

## RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## DIVISION TOPS IN X CORPS TESTS

Four State Flags  
Presented, 13  
Cited at Review

Four state flags were presented to the 42nd Division and 13 officers and men of the Rainbow were honored at the second Division review held Tuesday morning.

Charles J. Neyan, representing Edwin O. Johnson, president of the Illinois chapter of Rainbow Veterans Association, presented Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander with the Illinois state flag. Mrs. R. W. Gillette, wife of a veteran of the old Rainbow Division presented the flag of Alabama.

The California flag was presented by Pfc. Rufus J. Hogan, Jr., Co. I, 242nd Inf. and the Minnesota flag was given by Sgt. Robert A. Gearin, Div. Hq. Co., for the Abner Rude post of the American Legion Auxiliary of South St. Paul, Minn. The staff for the Alabama state flag was contributed by the Alabama chapter of the Rainbow Veterans Association.

Those honored at the review were Lt. Col. Roy N. Walker, G-1, for his work in solving personnel problems of the division since its inception; Lt. Daniel M. Andrews, liaison officer, G-3, for planning and conducting the activation ceremony of the Division last July 14; T-4 Norman Monath, 132nd Signal Co., for writing and arranging the score of the Division song, "There's a Rainbow in the Army." They were given Rainbow patches of members of the first Rainbow Division.

First Sgt. Lawrence J. Kavanaugh, Cannon Co., 232nd Inf., was decorated with the Soldier's Medal for heroism. He broke a window in his company mess hall Sept. 22 and carried out a blazing pitcher of grease. He was severely burned in doing so.

The others given patches of members of the old Rainbow Division.

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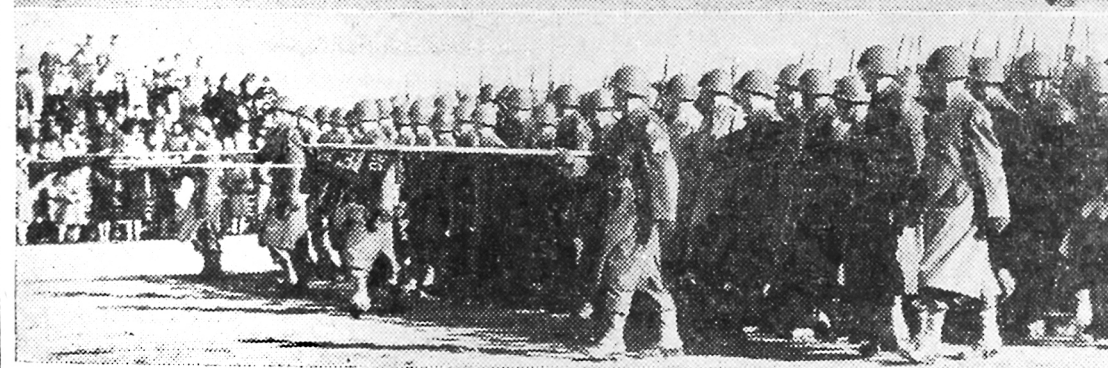
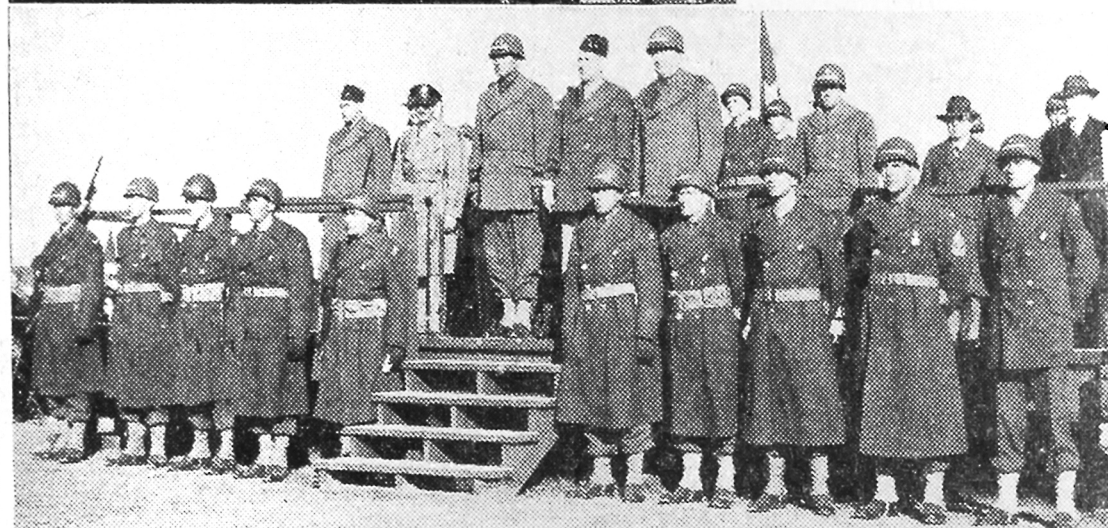
Oops! Didn't Know  
It Was YOU, Sir!

Pvt. Frank Melfi, Cannon Co., 222nd Inf., knows now what embarrassment is. Relieved from sentry duty in the pitch black of early morning, while on bivouac, he saw what he thought was one of his buddies sitting on a log, head down, lacing his leggings.

Sneaking up quietly he snatched the helmet liner from his "buddy's" head and laughed a playful salutation. Closer inspection of the helmet, however, revealed a neat silver bar above the name. It was his company commander.

Three rabbits were left stalled in the dust as Melfi beat his retreat.

## Scenes From the Second Review Last Tuesday Morning



(Upper left) Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, shakes hands with First Sgt. Lawrence Kavanaugh, Cannon Co., 232nd Inf., after presenting him with the Soldier's Medal at the Division review Tuesday. (Upper right) Maj. Gen. Douglass T. Greene, commander of the 16th Armored Force who was on the reviewing stand. (Center) Twelve of the 13 men honored at the review stand in front of the reviewing stand. On the stand, left to right, are Captain Haberman, aide to General Greene, Col. Ralph Rhudy, commander of 410th Light Bombardment Group, Muskogee Air Base; Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Maj. Gen. Douglass T. Greene, and Col. Lester A. Sprinkle, chief of staff. (Bottom) Troops of the 142nd Engineer, Battalion approach the reviewing stand.

Inspectors Praise  
Men; Few 'U's  
Recorded

On the basis of incomplete early records, the Rainbow Division appears to have passed its first Corps Tests with results which will place it among the best of the fine Divisions which have been units of Third Army.

Records now available are partial and include only those for individual and tactical training and for administration. Results of tests in technical subjects have not been compiled.

Unofficial reports so far received indicate the Division has achieved this remarkable record:

Division Artillery—No U's for unsatisfactory performance.

Infantry Regiments—A few scattered U's, all of which were assessed against individuals or squads and none against companies.

Special Troops—No U's.

Engineers—No U's.

Medical Battalion—No U's.

It was pointed out that completed records probably would alter these scores in some degree.

Maj. Gen. Jonathan W. Anderson, Commanding General, X Corps, spoke repeatedly of the fire appearance and bearing of the Rainbow officers and men and commended the Division highly. Inspecting officers of all ranks were enthusiastic in their praise of the manner in which the Division's soldiers had undertaken the first phase of their exacting job of learning the fighter's trade.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, spoke with obvious pride of the Division's extraordinary showing.

"It proves," he said, "that the spirit to win is in the Division, and that my officers and men appreciate the fact that there is more satisfaction in the accomplishment of tasks set for them than in any other sort of reward."

General Collins expressed confidence that the officers and men of the Rainbow were too smart

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Special Troops to Dance \$626.66. Donated  
At Service Club No. 2 To United War Chest

It will be a big night Dec. 15 for members of Special Troops, who will take over Service Club No. 2 and participate in a gala party. Starting at 8 p. m., the party will include dancing, games and other activities.

All members of Special Troops are invited. Girls from Tulsa will be present for dancing partners and music will be furnished by the Commanders Band.

The Division donated \$626.66 last payday to the United War Chest. This was done without any advance publicity, with the boxes put near each payable in the division.

The money donated to the United War Chest is divided among a great number of organizations. Among these is the USO, so the soldier is really contributing part to himself and his buddies.

He Praises the Lord and  
Passes the Ammunition

Here in the Rainbow we have a soldier who "Praises the Lord and Passes the Ammunition." He is Pfc. Cecil DeGarmo, Service Btry., 392nd FA Bn.

DeGarmo, who before joining the army was a clergyman in Racine, Wis., is assigned to the ammunition train here. He was recently promoted to private first class, and last week was chosen as the general's orderly.

Catching 'Flys' Boosts  
KP's Batting Average

T-5 Cook (Skeet) Kowalewski, Service Co., 222nd Inf., isn't going to be caught short when the mess sergeant calls for a report on the daily fly-swatting detail.

"It's a hit. O'Rourke's still hitting over .350." This and similar phrases familiar to baseball fans can be heard regularly coming from Service Company's mess hall. Kowalewski keeps a regular box-score on his fly-swatting details, and believes he's already developed some material worthy of the majors.



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## THREE SHOTS FOR A DIME

"Stand . . . Pull pin . . . Prepare to throw . . . Throw!"

Come on—it's just like Coney Island. There's the 20-yard trench. Let's see you toss the grenade into it. It's only a cast-iron dummy, and an empty trench. Come on—toss it in and win a cigar! Never mind that play-acting of pretending to pull out a pin, and keeping your head down. Hell, you can't see if your throw is better than Joe's that way. It's all just play-acting, nothing to take too seriously.

But now let's look at another side of the picture. "General Orders, No. 66. I. Medal of Honor. First Sergeant Elmer J. Burr . . . During an attack near Buna, New Guinea, on 24 December 1942, Sergeant Burr saw an enemy grenade strike near his company commander. Instantly, and with heroic self-sacrifice, he threw himself upon it, smothering the explosion with his body. Sergeant Burr thus gave his life in saving that of his commander."

Buna was no Coney Island. No one was tossing dummies to win cigars. No, the boys were playing for keeps. If only, then, an American grenade could have got there first, before the enemy grenade ever left Japanese hands. We might have had a good, living American soldier to show for it, rather than a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to his memory.

