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CHRISTMAS CARDS

# RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## Engineers Rush Bangalore Torpedo Up to Blast Way Through Wire Entanglements

With smoke in the background concealing their movements from the enemy, Pvts. John B. Kriedler, Sam Kelly and Henry Dyn, Co. B, 142nd Eng Bn., push forward with a bangalore torpedo under their arms with which they will blow away a section of a barbed wire entanglement so foot troops may get past the obstacle. This torpedo will clear away the wire for several feet and the Infantrymen will move through the opening, concealed by smoke, into new battle positions.

## Music and Eats Star At Company Party

Men of Third Bn. Hq. Co., 242nd Inf., held a gathering last Friday in the company dayroom, and built themselves up a lot of morale. With entertainment and eats, the evening left little to be expected.

Star of the evening was Pfc. Francis Stoddart, who hails from Brooklyn, but whose rhythm looked like it had strayed from Harlem. There were impromptu performances by Sergeants Norman and Oliver, Corporals Bertaan and Pederson, Privates First Class Zuranski and Privates Allen and Dawson.

Music was well supplied by Pfc. Louis Bednarczyk with his violin, Pfc. Ralph Gens on the piano, and First Sgt. Edward Poniatoskie and Pfc. John Condo with their harmonicas.

The company commended Private First Class Betzing who worked out as caterer, and Corporal Bertalan who was the official bottle opener.

## Cows Aren't Military, Private on Guard Finds

Pvt. Gordon Reuwer, Btry. C 542nd FA Bn., has learned his General Orders well. While walking his post in the military manner the other night he heard a noise in the underbrush, and called out "Halt, Who's there!"

No answer, and Reuwer repeated the command. Still no answer and he advanced into the underbrush loading his carbine. There in the darkest thicket Reuwer cornered his quarry—six cows, none of them knowing a thing about General Orders.

In behalf of all Rainbow Veterans, wherever they may be, we extend to the officers and men of the 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division now in training at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, the very best of Holiday Greetings.

May God be with you!

ROBERT R. RENO, JR.  
National President  
Rainbow Division Veterans.

## It's Reunion at Gruber For Di Salvo Brothers

For the Di Salvo family Camp Gruber is turning out to be a family affair. The first Di Salvo to land was Pvt. Phillip Di Salvo, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., who has been here since filler training started.

Two months ago the well known 'Greeting' from the friends and neighbors came through for his brother John. Today John is stationed just two blocks down the street from brother Phillip.

A map represents a part of the earth's surface shown on paper. Maps are drawn to scale.

## It's Old Home Week In Muskogee Cafe

It may seriously be doubted if the Patterson, N. J., Chamber of Commerce prearranged this affair, but in any event they should hear about it.

Wearing spanking new stripes of technicians fifth grade, a couple of Rainbow members, Joseph Iurato and Samuel Miller, just picked out a restaurant in Muskogee to talk over the old hometown, Patterson.

They were overheard by a few other GI's, also from Patterson, who joined the conversation. A few yelps here and there about Patterson and the crowd began to swell.

Final count revealed 13 out of 16 soldiers in the cafe were from Patterson! If Iurato and Miller had ended up with the check we would understand this whole thing, but they didn't.

Map reading is the ability to get a clear idea of what the ground looks like from seeing a map of that ground.

## Division Gets Carload of Fruit From Veterans

Fifty thousand individual pieces of fruit are on their way to the 42nd Division from Florida, it was announced by Division Headquarters today.

The fruit, a solid carload of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, is the gift of the Florida chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association.

James Rolfe, president of the Florida Chapter, and Lt. Col. Barney Sullivan, who was an enlisted man in Battery E, 149th FA Bn., in the last war, are responsible for the shipment of the 500 cases of fruit filling the car which left Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 11.

Colonel Sullivan was present at the activation of the division July 14 and carried the old Division Flag during the ceremonies.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, Colonel Sullivan stated:

"The Rainbow Division Veterans of Florida remember Christmas of 1917-1918 and desire to help make the Christmas of 1943 a little more pleasant for the boys in your command. If it is agreeable with you we plan on shipping a carload of grapefruit and oranges to your Post."

General Collins immediately accepted the offer and Christmas meals will find the Florida fruit on the tables of the men in the 42nd Division.

## Longhairs to Pick Favorite Platters

"Longhairs," as the devotees of classical music are sometimes called by jive enthusiasts, will have a chance to relax and enjoy some good music of their own choosing on future Monday evenings.

A music appreciation program, featuring recordings of great classical music, is being presented in the rehearsal room at Service Club No. 1 on Monday evening, Dec. 20, at 8 p. m. All men interested are invited to attend. Besides the regular scheduled program of fine music, a new feature will be instituted. Beginning this week, the group will be given an opportunity to select one two-record volume each week of new records they would like to hear.

The program this Monday evening will include the following selections:

Hadyn's "Symphony 102," the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Sir Thomas Beecham conducting.

Borodin's "Second Symphony," the London Symphony Orchestra, Albert Coates conducting.

Wagner's "Siegfried's Rhine Journey and Funeral March," the Paris Conservatory Orchestra, Felix Weingartner conducting.

After the program there will be group discussion of the music, and the two-record volume will be selected.

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## ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

Trudging along a dusty road on a night march when the situation is tactical and you can't even talk—it's a bore, isn't it? Maybe, but it does give you time to think about a lot of things. It gives you time to think about other men marching along other roads—the road to Rome, for instance.

Those men were practicing once, too, practicing and complaining about it, seeing no value in it. They see the value now in every minute of training they received, even in such rudimentary things as practicing marching long distances in silence. They know now that all roads lead to Rome, to Attu, and to Guadalcanal, even the roads of a training camp, far from any theater of war, in the middle of their own country.

We must remember that too, against the day when we ourselves will be traveling some road in a distant land where the situation is tactical in the deadly serious sense of the word.

We are not combatting Hitlerism only, but the combination of forces which would impose Hitlerism on our world.

## Service Club Doings

## SERVICE CLUB NO. 1

Thursday 8 p. m.—Swing Concert. The Ambassadors. 8:30-9 p. m.—"Camp Gruber Varieties" with "Behind the Dog-Tags." Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance with Service Cadettes and the Ambassadors.

Saturday 7:30 p. m.—Learn the square dances with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Irey. 8:30 p. m.—Chief Shuntatona's Revue. Sunday 4:15 p. m.—Red Cross show from Tulsa. 8 p. m.—Variety Show. Monday 8 p. m.—Quiz program, hair-raising questions by Sgt. Harry Mickelson. Long distance phone call as prize. 8 p. m.—Music Appreciation group.

Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song-fest, with Cpl. Carl Varconi. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Muskogee.

## SERVICE CLUB NO. 2

Thursday 8:15 p. m.—Band Concert. Xth Corps band. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dancing. 202nd FA Band, girls from Tulsa and the Tulsa Night Canteen Corps. Saturday 8-11 p. m.—811th TD Dance. Sunday 8:15 p. m.—Concert by the Division Artillery Chorus of 90 voices under the direction of Pvt. George Lynn. Monday 7 p. m.—"Hits and Bits" rehearsal. Music Appreciation Group. Tuesday 8 p. m. 8th FA Bn. Dance. Wednesday 8 p. m.—"Hits and Bits." Musical show of Service Club 2.

## Movie Schedule

## Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Government Girl." Olivia de Havilland, Sonny Tufts.

Friday—"Minesweeper." Richard Arlen, Jean Parker.

Saturday—"Holiday Inn." Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire.

Sunday and Monday—"The Gang's All Here." Alice Faye, James Ellison, Carmen Miranda.

Tuesday—"Crime Doctor's Strangest Case." Warner Baxter, Rose Hobart. Also "The Sultan's Daughter."

Wednesday—"Lost Angel." Margaret O'Brien, James Craig.

## Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"She's for Me." Grace McDonald, David Bruce. Also "Whispering Footsteps."

Friday and Saturday—"Government Girl." Olivia de Havilland, Sonny Tufts.

Sunday—"Minesweeper." Richard Arlen, Jean Parker.

Monday—"Holiday Inn." Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Gang's All Here." Alice Faye, James Ellison, Carmen Miranda.

Thursday—"Crime Doctor's Strangest Case." Warner Baxter, Rose Hobart. Also "The Sultan's Daughter."

## The Wolf

by Sansone



By CHAPLAIN H. C. DIXON  
232nd Infantry

Love stories have throughout the ages been of the most intense interest to man. But we have neglected the most sublime love story of them all. That is, the story of God's love to man. It is not the story of some fickle lover, not of a lover who loves only those who love Him, but it is the story of one who loves all. Even though His love is spurned, He loves us still. He demonstrated this to us in the giving of His Son for our redemption while we were yet sinners. What greater love could He have shown than for one to lay down His life for another.

Men love those that love them, but God's love is much stronger than that. He loves us still, though we trample under foot and disregard His laws, statutes, and commandments. Yes, He still loves us, even though we sin against Him and drag His holy name in disrespect. God made man pure, holy, and lovable. But man disobeyed the voice of God and became a sinner. His sins separated him from God. Thus, if we are separated from the love of God it is the fault of man and not of God.

Yet God in His love provides a way for us to come back to the arms of His love through Jesus.

No lover has ever been more disrespectfully treated than has God; yet He continues to love us. He gives us being, for in Him we live and move and have our continued being. For without His sustaining power and goodness, we would not have air to breathe, nor sustenance to sustain us in this life.

God gives us all of the blessings of life that we might live and glorify Him by living in a way that will glorify His Holy Name.

