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Signal Soldiers Learn to Build Telephone Lines

"Up the pole and make your tie, Schnick. You, Harrington, give him a hand and then make the tie on the other pole."

It was an acting team leader giving the instructions as the construction platoon of the 132nd Signal Company went through its second morning of erecting telephone wires on full sized telephone poles and temporary lance poles.

This platoon is responsible for most of the divisional telephone wire strung for the 42nd Division in combat, so they must know their job well. They have to be field soldiers at the same time because they must furnish their own security. They are armed with carbines, tommy guns, pistols and a .50 calibre machine gun.

The platoon consists of three sections of two construction teams each. The construction teams of six men and a sergeant are fast workers. They can lay 35 or more miles of wire in eight hours in country similar to the Camp Gruber area.

Every man must know how to make a reconnaissance, estimate the amount of new wire to be used in an area, find out how many poles already installed can be used, and if the local commercial lines can be tied into the Division system.

In combat, a construction team is assigned to each combat team, with three remaining construction teams held in reserve with Division headquarters. Thus there is always a team rested and ready for work when the forward team needs to be relieved.

The construction platoon of the 132nd Signal Company has 15 men in it who were linemen in civilian life. The rest of the men are being taught how to become communications experts. Everyman in the platoon has learned to climb poles, and are learning how to string wire on them. They learn how to recover wire when it is no longer needed in a particular area, and how to erect both temporary and permanent poles.

Dreams of Dough —And Gets It

George Mellinger, the 6 foot 4 inch "junior" of the 132 Signal Company, will always believe in dreams after this.

Saturday night he spent in Muskogee. When he got back to camp with the Dawn Patrol he had three cents in his pocket. He went to bed.

"Hey!" he yelled when he got up for chow. "I dreamed some simple soul was sending me money." And he fingered his three cents, wishing he could make them grow.

There was no reason for him to stand mail call, but he did.

He got a letter. Inside was a check from the company he used to work for.

Signal Company Furnishes Communication for Division



When it is time to move forward in combat the 132nd Signal Company will pick up plenty of telephone wire the men have strung for the Division. Here is part of the construction platoon of the company learning how the recovery will be made. Pvt. Ivor Tesch works the clutch on the RL 26 A on the back of a truck, while behind the machine is Pvt. Kenneth Brashar. Pvt. Frank Alonzo is in front working the brakes and using the wire pikes are Pvts. Peter O'Neil and Ray Dwinell. Left, Pvt. Julius Schnick is aided by Pvt. Kenneth Harrington as Schnick makes a tie on a pole while stringing telephone wire.

Squad, Section Problem Exercises For Division Champs Start Monday

Competition among the squads of the three Infantry regiments and the Engineer battalion for the title of "Division Commander's Combat Squads," and howitzer sections of Division Artillery to be known as "Division Commander's Combat Sections" will get under way next week. The competition will continue until Nov. 21.

Winners in the various classes will be given 15-day furloughs, and special insignia to be worn on the uniform of each man in the top squads and sections in the Division.

Each regiment will select the outstanding squads of various types (rifle, light machine gun, heavy machine gun, 60 mm. mortar, and 37 anti-tank gun) during the running of squad problems presented by the three regiments. The Engineers will do likewise.

The problems will be in the attack, defense, daylight reconnaissance patrol, flank security patrol, combat outposts, and withdrawal for rifle squads, with the other squads participating in exercises in attack, defense and withdrawal. Preliminary winners will be

those with the highest number of points. These winners will compete in the Division finals for top honors.

Howitzer sections in Division Artillery will compete in exercises of going into position, preparing for action, execution of fire commands, march orders and going out of position. Winners in each battalion will meet in the finals.

Comedy Here Sunday; Actors From Tulsa

The Tulsa Little Theater Group presents a new Comedy, "Mornings At Seven" this Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at theater No. 2. This is the first of a series of plays the group plans to put on for the men of Camp Gruber.

"Mornings At Seven" is a comedy which features a cast of 10 players. Elaborate scenery is brought from Tulsa for these productions, and they promise to be a welcome addition to the entertainment here on the post.

A primary position is one offering the best conditions for accomplishment of the mission of the weapon.

Welfare Contact Groups Formed By Veterans

Already close ties of kinship between the Rainbow Division of 1918 and that of today have been cemented further by a program of personal cooperation between Rainbow chapters and families of Rainbow soldiers.

The program was conceived and developed by the veterans themselves and will go into effect immediately.

Under its provisions, members of chapters of the National Association, Rainbow Division Veterans, in 97 cities and towns throughout the country, will contact families of men, from their communities now in the Rainbow Division. This will be done on a neighborly and friendly basis in the spirit of blood kinship through membership in the same fighting clan.

As developed by the Veterans Association, the program will permit them, privately and without the sometimes coldly impersonal methods of public agencies, to assist the family of the Rainbow soldier to adjust itself to the trying fact of his absence from home and his altered financial status. They will also be in position to help iron out difficulties which may have resulted from breaking up the soldier's home, particularly if it has not long been established.

These services, the veterans have pointed out, can be rendered as from one member of a family to another, as from father to son and from mother to daughter, with no possible chance of undesirable publicity and with no need

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Engineers Learn Night Bridge Work

Building those bridges at night time is no easy job, and you may wonder how the Engineers do it. Ponton bridges, foot bridges, all various types of floating bridges the engineers construct by the light of starlight and sometimes even without that.

To watch these night prowlers at work is indeed something to behold. You barely see these darkly clad creatures blending into the night moving around. There is no light, there is no sound. Only a hushed stillness broken occasionally by a slight ripple of water or a muffled bump of timbers. Gradually, in the distance from the shore you see the faint outlines of a bridge structure taking form.

The amazing thing about it all is the speed with which such a structure is thrown up. A structure capable of supporting a huge body of men or a heavy truck convoy is no flimsy affair. If one investigates all the detail, training and preparation that goes in to this type of work, it can well be realized that the Engineers really are the fountain-head, the spring board of the advance, and truly prepared to lead the way.

Two Commended For Division Work

Recent commendations for work in the Division have been given Lt. Daniel M. Andrews, assistant G-2, and Capt. George W. Bercik, Division classification officer.

Lieutenant Andrews' commendation from Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, was for planning and conducting the activation ceremonies with "initiative, foresight, organization ability and a fine sense of the dramatic." He was also awarded the Division insignia of Lt. Earle W. Wilson, of the 168th Infantry in the Rainbow Division of World War I.

The commendation received by Captain Bercik was for his efficiency and painstaking care displayed in the classification and assignment of the new men in the Division.

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Too Much 'Home Sweet Home'

A young officer may dispute this, but his efficiency drops in proportion to the nearness of his family and the frequency with which he can visit them. My officers, out on the desert were fifty per cent more efficient than when in cantonments where they could visit their homes each night. A good deal of the trouble can be laid to lack of understanding on the part of wives, the average American's love of a good time, and the too-human inclination to procrastinate.

Wives are too prone to call attention to the fact that Captain Blank of another outfit is always home early; that he has time for an evening of bridge; that the Blanks attend all movies worthwhile, and so on and so on. And too often as a result, loving husbands are more than happy to make excuses to themselves for enjoying the simple pleasures they have always had time for. But remember this: The trained live and the untrained die.

I am in perfect accord with the natural desire of my officers to have a good time. But because of the big job in front of us, these occasions should be kept down to a minimum. Platitudeous as it may sound, let us "play hard while playing and work industriously while working." Even though husbands enjoy having their home life and wives enjoy having their husbands with them, let each remember the probability that he will return with a whole body and clear conscience is far greater if he prepares now.

During the not-so-good phases of the Libyan campaign I saw more than one armored outfit with many tanks left blazing on the field because leaders did not know their stuff. While I would not go so far as to say that this lack of battlefield understanding was due to too much home life while in training, there is one thing I am sure of: Every leader in those wrecked outfits thought of the time he had wasted—the time that he might have put on training his men—and himself—for battle.

"A Regimental Commander"
in October 1943 Infantry Journal

BE AN EXPERT

You soldiers are training to be the finest athletes in the world, and that includes boys like Frankie Sinkwich and Don Hutson of the football world; Babe Ruth and Lefty Grove of baseball; and hundreds of others.

If you're doubtful, we'll tell you why. Did you ever know that it takes more physical perfection to fire a rifle than it does to kick a football 80 yards; hit a home run; sock a tee shot 250 yards; or deliver a one-two punch?

Besides the fine standards of training set down by the War department on how to hold the rifle, get your sight picture and how to squeeze the trigger, the physical factor involved is vital. You've got to have tough muscles in those legs, backs and arms and, above all, you've got to learn to coordinate those muscles with your most important facility—the eye.

If you can rest that bull's eye on the front sight and squeeze off the shot at the same time, you've accomplished something that will go toward winning "this greatest game in the world." When you can hit that bull's eye continuously, you can mark yourself down as one of the "greatest" athletes in the world.

There won't be any packed stands to cheer you "athletes" on, but you will have a special seat in the victor's section of this war game when the firing is over.

Here's the point, soldiers: TAKE YOUR TRAINING SERIOUSLY AND BE AN EXPERT.

Pvt. Arthur C. Daley
Cannon Co., 242nd Inf.

What's Wrong?



The gas alarm has sounded in this forward battle area and these two soldiers are preparing to put on their masks. One of them is committing several errors. Can you find them? For answers, see page 8.



By CHAPLAIN H. C. DIXON
232nd Infantry

I hope everyone who reads this will find some helpful thought in what I shall say. But I am especially interested in the young men of our land, what I shall say will be addressed primarily to them, I want to speak to those who are just now entering life's great struggles and responsibilities.

