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Christmas—Negative Or Positive

Our enemies are, in a negative way, fortunate. They don't have to feel bad about not being home for Christmas, because they don't celebrate it anyway. Certainly the Japs don't, and a good Nazi is a pagan who has renounced Christianity and therefore has no interest in Christmas either.

We who do celebrate the holiday, however, cannot help but approach our nation's third wartime Christmas with mixed feelings.

We can either look at this in a positive or negative way. The negative way is to feel sorry for ourselves—sorry and abused—and have a miserable time of it.

The positive way is, of course, to count our blessings. At least we're having Christmas in our own country, and no enemy has laid waste to any of it, as has happened to all our allies. We're away from our families, but at least they are safe. And we have great things to look forward to—peace through victory, for example, and future Christmases in a free world. When these Christmases come, we'll know it was well worth the price to spend this one away from home.

Movie Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 2

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

Friday — "Tarzan's Desert Mystery." Johnny Weissmuller, Nancy Kelly.

Saturday — (No. 1 only) USO Stage Show, "Around the Corner." Shows at 7 and 9 p. m.

Saturday — (No. 3 only) "The Ghost Ship." Richard Dix, Russell Wade.

Sunday and Monday — "Destination Tokyo." Cary Grant, John Garfield.

Tuesday—"Swing Fever." Kay Kyser, Maryilyn Maxwell.

Wednesday — "Jack London." Michael O'Shea, Susan Hayward.

THEATERS NO. 2 AND 4

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

Friday and Saturday—"Lost Angel." Margaret O'Brien, James Craig.

Sunday — "Tarzan's Desert Mystery." Johnny Weissmuller, Nancy Kelly.

Monday — (No. 2 only) USO Stage Show, "Around the Corner." Shows at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Monday—(No. 4 only) "The Ghost Ship." Richard Dix, Edith Barrett.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Destination Tokyo." Cary Grant, John Garfield.

Service Club Doings

Service Club No. 1

Thursday 8 p. m.—Games. Prizes. Friday 8 p. m.—Christmas Party. Gay music by the Ambassadors, the FA Choir, and soloists. 1,000 gifts. Refreshments by the Tulsa Night Canteen Corps. Saturday 9:30-11 a. m.—Open house with coffee and doughnuts. Girls from Muskogee assisting the Red Cross. 3 p. m.—Musical. 8-11 p. m.—Formal Dance. The Commanders Orchestra, girls from Tulsa and Sapulpa. Sunday 8 p. m.—969th FA Bn. Choral group with Sgt. Eugene Jones. Monday 8 p. m.—Games. 8 p. m.—Music Appreciation hour. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song-Fest with Cpl. Carl Varconl. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. 188th FA Band, and girls from Tulsa.

Service Club No. 2

Thursday 8 p. m.—Swing Concert. 8:30 p. m.—"Camp Gruber Varieties," featuring the original compositions of Sgt. Eugene Jones. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Tulsa. Saturday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. The 202nd FA Band. Sunday 8:30 p. m.—"The Hey Rube Show" from Tulsa, featuring the "Hey Rubettes." Monday 8 p. m.—Song-fest with Cpl. Carl Varconl. Also Music Appreciation hour. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Old Time Movies. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance with the Commanders Orchestra, and girls from Muskogee.

The Wolf

by Sansone



BY CHAPLAIN GEORGE GALLIVAN
 222nd Infantry

As Christmas draws near we find our thoughts crystalized in happy expectation of the joy which that day can bring. The first advent of the Saviour brought light and hope to a world steeped in darkness and despair. It was a prodigious event that attracted the attention of the lowly and the great; peasant and king, poor and rich alike. For it meant the beginning of a new era in history, when life was to take on a fuller meaning with the promised assurance of immortality. "This day is born to you a Saviour—of whose kingdom there will be no end."

Once again today the world is in a state of confusion and upset because of man's greed and forgetfulness of God. We must all work and strive with our best efforts to cooperate in our country's determination to preserve the civilization which the first Christmas inaugurated.

For you and me that means a devotion to duty which surmounts all hardships and trials and sacrifices. It involves our best thinking and careful execution of every task, however menial. It requires a strong body and a noble soul, developed by constant practice of the virtues which the newborn Saviour embodied and later exemplified.

We are engaged in a death struggle between the forces of good and evil. We want nothing of the Nazi's arrogance, intolerance or dominance. We abhor the treachery, cruelty and cowardice of the deceitful Japs. None of these qualities represent the teachings of the Lord upon which have been founded and maintained our Democratic way of life.

If we would know joy and contentment this Christmas and afford peaceful hearts and hopeful spirits to our loved ones at home, we can best succeed by putting our lives in order and resolving to give it our best always. Then we shall, in our own humble way, contribute immeasurably to the cause at hand and accomplish great things for God, home and America.

A contour line represents an imaginary line on the ground, every part of which is the same height above sea level. If you walk along a contour line you neither go uphill nor downhill, but always stay on a level.

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.

1900-1730 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).

Christmas Services

Special Troops
Chapel No. 1

Christmas Eve, (Prot) 2230.
 Holy Communion, Christmas Day (Prot) 0900.

Chapel No. 10
 Christmas Eve, (Prot) 1900.
 222nd Infantry
 Chapel No. 2

Christmas Eve, (Prot) 2200.
 Midnight Mass, Friday, (Cath) 2400.
 Holy Communion, Christmas Day, (Prot) 0900.

232nd Infantry
 Chapel No. 3
 Christmas Eve, (Prot) 1930.
 Midnight Mass, Friday, (Cath) 2100.
 Devotional, Saturday, (Prot) 0930.
 Catholic Mass, Saturday 1100.

242nd Infantry
 Chapel No. 4
 Christmas Eve, (Prot) 1930.
 Midnight Mass, Friday (Cath) 2400.
 Christmas Day, (Prot) 1000.
 Catholic Mass, Saturday 0830 and 1100.

Division Artillery
 Chapel No. 9
 Midnight Mass, Friday (Cath) 2400.
 Catholic Mass, Saturday 1100.
 Christmas Day, (Prot) 0945.

BOWLS ALMOST PERFECT
 Pfc. Bert Bell, Hq. Co., 222nd Inf., almost bowled himself into fame the other night in Tulsa when he came through with 11 straight strikes and missed the clinching 12th when one pin refused to go down.

IMMATERIAL WITNESS

Service Co., 242nd Inf.

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

Did you do your Christmas shopping early? Or let me put it another way: did you do your Christmas shopping?

One of the boys was crying on my shoulder about it just the other day.

"To think I used to complain about how tough it was to get my Christmas shopping done in civilian life!" he said bitterly. "I didn't know from nothing. Look how it works here."

"First a guy is all set to rush into town and clean up the whole list, right down to a set of hand-carved corset-stays for Aunt Dora—I know where I can pick up a set cheap. Well, I'm all set, see? Then along comes a bivouac, which puts me out where there ain't many department stores to speak of. All right, there's always the next weekend. So I wait till next weekend. Comes K.P. Well, next week. Okay, only there's a delay in issuing passes, and then a short pause—say three or four hours—while I try to get on a bus into town."

"When I finally get there I'm tottering from mainnutrition. I remember I'm a soldier now, and I gotta travel on my stomach. So I step into a cafe for a quick bite. By the time I get served, it has turned into a very slow bite. So I hurry out and find out the department stores are just waiting for me to bring my face around so they can slam their doors in it. Now there are practically no shopping days left before Christmas, and will you please tell me what a poor suffering feller is gonna do?"

I leaned back and stretched complacently.

"It's very simple," I told him.

"Okay, Mr. Anthony, okay," he said, "what do I do?"

"Get married," I said, with a self-satisfied smirk.

"That's what I did. Several years ago I looked



ahead—I always was one for advance planning—and I saw how this situation was sure to come up sooner or later. So I went out and took a wife. Now she does all the Christmas shopping, and all I have to do is sit back and concentrate on being a good soldier. Of course, it's too late for you to get married this Christmas—wouldn't do any good now—but maybe by next Christmas . . ."

He looked pretty depressed for a moment. Then a nasty smile appeared on his face.

"I suppose while she was at it, your wife bought a present for you to give her too," he purred.

I sat erect, pale-faced.

"My God!" I cried.

I can see what is going to happen when I turn up for Christmas, unless I do something very quickly. I'll have my barracks bag on my shoulder, and my wife will turn to our daughter and say, "Look! Daddy's just like Santa Claus, with a bag of presents on his shoulder!"

"Well, not exactly, dear," I'll say sheepishly, upending the bag. "I just brought in a few pieces of laundry I thought you might rinse out for me. You see, I forgot to send it this week."

Who do I see about this situation—the chaplain, or the Red Cross?

Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

"The 42nd Div. All Star Band" will make its debut over KTUL tonight. A feature of the program will be an original tune written by Cpl. Fred Meltzer, "Lights Out at Nine" . . .

Christmas Busy Time for GI's

For most of the Rainbow this is the first Christmas in the Army, and the men are in for a big surprise when they find out just how much activity there is on that day.

