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Dependents Get Larger Benefits Under New Law

Increased payments for dependents of service men were provided this week in a bill signed by President Roosevelt and the first checks probably will be mailed out at the end of November.

The measure leaves the \$50 monthly payment to a wife, but increases from \$62 to \$80 the allowance for a wife and one child and from \$10 to \$20 the payment for each additional child.

The service man continues to pay the \$22 monthly unless the payments are made to two classes of dependents (wife and child and also to the parents) when the service man contributes \$27. The remainder of the allowance is paid by the government.

The new measure also extended the benefits of the new law to men of the first, second and third grades, who formerly were ineligible for the benefits, thus all enlisted men are eligible now. The first three graders, however, if they take advantage of the increased benefits, cannot receive subsistence and rental payments now afforded them.

The new schedule of payments is as follows:

	Old	New
Wife	\$50	\$50
Wife and one child	62	80
Wife and two children	72	100
Additional children (each)	10	20
Child but no wife	42	42
Additional children but no wife (each)	10	20
Wife divorced	42	42
Wife divorced and one child	54	72
Additional children wife divorced (each)	10	20
One parent (dependent for chief support)		
Where there is no Class A dependent	37	50
Where there is Class A dependent	30	50
One parent (dependent for substantial support)		
Where there is no Class A dependent	37	37
Where there is Class A dependent	20	37
Two parents (dependent for chief support)		
Where there is no Class A dependent	47	68
Where there is Class A dependent	30	68
Two parents (dependent for substantial support)		
Where there is no Class A dependent	47	37
Where there is Class A dependent	30	37
One parent and one brother or sister (dependent for chief support)		
Where there is no Class A dependent	42	68
Where there is Class A dependent	25	68

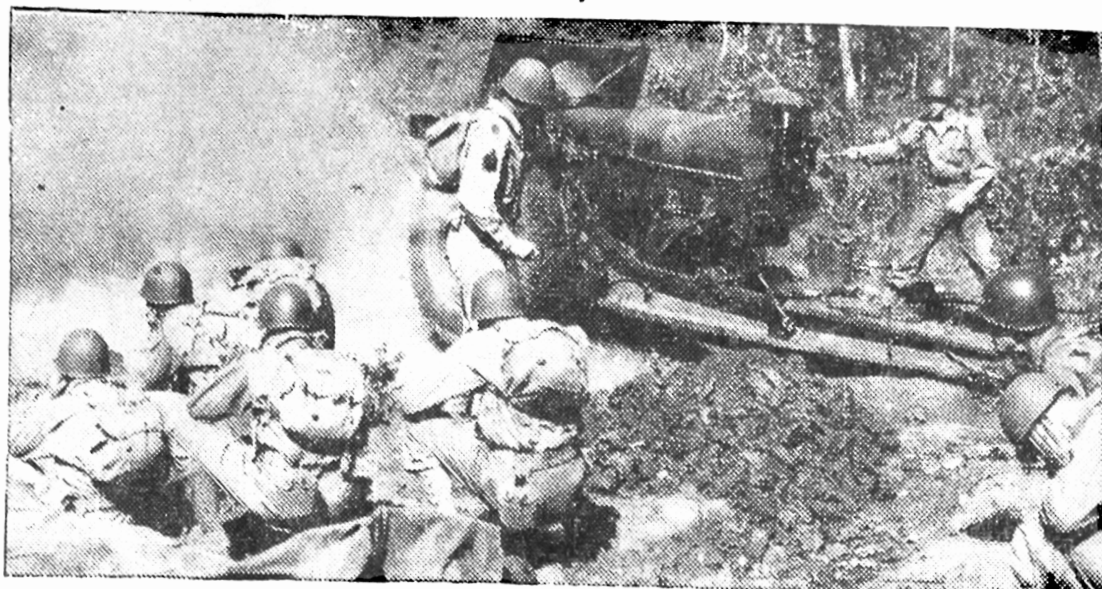
Artists Paint Mural In Service Club No. 1

Pvts. Don Freeman and John Cosgrave, Hq. Co., 232nd Inf., are now working on a large mural which will cover the entire south wall of the main hall of Service Club No. 1.

The theme of the mural is the colorful massing of state flags in the activation day ceremonies of the Division. It will be 15 yards long and six yards high when it is finished sometime next month.

Concealment means hidden from view but not necessarily safety from small arms fire.

Howitzer Sends Shell on Its Way



With a resounding "whoom" this howitzer sends its shell toward the target as Pvt. Leonard Odegard yanks the lanyard for the second round of the day fired by Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn. That's S-Sgt. Erskine McNeal, section sergeant standing by the gun, while other members of the crew, Acting Cpl. Nels Magnuson, gunner, Leonard Rehagen, Robert Zwick, Christopher Sukas, Denzil Black, Hugo Regnitz, Rodney Cosford, and Charles Killmayer crouch around the weapon. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Squads Compete For Titles

Squads from the 222nd Infantry were busy going through squad problems this week, each seeking to win the honor of representing the regiment Nov. 21 when squads from all three Infantry regiments will compete for the titles of Division Commander's Combat Squads.

Squads from the 232nd Infantry will be tested next week, and from the 242nd Infantry the following week.

Problems are being conducted for the rifle squads, light machine gun, heavy machine gun, 60 mm. mortar, 81 mm. mortar and 37 mm. anti-tank guns.

Winners in the Division contest, which will be conducted by Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark, will receive special insignia to be worn on the uniforms of the squad members, and each man will be given a 15-day furlough.

AWOL of any competing squad member during the competition season will automatically eliminate the squad from the Division eliminations. Substitutions may be made for men who are taken ill or who are absent from duty because of special emergency. Squads in the competition will be regularly organized squads, and made up specifically for the competition.

Tests consist of problems in attack, defense, withdrawal and patrols and outposts.

Plans for selecting the Division Commander's Combat Squads from the Division Artillery and the 142nd Engineer Battalion will be announced later.

The best squads will be picked prior to the X Corps proficiency tests, and grading will be done with the rating charts to be used in the proficiency tests late this month.

98 Percent of Men Have Life Insurance

National Service Life Insurance is carried by 98.77 per cent of the enlisted men and 98.33 per cent of the officers in the 42nd Division, according to a report submitted to Headquarters this week.

The maximum of \$10,000 insurance is carried by 59.88 per cent of the enlisted men and 97.71 of the officers.

One unit, the Division MP Platoon, has 100 per cent maximum insurance for men and officers.

Men of the Division carry a total of \$157,481,000 worth of insurance which is paid for each month by deductions from pay. Largest amount is carried by the 232nd Infantry which has a total of \$36,461,000 worth of insurance.

Those men and officers who do not carry any insurance or do not have the maximum amount are urged by War Department officials to take out the full amount. It is the least expensive of any life insurance available now, and there are no war risk clauses which might cancel benefits, as is the case in many commercial policies now available.

New Show Presented At Service Club No. 1

"Behind The Dog-Tag" replaces "Camp Gruber Varieties" this Thursday from Service Club No. 1, over KTUL and will continue on alternate Thursdays from then on. Service Club No. 2 will continue "Camp Gruber Varieties."

Regular features in this new series of radio shows will be a salute to the outstanding soldier of the week, comedy sketches of the enlisted men and "Dog Tag Dough," an audience game, with cash prizes determined by the winning serial number.

If you want to appear on this show you are invited to talent auditions held each Tuesday at 9 p. m., at Service Club No. 1.

Artillery Fires For Practice

Field Artillery battalions completed their first firing of the big howitzers last week. It was an interesting task for the men, most of whom had never seen a howitzer fired before, let alone work on the gun with live ammunition.

The firing was done both as a demonstration and practical work for the various sections from an observation post so all could see the correct method of loading, aiming and firing the guns as well as witness the strike of the shell in the target.

When the 542nd FA Battalion fired last Thursday, the first round was sent on its way by Brig. Gen. John S. Winn, Jr., Division Artillery commander. It was an over, and Acting Cpl. Nels Magnuson, gunner for the first section from Battery A, lowered the sights and the second round jarred the target.

The third round blew the target to pieces.

Later the assembled battalion was shown how to change from one target to the other, and how to have their fire directed by observers in the grasshopper planes attached to the Field Artillery.

Snake in Tent Causes Big Uproar

They were out on bivouac. Pvts. Herman Marshall and Louis Cashiola, Btry. C, 542nd FA Bn., were sleeping in the same pup tent when Marshall's rest was interrupted by a snake. He brushed the snake over to Cashiola and lit out for open ground.

But Cashiola took a short cut. When he felt the snake he rose, right through the top of the tent, taking three buttons.

The squad is a group of soldiers organized primarily as a combat team.

Variety Show By 42nd Men Planned Sunday

More than a hundred musicians and entertainers will be on hand Sunday to participate in another Rainbow Division variety show and musical jamboree and song-fest. Admission is free and everyone is invited. The show will start at 2 p. m., and will be held at the Field House.

This is the third big talent show of its kind, and features talent from every unit of the division. Dancers and magicians, along with an acrobatic act, will be featured as well as a complete musical program ranging from the hottest jive to symphonic selections.

Furnishing a background for the show will be the big Division band. It will play, first as one complete concert band unit, rendering concert selections. Then it will break into two large dance bands and stage a "battle of bands" between the Commanders and the Ambassadors. Both dance bands have new special arrangements for the occasion.

Some of the stars included in the show will be Private Sutherland, vocalist; Private Zechinni, accordion soloist, who will play "Malanguena" and "Blue Skies;" Private Funderburk, trick clarinetist, who has made a hit at other shows.

A magic show will be presented by Private Howell; Pvt. George Talenker will play boogie woogie piano; vocal soloists will be Privates Meyer, D'Erasmr, Kuznick, and Durand.

