school in that town and while in the latter was a member of the football eleven and track team. Two years before the outbreak of the first world war, he enrolled at the U. of Wisconsin. Soldiering over for that war, he returned to graduate at the conflict's close.

### Nine Months Overseas

The owner of the Service Medal for overseas duty, the Colonel spent nine months on foreign soil, four of which saw him in the front lines. He saw action in the battle of Aisne-Marne before returning to this country in September, 1918 to serve as an instructor at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Col. Pinther enlisted in the Reserve Corps in 1924 and was recalled for active duty during the present emergency in May, 1941. He reentered service as a Major and was first assigned to the

### The Wolf

by Sansone



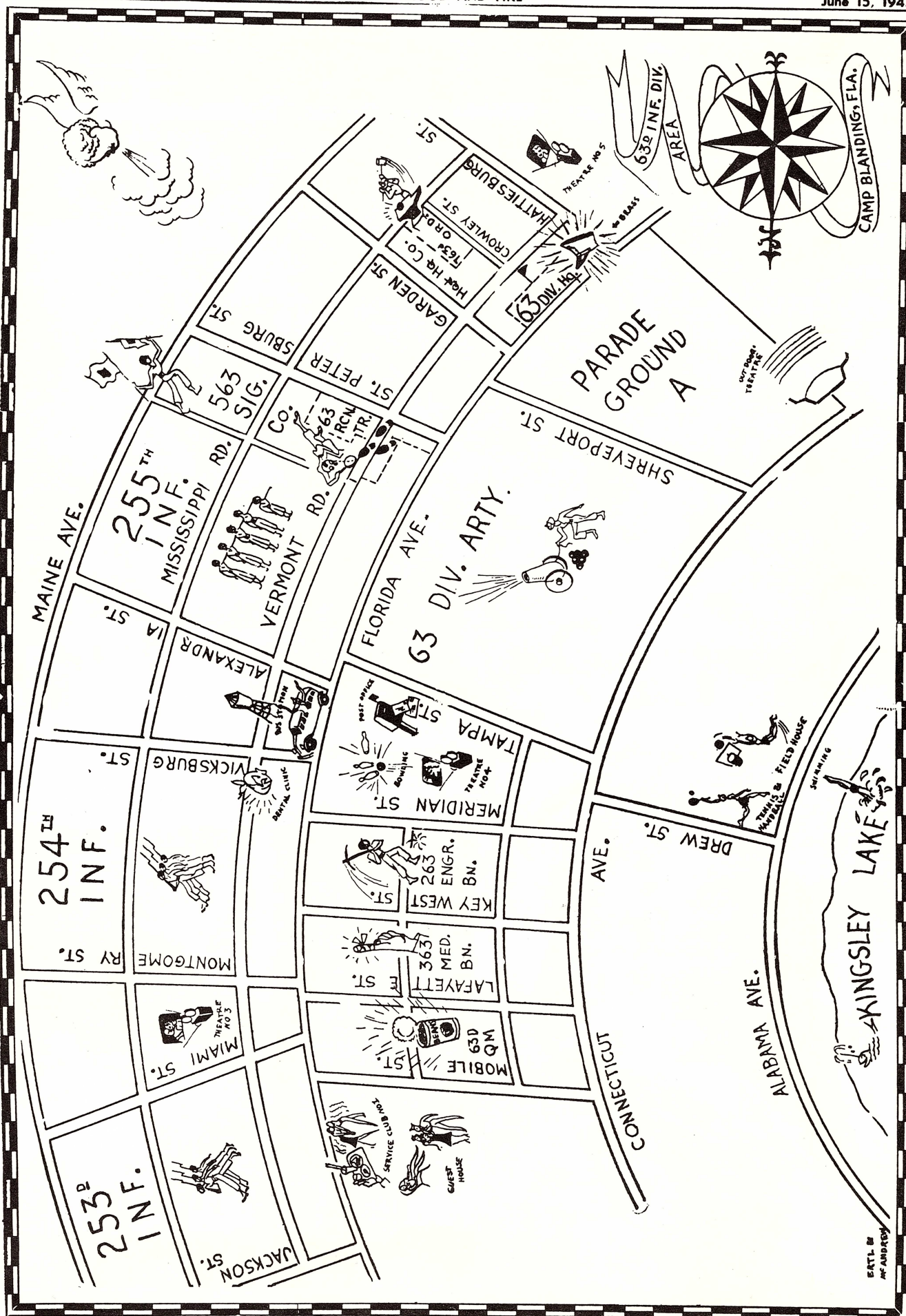
### Male Call

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



### Reviewing Party: Arms Stacked









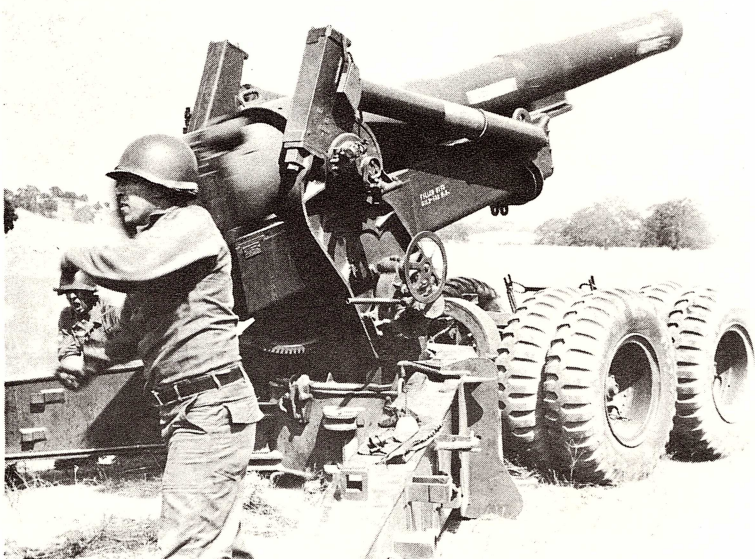
63d Infantry Division Officers Party, Camp Roberts, California 1956.



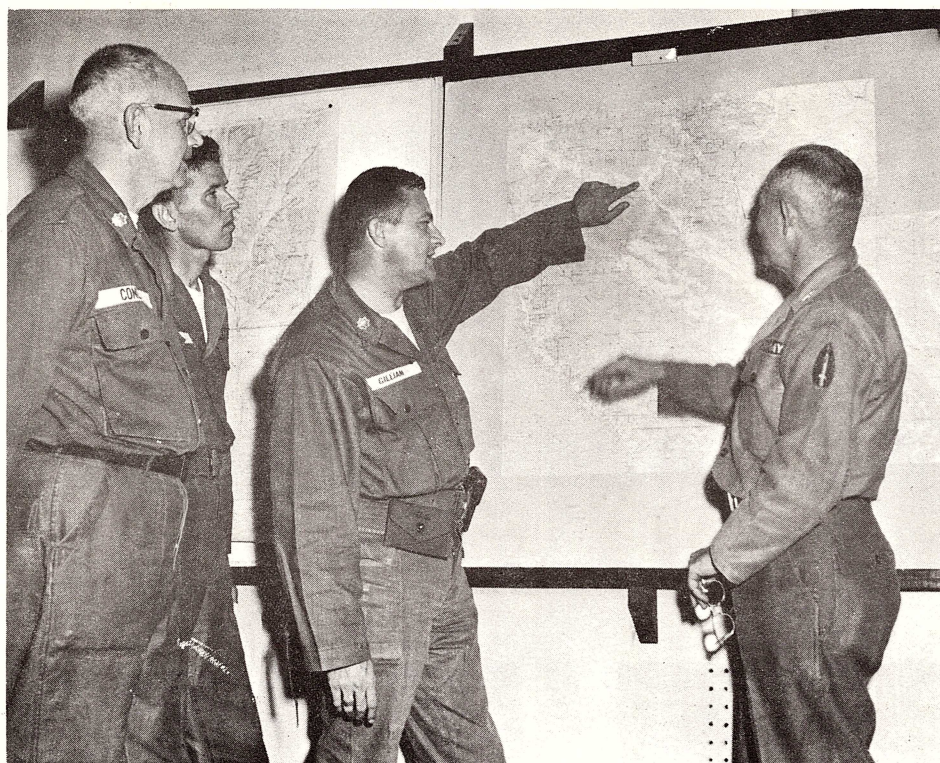




Command & General Staff, 63d Infantry Division, 1964, Camp Roberts, Calif.  
 Front Row, 1 to r: Capt William Kuntz, Aide; Col Lester B. Johnson, Senior Unit Advisor; BG Stewart Hall, ADC; MG William Hixson, CG; BG Louis Kaufman ADC; COL Frank Spearman III, C/S; Capt Don Gustafson, C/S Ass't; Lt Albert Finnerty, Aide; Back Row, 1 to r; LTC Bill F Pierce, G1; LTC Chas C Bennett G2; LTC Charles J. McCleery, G3; LTC Leslie Welsh, G4; Lt Epp, Aide; & CWO Ernst Andreas, C/S LnO.