In utter disregard to all the manifestations of His love, we live wickedly, pass our time in pleasure seeking, and have no regard for our God, nor of His love. We take His Holy Name in vain, corrupt His image, in which we are made. We trample His word under our feet with little or no respect. But even though we treat Him so disrespectfully He loves us still. He continues to supply us the air we breathe, the food we eat and all the other things necessary for our existence.

Let me close by reminding you again, There is no love like God's love; for "God is Love."

## Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS  
Chapel No. 1

0800 Catholic Mass.  
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal).  
1000 Protestant Service.  
1100 Protestant Service.  
1800 Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).  
222 Infantry Regiment  
Chapel No. 2

0800 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).  
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.  
1300—Protestant Sunday School.  
1830 Protestant Evening Service.  
1845 Daily Catholic Mass.  
1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).  
1930 Catholic Discussion Hour (Sunday and Tuesday).  
1980-2100 Catholic Confessions (Saturday).  
2000 Jewish Sabbath Services (Friday).  
2030 Catholic Novena (Wednesday).  
2100 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).  
242 Infantry Regiment  
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.  
1600-1750 Confessions (Saturday).  
1900-2100 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).  
2030 Novena (Tuesday).

Haste Makes Waste;  
Wrong Men Promoted

When Privates Oscar Poole and Glenwood Trucans, Hq. Co. Second Bn. 222nd Inf., were promoted to privates first class they lost little time in sewing their stripes on. In fact they didn't even wait to find out whose clothes they were sewing them on.

And next morning Privates Thelin and Knapack awoke to find that their clothes had been promoted to privates first class, while they were still privates. Poole and Trucans are resewing the stripes now, but they're checking each article of clothing first.

He's a Father,  
But Is It Boy or Girl?

Pvt. Julio Acosta, Hq. Co. 222nd Inf., has just received news of a blessed event, which leaves him both pleased and puzzled. He's happy to be a father, but in the excitement they forget to tell him whether he's the father of a boy or girl. Acosta is now waiting to hear.

## IMMATERIAL WITNESS

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

It was the Monday morning after the X Corps tests. I stretched luxuriously and blinked in the bright morning light, furnished courtesy of the C. Q.'s thumb.

"Boy! The exams are over!" I said. "Nothing to do now but sit back and rest on our laurels for awhile."

Reveille being mentioned, I good-naturedly rose and put on something suitable for the occasion—a herringbone twill number I picked up one time in the supply room—and groped my way to the trysting spot.

"Good morning, Sergeant Fox," I said, wreathing my face in an old rosy smile I had left over from last Christmas.

"On the double, Corbett!" he replied, pointing out the direction for me.

In the spirit of the thing, I pretended to jog along for a bit in high gear, but naturally I knew that after a week of doing everything on the double, it was understood that everything this week was to be done on the single.

After chow, I industriously applied the broom and mop under my bunk, and took Sergeant



Stezar's suggestion as to the latrine—because, after all, it wouldn't do to let down too much. That wouldn't be being a good soldier.

We fell out at the usual time, and Lieut. Solowey marched us away up the hill. We passed the hand grenade course, passed the motor pool, passed those towering walls on the obstacle course. Where were we bound? Probably to sit on some pleasant hillside and discuss something or other—life, perhaps. Something to relax after our strenuous week of tests.

"Column right!" shouted Lieutenant Solowey. "Platoon halt! Right face! Now we'll go through this thing by squads."

I couldn't believe my eyes. Why, we were at the beginning of—of—

"Sir, do you mean you are sending us over the obstacle course?" I cried.

"By air mail," he nodded. "This time we're doing it all the way on the double!"

Half an hour later, I was limping back home with a stone bruise on my head and no breath in my body. I realized then that there had been one little slip-up. It was understood by me that we'd have an easy week of recuperation—but no one had told the sergeants and lieutenants.

## Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

Sgt. Richard (Blimp) Edmonson, Rainbow trombonist, formerly with Dean Hudson and his Florida Clubmen, recently received a letter from Hudson asking for his services . . . It looks as though Dean will have to wait . . . Abe Lyman moved into the Essex House, N. Y., featured with the band are Frankie Connors and Rose Blane . . . Chicago's Panther Room continues its parade of swing with Cab Calloway's band ushering in the New Year—Tony Pastor, Johnny Long, Glen Gray and Jimmy Dorsey are set to follow . . .

CWO David Wright left the Rainbow Division band to take over his new assignment as band-leader for the 63rd Division . . . Miff Mole, the daddy of all trombone men, moved a fast little jazz band into Nick's, N. Y. . . Pvt. Jack Wallins, formerly with Meyer Davis, New York society leader, is now tooting his trumpet for the men of 122nd Medics . . .

Cellulose acetate butyrate—well it doesn't mean much to me either, except this is what gets us GI's up every morning—it's the army's new plastic material used in the making of bugies . . . Frankie Carle, one time Horace Heidt sideman, may wangle his new band into a Hotel Pennsylvania debut . . .

## Three Mess Halls Tie As Best

Three mess halls tied last week in competition for the best mess hall of the Division. Inspected Dec. 11 by Maj. James I. Berkman, Division medical inspector, the mess halls of Btry. A, 402nd FA Bn.; Co. B, 142nd Engineers; and the 42nd QM Company were found perfect and given the numerical score of 100.

Commanding officers and mess sergeants of the mess halls are: 142nd Engineers—Co. B, Lt. George M. Fullmore; S-Sgt. Samuel Vanelli.

42nd Quartermaster Company—Lt. Jay I. Nolan; S-Sgt. Allen McManis.

402nd FA Bn.—Btry. A, Capt. Harold F. Barger; S-Sgt. Harlen W. Manuel.

Other mess halls, selected as the best in their respective units, were:

222nd Infantry—Service Co., Captain Dale A. Emery; S-Sgt. Edward J. Rybin.

232nd Infantry—Co. H, Capt. Marshall Alexander; S-Sgt. Everette F. Green.

242nd Infantry—Co. D, Lt. William J. Rochelle, Jr.; S-Sgt. Charles H. Streiff.

122nd Medics—Co. B, Lt. Joseph H. Cutchins, Jr.; S-Sgt. Henry J. Jeziorski.

## Recon Troop Enlists Ali-American Pup

The 42nd Reconnaissance Troop filled a vacancy this week that was definitely non-T-O by adopting as mascot a small brown female puppy, whose breed is known as "All-American" for lack of a better description.

Complete with a Service Record and Enlistment Record, the puppy established her CP under First Sgt. Warren J. Apger's desk.

Connie is her name, but on the record she's Ima R. Connie, D-1803777. She was enlisted Dec. 6 at Muskogee, Okla., as a dog, seventh grade, by William C. Marquis, 2nd Lieut., Cavalry, according to her service record.

And somehow or other Sergeant Apger got listed as her next-of-kin, beneficiary and person to be notified in case of emergency.

The puppy took to GI food immediately, threatening to rival all the big eaters and become a bona fide chow hound.

But her new friends looked askance the other day and recalled Benedict Arnold, when the dog "went over to the enemy." She began fraternizing with PW's, who are building cement and stone walks in the troop area.

## Word Was Strange, But Meaning Was There

Lt. Col. James Maloney cast his eye over his jeep driver extraordinary, Pvt. Donald Packett, Hq. First Bn., 232nd Inf., and asked, "What happened to your camouflage net?"

"I tore it removing it from my helmet liner," our hero replied.

"You will receive a severe castigation if you don't have it on Saturday," the Colonel said. "Do you know what that means?"

"No, sir," replied Packett, "but it doesn't matter. I'll have the net on by then."

## Christmas Cards Ready For Distribution Here

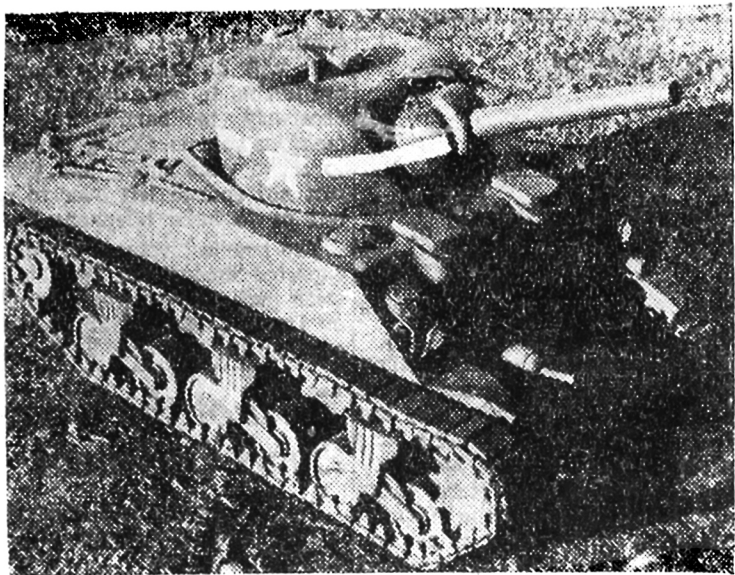
Attractive Christmas cards from the 42nd Division will be distributed to all members of the Division today on the basis of three per man, it was announced at Division Headquarters.

The card shows a Rainbow soldier, wearing an overcoat, with his rifle slung, greeting a military snowman in a winter scene.



## Finishing Touches Given Model Jeep

T-4 Paul Plymate, 742nd Ord. Co., adds the finishing touch to the model jeep which he carved out and put together in two and a half hours one night recently. It is accurate in every detail, even to the dashboard. At his feet is a model tank.