"Perpetual Motion" and "Fair Rosemarin" will be violin solos by Pvt. Berl Senofsky; Private Dorsey will be a featured dancer; and acrobatic acts will be presented by Private Coice.

Bleachers will be erected in the field house to accommodate the crowd. More than a thousand persons turned out for the first show of this series, held last month.

Hallowe'en Party Staged at Hospital

The men at Station Hospital were treated to a Halloween party Thursday night at the Red Cross recreation building. Every one who could walk, crutch, or wheel chair, was there to partake of the fun.

The place took on the appearance of a carnival, with several shows going on at once—complete with barkers and pretty lady assistants. Perhaps the most popular booth was that of Miss Ann Edmunson, of Muskogee. Attired in a formal, she sat on a platform, legs crossed, while patients tried their skill in ringing her foot.

A stage show was presented by Muskogee girls, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Duncan. Taking part were Miss Betty Sherman, Miss Mildred Kramer and Miss Betty Stone.

The Commanders, Rainbow dance band, played a special jump and jive session.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Many of us are going into town for the first time since we have been at Camp Gruber. And for many more of us it will be the first time we have had contact with civilian life since we have been in uniform. First impressions are important, and this will really be the first impression we make on the people in the nearby towns.

Muskogee is not going to be New York City, or Keokuk, or East Podunk for that matter, and it's going to disappoint a lot of people who expected to find an exact replica of their own home town. It is however a friendly little city, whose people, for the most part, like soldiers and want them to enjoy themselves.

Remember too, that the towns are crowded with soldiers, which makes them a lot different than they were before the war. It's never going to be like home, probably no place can be, but you'll still enjoy your training stay here if you approach it in the right spirit.

WE ARE NOT PRIVILEGED

One of the things which soldiers frequently forget or fail to realize is that when they are off duty and in civilian communities they are subject to the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement authorities. Just because you are in uniform is no reason to believe that you are not required to observe local laws.

It is true that the Military Police are on duty in most communities near Army camps, but these MP's are there to help the soldier keep out of trouble rather than as a law enforcing group separate from the local police.

If you were a civilian you wouldn't go racing down the street in an automobile, breaking civilian laws; you wouldn't disgrace yourself and your family by appearing drunk in public; you wouldn't cause disturbances which would bring police to stop.

Now that you are in uniform, you should be even more careful to uphold the standards of a law abiding community. The actions of the few who do run afoul of local authorities and who question their authority bring discredit to all of us in uniform who do try to keep up appearances and bring honor to the Army personnel.

The harder we work now learning the arts of war properly, the less time we will have to spend learning these same lessons the hard way in combat; the fewer casualties we will have; the sooner the war will be won.

Movie Schedule

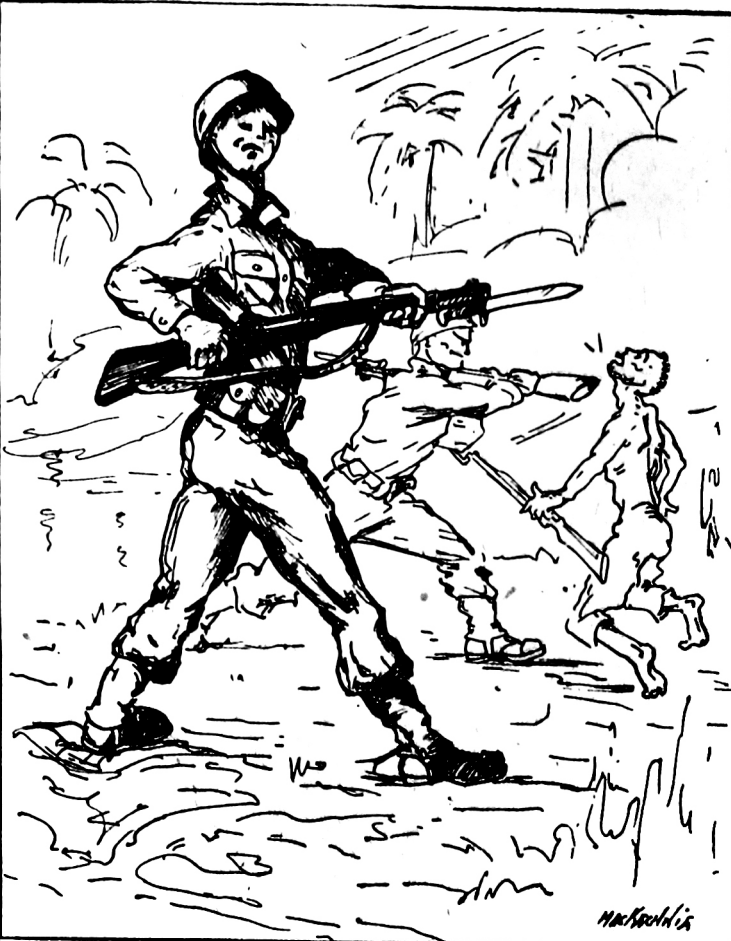
Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Crazy House." Olson and Johnson.
Friday and Saturday—"Lassie Come Home." Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp.
Sunday and Monday—"The Iron Major." Pat O'Brien, Ruth Warrick.
Tuesday—"Find the Blackmailer." Jerome Cowan, Faye Emerson. Plus "Mr. Mug Steps Out." East Side Kids.
Wednesday and Thursday—"Northern Pursuit." Errol Flynn, Julie Bishop.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"Here Comes Elmer." Al Pearce, Dale Evans. Plus "A Chance of a Lifetime." Chester Morris, Jeanne Bates.
Friday and Saturday—"Crazy House." Olson and Johnson.
Sunday and Monday—"Lassie Come Home." Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp.
Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Iron Major." Pat O'Brien, Ruth Warrick.
Thursday—"Find the Blackmailer." Jerome Cowan, Faye Emerson. Plus "Mr. Mug Steps Out." The East Side Kids.

What's Wrong?



This frontline unit has just run into a group of Japs down in the South Pacific area. The man in the background seems to know his bayonet work, but the man in the foreground is going to have a hard time surviving. Apparently he didn't pay much attention to his instructors when they were teaching bayonet. How many errors can you pick out? Answers are on Page 8.



By CHAPLAIN JOHN DIER
Division Artillery

"Day by day the manna fell: O, to learn this lesson well. Still by constant mercy fed, Give me, Lord, my daily bread."

"Day by day the promise reads, Daily strength for daily needs; Cast foreboding fears away; take the manna of today."

"Lord, my times are in Thy hand: All my sanguine hopes have planned, To Thy wisdom I resign, and would mold my will to Thine. 'Thou my daily task shall give; Day by day to Thee I live; So shall added years fulfill not my own, my Father's will.'"

In these verses, Josiah Conder states a sermon of such wisdom and truth that we may profitably pause momentarily to ponder it.

We pray for daily bread; "Give us this day our daily bread," but do we go further and deeper than mere repetition of words? Do we not too frequently murmur against circumstances? We murmur, instead of turning to the promise so plainly made.

It is never necessary to be a victim of circumstances! The Children of Israel, during their wanderings on the desert, ran into many difficulties and each time that something new and strange and baffling presented itself they murmured against Moses and Aaron and against God. But each time, "The Lord spake unto Moses" and they were provided with "Daily strength for daily needs."

Today we see evidences on every hand of God's constant mercy, sustaining and strengthening God-loving men. Rickenbacker and his men, adrift on the vast expanses of the Pacific must have said "Lord, my times are in Thy hand." They were fed and brought safely home. There are hundreds of others who in similar situations have not allowed themselves to become victims of the adverse circumstances confronting them.

Do you say, "Lord, my times are in Thy hand—To Thy wisdom I resign, and would mold my will to

Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS

Chapel No. 1

0800 Catholic Mass.
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal).
1000 Protestant Service.
1100 Protestant Service.
1900 Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).
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).
1600-1730 Confessions (Saturday).
1900-2100 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.
1800—Protestant Sunday School.
1830 Protestant Evening Service.
1845 Daily Catholic Mass.
1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).
1930 Catholic Discussion Hour (Sunday and Tuesday).
1930-2100 Catholic Confessions (Saturday).
2000 Jewish Sabbath Services (Friday).
2030 Catholic Novena (Wednesday).
2100 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).

Chapel No. 4

0715 Distribution of Holy Communion.
0800 Catholic Mass.
0930 Protestant Service.
1100 Catholic Mass.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass (except Monday).
1900 Protestant Service.
1900 Choir Rehearsal.
1600-1730 Confessions (Saturday).
1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).

Chapel No. 5

0715 Holy Communion.
0800 Catholic Mass.
0930 Protestant Service.
1000 Christian Science Service.
1100 Catholic Mass.
1800 General Song Service.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.
1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).
2030 Novena (Tuesday).

Thine?" Is that your prayer, is that the essence of your daily life? It should be, but sometimes we murmur, "Oh, if I could do something outstanding—if only I could be a hero." We must learn to be faithful in that which is least and if we are loyal and obedient, we are actually working for the glory of God in all that we do. Should we not then, courageously "Cast foreboding fears away" and accept the "Manna of today?" Significant will become the words: "Thou my daily task shall give, Day by day to Thee I live; so shall added years fulfill, not my own, my Father's will."

PERSONAL GLANCES

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

K. P. is a well-worn subject. It's almost as worn-out as the K.P.'s. However, if I don't write something about it, someone may get the idea that I haven't been on K.P. Some day at first sergeants' call, when our overlords are talking shop, one of them is likely to say to my first Sgt. William Fox, "Bill," (first sergeants call one another by their first names), "Bill, why don't you put this Corbett jerk on K.P. sometime? Then maybe he'll write something funny about K.P., instead of that dismal drool he's been putting out so far." And that might start Sgt. William Fox to thinking . . .