Festivities start Christmas Eve with most of the companies having some sort of informal party, complete with food. Both the 232nd and the 242nd Infantry have planned special Regimental parties.

The men of the 232nd Infantry will gather in their recreation hall at 8 p. m. where talented members of the regiment, assisted by guest stars from the Muskogee Little Theater Group, will present a special dancing and dramatic program.

The 242nd Infantry will get its first chance to see "Lights Out," a special show that has been in rehearsal under the direction of Pfc. E. J. Ade. "Lights Out" is heavily GI in humor and promises to be a hilarious hit. The show will start at 8:30 p. m. in Theater No. 2.

Both the Division Artillery and the 222nd Infantry are concentrating on small company parties, complete with entertainment and refreshments.

All of the Division chaplains are planning special services both for Christmas eve and Christmas day. The Church schedule on page two of this issue will give the place and time.

For members of the Division who may happen to be in the hospital over Christmas there is a special treat in store. The Red Cross has decorated the recreation hall and is making all plans for a bang up Christmas Eve celebration. Over 1000 gifts will be distributed to the soldiers at the party. The Division Artillery chorus will sing, and there will be other entertainment. Each ward in the hospital will also have a tree, and prizes will be awarded the best decorated ward.

Both Service Clubs plan parties both Christmas Eve and all Christmas Day. Service Club No. 1 leads off Christmas Eve with a gala party complete with Santa Claus and presents. The entertainment will feature the Field Artillery. (Continued on page 8)

'Sick Call' Fun-Fest For Medical Det.

The Medical Detachment of the 232nd Infantry, affectionately known among the men in the regiment as pillrollers and goldbrick-tenders, are inviting their wives and sweethearts to attend "Sick Call," a gigantic fun-fest and frolic to be presented at Service Club No. 2 on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8:30 p. m.

Featured will be the hilarious "Hey Rube" show from Tulsa. Dancing for the evening will be to the music of T-5 Sol Talanker and his regimental orchestra.

Pvt. A. Giacomantonio heads the committee making arrangements for the party. He is assisted by Cpl. Henry Nelson, Pfc. William Hines and Pvt. Hugh Brown, Jr.

A goodly portion of the gayety will be provided by members of the detachment, together with surprises, favors, souvenirs and noise-makers.

Rapid Promotion From Pvt. to Lt.

What a super Christmas present Pvt. Anthony Triarsi, Co. D, 122nd Med. Bn., has received.

No longer is he a buck private in the rear ranks, because he has received notification that his commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps has been approved.



Anita Louise Has Chow With 132nd Signal Company

An eye-filling visitor to Camp Gruber this week was lovely Anita Louise, Hollywood star. She is shown here as guest at chow in the mess hall of the 132nd Signal Company. Her ability as a morale-builder draws testimony from T-5 Stewart Szerlip, Sgt. Lewis Cray, Pvt. Stephen C. Poset and Pvt. Cecil C. Hughes.

Star Dines With Signal Co.

The 132nd Signal Company found that being the best company in the Division on the X Corps tests really paid off. When Anita Louise, Columbia Picture star, visited the Camp Monday and Tuesday she had evening chow at the Signal Company before making appearances at the Service Clubs and the Hospital.

After chow Miss Louise went around the mess hall talking to the men of the Company, and signing autographs for those who wanted them.

Having just finished the picture "Nine Girls" Miss Louise is on tour of the Southern Army Camps. In the eight days prior to coming to Camp Gruber, she had covered nine camps in Texas and Oklahoma.

At the Service Clubs Miss Louise answered questions that the eager GI's asked, about Hollywood. Hard working Rainbow men slumped when Miss Louise told them that her working day in Hollywood ran from 5 a. m. to 6 or 7 at night.

Miss Louise also explained that sometimes movie queens are not as beautiful as they are made to appear on the screen. She stated that invariably she believes she could have given a better performance than the one she emoted in the final take.

And just when the questions thrown at Miss Louise hit the logical "What's your address?" she confessed that she was married to a soldier. He's Capt. Lee Adler, stationed at Washington, D. C.

Former Occupations Handy to Knitters

When better, more expertly made helmet-liner camouflage nets are produced, they'll probably be the products of Pvt. Wayne Phipps and Edgar Pruitt, Co. M, 232nd Inf.

This pair has been turning out an average of eight or ten nets per week. The former worked on tennis nets and the latter fish nets before entering the Rainbow, so they have a bit of previous experience to help them along.



Anita Louise

Hollywood glamour came to Camp Gruber this week in the form of a visit from Anita Louise, movie star.

'HEY RUBE' SHOW SUNDAY

The "Hey Rube" show will be at Service Club No. 2 this Sunday at 8:30 p. m., complete with the six lovely "Hey Rubettes."

This is an all new show by this group, and advance reports say it's the best they have put on this season.

Christmas Message From the Commanding General and His Family to All Officers and Soldiers of the Rainbow and Their Families:

If it were possible, my family and I would like to see each one of you to exchange, in person, the greetings of the season. Since that cannot be done, I want you to know that Mrs. Collins, my daughter and I are thinking of all of you, wishing you well, and hoping that this will be a very Merry Christmas.

The year ahead will not be an easy one for any of us; I think we all realize that, and I know that the conventional wish for a "Happy New Year" has a rather hollow sound under these circumstances. But I know, too, that there is great comfort and strength to be derived from the knowledge that we are banded together, all serving our country and performing our duty as best we can. Let us, therefore, make this New Year one of firm resolve to meet unflinchingly whatever stern demands the future may hold in store.

For the officers and men of the Division, I wish the greatest possible success and good fortune in 1944. To each one, and to his family, we express our heartfelt sharing of the hope that the Rainbow of Victory will shine more and more brightly as the coming year unfolds.

Faithfully yours,

HARRY J. COLLINS, Maj. Gen., U. S. Army
Commanding.

22 Tons of Fruit Is Holiday Gift

Twenty-two and a half tons of Vitamin C! That's the gift of the Florida chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association to the men of the new Rainbow Division this Christmas.

The gift came in the form of crates, boxes and bags of golden Florida citrus fruit to adorn the tables of the Division mess halls on Christmas day. The carload was unloaded Monday morning.

According to Lt. Edward D. Kosterman, 42nd QM Co., there are 202 crates (13-5 bushels each) of grapefruit; 252 crates of oranges and 100 bags (equalling 1/2 box each) also of oranges. Total weight—45,085 pounds.

The shipment was arranged by James Rolfe, president of the Florida chapter, and Lt. Col. Barney Sullivan, an enlisted man in Btry. E, 149th FA Bn., in the last war.

Colonel Sullivan took part in the activation ceremonies of the Rainbow Division on July 14 this year, at which time he carried the old Division Flag.

In addition to the Florida Veterans' gift, reports are that several of the various other state chapters are favoring new Rainbow men of their respective states with Christmas gifts of various sorts.

'Around the Corner' Opens Saturday

This Saturday and Monday USO-Camp Shows will present another of their new streamlined victory units. "Around the Corner" is six fast acts of vaudeville, featuring Hap Hazard who performs a hilarious comedy routine while he is balanced precariously high above the stage.

The other acts in this well rounded bill include Eddie Manson, whose harmonica music has been featured over both the NBC and CBS networks. Although Manson is a graduate of the Juillard School of Music, his repertoire runs the gamut from Bach to Boogie Woogie and back again.

The bill is completed by Barbara Champeon, a peppy toe and acrobatic dancer, York and Tracy who raise "Hoke Comedy" to its zaniest, Betty Johnson, an attractive blonde singing comedienne, and Marjorie Manson at the piano.

"Around the Corner" will be at Theater No. 1 Saturday at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m., and at Theater No. 2 Monday at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

Life's Darkest Moment, For a Soldier at Least

The package was a Christmas present, he was sure. And because it might be cookies or something else perishable, Pvt. Finace Kinzey, Co. M, 232nd Inf., decided to open it before Christmas day.

But the opening of that package produced life's darkest moment for Private Kinzey, because with his comrades all standing around him, he pulled out a lovely blue skirt from the box. The garment was intended for his wife, who is living in Muskogee, but Kinzey hasn't convinced some of the skeptics of that.

Div. Arty. Choir Increased to 100 Voices

After a very successful initial appearance at Service Club No. 2 the Division Artillery Choir has been enlarged to 100 voices and will be heard at both of the Service Clubs as well as the Station Hospital this week.

Under the direction of Pfc. George Lynn the choir will sing "On Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells" and other favorites of the season.



SPORTS



MP's Take Lead With 46-15 Win

By defeating the league leading 742nd Ordnance men with a decisive 46 to 15 score the MP Platoon moved into first place in the Special Troop League Tuesday night. Although both teams have lost only one game the MP's have played a total of eight games and lost one, while the Ordnance men have played only seven games and lost one. The percentage standings shows the MP's at .875 while the Ordnance men have .852.