## Not a Battle Giant, But Only a Model

This battle giant is not the real thing. Instead of being heavy armor and big cannon, it is only a model, less than a foot long, but carved from white pine with infinite care by T-4 Paul Plymate, 742nd Ord. Co., during the first two months he was at Camp Gruber.

## Twice Wounded, Thrice Decorated, First Sergeant Returns From Front

Wounded twice, and with six battle stars and three famous decorations to his credit, First Sgt. Richard Deland, a new Rainbower, has been seeing action in North Africa and Sicily for almost a year. He took part in the invasion of Oran on Nov. 8, 1942, and only recently returned to the United States. He arrived in Camp Gruber on Dec. 8, and has been assigned to Second Bn. Hq. Co., 242nd Inf.

Sergeant Deland's decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and the Silver Star. Also the first ribbon he received was the European Middle East Campaign ribbon. He was wounded first at Matruh, in Tunisia, and later at Tronina in Sicily. During the Niccorce-Troina engagement Sergeant Deland was promoted to first sergeant on the field of battle. At the time of his promotion he was a platoon sergeant with the rank of staff sergeant.

Sergeant Deland has a habit of being in famous divisions. He was in the First Division during

the North African and Sicilian campaigns. In World War I the First received the coveted French Fleur de Guerre decoration, the rope braid worn looped about the left shoulder.

In the Army for almost six years, Sergeant Deland spent two years and five months of that time in the Hawaiian Islands.

Discussing the German soldiers and their equipment, Sergeant Deland declared that in his opinion the German mortar was their most dangerous weapon. German mortar fire is extremely accurate. He also expressed great respect for the German Mauser rifle, but said that German soldiers were mediocre marksmen, far inferior in that respect to Americans.

### WANTS BASKETBALL GAMES

The basketball team of Co. D, 242nd Inf., is seeking games. Managers of other teams in the Division who are interested in bookings should contact Pvt. John P. Strelic, Company D team manager.

## Extra Guest House Readied for Holidays

To accommodate the extra guests expected over the holidays one of the barracks on the post is being fitted up as an auxiliary guest house. The barracks is located near the main gate, and will be open from Dec. 20 to about Jan. 5.

Accommodations for this guest house can be reserved through either of the two regular guest houses, and the price will be the same, 75 cents per day.

## Mine Booby Trap School Starts

By PVT. ALBERT DEWEY

Hq. Co. Second Bn., 242nd Inf. The Division's Mine and Booby Trap School is already under way, having started Monday under the guidance of Lt. Col. V. Palmer and Maj. Kenneth Ingalls. One officer and one enlisted man from each company in the Division is attending this school, and at the end of the course, Dec. 23, they will return to their companies and instruct the men.

The instructors of this important course took a special course at Camp Swift, Texas, where they learned from experts who had returned from overseas.

The class will work with real Allied and Axis anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, and they will work under conditions as close to the conditions on a battlefield as possible.

In addition to the standard mines and booby-traps the school will teach the latest methods of utilizing field expedients in preparing all types of traps and mines.

Perhaps the toughest part of the program for the students will be the hand neutralization of a mine field at night under simulated battle conditions.

In addition to the hand method, others, such as the use of our electric mine detonator, the exploding of a field mine by using a bangalore torpedo, which is a charge of high explosive placed adjacent to the located mines, and the destruction of mines by pulling them out by ropes, will be taught by demonstration and practical work.

## Tank, Jeep Products Of Carving Hobby

Sundays in camp are not idle days for T-4 Paul Plymate, 742nd Ord. Co. Plymate keeps himself busy on those days with his hobby of several years standing—carving.

Before he came into the Army, Plymate's hobby was the construction of model airplanes powered by gasoline engines. Today, however, he carves weapons and models of vehicles used by the ground forces.

For the first couple of months Plymate was at Camp Gruber he spent his time on a model M-4 tank. Today that tank, only a foot long, is complete in every detail.

Then one night he started to work on a model jeep. Two and a half hours later, the jeep was completed, right down to the dashboard. Plymate's only tools are a 25-cent pocket knife, a razor blade and sandpaper.

He has carved out a couple of automatic pistols and his current project is a full-scale model of a tommy-gun.

## Rainbow Vets Send Christmas Greetings

Holiday greetings to the officers and men of the 42nd Division have been received from the General MacArthur Chapter, Rainbow Division Veterans of Wisconsin.

## All-Soldier Show Slated Dec. 24

"Lights Out," the 242nd Infantry's all-soldier, Christmas show is now in rehearsal. These rehearsals promise a bang-up performance when the show is presented at Theater No. 2 on Christmas Eve.

A musical comedy, "Lights Out" was written by Pfc. E. J. Ade, Pvt. Tom Durand, and Pvt. Burt Styler, is being directed by Ade. Digging deep in the regiment for talent, Ade has uncovered many professional entertainers and some fine amateurs who still have a name to make.

Around these men has been woven a light story in the Christmas vein. Private Styler, a gag-writer for Fred Allen's radio show before he entered the Army, has supplied much of the fast-paced humor. He will lend the Fred Allen show's "Little Theater" touch as he "gives out with the gags" on Christmas Eve.

Sgt. Morris Lachter, Regimental Medical Detachment's contribution to the show, promises to panic the soldier audience with his own, particular brand of humor. Not the least attraction of the show will be Pvt. Don Funderburk, clarinetist extraordinary—and a natural with the comedy.

The newly-organized, regimental orchestra, Richard Fanning and his Tunesmiths will supply the music for the show. Accomplished musicians all, they have rapidly blended into a smooth organization.

The orchestra is made up of Pvs. Funderburk, Ken Glass, James Reich, Wilfred Jensen, Phil Schaeffer, Art Steffenberger, Edward Kunznik, Melvin Jespersen, Calvin Surret, Floyd Benton and William Jones.

The cast is made up of Pvs. Eurt Styler, Robert Smith, Francis Heery, Louis DiPisquale, Francis Housman, Tony Woldo, Alex Schwauburer, Lee Blevins, Loomis Dorsey, Tom Durand, Julian Lewis, and Justice McCarter; Sgt. Morris Lachter, Cpl. Phil Derasmo, Pvs. Charles Vomastek, Paul Wichart, Milton Howard and Jack Kirkpatrick.

## They Get 'Em Tall In 242d Cannon Co.

The Nazi race of supermen might do well to pause and consider the Cannon Company, 242nd Inf., where the average soldier is just a fraction under six feet one inch tall, and the average weight is 182 pounds. The sweating mess sergeant says that this last figure is going up by leaps and bounds.

Of course this company, like all of them, has its runt. The supermen may take some comfort in the baby of the Cannon Company. He's Cpl. Jack Hammer, who is only five feet five. However in this short distance Hammer has been able to pack 175 pounds. Hammer fought with the Loyallists in Spain, and at present specializes in hand to hand fighting. While in action in Spain Hammer suffered a broken jaw and several bullet wounds.

The company also boasts several Non-Corns who were at Pearl Harbor. They are Acting First Sgt. William O'Toole, S-Sgt. Bernard Gildensoph, S-Sgt. Harold Holtzclaw, Sgt. Richard Page, Sgt. Woodrow Tyson, Sgt. Ewald Behrens and T-5 Willie Caudle. All of these men were in the Artillery then, and were shifted into Cannon Company later.

Although still training the Cannon Company hopes to be able to fill their shoes when the time comes. The average size shoe, by the way, is size eleven.



# SPORTS



## 222nd Cage League Starts

Seven quintets compose the 222nd Infantry Basketball league, which opened its season Tuesday night at the Field House. They are Anti-Tank, Service, Cannon and companies B, H, I and F.

In a closely fought warm-up tilt last week, Company I cagers defeated Service Company, 18 to 15, nosing out the latter quintet in the final quarter after trailing up to that time. Defensive playing by both sides featured the game until the fourth period when Company I broke loose with some brilliant pass work which cinched the honors for them.

Service Company came back Tuesday night to defeat Company H, 33 to 13, with Pfc. Rex Newbauer scoring 13 points for the winners.

Teams composing the league are open for games and arrangements can be made by contacting Pfc. Alfrd Fontana, 222nd Infantry athletic director.

## 242nd Cage Teams Prepare for Tourney

Beginning the week of Jan. 10, a basketball tournament will be conducted for the 242nd Regiment.

Several companies have already organized teams and will be ready to go when the tournament opens. Players are urged to obtain basketball shoes immediately if possible. The Recreation Hall will be available for practice, at specified times, the hours will be announced in next week's issue of the Reveille.

Due to the many schools that are meeting in the Recreation Hall this time will be very limited. Those companies wishing to reserve the floor should contact Pfc. Roy E. Richstad, assistant to the regimental Special Services Officer.

## 232nd Inf. Dances At Service Club No. 1

The first Regimental Dance of the 232nd Inf. was held last Wednesday at Service Club No. 1, and was acclaimed a great success by all present.

The club was decorated with the guidons of the Regiment, as well as a huge Rainbow which canopied the dance floor. One side wall of Service Club No. 1 is completely covered with a giant mural done by Pfc. John Cosgrave and Don Freeman, Hq. Co. Second Bn.

With refreshments served by all the messes in the Regiment, plus dancing partners from the Muskogee USO, the party was off to a fine start. A waltz contest was held, with the winners, Mrs. B. M. Carnes and Pvt. Fred Grunder, Co. G, taking the prize. The prize was a portrait done by Pvt. Don Freeman.