It was a nerve-wracking day on K.P. today. First of all, officers flocked in all day. I leaped to attention from so many different positions that a scout for the Ballet Russe would probably have become interested in me. Then in mid-morning a raiding-party of medics rushed in in a giggling mood and left our Mess Sergeant Johnson wondering why God ever wedded him to a skillet.

Presently there was a lull in the work, and Lieutenant Bott, well knowing my tendency away from wholesome exercise, had me take a ten-minute break and prodded me into a touch football game he was supervising, in the hope that I would surprise him. He watched me play, saw his mistake, and reassigned me to the kitchen for further instruction and training.

The day was brightened by one fact, however: Private Lauber was baking. It is always a cheery day for chowhounds around our company when Private Lauber bakes, because he knows how to make flour snap to attention with its chestnut. He was baking apple pies today, and naturally several of us hangers-on bravely decided to make sure that the pies were all right before the others were turned loose on them. After all, why let a whole company of men risk ptomaine or something when individual volunteers were springing one face forward on all sides? So we put the pies through a rigid inspection, sent a slice apiece on maneuvers, and pronounced Private Lauber's pies fit for service in the field.

Later in the day our officers got wind—an ill wind—of the medics' foray, and they came buzzing like bees through the mess-hall, checking up. Lieutenant Saunders swooped down on me from behind as I was Indian-wrestling with a heavy-set pot. He found some grease on the sink where none should have been. When he got through showing me, I felt as though there was grease everywhere except where it should have been—in my elbows.

The day finally drew to a sudsy finish, however, and we K.P.'s called it a—well, never mind what we called it.

Service Club Doings

SERVICE CLUB NO. 1

Thursday 8-8:30p. m.—Jam Session. 8:30-9 p. m.—"Camp Gruber Varieties" with Cpl. Minor, hot flash of the air waves over KTUL. 9 p. m.—The "Hey Rube" show. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Muskogee girls, The Ambassadors. Saturday 8 p. m.—Variety Show from Sapulpa. Sunday 8 p. m.—GI Movies. Monday 8 p. m.—Quiz with prizes. Music Appreciation. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song-fest with Cpl. Carl Varconi. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Closed Dance, 222nd Inf. Regt.

SERVICE CLUB NO. 2

Thursday 8:15 p. m.—Band Concert by 188th FA Bn. Band. Friday 8:15 p. m.—Soldier Show. The 42nd Div. FA. Saturday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Xth Corps and 188th FA Bn. Sunday 8:15 p. m.—Variety Show from Tulsa. Monday 8 p. m.—Song-fest with Cpl. Carl Varconi. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Movies. "The Great Lover" with Rudolph Valentino and Sgt. Robert Jackson. Wednesday 8:15 p. m.—Games. Prizes and surprises.

Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

Joe Linde, Hey Rube's orchestra leader, has two boys in the Service and another who will be in the Navy soon . . . All three are musicians . . . Cpl. Earl "Fats" Koch, of the Rainbow Band, takes a small band up to the Officers Club each Sunday night, to play for dinner dancing from 6 to 8 . . .

Stan Kenton, new to many of the nation's ears, has taken over the spot formerly occupied by Skinny Ennis on the Bob Hope show. Kenton is a newcomer to radio, should do very well . . . Ted Lewis loses pianist Pvt. Sol Talanker, 222nd Inf., to the Rainbow Division . . . Talanker has also played many dates with Jimmy Dorsey in and around New York . . .

242nd Entertains At Dance

Members of the 242nd Infantry celebrated Hallowe'en Saturday night, a night before the legendary witches ride the skies, with a colorful dance at Service Club No. 2.

The dance floor, gaily decorated with autumn leaves, goblins, pumpkins and corn stalks was a pretty setting for the bevy of 100 costumed Tulsa girls who brought cheers and smiles from the hundreds of Rainbowners gathered in the ballroom long before the dance started.

The 188 Field Artillery Dakotans, under the direction of Warrant Officer Taylor, furnished the music for the evening.

The dance was opened with a spectacular grand march at the conclusion of which the master of ceremonies, Pvt. Tom Durand, First Bn. Hq. Co., welcomed the girls to the Rainbow.

During the intermission entertainment was provided by Pvt. Phil D'Erasmio, Service Co., who brought oh's and ah's from the girls and envious looks from the soldiers with his singing; Private Brazill, Co. M, who put on his Donald Duck act and Pvt. Loomis Dorsey, Hq. Co., the regiment's outstanding tap and novelty dancer.

Have Folks Watch For Check Thieves

The Treasury Department has issued a warning to persons who receive allotment checks to be on the alert for mail thieves and forgers, as a great number of checks being issued for this purpose are going astray and being cashed with forged endorsements.

The warning stated that if checks become stolen and forged, many months may elapse before the legality of claims filed by payees can be established and duplicate checks issued them.

Persons expecting checks by mail should keep their mail boxes well protected and have their name and box number plainly visible. If possible they should arrange with their mailman for the receipt of a signal of some kind when the checks are delivered. Any changes of address should be reported both to the agency issuing the checks and the postmaster.

The warning also stated that card type, checks, many of which are now being used, should not be perforated, folded or otherwise mutilated, as this causes inaccuracies to register with operated through the tabulating machines.

Alarm Clock Awakens GI's for Three Years

Co. G, 232nd Inf., boasts of an alarm clock that has been annoying weary GI's for over three years. This alarm clock has disturbed the rest of soldiers from Pearl Harbor to the East Coast, and is still going strong although it took yeomen work on the part of Private McCurdy to get it back in shape.

The clock in question belongs to Staff Sergeant Hoag, and was requisitioned for the orderly room during the alarm clock shortage. For the past two months it has done service for CQ's who want to catch a few naps between the time the last soldier has returned to camp and reveille.

Then one day it just refused to run. Our hero, Private McCurdy, brought along his gun tools and went to work. The clock is back in order again, and the CQ's are catching a few seconds nap now and then, confident they will be awakened in time to get everyone up.

Eating of sweets greatly increases thirst and should be avoided on the march.

Special Dance Tonight at USO Club

A special dance in connection with the WAC Air Force drive being conducted this week will be given tonight at the Muskogee USO.

Music will be furnished by the Enid Airfield swing band under the direction of Graham Young, former trumpet player for Gene Krupa. Dancing will be from 8 to 11 p. m.

New Payrolls Stump Old GI's

Old GI's, accustomed to figuring their pay with a quick glance across the payroll, ran into a snag when they came up against the October roll—in fact everything looked snafu.

The reason: a recently revised payroll form that is being used throughout the Rainbow Division for the first time this month.

The new form makes provisions for all the changes that have been made in preparation of Army payrolls since 1933, when the old form first was approved by the Comptroller General.

It's about a quarter inch larger all around than its predecessor. Antedated columns for specialist ratings and quarters allowances have been eliminated, with addition of spaces for family allowance and National Life Insurance Deductions.

In addition, the relative positions of the Insurance and War Bond deduction entries were interchanged.

Formerly, the soldier's name was entered first, then his serial number, date of enlistment and number of year's service. Now it's date of enlistment, number of year's service, name, and serial number.

Probably one of the biggest advantages is that the new form provides nearly half an inch more space for a man to sign his name—a real boon to men with long handles who formerly cramped their signatures into a mere two and a half inches.

Those Were Real Dits on Your Dial

By PVT. AL SWIFT
132nd Signal Co.

If you heard dits in the day-room last week it didn't necessarily mean that you had bats in the belfry.

Strange things happen at any Army post, but the strangest happened here last when the segregated radiomen of the 132 Signal Company found a way to broadcast without benefit to FCC.

It happened this way: In the radiomen's quarters there is a dit machine, which is as it should be, for radiomen are supposed to be lulled into dit-land by dahs, and often are. The dit machine goes most of the time—quietly of course.

Then some dit-nut bucking to invent something got an idea. If the small barracks radio were placed next to the dit-machine, it would act as a booster so everyone could hear dits. It did. And the dits were loud!

Another dit nut who had been loafing in the day room burst into the barracks. "Hey!" he yelled to anyone who would listen. "I got dits in the day room. Yeah. On the day room radio I got dits!"

Medics next door were next to complain. Their radio ditted too.

Next day radiomen in the Infantry companies attending Division Radio School started to talk, wide-eyed, about the mysterious dits on their day room radios. Signal company men explained—and promised never to do it again.

Which goes to prove you don't necessarily have to be crazy to be a radioman—but it helps!

Commander Orients His Battalion



Lt. Col. George A. Carver, commander of the 542nd Field Artillery Battalion, is shown in his jeep with the microphone of the loudspeaker system while he was orienting men of the battalion at the first practice firing of service ammunition last week. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

542nd FA Bn. Commander Feels Sure His Unit Will Be Top Notch Outfit

Lt. Col. George A. Carver, commander 542nd Field Artillery Battalion, is confident that the men in his unit will emerge as a well trained combat group when the unit training program is completed.

He bases his observations on the progress being made by the men in their training to date and feels that if they continue to learn in the manner they have thus far in their training they will make a top notch outfit.

Colonel Carver was graduated from West Point in 1933 and took primary flight training at Randolph Field. Then for four years he was with the 12th Field Artillery at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. During 1937-38 he attended school at Ft. Sill,

Okl., where he remained with the Third Field Artillery Battalion until 1941.

The following year he was animal transport department director at Ft. Sill and was there until he joined the 42nd Division as commander of the 542nd Field Artillery Battalion.

He is well pleased with the enthusiasm and ability of the men in the battalion and feels that they have become very proficient in the training they have had to date.

Last week he had reason to be proud of the battalion when it made an exceptionally fine showing at the first practice firing of service ammunition. Every problem was completed with an excellent score.

Hints for Combat

The following are excerpts from an article appearing in October, 1943 "Military Review." It contains valuable information regarding the Tunisian campaign which can be applied to training in the Rainbow.