In the only other game of the league Tuesday night the 142nd Engineers defeated the 122nd Medics, 44 to 22, to clinch their hold on third place.

High scorer for the MP's was Dowell who accounted for 28 points. In the Engineers-Medics game the high scorer was Childs of the Engineers who accounted for 18 of the 44 points.

STANDINGS

MP Platoon	7	1	.875
742nd Ord. Co.	6	1	.852
142nd Eng. Co.	6	2	.750
132nd Sig. Co.	4	3	.569
Recon. Tr.	2	5	.246
42nd QM	1	6	.143
122nd Medics	1	7	.125
Div. Hq. Co.	0	2	.000

Men of 232nd Inf. To Hold Yule Party

Men of the 232nd Infantry will celebrate Christmas Eve at a party in the Recreation Hall beginning at 8 p. m. tomorrow night.

Grab-bag gifts will be distributed by a Santa Claus and talented members of the regiment will entertain the crowd. In addition, guest artists from the Muskogee Little Theater Group will present a dancing and dramatic program.

Dramatic arrangements are being made by Pfc. Francis Bloomer. Music for the evening will be by the regimental dance band under the baton of T-5 Sol Talanker.

Chew, Chew? No, Choo, Choo!

When Pvt. Peters received a big Christmas package, the boys of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry, automatically began to lick their chops. Any package as big as that could only mean food. One man ran for a knife to cut the cake with, another man had a fork ready to spear the pickles with.

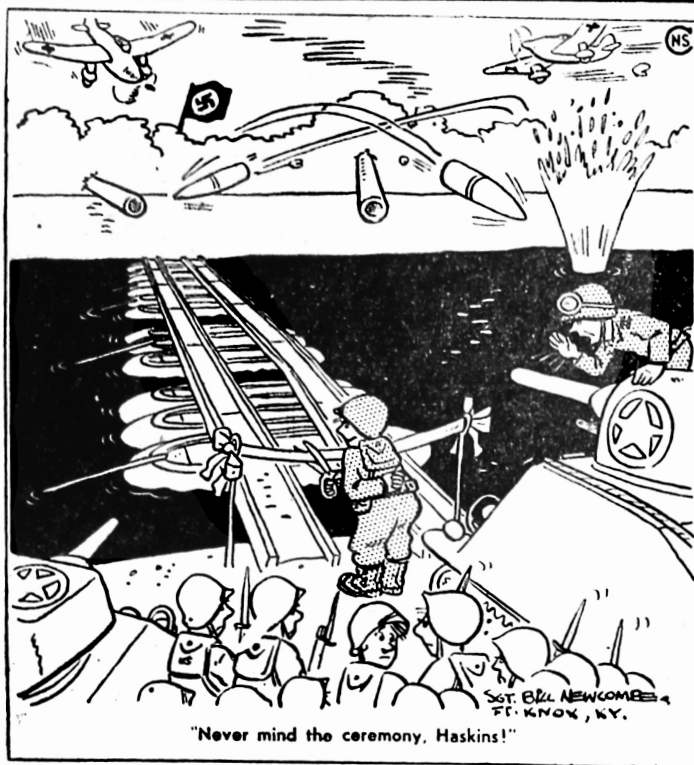
When the vultures cornered Pvt. Peters and gathered around to watch the grand opening, however, instead of food they found he had received—an electric train.

Chapel Gets Unique Christmas Decorations

The 242nd Infantry Chapel has a unique and beautiful Christmas decoration scheme, the work of Cpls. Emerson Whipple and Harold Dawley and Private William Newmark, Service Co.

The windows have been covered with colored paper to give the effect of stained glass, and several of the windows have been painted with religious scenes. On the altar there is a large painting of the Madonna and the Christ Child, which is the work of Private Newmark.

It is just as awkward to try and use an unoriented map as it is to read a book with the pages turned upside down or sideways.



Reconnaissance Lessons

The following are excerpts from an article by Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy printed in the November-December issue of the Cavalry Journal. Colonel Hoy was commander of the 81st Reconnaissance Battalion of the First Armored Division in Tunisia. The article deals with the battalion's experiences there in battle.

This information is based on more than four months' combat experience when the battalion did all types of reconnaissance.

Information is the most powerful and most important weapon a reconnaissance unit can furnish the higher commander. To have its full effect it must be accurate, complete and quickly passed.

Inaccuracy. It is the duty of every reconnaissance leader to fight rumors, lies and exaggerations with the same enthusiasm that he fights the enemy. A good rule to follow is, "Never believe a straggler, and rarely believe a casualty." The former generally lies or embellishes to explain his absence from the battlefield and the latter is seldom rational. Inaccurate information is dangerous.

Accuracy. To be accurate in his information, a man on reconnaissance must always know his own location. He cannot pinpoint the enemy correctly unless he knows this.

All reconnaissance personnel must be able to identify quickly and accurately both friendly and enemy vehicles, weapons, personnel and aircraft. This is most difficult to do at long range or when visibility is poor; therefore, if there is any doubt of the correct identity of either personnel or material, they should be reported as unidentified. A "guess" is hazardous.

All enemy guns are not 88 mms., nor are all enemy tanks Mark VI's. Everyone should be able to tell the difference between a high velocity, flat trajectory weapon and a low velocity, high angle artillery piece. For example, the muzzle blast of the anti-tank gun has a distinct, sharp crack and a never-to-be-forgotten whistle as it zips past. The artillery piece has a comparatively dull boom and a droning sound as it sails over.

Some information will be second hand. When it is, its source must be reported in order properly to evaluate it.

Completeness. For information to be complete, everything, however small, must be reported. What seems insignificant up front

may mean much more farther back.

Code. For information to be passed back quickly, a permanent sequence or form should be used. Complete familiarity with proper voice procedure on the radio is mandatory.

Observation. In Tunisia, it was found that most of the collecting of information was done dismounted. Observation posts were used extensively. These posts were gained for the most part by stealth. In a war of movement there is no front line and it is quite possible for a small crew to go dismounted deep into enemy territory and establish an observation post.

The leader normally will accompany the observation team as the person most qualified in reconnaissance should be where he can see best. Once established on the observation post, the leader pinpoints his position and notes his range of vision in all directions. He reports this information and the situation back to his commanding officer.

The good reconnaissance leader must possess, in addition to many other military attributes, an insatiable curiosity.

Reports. In addition to regular and emergency reports, the observation post commander must make a "last light" and "first light" report. Just before darkness he searches his area with his field glasses, reports any enemy information, negative or positive, and transmits its back to higher headquarters. The "first light" report is similar.

Listening Post. The observation post is of little or no value at night so a listening post is the night substitute.

Once informative contact is gained, it must never be lost.

If information is the most powerful weapon of the reconnaissance unit, then certainly communication is information's vehicle.

Experience showed that all platoon and company commanders' radios should be on the battalion net. There was, however, the danger of having too many sets on the net.

Discipline. It was found that this problem could be solved by rigidly disciplining the net. The men quickly realized that there could be no extraneous "bull" or chatter; the radio was to be used only for business.

Purpose. Ordinarily, a reconnaissance unit will not fight for its information. This does not

Field House Available To 242nd Inf. Cagers

Basketball teams of the 242nd Infantry will have the use of the Sports Arena from 6 to 10 p. m. on Thursday evenings, beginning next week, for practice and games.

As was announced last week, teams wishing to arrange for games should clear through Pfc. Roy E. Richstad at the Special Services Office in the regimental recreation hall. Requests should be made in writing and if possible at least one day in advance.

The recreation hall is also available on certain nights, but definite assurance of reservations cannot be made until noon of the day requested.

Men Can Help In WAC Drive

Members of the Rainbow Division will soon be able to see for themselves the work being done by the WAC. A company of WAC is scheduled to be stationed at Camp Gruber to take over duties of enlisted men here who are physically fit for combat duty.

In this connection, the Post has issued the following statement:

"According to Major General Donovan of the Eighth Service Command, 'It is no longer a question of recruiting a woman for the WACs to relieve a man to go to the front, but rather to enlist a woman to relieve a man who has already gone to the front...'

"One of the things we all want is to get this war over quickly and get home, and one of the ways to do that is to muster all of the available fighting men, who are already in the Army, but who aren't in a fighting job.

"As you walk over the post you will see hundreds of jobs being done by soldiers, vital, essential jobs which carry with them a heavy responsibility... But which could be done just as well by a woman. Some jobs, we are reluctant to admit, could perhaps be done better.

"Being in the Army yourself you can perform two vital duties. You can train with all your heart, and you may be able to advise a relative or your girl friend to join the WACs, thus giving another fellow a chance to really be in the fighting army.

"Remember this, the longer an able bodied trained soldier sits at a desk doing a job that a WAC can do, the longer the war will last.

"Since you have been training here, this is probably the first time you have ever had an opportunity, no matter how small, to shorten this war. Do that today by writing that sister or girl friend. Tell her what a fine thing the WAC is, an encourage her to do her bit by joining."