What is your investment? Your life is your capital—not your circumstances. These have their effect, to be sure. Circumstances may help you tremendously but they are not your capital. Neither are heredity, ancestors or forebears. Good blood, an honorable name, a heritage of decency, and respectability, these are all great blessings. Your birthright is not a certificate that will guarantee you an education or a chance in the world. The age in which you live is not your capital, although these things are helpful. Your capital is your nationality. It is great to belong to a nation that places on your tongue a language that will carry your message around the world. Yet, your language is not your capital. Your capital is YOU. You are your greatest asset—not your heredity, not your investments, not your circumstances, not your color or tongue, but your personality. By your resolute, and determined will and a courageous personality, you can reverse the verdict of circumstances, throw off the handicap of heredity, win out in the race of life.

What opportunities may offer? You, young man stand confronted with the investment of your life before you. How marvelous indeed are you made! You are fashioned in the likeness of God the Father, and in the image of Christ the Son, and with the intelligence of the Holy Spirit, the revealer and teacher. You are a Trinity being, and in that is your capital, your incalculable asset. There lies your biggest and only problem—your life. How are you going to invest it? Every one must decide for himself. Each is the arbiter of his destiny. Others can help, the

Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS

Chapel No. 1

0800 Catholic Mass.
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal).

1000 Protestant Service.

1100 Protestant Service.

222 Infantry Regiment

Chapel No. 2

0900 Catholic Mass.

1000 Protestant Service.

1115 Catholic Mass.

1800 Daily Catholic Mass.

1830 Song Service.

1900 Protestant Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday and Thursday).

2000 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday and Thursday).

1600-1750 Confessions Saturday.

232 Infantry Regiment

Chapel No. 3

0715 Holy Communion (Catholic).

0800 Catholic Mass.

0930 Protestant Service.

1015 Communion (Church of Christ).

1100 Catholic Mass.

1845 Daily, Catholic Mass.

1830 Protestant Evening Service.

1900 Protestant Week Night Service, Thursday.

1930 Catholic Discussion Hour

1930-2100 Catholic Confessions Saturday.

2000 Jewish Sabbath Services (Sunday).

2030 Catholic Novena (Tuesday).

242 Infantry Regiment

Chapel No. 4

0800 Catholic Mass.

0930 Protestant Service.

1100 Catholic Mass.

0545 Daily, Catholic Mass (except Wednesday and Saturday).

1900 Protestant Service.

1900 Choir Rehearsal.

1600-1730 Confessions (Saturday).

Division Artillery

Chapel No. 9

0715 Holy Communion.

0800 Catholic Mass.

0900 Protestant Service.

1000 Christian Science Service.

1100 Catholic Mass.

1800 General Song Service.

1815 Daily, Catholic Mass.

1900-2100 Confessions Saturday.

church can pray, friends can advise, the army can train and equip, parents can counsel; but you must decide the question of your investment in your own life.

Service Club Doings

Thursday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Games. Dance tickets, cigarettes and other prizes.

Service Club No. 2

8-8:30 p. m.—The Commanders Orchestra.

8:30-9 p. m.—"Camp Gruber Varieties." Pianist Sol Talinker, Sgt. Harry Mickelson and other well known acts.

9 p. m.—The "Hey Rube" show, with the "Hey Rubettes."

Friday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Soldier's show. Produced by the 42nd Div. FA.

Service Club No. 2

8-11 p. m.—Dance. Tickets to Xth Corps and 188th FA Bn.

Saturday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Carnival. Halloween party with games. The Carter Oil girls from Tulsa and the Commanders Orchestra.

Service Club No. 2

8-11 p. m.—242nd Infantry Halloween dance. Girls from Tulsa.

Sunday

Service Club No. 1

3 p. m.—Band Concert. The 16th Armored Division Band from Camp Chaffee.

8 p. m.—Oldtime movies.

Service Club No. 2

8 p. m.—16th Armored Division Band from Camp Chaffee.

Monday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Games. Special prizes.

8 p. m.—Music appreciation Hour. Records and discussions of the classics.

Service Club No. 2

8 p. m.—Song-fest. Cpl. Carl Varconi and Pfc. Howard Wilson.

8 p. m.—Writers and Camera Clubs meet.

Tuesday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Song-fest. Cpl. Carl Varconi at the vocals.

Service Club No. 2

8:15 p. m.—Old-time Movies. Movies that mother and dad used to see, plus Sgt. Robert Jackson at the piano and organ.

Wednesday

Service Club No. 1

8 p. m.—Stunt quiz contest. Pvt. Alan Funt.

Service Club No. 2

8-11 p. m.—Dance. Muskogee USO girls, Commanders Orchestra.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Man From Down Under." Charles Laughton, Binnie Barnes.

Friday—"Is Everybody Happy?" Nan Wynn, Ted Lewis and Band.

Saturday—"In Old Chicago." Alice Faye, Tyrone Power, Don Ameche.

Sunday and Monday—"True to Life." Mary Martin, Dick Powell, Franchot Tone.

Tuesday—"Here Comes Elmer." Al Pearce, Frankie Albertson. Plus "A Chance of a Lifetime." Chester Morris, Jennie Bates.

Wednesday—"Crazy House." Olson and Johnson.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"You're a Lucky Fellow, Mr. Smith." Allan Jones, Evelyn Ankers. Plus "Mystery Broadcast." Ruth Terry, Nils Asther.

Friday and Saturday—"Man From Down Under." Charles Laughton, Binnie Barnes.

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Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

Cpl. Fred Meitzles, Rainbow Division band, who led a band of his own in Baltimore, Md., before joining the famous 42nd, has written two tunes, "Lights Out at Nine" and "Homesick for My Gal," both of them are being arranged by Sgt. Clair Gibson for broadcast. . . . Jack Teagarden takes six weeks off to undergo an operation—the band lays over on the West Coast for six weeks.

Records are spinning again—Glen Gray was the first in the waxing line. . . . Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters also spun "Pistol Packin' Mamma" for Decca. . . . Tommy Dorsey's wonder band, now playing the Cafe Rouge Room, Pennsylvania hotel,

Girl Symphony To Play at Camp

Something different in the way of entertainment will be presented to the men of Camp Gruber on Nov. 20 and 21, when the Kryl Womens Symphony Orchestra plays a series of concerts at the Camp Gruber Field House.

This symphony has been prominent to music lovers for over 30 years, and at present is making a tour of Army camps in the country.

Bohumir Kryl the conductor began his career in public entertainment at the age of 11 with a circus. At 13 he had worked his way to America by means of his violin. In this country he was associated with the famous bandleader Frederick Innes until 1906, when he formed his own orchestra.

During the last war Kryl was in charge of training and supervision of all the Army bands in the country. Although a master of many instruments Kryl confines his playing to the cornet.

Among the many soloists to be presented with the Symphony are Mary Lane Morris, concertmistress and violin soloist; Arlene Kruse, lyric soprano soloist; Martha Jochem, Harpist; Maria Teresa Castro Leon, pianiste; Jean Newcomb, oboist; Birdice Cleland, one of the leading symphony flute soloists.

Skunk Wins Skirmish, But Loses Attack

A combination problem involving fox hole digging and gas mask drill was participated in by members of Co. B, 222nd Inf., last week.

While in the midst of digging the protective holes, the men were met by a skunk. The animal did not survive the attack, but it is said that he won the skirmish. No gas masks had been brought along.

Stars With Stripes

222nd INF.
T-3 Cladaa, Medics, to T-4.
T-3 Dyerly, Medics, to T-4.
T-4 Simms, Medics, to Sgt.
DIVISION BAND
Pfc. Al Schulte to T-5.
DIV. HQ. CO.
Pfc. Loye Minor to T-5.
Pvt. Frank Lombardi to T-5.
122nd MED. BN.
Pvts. Dean Rowley, Lawrence Crandall, Roger Krueger, Walter O'Leary, Jr., Antone Munis, Elsie Simmons, Vincent DeMarco, Joe Trimmer and Homer Hall to Private First Class.
Cpl. Sydney Skaff Co. D, to T-4.
T-5 Richard Co. D to T-4.

Indian Paintings Shown at Club

Service Club No. 2 offers for the next two weeks an exhibition of American Indian paintings, which are lent by the Philbrook Art Center of Tulsa.

Art work of the American Indian is a comparatively new development, having been in existence in a formal form for only about 15 years, and Oklahoma is the heart of this movement.

Under the direction of Professor Jackson of the University of Oklahoma, many Indians have become well known in art, and it is the best of their works that is on exhibit at Service Club No. 2.

Among the 30 artists represented at the show is Woodrow Crumbo, who painted the mural for the Sequoyah Shrine as well as murals in the Department of the Interior building in Washington.

Another artist whose works are on view is Pvt. Calvin Lorvie, who attended Bacone College in Muskogee, and studied under Mr. Crumbo. At present he is with the 45th Division in Sicily.

The paintings of George Kishkoton, another Crumbo student, are also on display. Kishkoton is a full blooded Indian, whose father was the last chief of the Kickapoos.

During daylight air attacks, never attempt to escape by running. If the pilot hasn't seen you before, he is sure to see you run.

Gen. Coleman Visits Rainbow



Standing under the two-star flag of a major general, is Maj. Gen. Frederick W. Coleman, (U.S.A. Ret.), who is here visiting his son, Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman, III, commander of Special Troops, and Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander.

Coleman Praises Rifle Marksmanship Training Being Given in Division

Praise for the way which 42nd Division men are being given training in rifle marksmanship was expressed this week by Maj. Gen. Frederick W. Coleman (ret.) who is visiting his son, Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman, III, commander of Special Troops.

General Coleman said he was amazed at the fine positions

which the men on the range assumed when they were firing, considering the short period of instruction they had had here.

"A man cannot fire a rifle and be consistent unless he is properly balanced," he said. "Those men on the range had their hips and stomachs on the ground and were good and steady."

The general attributed this rapid development to the fact that the men of the Rainbow have a mission to accomplish and they want to be prepared for it.