By LT. COL. E. H. BURBA

In looking back on the Tunisian campaign, one sees the completeness and soundness of training and tactical doctrines employed by our Field Artillery School. These things are essential because there is very little new technique learned by personnel under fire except methods of self-preservation. Training, then, must be complete, leaving only mechanical execution for the battlefield. Suggestions for obtaining the confidence and maximum efficiency of troops are as follows:

1. Let it be thoroughly understood before your unit is committed that the slightest evidence of cowardice will be punished. See that the troops themselves attach a stigma to neurosis and weakness.
2. In your first action, commit your command under the best circumstances possible within the limits of your mission. Make no blunders, for a unit is profoundly affected by the success and confidence achieved in its first engagement.
3. Always know the tactical situation and keep subordinates informed. If you don't know it, find out immediately even if it involves personal reconnaissance. No American troops fear anything they know is coming, and if they know the mission of the unit they will accomplish it without you.

4. When not within range of small arms fire, keep your men out of fox holes and busy. Under aerial attack and artillery fire,

The author of this article commanded an Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Tunisia. He was wounded, returned to duty in Tunisia, and received the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

don't let your officers display fear by rushing to the deepest and best slit trench in the area.

5. Encourage humor when the situation is tough. It relieves tension and increases efficiency.

On 21 March our forces were finally stopped, after a 50 mile advance, by well-prepared defenses on the high ground east of Maknassy. A chief of section from an infantry cannon company came to my CP that morning with an urgent request for a forward observer to come and adjust fire on two guns that were being dug in near

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Signal Drivers Get Licenses

Natives along the road to Ft. Smith, Ark., may have thought the whole Division was on the move last week—but it was only the "daredevils" of the 132nd Signal Company making a 100-mile graduation convoy before they became graduate GI truck-drivers.

Five miles of giant two and one-half ton trucks, tons and a half, half-tons, command cars and jeeps stretched down the road, whisked through towns and villages—and came back without a mishap, or without missing a hand signal.

The convoy was the culmination of weeks of strenuous preparation on the part of Warrant Officer Fineran, company motor officer, and his staff. And also on the part of the self-styled "daredevils."

Driving the GI way is no easy task. When any Rainbow soldier is graduated as a GI driver he knows his stuff. Take the Signal Company training program for example.

It is three weeks long. At the beginning the drivers are taught all they are supposed to know about the motor, and all the in-and-outs of the machine. Then come short convoys so that the men can get the feel of the machines.

After that they hit the obstacles. Men who had never driven before were successful in goosing the two and a half-ton giants up a hill which would make a caesthenics instructor puff. And they took the machines over "rough terrain" than even a tough Infantry sergeant would avoid.

Suppose the lights go out? Daredevils don't care. They've had experience in blackout driving, in nights so dark a cat would have to eat a pound of carrots to see his whiskers.

Then the long convoy to Ft. Smith, all without accident. But not without laughs. Like the one that came when Pvt. Missouri Wear almost got stuck in the mud while he was driving the convoy leader, and the time Pvt. "Minnesota" Normandeau, grieving over the death of his pet cat back home, so far forgot himself as to pour water into his gas tank without adding power pills.

Company Celebrates Commander's Promotion

Saturday evening's chow carried over into a party for members of Co. B, 232nd Inf. The occasion was a celebration for the promotion to the rank of captain for the company's commander, Orville B. Parker.

With Pvt. Francis Bloomer as MC, a variety program got under way with many talented members of the company taking part. Pfc. Harry Bleil and Pvt. Al Mayo were featured on the harmonica. Pvt. Willie Skipper played the guitar, followed by a trio made up of Pfc. Al Vanassa, and Privates Ali and Confresesco.

A quartette made a big hit, featuring Pvts. Jim Wren, Jilian King, Grover Griffin, and John Richter. T-4 Jim Tate gave out with a Hawaiian version of the "St. Louis Blues." Brief addresses and a song fest closed the eventful evening.

Guests of honor were Colonel Maloney, and Chaplains Punda, Bentley and Dixon.

Strong soap, such as yellow kitchen soap, should never be used for washing equipment because of the large amount of free alkali in it.

Neat's-foot oil is the most satisfactory oiling agent for leather.



SPORTS



Boxing Card Set For Saturday Night

Division Cagers Play Tuesday

Special Troops basketball players go into action next week when the opening games will be played in the Field House Tuesday night.

Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and each team will meet all other fives in the league twice during the season which ends Dec. 28.

League champion will represent the Special Troops in the Division playoff sometime in January.

No games will be postponed except when military training interferes with the schedule. Teams not appearing will forfeit the games, it was announced.

The opening night finds the 122nd Medical Battalion meeting the 132nd Signal Company; 142nd Engineer Battalion vs. 42nd Quartermaster Company; 42nd Reconnaissance Troop vs. 742nd Ordnance Company; Division Headquarters Company vs. MP Platoon. Next Thursday night the schedule is Division Headquarters Company vs. 132nd Signal Company; 122nd Medical Battalion vs. MP Platoon; 142nd Engineer Battalion vs. 742nd Ordnance Company and 42nd Quartermaster Company vs. 42nd Reconnaissance Troop.

Cannoneers Win Regimental Title

Champion softball team in the 222nd Infantry is the Cannon Company which completed an undefeated season when S-Sgt. Andrew Vasko pitched his team to a 2 to 0 no-hit, no-run victory over Company H. Pvt. Claude E. Shelton socked a home run which accounted for the winners pair of tallies.

During the season the Cannon-Ballers downed Regimental Headquarters Company, 5 to 2, Third Battalion Headquarters Company, 4 to 1, the 1122nd Medics by forfeit, and Anti-Tank Company twice, 2 to 1 and 8 to 5.

Those on the team were Sgt. Elmer J. Hansen, Pvt. Casimir P. Cwiklinski, Pvt. John V. McGuire, S-Sgt. Andrew J. Vasko, Pvt. Thomas J. Gonnella, Pvt. Claude E. Shelton, Pvt. Franklyn T. Gulick, Pvt. Joseph C. Morgan, Jr., Pvt. Neil C. Pascoe and Pvt. Leo L. Lyman, Jr.

Troop's Hefty Man Loses Title to Newcomer

S-Sgt. Frank J. Gradisek lost his unofficial title as the Reconnaissance Troop's heaviest man this week when Sgt. Van D. Patterson was assigned here after sweating out 18 months in Iceland.

Patterson, standing six feet five inches in his GI brogans and weighing 255, made an apparent dwarf of Gradisek's mere six feet and 234 pounds.

Lt. Col. Walker Given Commendation

Lt. Col. Roy N. Walker, Division G-1, has been commended, pursuant to Memorandum No. 11, for his work in solving personnel problems of the Division since its inception.

With the commendation came the Division insignia of Col. E. L. Moran, (U.S.A. ret.) former inspector of the Rainbow Division during its service with the Army of Occupation after World War I.



Artillery Team Wins Softball Title

Named winner of the Rainbow World Series this week was the Division Artillery's softball team. The decision followed the team's record of winning every game it played.

The Artillerymen defeated the 122nd Medics, 3 to 0; Tuesday when Sgt. Dee R. Stafford pitched a no-hit, no-run game, which was called on account of darkness.

Runners-ups in the tournament were teams of the 232nd and 242nd Inf., recently pinned down by the Artillery men.

Outstanding work on the part of the champion team was accomplished with Stafford's pitching.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Lovely of the week is Miss Violet Mae Gates, who hails from Portland, Ore. The picture is from Pvt. Lysle Walsworth, 42nd Ren Troop, who makes at least one long distance phone call to Portland each week. Business, he says.

CORRECTION

In a story last week, the REVEILLE reported that Private Vandervert, 222nd Inf., defeated Private Wakefield in a boxing match held at the Field House the previous Saturday night. This was an error, as Private Wakefield beat Vandervert.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

For an added note in reply to Lt. G. Jackson's letter which appeared in your column Oct. 28. The lieutenant made the boast that he would like to see the team that could score six runs off Thomas and at the same time be held scoreless.

Well, the Division Artillery team doesn't mean to brag, but I am sure if Lieutenant Jackson examined the score book thoroughly he would find that the Division Artillery team shellacked Thomas and the rest of the 232nd Infantry team to the tune of nine to one (9-1). If it hadn't been for a single error, the Div. Arty. team would have shut out the Infantry aggregation.

Pfc. Edward W. Gunnels.
Hq. & Hq. Bty. 42nd Div. Arty

Sports Editor:

In reply to Lt. G. Jackson's letter published in the Oct. 28 issue of the Rainbow Reveille we wish to state that the lieutenant is absolutely correct. Our statement that Private Soto, Co. G, pitched a no-hit no-run game is also correct. However the team which he defeated was not Hq. Co. First Bn. 232nd Inf. This is an error on our part and we apologize sincerely. We regret this error exceedingly and trust that the publication of this letter will clear up the misunderstanding and satisfy all concerned.

Pvt. Gerald J. McCurdy Sr.
Co. G, 232nd Inf.

Pair Meet for Title In Ping Pong

T-5 Joe Bender will meet Pvt. Roy Richstad for the ping-pong championship of Service Co., 242nd Inf. The tourney had 38 men entered in it.

Basketball players in Service Company are also planning to enter a team in the regimental league.

In a recent football game between 10 men of the company, each player was from a different state.

10 Fast Bouts With Former Pros, Golden Glovers Arranged

Another mammoth boxing show will be presented at Field House Saturday night when the second Rainbow Division boxing card will be presented. First bout in the big show, which is free to all, will start at 7:30 p. m.

With many top-notch professional fighters in civilian life, the show will feature men from almost every unit of the Division, and will be a prelude to a Division tournament and later a Camp tournament.