Music was furnished by the regimental dance band under the baton of Pfc. Sol Talenker.

## Next Division Boxing Card to Be Jan. 8

The boxing program of the Rainbow Division will get off to a big start in the New Year, with a boxing card at the Field House to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 8, 1944.

Several matches have already been arranged, and other men wishing to participate in a boxing match are invited to contact Cpl. Frank Lombardi, Division Special Service office, phone 551.

## Private Nightmares—The Net Knitter



Pvt. Don Freeman  
Hq. Co. 232<sup>nd</sup> Inf.

## Victory Will Only Come When And As Infantry Gains It

The Army is no better than its Infantry and victory will only come when and as the Infantry gains it, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commander of the Army Ground Forces, declared on an Army Hour broadcast recently.

"The German surface navy has been all but swept from the sea," he said. "German submarines have been largely defeated. In the Pacific, the United States' Navy is greatly superior to the Jap Navy, the Allies have a great and growing air superiority at every primary point of contact with the enemy. Yet the enemy is still strong and defiant."

"Defeat of the German and Jap by-sea and by air does not defeat them on land. Their armies are still intact and fighting fiercely."

"Thus we know that a fight to the finish—which is our avowed objective—will have that finish on land, not sea or air. The decisive and final struggle on land is being fought by the Infantry and its supporting arms and services. It is true that the Infantryman is supported magnificently by artillery and air. But this support is behind and above him. There is nothing in front of him but the enemy."

"The Infantry measures our progress along the road to victory. The only force that can break the hostile infantry is our own infantry."

"Today the Infantry numbers less than one-fifth of our Army. The other four-fifths fundamentally are to ease the way of the Infantry and help it fight forward against the maze of the enemy's deadly modern weapons."

"Proportionately, the Infantry losses thus far suffered have been several times those of any other

### BOASTS FAST FIVE

Communications Section, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., is boasting one of the best quintets in the Division. Laying claim to this is the cage outfit composed of Corporal Gebrian and Privates Johnson, Schuman, Snyder and Proscia.

arm. The Infantrymen not only takes far more than half of our battle losses, but he endures the greater hardships, he gets more tired, he sleeps less, and he eats when and what he can.

"To the Infantrymen battling overseas, the Army Ground Forces stand in reverent salute. May the Infantrymen now in training here at home join you soon. May they prove equal to the stern tasks ahead of them. May the supporting arms and services do the utmost in their high privilege of fighting with you and for you."

## Anti-Tankers Win Again In 232nd Inf. League

Anti-Tank hoopsters of the 232nd Infantry league held on to their undefeated record last week by defeating the highly-touted basketballers from Company M in an overtime game, 41-37. A-T Company had previously beaten Third Bn. Hq. Co. 54 to 40 and Service Company by default.

Sparkplug of the A-T title-threatening squad is Pfc. Marsden Sieferth, former Lafayette University star, who scored 14 points for the visitors in last week's game.

Other members of the squad are: S-Sgt. William Stradley, Cpl. Vincent Alexander, Cpl. Frank Young, Cpl. Benjamin Keathley, Pvt. Ernest Flowers, Pvt. Donald Quist, and Pvt. Raymond Criss.

## Deadline Nears For Art Exhibit

The Philbrook Art Center of Tulsa is offering artists in the Division a chance to exhibit their work, as well as to compete for cash prizes. The contest is divided into four classes, watercolor, black and white, pastel and sculpture.

First prize in each division will be \$25 and the winners will be decided by popular vote. Entries should be left at either of the Service Clubs, and they should be in no later than Dec. 30. The exhibit will start at Philbrook Jan. 3.

## Throws Everything Into Punch, Tears Muscles

Private First Class Schuman, Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., throws everything into everything he does.

He took up boxing last week and while working out in the Field House he again threw everything into it. Came out with every muscle torn in his left shoulder. Now everything will be thrown into a sling.

## Holiday Phone Call Delays Expected

Delays of as much as several hours on long distance calls are expected during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, according to Marshall Hamilton, Camp telephone manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

"And we're sorry to say," he added, "that many long distance calls won't get through at all, despite everything we can do."

"Long distance lines, especially those to far-distant points, are crowded every day with important war calls," Hamilton said. "With holiday greeting calls added to this already big load, it will be impossible for us to handle calls as we should like."

"The real reason," Hamilton continued, "that long distance calls will be delayed is that we are unable to build the new lines necessary to handle the tremendous volume. Copper is needed to make guns shoot, and there's just not enough left over to permit us to build telephone lines."

The heaviest volume of calls is expected during the two holiday week ends. Delays will be serious on Dec. 24, 25, and 26, and also on Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, and 2.

## Twist of the Wrist Floors Opponent

Fallo is on the ball! Are you? That's the new slogan of Btry. C, 542nd FA Bn.

Pvt. John Fallo, although hardly extending over five feet, is not to be toyed with. He was recently approached by Battery C's jack-the-giant-killer, Bob Landolina. Wrestling was the subject, but not for long for by some twist of limb and imagination or something Landolina found himself pinned to the floor.

Amazed members of the Battery were finally able to gulp their surprise and put in bids for Fallo as an overseas bodyguard.

How does he do it? "Merely a twist of the wrist," says Fallo.

## Prayer With Meaning

"Prayer With Meaning" is the title of the following contribution, sent in by Paul J. Von Gieske, of Chicago, a vet of the last war:

A small lad knelt at his bedside. His mind was filled with all the talk he had heard from his parents and others about the troubles of a world at war... about rationing, taxes, and other developments which affect the lives of all of us.

He prayed for everything and everybody he could think of... and closed with this petition, "God, take care of yourself. If anything happened to you, we'd all be sunk."

### POTENT FIVE IN VIEW

Headquarters Battery will have a potent basketball team in the 542nd Field Artillery Battalion with Privates Schuman, Johnson, Snyder, Gebrian and Smith handling the ball on the court.

## Ordnance Wins, Holds Lead

The 742nd Ordnance Company continued to set the pace in the Special Troops basketball league when it defeated the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop five 54 to 33 last Thursday. The Division MP Platoon kept in the running however, by knocking off the 122nd Medical Battalion, 52 to 19, Tuesday night.

Only other game found the Reconnaissance Troop defeating the 42nd Quartermaster Company, 59 to 48.

Three men tied for high score for the Ordnance team, Hannie, Belcher and Taylor each scoring 12 points, against the Recon. Troop.

High point men for the winning MP's were Dowell, 16, and Feibish, 14.

### STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
742nd Ordnance	6	0	1.000
MP Platoon	6	1	.857
142nd Eng. Bn.	5	2	.714
132nd Sig. Co.	4	3	.571
42nd Recon. Tr.	2	5	.285
122nd Med. Bn.	1	5	.166
42nd Div. Hq.	0	2	.000
42nd QM Co.	0	6	.000

## Division Band News

Sgt. Clair Gibson is proud of his hometown Newcastle, where most of the Army's plates and china is made.

It looks like most of the long hairs in the band will have to sell their fiddles, and order came through stating that all men will by Friday morning have a haircut. (Strictly G I)

Sgt. Harry Mickelson, the potential Deems Taylor, has for the past two weeks been announcing the programs for the Rainbow concert band, and we might say he's been doing a very fine job.

## Rainbowers Featured In Movie 'Happy Land'

When the movie "Happy Land" played at Camp Gruber this week it featured a scene of soldiers returning from the last war. You guessed it: the men wore the Rainbow patch in the movie.

"Happy Land" takes place in Iowa, and the movie is historically correct as the 168th Infantry was an Iowa unit in the Rainbow of last war. However, Don Ameche, who was wearing the Rainbow rushes home from the last war only to find that the Marines have landed and married his girl.

## Cpl. Dillon Coaches Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Five

Corporal Dillon, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., was a basketball coach in civilian life. At present he is devoting most of his spare time to whipping the 542nd team into top flight form.

Players who work with Dillon say he really knows his basketball and the 542nd is looking forward to a winning team.

## Well, It Could Have Been His Name

Up in headquarters of the First Battalion, 232nd Infantry, they're still chuckling over Pvt. Patrick Cortez's contribution to the general knowledge of map reading.

The instructor began his lecture the other day, "I have here a sheet of questions asked during the Corps tests..." And Cortez boomed out a clear, "Here, Sir."