A golden rule to observe when talking about military matters where you may be overheard: "Think twice before you say anything; then keep your mouth shut."

mean that it need not be aggressive. It takes "guts" and drive to slip past the enemy, get behind him, and stay there transmitting information. But reconnaissance fire should not be used promiscuously.

One thing that reconnaissance personnel must remember at all times is that no matter how much is seen, it may not be the whole picture. A reconnaissance unit is out there to furnish information, not to make plans.

Leather Will Fly Starting Jan. 15

Camp boxers will have a chance to see whether they fit into the leather-pusher or canvas-back class when the opening rounds of the Camp Gruber Boxing Tournament are held on Jan. 13 to 15, inclusive.

Two boxing tournaments will begin at that time. One will be for experienced boxers, and the other for novices or men having less than five bouts to their credit.

The tournaments will be held under the provisions of the A.A.U. rules for boxing and weight classes. The weight classes follow:

Flyweight, 112 pounds.
Bantamweight, 118 pounds.
Featherweight, 126 pounds.
Lightweight, 135 pounds.
Welterweight, 147 pounds.
Middleweight, 160 pounds.
Light-heavyweight, 175 pounds.
Heavyweight, 175 pounds and over.

All men who have not signed entry blanks as yet for this tournament may do so by sending their name, age, serial number, weight, and number of bouts to the 42nd Division Special Service Officer by December 27, 1943. Men are requested not to sign unless they plan to fight.

Any company which does not have ample facilities and equipment for its men to get sufficient work-outs may feel free to send them to the field house. The latest boxing equipment is available there, and boxers need only to furnish their own shoes, trunks, and athletic supporters.

Cannon, Service Co.'s Win in 222nd Inf.

Cannon Company and Service Company zoomed through to easy wins in the 222nd Infantry basketball league last week.

Cannon Company dumped Company F, 56 to 5, with Mason dropping in 22 points, while the whole company assembled in the Sports Arena to witness the game.

With Newborders sinking 13 points and Piper 9, Service Company ran up a 33 to 13 win over Company H.

Cannon Co. (56)	Co. F (5)
Bozzo	2 Spellman
Shelton	10 Wrench
McCarthy	2 Surett
Mason	22 Wages
Yanick	2 French
Morgan	6
Muller	6
Glazer	6
Kloes	6
Romero	6
Service Co. (33)	Company H (13)
Piper	9 Lindstrom
Keglowitz	6 Luce
Newborders	13 Trotter
Flunt	5 Carroll
Blough	5 O'Brien
	4 Nellan
	4 Matterson
	2 Carr
	2 Calderce
	2 Innis

QM Five Forces Medics To Swallow Bitter Pill

With their offensive sparked by their outstanding center, Pvt. William Spehar, Quartermaster Company, battled to a 36-30 victory over the Medics' basketball quintet last Thursday evening.

This was Quartermaster Company's first victory, and brings them out of the cellar, leaving Division Headquarters Company in this inenviable position.

82nd QM Co.	122nd Med. Bn.
Spehar	Scott
Lynn	Conway
Savage	Weiser
Geiger	Douglas
Bell	Daniels
Reitzel	Small
	Sharkey



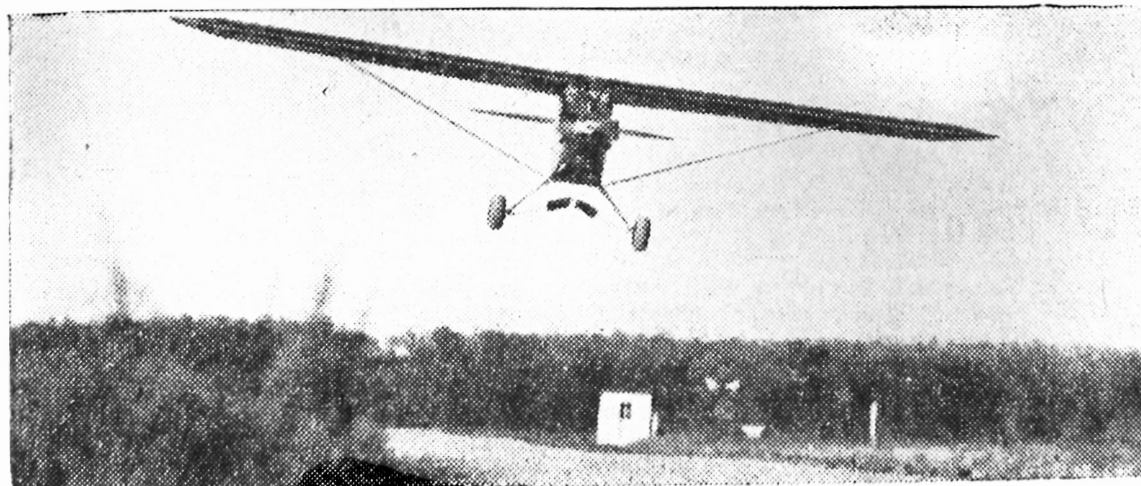
Californians Unload Florida Grapefruit

The fortunes of war certainly put Cpl. Pat J. Thomas and Pvt. William Spehar, both of California, in a queer spot. As members of the 42nd QM Co., they were detailed last week to unload this carload of Florida grapefruit and oranges—a Christmas gift of the Florida chapter of the Rainbow Veterans' Association to the men of the Rainbow Division.



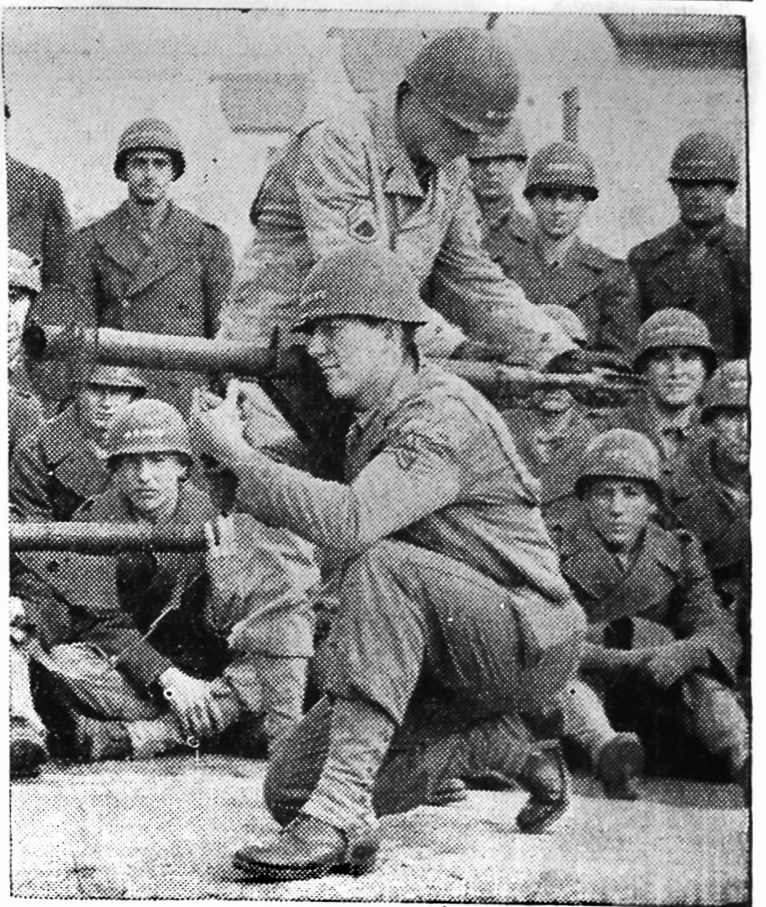
Christmas Packages Tax Division Postal Staff

This is less than a fourth of the Christmas packages that arrived for Rainbow soldiers last Monday. These are all insured; the other three-fourths of the day's incoming packages (uninsured) were sorted at the Armory in Muskogee. Shown at the task of putting the right packages in the right holes for delivery to the companies and batteries of the Division are Sgt. Quinten B. Tolbert, T-5 John O'Neill, T-4 William F. Schaub, and T-5 Harold C. Krause.



Three Blasts on a Whistle—and a Plane

Troops of the Third Battalion, 242nd Inf., scattered for cover and concealment (and the picture shows how successfully) when this plane dived at them while they were on a tactical march last Friday on West Access Road. The plane offered practical experience in how to avoid being strafed by



Demonstrates New Bazooka Gun

This is the weapon which makes the foot soldier a more than even match for the Mark IV tanks the Germans are using in the Italian campaign. It is the rocket launcher, better known as the bazooka, and can disable light and medium tanks with great success. Sgt. Robert Brigati is demonstrating the method of firing while S-Sgt. Willie Harper loads the rocket projectile. Both men are from Co. K, 222nd Inf.



I and R Platoon Gets HMG Protection

Cpl. John Batts, Hq. Co., 242nd Inf., furnishes machine gun protection for the other members of the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon during a problem last week. The rest of the platoon has moved forward to remove a road block.