Call Made for Basketball Players

The 242nd Infantry basketball players are warming up now for what promises to be a big season, with a tournament between the companies to start it off, and finally a chance to make the Regimental team that will meet for the Division championship.

The first step in getting a basketball team together in your company is to get in touch with your athletic officer, who will get your club organized, and then watch your bulletin board for the announcement of practices and games to be played.

The recreation hall at the corner of 18th and C streets, has been set up for basketball, and the Regimental Special Service Officer, Lt. W. J. French, is getting the schedule worked out.

Later in the season a battalion tournament will be held in each of the battalions, and the winners of these tournaments will meet to decide the regimental championship. From these winners a team will be chosen to represent the 242nd in the Division championships to be played at the Field House.

Son Follows Father In Rainbow Division

In the last war, Maj. Ralph A. Rufener served with the Rainbow Division through its many experiences in France. He was a member of the 117th Field Signal Battalion.

Today his son, Cpl. Ralph W. Rufener, carries on as a member of Third Bn. Hq. Co., 222nd Inf. He is proud to be in the 42nd, and has a Rainbow shoulder patch worn by his father 25 years ago.

Collecting and Clearing Company Set Up Shows Medics' Part in Combat

By PVT. MARVIN SLEEPER
Co. D 122nd Med Bn.

Like a giant jig-saw puzzle assembled for the first time, a complete clearing station, which in combat will give medical support to the 42nd Division was set up by Company D recently under the supervision of Lt. B. B. Van Korn.

For weeks the medics have been attending classes and demonstrations to learn what their jobs would be under actual fighting conditions—jobs such as surgical and medical technicians, admission clerks, litter bearers and a dozen other vital positions that comprise a clearing station.

With well trained non-coms as guides the trainees were shown just how they would fit into the picture. Here was the surgical tent, complete with two operating tables, mobile self-motored operating lamps and a complete layout of surgical instruments. In actual combat the enlisted surgical and medical technicians would assist

the two surgeons stationed here.

Then came the shock tent where the life-giving blood plasma is administered. Two long rows of blanket covered litters lined the walls of the medical "big-top." Here is where minor shock casualties will be kept warm and comfortable before being sent back to their fighting units.

In another tent, the men were introduced to a grotesquely dressed soldier. This was the gas casualty station and the soldier was dressed in specially designed clothes worn to protect him when treating Lewisite and mustard gas casualties.

They were taken to the supply, admission and walking wounded tents and finally saw the evacuation station where men were either returned to duty or sent back to the third echelon for further medical and surgical treatment.

Now the jig-saw puzzle was solved and the medical soldiers realized for the first time what their slogan, "To Conserve Fighting Strength" really meant.

42nd DIVISION PREPARES FOR ITS PART IN COMBAT

Ball Players Are Good at This



"Prepare to throw" is the command as the second platoon, Co. E, 242nd Inf., worked out on the hand grenade court this week. That's S-Sgt. Fay Thielbar helping in the instruction. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Squad Leader Designates Target



Squad Leader John Ringland gives Pvt. Roland Phoenix, BAR man, instructions and points out the target on the Comanche field firing range as Co. I, 232nd Inf., conducts field firing problems. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

BAR Man Lays In on Target



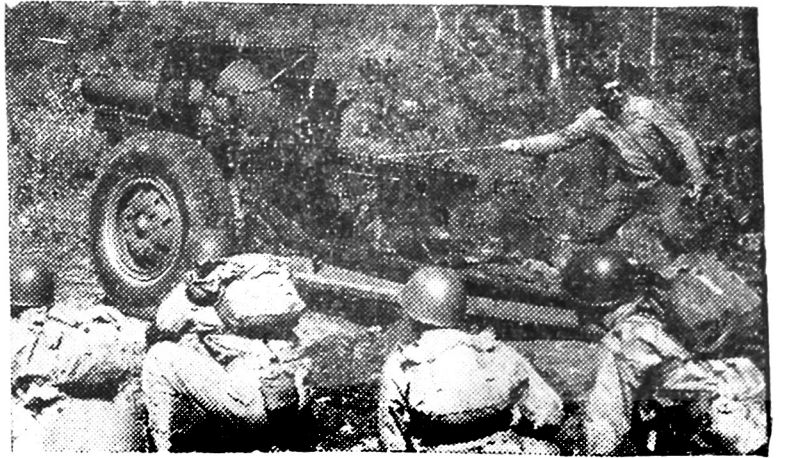
Ready to fire a burst into the targets some 450 yards distant is Pvt. Roland Phoenix, automatic rifleman for the third squad, third platoon, Co. I, 232nd Inf. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Tanks Will Stop on This Obstacle



The third log of a tank ramp obstacle is about to be put in place by members of the first platoon, Co. B, 142nd Eng. Bn., as they practice construction of obstacles. The platoon is under the direction of S-Sgt. Stanley Brazowski and Lt. Dante Falconi. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

General Fires First Round



Brig. Gen. John S. Winn, Jr., pulls the lanyard to fire the first round from this 542nd FA Battalion howitzer last week. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Mortar Squad Goes Into Action



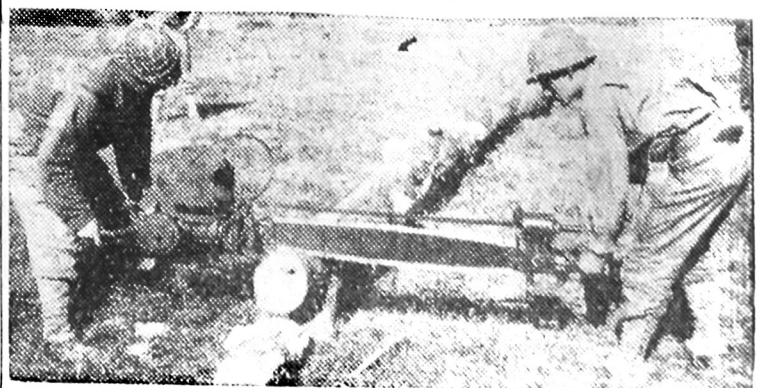
Pvt. William Bird levels his 81 mm mortar during squad drill as part of the mortar platoon of Co. D, 242nd Inf. His assistant gunner is Pvt. Banner Duty and the No. 3 man is Pvt. Donald Starkey. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

Shoots 19 Out of 20



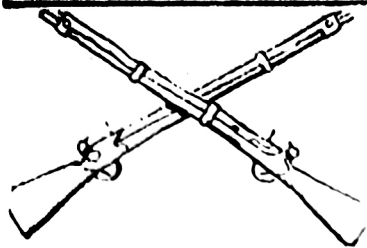
T-4 Theo Kaleo, Service Co., 232nd Inf., shot 19 out of a possible 20 on a recent try on the range. Kaleo is a native of Hawaii and was at Pearl Harbor. He's coached by Sgt. Jack Higgins, Hq. Co. Second Bn. 232nd Inf. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

This Makes Sawing Easy



Here's a labor saving device that cuts through logs like butter. It's the cross-cut saw powered by a small motor in the hands of Pvs. Tim Atkison and Edward Higgins as they prepare a timber for a road block. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo).

YOU DID IT, YOU CAN READ ABOUT IT HERE



222nd Infantry First Battalion

Private Jepson, Hq. Co., stood guard for the first time the other day, and made Colonel's orderly.

Headquarters Company went on their first night march the other night, and covered eight miles.

Company C was still in there pitching at the end of eight miles the other night. And arose bright and early the next morning to do another four miles.

Private Walker, Co. C, finished all of the nets for the helmets in record time.

Visitors who have come to see their husbands in Company D include Mrs. Ira Kane, Mrs. Lewis Kinard, Mrs. Jesse Pauley, Mrs. Calvin Davis and Mrs. Gaston Beaudry. Others who are expected any day are Mrs. Ed Wall, Mrs. Walter Huber and Mrs. Hugh Martin.

Slit trench expert of Company D is Pvt. Anthony Szymurski.

Second Battalion

Congratulations to Pvt. Johnny Musso, Hq. Co., on the blessed event.

Visitors of the week include Mrs. Davis, wife of our acting First Sgt. Frank Davis.

Happy birthday goes to Pvt. Charles Smyth, Hq. Co.

Pvts. Clinton Drum, Walter Everett, Wilfred King, Hubert Peters and Oklahoma Vedervert, Hq. Co., all were issued their GI driver's licenses.

Pvt. Mike Caggiano went to barber's college 10 years ago, and now he's chief assistant to chief barber Pvt. Harry Jaffe. If you'd like to see what Caggiano has forgotten in 10 years look at Private Hayett's head.

Two men in Company E have visitors. They're Private Szymanowski and Private Johnson.

Pvt. Leopold Torres, Co. F barber, was gilded last week. He needed a haircut. To balance the score he was given a three-day pass for his work in the recent boxing tournament.

Private Miles must have been a little sleepy the other night. The mail clerk noticed that one of his letters went out with OPA instead of APO 411.

The terrain model used by Company F is the creation of S-Sgt. William McKeepsey who slipped back to childhood in playing in the sandpile.

Private Warden has his clarinet here now, Private Baker has a banjo, Private Lambert has a bugle, and Private Krachukoski a harmonica. All of which makes Company F a much happier place.

Pvt. Garland Brown, Co. H barber, had his own locks sheared after some delay.

Private Doxzen, Co. H, is a little short winded after buglers' school.

Third Battalion

Pvt. James Tuggle of the Anti-Tanks is willing to bet his last dollar that Miss Bettie Hass is the most fascinating girl in the Rainbow. (Editor's note: And why not submit her to the Billfold Girl contest?)