Get away from that Coney Island attitude. Make your imagination put a Jap in that trench, in that foxhole, and remember that you are facing the deadliest wild animal on the face of the earth. Remember that he has a grenade, too, and it's you or he. There's not room enough for both of you here. Take it seriously, this training, and perhaps some day you may save some other Sergeant Burr from having to make a similarly noble but tragic sacrifice.

## USE COURTESY AT SHOWS

Now that most of us have been taught military courtesy, why not use a little of it with the men of our own rank?

On several occasions at soldier shows we have noticed unthinking men shuffle through the aisles disturbing others while a performer is on. We have heard other men talking during the performance.

The fair thing to do is to remain quiet while a particular number is on, interested or not. Move in and out only between the acts, not while an act is in progress.

Your movements and talk may distract the performer, and it certainly distracts those about you. Let's give the performers a chance, and also allow people around you to enjoy the show.

## Movie Schedule

## Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"His Butler's Sister." Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone.

Friday and Saturday—"There's Something About a Soldier." Douglass Drake, Evelyn Keyes.

Sunday and Monday—"The North Star." Walter Huston, Anne Baxter.

Tuesday—"The Return of the Vampire." Bela Lugosi, Frieda Inescort. Plus "So's Your Uncle." Elyse Knox, Jan Garber and Orchestra.

Wednesday and Thursday—"The Heat's On." Mae West, William Gaxton.

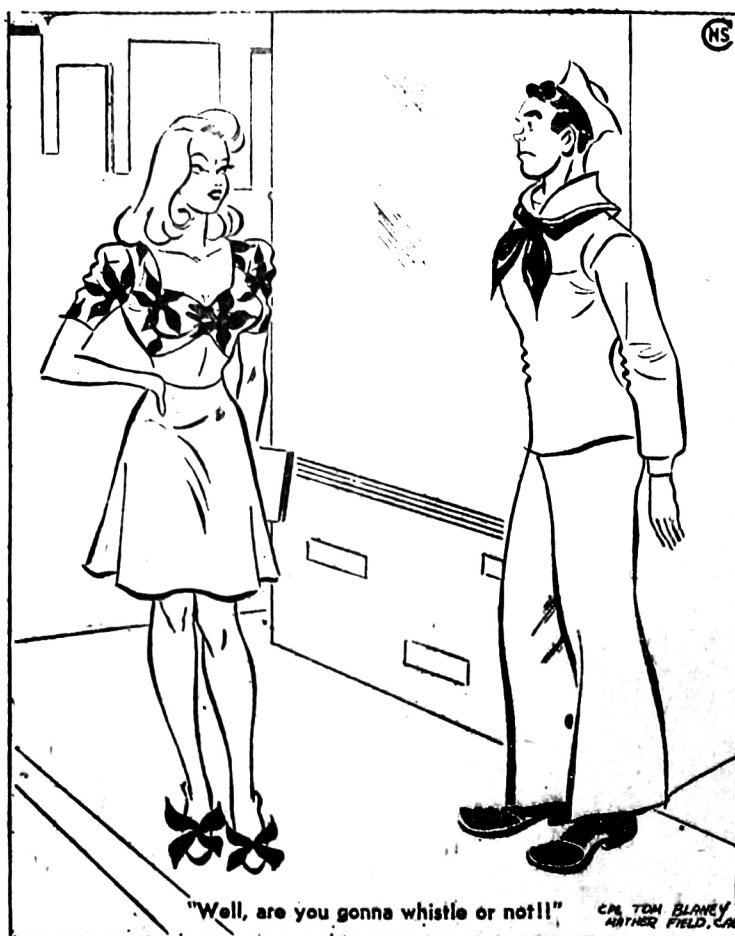
## Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"Hands Across the Border." Roy Rogers, Ruth Terry.

Friday and Saturday—"His Butler's Sister." Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone.

Sunday and Monday—"There's Something About a Soldier." Evelyn Keyes, Larry Parks.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"The North Star." Walter Huston, Anne Baxter.



By CHAPLAIN ROBERT O. FIFE  
122nd Med. Bn.

The average soldier is a pretty unselfish fellow. He looks upon his tour of duty in the Army as a period of all out service to his country, and indeed that is what it should be. He is not in the Army for selfish reasons, or because he believes war to be glorious. Rather, he is a soldier because there has been laid upon him a great task, and the destiny of all mankind is affected by how well he does the job.

But we need not think that this period of service is lost, that these are wasted years. They need not be, for although we do sacrifice much there remains much to be gained in the performance of duty.

For instance there is the growth of comradeship. Nothing binds men more closely together than mutual duties, mutual dangers, mutual sufferings, defeats and triumphs.

Another virtue to be gained while in the service is gratitude. We all have a tendency to take our good life for granted, and we never truly appreciate our blessings until deprived of them.

And, if we return home grateful for our heritage, we shall be better men than when we left.

Another goal we may achieve in the service is a sense of values. Where we are going we shall see life without the trimmings. All the glitter and attractiveness of the superficial will be gone.

We shall be face to face with death, and concerned only with the necessities of life. This may turn our conception of values upside down, or rather, right side up, but it will put us on the beam and teach us to place first things first. It will lead us to more personal faith in God. If we learn this lesson, we shall have discovered, in the shadow of death, the secret of life.

Camp Postoffice Hours  
Longer on Mondays

From now until after Christmas the postoffice will be open until 8:30 p. m. on Mondays to aid soldiers sending Christmas parcels home. All the service of the postoffice will be available during these extra hours.

## 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).  
1600-1750 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).  
1930-2100 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.  
1600-1730 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).

## Stars With Stripes

## 222nd Infantry

T-5 Humle D. Ballowe, Ser. Co., to T-4.  
Pfc. Lee A. Baker, Jr., Ser. Co., to Cpl.  
Cpl. George J. Eridio, Co. E, to Sgt.  
Cpl. Earnest Spence, Co. E, to Sgt.  
Cpl. Robert M. Davis, Co. E, to Sgt.  
Pfc. Elmo R. Wilkinson, Co. E, to Cpl.  
T-4 Roscoe H. Tattersson, Co. C, to S-Sgt.  
Cpl. Louis E. Ippolito, Co. M, to T-4.  
T-5 Leonard J. Kaufman, Co. K, to T-4.  
Pvt. Edward W. McCarthy, Hq. Co. Third Bn., to Cpl.  
Pfc. Carl H. Otto, Co. H, to Cpl.  
Pvt. Palmer T. Eirich, Service Co., to T-5.  
Pfc. William A. Porter, Service Co., to T-5.

A litter may be prepared by turning two or three blouses inside out and buttoning them up sleeves, in then passing poles through the sleeves. The backs of the blouses form the bed.

## IMMATERIAL WITNESS

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

Now you take me, I'm the steady plodding type. When it comes to sticking my head under a raincoat with flashlight and compass to take an azimuth, I like to do a careful job.

We were ready to start on the first leg of our cross-country hop, skip and stumble. I was under the raincoat making with the azimuth. Outside in the darkness Privates Moore and Newmark and Corporal D'Erasmus stood. Private Newmark kicked me in the ear.

"Come on! This is no time to take a 10-minute break!" he whispered fiercely. "Put out that butt and let's go."

"I saw him slipping red cellophane over his flashlight before we started," said Private Moore, "he's under there developing snapshots."

Snapping off my flashlight, I bowed to the will of the majority.

"Two ants were having a hell of a fight down there, but I suppose I had better tear myself away," I told them. "It was getting stuffy under there anyway."

We got going with the business of pacing off the first leg. Poor Corporal D'Erasmus had a tough night of it. He is a good singer—you may have heard him giving out with the solo stuff at Service Club No. 2—but he is a very lousy whisperer.

"Well, fellows . . .", he would begin in a rich voice.

"Shut up, D'Erasmus!" we would hiss in cadence.

We had a fine dark night for it. At one point it suddenly occurred to me to wonder what had ever happened to old brother Moore, when suddenly I found him. I just stepped off into an old abandoned foxhole, and there he was.

"It isn't raining rain at all, it's raining Private Corbets," he muttered.

All at once I felt something on the back of my neck. It felt like a ton of bricks, but it was only Private Newmark.

"I just thought I'd drop in and see how things were going," he said brightly.

"Where's D'Erasmus? How about a little four-handed pinochle?"

The missing member gazed down at us from the rim of our little rendezvous.

"Say fellows . . ." he began.

"Shut up, D'Erasmus," we chorused quietly, and went over the top and into the brambles.

It was a funny thing about those brambles. It was obvious at the time that several acres of them had been planted in the area just to make the going interesting. Next day, however, Private Moore collared me for a word.

"A fine squad leader you are! I drove past that field today, and you could count the brambles on one hand. Three paces to either side and we would have missed them all by two paces!"

Meanwhile D'Erasmus is busily practising up on his whispering, so that next time he can get a word in edgewise.

## Service Club Doings

## Service Club No. 1

Thursday 8 p. m.—Swing with Ambassadors band. 8:30-9 p. m.—Camp Gruber Varieties, KTUL broadcast. 9 p. m.—The "Hey Rube" show. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance with girls from Tulsa. Saturday 8 p. m.—Old time movies. "East Lynn." Sunday 7:30 p. m.—Catherine Neff and entertainers from Tulsa. Monday 8 p. m.—Super quiz program. Music appreciation hour in radio room. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song fest. Wednesday 8 p. m.—Dance for members of 232nd Infantry.

## Service Club No. 2

Thursday 8:15 p. m.—"Find or findings," quiz program with prizes. Friday 8 p. m.—Bingo games. Saturday 8-11 p. m.—Dance and party for Rainbow Special Troops. Sunday 8:15 p. m.—Entertainment, Knick Knack club. Monday 8 p. m.—Community sing. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Old time movies. "East Lynn." Meeting of Footlight and Artists Clubs. Wednesday 8 p. m.—Concert of popular and classical music by 42nd Div. Band.

## Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

It's another Helen for the Harry James band. Only this time Helen Ward—she will succeed Helen Forrest Dec. 1 . . . Paul "Pops" Whiteman will make his bow as a Blue Network conductor on Dec. 5, with a weekly Sunday show scheduled from 6 to 7 p. m. (EWT) . . . Fats Waller opened the Florentine Gardens, Hollywood, Calif., cocktail annex—he is also in line for picture and radio spots.