Digging Deep for Booby Trap

Lt. Walter Lutz, Btry. C, 402nd F. A. Bn., finds this anti-tank mine has a booby trap attached to it. He's dug himself in trying to get to the booby trap and neutralize it before removing the mine. He is one of the officers and men from the various companies and batteries in the Division attending the Mine and Booby Trap school last week.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING---BESIDES TURKEY



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Surprise of the week came when M-Sgt. Kenneth Behlke, communications chief, announced his marriage to Miss Dorothy Bennett of Defiance, Ohio, last Wednesday night.

The proud papa of Headquarters Company this week is Cpl. Willis Chapman, who is the father of a baby daughter.

It will be a nice Christmas for Pvt. Joseph Hale, Hq. Co., because his wife is now in Muskogee.

Pvt. John (Scissor-Bill) Parker is the little helper in Headquarters Company. He does everything from typing to cleaning .50 caliber machine guns. He's the most cheerful guy in the outfit.

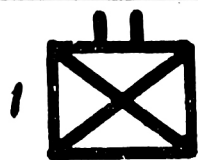
Service Company's Christmas party committee, composed of Pfc. Robert H. Wilcox and Pvt. Mitchell S. Kilby, Oscar Levy and Charles T. Cuddy, is rushing along with preparations for the organization's Yuletide affair. A large Christmas tree has been purchased and a novel printed menu is being prepared for the dinner.

A surprise visit was made over the weekend to T-5 George A. Johnston, Service Co., by his children from Texas.

It was a sour-faced Ohioan walking around Service Club No. 1 last week in Pfc. Elmer Kravitz, Service Co., who had just stepped out of his car, tossed the keys on the seat and locked both doors. But Mrs. Kravitz rescued him with her set of extra keys.

Wedding bells will be S.O.P. in Anti-Tank Company on Christmas Day, when S-Sgt. Paul A. Franks will become a happy bridegroom. Pvt. George Snyder beat him to it by six days—he walked down the aisle on Saturday, December 18.

Having won the competition as best 37 mm anti-tank gun squad, the second squad, second platoon of Anti-Tank Company have left on furlough. Too bad they'll miss the Christmas turkey—or is it?



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A recent visitor at First Battalion Headquarters Company was Mrs. Gifnert, wife of Pvt. Arthur Gifnert, of Philadelphia, Pa.

First Battalion Headquarters Company sends a "hurry-up-and-get-well" message to members of the company who are in the Station Hospital.

Best soldier of Company C for November: Pfc. Gordon James. Award: three-day pass. Comment: attaboy!

Visiting wives of Company C men this week were Pfc. Raymond A. Johanson's and Pvt. Richard R. Holmes' better halves.

Take a look at the fine ordnance inspection record of Company C so far in December:

Dec. 1—Best in 1st Battalion.
Dec. 2—Best in 222nd Infantry.
Dec. 3—Best in 1st Battalion.
Dec. 4, 6, 9 and 10—Best in 222nd Infantry.

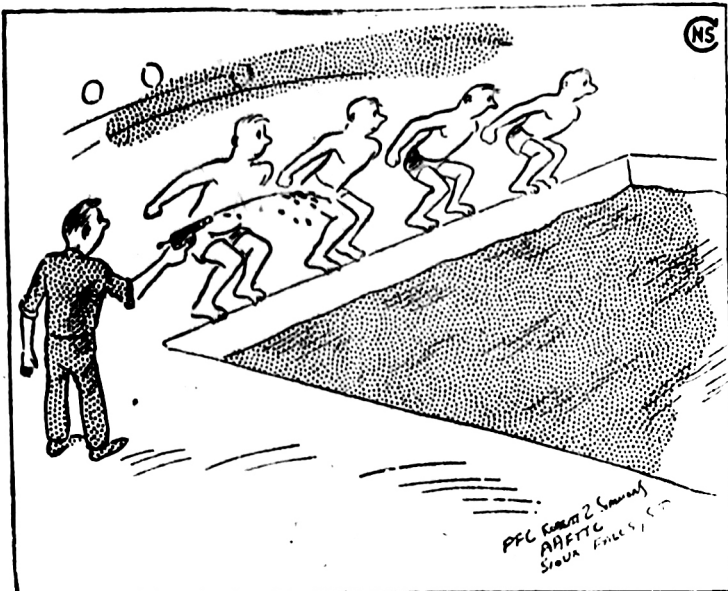


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Pvt. Charles C. Pace, Co. E, is the proud father of a nice, new nine-pound baby boy.

Company G's family was increased last week by the addition of a nine-pound baby girl in the family of First Sergeant Jenkins.

Pfc. Herbert Roberts put Company G in the limelight again by scoring 233 on the range with the



BAR. The score was the highest in the regiment.

Sergeant Denhinges, the Judo king, took on Abe Goldrich in a three fall, 30 minute match. Abe says it was the longest seven seconds he ever spent on earth.

Mike Pastor, Co. G, surprises everyone by his ever increasing love for the army.

Private Bohline, Co. G, seems to dislike bayonet drill now. He claims Sergeant Garduna plays

Visitors to camp this week included Mrs. Darrell W. Brown, wife of Headquarters Company radio chief.

Recent C.P.X. problems uncovered a new motor messenger in Private Shoemake, Hq. Co. Private Shoemake really carried the mail.

An extensive survey shows Sgt. Conrad Ulrich to be the most persistent letter-writer among the NCO's of Headquarters Company.

Private Mackey, Hq. Co., can't understand all the fuss over the "bazooka." "Shucks," says Mackey, "I used to play a bazooka when I was a lad."

Wedding bells rang last Saturday for Pvt. Nat Chernichaw, Hq. Co. Mrs. Chernichaw is the former Miss Irma Walker of Newark, N. J.

Cpl. Edward Caldera, Co. H, is slowly regaining his color after his furlough in quote sunny unquote California.

A drawing is being held in the mortar platoon, Company H, as to who will be the next squad leader to get lost.



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T-4 Royce M. Landburg, Hq. Co., is back from Motor Mechanics School at Ft. Benning.

At 3 a. m. the other night Headquarters Company's I and R section came in from a night problem and put the lights on for blister examination. Immediately Private Germann, who had been sleeping peacefully, jumped out of bed and started to dress for reveille. He already had his shoes on when friends finally managed to convince him he was jumping the gun.

Oklahoma has some very attractive features, as far as Cpl. Ralph Ruffener, Hq. Co., is concerned. He recently married one of them, in fact—Miss Winifred Lepely of Muskogee. S-Sgt. Edward Kane, Co. I, is of the same frame of mind; his bride is the former Miss Goldia Mae Tinney of Checotah, Okla. and he received a three-day pass to go on his honeymoon.

It's a man-child in the home of Pvt. William Heffner, Co. I.

Company K welcomes back Pvt. Frank Citron from his emergency furlough, and Pvt. J. Coburn is glad to be back, too, after a period

spent in the Station hospital.

Pvt. W. Head, Co. K, surprised all the boys when he returned a married man from his 10-day furlough.

Pvt. Murphy Courville, Co. L, is enjoying a visit from his wife, here from their home in Louisiana.



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Frank Zagajewski, Med. Det., says six WACs from Conway, Ark., are going to spend New Year's Eve here. Sorry, men, they are already dated.

The Medics welcome to their ranks Technical Sergeant Anderson, Corporal Solther, Privates Palmer, Coyle, Jones, Corbett, Schott, Howell, Cozziano, Morin and DiLorenzo.

Congratulations to T-5 Ray Beberly, Med. Det., on the birth last week of a baby boy to his wife.

Cpl. Robert Thompson, Cannon Co., is still up in the clouds after his wife's weekend visit.

Could the reason the hatchet was missing from the Cannon Company the other day be because Pvt. Gaylord Marling hit the wrong nail while using it?

One for the books: T-5 Luther Cook is a cook in the Cannon Company mess hall.



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Cpl. Ray Simmons was high scorer when the Company B basketball team bowed to Company H. The one point difference is going to be reversed next time, members of the team say.

Pvt. Edwin Runge, Co. B, was a happy receptionist when his wife arrived from Kendallville, Ind., last week.

A letter from Pfc. Harry Strozzer's baby niece queried if he has room in his pup tent during bivouac for a doll. The answer will remain a secret.



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Pfc. Robert Wilson, Co. F, is on emergency furlough home to attend the funeral of his father.

Visitors are expected for Christmas by Privates Breeding and Vizner, Co. F.

Private Mooney, Co. F, has good reason to want a weekend pass. His wife just arrived in Muskogee.

The Station Hospital took a few of Company F's men for a stay. They are Corporal Tarrant, Private First Class Dickens, and Privates Larson, Buck, Cariseo, Duckworth and Shelton—reasons: colds,

tonsils and a broken wrist. Welcomed back from the hospital were Private First Class Riddle and Prevatt and Privates Pearson and Zielen.

Private First Class Alcorn is responsible for the Christmas decorations in the Company F mess hall.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas" is a reality for Privates First Class Riddle and Richey, Co. F, who hail from Oklahoma City.