Pvt. William Lindahl, Hq. Bn., is one of the Rainbowners who hails from Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Davis is going for a record in buying cigarettes. It all started when he promised five packs of cigarettes to every Headquarters man who qualified as ex-

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"Thanks awfully for helping me. Isn't there some way I can repay you?"

pert. To date 38 enlisted men have taken the cigarettes.

Private Lambeth, Co. I, has been practicing the Lambeth Walk in his spare time.

Private Weeder has been entertaining Company I with his own fire-eating act.

Company guests over the weekend include the wives of Sergeants Allen and Evanoff, and Privates Brook and List. They were entertained in the day room and report enjoying themselves very much.

The REVEILLE's own Sergeant McWilliams has now promised to stop submitting "Pistol Packin' Mama" gags to the paper.

Company K won all honors and a weekend pass for being the best company in the battalion during last week's bivouac.

Pvt. Vincent Busa is the new mail orderly for Company K. He's also news-digger-upper for the REVEILLE and does a good job at both.

Pvt. Carl Frey Lx Co. L, takes over as mail orderly and promises to be one of the most popular men in the company.

Pvt. Harold Singer, Co. L, comes down every Monday to mow down the hard questions on the Service Club quiz show.

Special Units

Regimental Headquarters boys went all out for a party the other day. Mess Sergeant Sadowski took some of the boys over to wash dishes while S-Sgt. Francis Broadhead entertained the others with a GI brush. Also orchids to Sergeant Broadhead who gave up a pass to act as our genial host.

Pvt. Richard Tipple, Hq. Co., holds the record with 20 eggs at one sitting.

Pvt. Patrick Russell is away on furlough due to the death of his father.

T-4 Woodrow LeBeau and Pvt. Roland Parkinson have gone to Ft. Benning for radio training.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Parham are anticipating in January, while Private and Mrs. Willard will have an increase in the allotment in the same month.

Service Company regrets the loss of their First Sgt. Harold Martin who is off to an Army hospital in Springfield, Mo.

HAMAKER PING PONG CHAMP

The Anti-Tank Company 222nd Infantry crowned Pvt. Jack Hamaker as the new champ in their recently completed ping-pong contest. He defeated Sgt. P. Polski in the finals, after working his way up through most of the company.

232nd Infantry First Battalion

It's visitors week in Company A with Private Simon's wife and small son, Private Chamberlin's wife and little girl, and Privates Rose, Coentry and Higgins all having wives visiting them.

Company B returns from bivouac, with the men looking forward to eating on plates again. But Pvt. John Troup recalls when he used to camp out and pay good money for guides and equipment.

Private First Class Friseel brought back a much killed rabbit to Company C, which the cooks cooked and ate with relish.

Sergeant Murray, Co. C, was much surprised when they brought out a four layer chocolate birthday cake for him the other night.

The GI haircut to end all GI haircuts is now being sported by Pvt. George Carland, Co. C. George is now the proud owner of a fine head of skin.

Sergeant Bloom really had a hilarious time when he took over the M.C. job at the show the other night. In his spare time he's the reporter for the REVEILLE.

Privates Pearl and Kurys, Co. C, are both enjoying visits from their wives.

Second Battalion

Staff Sergeant Vorten, Co. E, has returned from a furlough.

Corporal Simpson is now enjoying a visit from his wife.

Pvt. Sydney Steinburg, Co. E, passes out very delicious potato chips, made in his factory back home.

Company G has an abundance of wives visiting. Privates Dombroski, Nanos, Smith, Boultinghouse, Henderson, DeCarlo, Rushing, Malam and Sergeant Gross are all smiles now.

Company G is hoping for the speedy recovery and return to duty of Sergeants King and Sowell.

Pvt. William Gerber, Co. H, had a guest for the weekend. He was Pfc. Henry Kalinowski from Camp Robinson, who now wants to transfer to the Rainbow.

Pvt. Ralph Hutchison, Co. H, distinguished himself by setting up the 81 mm. mortar in 40 seconds flat.

Due to the diligent work of S-Sgt. Lloyd Kilker Company H now has what we think is the nicest looking supply room on the post.

In searching an area, look first at the ground nearest to you.

Third Battalion

Company I came out on top on a section problem in which three companies participated.

The light machine gun section of Company I came through their first firing in fine form. Privates Darretta, Mellanovitch, Wieclaw and Brooks starred.

Both Privates Darretta and Barker, Co. I, scored 87 out of a possible 100 on the pistol range.

Pvt. Robert Bush, Co. M, learned a lesson in initiative the other day on bivouac. When he questioned a three striper about the latrine he was handed a shovel.

Pvt. William Rogers, Co. M, has fully recovered from a 29-day siege of pneumonia.

Pvt. Earl Kelly, Co. M, is one of three brothers in the service.

Cpl. Nicholas Bartell and Sgt. Ralph Barbour have just returned to Company M from 15 day furloughs.

Special Units

T-4 Kenny Ohlinger, Hq. Co., had visitors on the post the past weekend, his wife and the twins.

The wives of S-Sgt. Joseph Haley, S-Sgt. Russell Wester, Sgt. Joseph Whithead, T-4 James Shotwell and T-5 Earl Jacobs eased the strain of the alert last week by visiting their husbands.

Pfc. Fred Grantley, Hq. Co., is off to school at Ft. Benning.

Pvt. John Schneider, Hq. Co., prepares all of the maps and survey for the company. He was a civil engineer in civilian life.

Pvt. Dominick Sarli, Hq. Co., receives all the cherry colored envelopes at mail calls.

T-4 Ralph Saunders is available to all men having auto trouble. He's working his way through Camp Gruber.

Men in the Cannon Company have concluded that Pvt. Robert Thompson just likes to take walks in the moonlight. Private Thompson and his crew couldn't have got lost the other night, they had a compass.

Just another one of the things around the Cannon company: Pvt. John Gosney talking about his chicken dinner at home.

Pvt. Thomas Samul and Pvt. Edward Kaiser are the only two men in the Cannon Company who could fit in one pup-tent.

Pvt. Albert Burke and Pvt. Troy Broderick have rejoined the cannoners after stays in the hospital.

And how does Sgt. Robert Lyons explain how his platoon that was bringing up the rear found itself in front? Shortcuts, Sergeant?

242nd Infantry First Battalion

Company B showed the way to shoot during the past two weeks, turning up with 113 experts and 67 sharpshooters. Top honors went to Pvts. Harold L. Thompson and Claudio Villalobos, who tied with a sensational 205.

On the machine gun range, Company B had 13 experts.

Pvt. Glendon Noe, Co. B, has returned from a convalescent furlough following an appendectomy.

Congratulations go to Pvt. Albert Santelli on his 10th wedding anniversary.

Second Battalion

Pvts. Thomas F. Davis and Freeman M. Loy, Co. E, wish the clock could be given the order "on the double" because their wives are now waiting for them in Muskogee.

Pvt. Benjamin Guskin, the five foot one inch, cherubic looking soldier of Company B has a hard

time convincing persons he's a soldier and not a Boy Scout.

Sergeant Beck, Co. F, just received a letter which was mailed in May of this year.

Sergeant Soltys and Corporal Flacek, Co. F, were lucky enough to see New York a few weeks ago.

And Pvt. R. F. Elliot, Co. F, was all set to welcome his wife and child when bivouac stepped in.

Everyone is preparing for a smoke in Company F because rumor has it that Private Sussman expects to be a father soon.

First Sgt. Nick Douzanis, Second Bn. Hq. Co., is awaiting his final orders transferring him to the Air Force.

Pvt. Miguel Ortega, Second Bn. Hq. Co., smallest man in the company, came up with a smart 193 on the range.

The battalion sergeant major likes his wool knit cap so well he wears it to bed at night.

Last week doughnuts eight inches in diameter were presented to Pvts. Alex Buchbaum and Bernard Cohen in the Company II mess hall.

Third Battalion

Company M has a man named Joe who is the best machine gun shot in the company. He can put a burst through the black and not break the white border on the target.

In PX No. 6 a special bench has as much as been reserved for Pvts. Haunt Schroeder, Dit Miller, "O'Misserbal" O'Connor, and others.

Staff Sgts. George Moneyham and Ralph Carrier are now consistent drinkers of soda pop instead of beer.

Special Units

Lieutenant Meyers has returned from Motor Maintenance School at Ft. Benning, and is back with the Anti-Tank Company.

T-4 Karper was mighty burned recently when he found out at the end of a week that what he thought was a week's restriction, was for only two hours. His reactions aren't printable.

Seventy-six percent of Anti-Tank Company made, expert with the MI, with Private Schwertfeger high man with 201. Privates Morrison and Butler tied with high score of 380 out of a possible 400 with the 37 mm. anti-tank gun.

Not all soldiers can expect to be like Pvt. Jack Kirkpatrick, Service Co. He wasn't satisfied with his right-handed shooting, so he changed over midway through the day to left-hand shooting. He qualified as a sharpshooter.

42nd Div. Hq. Co.

The news in Headquarters Company this week seems to be beds, with the following happening to them:

T-5 Ralph Sykes comes back to find his double deck bunk converted into a triple deck bunk.

T-4 Harold Sobel wakes up to find that his bunk, which Sobel in it, has been moved out into the fresh air, which he has been avoiding for years.

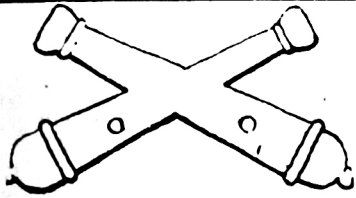
And T-4 Louis Toke sets a record for staying in a bunk 15 hours in a row. Said Toke, "It's a fine night for sleeping."

Cpl. Landis Hale and Sgt. George Stewart running the bingo game at the Service Club, and being reminded by the hostess that this wasn't Monte Carlo.