Milwaukee gets hep—Al Ammons and Pete Johnson, the original boogie woogie boys, are kicking up the turf at Frenchy's, the town's newest jive center . . . At Enid, Okla., former bandleader Bobby Byrne is taking his primary—he expects to get his wings within a few months . . .



## Florida Citrus Donated by Vets

Grapefruit for breakfast and oranges as a part of the dinner are on the menu for men of the 42nd Division for Christmas—through the courtesy and interest of the Rainbow Division Veterans in Florida.

Rainbow Veterans there have offered to send a carload of Florida oranges and grapefruit to the Division for the Christmas meals, and Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander has accepted the offer on behalf of the members of the Division.

In a letter to General Collins, Lt. Col. B. J. Sullivan, president of the Florida Rainbow Division Veterans, 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. It is agreeable with you, we plan on shipping a car load of grapefruit and oranges to your Post."

Colonel Sullivan took part in the activation ceremony July 14, carrying Old Rainbow Division flag when it was being presented to the Division commander.

## Division Review Is Colorful Affair

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vision were the nine top marksmen in the Division during the recent range season. They were:

Pvt. Claudie Villalobos, Co. B, 242nd Inf., Pvt. Harold L. Thompson, Co. B, 242nd Inf., Pvt. Mark H. North, H and S Co., 142nd Eng. Bn., who tied for the best score with the M-1 rifle, 205 out of a possible 210; Pvt. Herman L. Zwickle, 542nd FA Bn., best score with the carbine, 196 out of a possible 200; Pfc. Paul H. Smith, Hq. Co., Second Bn, 232 Inf., best shot with the pistol, 94 out of a possible 100.

Pvt. E. B. Shupak, Co. M, 222nd Inf., who scored 192 out of a possible 200 with a heavy machine gun; Pvt. Harry G. Farrell, Co. G, 232nd Inf., with a score of 251 out of a possible 256 with the light machine gun, and Pvs. William C. Butler and James H. Morrison, Anti-Tank Co., 242nd Inf., who tied for high honors with the 37 mm anti-tank gun, scoring 380 out of 400.

Following the presenting of awards, the troops, under the command of Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark, passed in review.

With General Collins on the reviewing stand were Maj. Gen. Douglass Greene, commander 16th Armored Force, Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Col. C. R. Miller, commander, Eighth Hq. and Hq. Det., Special Troops, Third army; Col. Ralph Rhudy, commander 410th Light Bombardment Group, Muskogee Air Base; Colonel Shepard, chief of staff 16th Armored Force, Captain Habermann, General Greene's aide, Mrs. Gillette and Mr. Neyan.

Also on the reviewing stand were Col. Lester A. Sprinkle, chief of staff, Lt. Col. Roy N. Walker, G-1, Maj. John C. F. Tillson, III, G-2; Lt. Col. Robert G. Sherrard, G-3; Lt. Col. Charles O. Wiselogle, G-4, and Lt. Col. James D. Tanner, adjutant general.

## Jewish Church Leader Visits Camp Gruber

Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City, was a distinguished visitor to Camp Gruber last Sunday. He was representing the Jewish Welfare Board, and spoke to soldiers of the Jewish faith at Chapel No. 5 Sunday morning.

Rabbi Steinberg called on Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins during his visit to Camp.

## Action! And 81 MM Mortar Is Readied



The 81 mm mortar goes into action during the X Corps Tests, last week, with Pvt. John Klucker pushing the base plate into position as Pvt. John O'Leary takes over the gunners position and Pvt. Saterios Kideris acts as assistant gunner. The men are from Co. M, 232nd Inf.

## Regiment, Four Officers Honored

Commendations for outstanding work and efficiency were given one organization and four officers by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, division commander, during the past week.

The 242nd Infantry was commended for its work on the range. The commendation stated that the regiment's work "proved to be one of the outstanding successes made by any unit of the Rainbow Division since its reactivation."

It further said, "Organization of ranges was superior and results obtained were, in general, so outstanding that the regiment may well feel that it has already, in part, lived up to the commander's promise that soldiers of the Rainbow will be superior to the enemy when they meet him."

Members of the 242nd Inf., in turn, were commended by Col. Burns Beall, regimental commander.

Lt. Kenneth C. Vance, 132nd Sig. Co., received a commendation for constructing a 10-wire, 23-section from 15th and A street to the Creek Range house.

The excellent manner in which he discharged his duties as assistant range officer won a commendation for Lt. George A. Carroll. He was praised for initiative, foresight and attention to detail.

Lt. Royal N. Gober was commended for his efficiency in coordinating the use of firing ranges and training areas with units of the Division and with Post range authorities.

For his skill at Trial Judge Advocate during the past four months, Capt. Morton J. Barnard received a commendation.

## Maybe They Got Turkey Soup on Friday, Anyway

If dentures were interchangeable, Acting Corporals Poole and Langwell, Second Bn. Hq. Co., 222nd Inf., would have found Thanksgiving a more satisfying day.

Unfortunately the annual feast found these worthy men in a bad fix. Each was only half-way through the process of being fitted for new teeth. Poole had a perfectly workable set of new uppers but no lowers, and Langwell a fine set of new lowers, but no uppers.

The answer seemed simple enough, but it wouldn't work. So Poole and Langwell didn't get all of the turkey and fixin's they'd liked to have had.

Do not salute with one hand in your pocket.

## New Bus Schedule for Camp, Muskogee and Tulsa Now Running

A revised bus shuttle service system was underway today providing for shuttle buses to traverse the camp area every 45 minutes picking up and discharging passengers at all regular bus stops and transporting them south of the main gate where direct route buses to Muskogee will depart at 45 minute intervals.

The rate of fare for the shuttle bus will be five cents, regardless of the distance, whether one block or for the entire length of the bus route.

It is believed that the service will furnish more adequate service and to a great extent eliminate long waiting periods since during peak movements special schedules will be operated to provide transportation without regard to published schedules, although published schedules will be otherwise maintained.

Forty-five minute scheduled service will be in effect between Camp and Muskogee on a 24-hour basis, except that 30 minute service will be furnished between the hours of 6:30 a. m. and 8 a. m.

This means that a bus will leave Muskogee each 45 minutes and a bus will leave the Camp each 45 minutes.

Buses for Braggs will leave the central bus station at the same time buses leave for Muskogee and the bus from Braggs will arrive in ample time to meet schedules for Muskogee and schedules of the shuttle bus.

On Saturdays buses will be dispatched from the bus terminal to Tulsa and return Sunday afternoon and evening. Passengers will be loaded at Tulsa at the bus station of the B and B Transportation lines located at 10th and Boston streets and buses going over on Saturday will unload at the same place. Buses to Tulsa on Saturdays will leave as loaded after 7 a. m. through 7:30 p. m. Buses also will be furnished Sunday morning between 8 a. m. and noon.

Whether the vehicle responded to the stimulus of the generals' combined strength or whether it became nervous at the thought of the collection of stars pressing against its rear fenders cannot definitely be stated. At any rate, the sedan was out on firm ground again in very short order and the generals, through their own efforts were able to continue their tour.

## Band Presents Concert At Service Club No. 2

A concert of light classical and popular music was presented by the Rainbow Division Band Wednesday evening, 8 p. m., at Service Club No. 2.

One of the featured numbers was a special symphonic arrangement of "Stardust" by W. O. Herman C. Giersch, who directed the band. Other selections ranged from martial music to popular hit tunes.

## Jumping Blood, Pvt. Urso? Or Rubber Veins?

"If a man was bleeding from his left leg where would you put the tourniquet?" Lieutenant Lutz asked of Private Urso while conducting a class in first aid for Btry. C, 402nd FA Bn.

"On the right leg," replied Urso, "because the blood flows down one leg and up the other."

## Combat Squads To Be Selected

Division Commander's Combat Squads will be selected tomorrow when the best squads from the three Infantry regiments will be put through a series of squad problems by a committee from Division Headquarters.

Winners will be given 15-day furloughs and insignia of a member of the Rainbow Division in the last war.

The best rifle, light machine-gun, heavy machine gun, 60 mm mortar, 81 mm mortar and 37 mm anti-tank gun squads will be selected.

At the same time, the Division Commander's Engineer Combat Squad, from the 142nd Engineer Battalion is expected to be announced.

Members of the 242nd Infantry squads competing in the problems were announced yesterday. They are:

Rifle squad—Third squad, first platoon, Company A: Pfc. Everett C. Whittmar, Pvs. Morgan Yahn, Jr., Gilbert C. Countess, Arthur L. Quick, Ray S. Martinez, Donald E. Cline, Raymond J. Baker, Jesse D. Mason, John A. Schigel, Sabine R. Gomez, Richard L. Dyer, and Raymond F. Woolson.

60 mm. mortar squad—Third squad, 60 mm. mortar section, Company C: Pvs. Robert E. Grider, Donald A. Smith, Robert F. Nolan, Jesse S. Chavez, Charles E. Powe.

81 mm. mortar squad—Fourth squad, Third platoon, Company D: Acting Cpl. William J. Bird, Pvs. Edward W. Hobbs, Vernon L. Alban, Frank W. Tovar, Johnnie T. Diggs, Albert Solomita, Lamont Moore, and Peter Vukas.

Light machinegun—First squad, L.M.G. section, Company C: Pvs. Harvey W. Whittaker, Robert E. Crosier, Kenneth L. Gaines, Alfred S. Ortergon, and Raymond S. Ortergor.

Heavy machinegun — Fourth squad, First platoon, Company D: Acting Cpl. Maynard K. Hillstrom, Pvs. Emmett W. Perkins, Samuel J. Scialabba, Elmer F. Palalith, Carmen J. Paris, and George W. Voynic.

37 mm. anti-tank gun — First squad, Third platoon, Anti Tank company: Acting Sgt. Ira F. McIlvair, Acting Cpl. Harry F. Schwab, Pvs. Frank B. McElwee, James C. Machen, Reynold L. Marvin, and Fletcher L. Fallaw.