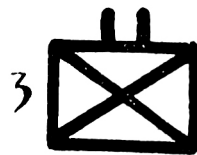
Sergeant DiGiacomo, Co. F, left on an emergency furlough to visit his mother who is ill.

Corporal Bowers, Co. F, recently promoted, wants it known that he is to be addressed as corporal.

Thanksgiving weekend was a holiday and honeymoon for Pvt. George Stoner, Co. H, who was married to Miss Marie Erickson of Rockford, Ill.

All but three men in Company H fired expert with the carbine. Top honors went to S-Sgt. Arthur Solomon with a score of 193. Second place honors went to Corporal Hoole and Pvt. Nicholas Samal, with scores of 188.

First Sergeant Jackson and Staff Sergeant Otto showed the men in Company H how to remove a real misfire from the mortar while firing on the range recently.



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Pvts. William Hoch and James Woodford, Co. M, learned that Uncle Sam means it when he says the word "Free" must be written where the stamp ordinarily goes. The men had written "Thanks, Uncle Sam" instead, and as a result, several letters were returned to them.

Pvt. Ted Luther, Co. M, was so excited when told his wife had just arrived he absent-mindedly jammed a lighted cigar into his pocket and almost set himself on fire.

Ex-postman, Pvt. Harold Vollmer, Co. M, is assisting at the battalion postoffice during the holiday rush. Vollmer says he's handled so many packages in the past week or so that he feels like Saint Nick himself.

T-4 James Davis proved that as a painter he's an excellent cook when he emerged from the mess hall with more paint on himself than on the walls he had been working on.



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Pvts. William Butler and James Morrison, Anti-Tank Co., both received furloughs for tying for high score with the 37mm gun. Both shot 380 out of a possible 400.

The Anti-Tank Company bivouac area was something to see last week. Men in the company used everything but their foot lockers to keep warm, but Mother Nature still won.

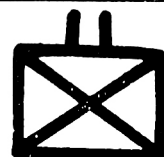
Sgt. Woodrow Tyson, Cannon Co., is now the proud father of a baby boy.

Pfc. Frank Brady and Pvt. Everald Johnson, Cannon Co., both graduated from Lindbloom High school in Chicago, but they waited until they got in the same Company here to get acquainted.

Pvt. Clifton Stapp, Cannon Co., has been nicknamed "Charge Five," since he pulled the lanyard when the Company fired their first charge five shells last week.

There'll be exchanging of gifts in the Service Company this Thursday evening. Every man has drawn the name of some other man in the company, and small gifts will be exchanged. The committee in charge of this is

Sgt. Peter Marinoff and Pfc. Scott Corbett and George Guillory.



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Pfc. Joseph DeFalcis and Pvt. Michael Palermo and Charles Van Etten, Co. B, all received Christmas packages this week. Their wives arrived in Muskogee.

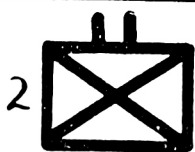
Pvts. Harold Thompson and Claudio Villalobos, Co. B, off on furloughs for Christmas. They won them for high scoring on the range.

Company B welcomes Pfc. Edward Rasiewych and Pvt. William Barnes back from the hospital, and Pvt. Donald Boehmer who returns from an emergency furlough.

Pfc. Frank Dascoli, Co. B, was interviewed over KOME, Tulsa, last weekend.

Men of Company C wonder if S-Sgt. Wilfred DeLongchamp hasn't reverted to childhood after watching him arrange the sand tables.

S-Sgt. Roscoe Tatterson and Sgt. Ellis Walker, Co. C, are really putting out in decorations for the mess hall.



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Company E is at present worrying out the problem of S-Sgt. Fay Thielbar, and his brother, Ray. At last report the score was this: Ray is older than Fay, but Fay is fatter than Ray, and according to Ray, Fay's a ray, while Ray's fat.

Pvt. Lou Pimsler, Co. E, is getting to be quite a hero. After the company was half way home from the field it was discovered they had left their signs behind. Pimsler and Sergeant Gardner double-timed all the way back for the signs, and then all the way back to camp.

When Pvt. Raymond Wallace, Co. E, met a girl in Muskogee she told him to give her address to a good looking soldier. He gave it to Pvt. George Jaeger instead.

Company F nominates Pvt. Horace Spragle as the neatest soldier in the Rainbow.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Woodworth were in the dayroom last week sewing. Company F wants to thank both of them.

Pvt. Everett Bean, Co. F, was issued an officer's raincoat by mistake.

S-Sgt. Arnold Phelps, Co. H, earned the respect of the company last week by serving donuts and coffee when the men returned from a night march.



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First Sgt. Edward Poniatoskie, Third Bn. Hq. Co., is now a proud father.

S-Sgt. Keith Taylor, Third Bn. Hq. Co., is off to spend his first Christmas at home in 18 years of Army service.

Pfc. Joseph Thomas, Bn. Hq., is combining the job of mail orderly and Santa Claus these days.

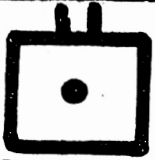
S-Sgt. George Platt, Co. M, is strictly GI in his new haircut.

Cpl. LaMonte Barton, Co. M, had all the new stripe men in his platoon on a sewing detail last week.

Cpl. Edward Allen, Co. M, is now the leading expert on GI'ing floors.

Cpl. Clifford Bergerson, Co. M, is now very popular. He purchased a car last week.

THIS IS THE WAY WE HEARD IT



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Service Battery, with Pvt. Kenneth Bailey in charge, is making plans for an elaborate Christmas party, to be held in the battery dayroom.

Pvt. Julius Threatt, Serv. Btry., is home on emergency furlough. His wife has been seriously ill.

A Christmas present that the rest of the men in Headquarters Battery are devouring, almost as if it were a box of candy, was received by Pvt. Howard Stillman last week from an artist friend in Greenwich Village. The present: two original drawings of pin-up girls.

Staff Sergeant Parris and Corporal Mitchell visited friends in St. Louis over the weekend.

Pvt. John Farrell is a well-traveled man. He claims to have been in all but one of the 48 states—but won't admit which one he has missed.



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Pvt. Alfons Karpinsky is home on emergency furlough.

S-Sgt. Orville R. Myers, has been named mess sergeant of Battery B.

Service Battery celebrated Christmas with a party last Friday evening. Everyone seemed to have a fine time—including Sergeant Morton.

T-3 William J. "Old Doc" Halaz was the recipient of a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" on December 16.

Members of Battery B are wondering whether First Sgt. Robert L. Williams' defeat at ping pong the other evening at the hands of a certain T-5 has anything to do with the long face he has been wearing the last few days.



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Pvt. Bill Hunt, Hq. Btry., the energetic bugler, celebrates his birthday and Christmas on the same day. Happy Christmas and Merry Birthday, Bill!

Pvt. Bill Schuman, Hq. Btry., has placed himself in the running for ping pong champion of Headquarters Battery by defeating Pvt. Al Mass in five straight matches. Other contenders, however, are Privates Hepler, Jansen, and Johnson.

Did You Know Department, Hq. Btry.—That Pvt. William Courtney was a member of the William Tell Club before he entered the service? He should be a candidate for Dan Cupid's job... That Sgt. Edward Paszkiewicz was an actor

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"What are you staring at, soldier! Haven't you ever seen 'Mae Wests' before?"



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on the stage? Yes, we have another Maurice Evans in our midst.

Cpl. Vernin P. Mitcham, Btry. A, welcomed his wife back to Muskogee last week. This was Mrs. Mitcham's second visit.

Battery A welcomes the news that Staff Sergeant Flynt's mother is well on the road to recovery. Privates George A. Anderson and Emery Seman have returned to Battery A after a short stay in the Station hospital.

T-4 Harlen H. Stewart, Btry. A, has been lending his artistic talents to decorating the Battery dayroom and mess hall.

New Year's Eve has special significance for Privates Miller and Wood, Btry. A. Their birthdays fall on that date. It should be a great celebration.

Acting Corporal Ernest F. Rauer, Btry. B, is counting his blessings this week. They included a visit from his wife, a birthday and a mysterious package from his home in New Jersey.

Privates Charles La Spisa and Robert Marks, and T-5 Sydney Steinberg, Btry. C, all have their wives visiting them in Muskogee for the holidays.

Pvt. George Corbin, Btry. C, welcomed his wife to Muskogee for an indefinite stay last week.

Battery C's vote for the hardest working member of the detail section goes to Pfc. Irving Adams, W-T man. Adams is like Pavvo Nurmi when it comes to laying wire, and like a bloodhound when it comes to trouble shooting a line.

The closely shaved tree in Battery C's bivouac area last week was caused by S-Sgt. Charles Price, head of the detail section, who came down after hanging an overhead communication line much as a fireman comes down the pole at a three-alarm fire.

Battery A's elaborate Christmas sign, electrically lighted, blinks out the holiday greetings to the men of Division Artillery.

Pfc. James Tyler, Pfc. Benedict Kamsy, and Privates Wayne Hurrence, Lawrence Bower, Forest Hayes and Vincent Keller are all members of the Division Artillery Choir which was heard in a concert of Christmas carols last Sunday at Service Club No. 2.