General Coleman has been in the service of the United States for the past 45 years. He was commissioned a lieutenant in 1898 and served in the Spanish-American war, Philippine Insurrection and World War I. In the last war he was assistant chief of staff of the 91st Division. Following the war he was transferred to the Finance department and was advanced to major general and chief of finance in 1932. He retired from active duty in 1936 to accept the governorship of the United States Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., which position he still holds.

The Soldiers' Home is for veterans of the Regular Army who have been paying a small sum each month for its upkeep.

General Coleman spent 21 years in the infantry, serving in the Philippines, Alaska and Panama, as well as the United States.

In commenting on training today, he said jungle warfare is still pretty much the same as when he was in the Philippines. It is a sergeants' and corporals' job, and they have to know how to use their heads and act quickly.

When asked about his citations he said he had received the Distinguished Service Medal for his work in supply and administration in combat, but that he couldn't remember just what the occasions were where he got his two Silver Star citations, except that he left his work in supply and got into combat.

He has been a close friend and advisor to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, for more than a decade. He will return to Washington Monday.

242nd Entertains At Service Club

The first round of a series of contests to determine the best talent in the 242nd Infantry went off with great success at Service Club No. 2 last Saturday night.

It was an hour and a half program, with three day passes going to the top three acts. The winners were the Five Rainbows, a band consisting of Pvs. Seymour Zapan, Co. H, Otto Steffenberg, Co. H, Richard Fanning, Eddie Kunnik and Pvt. Kevlyn Smith. Pvt. Philip D'Erasmo also won a three day pass with his vocal work, as did Pvt. Victor Coia, Co. M, whose tumbling acts had everyone holding their breaths.

The show featured two M. C.'s Pvs. "Manny" Koening, Co. E, and Tom Durand, Hq. Co. Second Bn. Also on the program was Pvt. Clarence Davis, Co. L, who has a soft melting voice that makes you think of the little gal back home; Pvt. Lewis De Pasquale, Co. G, who could have kept on playing all night as far as the audience was concerned, and Pvs. William and John Keith and Elwood Bibko, Co. C, who danced, sang and went through the intricate gyrations ascribed to the females in Turkey.

Instrument numbers were provided by Private Salva, and Pvs. Richard Fanning and Art Steffenberg, Co. H, Pvt. Clyde Braizill, Co. M, showed how Donald Duck would quack his way into a furlough.

All the men participating will be in "Keep Your Chin Up," the regimental show that is already in rehearsal. Companies who did not have entries in this first talent contest will get their chance in the next few weeks. Members of the Regiment desiring to enter should contact Lt. William French, special services officer.

Variety Show Plays At Camp Saturday

"Tell Me More," sparkling USO-Camp Shows production, will make its appearance at Camp Gruber Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. Performances will be given at Theater No. 3 the first night, and Theater No. 2, the following night, starting at 6:45 and 8:30 p. m. Admission is free.

A hep, fast-moving variety show, the review features comedy, dancing and a trick magician. Also a line of beautiful girls, always a popular feature with GIs.

Acts in the show include The Great Huber, magician; Viola Layne, singer; Jack Zero, comedian; and the Lane Brothers, comedy acrobatic team. The Six Brucettes, dancers, present several exquisite acts, rounding out a fine stage entertainment.

Long and Short Of It in Ordnance

If you ever pass the orderly room of the 742nd Ordnance Company that isn't a flagpole out in the front yard—it's First Sgt. Ellsworth Lillard. He towers at a conservative 6 feet 8 inches!

At the other end of the line is T-5 Ward Shaw who adds up to exactly 5 feet 2 inches. Ordnance calls this the long and short of it.

HE LIVES CLOSE BY

When furloughs come after basic training the Rainbow will have men traveling to all parts of the country to visit their homes. But Pvt. Henry E. Strop, Co. D, 222nd Inf., won't have far to go. His home is Muskogee.

You can tell the arm of service of a soldier by the color of the piping on his hat. Blue stands for infantry and tanks, yellow for cavalry, ultramarine blue pipe for with golden orange, Air forces, scarlet for artillery, to name a few.

New Battle Lessons on Reconnaissance

BY LT. COL. BRUCE PALMER, JR.

It has been military usage from early times to put men on foot, on horseback, out in front of an Army to signal "enemy in sight." This duty has been entrusted to run-of-the-mill personnel. Such personnel, so long as ground reconnaissance remained a simple task, performed the duty as well as any other sort could. With the advent, however, of mechanization and long range weapons, ground reconnaissance has become a complicated and vital phase of military art.

Theoretically, at least, we place those with the greatest military talents in command positions, but no commander, no matter how fine his military characteristics or genius, can intelligently dispose his troops, strategically or tactically, without proper information of the enemy.

It has been fully demonstrated that men of the proper caliber can accomplish remarkable results in dissipating the so-called fog of war—our present alibi for mistakes in the operation of military forces.

It is plain that if suitable reconnaissance personnel can lift the veil from the commander's eyes (and unsuitable personnel cannot do this) reconnaissance personnel should be selected with the same care and with as much regard for its particular employment, as is the high command personnel.

A man performing a reconnaissance mission should have first, the intelligence to enable him to grasp general and special situations in order that he may seek the information which the

high command most needs for evaluating conditions confronting it; second, knowledge of terrain, maps, military organization, and weapons; third, the ability to exercise good judgment under stress; fourth, bold courage; and fifth, physical stamina. In short, officer or non-commissioned officer material of the highest type.

It must be remembered that reconnaissance duty is continuous and never relaxed, that operations often will be conducted by individuals or by individual reconnaissance vehicles, that all the men of a vehicle crew, or of a dismounted patrol, are subject to the unusual hazards involved, and above all, that the information returned by these vehicles is always essential and vital to the

Interspersed in these notes are quotations from Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, who commanded a reconnaissance battalion throughout the Tunisian campaign.

success of the whole operation. From these factors it is evident that all members of a reconnaissance vehicle crew must be capable men, each prepared to take over the duty of driver, radio operator, gunner, or leader.

TRAINING

Lieutenant Colonel Hoy comments on his experience in Tunisia as follows:

"First and foremost, I am positive that all reconnaissance personnel should receive uniform basic training and that training must be specialized. A properly trained reconnaissance unit can do reconnaissance for a corps, an

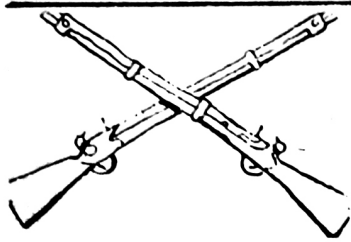
armored division, or an infantry division.

"All the reconnaissance training you and I ever received is fundamentally sound. There are certain fundamentals, however, that I would stress. First, your information must be accurate, complete and quickly passed. To be accurate you must always know your location; get an expert in using map, compass and protractor to establish your position and the enemy's. Never surmise, embellish or exaggerate; inaccurate information is dangerous. Truth is war's first casualty, but reconnaissance leaders must protect it on the battlefield and fight rumors, lies and exaggerations with the same enthusiasm and ability that they fight the enemy. I cannot stress this too much, for I have found out that it is always the reconnaissance battalion that has to go out and check all rumors and all exaggerated reports. Never believe a straggler and seldom believe a casualty. The former lies to explain his absence from the battlefield; the latter, especially if he has been knocked out of his vehicle, is rarely rational. To be complete, report everything; and if no movement is seen, report that. That is information.

"To pass information quickly, we must use a definite sequence—a simple code, and I have found that when things are hot, I want to talk directly to the platoon leader who is actually in contact. I had all platoons and company commanders on the same net, ran as high as 13 or 14 sets in net. It worked fine after we got it rigidly disciplined. The company

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IF IT HAPPENED, IT'S HERE



222nd Infantry First Battalion

Pvts. George "Red" Kennedy and Lawrence Keefe, Co. A, were among the last five to stick it out with Mr. Hopper, the checker king, at Service Club last week. Mr. Hopper played 25 men at one time and won all his games. He paid one dollar to each of the five men who lasted to the end.

'Tis said that one of the reasons for the high morale in Company B is the influx of wives coming to visit Camp. Arriving the last few days have been Mrs. Bob Featherston, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Bernard Davis, Granger, Wash.; Mrs. Allen Davis, Granger, Wash.; Mrs. J. H. Copening, Iola, Kan.; and Mrs. T. E. Dowling, St. Louis, Mo.

The light machine gun section of Company C rates five "experts" and seven first class gunners. Needless to say, Staff Sergeant Brown, in charge of the group, is proud. Private Eades made a score of 233 in his shooting.

Staff Sergeant Nash, Co. C, reports having the first colonel's orderly from the company in his platoon. The alert soldier is Private Nix.

It was a nice beer party Wednesday night for Company C. All report having a nice time.

In Company D, honors for proficiency with the rifle and machine gun were bestowed on top notch men by the CO. Pvts. Ben E. McGinley and Edwin Takala, scored high with the rifle; Pvt. George Rabideau was tops in rapid firing; and Pvt. Manuel Renert walked off with machine gun marksmanship.

Company D rates visiting wives, too. Among recent visitors are Mrs. Wilfred Askew, Mrs. Copeland Goss, Mrs. Raymond Henry, Mrs. Isadore Eisen, Mrs. Herb Levient, and Mrs. Walter Wilson.

Second Battalion

If there is an award for yelling the loudest and best at bayonet drill, it should be given Privates Bailey and Ziegler, Hq. Co.

A course on how to keep busy on Sundays is being offered by Pvt. Marvin Aull, Hq. Co.

Visiting Headquarters Company this week was Mrs. Pvt. Dan Murphy and the Murphy's nine-month-old junior Rainbow.

A call for Pfc. Tommy Nicholson, Hq. Co., somewhere on furlough: Please return soon—your fan mail is really stacking up.