## Synchronized Turkey, No Less

In accordance with the policy of the 242nd Infantry of doing everything a little bit better, Company L staged a super Thanksgiving program. They had the usual GI Thanksgiving dinner, with its table-straining menu. As if that were not enough, they topped it off with the following program of entertainment, arranged by Pvt. Clarence S. Davis, master of ceremonies of the show:

Pvt. William E. Lindsay, vocal solo, "Pistol Packin' Mama;" the "Mortar Busters" vocal trio, Pvt. John Chopec, Pfc. Alvis O. Ashley, and Edison T. Beal, accompanied by Pvt. Kenneth E. Swinehart on the guitar. A string trio consisting of Pvt. William E. Lindsay, guitar; Pvt. Walter Patterson, mandolin; and Kenneth E. Swinehart, guitar. Pvt. William E. Ardis, harmonica soloist, played "John Henry" and "Peek a Boo."

Private Davis, master of ceremonies, sang "You'll Never Know." Pvt. Alex C. Zalawesky, pianist, played "Sweet Lelani," "Indian Love Call" and "Torite We Love."

Company L's commanding officer, Lt. Joseph T. McCarthy, rounded off the program with a speech to his men and their guests.

## Keep Your Records Up-to-Date

When you entered the Army, you signed up for National Service Life Insurance and named your beneficiary, gave the name and address of your nearest of kin, or person to be notified in case of an emergency, and more than likely signed up for an allotment for your dependents. After you indicated your wishes the Army did the rest.

Have you done your part in keeping those records up-to-date? Have you married recently and forgotten to have your wife listed as the beneficiary for your insurance, as the person to be notified in case of an emergency? Have you forgotten to make your allotment for her? These things are important. Do your part and keep your records up-to-date by reporting all changes to your company, troop or battery commander, first sergeant or company clerk.

Do your part and the Army will do the rest.





# SPORTS



## Ordnance Keeps Court Lead

The men of the Flaming Bomb elicited their hold on the Special Troop league lead and continued their unbroken streak by defeating the 122nd Medical Battalion, 41 to 17. The Ordnance men got their offensive clicking early in the game, and the Medics weren't able to catch up at any time during the game. The defeat put the Medics in sixth place.

The MP's showed that they were still very much in the running for the title by downing the 142nd Engineers 37 to 25. The game put the Engineers in a tie for third place.

The 132nd Signal Company moved up into a two way tie for third place by downing the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop 60 to 36. The Signal men got their offensive moving early in the game, and functioned as a smooth working scoring machine until the final whistle.

## Army Children Get Christmas Benefits

More than a half million children or Army men will be better cared for this Christmas than ever before since daddy has been in the Army, thanks to the Congressional amendment of the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 to increase the amounts sent to Army wives with children and to certain other dependents, and to the extraordinary efforts of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits under the direction of Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, USA.

Whether or not it was to be a white Christmas, General Gilbert decided it was to be a secure one and subsequently galvanized his great war agency into 24-hours-a-day action. In only 15 working days, 454,738 accounts had been converted, and checks in the new amounts will be mailed early in December. These were virtually all of the ODB accounts set up for Army wives with children only, accounts involving other dependents are now being converted.

## Co. I Grid Steamroller Flattens Co. K, 43 to 0

Highlighted by the spectacular reverses and passing of Private Jenkins, the Co. I, 222nd Inf., eleven defeated Company K by a lopsided 43 to 0 score last week.

Company I's team consisted of Pvt. Hansen, R.E., Pvt. Manard, R.T., Pvt. Shomber, R.G., Pvt. Billingsly, C., Pvt. Sherberg, L.G., Pvt. Lewis, L.T., Pvt. Rzeckowski, L.E., Sgt. Monson Q.B. (Capt.), Pvt. Jenkins, H.B., Pvt. Lambert, F.B., Pvt. B. Jenkins, R.H., and Pvt. Karavida, L.H.

## 232nd FA Bn. Turns Interest to Cage Team

With the Division Artillery softball championship safely tucked away, the 232nd Field Artillery has turned its attention to the hardwood and the first call for cage candidates brought out some high caliber material and in a large volume. The 232nd expects to put one of the best quintets in the Division on the floor by the time the season schedule gets under way.

Batteries will practice twice weekly and there will be inter-battery games.

## Standings

### SPECIAL TROOPS LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
712nd Ord. Co.	4	0	1000
MP Platoon	4	1	800
132nd Sig. Co.	4	2	666
142nd Engr. Bn.	4	2	666
42nd Recon. Tr.	1	3	250
122nd Med. Bn.	1	4	150
42nd QM Co.	0	3	000
42nd Div. Hq. Co.	0	2	000

## Louis to Visit Gruber Tuesday

St. Joe Louis Barrow, world's heavyweight boxing champion, will be at Camp Gruber Tuesday, Dec. 7, when he will stage an exhibition bout at the Sports Arena.

Sergeant Louis comes in the interests of the Army's physical fitness program, and will present a talk and demonstration to camp personnel at the Sports Arena at 3 o'clock. This demonstration will be open to all soldiers.

The boxing exhibition, with admission by tickets to be distributed proportionately throughout the Division, will start at 7 p. m. Louis will have as his sparring partner Sgt. George Nicholson. A preliminary demonstration will be staged between Cpl. Walker Smith (Sugar Ray Robinson) and Pvt. George Wilson (Jackie Wilson). Men from the 333rd Field Artillery Group will provide additional entertainment.

Sergeant Louis is also scheduled to visit the Station Hospital between 1 and 2:30 p. m. Tuesday afternoon.

## Medics Give Thanks At Chapel Service

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

"We thank thee in the midst of a bleeding world that we can devote our time to the binding up of the wounded. . . ."

Thus, did Lt. Robert O. Fife, chaplain of the 122nd Medical Battalion start his Thanksgiving prayer last Thursday at Chapel No. 1 where the medical officers and men took 30 minutes respite to meditate and give thanks.

Perhaps some of the men had never been in a place of worship before. Others admitted they had neglected their prayers for months, years. But as they quietly filed from the chapel after the benediction, every man's face reflected a peaceful satisfaction. They seemed to be saying to themselves, "Gee I'm glad I came."

There had been nothing mysteriously spiritual in this youthful chaplain's message. In down-to-earth soldier language he reminded the men that they should be thankful they were Americans. Thankful that they had loved ones worth fighting for.

And then speaking in terms of war, he related specifically the progress the Allied armies had made since last Thanksgiving—North Africa, Guadalcanal, Sicily, Stalingrad and a score of other victories that were just plans on paper 365 days ago.

Yes, this Thanksgiving brought new meaning for the men—especially the new soldiers. For the first time they realized that "Freedom of Religion" was not just idle words bantered about in patriotic speeches. For in Chapel No. 1 last Thursday, all religious creeds—Catholics, Protestants and Jews had gathered as one body and offered their Thanksgiving to the Almighty.

## Smile, Darn Ya, Smile



Here we have Pvt. Harold Vissages, 222nd Inf., coaxing what the camera seemed to think was a smile from Pvt. Mike Vejarande, 242nd Inf. The match between these two Infantry huskies turned out to be one of the best-matched events of the Division's third boxing show held last Saturday evening at the field house. If that is a smile, it was short lived, for Vissages won the decision.

## Today's Soldiers Learn Fighting Methods From Old Indian Training

A letter received by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, last week illustrates the fact that today's fighting lessons for the individual soldier are the same as those that have been handed down from generation to generation of Indian warriors.

The General's correspondent was Chief Frank Young Eagle of the Pawnee Tribe, into which General Collins and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were inducted as honorary

chieftains on the night of July 14.

The lessons of Indian warfare cited by Chief Eagle were contained in the following extracts from his letter:

"The young braves are taught to observe and listen closely to orders and to keep their mouths shut . . . to put their full mind on the orders and nothing else . . . to keep clean and take care of their bodies, especially their feet.

"In front line fighting, a warrior is instructed not to stay in one place but to move from place to place . . . to outsmart the enemy and make him think a whole platoon is in the area when actually one individual is there . . . to forget death and disregard all fear."

Chief Young Eagle's father was the Chief Young Eagle who, following Custers last stand at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, enlisted with Knife Chief and 98 other braves from the Pawnee Reservation to march north with the U. S. Army and subdue the hostile Indians.

Frank Young Eagle himself was a member of the Rainbow Division in the last war.

## Christmas Cheer Due For Orphans at Gruber

If you qualify as an orphan something nice is very apt to happen to you this Christmas. Although the complete details haven't been worked out, it has something to do with presents, Christmas dinners, and the chorus of the "Hey Rube" show, according to Mr. Clyde Ryberg of the Red Cross.

If you're an orphan you can find out more about this by calling the Red Cross at 7510.

## Fight Card Draws Large Audience

The Division's third boxing show was held at the field house Saturday night before an almost capacity crowd of 1500. The nine fight card featured stars of the two previous shows, plus other fine fighters who had never appeared in front of the Division. The card was marked by a TKO, and two others that were so close they will result in rematches.

In the main event of the evening, Pvt. Freddie Marshall, 392nd FA Bn., Pacific Coast Golden Gloves champion met Pvt. Ed Lwowsky, 702nd TD Bn. For a round and a half the ring wise veteran Lwowsky kept Marshall puzzled by his changing style. In the middle of the second round Marshall solved the problem and went on to take the match with an easy decision. This makes the third win for Marshall in Division boxing in as many starts.

The first event of the evening was a fast moving bout between two men in the 125 pound class. Although Pvt. Joe Ezparza, 222nd Inf., was given the decision over Pvt. Ed Evans, 42nd QM Co., the match was so close that the decision was not popular with the audience. These two are slated for a rematch on the next card.

The second bout was between Pvt. Ray Dumzy, 142nd Eng. Bn., and Pvt. James Dooley, 232nd FA Bn., both at 138 pounds. Dooley kept a slight edge over his opponent all through the fight and went on to take the decision. After the fight Dumzy explained that this was his first fight of this season, and that he intended to be in better shape for the next card.

The fighting Engineers lost again when Pvt. Thomas Powell bowed to Pvt. Henry Thompson, 242nd Inf., in the third match. Both men weighed in at 169, and the fight was as even as their weight until the third round when Thompson surged ahead and carried both the round and the decision.

After an even round between Pvt. Elmer Hardin, 142nd Eng. Bn., and Pvt. Richard Golding, 222nd Inf., both at 138 pounds the fight was called off and declared no fight. Hardin had neglected to prepare for the fight and the judges felt that if the fight continued he might be hurt.