Pvt. James D. McClain, Btry. B, announces the birth of James, Jr., and Pvt. Allen M. Bryant, Btry. B, announces the birth of a daughter, Alvina Agnes.

Battery B welcomes Privates Leonard Wolski and Jack Stenzler back from the hospital.

Fate always seems to deal the letter carriers the ace of spades when it comes to receiving mail themselves. Ours doesn't get as many letters as the rest of the men do. Yes, T-5 Harold C. Schmitt and Pfc. Johnny Sabatella ought to be issued medals for their untiring efforts and good humor.

Pvt. Francis Bartonek has a new idea for sleeping attire. He

got up the other morning fully clad in OD's complete with cap. Apparently he got ideas from Pvt. Melvin Jespersen, who gained a wide reputation in the company earlier in training by wearing fatigues, long handles, field jacket, leggings, knit cap plus overcoat to bed. It isn't that cold yet, men.

Everyone was surprised when T-5 Shelby Taylor had his locks shorn. And he had such a stupendous wave in his hair.

T-5 Morris Mayo is back from school in Nebraska. Mayo is the only man in the company who has two middle names.

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The Christmas bug bit Cpl. Lysle E. Walsworth with a vengeance. Receiving a crate of Grimes Golden apples as a gift from an employee in his Washington State cosmetic-manufacturing firm, Walsworth dispensed one to each man in the Troop as long as they lasted. The payoff came when he found he had forgotten to save one for himself.

Latest newcomer to the troop is Pfc. Joseph T. Hilow, who served with a Mobile Combat Reconnaissance Squadron on Guadalcanal. Other newcomers are: T-5 John E. Cavender, formerly of Co. C, 222d Infantry, and Pfc. Aaron White and Pvt. Martin I. Young, who both came from the 122d Medical Battalion.

Two more troopers became proud papas last week. It's a girl, named Sandra Lee, for Pfc. Hubert R. Phillips at his home in Reno, Nev., and a son for Pvt. Rocco F. John, born in Port Chester, Conn. The son was named Thomas Rocco.

Pvt. David A. Twitchell, the Rainbow's lone Eskimo, has been designated official custodian and guardian of the Troop's new Mascot, "Connie"—a small brown puppy. His first problem: to get rid of a dose of fleas.

Pfc. William N. Epstein, mail clerk, reported an increase of more than 60 percent in his business as the holiday season went into its hectic finale.

Pfc. Lloyd J. Starck committed matrimony in Muskogee over the week-end with his home town sweetheart after much sweating out of a pass.

Private First Class Sargent was acting corporal of the guard one night last week.

Corporal Izbo and Private Veneman haven't had much time lately to check up on the war news. They have been having such a battle with each other about

who is the Cyrano of the camp.

Staff Sergeant Friesen's new mustache is getting quite a bit of notice lately. In fact there's a rumor going around that his girl is knitting a snood for it for a Christmas present.

Corporal Moeldi is still being transferred from six months ago.



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Pearl Harbor day was one of special significance for Pvt. Jerry Humbach. On that day he received word that he had become the father of a 7-lb. daughter, born at Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin.



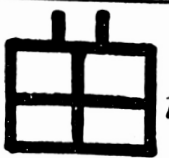
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Welcome back, from school: First Sgt. Gilbert L. Gretner; from the hospital, Privates W. F. Cochran and M. C. Davis.

Special troops dance Wednesday night—long dresses, soft voices, soft music, soft shoulders, soft—well, we've said enough boys. A good time was had by all.

Now that our mess hall is rated as one of the three best in the division, Staff Sergeant McManis, mess sergeant, is thinking of having the KPs wear napkins over their arms while chow is served.

Staff Sergeant Finlay is reported to be making a snood (i.e. a small helmet liner net) for his girl friend for Christmas. Economical—wot?



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Speaking of names, there's a Pvt. Walter H. Loveless and a Pfc. Marshall J. Love in Hq. Det. And in the same company there's Pvt. Arthur Lake, but he's not the Dagwood of movie and radio fame. How about Co. C's John Paul Jones? He's no descendant of the famous sailor and his dad's not in the liquor business.

Holiday spirit running high in all companies, with A and D still talking about their big parties last Wednesday night. Company B's Mess Hall added a homey Yuletide touch what with the red and green decorations. The tables will have real honest-to-goodness tablecloths for the big Christmas day dinner.

Cpl. Bernard Schoepflin, Hq. Det., and Pfc. Albert J. Broska, Co. B acquired the best Christmas presents they could have wished for—brand new wives.

And the battalion itself received quite a large gift—21 newly arrived privates from Ft. Leonard (Continued on page 8)

Male Call

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

In Attacking, Never Take Terrain For Granted



General Lauds Teamwork Poem

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, impressed by the spirit of teamwork expressed in a poem published in the last issue of the Reveille, this week sent the following message to the Reveille:

"The T-O of an Infantry division is not static nor is it a mere collection of figures born of imagination and haphazardly spread on many long sheets of paper. The organization of a division, like that of all tactical units is under the closest scrutiny of War Department experts whose sole objective is to maintain a machine which, under constantly changing battle conditions, makes the maximum effective use of men and materiel and which at the same time is flexible and self-sustaining. These elements of the division will become more apparent to the new Rainbow soldier as he progresses through the Unit Training Program and as Combat Team problems are sweated out.

"But there is one priceless ingredient which no T-O can embrace and that is the spirit of teamwork. There are no 'hangers on'—no free riders. There is no such thing as surplus. Yet a whole division may become non-effective if but one branch or arm or service figures that it is the bulwark of the team and is due the credit for the victories.

"I commend the attention of every man of the Division to Private Gladwin's poem which appeared in the last issue of the Reveille and which I have asked to be reprinted below. This expresses the spirit which must pervade the whole Rainbow Division if we are to pass tests let alone win battles."

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!

Colonel, Back From Pacific, Visits Son

One of the happiest men in the Division this Christmas is Sgt. Theodore MacKechnie, Div. Hq. Co.

Last weekend he was visited by his father, Col. Archibald MacKechnie, commander of the 162nd Infantry during its recent rugged campaign up the coast of New Guinea. The sergeant hadn't seen his father in more than two years.

Colonel MacKechnie was a visitor at Camp Gruber Monday and inspected many of the units during their training as a guest of Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander.

The ideal camp site should have plenty of pure water, tough grass turf, and access to a good road.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This week's wallet honors goes to Miss Reba Jean Slater of St. Albans, West Va. Miss Slater's picture comes from the billfold of T-5 Shelby Taylor, 742nd Ord. Co.

Stars With Stripes

142nd Engineer Battalion
Privates Cydrus, Collins, Barker, Wilson, Hardin, Malloy, Bentley, Hoyer and Konier, Co. C, to Cpl. Privates Bowers, Chapin, Donham, Crow, Foster, Kalanik, Millstone, Morton, Ridenour and Rouse, Co. C, to Pfc.
T-5 Lorenz, Co. C, to Sgt.
T-5 Pollek, Co. C, to T-4.
T-4 Youngman, Co. B, to S-Sgt.
Corporal Lyons, Co. B, to Sgt.
Private Appel, Med Det., to T-5.
Private Connolly, H and S Co., to T-5.
Privates Hunter, Olson, Romain, Snyder and R. L. Watson, H and S Co., to Pfc.

222nd Infantry
Pfc's. Joseph N. Duplassie, Santo DiBlasi and Joseph C. DePascale, Service Co., to T-5.
Privates William A. Hrdilco, Irvine Hopkins and Lloyd E. Stover, Service Co., to Pfc.

232nd Infantry
Pfc's. Harry R. Madsen, John F. Hall, Max W. Perisho and Raymond N. Riding, Co. F, to T-5.

42nd Quartermaster Company
Sgt. Leroy E. Talcott to S-Sgt.
T-5 Irwin W. Corbell to Cpl.
Pfc. William Gelger to Cpl.
T-5 James E. Kochensparger to T-4.
Pvt. Henry D. Wolfe to T-5.

242nd Infantry
Privates William Carroll, Alfred Martinez and Wilfred Snyder, Co. B, to T-5.

Pvt. Chester Huls, Co. C, to T-5.
Privates Russell Bellone, Harold Menom, Marion Blackniak, Orville Meeks and Harvey Whittaker, Co. C, to Cpl.

Privates Edward Allen, Lamont Barton, Clifford Bergerson, George Lang, Oliver Litaker, James Morris, Frank Ruggieri, Chester Bendix, Clifford Brown, Charles Butts, Roy Coley, Klemens Figurski, Lloyd Imhoff, Neil Maghills, Frank Matney, William Miller, Raymond Perkins and James Shirley, Co. M, to Cpl.
Privates Vincent Stillwagon and Gasper Petracosta, Co. M, to Sgt.

222nd Infantry
Cpl. Edmund J. Brzycki, Co. C, to Sgt.
Pfc. James T. Combs, Jr., Co. C, to T-5.