Home in Georgia for the first time after serving two and one-half years in the Army is Sergeant Crosby, Hq. Co.

From Yuma, Ariz., comes Pvt. Ferral Smith's wife for a visit.

Coming back from a weekend pass, Private Sutterfield, Co. E, was met by the company clerk and handed an emergency furlough. A sample of Army efficiency, as the furlough was a complete surprise.

There are all kinds of snoring GIs in this man's Army, but Company F claims the prize. Pvt. "Cotton" Davis, from Alabama, does "double time snoring."

Private Hale, Co. F, has 40 flying hours to his credit.

Many Company F men are eagerly expecting telegrams from events

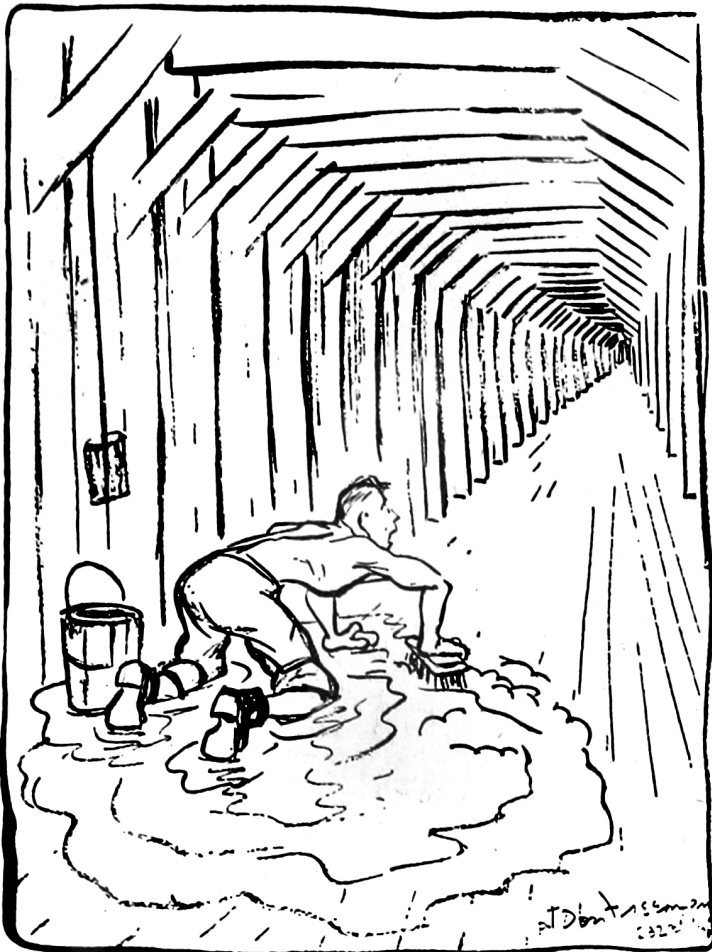
home announcing "blessed events."

Acting Corporal Mathieson, Co. H, has his wife at Camp on a visit.

Third Battalion

Reporter William Wachs sends in the following poem, respectful

Private Nightmares—Endless Barracks



Nightmare is the first in a series of drawings done for the REVEILLE by Pvt. Don Freeman, Hq. Third Bn 232nd Inf. Before entering the Army Private Freeman was a well known artist and illustrator in New York, having done work for several metropolitan papers, as well as the murals in the famous Stage Door Canteen.

ly dedicated to a member of Hq. Co.:

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,

But dear Mother Lewis has his troubles too.

He does all the troubles that all of us must,

But besides, all our troubles are placed in his trust.

It was wedding bells this week for Pvt. Claude Chaudet, Hq. Co. The bride is the former Miss Evelyn Lipser, of Los Angeles, Calif.

The stork visited the home of Pvt. Bill Laposha, Hq. Co., recently. The new babe is a boy and is known as Bill, Jr.

Privates Hassler, Rigdon and Brock, Co. I, were happy to greet their wives this week, upon the latter's arrival for a visit.

Private List Co. I, has seen service in the Navy.

Sergeant Allen, Co. I, is among the latest victims on the list of matrimony casualties. The bride is a belle of the city of Tulsa.

Brooklyn, N. Y., is well represented with the following visitors, wives of Company K men: Mrs. Nicholas Garzanti, Mrs. Frank Miraldi and Mrs. Joe Mirra.

A carton of cigarettes was won by Pvt. Vincent Marcellino for being the fastest gunner in the mortar section, Co. K. It was awarded by his section leader, Sergeant Angowsky.

Back on duty following a four-week confinement in the hospital is Private Gennawey, Co. K.

Chapel No. 3 was the scene of a wedding last Saturday. The lucky man was Pvt. Bernard Vogt, Co. L, and congrats are extended herewith.

Company L held a songfest around a campfire on last week's bivouac. Star singers were Privates Ingram and Rogers.

Pvt. Harry Decker, Co. M, reports having seen snow on his recent trip to New York. Also just returned from furlough is Pvt. Robert Turcotte.

It's good to see Pvt. David Levit, Co. M, around again following his stay in the hospital.

Congratulations to S-Sgt. Sandy McPherson on his recent marriage.

Special Units

Private English, Hq. Co., returned from furlough only to go to the hospital for an injured knee.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Privates Lamprecht and Foley, Medics, who are at Station Hospital.

The men of the Medical Detachment wish to extend their sympathy to Private Marsh in the loss of his brother last week.

It's the Air Corps for Private Gossman, Medics, who has been notified of his appointment as a cadet.

Service Company has two veterans of the Aleutians. They are First Sgt. William Peyton and Pvt. Edward Ohlerking, who has been awarded the Purple Heart for a shrapnel wound received on Attu.

Born in Pennsylvania last week was a healthy bouncing boy. The papa is Pvt. Paul Kocher, Serv. Co.

The big news around the Cannon Company this week is the arrival of more fillers' wives. Recent arrivals include Mrs. Milford Olson, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Jr., Mrs. John Flynn, Mrs. Stanley Kunas, Mrs. Cody Souders, Mrs. Floyd Blackwell, Mrs. Earl Mazo, Mrs. Russell Hunter, Mrs. Edward Schneider and Mrs. Franklin Gulick.

Also visiting the Cannon Company is Pvt. Kenneth Overcash's fiancée from Pennsylvania.

232nd Infantry First Battalion

Company C has Private Frissel, who suffered a broken leg when he was formerly a member of paratroops.

Private Cardinali, new baker in Company C's kitchen, kept the men well supplied with sugared doughnuts and apricot cobbler on a recent bivouac.

Private Gurewitz, who did an excellent job laying flagged walks for Co. C, is now doing a similar job for Co. D.

Among wives visiting Camp is

Private Yoffe's missus, who came from New York.

It is reported that one of the fillers has sewn a Rainbow patch on his heavy woolen undershirt.

An outdoor show was presented last week while some of the units were in the field on bivouac. Private Kury, Co. C, made a hit with his version of "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Second Battalion

Since the gas rationing board gave Corporal Toth, Hq. Co., only an A coupon book, he has been singing "Don't get around much anymore."

The reporter from Company F reveals that the outfit had a short vacation over the week-end. First Sergeant Wilson was away on a three-day pass.

A score of 185 was made on the heavy machine gun by Pvt. Ernest Morgan, Co. H. This rates him as an "expert."

Speaking of experts, Company H has Pvts. George Koza and J. E. Hall who qualified with scores of 93 and 87 respectively with the 45 automatic pistol.

Passing around cigars this week is Pvt. Paul Hill, who is the new proud father of a baby boy.

Company H's mascot, "Soldier," a big brown and white collie, is doing as well with his basic training as his master, Pvt. Emerick Kocsis.

Third Battalion

Leaving Headquarters Company this week for other branches of the ground forces are Corporal Hennings and Sergeant Norurike.

And leaving for the Air Corps are S-Sgt. Earl Wheeler and Cpl. Ambrose Hartman.

A score of 21 was made on the transition range with the M1 by Pvt. Clarence Halvorson.

Two very fortunate soldiers are Privates Bob Horton and A. L. Epperson, both Co. M, whose homes are within 100 miles of Camp.

For pies, cookies and pastry like mother used to make, Pvt. Frank Marino is tops. He may be small in stature, but he's tall in ability.

Pvt. Bob Ziperski reports that the most popular piece of machinery in the new mechanized Army is the coca-cola machine in the day room.

Special Units

The second section of the Medics went out on a recent bivouac problem with Co. D. It was a two and one half day job.

Two medics, Pvts. Jerome Kohn and David Rose, have written a new Rainbow song. It was used for the 222nd's show, "Rainbow Revels." Sung to the tune of Yankee Doodle Dandy, the words follow:

We're the fighting Rainbow soldiers,

Fighting Rainbow men are we. Our fathers fought in the other war,

We're back to give them some more.

With that fighting Rainbow spirit

The one that will never say die.

Oh! Rainbow soldiers going over

With their heads held high,

To bring back the Rainbow to our sky.

We're the fighting Rainbow soldiers,

Fighting Rainbow men are we.

Sons whose Dads held Champagne,

Sons to prove 'twas not in vain.

The cowards die a thousand deaths,

The valiant die but once.

So once again we're going over

With our flag held high

To bring back the Rainbow to our sky.

Where would you rather be—on the ball, or behind the eight-ball?

Make the 42nd second to none!

242nd Infantry First Battalion

Company B is really in there firing for the Rainbow. Pvt. John Carroll fired 200 out of a possible 210. This makes Carroll high man in the regiment.

Acting Sgt. Francis Dascoli, who is right up on top himself with 198, was the coach for Private Carroll.

The fillers of Company C are giving an enviable account of themselves in the familiar Rainbow tradition. High man thus far is Pvt. Stanley Podraski with a score of 198.

Pvt. Albert Figlioli, promising welter-weight of Company C, is rapidly getting into condition while awaiting his debut in the Rainbow tournament.