Pvts. Harold Vissages, 222nd Inf., and Mike Vejarande, 242nd Inf., fought the best matched fight of the evening. Both contestants weighed in at 165 pounds. For three fast moving rounds the fight appeared even to most of crowd, although Vissages was given the decision.

The technical knockout of the evening came in the sixth match when Pvt. M. S. Austin, 242nd Inf., took Pvt. John Heinitz, 142nd Eng. Bn., in the middle of the second round. Austin found the range early in the first round and continued to pour it until he was awarded a technical knockout.

Pvt. Dillard Kirby, 232nd FA Bn., at 200 pounds took an easy decision over Pvt. Arvil Bouse, 242nd Inf., at 192 pounds. Kirby had little difficulty in this match and seemed to be able to hit when he wanted to.

Remember that your loved ones at home are far more interested in your safe return than in where you are now and what you are doing.



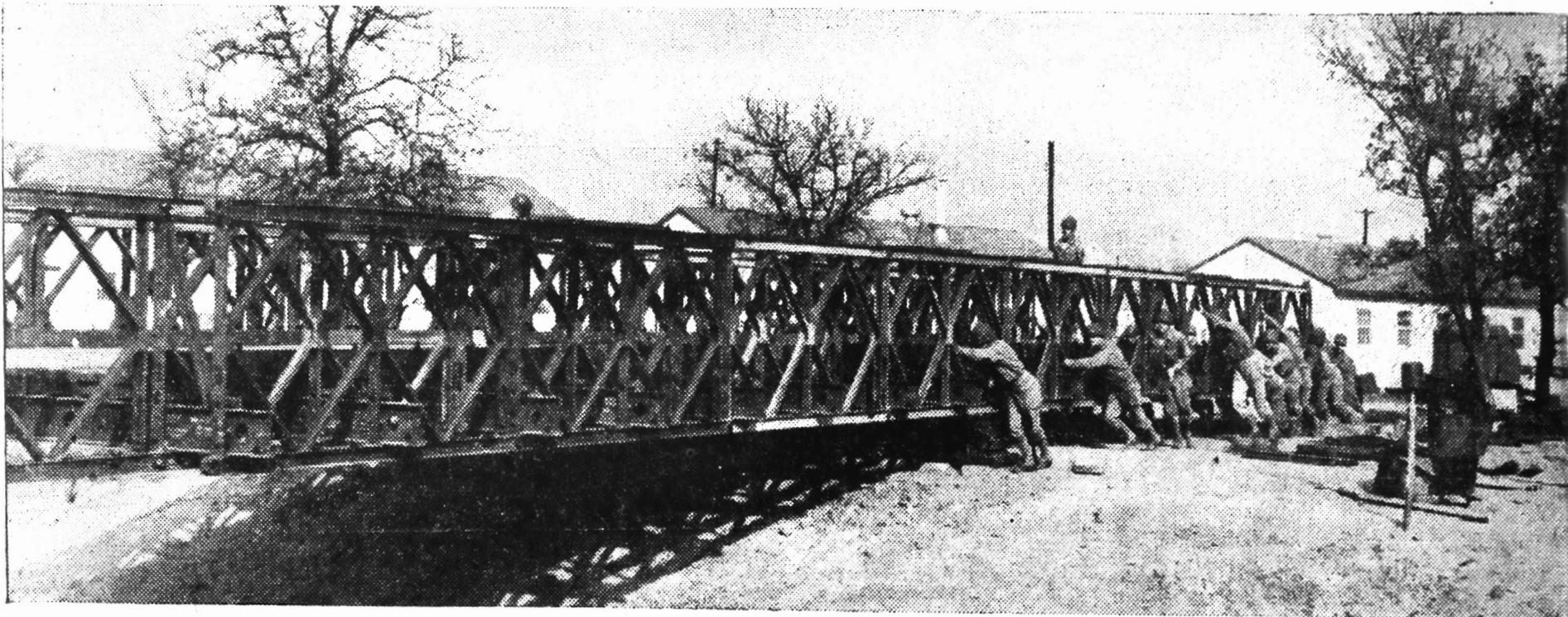
LEARN TO RECOGNIZE cover, the ground's gift to soldiers, and make good use of it. Whether it is ample or scarce use it wisely to protect yourself from enemy observation and fire.



BEFORE STARTING ON a mission a scout should blacken his face and hands so his skin will not reflect light. Never apply the "make up" in black face style but put it on in an uneven pattern. The bayonet and the shiny parts of a scout's rifle should also be smudged.



## Engineers Build Bailey Bridge as Part of Training for Combat



Members of Co. A, 142nd Eng. Bn., (top) push a completed section of a Bailey bridge out over the stream bed during a session in bridge building. This is just one of the many types of work done by the Engineer Battalion. (Right) the bridge nears completion as these men lay the last few pieces of foundation and cross pieces of the roadway on the bridge.

### This Man Is Important in Combat



When the heavy weapons company goes into action one of the important men in getting the weapons on their targets is the instrumental corporal who uses the aiming circle and range finder. Above, Pvt. Edward Still, Co. M, 232nd Inf., takes a reading with the aiming circle.

### Waiting for the Inspecting Officer



Acting Sgt. Guy A. Slemmons, (Left) and Acting Cpl. Joseph Williams, Co. M, 232nd Inf., stand at attention in front of their tent during the full field inspection during the X Corps Tests last week.

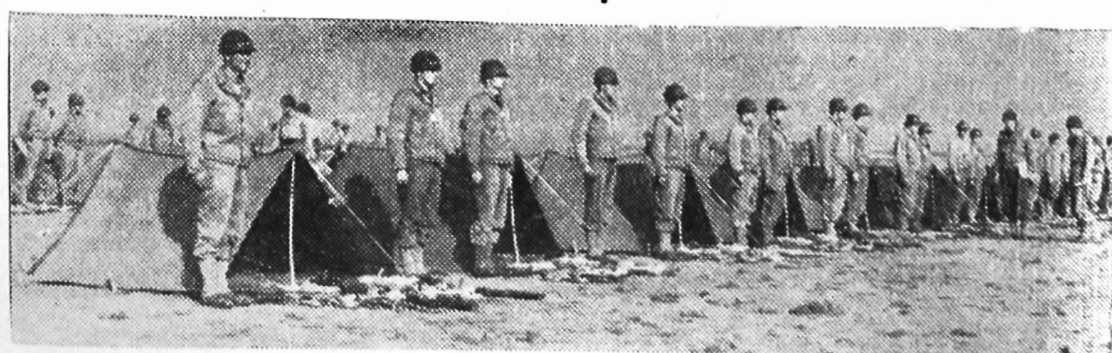


### Butt Stroke and Slash—Bayonet Drill



Butt stroke and slash—these men go through the X Corps bayonet tests last week with plenty of vigor. Left to right they are Pvt. Roderick Hanson, Pvt. L. D. Jones, Pvt. Vinyard Feazell, Pvt. Lynn Cedarquist, and Acting Sgt. Thomas Finnegan. All are in the second platoon, Co. K, 232nd Inf.

### Full Field Inspection for X Corps Tests



Full field inspection of the first platoon, Co. M, 232nd Inf., is being made by Lt. Leonard Hanson, 99th Inf. Div., during the X Corps Tests last week. Accompanying him is Lt. Oscar Vroman, platoon leader.



# NEWS FROM THE OUTFITS



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**Chowhound of the Week:** Private Parizek, Hq. Co., who is a shifty, deceptive eater with plenty of form, speed and flash.

**Social Event of the Week:** The "coming out" party held at the exit when Headquarters Company got paid. Most popular deb(tor) was Pvt. "Shorty" Stair. Right behind him were Privates Matas, Patrick, Horton, Bevins, Greenburg and Acting Sergeant Himel.

**Narrowest Escape of the Week:** Private Van Scoder, Hq. Co., who, while combating poles with the wire section, was left dangling at the top of a pole until talked down by Master Sergeant Behlke.

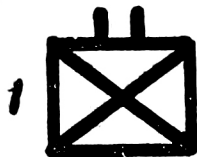
Privates Bell and Matas, Hq. Co., aren't sure that there's much difference between a GI haircut and an Indian scalping. Either one is guaranteed for two months, anyway.

New men assigned to Headquarters Company this week are: Pfc. Adolph Dauber and Privates Irving Kachelnik, Murry Lasky, Stephen Marron, and Joseph Serzan.

Men from Headquarters Company in the Station Hospital this week are: Privates Franklir, Wong, Arrington and Pfc. Jacob, Olewine and Brennan.

Guests at Service Company's Thanksgiving dinner included the wives of T-4's Joseph Mosley, Humle D. Ballowe and Privates Edwin L. Miller, Elmer H. Kravitz, Harold Davidson, Ted A. Ramsey, Clifford S. Haycock, LaVerre Hiner and Theodore Fischer.

T-Sgt. James B. Adcock, AT Co., has the best wishes of the entire company for a speedy recovery. S-Sgt. Joseph Geary is filling in for him in the supply room.



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**Recent visitors at Company D:** Mrs. Frank Cooper, mother of Pvt. Bernard Cooper, and his aunt, Miss Ida Dorf, both of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Stanley Klimek of Alar Park, Mich.; and Mr. Arthur Birmingham of Iowa, who visited his nephew, Pvt. James F. Kachelnik.

First Sgt. Willie R. Wilson, Co. D, welcomed his wife to Oklahoma last week.

Men of Company C are awaiting cigars from Cpl. Andrew J. Calders, whose wife gave birth to a son on October 22, and Cpl. Everett Wischmeyer, also the father of a son, born November 12.

Three men from the second platoon, Company C, have been selected as colonel's orderlies. They are: Privates Berny J. Sanfilippo, Walter E. Feldheim and Jack T. Bundy.