Pfc's. Stanley A. Fordyce, Arthur A. Tichava, Richard Winters, John W. Becker, Francis P. McKenna, Edward H. Edens, Edward J. Caldera, Stewart H. Mathieson, Charles V. Smith, Arthur N. Innes, William R. Iglehart, Roland W. McKittrick, Norman C. Odum, John L. Britvic, Roy Bennett, Arthur R. Webernack, Walter F. Carr, Charles L. Burt, Austin Rigmack, Milton G. Swahn, Stefan F. Munsing, Co. H, to Cpl.

392nd F.A. Battalion
Private First Class Rooney, Serv. Btry., to Cpl.
Private First Class Dugan Serv. Btry., to T-5.

Privates Bandiera, Barnes, Depper, Goldberg, Hill, Humphries, Orange, and Van De Hey, Serv. Btry., to Pfc.
T-4 Myers, Btry. B, to S-Sgt.
Corporal Bell, Btry. B, to Sgt.

Privates First Class Mills and Gallo, Serv. Btry., to Cpl.
Private First Class Reeves, Serv. Btry., to T-5.

402 F.A. Battalion
Pfc's. Anton Egggebeen, Jr., Glenn E. Hill, James C. Kanaley, Sol Mallis, Robert P. Rayl and Max Rosenberg, Btry. B, to Cpl.

Pvt. Charles J. Gronendyke and Pfc's. Joseph J. Hahn, Norman S. Lang, Louis J. Mancuso, Jean G. Omand, and Henry E. Schiffman, Btry. B, to T-5.

Privates William O. Boop, Harvey J. Rapp, and Normal K. Wymore, Btry. B, to Pfc.

Christmas Day 26 Years Ago

By SGT. HARRY L. MICKELSON

As the Rainbow Division sits down to its luscious Christmas dinner this year—namely, turkey and all that goes with it—it is interesting to turn back the pages of history and recall how the Rainbow spent its first Christmas in World War I.

The scene then—December, 1917—was the Vaucouleurs area in Lorraine, France. Though the Division had been formed but four short months, it already had spent two overseas.

It was a white Christmas. Snow, deep snow, had covered the ground for more than a week. It was bitterly cold, and the "billets"—chilly, dark, crowded stables which housed the soldiers—didn't quite provide the comfort of a modern Camp Gruber barracks.

Maneuvers, drilling, and problems were the order of the day, much the same as our training now. But those first Rainbows had to be Supermen to dig trenches and foxholes in the frozen earth beneath a treacherous coat of ice.

There was practically no mail, no Christmas mail at least. But the men would have had little time to read it anyway, because they spent all day packing for a move to start at dawn of the next morning. This was the march which became famous as the "Valley Forge Hike."

About that Christmas dinner—yes, there were eats all right. In fact, the cooks outdid themselves to turn out a real feed. But who could enjoy a Christmas dinner standing in a cold barn, eating out of a poorly-balanced mess kit?

Station Hospital News

Here is what some of the boys at the hospital would like for Christmas:

Cpl. Roy Bennett, Co. H, 222nd Inf.—About six inches of Hitler's scalp.

Sgt. Joseph Kragass, Co. H, 222nd Inf.—A 15-day furlough would completely fill his stocking.

Pvt. C. Mangiovi, Co. G, 242nd Inf.—A model airplane.

S-Sgt. Gatland, A-T Co., 242nd Inf.—A paper doll that he can call his own.

Sgt. Peter Bobbie, Co. K, 222nd Inf.—Pickled pigs' feet with his Christmas dinner.

Incidentally, Pvt. Pearlman, Co. H, 242nd Inf., is busy making the chimney larger in ward B-10. He thinks Santa may be on the heavy side this year, but with rationing and all Santa has probably kept his girlish figure!

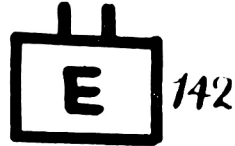
Decorations at the hospital have been put up by Pvt. Albert R. Cooper, Co. I, 232nd Inf., who even worked so hard that he forgot and fell off the ladder. That's no way to get out of a hospital, Private Cooper!

Pocket-Button Watchers Give Santa Tough Time

Santa Claus would tear his whiskers if he could see what the men at Division Military Police Platoon are doing to those Christmas packages marked "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

Pvt. George Brown, for instance, devoured most of his Christmas candy within five minutes after he got the package a week ago. Pvt. Bill Keeling, on the other hand, swore he'd wait until December 25. Every night he'd drag the boxes out of his locker, shake them and try to see through the wrappings. After much suffering Keeling weakened the other day and opened them all.

"Well, I knew what was in 'em, anyway," he declared.



Pvt. Charles J. Benoit, Jr., Co. C, won honors of a non-military sort when he became the father of twins, a boy and a girl.

After weeks of watchful waiting, Technical Sergeant Elseroad's vigilance has been rewarded. He received official notice of his appointment as a warrant officer and has been transferred to the 232nd Infantry.

Though the 16 Medics with Headquarters and Service Company had only a day and a half of instruction on the M1 rifle before firing for record, they did handsomely on the range with six knocking out expert scores, five sharpshooter and five marksman.

Private Walter A. Reiley, Co. A, is to receive the best Christmas present of his life. Announcement was made by his best man, Pfc. Edward Riebeling, that Private Reiley is to be married Saturday to Miss Patricia Stacy of Muskogee.

Pvt. Edward Richard, Co. A, has returned from an emergency furlough to New York where his wife was seriously ill. She is now recovering satisfactorily.

Acting Sgt. Alexander Stark, Jr., Co. A, was called to Colorado on an emergency furlough to attend a funeral in the family.

Airplanes gave an excellent demonstration last week in attacking troops while the Engineers were on a tactical problem last week.

122nd Med. Bn.

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Wood, Mo. We welcome to Co. A:

Pvts. Everett T. Lingo, Ronald W. Naseth, Edward Nemeth, Elmer Norris and Rueben O'Neal; Co. B: Joseph J. Gaval, William O'Rourke, Gene W. Parsons Marvin L. Payne and Carroll J. Preve; Co. C: Norman W. Foss, Mariano G. Ramirez, Manuel M. Romero Warner, J. Schram and Tony A. Vrehota; Co. D: Dan De La Garza, James N. Hampton, Edwin E. Pelto, John F. Vance and James H. Wallace.

M-Sgt. Villereal Named NCO Club President

M-Sgt. G. Villereal, Div. Hq., was elected president of the Division Non-Commissioned officers Club Mess at a meeting Monday night. M-Sgt. H. L. Crowley, 232nd Inf., was elected vice-president and T-Sgt. Ambrose Lamb, Med. Det., Sp. Tr., was named secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors elected were M-Sgt. J. L. Dockrey, 142nd Eng. Bn., M-Sgt. R. K. Hicks, 42nd Div. Arty., S-Sgt. Melvin Williams, 222nd Inf., and M-Sgt. Roy Oakley, 122nd Med. Bn.

Christmas Busy Time For GI's

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lery Choir, the famous dance team of Denton and Diane plus other favorites. Refreshments will be served by the Tulsa Night Canteen Corps. Service Club No. 2 has a large Christmas dance scheduled with girls from Tulsa and refreshments by the Tulsa Red Cross.

On Christmas Day both Service clubs will serve coffee and doughnuts at 9:30 a. m. At 4 p. m. Service Club No. 1 will have a musicale and from 8-11 p. m. both clubs will have dances.

USO-Camp Shows add their bit to the Christmas merriment by presenting "Around The Corner" Saturday at Theater No. 1 and again Monday at Theater No. 2.

For the GI that wanders off the Post there are still more parties. The Braggs USO has a Christmas Eve party scheduled, with gifts and a real live Santa Claus for the children. They will be open all day Christmas with informal entertainment.

The Masonic Service Center in Muskogee will have a formal dance Christmas Eve, plus the usual free refreshments. They too will be open all day Christmas. Soldiers who would like to have Christmas dinner in the homes of Muskogee may register at the Service Center.

The Muskogee USO will have a Christmas Eve party, with singing and a Santa Claus. There will also be informal dancing and a free movie. On Christmas Day there will be a free breakfast, a movie, another movie in the afternoon and Christmas night will feature a special formal Christmas dance.

Col. Tinley Sends Congratulations

Chaplain Raymond A. Punda, 232nd Inf., who recently established a Holy Name Society for the Division, has received the following letter from Lieut. Gen. Mathew A. Tinley, formerly colonel commanding the 168th Infantry in the Rainbow Division in World War I.

"Recent Rainbow Reveille informs me you have established a Holy Name Society and have 450 members. I congratulate you and the members of the Holy Name Society.

"Men of the Rainbow are and will be the outstanding men of the Army. They will be the best trained and will use all the modern methods of fighting. It does not become well-trained men to use disgustingly ill trained language and shows lack of training basicly to try and express themselves in clumsy profane words.

"My congratulations to your men and to the members of my beloved Division."

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