Congratulations to Pvt. Robert Christman who plunged into the sea of matrimony. S-Sgt. Wilfred Delongchamp, als of Company C, was the best man at the ceremony.

Pvt. Vernon Alban has been biting his nails the last few days, and in general getting on the nerves of Company D. He's waiting for his wife to arrive for a visit.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Pvt. Henry Vassellis, Co. D, on the death of his father.

Pvt. Adam Cline, Co. D, left on an emergency furlough.

Company D is proud to have the best mess in the Division. We can appreciate why S-Sgt. C. B. Piatkiewicz is walking around with his chest thrown out.

Company D is hoping for a speedy return to duty of Privates Daverin, Jorns, Pennington, Cohan, Singer, Thiele, Pellitier, Kilgour and Baratta.

Orchids to Pvt. Samuel Scialabba, Co. D, who made a 159 on the range in a pouring rain.

Second Battalion

S-Sgt. Kenneth Bohner, Co. E, has received a pair of orange and black pajamas from his best girl, Ebby. Bohner wears only the bottom part, so anyone who wants to scare a nightmare is welcome to the top part.

The Orchid M-1 of Company E goes to the mess hall this week. S-Sgt. Charles Mullen is the mess sergeant, while Pvts. Richard Wehn, Phillip DeMaggio, Vencil Johnson, Allen Hubbard and Marvin Osburn are the cooks taking the bows.

A pleasant surprise for Pvt. Emmett Sewell's Co. E was the visit of his wife. She drove down from Mentone, Ala.

The boys of Company E are wishing for a speedy return of Pvts. Harold Patterson and Casper Todaro, who are having appendectomy operations at the station hospital.

"I guess I just dozed off, sir," didn't work as an answer when they fell asleep on the range, so Pvts. Nicholas Cutis and Floyd Barr, Co. H, gave the barracks floor a good scrubbing.

Wedding bells were the order of the day for Cpl. William Sikora, Co. H. He got married on a three day pass last week.

Special Units

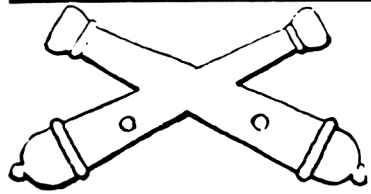
Among the more popular men in Cannon Company is T-3 Frank Brown, who replaced Sgt. Ralph Dunlap as supply sergeant.

S-Sgt. Harold Holtzclaw and S-Sgt. William O'Toole, Cannon Co., had two lovely visitors this week-end, Miss Ethel Sears and Miss Mabel O'Grady, both from Tulsa.

Pvt. Edward Silman, Sv. Co., is awaiting transfer to the Air Corps.

The Hitlers and Hirohitos in the windows of the hand grenade course are the work of Pvt. Bill Newmark, Service Co., who also is painting the oil portrait of the regiment's best drilled soldier.

NEWS AND VIEWS OF ALL OF YOU



542nd F. A. Bn.

Pvt. Vance Williams has been selected as the best dressed soldier of Battery Co. for the week.

An engineering student in civil life, Pvt. Patrick Casey, Hq. Btry., keeps his shelf covered with books on the subject.

Representing Headquarters Battery radio section at Division Artillery Code School are Pvts. G. A. Grunhart, L. G. Franke, and Peter Gebrian.

Pvt. Tony Petrucci, Hq. Btry., doesn't mind doing dishes on KP because the china was made in his home town, New Castle, Pa.

Mail to Headquarters Battery flows in from 34 states, as there are representatives from that number of states in the outfit. It is believed the most consistent mail recipients are Pvt. T. J. Hill and Pfc. Chris Christianson.

Pvts. David Crane and Joseph Lurato, Btry. B, wanted to celebrate their pal's birthday last week, the pal being Pvt. Samuel Millar. They had plans for giving him a good whack for each year, but upon learning that Miller was having his 32nd birthday they thought they had best save that energy for the drill field. The three men are from New Jersey.

The city of Muskogee is being treated with a visit of wives of the following Battery A men: Pvts. M. J. Cappola, Allen L. Wood, R. R. MacCleod, and R. P. McQueen.

Battery B men who have visiting wives are Pvts. Hyman Blumensweig, Merritt Reed, and Colquitt Foltzgerald.

Pvt. J. B. Hensley, Btry. C, is enjoying a visit of his wife, Edna, of Burlington, N. C.

While on the subject of wives, we're glad to report that the wife of Pvt. E. L. Allen, Btry. A, is well on the way to recovery after a recent illness.

In Station Hospital are Pvts. J. T. La Rosa, M. G. Thomas, and C. A. Murcurio, Hq. Btry.

Back from an emergency furlough in Lovett, Texas, Pvt. "Slats" Austin, Btry. C, reports his mother recovering from a serious illness.

Div. Arty. Hq.

For more than two weeks T-4 Gerald Tuinstra has been nervously awaiting news from Sheboygan, Wis. Monday the telegram came, announcing the arrival of a baby girl. Mother, child and Tuinstra are doing nicely.

Pvt. Irving Weinstein has been strangely hushed the past week. Tuesday he received the important wire from Syracuse, N. Y., telling of an eight pound boy.

T-4 Jack Cronin, on furlough, was married to Miss Mary White

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Go ahead—don't be bashful!"

in Pittsburgh, and they are now honeymooning in Cleveland.

Ten of our drivers were given passes from Friday night until Monday morning. Why? The recent III Army inspection showed our motor section to be the only one that passed 100 percent.

402nd F. A. Bn.

Sgt. Dave Geiser, Service Btry., is now spending his 15 day furlough in California.

Pvt. Dean Hansons' wife has arrived to spend a few days in Muskogee.

Service Battery was well represented in Tulsa the past weekend with Cpls. Melville Clark, Alfred Kinney and Privates Harze, Bittner, Franco and Fazzino going there.

The following were recently appointed acting corporals in Service Battery: Pvts. Dean Hanson, Alfred Kenney, Paul Elder, Louis Basham, Hubert Clark, Delphia Elam and Melville Clark.

Cpl. Fletcher Leatherwood has returned to Service Battery from a 15 day furlough.

Battery B offers its condolences to Pvt. James McClain and his family on the recent loss of his mother.

Battery B is spending all of its spare time painting and redecorating the dayroom. Since it received furniture from the American Legion in Tulsa it was decided to brighten the place up a bit.

392nd F. A. Bn.

M-Sgt. L. B. Lindsey was honored by a visit of a friend from his native Connecticut. This friend, Mr. Ace Crawford, travels the country soliciting students for the Hartford Seminary Founda-

tion. Wonder if the sergeant is putting in an application.

Sgt. Martiney Benedicto, Btry. A, our ration, payroll and what-not clerk is wondering whether he will ever get away from his desk for a weekend pass.

Private Rosen, Hq. Btry., has traveled all over the world. His stories of meetings with Japanese officials are both exciting and interesting.

T-5 Harry Buchanan, Hq. Btry., is the beaming father of a bouncing baby boy.

We hear the reason S-Sgt. Lonnie Weeks, Hq. Btry., goes around chewing his nails is an impending addition to his family.

We're glad to have Sgt. Lyman Slayman and Pvt. Edward Park back with us. They returned from Ft. Sill.

Battery C has named eight acting corporals. They are Privates Baker, Dobbins, Stein, Ubanik, Elder, Rosenbergh, Hayden and Huesman.

122nd Medics



Highlight of the week was the Company D and Headquarters Detachment beer party last Friday night. The festivities got off to a quiet start, but before the last case of 3.2 had been downed

all sorts of hi-jinks had taken place.

Pvt. "Tex" Earthman's impersonation of a Bengal Lancer brought loud and appreciative guffaws. Guest star for the occasion was piano-playing Pvt. Fancis Wuenchel. Several erstwhile lyricists were found in the company.

It's congratulations and gold bars for M-Sgt. Theodore Demsky who last Saturday received a direct appointment as a second lieutenant. Demsky well deserved the commission, having served in khaki for the past 14 years. He has served at five different posts, and helped to activate three divisions.

First Sgt. Martin Nick takes up Sergeant Demsky's duties at headquarters, while M-Sgt. Roy Oakley is the new top-kick at battalion headquarters. Company D also gets a new first sergeant, with Arlo Campbell assigned for duties in the field.

Boner of the week was pulled by Pfc. D. H. Fox, Co. A, who sent his dress shoes to the laundry last week. Now he says he'll settle for a pair of well ironed shoe strings.

42nd QM Co.



The filler platoon of the Quartermasters has been fired—No, not discharged, but assigned to the truck platoons and the service platoon. The basics will now spend a portion of their time in truck driving and maintenance, and in bucking rations just as they will do in actual combat.

Lost—One fox and one reporter. Should the fox be found please notify the Quartermasters. The missing fox is about the size, shape and general appearance of a fox, and has foxy habits. It's one of a pair of foxes kept in the company area, and made good the escape in the recent rains.

The CO, finding no mention of the escape in the REVEILLE in last issue felt that the fighting quartermasters needed a more aggressive reporter. Pvt. L. W. Schmike is the new reporter, and also our special fox correspondent. He's already relayed the news of a blessed event in the fox family.

Unit News Received Too Late for Printing

Unit news from the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop, Division MP Platoon, and 42nd Division Headquarters Company was received too late to be included in this issue of the REVEILLE.

742nd Ordnance



By T-4 DOUGLAS C. CARTER

In looking over middle names of the men in this company your correspondent deems T-5 Martin D. Widener's the best. Not only is it unusual, but, if you pardon the pun, it aptly describes his disposition, as he is "De-Witt" of the Company.

We hope none of you have been bothered at times by some dreadful groans emitting from the top of 18th Street whereon this Company rests. Nope, it isn't the KPs, mass murder, or a drill session, it's just S-Sgt. Paul Thornton, our small arms wizard, Cpl. John Hayes, the supply man, plus sweet tones from Pvt. Ray Haley, the man behind the stock records—harmonizing over a dogeared Army Song Reader.