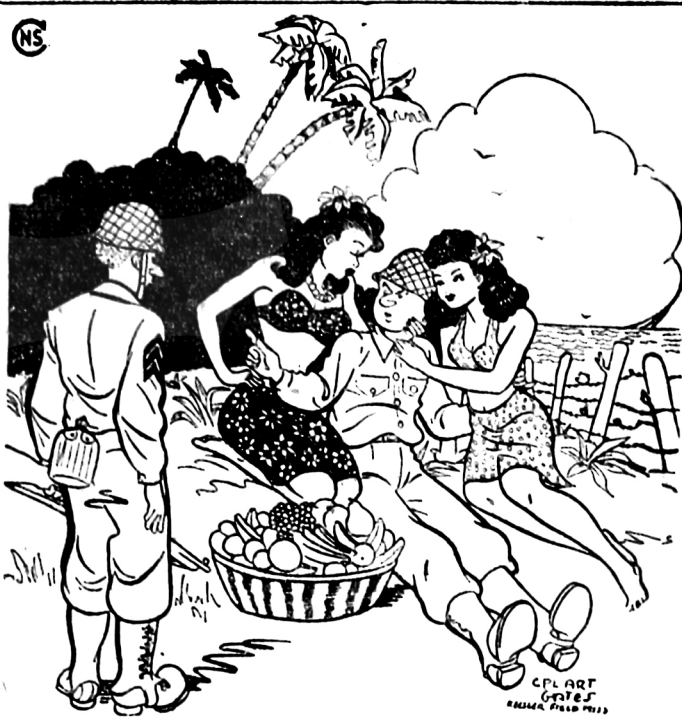
Tables at Company C mess hall were arranged in banquet style for Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday and the mess hall was appropriately decorated. Table waiters wore CKC uniforms to complete the gala atmosphere. Wives of officers and enlisted men were guests.

Sergeant Tilly, Hq. Co. hasn't been heard singing "I Don't Get Around Much Any More" lately. In less than 45 days he has, among other things, been married, promoted, visited Tulsa and attended motor school.

For the second successive week Corporal Krietu has been awarded the "Oscar" as Headquarters Company's best actor.

In handling a man who has been gassed always wear your mask, and gloves if you have them.

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Pvt. Elvin Cummins, Hq. Co., forgot last week, while a table waiter at officers' mess, that the next day was Thanksgiving. When the big helpings were put in front of him that day, he wished he'd gone a bit easier on the officers' chow.

Congratulations to Don Murphy who was made acting corporal in the wire section Headquarters Company Communication Platoon.

Congrats also to Pvt. Artis Hearn, Hq. Co., who has been made a chief switchboard operator.

Pvt. Aubrey J. Snoots, Co. E, is the proud father of a baby girl.

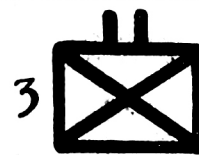
Private Anderson, Co. F, was married in Anderson, Mo., Saturday, November 20.

Acting Corporal Charles V. Smith, Co. H, has been chosen best soldier of the month.

Pvt. W. M. Lynch has been selected most efficient first aid man in Co. H.

Acting Corporal Arthur Innes, Co. H, has been wearing a broad smile during the past week. His wife is visiting.

Pvt. Clarence E. Stout, is Co. H's newest father.



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If Pvt. Rubin Zimmerman was attached to the MP's anyone in trouble could always cry: "Hey, Rube!"

On bivouac Pvt. Mel Crohn arose every night to find he was halfway out of his shelter tent. "Must have been something I ate," he says.

Pvt. Nicholas Farelli is receiving letters in the form of scrolls from his sweetie who has gone biblical on him.

Collecting insignia from his fraternity brothers in the service is Pvt. Bob Snyder's latest hobby. When the collection is complete he's going to send it to his fraternity house for a display there.

There were snickers of disbelief at the Service Club last week when Pvt. James Groover introduced a charming young woman as his mother. But it developed she was Groover's wife, June, is also visiting him.

When the stork visited Pvt. Arnold Zoldahn, Co. L, it deposited a nine pound bundle of femininity. Both mother and baby are doing fine, thank you.

Company L has had its share of

visitors the past week Private Boomhower had the good fortune of his mother's presence, and Mrs. Merva and Mrs. Kallil also visited the camp.

The mystery of the whereabouts of Pvt. Pete Munoz's shoes was solved when he discovered he'd slept with them on all night.

Company L is strictly GI now, at least from the neck up, since barbers Private Godoy and Wilson were told to bear down on the clippers.



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Headquarters Company's Thanksgiving dinner music was furnished by Privates Antinozzi, Cerutti, Coglioano, Saracco, and Smith.

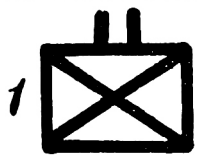
T-4 James M. Shotwell, Hq. Co., is off to Holabird, Md., to a radio repair and maintenance school.

Pvt. Walter Weimeyer, Hq. Co., was formerly a violinist in Jan Savitt's orchestra.

Pvt. Johnnie Huseby, Cannon Co., was the envy of all when his wife's Norwegian baking arrived this past week.

Sgt. George Gillette, Cannon Co., "helped out" in the mess hall the night before Thanksgiving by mixing the batter for the cake.

Pvt. John D. Manville, Hq. Co., is being visited by his parents from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



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Pvt. Roy Fanning neared a mark of perfection by the attainment of a score of 98 percent in his Driver's Aptitude Test.

Privates Earl Peters, Wilbon Williamson, John Gallauer, D. C. Martin and Herman Cook, Co. B, were all thankful for the arrival on Thanksgiving Day of their wives.

Company C's mess hall was brightened on Thanksgiving Day by Pvt. Vladimir Yoffe's painting of a G. I. chasing a frightened turkey with fixed bayonet. A long thrust was just in the offing.

Pvt. Maurice Evangelista, Co. D, the "Pavalone Kid," gets plenty of the right kind of packages from home—the kind with cheese and salami in them.

Pvt. Robbin E. Carpenter, Co. D, coired a new rank. In naming the members of the guard he included "Officer of the Night."



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T-Sgt. Robert Bammer, Hq. Co., is busy getting ready for an important inspection—his wife will be doing the inspecting.

Privates Anthony Bucci, Howard Yemm, Gerald Shulds, and Pfc. Vernon Neff are in a gay mood these days, with their wives, visiting.

Pvt. Joe Parlegreco, Co. E, is looking forward to seeing his wife and son, Thomas, who will stay for awhile in Muskogee.

Proud papa: Pvt. George Brown. Pfc. Raymond Duchonne expects his wife this weekend.

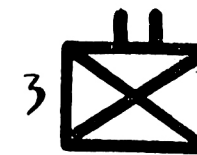
Company G's Father of the Week: Pfc. Leo V. Toko.

Pvt. Horowitz, Co. G, is recovering from muscular stiffness contracted while trying to coax a snipe into his helmet liner.

Private First Class Bengie, Co. G, is considered the company's luckiest lad. The day he received his stripe his wife arrived. Not only did he enjoy her company but she promptly set about sewing the stripes on for him.

Private Suekoff, Co. G, enjoyed a visit with his wife here at camp last week.

Pfc. Milton Horn, Co. G, expounded his plan for a post-war world for three hours straight in a bull session without repeating the same word twice, according to Privates First Class McCurdy and Finn.



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Guests at Company K's Thanksgiving dinner were the wives of Privates Appell, Hageman, Howell and Considine.

Private Appell's wife arrived in these parts barely in time to come out for the dinner.

Pvt. James Brengel, Co. M, won Service Club No. 2's prize of a long-distance call the other night just in time to call his mother on Thanksgiving Day.

Private First Class Stoff, Co. K, was visited by his wife, Mrs. Barbara R. Stoff, of Omaha, Neb.

Recommended for entry in dance team competition is the combination of Acting Sgt. Michael Billy and Pvt. Sam Kideris, Co. M, who have been stomping to Pvt. George Miller's harmonica mouthings.

Biggest bread eater in the third platoon is chowhound Pvt. Allar Lubic, Co. M, who packs away six to eight slices a meal.

According to Company M's Pvt. Victor LaVenia—and we quote—"Muskogee has been blessed with the sweetest girl from Richmond Hill." Yes, his wife's in town.

Pvt. Leonard Eley, Co. M, has been called "Fley" so often since the "E" on his helmet liner became scraped that he is considering changing his name to save confusion.

Company M's most adept hand grenade hurlers are Privates James Bledsoe and William Rogers who not only attain plenty of height and distance in their throws but amazing accuracy as well.



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Pvt. James E. Derry, Anti-tank Co., is the proud father of a baby boy, born while papa was on bivouac.

Pvt. Chester A. Plekarski has his wife and sister-in-law visiting him for a few weeks.



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Privates John Kindya, Ray W. Stout, A. T. Cates, C. S. Feltwell, W. Thompson, Francis McKenney, and Sgt. J. L. Montgomery, Hq. Co., have been shipped to another camp.

Pvt. Russell C. Benner has returned from the hospital.

Wedded Bliss Dept.: Co. A—Pvt. Elmer E. Wilde and Miss Hilda Gutherz of Millstadt, Ill., and Pvt. Steve McGhee, Jr., and Miss Myrtle Nelson of Puyallup, Wash.

What with the difference in pay and all, the recent promotion of S-Sgt. Tatterson, Co. C, may mean a difference in his martial status soon.

Proud papas of brand-new small fry: Privates Orville Meeks, Maurice Matthews and Granvil Whitlock, Co. C.

Sgt. Henry Fabish, Co. D, will be spending the next three months at the G. I. Motor School at Ft. Benning.

When Mrs. Philip Rosen arrived here from Brooklyn, N. Y., Pvt. Philip Rosen Co. D, was unfortunately—you guessed it, brother: K. P.



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Men of Headquarters Company were awarded the good conduct medal this week. The list included First Sergeant Butler, Staff Sergeants Alongio, Claybourne, Consentino, Leslie, Porterfield, Stillar and Townsend; Sergeants Hildreth, Jones and Sigmon; Corporals Rawnsley, Groves, Hearn, Penta, Peterson; Private First Class Redo and Private Bradley.

Due to T-4 Dick Colglaziers untiring work the Thanksgiving celebration was a huge success.

Company F is now sporting a new latrine baritone. He's Cpl. Doc Mandau.

Private Gellman has been doing a lot of work dressing up the Company G dayroom.

Thanksgiving at Company G was a big success, thanks to the fine work of Privates Earl S. Page, Louis M. DiPasquale, Harry A. Salvo, and Francis P. Housman as music-makers.



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Pvt. George E. Sullivan, Hq. Co., on pass from the hospital, paid a visit to the company and the P. X.

Pvt. Joseph F. Thomas finally drew Army pay this month and is planning to frame his dollar.