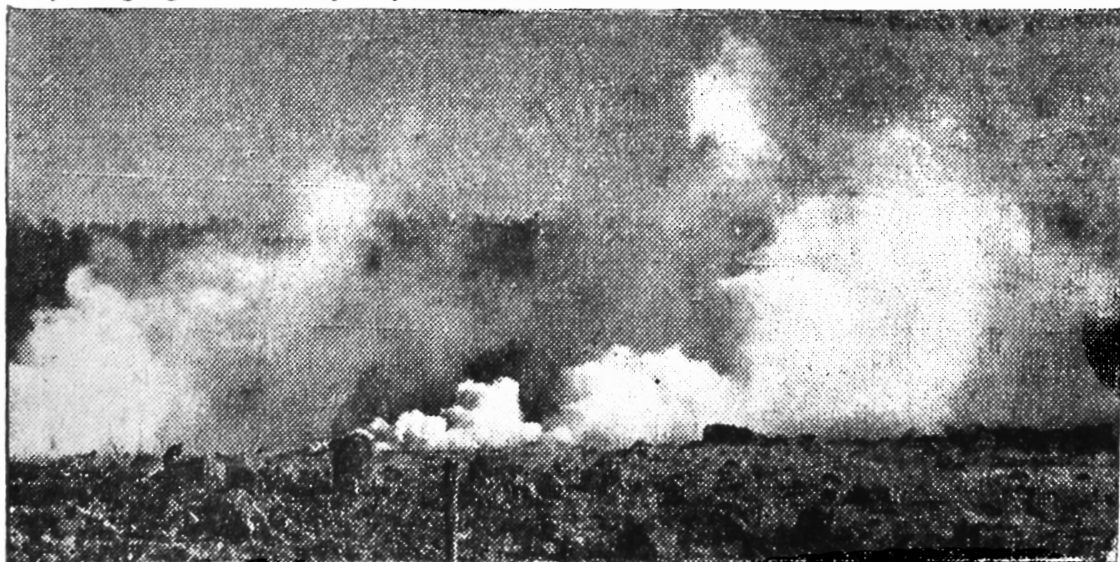
### Not Supermen, Just Cannoneers From 242nd Infantry

Nine huskies from Cannon Co., 242nd Inf., go into action with a 105 mm howitzer. Every man in the gun crew, other than the section sergeant, is over six feet three inches tall. Left to right they are Pvt. Norman Gessler, S-Sgt. Paul J. Kollach, Pfc. Thomas L. Holterhaus, Pfc. Arvil F. Bouse, Pfc. George W. Johnson, Pvt. Warren D. Swingle, Pvt. Ivar S. Westerback, Pvt. Kenneth G. Stewart, and Pvt. Wesley H. Reynolds.



### Engineers Build Barbed Wire Entanglement

Men from the 142nd Engineer Battalion are a versatile lot. They build bridges where bridges have been destroyed; they destroy bridges when they can no longer be of use to our troops, but might prove an aid to the enemy; they build obstacles for both vehicles and foot troops. This picture shows a squad from Company B constructing a double apron barbed wire fence. After getting it built, they are going to blow it up as part of a demo.



### Smoke Pots Conceal Efforts of Engineer Squads on Battlefield

Before blowing up barbed wire entanglements, the Engineers place smoke bombs or pots in the area to conceal their movements from the enemy. Here the smoke pots have sent out a concealing cloud which will make it possible for the crew to move up to the entanglement with a bangalore torpedo and clear the way for foot troops.



### Company Barber Plys Trade in Earnest

Pvt. Joe Esparza, Co. E, 222nd Inf., isn't going to be gigged for not having his hair cut at inspection time. Here Pvt. William McDermott clips Esparza's hair to GI standards.



### Veteran

First Sgt. Richard Deland, newly assigned to Second Bn. Hq. Co., 242nd Inf., has just returned from the North African and Sicilian fronts where he saw action with the First Division and was twice wounded.



### Strangle Hold Puts Man Out of Action

Hand-to-hand combat is getting plenty of emphasis in this war, and dirty fighting is being taught all of the men. Sgt. Joseph P. Birsovik, Co. E, 222nd Inf., puts S-Sgt. Emmett Aasey out of action with a Japanese strangle hold in a demonstration before the rest of the company.



### Learn Your Lessons Today

"Which?" is the newest of the series of training posters being placed throughout the Division area. It will be placed on the bulletin boards sometime next week. It was drawn by Pvt. Don Freeman, Second Bn. Hq. Co., 232nd Inf.

# HERE'S THE DOPE ON YOU



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Pfc. Stanley Kunas, Cannon Co. barber, is being visited by his wife, to whom the entire company is very grateful. Mrs. Kunas spent days scouring St. Louis for electric clippers. He success has cut the weekly waiting lines for haircuts to a minimum.



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Company B not only produced the best machine gun squad in the Regiment, but also boasts no unsatisfactory marks in the X Corps tests.

Pfc. Thomas Sheppard, Co. C., celebrated Pearl Harbor day by becoming the father of a six pound boy.

Pvts. Raymond Chamberlin and Leonard Hensley, Co. C, are having a battle to see who gets the most mail. At present the mail orderly seems to be losing.

Company D awards a three-day pass this month to Pfc. Gilbert Yorba, who was selected as the soldier of the month.



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Sergeant Whittecar, Hq. Co. is taking bets that there will be a Field Manual on Nets, Helmet, nomenclature, construction, care and use.

The GI Orchid M1 goes to Private Sherrif, Hq. Co., who can take his truck anywhere a jeep can go.

Welcome home to Sgt. Paul Hollenbach, Hq. Co., who returns from Ft. Benning to take charge of the message center.

Congratulations to Staff Sergeant Muth, Co. F, who married a Muskogee girl Saturday, and to Private First Class Greer who got married on the same day.

Pfc. John Hayden, Co. F, received the good news of the birth of a baby daughter last week.

Private Pataky, Co. F, rivaled the Rainbow when he sat in a bottle of marking ink the other day. His face turned red, and his pants a different hue.

Company H is forming a mountain music band, inviting everyone to come in and howl every Tuesday night.

Pvt. Arthur Innes, Co. H, is the company Rainbow beau, receiving mail from all the lovely corners of the country.

S-Sgt. Nicola Tirringo, Co. H, will make a model husband for some post-war planner. His supply room is always spick and span.



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First Sgt. John Uglick, Hq. Co., went to Muskogee Saturday to do some Christmas shopping.

Pvt. A. Stief, Hq. Co., takes prizes as the hard luck men of the week. His first weekend pass, and of course it rained.

Staff Sergeant Kane, Co. I, was married Saturday in Chapel No. 2 to Miss Goldia Mae Tinney of Checotah.

Sgt. Larry McWilliams, Co. I, was found cutting out paper dolls instead of turning in his news items for the paper.

Pvt. A. J. Head, Co. K, was called home on an emergency furlough.

Pvt. J. P. Nowell, Co. K, is



Pvt. Harry George  
Muskogee P.M. REVEILLE, M.

"That's what I love about you honey; you're such a darn swell cook."

back in camp after his rest furlough and says he's glad to be back.

Sergeant Thorpe, Co. L, should be handing out cigars soon.

Sergeant Doty and his Company L mess hall crew captured the red flag twice this week.

Company L welcomes Privates Gazup and McPherson back from the hospital.



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A daughter was born to S-Sgt. Harry J. Boucher, Anti-Tank Co., in Muskogee on Nov. 26.

Wives of Pvts. Robert Davis, David Robinson, George Ivy, Olaf Nelson and T-5 Donald C. Black, Anti-Tank Co., were camp visitors last week.

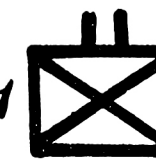
First Sgt. Lawrence Kavanagh, Cannon Co., who received the Soldier's Medal last week, has left on a furlough to New York.

Pvt. Thomas Bruthers, Cannon Co., has brooded about carrying one rifle on his shoulder, causing him to be unbalanced. He solved that by carrying two rifles on a recent hike, one on each shoulder.

Pvt. Charles Cutter, Cannon Co., has been transferred to Company K. New man in the company is Pvt. Harry Miller.

Pvts. Thomas Samuel and John Mott, returned to Cannon Company after a long stay in the Station Hospital.

It's not news when Carl Lawson, Cannon Co., is in bed before lights out, but it is news when Cpl. Andrew Tomcho is. That event occurred last Sunday.



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Pvt. Ray Ferguson, Hq. Co., is proud of the letter of commendation he received from Colonel Vinson for scoring 370 out of a possible 400 with the 37 cm. anti-tank gun.

Sgt. Louis Alexander, Hq. Co., has been assigned to the anti-tank platoon.

T-5 Benjamin Lipp, Hq. Co., has been seen carrying an 80 pound

roll of wire for over a mile. He

claims that the source of his strength is Brooklyn beer.

Pvt. Joseph French, Hq. Co., has been assigned to Ft. Benning to attend motor school.

Pvts. Bruce Stegall and Earl Stitely, Co. A, are walking around with great big smiles. Both became pappys in the last week.

Pvt. Rafael Fernandez, Co. A, was a nervous wreck last week. He got that way distributing 20 dance tickets among the entire company.

Pvt. Emmett Dupree, Co. B, is being visited by his brother, sister and fiancée.

Pvt. Douglas Mylen, Co. B, has returned from all those visits to the Dental Clinic with a glittering GI smile.

Pvt. Garnett Davenport's score of 217 with the BAR led Company B.

Past experience is paying off for Pvt. Leony Charpentier, Co. D. The ex-fisherman is now weaving helmet nets for all of the Company.

Company D always has a lawyer to take its troubles to. He's Pvt. Charles Curran, former district attorney in Wisconsin.



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Pvt. Simon Ross, Hq. Co., is confined to the Station Hospital.

Pvt. Laird Oskin, Hq. Co., was surprised Thursday to get a telegram telling him his wife was arriving at 2:30 the following morning.

Pvt. Richard Hariner, Hq. Co., is carrying the mail while Pfc. Wilford Halstrom is off on three-day pass.

Private Hadley, Co. F, is off to join the Air Force at San Antonio.

Private Chrisikos, Co. F, is back from an emergency furlough.

Private Halemán, Co. F, is home for 10 days to see his wife and ailing baby.

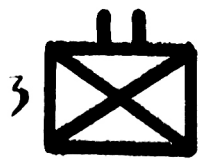
Privates Fonrath, Pearson and Prevatt, Co. F, all doing time in the Station Hospital.

The wives of Corporals Apple and Peters, and Privates McGuire and Mason are in Muskogee now.

Pfc. William Harvey, Co. G, is now the proud father of a baby girl.