Recently when Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins visited our mess hall rather unexpectedly, and S-Sgt. Modesto Garcia, our mess sarge with a dash of old Mexico, got so excited, he burst forth in Spanish—astounding both the general and the KPs.

S-Sgt. Dick Dickson and T-4 Harry Saunders just returned from "deep in the heart of Texas." They were attending a Motor Inspector's course at San Antonio.

Division Band News

Added to the growing list of Band members selected as the colonel's orderly on guard duty are the names of Pvt. Arnold Connor and Pfc. Ellis Day.

It was a battle of jazz at the Tulsa USO the past weekend, with both the Ambassadors and Commanders proving very popular. With the melodies came romance and Monday brought long distance calls from Tulsa to the following: Cpl. Leo Mathis, Sgt. Jon Mavity, Sgt. Sidbury Smith, Sgt. Jack McCullough, Pvt. Bernard England, Sgt. Clair Gibson, Sgt. John Benedetto, and Pvt. James Harbison.

November will bring a trip to Stillwater and the Band is looking forward to it.

Visiting wives were at Camp the past weekend to see Pfc. Julius Jicha and Cpl. Al Schulze.

ORDNANCE FIVE PRACTICES

As days go by the fast and furious Ordnance basketball team is steadily gaining strength and ably peering into the dust you can see Sgt. Harold Barnhizer, T-5 Bill Curry, Pvt. Glen Belcher, and Ralph Hannie whizzing about.

Male Call



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



It Was Rank





SPORTS



Libraries Offer Latest Books

Every month the libraries on the post receive from the Book of the Month Club gift copies of the best books for that month.

One of the novels is "So Little Time," by John P. Marquand. "Marquand is the specialist," writes Henry Seidel Canby, "in the quirks and diseases of sophisticated communities—a little sad, immensely skillful. He is gentle with helpless patients and ruthless with pretentious ones. I do not recall in any recent novel such a really brilliant succession of scenes, each separate and disconnected but all pertinent to the story."

The scene of "So Little Time" is New York, the time is now and the society largely literary and theatrical.

"Colonel Effingham's Raid," by Henry Fleming, is the most humorous, most ironic, most Southern novel that has come out of the South for many years.

"The Moon Is Down," by John Steinbeck, is one of the great novels of the war and one of the most talked about books of the times.

"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," by Capt. Ted W. Lawson, is the first full account by one of the participants in the Army Air Forces' carrier born raid over Japan.

"George Washington Carver," by Rackom Holt is the absorbing biography of the Negro scientist. His was one of the most remarkable lives in our nation's history.

Dozen Babies Keep Mothers Busy

Guest house No. 1 pulled up in a flurry of diapers one day last week, and counted an even dozen babies all living in the Guest house.

The children ranged from three months to a year old, and came from a dozen different states from Virginia to Oregon.

In a lull in the squalls we managed to ask the GI clerk what he thought of the assembled future generations.

"Very good lungs," was his answer.

Novena Attracts Many From All Units

The Miraculous Medal Novena on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 in Chapel 2 of the 222nd Regiment has been attracting many visitors from other units. This service includes community singing of favorite hymns, brief talks by Father Gallivan, Rosary and Benediction.

The service is closed each night by the choir's rendition of "Good Night, Dear Jesus."

Letters to Editor

Sports Editor:

We, the members of Hq. Co. First Bn., 232nd Inf. are greatly concerned about an error printed in your issue of Oct. 14, 1943. In that issue a statement was made that Company G defeated our softball team 6 to 0 and that it was a no-hit, no-run game.

We want the truth known, and here it is Company G forfeited a scheduled softball game to us. The game in question is one where Company G's star southpaw was pitcher for a team made up of stars from all the companies in the regiment. In other words, our regimental team.

The score wasn't 6 to 0, and it wasn't in their favor. It was 7 to 0 and in our favor, and it was our ace pitcher Sergeant Thomas who held them hitless and scoreless.

Now for an added note. We would like to see the team that could score six runs off Flash Thomas and hold our team scoreless at the same time. We would appreciate it if the truth was made known in your next issue.

Lt. G. Jackson

Dear Rainbow REVEILLE,

One night while in the Muskogee USO I was looking through the home state register and found the names of two fellows from my home town I know very well. I would like very much to get in touch with them.

They are Pvt. James Broadhurst and Cpl. Valderman Hilbert. They can reach me here at the Muskogee Air Field.

Your soldier buddy,
Cpl. V. A. Colitin.

G. I. Q.

If you're smart enough to answer all these right you're smart enough to stay in the Army after the duration when they will keep only the cream of the crop.

1. The Philippine Army, which was to have been charged with the defense of the islands after their independence was to have been granted in 1946, was organized by an American general who is the only U. S. officer ever to hold the rank of Field Marshal in that Army. He is—

A—Stillwell ()

B—MacArthur ()

2. Adm. William H. Standley recently resigned as American Ambassador to Moscow. To fill the post President Roosevelt appointed U. S. lend-lease expediter in London who was—

A—W. A. Harriman ()

B—Sumner Welles ()

3. An organization for which Gen. Dwight D. (Ike) Eisenhower has been eligible ever since his service in World War I but which he only recently joined is—

A—Veterans of Foreign Wars ()

B—American Legion ()

Answers: 1 (B); 2(A); 3(B).

Who's Who In The Rainbow



The first day of the new 20th Century, Jan. 1, 1901, brought a bundle from the stork to the home of the Wiley Farmers at Stantonsburg, N. C. A boy, the babe was christened William.

Today that once bouncing infant is a technical sergeant in the Rainbow Division Band, and the senior non-com of the organization. He wears six hashmarks for his 19 years of service in Army and National Guard bands.

Starting out on the drums, the sarge played his first band work with the Saratoga, N. C., band at the age of 16. In December, 1920, he enlisted in the Army as a musician and soon became a baritone soloist—his present capacity in the Division concert band.

During hitches in civilian life, Farmer has been engaged in the automobile business. He has played in a number of city municipal bands and for a time was director of the American Legion band at Wilson, N. C.

Besides his activities in Uncle Sam's armed forces, Sergeant Farmer is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite, and a Shriner. He's married, and has a son five years old, who is already on the way to following in his father's footsteps as a musician.

Red Cross Busy Filling Hanger Requests

The Red Cross on the Post found themselves with 6000 coat hangers the other day, and wondered just what they were going to do with them. They didn't wonder long.

An announcement in the Daily Bulletin brought requests for over 12,000 coat hangers from Co's. The Red Cross is filling the remaining requests as quickly as they can collect the hangers, which is done by volunteers in the neighboring towns.

1700 Witness Fast Division Boxing Bouts Saturday in Sports Arena

By PVT. ARTHUR J. DALEY.
Cannon Co., 242nd Inf.

A technical knockout, an unpopular decision that was booed for five minutes and nine results that were cheered to the high heavens sparked a 10-bout boxing card sponsored by the 42nd Division before 1700 roaring fans at the field house Saturday night.

Private Vissages, 222nd Inf., and Private Mayes of the same outfit figured in the TKO, with Vissages on the business end. Billed as return match between the two boys, the bout turned out to be a one-sided affair that saw Vissages do all the slugging and Mayes do all the covering up.

Corporal Bitts and Private Casto, both of the 242nd Inf., opened the evening's entertainment with a wide open struggle that brought the house down with boos when the announcer bellowed out the decision. Bitts got the nod but that wasn't the way the fans saw it.

Bitts, a former Golden Gloves champ, took the first round from Casto, a former high school star, but the two boys fought evenly in the last two heats. However, Bitts tired badly and Casto took over the offensive in the second. Bitts, carrying 128 pounds, took a lot of punishment about the face from his 140-pound opponent.

Probably the classiest and most experienced boxer of the group was Private Howell, 232nd Inf., who once fought Tony Canzoneri in Florida. Howell won an easy decision from Private Emerson, 222nd Inf., clipping Emerson at ease with cuffs to both sides of the head.

Private Jack Hammer, 242nd Inf., gave Private MacKeway, 222nd Inf., the works in winning a snappy three-round decision. Hammer, carrying a low left and weaving in all directions, kept MacKeway in the dark during the three rounds with a trip-hammer left and a right that always found MacKeway's chin.

Private Torres, 222nd Inf., got a big hand in trimming Corporal Chapman, 142nd Eng., and a rematch was arranged after the bout for a later meeting. The first frame was even but Torres started pitching rights and lefts into Chapman's mid-section to take the second round. Both fighters whaled away in the last round with Chapman holding a slight edge.

Private Little, 222nd Inf., forced Private Hernandez, 242nd Inf., to take a nine-count to catch his breath in the third round, and Little had little trouble gaining the decision.

The customers are still trying to figure out the scrap between

Private Ghianni, 222nd Inf., and Private Carson, same unit. Carson ran out of the ring in the first round and then bounced back ready for action, although most of the business was provided by Ghianni who got the decision.

Private Clayton, 232 Inf., and Private Dyer, 142nd Eng., started out slow and offered little or no action in the first frame. They picked up steam in the second and both got so excited that they both fell out of the ring in a scuffle near the ropes. Both were slugging away at the end and a close nod was awarded to Clayton.

Private Golding, 222nd Inf., and Private Llowski, 702nd TD Bn., put on a great show, with Golding getting a well earned decision. Golding presented a good defense from Llowski's well aimed lefts, and it was Golding's lefts in the last round that gave him the victory.

Private Vandervert, 222nd Inf., and Private Wakefield closed the night's program with a fast bout which was refereed by Chaplain James Moran, a former Notre Dame boxer. Vandervert got the decision by virtue of his aggressiveness and a solid right.