S-Sgt. Gunnard Peterson, Co. I, is among the recent bridegrooms.

Sgt. Ed Brown, Co. K, had no trouble in retaining his title as chowhound champ at Thanksgiving dinner.

A new recruit in the Muskogee Army Wives' Battalion is Mrs. Goodman, wife of Private Goodman, Co. L.

And congratulations to Pfc. Bushard, who has a new small addition to his family.

Pvt. Milton "Tex" Hultgren, Co. M, on DS to appear in Moss Hart's Air Corps show, "Winged Service," is one of the hits of the show, according to the reviews.

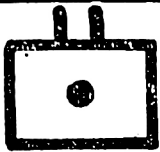
Company M's barber, Frank Sekaras, is so busy scissoring G. I.'s these days that he'd welcome an assistant.

Pvt. Herbert Edison is putting out a gossip sheet for Company M and has so far lived to tell the tale.

Privates Richard Shreve and John Williams are back after long sieges of illness at the hospital.



# HERE AND THERE AROUND GRUBER



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It's a baby boy for Pfc. and Mrs. Joseph T. Bartnett. So, cigars were passed out around Battery A.

Father and son met for the first time face to face Thanksgiving day when Pvt. George N. Martin, Btry. A, joined his wife and baby in Muskogee last week.

Pvt. Robert Cannon, Hq. Btry., is sweating out a letter from Mrs. Cannon. It's one of those "will-it-be-a-boy-or-girl" things.

Serious illness called Pvt. Charles Caldwell home on an emergency furlough, but it won't be bad news to him when he returns and finds private first class stripes waiting for him at Battery A.

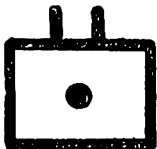
Mrs. Mixon and young son have arrived in Muskogee. They're here to visit Pvt. Mixon, Hq. Btry.

Private Bowen, Btry. C, went to bed the other night with a tent peg. Tent pitching during the I.T.P. tests got the best of him and he was afraid he was going to come up one short the next day at tests.

Pfc. Jean G. Ocmand has returned from school at Ft. Sill and will now cook for Battery B.

Pfc. Louis Mancuso, who has also been absent from Battery B and in class at Ft. Sill, is back.

Battery B had quite a guest list for its Thanksgiving day supper, including Mrs. Doris LeRue, Mrs. Clarence W. Webb, Mrs. Arthur F. Brimson, Mrs. Vurney A. Brown, Miss Georgia Nickols, Mrs. Robert L. Benton, Mrs. John W. Graham, Mrs. C. V. Raires, Mrs. Linford I. Sexton, Mrs. James J. Stalnaker, Mrs. Theodore E. Szinai, Mrs. Curtis S. Vandeventer and Donald LeMond.



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Sgt. William R. Edwards, Hq. Btry., has returned from Ft. Sill. S-Sgt. John Winske, Btry. B, is a "guest" of station hospital and T-4 Myers has been acting mess sergeant in his place.

T-4 Don W. Ginter is back in the fold at Battalion Headquarters after enjoying one of those "hard-to-get" three-day passes.

Pfc. Joseph A. Rooney was away for the past week-end, visiting Mrs. Rooney in Muskogee.

If there are any more bricklayers, machinists or stonemasons around Battery A, First Sergeant Bradley would like for them to report to him.

There is a strong attraction at the cigar-cigarette stand in the P.X. for T-4 Frederick MacDonald. And it isn't the tobacco aroma.

Pvt. Allan H. Ball, Btry. C, has left for Ft. Sill to attend Motor School there.

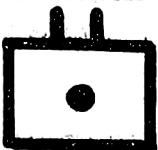
## The Wolf

by Sansone

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Thanks to  
CPL. ALLAN DAVIDSON  
FT. BELVOIR, VA.



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Radio Section of Headquarters Battery went to Honor Heights Park in Muskogee for its Thanksgiving day dinner.

Battery A's strength report went up with the announcement by Cpl. Isaac Rudisill of a new 8-pound, 8-ounce baby girl.

Pvt. Chester (Squeaky) Dzi-kowski has left for Detroit on an emergency furlough.

None of our business, but Pvt. Walter Cooper, Btry. B, claims he's been hit by Dan Cupid.

Pvt. Santo Monaco will stay out of the mountains if his friends in Battery B can keep him out. He's mastered some hillbilly songs, but sticks to his Brooklyn accent.

"Jeep-Sleepy" is the new stamp Sgt. Frank Preston has put on himself after some tough road-testing work with the quarters for Battery B.

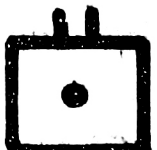
Wives are visiting Acting Cpl. Alexander S. Dunn and Pvt. Richard C. Johnson, Btry. B. They are staying in Muskogee.

Cpl. Wayne Gallion, Btry. B, did MP duty in Muskogee last week and says that his observations lead him to believe that most of the recruits are cutting down on their Muskogee trips right now—saving their money for Christmas gifts.

Letter-writing champ of Battery C is Pvt. Irving Adams. He penned 22 letters in one day. The next day it was seven more letters and 14 postcards, followed by six letters and four postcards the next day. He should also score high on the receiving end when the replies begin to come in.

One hundred and twenty-five

cigars were passed out by Pvt. Herman Marshall, Btry. C, when he got the news that he was the father of a six and a half pounder. It was a boy and born in Louisville, Ky. Pvt. Tony Esposito kept the cigars coming, following his receipt of a similar announcement outweighing Marshall's off-spring by two pounds.



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Battery B welcomes the return of Sergeants Moore and Robbins, who have completed a three-month course at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Mrs. James Bruno has arrived in Muskogee and is here to visit Private Bruno. She is from Maine.

T-4 Anders Anderson, who recently announced a new male heir, has returned from Baltimore, Md., where he attended radio school.

Mess halls of this battalion took on a real holiday atmosphere Thanksgiving day with many decorations being used to make the halls attractive for the visiting wives of Enlisted Men.



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All of the companies take this opportunity to extend their thanks and appreciation for the great Thanksgiving day dinner that the cooks served up. It sort of took the edge off being away from the family table on that day. And a special cheer for those unsung heroes—the KPs.

It's a new seven-pound recruit

for T-Sgt. Wilbur Dreger, Hq. Det.

They're still talking about the drunk act that Pvt. Bud Davis put on during the interior guard tests. Pvt. Richard Reeves, the guard who halted him, almost swears he could smell the bourbon on his breath.

A salute to Pfc. Ray Brown and Hugh Pritchard, Co. A. They received a letter of commendation for "excellent performance of duty" while on detached ambulance service with the 202nd Tank Destroyers.

Wedding bells rang out last week for two men in Company A. They're Pvt. Lloyd Minton and T-5 Arson Ballou.



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Private Culver has had his first words with Rebecca Ann. She's two weeks old now. Privates Payne and Mundy are also passing out the cigars.

We didn't really get rid of Sergeants Miclow, Ruberg and Lollar, they were just on three day passes.

The squad picked for the finals in the best squad competition by Company B was squad two of the second platoon, led by acting Sgt. Paul Dean, who is a cousin of Dizzy and Daffy. His assistant was Acting Cpl. Harley Malone.

Runner up in the squad competition was led by Acting Sgt. Edward Lee and his assistant was acting Cpl. Otis Parks.

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T-5 Hugh Cherry enjoyed a three day pass in Dallas, and now is off to join the Air Force.

Master Sergeant Sutcliff found out during a night class that coca cola bottles are not part of the equipment kept in the barracks bag.

After a lot of work Corporal Macedo has learned that the butt swivel is not located at the muzzle of the gun. These classes are doing a world of good.

Corporal Fuchs keeping up the morale in the mess hall with humor, and frequent cold showers, which the MPs give him free of charge.

Staff Sergeant Friesen sits at the basketball games in awed wonder while his friend First Sergeant Coates performs. "Why does he do it?" mutters Friesen.

Sgt. Roy Dively will give 20-1 odds that the war will not end by Christmas. He has to do this to get back the money he has lost betting the other way.



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Things continue in their routine manner. Corporal Reardon still talks loud and long about Notre Dame; Corporal Plaetta still shines his shoes each 10 minute break; Private Britt still plugs snuff and Oklahoma; Private House passes out fried chicken a la Maryland; Sergeant Gerling whistles "Nothing Can Stop the Army Air Corps," and Private Benner gets two pork chops in the mess hall and declares it must be a national holiday.

Staff Sergeant Wagner is beating his brains out making out the duty roster; Private Hemnadollar is still digging fox holes; Sergeant Tipton sleeps through the best movies and Private Dill continues to catch an ace on the fifth card. So there isn't much news.



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At the "Hey Rube" show the other night T-5 Peter DeSanto and Pvt. Glen Belcher were bug-eyed while watching the "Hey Rubettes" doing their stuff.

Someone better instruct T-Sgt. Milton Dahl upon the correct method of cleaning his squad room. The last time he struggled with that problem streams of water poured down through the floor into the latrine below.

Our supply sergeant, S-Sgt. James Robinson, keeps a pet in the supply room, a large tom cat. With meat rationing as it is, the sergeant had better keep his eye on his pet.

One of the most cheerful men in the company is Pfc. Bob Meeks. Despite the trials and tribulations of KP he kept laughing and smiling. Men who think life is dark and dreary should follow his example.

Since his return from New Hampshire T-5 Eugene Guyotte, our cook, has been a changed man. Before his furlough Gere was rather subdued, but now he is gregarious and fun-loving. He regards his work very seriously, and the results are most appetizing.

## Div. Band News

Champion mail-getter these days is Pfc. Charlie Hull, who probably has more romances via the letter medium than any other Bandsman.

Mrs. Paul Pickens has returned following a visit with her parents in Virginia. She and her sergeant husband, who were the first couple married in the Division, make their home in Muskogee.

It's wedding bells soon for Sgt. Jon Mavity. The bride-to-be is a pretty Tulsa belle.

## Male Call

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

## Nick In The Tool Of War



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# Nine Men Get Honor Insignia

Nine privates, top marksmen in the Division, were awarded commendations and given insignia of World War I Rainbow members at the Division review held Tuesday.