Men of Company G wish a

speedy recovery to Pfc. William Laux, who was admitted to the hospital this week.



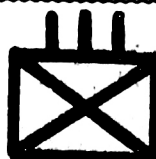
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Pvt. Doney Patterson is sporting a hair lip that looks like a squad doing extended order drill.

Cook Frank Marino, Co. M, is so tiny that it is reported he stands on two inverted GI cans in order to see into the mirror to shave.

Pvt. Anthony Sarrentino, Co. M, carried his dog for 10 miles the other night on a march. "Eat And Sleep" had strayed from his kennel and approached Sarrentino in ranks.

Company M's most proficient ping-pong enthusiasts are Pvts. Arthur Kamin, Arnold Gibson, Elvis Eckles and T-5 Limey Venker.



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Pvt. Robert S. Rude, Anti-Tank Co., has been discharged from the Station Hospital and will spend a 10-day furlough at home. He was operated on for appendicitis.

With 80 per cent firing expert. Anti-Tank came through with some good scoring on both carbine ranges last week. The remainder qualified as sharpshooters. High scoring went as follows: S-Sgt. James V. Hofmaster, 188; Pfc. George P. O'Shields, 188; and Pvts. Anthony T. Moreschi, 193, and Roland W. De Ridder, 189.

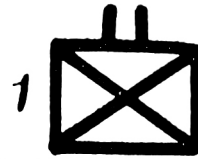
Pvt. Anthony Padovano has returned to Service Company after a 30-day stay at his home in Milwaukee where he has been recovering from an operation.

Pvt. Walter L. Taylor, Anti-Tank Co., has returned to duty after eight weeks in the Station Hospital.

Army life has changed for Pvt. Carl Koenig, Anti-Tank Co. He sees it through rose-colored glasses these days. Mrs. Koenig is now residing in Muskogee.

Staff Sergeant Claybourne and Privates Schulte, Cross, Boyle, Swan, Driscoll, Billington, Baltus, Saxon, Ellis, Dewey, Salyers, Starnes, Ortega, Lincoln, Brooks, Waldron, Janczy, Guenther and McCoy, all of Headquarters Co., are attending the Division Mine and Booby-trap school.

When it rains, it pours, says Sergeant Rawnsley, Hq. Co. He took a bride and drew sergeant rating. Let's all get married!



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Headquarters Company wishes Pvs. Kenneth F. Rhoades and Joseph J. Piccone speedy recoveries. They are confined in the Station hospital.

Cpl. Emory W. McIntosh, company clerk, Hq. Co., is looking for a visit during the holidays from Mrs. McIntosh, who resides in Washington, D. C.

Pvt. Joseph S. Tomaszewski, Hq. Co., is looking for a "baby doll" for Christmas, but a sure enough one. He expects the present from Mrs. Tomaszewski, Chicago, any day now.

Pvt. William E. Roberts has drawn the card, which makes him bugler for Headquarters Company.

According to Pvt. Harry L. Wilkinson, Co. C, something new in the way of bayonet drill has

been added. His idea of a "convertible" butt stroke is a knock-out.

Personnel of Company D are proud of Pvt. George M. Kilgour, who picked off 194 out of a possible 200 on the carbine range to run up high score.

Among out-of-state guests to Company D recently was the wife, mother and son of Pvt. William E. Large. They arrived a few days ago. Mrs. Hillstrom and son were also visitors. They were here to see Pfc. Maynard K. Hillstrom.

Speedy recoveries for Company D's Pvts. Stanley H. Bisdorf and Daniel J. Murphy, who are confined in the Station hospital.

The last General Orders worry has left Company D for Pvt. John N. Di Raimo has learned the eleventh and final order.



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Not an air cadet, but maybe a possible is Private Guskin, Co. E, who rises every morning by virtue of a kick from the foot of Pfc. Carl W. Abel, and makes a one-point landing on the barracks floor.

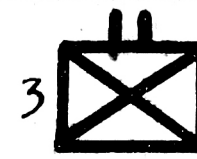
When you knock on the orderly room door of Company E you start barking your name, rank and serial number before closing the door because you know that's the first thing that Pfc. Levi O. Faulk is going to ask you.

"What would you do if a target is 350 yards away and you have a 300 maximum range?" To this question Company F's Pvt. William Hall says, "Why, just double-time up 50 yards and shoot!"

Pvt. Leo Mackler, Rainbow Reveille correspondent, Company F, apologizes to Corporal Ladau for misspelling his name.

Sgt. Albert G. Anderson and Pvt. Paul H. Snow, Co. H, have little to worry about for a Christmas Day dinner. If they skip the chow at company mess they both have invitations from friends in Muskogee.

Fourteen Company H men qualified as experts on range with the M-1. S-Sgt. Percy C. Bryant tied the 206 score of S-Sgt. Walter Derry.



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The "sewing platoon" went into action in Company L's Day Room last week when Mrs. Benson, wife of Pfc. William E. Benson, and Mrs. Sanders, wife of Pvt. James W. Sanders, spent a day sewing on Rainbow insignias and doing minor clothing repair jobs for all of the boys.

S-Sgt. Hosmer Wiggins, Co. M, has returned to duty after a month furlough to recover from a recent operation.

Pvt. Leroy Francis, Co. M, is home on emergency furlough.

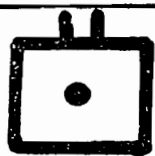
Pfc. Thomas Burke, Co. M mail clerk, must come from a family of Pony Express riders of old. No matter the hour he always delivers the letters and packages. Company M personnel is hoping he sticks to this at least until Dec. 25.

The man under the balcony with the guitar at Company M barracks is Pvt. Reese Mathis. Using hill-billy songs he sings 'em to sleep nightly.

Pvts. David Pennington and Joseph Temus, Co. M, are in the Station hospital.

Pvt. William Stempere is one of the few in camp with a Jap battle trophy. He has a pair of Nip binoculars, which he brought back from Guadalcanal.

# IT HAPPENED HERE THIS WEEK



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Pvt. Bruce Downie, Hq. Btry., is anxiously awaiting a visit from his wife and son, Gary, of Portage, Wis., who will spend a week in Muskogee. Headquarters Battery extends a welcome to the visiting Downies.

Cpl. James M. Jarvis, Btry. C., has returned to duty after a short stay in the Station Hospital.

Pfc. John Cook and Pvt. John Strum, ex-theater men themselves, are now outlining plans for a variety show in Headquarters Battery. Their main trouble right now is finding the necessary chorines.

S-Sgts. Marion H. Brock and William M. Elmore are visiting friends in Dallas, Texas.

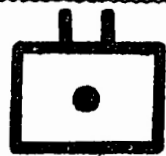
Congratulations go out to Cpl. Edward Davis, Btry. C, on his marriage to Miss Lila Holmes, of Vian, Okla. The ceremony took place in Muskogee, Dec. 6.

T-Sgt. Leon Halin, Btry. C, is now taking guitar and vocal lessons in hillbilly music from Private Burgess. The howling goes on and on into the night.

The keepers of the Headquarters Battery machine gun section mascot—that black kitten—will see that the incident of the other night doesn't happen again. After all the cat hasn't had any basic training.

Personnel of Headquarters Battery expresses its deepest sympathy to Pvt. Charles P. Armitage on the recent loss of his wife.

Despite the fact that they were edged in the selection of the best mess in Division Artillery competition by officers mess, personnel of Headquarters Battery still thinks it has the best cooks.



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Corporal Clark, Hq. Btry., has been nominated as the chow hound of the outfit. He hasn't passed by a second helping since joining the Rainbow.

Service Battery is glad to see the smiling face of Pfc. Joe Rooney back at battalion headquarters typing out the payroll again.

Mystery seems to surround the reason why S-Sgt. Edgar Coffey, Btry. A, won't answer that constant long distance call from Boone, N. C.

Pvt. Alfons T. Karpinsky ate something closely related to a Mexican jumping bean the other night and came back to barracks to put on what he called a sample of the jitterbug.

Pfc. Raymond E. Prozen wants to be a general. He is now practicing with his first stripe.

Pfc. Daniel G. Griffin's haircut is causing comment among the heavy weapon men. It may even

## The Wolf

by Sansone



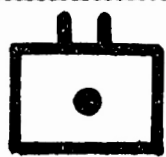
... now that we're off—what'll you miss th' most?"

be photographed and sent to one of the New York City hairdressers for copying.

Privates Thurston and Aragon are now recuperating in the Station Hospital.

T-4 Royal A. Kielman has thrown away his singelman stripe and entered the sea of matrimony—sink or swim!

Cpl. Sidney Laub will finally break down and trade for a new car. Not because he wants to do it but because Mrs. Laub says he will.



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Birthday greetings from Headquarters Battery go to Pvt. Morris Victor, of New York City.

Sergeants Henthorne and Russell are back with Headquarters Battery after being away to school.

Corporal Nasca and Private Porreca wish to extend their thanks to the Jett family of Tulsa for their recent hospitality.

The chesty Corporal Rudisill has returned to duty with Battery A after a 15-day furlough. He is filled with tales of the antics of his new off-spring.

Double-barrel honors to Private Cartell, Btry. A, who has been selected as orderly in his last two consecutive guard mounts.

Acting Cpl. Thomas W. Powell, Btry. B, is attending the Mines and Booby-trap School.

Battery B's party last Saturday night was a great success. One of the chief reasons being no reveille Sunday morning.

Pvt. Dennis R. Fauber, Btry. B, will snap out a Rainbow smile

when his wife and young son arrive in Muskogee for a holiday visit. He has his new GI teeth.