Capt. Harris Hosen, Station Hospital, was referee for the first nine bouts. Judges were Lt. William (Billy) McKeever and First Sgt. C. A. Collins, Co. A, 242nd Inf.

Promoters were pleased with the big turnout and promised another card in the near future.

Germans Ask Surrender Then Quit Themselves

"The only way to stop the war is to stop fighting. That's easy. Just quit and slip across No Man's Land and join the bunch that's taking it easy."

"Wake up and stop the war. You can if you want to. Your government does not mean to stop the war for years to come and those years are going to be long and dreary. You'd better come over while the going is good."

In War I the Rainbow received leaflets with that message on it from German air planes which flew over the trenches. Thirty-six hours later we had taken 16,000 German prisoners.

RAINBOW RODNEY

By Teddy



Reconnaissance Battle Lessons

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commander did not lose any of his prerogatives. In fact, he became more of a battlefield CO. His place when things are hot is out there helping his platoons. With all of us on the same net, he and I could go bouncing off to any point and still be in communication. I had a 193 in a jeep; it was worth a million.

"The reconnaissance personnel must be trained to handle their own mine sweeping. It's no mysterious science and most of the mines we have found were removed by us. Of course, the big areas were later swept by engineers, but our own paths were generally cleared by reconnaissance personnel.

"Reconnaissance personnel should attend a battle school and have mortars, artillery and anti-tank guns fired at them, not to make them braver, because I have my doubts about that, but to make them recognize the sound of the weapons. Everybody has a tendency to report anything bigger than a .22 caliber as an 88 mm. I would not let my men report 88's, and we are the only ones who didn't. Let a mortar land, a mine explode, or an artillery shell land, and the report will be 88 mm. This is dangerous, for if believed by higher command, it will denote German troops in an area which may or may not be so. (However, after we took Mateur I saw beauchap de 88's). Now that we have so much of the enemy's equipment, all reconnaissance personnel should have an opportunity to see it. Don't put it in a motor park, put it out in the field.

"Last, but certainly not least, the best jobs that we have done have been where lieutenants with a small crew, through cunning and daring, get on OP deep in the enemy territory or on his flank, and sit there for hours and report vital information. We used to say about such things, 'OK for maneuvers, but not in war.' This is not so. As an example, I had a lieutenant and three men go up on an OP about 4000 or 5000 yards in enemy territory, stay there for two days with a radio set dismounted from a jeep, and send back the information necessary."

TACTICS AND TECHNIQUE

Mechanized reconnaissance vehicles, when not employed in force, should be used in small groups for the following reasons:

1. Larger groups are often tempted to fight, and unless such fighting is merely to protect themselves, or to escape, they are losing sight of their mission while so engaged.

2. A wider, deeper, and more closely knit reconnaissance may be effected by the employment of many small groups than by use of relatively fewer large groups.

3. Mechanized reconnaissance duty is arduous and hazardous and necessitates frequent relief. Such relief is normally possible where small groups are sent out, and becomes proportionately difficult if the groups are strengthened.

4. Vehicles in a small group can operate in support of one another on a mission at considerable distances apart by simply watching what the others do. In a larger group, orders must be exchanged on every change of purpose of the leader.

Colonel Hey comments further: Beware of that misused word 'fire power.' Don't tie a reconnaissance unit down with tanks, 81 mm mortars, 37 SP guns, because it makes the unit too unwieldy, and few officers can take care of all those additions and still do the job of gathering information. Understand me, I am in complete ac-

Given Award



LT. COL. GRIMMER

Billiard Champ Performs Tonight

The man who has five times been proclaimed champion of the world at pocket billiards, Erwin Rudolph, tonight will present an exhibition at the Field House. All men of Camp Gruber are invited to attend the demonstration, which begins at 9 p. m.

During his exhibition, Rudolph will reveal how he once ran 277 points, how he scored 111 straight points in a world's tournament game, and how he averaged 11.2 in 1929 for a world's tournament record grand average. He will also open his bag of tricks and instruct soldiers, invited from the audience, on the fine points of the game.

A billiard wizard for 25 years, Rudolph served overseas in World War I. He is now on a tour for soldiers, sailors and marines. He maintains that the game can be mastered by anyone who pays attention to a few fundamentals.

In ascending to the world's championship, Rudolph defeated such masters of the green table sport as Ralph Greenleaf, the late Frank Taberski, Willie Mosconi, and Irving Crane.

cord with General Scott's statement that 'Reconnaissance capable of only observation is not worth the road space it takes.' The reconnaissance unit should have sufficient fire power, but too much is as bad as too little. Anyone in a reconnaissance unit who is not primarily a reconnaissance man must be there for a very good reason. If I get the armored car, then I don't want the light tank.

For clarity, I give you my recommended organization at this time. Reconnaissance battalion of three reconnaissance companies and Hq. company; reconnaissance company to have three platoons and Hq. platoon; each platoon to have two sections. The section is the basic unit. Each section should have two armored cars and three jeeps; the first section should have an assault gun; both sections should be commanded by an officer. We have tried it out by using the scout car in place of the armored car. We are sold on the assault gun. Our companies fired it more than anyone in North Africa. It gives us poise and confidence."

There is no theorizing in all this. In a command on the field which does not have a professional reconnaissance, the movement in a given direction is habitually a blind groping, or halting at a given place because of ignorance of the actual situation. Capable reconnaissance personnel can return a flood of information that is remarkable—information that is never superfluous and is always valuable, and that enables the commander to know where he is going and why. If the Army invests only a small part of its most efficient personnel in reconnaissance units, its dividends in the form of increased fighting efficiency will be incalculable.

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Lt. Col. Grimmer Cited By King

By PVT. STANLEY DREYFUSS
Co. M 232nd Inf.

Lt.-Col. Peter Grimmer, commander of the Third Bn. 232nd Inf., might well typify the calibre of the personnel of the Rainbow. The colonel has just been notified that his name has been placed on record in the British War Office, by order of the King. This is for distinguished service while serving with the British First Army during the Tunisian campaign.

Colonel Grimmer has served in the British Isles, with the British Army in Tunisia and with the French, where he was once again cited for outstanding heroism in battle.

During the February fighting, while with the Rainbow's own Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark, assistant Division commander, he again distinguished himself by being captured behind the enemy lines twice, and each time escaping to return with valuable military information. As an officer of the 42nd who was across with him said, "He went where angels fear to tread, and used up about four of his nine lives."

Colonel Grimmer is of Irish extraction and more than upholds the stalwart tradition of the fighting Irish Regiment of the old Rainbow which hailed from his home state of New York.

The colonel has Oak Leaf clusters on his Purple Heart for wounds he has received in action in addition to a number of decorations, all of which he wears in his footlocker.

16th Armored Div. Band to Play Here

Two concerts by the large 16th Armored Division Band, from Camp Chaffee, Ark., will be presented at both Service Clubs for soldiers of Camp Gruber this Sunday.

The band will make its first appearance at Service Club No. 1 in the afternoon with a program starting at 3 p. m. The same program will be given at Service Club No. 2 at 8:15 p. m.

One of the best known Army bands in this part of the country, the organization is under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Sherman Logan, Jr. Selections in the program will include both classical and popular music.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This week we present Miss Claire Flynn as our billfold girl of the week, and any objections you may have are overruled right now. Miss Flynn is from Union City, N. J., and the picture is from the billfold of Pvt. Joseph O'Connor, Hq. Btry., 542 FA Bn.

Best Soldier



PVT. THOMAS CANTRELL

Vet Assures Self Of 42nd's Caliber

Capt. James T. A. Mason, a member of the 165th Infantry in the Rainbow of World War I wrote the following letter to the REVEILLE:

"I was one of the fortunate veterans who were at the activation in July, and although the reason for my trip was hoping I would be able to horn in on the new outfit, one look and I was satisfied that none of us old timers belonged as we would hold you back. It would be like a truck horse trying to beat a race horse. One look and I was satisfied that the Rainbow would once again be America's best fighting Division and that wherever you go the Rainbow would lift the morale of our allies and put fear in the heart of the enemy.

Someday I hope I can get in this war, and will be able to meet the Rainbow. If I am in uniform at that time, well, I think I will be AWOL from where I am supposed to be and stay where I belong—at the foot of the Rainbow where along with the pot of gold you will find Peace, Health and Prosperity.

"If any of your men ever come to New York, just look us up at 68 Lexington Avenue. Come down and you will find the best veterans' club rooms in the country. Ask for me."

Neighbors for Years Meet on Rifle Range

Pvt. David Frampton, Cannon Co., 242nd Inf., led on the range with a snappy 197, but that isn't the whole story.

While talking to his coach, Lt. G. R. McDonald, he found out that not only did they hail from the same town, Huntington, W. Va., but that they had lived within five blocks of one another for years.

MINISTER DRIVES JEEP

Service Co., 222nd Inf., claims a jeep-riding parson. He is Pvt. William G. Miller, an ordained Baptist minister from Haddon Heights, N. J. His present duties are driving a jeep.

242nd Picks Best In Drill Contest

Top honors in the best drilled soldier contest in the 242nd Infantry went to Pvt. Thomas Cantrell, Third Bn. Hq. Co. Cantrell took first place in competition with Pvt. Angelo Nicketekis, Co. D, and Pvt. Henry Woodworth, Co. F.

Private Cantrell left the University of Tennessee after his freshman year to volunteer for service, and was inducted September 12 from his home town of Etowah, Tenn. Before college he attended Tennessee Military Institute and graduated as one of the top five men in his class.

Six feet tall, Private Cantrell looks slimmer than his 175 pounds. He likes soldering, and only 20-40 vision kept him out of Annapolis or West Point.

Private Cantrell won the title of best drilled soldier on the basis of a competition that covered drilling, taking and giving commands, the manual of arms and general military appearance.