ORGANIZE PING PONG TEAM

Pvt. Ralph Zimmerman, Third Bn. Hq. Co. 232nd Inf., feels that he has a very good ping-pong quartet organized. He's now looking around for teams from other outfits in the Division that might like to have a little competition.

FROM KP TO PX THIS WEEK IN YOUR CO.



542nd F. A. Bn.

Birthday greetings go to Private Flickinger, Hq. Btry.

Sergeant Calhoun and Corporal Sawtell, Hq. Btry., both comment "It is great to be back," upon their return from furloughs.

Pvt. Don Hunt, Hq. Btry., had a big weekend when his folks from Mississippi visited him.

In a recent guard mount, Pvt. Frank Trowbridge was chosen orderly of the guard.

The daily feature of noon hour in Headquarters Battery is the music from the guitar of Sergeant Gibby and the harmonica of Sergeant Paszkiewicz.

Pvt. Joseph recently received compliments from Brig. Gen. John S. Winn, Jr., Artillery commander, when he fired 10 bulls-eyes with a .22 caliber rifle.

Pvt. Paul D. Rucker joins the growing list of men in Battery B whose wives have arrived in Muskogee.

S-Sgt. Lowell E. Houck, Btry. B supply sergeant, is having his troubles. Basic training has reduced the waistlines of many men in the battery and now they want to change clothes for smaller sizes. But he wants to wait and see that the shrinking has stopped for good.

Pf: Lawrence Rosen is back in Battery B after a furlough spent in Washington, D. C.

The wife of Pvt. Dewitt B. Barg is visiting in Muskogee.

Sgt. John L. Capshe, Btry. C, is the father of a good looking baby boy.

392nd F. A. Bn.

Headquarters Battery is hoping for a speedy return to duty of Pvt. Wedington Orrander.

Who is baking a cake for his mother-in-law? It could be Sergeant Largent.

The famous pistol experts qualified, and everyone is happy. But do T-Sgt. William Halaz, and Sergeants Shemany, Carmel and Largent have any alibis?

We welcome a new first sergeant to Headquarters Battery. He's Charles Hamby, with 25 years of experience behind him.

Pvt. J. C. Fennell, Btry. B, is hoping to get back to work if the hospital will release him.

Pvt. Lester Schumacher is a proud papa these days. It's a boy.

The party held in the Service Battery day room was a great success. It had special music by Sergeant Strevig, Private Crossett and Private Lea at the piano.

Typical fine Field Artillery work was displayed when a section consisting of Staff Sergeants Lewis and Massey, Sergeant Lawrence,



Sergeant Marchi and Corporal Stubbelfield had five time shells in the air. They were demonstrating the trajectory of the projectile.

232nd F. A. Bn.

Rumors of the well known southern hospitality have a basis of fact here in Battery B. Privates Glanoulkis, Swanson and Green all spent an enjoyable Sunday, plus dinner, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brandt of Jenks, Okla.

Pvt. Edward Foescz, Service Btry, left to attend school at Ft. Sill.

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. John West and to Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Louis, both Btry. B, on their first wedding anniversaries.

Some of the men of Battery C are wondering about the ambulance around the mess hall. They are sure it has nothing to do with the food.

Pvt. Murphy, Hq. Btry., was visited over the weekend by his wife.

T-5 James McGuire returned to Camp after a 15-day refresher. He and his wife toured Oklahoma.

An ex-jockey Pvt. Carl Nummer, Hq. Btry., promises to catch wild horses on the next hike.

S-Sgt. Carlos Fitzwater, Btry. B, finds himself an unwilling feline fancier, being awakened by a

young kitten in his bed the other night. He turns an accusing eye on his roommate, Staff Sergeant Coker, who of course knows nothing about it.

Sergeant Paradise, Hq. Btry., received a courtesy card from the Duncan Phye post of the American Legion.

Pvt. Vinie Pizzi, battalion mail clerk, is well on the way to making a success of his new job.

Sgt. Len Kelinsky is in the hospital.

Privates Price, Gresham, Bass, Evans, Joling, St. Peter and Thompson are student clerks in the headquarters.

Pvt. Ronald Reasoner, Btry. A, married his childhood sweetheart, Miss Geraldine Mack, the other evening.

Sgt. Joe Greenblat returned from Ft. Sill, and Private Poescz left for the same place.

Sgt. Frank Kucinski has returned to duty after a long siege in the hospital.

402nd F. A. Bn.

Pvt. Leslie Judson directs the Artillery show to be put on soon. Corporal Meyers is set to take a bride this week.

First Sergeant Lobban and Privates Pepe and Case, Btry. A, are playing on the Artillery team.

Private Schwindt, Btry. B, wants all barracks to have large red name signs on them. An

errant soldier tried to route him out of bed three times, thinking he was in his own barracks.

Letters are getting longer in Battery B. Pvt. John Gleckner turned out one of 36 pages, and Pvt. Joseph Manasia did a 28 pager.

First Sgt. Bryant Summers, Btry. B, had 10 bulls-eyes in 10 tries on the range.

Private Denisio, Btry. C, stayed awake at the telephone all night only to find that the switchboard operator had snatched two hours sleep.

The wire section is worrying about something new. Private Callahan swears that the wire was cut while Private Marshall was putting a call through. Yet Marshall got the call through. Rumor is that Marshall is going to start an extra sensory perception platoon.

Unsung heroes of Battery C are Private First Class Lawlor and Privates Bowen, Wichman and Palmer who have been chief chow rustlers while both regular cooks have been in the hospital.

142nd Engineers

Sergeant Burke is back at his desk after returning from furlough.

Sergeant Thillberg has left for training at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He'll meet several of the other men who have preceded him to the school.

New arm bands are the order of the day. They're the reward for out of the average performance of duty, and the promise of real chevrons to come. The following men received these acting chevrons the other day: Privates Connolly, Hyatt, Hozl, Gish, Spiker, Kerner, Hoyt, Smith and Snyder.

742nd Ordnance

Cpl. Wally Hansen has deserted the personnel section to try a three day dash to Chicago to see his beloved Ruthie.

T-Sgt. Victor Nichols was formerly an MP, but says he's very sorry.

We have a representative of the famous Boston "Beans" in the company. He's Private Art Bean, our dispatcher, who hates the sight of beans.

Whenever we turn in our sheets to the laundry we are greeted by the smiling faces of T-5 Harold Schmitt and Pfc. Johnny Sabatello. Both love the Army and hope to be 30 year men.

T-Sgt. Ollie Powell awaits eagerly each night for his favorite radio program. It's the nasal-toned "Singin' Slim" Rineheart.

Pvt. Herman Flickinger is considering giving up his shop duties and devoting all of his time to room and latrine orderly work.

S-Sgt. Gerald Beeson bested all comers in the recent Judo classes, until he was finally nabbed by stocky T-4 Archie Chambers, a "Solid sack of cement."

During bayonet practice Pvt.

Don Prosch and Pvt. Glen Belcher nearly made a casualty out of S-Sgt. Reid Sharum. Their short thrust was too long.

Div. MP Platoon

Event of the week was the grand and glorious revival meeting held in the barracks. Members were led in heart-lifting song by Pvt. "Red" Rowatt with Pvt. Paul Coffman confessing sins he wished he'd committed and Pvt. Frank House was welcomed into the flock. Pvt. J. B. Boyd passed the plate.

Top jitterbug in the platoon is Pvt. Fred Williams, who before entering the Army sat in on many a jive session in Cleveland. Swing addicts claim he is "Out of this world," while the "Pistol Packin' Mamma" crowd wishes he was.

Recon Troop

A motor maintenance man, Sergeant Patterson returned to the States in August and has filed an application for warrant officer on the strength of three years experience.

It'll be a "homecoming" for Pvt. Rodger Shepherd if the Rainbow Division finds itself occupying a South Pacific island.

For nearly two years prior to entering the service in August, Private Shepherd worked as a welder foreman for the United States Engineer Department, aiding in the construction of defense installations of islands scattered throughout the Pacific.

Four more Troopers have been made acting non-coms. Selected on the basis of leadership ability, they are: Pvs. Leonard Riepe, Henry Whitmire, Harold Staab and George Thompson.

42nd QM Co.

Speculation is rife among the 42nd Quartermasters with regard to the legal status of the recently escaped fox. The truck platoons insist that the fox was subject to military orders, while the men in ODQM contend that the fox was a civilian. If the latter were true, the fox could properly be prosecuted for being on the post without proper pass or credentials; if the fox were a Quartermaster he would be subject to trial for desertion or on an AWOL charge, while if he were an Engineer, nobody would notice his absence.

Cook Ashlock of the fighting Quartermasters insists that the fox was neither soldier nor civilian, but was his property. The refugee is said to be seeking shelter in a foxhole in the camp area.

Pfc. William Machamer announces a prospective visit of the stork to his family.

The QM's mail orderly, Pfc. Jack V. Lynn, left Thursday for Ohio on furlough.

It is rumored that of all the pool sharks in the company, Pvt. Frederick is the best. After all, he wore the table covering out.

Male Call

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

Like A Fetter From Home



Hints For Combat

(Continued from page 3)

the crest of the hill. All of the observers were with the infantry, so I accompanied the sergeant, in my radio jeep. Upon arrival at the position of the cannon company I saw no officers present.

The sergeant pointed out the two German guns and I asked why he didn't knock them out with his self propelled M3A1 75 mm howitzers. He said he had been using the howitzers, but their shells ricocheted off the front parapet of the partially dug pit. I then asked him why he didn't use a lower powder charge and drop the shells into the pit. He had never heard of that, nor had any of the other NCO's who gathered around. Serving the piece as gunner, I demonstrated the simple procedure. We knocked out one gun with the sixth round after splitting a four-tenths mil bracket.