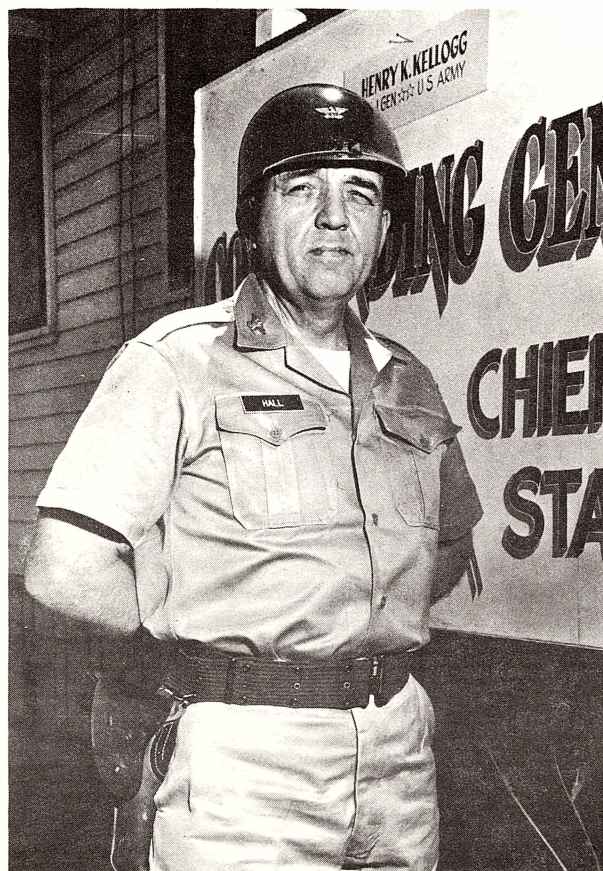


Objective--the Hacienda at Hunter-Liggett.



Major Joe, on the air to Sherwood Forest.

How do I get to be a general?



You pick em out. . .







Purty gal & an infantryman. . .



the Hoverstens



the Kroeners



Howdysan. . .



the Gilliams



Hi kids. .



Mike who ?





Woody & Art. .



a thorn between two roses. . .



Mrs Kaufman, Mal Packer, MG Kaufman



Sweet Adoline . . . .



Pretty girl surrounded by redlegs. . .



Col Frady and President Art. . .

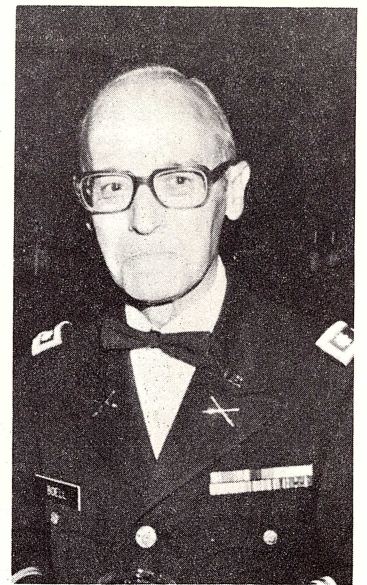




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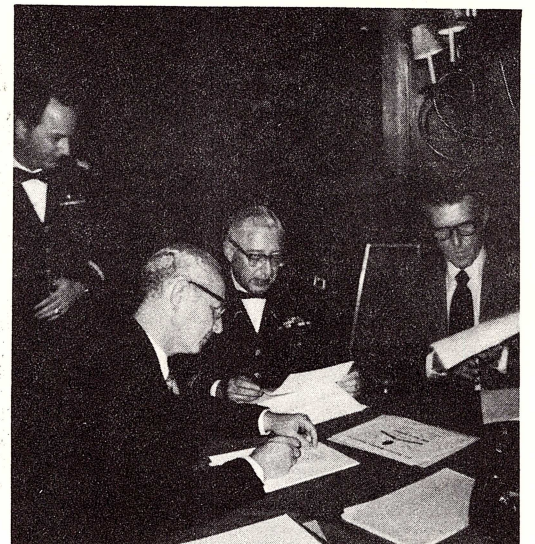
Whoizzat. . .



Nutz. . . .



Welsh, Walsh and Welsh



By Board Action. . .



MG Hixson, LTC Pellegrin



the Grays



pretty girl and a Colonel....





Bill & the Myers



Woman talk



The Mitchells



almost Happy Hour



the Pellegrins



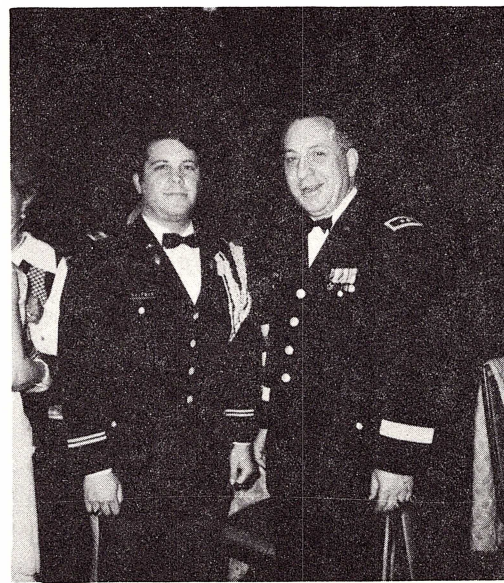
Della & Smokey Bear



the Pierces



soldier & pretty girl



2 Kaufmans



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