His award will be a full length oil painting, which will be painted by Pvt. William Newmark, and will be hung in the regimental recreation hall.

Although in the Army slightly over a month Private Cantrell has been recognized twice before. At Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., he was made a drill instructor for his reception center, and on a recent guard duty he was made the colonel's orderly on the basis of his military appearance, manual of arms and knowledge of General Orders.

'Halt, Who's There' Comes Back in Echo

The night was weird as only Oklahoma nights can be. Dark clouds skirted across the waning yellow moon. Chill winds whipped scattered raindrops into stinging buckshot.

"A heck of a night to stand guard," Pvt. A. L. Drabin of the 132 Signal Company and New York City, thought as he paced his beat in the prescribed military manner. It was like something found only in murder mysteries.

A dark form crossed Drabin's path. "Halt, who's there?" he asked, trying to make his quavering voice military.

The dark figure stopped. "Who's there?" it replied, echo-like.

"I said who's there?" Drabin answered. "Who's there?" he heard. "Advance to be recognized."

By this time Drabin had summoned more courage. "You advance to be recognized. Show me your dog tags."

"Show me YOUR dog tags," he heard . . .

As he explained it later, Drabin broke down first.

"What could I do?" he asks everyone. "He was some guy from the Infantry. He had a rifle. All I had was a club."

Sgt. Warian Goes To Air Forces

Members of the Signal Company said goodbye to one of their best liked comrades last week when S-Sgt. Lucas Warian took off for the Air Forces, to be stationed at a flying field somewhere in Texas as an air cadet.

Warian was a member of the Rainbow cadre. He had been in service since before Pearl Harbor and has served with various units in all parts of the country.

LOST

Attention 42nd QM and 142nd Engr. men: Lost: Gold colored cigarette lighter Oct. 20 in guard house. Birthday gift from mother and has great sentimental value. Reward.

T-5 T. J. Hrnearick
742nd Ord. L.M. Co.

Welfare Contact Groups Formed

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for tedious and embarrassing investigations.

The veterans have made it clear that they are prompted only by their desire to add whatever they can to the welfare of the Division they love more than anything else on earth and to contribute their part toward the peace of mind which will insure the highest degree of training for its men.

In a notice to all Rainbow chapters announcing inception of the program, Fred Crawford, Chicago Rainbower, said:

"I find there is a high percentage of married men amongst the enlisted men and a fairly high percentage of married men who are fathers. It will be very comforting to them to know that they are in a Division that has a veterans' organization with chapters all over the country—veterans who are vitally interested in them as Rainbow soldiers.

"The probability is that we will be asked to do very little, but the mere knowledge of our being available is, as I say, comforting to these new soldiers."

Mr. Crawford added that the services of the veterans would not necessarily be limited to married Rainbow soldiers and their families. The former members of the Rainbow Division, he said, hope and expect to be useful to families of unmarried Rainbow soldiers, even though they are asked to do no more than call and establish the bond of close kinship which they have preserved among themselves in the quarter-century since the first World War.

Purposes of the program were concisely summed up by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Commanding General of the Rainbow Division, in a telegram to Mr. Crawford when he was first approached in the matter.

"My impression," he said, "is that the Rainbow Division Veterans Association is planning welfare contact groups for dependents of the enlisted personnel of the Division. These groups will be located in every State in the Union and the District of Columbia. The purpose of these groups will be purely in the interest of welfare. They will be dedicated to looking after the wives and children, dependent parents, sisters and brothers of our enlisted men.

"Through these groups their dependents can ask for counsel, advice and guidance and should be notified that wherever Rainbow veterans are, they may go to them. Our men may ask their dependents to look up these veterans so that in the event they are needed, contact will already have been made.

"The Rainbow Division welfare personnel who form these welfare contact groups are not in a position to render financial aid, but through and by their assistance, financial aid may be obtained when needed."

As far as can be ascertained, no other Division in the Army has this organization at home, deeply and sincerely and personally interested in its welfare and that of its soldiers and their families. This program is but one of many spiritual and tangible evidences that the Rainbow Division has inherited, along with the tradition of success in battle, membership in a family that looks out for its own.

The following list of Rainbow chapter secretaries is published for the information of Rainbow soldiers who wish to have the chapter in or near their homes get in touch with their families. All it takes is a letter to the secretary.

ALABAMA: Arden R. Allen, U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Tuscaloosa; Emmett C. Wilson, Box 901 Gadsden; R. J. Vogel, 104 St. Joseph St., Mobile; L. J. Logan, 2517 12th Ave., Birmingham; John C. Yeatman, U. S. Veterans' Hos-

Commander of 232nd Infantry



Col. Wilbur H. Vinson, commander of the 232nd Infantry, is shown in his office prior to going into the field to inspect the training the men in his regiment are receiving.

Combat Conditions Taste Like Wet Chicken After Rains on Range

By PVT. SCOTT CORBETT
Service Co., 242nd Inf.

I've had spots before my eyes all week. Fancy ones, with rings around them.

After toting sandbags from firing-line to firing-line for a week, I began to wonder whether I was a permanent coach or the Baggage Coach Ahead. Also, I never learned the art of being busy elsewhere

when the 200-yard dash for the cleaning-table was the next scheduled event. Some of the boys had that down pat. Must I name names, fellows?

When we coaches shot, the first day out, we were tense at the start, so our C.O., Lieutenant McGinn, rendered a snatch of "Pistol Packing Mama," complete with finger-snapping, to relax us. He threatened to sing a second verse if we didn't settle down. Harsh discipline, but it worked.

Chaplain Derevan came along just as I turned away from the target to express myself about a bad shot. I stopped just two words too late. I looked at the chaplain, and the chaplain looked at me. I noticed an omission on his part.

"Sir," I said sternly, "you're supposed to have patches in your ears."

"Private Corbett," said he, "the chapel ceiling could stand a good scrubbing with a toothbrush, so you'd better get back down there and get a center bull."

Come Saturday we had a nice rain that laid the dust. It laid it right under three feet of mud. After several earnest marksmen had floated away downrange keeping their eyes on their targets and squeezing their triggers to the last, we called it off and moved back to the 500-yard line for chow. There was some talk of going back

Art Center Sponsors Contest for Soldiers

The Philbrook Art Center of Tulsa announces an art contest which will run from Jan. 3 to 31, 1944, and is open only to soldiers. Cash prizes are to be awarded in each of several classes.

Prizes will be awarded for watercolor, black and white and pastel work. Entries should be sent direct to Philbrook Art Center in Tulsa. The center will pay the express charges when the work arrives, and will pay all expenses involved in returning the entries to the soldiers.

Col. Vinson Vet Of 25 Years

A veteran of 25 years of Army service is Col. Wilbur H. Vinson, commander of the 232nd Infantry. He was commissioned a lieutenant in 1918 and has served in the Regular Army as an officer since that time.

During the last war he served a year and a half in France with the Fifth Division and another year and a half with the Army of Occupation in Germany after the war was over.

Upon his return to the United States, Colonel Vinson was stationed in many camps throughout the country. He also served in the Philippine Islands and was sent to Shanghai with American troops when Japan first occupied that city in 1932.

At the time the general mobilization program was started in 1940, Colonel Vinson was in the G-4 section of the War Department General Staff in Washington, D. C. Upon the reorganization of the Army, he was transferred to the Army Service Forces in the strategic logistics department and came from there to the 42nd Division.

Colonel Vinson was decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds received in France in the last war.

Of his men, he says they are good men and have entered their training with vigor. He says they have shown wonderful response to the instruction they have been given and are energetic and capable.

to the mess halls, but it was finally decided that we should eat right out in the damp dewy open spaces and get a taste of combat conditions. So now I am in a position to tell you what combat conditions taste like. They taste like wet chicken.

I spent a week on the range, and I still don't know why they say "with ball ammunition, lock and load." I thought we stopped using ball ammunition after the War of 1812.

Well, it was a great week on the range, anyway. Just give us two or three Japs to zero in on now, and we'll be all set.

42nd at Ourcq Captures 2 Towns

(Another chapter in the story of the Rainbow in World War I follows, written by Sgt. Harry L. Mickelson.)

CHAPTER 10

The Rainbow began its fight to cross the Ourcq River the morning of July 28, 1918. This was one of the toughest assignments given the 42nd.

Guarding the opposite banks of the river was a crack Prussian Guard Division—the pick of the German Army—along with at least two other divisions of enemy troops. The high command had given them orders to hold at all costs.

By evening—in the thick of Boche machine gun fire—the Rainbow had managed to land three battalions, one from each of the 163th, 167th and 168th Infantry regiments. These troops established bridge heads and hung on in spite of terrific pounding from the enemy, who had the advantage in many ways.

Once again the Rainbow had its good luck omen—for directly over the point where contact was first gained appeared a large, beautiful rainbow. Strange as this phenomenon may seem, it is a matter of actual history.

Three days of bitter fighting followed, during which time the 42nd, along with a fresh French Division, drove forward, capturing an important hill and two surrounding towns. By Aug. 3 the German withdrawal was complete and all heights along the Ourcq were in Allied hands.

A brief period after the Ourcq campaign was spent in the Valley of the Marne. It was the only rest the Division ever got. During this time it was issued new equipment—to replace items battered by battle—and replacements for casualties.

August 30 found the Rainbow ready for active duty again. And Gen. John J. Pershing was ready with a new assignment for the now famous fighting outfit.

(NEXT: St. Mihiel)

What's Wrong Answers

The soldier who is kneeling is violating one of the cardinal rules of protection when he touches the ground with anything other than his feet in a gassed area. Here he has his rifle on the ground and he has made no attempt to stay on his feet. He is holding the mask incorrectly and is apparently going to put it on without first removing his helmet. He also seems to use his gas mask carrier as a catchall for reading material because there is a newspaper sticking out of it. And he is wearing the carrier on the wrong side of his body.

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