I left them bracketing the other gun with charge two and using a gunner's quadrant for the first time in their lives. There were still no officers around. Those men were doing their best, but no one had instructed them in all the uses of their principal weapon.

In the initial stages of the campaign a little difficulty was experienced in getting infantry to jump off after an artillery preparation and follow its barrage closely. As they became more accustomed to it and saw the results of enemy machine gunners "coming to life" after the barrage passed, they followed at approximately 200 yards.

In one highly coordinated attack they stayed within 50 yards. An artillery forward observer occupied a large foxhole with the infantry battalion executive who had radio communication with the assault company commander. They were on the forward slope of a hill about 200 yards from the company. The forward observer fired a short preparation with his battalion, starting near the top of Question Mark Hill and shortening the range in 50 yard bounds until the fire was falling on the forward German elements. The battalion executive then ordered the company to crawl up as close as possible to our fire.

When they reported themselves in position the forward observer increased the range 50 yards and the company commander was told the next volley would be the last at the old range. When that volley hit he was to run into the smoke and dust and take cover in the shell holes. This procedure was repeated until our troops were on top of the hill and then our fire was kept on the other side until they reported they were dug in and organized. Only two men were slightly wounded in the entire operation and when asked how he felt with our fire falling

She Helps Band's Morale



The Rainbow Band helps keep up the morale of the Division, and Janet Lind, shown here, helps keep up the morale of the Band. Chosen by the musicians as the Band's pin-up gal, Miss Lind is a Hollywood actress. The picture was given to Pfc. Davis Moore.

so close, a sergeant said, "Hell, sir, it felt kinda friendly!"

Another use made of artillery by one infantry regiment was to mark with smoke certain hill tops to orient patrols which reported they were lost. This was easily done with map data, but to pick out one barley-covered hill from others on the ground was almost impossible.

Never depend entirely on other units for local security; and always, regardless of how little sleep you've had, hold a morning "stand-to" 30 minutes before daylight, in which every man is inspected by an officer to see that he is alert and has his arms in his possession.

On the night of February 16, near Sbeitla, an artillery battery commander posted the usual outpost guards even though his outfit was 3000 yards back of the front line. At 0100 hours a patrol walked into a German Mark III tank. He quickly found a slit trench and opened fire with tracer ammunition from a tommy gun, and the battery opened fire on the tank. Other German tanks opened fire and disclosed their positions. The attack was repulsed and three tanks knocked out because they were discovered in time.

On 20 February in Kasserine Valley a battery went into position in the evening; and since they were some distance behind the lines and hadn't had any sleep for two days, a small guard was post-

ed rather close in. No "stand-to" was held, and the battery commander was awakened at daybreak by battle cries of an infantry battalion which had infiltrated back to their position. All the guns and about half the personnel was captured.

All-Girl Orchestra To Play at Camp

Bohumir Kryl and his Women's Symphony Orchestra will play for the men of Camp Gruber on Nov. 20 and 21 in a series of concerts.

This famous organization of 50 artists has played Army from coast to coast, and is well known to both music lovers and critics.

Kryl himself has led symphonies for the past 39 years, and before



BOHUMIR KRYL

that he played in many famous bands and orchestras. Although the master of many instruments, Kryl confines his playing to the cornet, which he is able to play two octaves lower than any other living cornetists.

The band is accompanied by several beautiful and talented soloists.

What's Wrong Answers

The man is standing too straight and is off balance. He is not looking at his target and will not last long when a Jap rushes him. He is not in a combat position, his rifle not being held in the "on guard" position. This soldier would waste that important fraction of a second trying to get into position if attacked and probably would come out second best.

Library Has Rare Books on Arts

By MISS ELIZABETH COOPER Librarian, Service Club No. 1

If you're interested in a painting, photograph or lithograph, you can probably find it in the collection of special art books at Library No. 1. Ask to see them at the circulation desk.

Many of the books in this realm were published in London, Paris and other European cities before the outbreak of the war and it is no longer possible to obtain them.

For the chap interested in daubing with a paint brush, Zaidenberg's "Anyone Can Paint" should prove an excellent aid. Then "The Art of Whittling," by Faurot, provides material for carving little figures in wood.

A good way to spend an otherwise dull evening is to carve a bar of soap into a castle or any number of other things. Lester Gaba's book on soap carving shows all the tricks, and makes it easy for even the clumsiest amateur.

Stars With Stripes

242nd Infantry
Sgt. Bernard W. Gildensoph, Cannon Co., to S-Sgt.

Sgt. James V. Hofmaster, AT Co., to S-Sgt.

Sgt. Robert T. Platt, Co. M, to S-Sgt.

T-4 Elmer D. Shies, Cannon Co., to Cpl. James A. O'Connor, Med. Det., to T-4.

Sgt. Jack R. Wise, Co. I, to S-Sgt.

Sgt. Richard K. Witslepe, Co. G, to S-Sgt.

T-4 William E. Hertwig, Med. Det., to T-3.

T-4 William Newman, Med. Det., to T-3.

T-5 Orphas D. Means, Hq. and Hq. Co., to T-4.

T-5 James R. Youmans, Co. A, to T-4.

Pvt. Merle H. Moran, Co. E, to Cpl.

Pfc. Joseph M. Bender, Service Co., to T-5.

Pvt. Howard H. Hester, Co. K, to T-5.

142nd Engineers

Pvt. Phillip Baca to T-5.

Pvt. Frederick Andrews to Cpl.

232nd Infantry

Pvt. E. Anderson, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. S. Clymer, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. J. DeYoung, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. R. Hachey, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. D. Kinder, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. M. Lewis, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. F. Mora, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. A. Narkiewicz, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. O. P. Thompson, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. G. O'Brien, Co. A, to Pfc.

Pvt. Joseph Williams, Co. M, to Pfc.

Pvt. Fred Grantley, Hq. Co., to Pfc.

Pvt. Peter Rizza, Hq. Co., to Pfc.

222nd Infantry

Private Holmes, Co. G, to Cpl.

Cpl. Carl Thorstad, Co. H, to Sgt.

Cpl. Walter Boko, Co. H, to Sgt.

Pfc. Harold Thompson, Serv. Co., to T-5.

Sgt. Andrew J. Vasko, Cannon Co., to S-Sgt.

Sgt. Beverly E. Harris, Cannon Co., to S-Sgt.

222nd Inf. Names

Acting Non-Coms

The 222nd Infantry has appointed many acting non-coms in the past week. These men are to be the temporary leaders of their squads, and the temporary chevrons will become permanent if they continue their work.

Company M appointed the following to be acting sergeants: Acting Cpl. Fred Mechoirs. And to be acting corporals, Pvts. Albert Kalbell, James Martin and Robert Platz.

Company H elevated the following to acting sergeants: Privates Iglehart, McKittrick, Swahn, Lewis, Coldera and Daley.

Rose Bampton To Give Concert

Men of the Rainbow will have an opportunity to hear the famous dramatic soprano this Saturday. Miss Bampton will give her concert at the Masonic Temple, on South Sixth street, just off Okmulgee avenue, at 8:30 p. m. The program will be one designed to please soldiers. Admission is 56 cents.

Miss Bampton made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in 1932, and since then she has sang in all parts of the world with great success.

A small pebble carried in the mouth keeps it moist and reduces thirst.

Rainbow Moves Into St. Mihiel

(Another chapter in the history of the Rainbow follows, written by Sgt. Harry L. Mickelson).

CHAPTER II

While the Rainbow had its brief pause from battle in August, 1918, General John J. Pershing had worked out plans for the First American Army. Its mission was to reduce the St. Mihiel salient.

This territory, occupied by the Hun for four years, had been a threat to Verdun. The French had attacked on a number of occasions but without success. During the time he had been in the area, the enemy had not been idle and had built hard fortifications.

Grouped with the First and 89th Divisions, the Rainbow moved into the new American Army on Sept. 7 with an assignment to smash ahead in the main attack.

The attack came as a surprise to the Germans on Sept. 12. In fact, so great was confusion behind enemy lines that our objective was accomplished within 36 hours. One historian describes it as the Rainbow's "stroll through St. Mihiel"—and it may easily have seemed as such to many a Rainbower just after his adventure of crossing the bloody Ourcq.

The new victory brought rich rewards. Great warehouses of German materials were taken, as well as 16,000 prisoners.

(NEXT: MEUSE-ARGONNE.)

Ordnance Men Get Combat Training

Although technically an Ordnance Company is a non-combat outfit the men of the 742nd Ordnance are not going to be caught napping when we go into action. They are spending their evenings learning Judo and bayonet drill.

After a hard days work at the shops or the motor pool, the men of the company spend two and a half hours per night practicing the whirl, parry and thrust of bayonets, or practicing the holds, throws and falls of Judo. For relaxation they spend their time in that strenuous Judo game, Somo.

After a few weeks the men of the Flaming Bomb are confident that they are not only technicians in their own field, but that they are also soldiers who are well able to fight, and know their weapon.

Snappy Variety Show Plays at Camp

A snappy variety show, "Tell Me More," played to Camp Gruber soldiers Saturday and Monday nights. A USO-Camp Shows production, it was presented at Theaters No. 3 and 2.

Featured were a line of six beautiful dancing girls; Huber the Great, magician; Jack Zero, comedian, Viola Lane, singer; and the Lane Brothers, comic acrobatic team.

Tulsa Comedy Cheered By Large Audience

The Tulsa Little Theater Group presented "Morning's at Seven" to a packed house Sunday, and promises to return in a few weeks with another production.

The elaborate scenery and excellent acting of this group has made it a welcome part of the camp's entertainment program.

RADIO REQUESTS PLAYED

KBIX in Muskogee offers a new program featuring record requests made by the Rainbow Division. Called "Melody Lane," this program is on Mondays through Saturday featuring Jerry Schopper playing the records that servicemen have requested.

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