Three men who were tied for the best score, making 205 out of a possible 210 with the M-1 rifle, received Rainbow patches of former members of the Division in World War I. Pvt. Claudie Villalobos, Co. B, 242nd Inf., received the patch worn by James M. Salters, Co. L, 166th Inf.; Pvt. Harold Thompson, Co. B, 242nd Inf., the patch of Jesse Thompson of Iowa; and Pvt. Mark H. North, H and S Co., 142nd Eng. Bn., that of E. L. Laden, 117 Eng. Regt.

For making the high score of 196 out of a possible 200 with the carbine, Pvt. Hernian L. Zwickle, 542nd FA Bn., was awarded the insignie of Lindsay L. Cox. Best pistol shot, with 94 out of 100, won the Rainbow patch of Henry Ludwig for Pvt. Paul H. Smith, Second Bn. Hq. Co., 232nd Inf.

On the heavy machine gun, E. B. Shupak, Co. M, 222nd Inf., was awarded insignie of G. E. Seaman for his high score of 192 out of 200. Pvt. Harry G. Farrell, Co. G, 232nd Inf., received the patch of J. P. Paterson for his score of 251 out of 256 on the light machine gun.

Two men, members of the Anti-Tank Co., 242nd Inf., tied for high honors of the 37 mm. anti-tank gun, with scores of 380 out of 400. They are Pvt. William C. Butler, who received the Rainbow of H. J. Mitchell, and Pvt. James H. Morrison, who was given the insignie of J. N. Lotz.

## Bishop McCarty Visits; 51 Soldiers Confirmed

Fifty-one men were confirmed by the Catholic church at ceremonies held last Sunday at Chapel No. 3. The Most Rev. William T. McCarty of the Military Ordinariate of the Catholic church conducted the ceremony.

Bishop McCarty was also the guest of Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins at dinner Sunday. Other guests included Chaplains Kinney, Punda, Yeager, Gallivan and Moran, and Brig. Gen. Thomas Hickey, X Corps Artillery.

## Division Rates High in X Corps Tests; Men Praised by Inspectors

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to sit back and boast because they have finished in such fine fashion the first lap of their race against time. He felt, he said, that they would take this record as a mark to shoot at in the next tests rather than as an indication that their job has been done so easily.

This accomplishment, he said, proves that the Rainbow Division can make itself what the Nation expects it to be, that it has the quality and the spirit of which first class fighting teams are made. He is looking forward, he said, to even better results from the next tests.

"The results of the X Corps tests conducted during the week of 22 November to 27 November, 1943, indicates that the Division has been outstanding in passing all tests," he said. "As far as is known at this time, no units in Special Troops, Medical Battalion, Engineer Battalion or Division Artillery received a single unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactoriness in the Infantry Regiments apparently were on individuals and not on Companies or similar organizations."

"Inspectors, from second lieu-

## BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



From the billfold of Pvt. Harrison Smith, 542nd FA BH, comes the picture of the week. She's Miss Sara Entwistle who is attending Salem College in Winston-Salem, N. C.

## Gets Case of Beer For a Song

In a melodious battle of music and song at the 222nd Inf. Recreation Hall Thanksgiving Day, Pvt. Edward McCullian, Co. M, sang himself winner of the prize of a case of beer. Eleven participated, drummers, impersonators, tap dancers and vocalists before an overflow audience.

It wasn't until he had rendered 13 songs that the audience permitted McCullian to enjoy his 24 bottle prize which he shared with the other entertainers: Private Izzo, dancer; Private Sarfilippo, drummer; Private Desko, pianist; Private Friss, guitarist; Private Holt, impersonator; Privates Flynn and Coffman, vocalists; Private King and Shulza, jitterbug duet, and Private Corsi, trombonist.

The 222nd Regimental band, directed by Pvt. Bobby Day, was featured between performers. Pvt. Allen Funt produced the show.

All chaplains, regardless of grade, are officially addressed as "Chaplain."

## Lessons From a Tank Battalion Commander in Tunisia

The following article by Brig. Gen. H. S. Hawkins (U.S.A. ret.), vice president of the United States Cavalry association, is reprinted from the September-October, 1943, issue of the Cavalry Journal.

In continuation of the subject of my notes in the July-August issue of the Cavalry Journal, I now give in substance some ideas of a very distinguished tank battalion commander on principles developed or demonstrated in battle during the latter part of the same Tunisian campaign.

Talking about teaching soldiers to hate the enemy is all nonsense. The men hate quickly enough in battle, and between battles it does not matter.

Emphasize physical conditioning. It is necessary for many important purposes—marching, advancing to attack, using cover while advancing, digging in or entrenching a newly won position immediately so as to repulse enemy counter-attacks, and resistance to all sorts of fatigue, including loss of sleep.

Battle orientation, so that NCO's know the mission of their units, is important.

Discipline cannot be taught on the battlefield. It must be taught in training. Obedience to orders seems a simple thing to the average mind, but in campaigns an officer, or soldier, is often tempted strongly to disobey in small ways or only slightly, and the sum of these disobediences sometimes amounts to a great failure as a whole. Disobedience must be punished immediately and without fail.

Although men must dig slit trenches frequently and must get into them when necessary, they must not be allowed to halt and take to cover when they should be advancing. Many artillery shells can hit within 50 yards of troops without doing any damage. It is right to duck when you hear a shell coming, but not to let yourself be pinned to the ground indefinitely because of artillery fire. Men should be made to understand that a few shells dropping nearby are not going to destroy a whole unit.

Of course when holding a fixed position, men should take advantage of cover or trenches, provided they are able to fire upon any advancing enemy at the right time. An advancing battalion should take to cover when the enemy artillery fire becomes very hot, but that is always for only a few moments. When the fire slackens a little, the battalion should be up and again advancing.

When holding a rise of the ground or hill against an enemy attack, dig your trenches for your main force on the reverse military crest, even though that shortens your field of fire. Then, after the enemy artillery preparation fire is over, and his infantry advances over the top of the crest you can mow him down at short range with your rifles and machine guns. On the other hand, when you are attacking, have your artillery preparation fire made by air bursts showered on the forward and reverse slopes. Your artillery, when firing over your advancing tanks, should use ground bursts to keep the enemy anti-tank gunners away from their guns.

On your division front, concentrate your artillery fire on one point of attack at a time. Thus, let your whole artillery support one battalion of infantry or tanks at a time; and when this battalion has driven in, switch your artillery fire upon another enemy front which is being attacked by another battalion. Space the attacks of the various division units so that this can be done. Otherwise, attack on only one narrow front and with great depth of deployment—practically a column of battalions.

Tank battalions, as well as in-

fantry battalions should practice defensive bivouac formations—outguards, machine guns laid for final protective bands and cannon tanks or otherwise, pointed in directions toward which they may have to fire point-blank against enemy night attacks. Grenades for close fighting.

Don't try to move infantry in trucks or armored carries in daylight without powerful air cover.

A tank battalion, an infantry battalion, and a cavalry squadron, all should have battle drill in which brief commands are issued and understood by all. These should be incorporated in Drill Regulations and provide a language common to all members of a command. Otherwise, it becomes necessary to issue instructions involving many words for each battle movement. Such lengthy instructions mean loss of time at a most critical moment and are often impossible to give under fire and difficult to understand thoroughly even if given. These "commands" can be given by radio, flag signals, arm signals and voice, or by a combination of these means.

## Two Units Have Perfect Messes

Battery C, 232nd Field Artillery Battalion, and Headquarters and Service Company, 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion, tied for top spot in the weekly Division mess inspection ending November 27, according to announcement of the Division Commander. Each unit recorded no deficiencies and each was awarded a perfect score of 100.

Lt. Ben F. Mechiing commands Battery C, and S-Sgt. Edward Jackson is mess sergeant. Lt. Don H. Staker commands Headquarters and Service Company, and S-Sgt. John D. Henry is mess sergeant.

Leading messes in other Division units, with their respective commanding officers and mess sergeants, were:

222nd Infantry—Company M. Capt. James Richardsor. S-Sgt. Rufus L. Drake.

232nd Infantry—Company L. Capt. Doyle M. Ranson. S-Sgt. Robert L. Baker.

242nd Infantry—Company E. Lt. Victor P. Archer. S-Sgt. Charles W. Mullen.

Division Special Troops—132nd Signal Company. Capt. Walter F. Carr. S-Sgt. Lewis S. Cray.

122nd Medical Battalion—Company B. Lt. Joseph H. Cutchir, Jr. S-Sgt. Henry J. Jeziorski.

The normal formation of the squad is a single file or a single rank.

## MacArthur First Rainbow Soldier

Gen. Douglas MacArthur might well be called the father of the Rainbow, for he was the first soldier assigned to the 42nd and he gave the Division its famous name.

The general was a major on the staff in Washington at the outbreak of the last war. It was upon his suggestion that a division be formed with men from every part of the country that Secretary of War Newton D. Baker formed the 42nd in April, 1917.

MacArthur was the first chief of staff of the 42nd Division, the position now held by Col. Lester A. Sprinkle.

When the Rainbow occupied its first area in France near the front line fighting—the Luneville sector, in February, 1918—MacArthur donned the uniform of a doughboy, slipped across into enemy trenches and brought back singlehanded one of the first Hun prisoners captured in the campaign.

He became known throughout the world as a great soldier during his service with the Rainbow, advancing to commander of the 34th Infantry Brigade and, finally, to commanding general of the Division. He was both gassed and wounded in action.

Born in Arkansas in 1880, the son of Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, Douglas MacArthur graduated first in his class at West Point in 1903. Today he carries on in true Rainbow tradition as commander of Allied forces in the Pacific Southwest.

## Camp Newspaper To Start in January

The Camp Special Service Office announces that there will soon be a Camp newspaper, which will be published weekly starting about the first of the year. This can mean a \$25 war bond in the pocket of some lucky GI who picks the name for the paper, according to Lt. Gladys Scott.

The contest to pick the name of the new paper is open to all enlisted men on the post, and you can submit as many proposed names as you wish. All names must be submitted to the Camp Special Service Office, and must include the name and serial number of the contestant. They may be brought in person, sent through message center, or just mailed.

The new publication will be a standard size seven column paper, and will be four pages to start out. It will include news of the Rainbow as well as other units on the Post.

It is certainly not more blessed to give military information than to receive it.

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