Pvt. James J. Head, Lafayette, Ga., was chosen as the best dressed soldier of last week in Battery C.

The boys in Battery C would like to see Pvt. Charles Davis out of the Station Hospital soon. He injured a finger on the bivouac the other night.



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Pvt. James C. Rummel, Btry. A, will leave in about a week on a 30-day furlough to his home in Shedd, Oregon, to recuperate from a recent operation.

Congratulations to Pvt. Lee C. Briggs, who is a proud father if there ever was one in Battery A.

Battery A is proud of the double honor it has gained in winning not only top honors in mess hall competition among Division Artillery messes, but Division as well.

T-5 Bob Carmen wants some helping hands. The Christmas mail packages for Battery A have him snowed under already.

Personnel of Battery A is eager for the return of T-5 Frank Lockridge from a three-day pass. His pastry work in the mess hall is the chief reason.

### WARNING TO SPEEDERS

If an M.P. sees you  
Step on the gas,  
He'll intercept  
Your three-day pass!



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Pvt. Mark H. North, who tied for a score of 205 in M1 firing, received a furlough as a reward.

All in all, it's a happy week for the whole North family whose home is Dade City, Fla. By one of those lucky coincidences you hear about but seldom see, Pvt. North's two brothers are back in the U. S. on furlough from the fighting fronts, and will be home at the same time.

This week brought a double measure of good news to ex-Pvt. Lindsay W. Peterson. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, and two days later he received word he'd become the father of a seven-pound daughter—his first, and the name will be Karen.

Headquarters and Service company has lost several familiar faces with the transfer of Privates Schramm, Gillilan and E. C. Smith to Company B. Meanwhile the company received the following newcomers from Company B, S-Sgt. Leonard W. Archer, T-5 Jack R. Campbell, Pfc. Harry L. Brown and Pvt. John J. Corbo.

T-5 Baca has been temporarily transferred from the supply room to the Rainbow Division Post Office to help speed the flow of Christmas mail.



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Now that chilly weather has hit wam-bang into camp, the men of this company "blossomed" out in their newly pressed overcoats. Seen bundled up in Tulsa rainfall, were T-5 Andy Dufseth and Pvt. Don Prosch.

T-5 Pete DeSanto wishes to announce that he is starting a paper and string conservation-drive. Pete wishes to thank all who have contributed so amply so far, and states that his secretaries, T-5 Bill Curry and Pvt. Glen Belcher, are at your service, 24 hours a day, to handle all contributions.

That whirl-wind speed demon on the K. P. Speedway—wasn't a professional, it was Pvt. Sam J. Damiana. The cooks were very well pleased that Sam was there that day.

We're sorry to hear that Pvt. Tony Druska, our Day Room chief, is ill in the hospital. We all hope you get well soon and are on your feet before Christmas.

T-4 Joe Von Achen and T-5 Bob Tretter are tied for personality items, this week. Both are good natured, quiet, and smile-faced. They know the answer to "How to

Win Friends and Influence People" is just friendliness and good will.

T-5 George Newhall, our rations "rider," has been observed deeply interested in a book on psychology. That's all, brother.



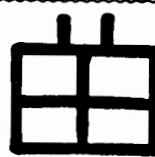
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Signs of the times: Eyeing the orderly room—from which those coveted three-day passes emanate—the men whistled "I'll Be Home for Christmas" to the first sergeant, and added: "I hope, I hope, I hope!"

S-Sgt. Albert I. Hogan, supply sergeant, added gray hairs to his head late even last week when he moved his place of business from its cramped quarters in the rear of the CO's office to the first floor of a nearby barracks. The Troop's training aids section and communications headquarters also were affected by the shift.

Lt. Kenneth F. Thompson and Pvs. Joseph Zimel and Anthony J. Masters Jr. became students at the Division Mine and Booby Trap School, while Pvt. Stephen R. Stevens prepared to leave for Ft. Riley, Kans., to attend the enlisted communications school.



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Pfc. Norman K. Cobb, Co. B, got married last week, but is still minus a honeymoon. Seems it took two days of his two and a half day pass to get hitched and almost before he had time to kiss his bride he had to head back for camp. Now he's sweating out that furlough.

The stork visited Pfc. Thomas Daugherty and his wife the other day and dropped a seven and a half pound girl.

First Sgt. Martin Nick, Hq. Det., is wracking his brain thinking of a name for his wife's new arrival, due sometime next month. The expectant parents are bucking for a boy.

Pvt. "Gentleman Jim" Ficeneo is having quite a time living down his newly acquired nickname. Seems he was caught wearing bright red pajamas on that recent Co. D bivouac.

Sgt. Ed McGuire, Co. D, and T-4 Richard De Bay, Co. C, off for two weeks of Booby Trap School.

Pfc. Douglas Fox, Co. A, who just returned from an emergency furlough in Portland, Ore., says that after traveling half-way across the U. S., the Rainbow soldiers are by far the "neatest and best disciplined" men he's encountered.

A simple fracture is one in which there is no wound extending from the broken bone through the skin.

## Male Call

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

## Tasty Dish On The T/O



# Stars With Stripes

**222nd Infantry**  
Privates to privates first class—  
Co. C: Clifford Boring, John Bruno,  
Harold Clough, Robert Ford, Bernard  
Gunselman, Francis Higgins, Ray-  
mond Johnson, Frank Marchese,  
Harold O'Neil, John Robbins, Clyde  
Skinner, Earl Volmer, Clyde  
Weaver, Jack Boyer, James Bullock,  
Carl Conrod, Alfred Gorski, Robert  
Heffron, James Gordon, Harry Lyon,  
Reber McCurdy, John Pearce, Theo-  
dore Sheppard, Wilbur Tice and Rob-  
ert Walker.  
Privates to privates first class—  
Hq. Co. Second Bn. Eng.: Murphy,  
Herd and Schilling.  
Pfc. Robert Gibellino, Co. B, to Cpl.  
Pfc. Fred Melchior, John Corrin,  
John Atkinson, James Martin, James  
McHale, William Shields, Harold  
Stewart and Alvin Wood, Co. M, to  
Cpls.  
**242nd Infantry**  
T-4 Clifford Lemmons, Hq. Co.  
Third Bn., to S-Sgt.  
T-4 Roscoe Tatterson, Co. C, to  
S-Sgt.  
Sgt. Denver Crawford, Med Det., to  
T-3.  
Cpl. Koeling Gardner, Co. E, to Sgt.  
Cpl. Louis Ippolito, Co. M, to Sgt.  
Cpl. James Neely, Co. I, to Sgt.  
Cpl. James Rawnsley and T-5  
Walter Hearn, Hq. Co. Second Bn.,  
to Sgt.  
T-5 Leonard Kaufman, Co. K, to T-4.  
T-5 James Murphy, Co. G, to T-4.  
T-5 Louis Peterson, Hq. Co. Second  
Bn., to T-4.  
Cpl. John Kirkpatrick and T-5 Mor-  
ris Lipman, Med Det., to T-5.  
Pvts. Carl Benson, Charles Fultz  
and Jack Ricevuto, Hq. Co. First Bn.,  
to Cpl.  
Pfc. Wilfred Bankus, William Bird,  
Banner Duty, Edmund Burke, Fred-  
erick Green, Clifford Kessler and Eu-  
gene Palath, Co. D, to Cpl.  
Pvt. Irvin Ouzts, Hq. Co. Second  
Bn., to Cpl.  
Pvt. Clabey Harris, Co. E, to Cpl.  
Pfc. Carl Otto, Co. H, to Cpl.  
Pfc. Charles Bertalan, George  
Bouger, Robert Gooch, John McCart-  
ney, Melvin Pederson, Henry Thwing,  
Homer Gatlin and Edward McCarthy,  
Hq. Co. Third Bn., to Cpl.  
Pfc. Ernest Rutledge, Pvts. Adrian  
Clark, John George, Carl Koenig,  
John Lanpe, James Lindsey, Ira Mc-  
Ilvain, Harry Schwab and Ernest  
Woollett, Anti-Tank Co., to Cpl.  
Pfc. Jack Hammer, William Kavan-  
agh and Earl Young, Cannon Co.,  
to Cpl.  
Pfc. Roy Blackford, William Lons-  
dale and James Plamer, Med Det., to  
Cpl.  
Pvts. Frederick Hadad and Alphon-  
so Lordi, q. Co. First Bn., to T-5.  
Pfc. Henry Keaton, Co. D, to T-5.  
Pvts. George Palma and Clarence E.  
Thurston, Co. F, to T-5.  
Pfc. Edward Axt, Robert Kent,  
James Rudolph and Woody Wahlquist,  
Hq. Co. Third Bn., to T-5.  
Pfc. Carl Dixon, Co. K, to T-5.  
Pvt. Roderick Emerson, Co. L,  
to T-5.  
Pfc. Julian Nagey, Co. M, to T-5.  
Pvts. Stewart Beasley, Robert  
Chambers and Ray Dutmers, Anti-  
Tank Co., to T-5.  
Pfc. Emmett Beard, Charles Chi-  
oca, Joseph Colman, Russell Dumin,  
Albert Diab, John Fahrli, Royce  
Haines, Seymour Hertzberg, Odys  
Jackson, James Murphy, Elmer Neff,  
Edward Stokes, Andrew Thompson  
and Kenneth Harrison, Med Det., to  
T-5.  
**232nd FA Battalion**  
T-5 Linster Hoffman, Service Btry.,  
to T-4.  
Pfc. Fred Avery and Jack Hildreth,  
Btry B, to Cpl.  
Pvts. Samuel Gudis and Clement  
Plonhowski, Hq. Btry., to Cpl.  
Pvts. Denison Brady and Arthur  
Brunner, Service Btry., to T-5.  
Pvts. Norval Calhoun, Mortimer  
Hopkins, Gerald Jones, William Mat-  
schat, Robert Mitchell and Jack  
Reeves, Hq. Btry., to T-5.  
MP Platoon  
Cpl. Louis Paletta and Cpl. Charles  
Solinsky to Sgt.  
Privates to privates first class—  
Harry Breazeale, Carl Brostrand,  
Donald Crowe, Gerald Dollar, How-  
ard Hancock, Charles Kelley, Stan-  
ley Kulk, Spencer Lightcap, Victor  
Maslunas, Melvin McAninch, William  
Nason, George Pike, Maurice Itoney,  
Howard Rowatt, Charles Scheel,  
Charben Scott, Edward Stark, Wil-  
liam Sweet, Kenneth Thompson and  
Dent Whitesides.  
**232nd Infantry**  
Cpl. Homer Cook, Cannon Co., to  
Sgt.  
Pfc. Robert Thompson, Andrew  
Tomcho and Herman Oliphant, Can-  
non Co., to Cpl.  
Pfc. Mathew Prince, Edwin Pokki  
and William King to T-5.  
Pfc. Harry Biell, James Cohoon,  
William Davis, Charles McDonald,  
Louis Price, Adelbert Rhodes, Ray-  
mond Simmons, Dean Smith, Robert  
Corbett, John Kreuchauf and Albert  
Vanassa, Co. E, to Cpl.  
Pvts. Chester Mulligan and John  
Johnson to T-5.  
Pfc. Claude Bowers, Samuel Shind-  
ler, Carl Baumbartner, William Apple,  
Joel Castle, Oscar Chavez, Sydney  
Hall, Donald Hindman, Jack Paul,  
Benjamin Peters, Earl Taft, Dorsey  
Tarrant and William Toter, Co. F,  
to Cpl.  
Private to private first class: Anti-  
Tank Co.—Robert K. Allen, Donald  
L. Baker, Lester L. Brown, Ellis R.  
Belcher, Samuel Berkowitz, Ben V.  
Dilworth, Delbert T. Domagalski,  
Joseph Faber, Alvin E. Grant, Jessie  
T. Hobbs, Jr., Thurman L. Hux,  
Clarence A. Kesselring, Joseph G.  
Leskosky, Robert E. Lemay, Donald  
L. Marshall, John N. McCarty, Glenn  
H. McNeal, Henry H. Murphy, Donald  
J. Pease, Albert W. Ratkiewicz,  
Maurice Sanchez, Karl R. Schroeder,  
Marsden M. Siefert, Max T. Serrano,

# BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Billfold lovely of this week is Miss Shirley Himebaugh, New Castle, Pa. The picture comes from Acting Sgt. John Pearce, Co. C, 222nd Inf.

# Div. Arty. Singers To Sing Sunday

The Division Artillery choir makes its first public appearance this Sunday at Service Club No. 2 with a special concert. Under the direction of Pvt. George Lynn, who was well known in civilian life both as a director of choirs and as a musician, the choir will do the favorite songs of the seasons.

In addition to the choir the program will be marked by the appearance of a brass chorus, plus two songs especially written for the occasion by Private Lynn. The songs are, "Christmas Lullaby" and "Marching Feet."

Raymond F. Smith, Edmund Snieg, James V. Stringhill, Lawrence E. Swearingen, Robert A. Terrill, Francis D. Wood, William R. Wright.  
Pvts. Donald C. Black, Russell C. Kronenberger, Anti-Tank Co., to T-5.  
Pfc. William R. Anderson, Anti-Tank Co., to T-5.  
Pvts. David R. Balch, Vincent A. Alexander, Charles K. Clark, James R. Fine, Benjamin E. Keathley, Edward J. McMahon, Virgil R. Smith, Russell J. Sweeney, Frank Young, Anti-Tank Co., to Cpl.

# Camouflage Discipline

The following excerpt is reprinted from an article in the November-December issue of the Cavalry Journal. It is by Lt. Daniel Cavallero.

The term "camouflage discipline," one of the most important of the fundamentals, might be expressed "camouflage—by behavior!" It means simply this: A unit must take care not to change the appearance of the surrounding terrain in such a way that signs of activity are relayed to the hostile observer. Is it good sense to maneuver into an excellent fighting position, in the hope of catching the enemy off guard, and leave a definite track to the new location—or conscientiously to conceal a truck with foliage, then let it wilt so that it stands out in contrast to the fresh foliage around it? Obviously not! The smart boxer never telegraphs his punches. The first shot should be the enemy's first inkling of a unit's or individual's presence.

In the final analysis, war is a battle of wits, and the loser gets few second chances. A new path across a field; an old road, which, over the course of a few days, suddenly becomes wider—these are signs that tell the enemy observer a whole story. He is trained to read the meaning of such signs, and within a few hours he may be sending his respects, in the

# Signal Company Confused by 50 GI's Plus Blue-Eyed Civilian Named Mabel

By CPL. LOYE MINOR

Ever since the 132nd Signal Company acquired 50 new GI's plus a small blonde blue-eyed civilian called Mabel, the CO's life hasn't been quite the same. What with eight AWOL's in as many days, to spoil the company's perfect record, plus other goings on things are rather confused. The 50 new arrivals, plus Mabel, are all pigeons attached to the company for training.

Surprisingly enough the pigeon still plays a very important part in modern warfare. In the raid on Dieppe, for example, pigeons were the only means of communication with some parties. And they have proved their worth on other battle grounds of the war.

Although not called for in our signal company the men must be accustomed to all methods of communications, so the pigeons were assigned here. The men of the 132nd Signal Company now go around talking learnedly about the PG-40 (artificial pigeon egg to you) and other technical subjects.

There's more to sending messages by pigeons than just tying it on a leg. First you must accustom the pigeons to their new home. This is done by taking the pigeons out a few blocks from their coop and letting them fly home. The distance is increased each day until they are able to find their way home from about 50 miles.

But showing the pigeons the

way home isn't the main idea, you also have to give them some reason to come home, and you can't just read the Articles of War to them. To get the pigeons home Signalmen resort to what might be considered low tactics, even in war time.

When a pigeon is taken out on a mission it is not fed or given any water, naturally when it is turned loose it heads for chow. But some pigeons aren't chow-hounds and for them the Army has special lures.

Before a male pigeon goes off on a mission a strange male pigeon is placed in the same cage as the first pigeon's wife. Naturally, when the pigeon is turned loose he wastes little time in dashing back to see what the score is around home.

In the case of a female pigeon an artificial egg is placed in the cage with her before she leaves. Being bird-brained, she talks herself into believing she's laid that egg, and when released in the field streaks back to see if she can hatch the glass egg.

Sometime pigeons dash back to their coop and then refuse to land with the message. In drastic cases these are shot down with shotguns, but in most cases Mabel is called out. Mabel is small and blonde, and if you were a pigeon you'd whistle at her, if pigeons could whistle. Mabel makes with the walk across the top of the cage, and presto, the pigeon lands beside her.

So for the present the Signal Company has put aside its Ohms and Watts, and is worrying about glass eggs, and the love life of pigeons.

"How," moans First Sgt. Adna Smith as he munches an aspirin tablet, "can you give a pigeon company punishment for being AWOL?"

# War Victory Tops In Private's Mind

During the last war the Rainbow was filled with great and famous men, who did much to make the Rainbow one of the most famous Divisions in the Army. But in addition to the Jove Kilmers, the Father Duffys and the General MacArthurs the Rainbow was filled with fighting rear rank privates who also added lustre to the Division. Such a man was Pvt. Martin Treptow.

Martin Treptow performed no deeds of valor on the field of battle and won no medals. He was a private in Co. M, 168th Inf., yet he was as great, in his way, as any man or woman you can name. Winning the war took precedence over everything else in his mind.

Before the war he had been a shy unimportant barber from Cherokee, Iowa. He attracted little attention from his comrades in Company M. Yet beneath that quiet, unassuming exterior lay true greatness. Other men had known how to put that greatness in words, but Treptow was too shy and inarticulate.

Not too shy however to write down in a little book which he carried in his breast pocket the creed which he lived by, and which revealed his greatness of soul and heart. His idea was as big as the greatest man in this country can think now or ever. They were:

"America must win the war. Therefore I will work; I will save; I will sacrifice; I will endure; I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost; as if the whole struggle depended on me alone."

The Fourth Prussian Guards, the Kaiser's finest, killed the quiet little barber from Cherokee, but the great thought he had written down still lives.

# The Field Artillery Salutes the Infantry

By PFC. ARNOLD L. GLADWIN  
Btry. B, 402nd FA. Bn.

He marches on with heavy pack  
While I ride along on a truck;  
I know he has a breaking back,  
But, God, how that man has pluck.

He smiles at me as I go by,  
How much that poor fellow  
endures,  
And yet the glance that's in his  
eye  
Is one that I know reassures.

And when he's fighting up ahead,  
This infantry comrade of mine,  
I'll throw barrage till Heaven's  
red;  
I'll fire till he smashes the line.

So, here's to you, my fighting  
friend,  
I'll shoot you the works when you  
ask  
And fight right with you to the  
end—  
Together we'll finish our task!

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