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1500 Non-Coms Eligible for Promotion

Rainbow All Set for Corps Test Next Week

During the week of 3-8 January, X Corps will conduct the final series of tests covering the individual training period, it was stated yesterday at Division Headquarters. These tests will be more comprehensive, more searching, and far more important than the eight week tests, according to the Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins.

In regard to the approach of these all-important tests, the General said:

"There are three factors to be borne in mind by all personnel: one, we are all fully conscious of the affection and high hopes with which our families, our friends, the veterans of the Division and all who know us have come to look upon the Rainbow. They all expect us to do everything well. We do not want to disappoint them.

"Secondly, we do not want to disappoint ourselves. Our furloughs start very shortly after the conclusion of these tests, and we all want to go home with a feeling of real pride in a job well done. I think nearly every one has that feeling of pride already, and we all want to deepen and intensify it by proving our worth to our own satisfaction. The X Corps tests will afford us a real opportunity along that line.

"Thirdly, although these tests mark the end of individual training, it is most essential that the lessons learned during the past three months be kept constantly (Continued on page 3)

Gifts, Fun, Eats Top 222nd Holiday Party

A combination party and show, crammed with gifts and entertainment, highlighted the holidays for men of the 222nd Infantry Monday evening at the Recreation Hall.

The regimental band, which is now rounding into tip-top shape, furnished the background for the evening. One of the featured highlights was a drum solo by Private Moyer. Others who contributed to the entertainment were: Mrs. Gerry Fontana, and Privates McCullen, Arnold, Benidito, Remington, and Bruno. Each man in the audience received a gift.

Refreshments were provided through a company pool of sandwiches, cakes, soda and pies. The latter provided the basis for a hotly-contested pie-eating contest.

The entire program was under the direction of Pfc. Allen Funt. Members of the regimental band are: Privates Desko, Moyer, T'st, Warden, Corsi, Wiener, and Sergeant Spurill.



On the Warpath—1944

This pose by four Sioux Indians, all members of the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop, will doubtless become increasingly familiar as their training develops, since the Army finds the native tongue of Indians a most effective means of getting messages past the enemy without detection. There are 11 Indians training at present with the Division Recon. Troop. Shown here are: Pfc. Aaron White, South Dakota; Pvt. Martin Young, North Dakota; Pvt. Charles Ross, South Dakota; and T-5 John Cavender, Minnesota, at the radio controls.

Three Tie With Top Mess Halls

Three mess halls tied for top Division honors this last week in the competition for the best mess hall of the Division. The mess halls of Cannon Co., 222nd Inf., Cannon Co., 242nd Inf., and H. and S. Co., 142nd Engineer's were all given the numerical score of 100.

Commanding officers and mess sergeants of the mess halls are: 222nd Inf., Cannon Co., Lt. Charles Rhoads, S-Sgt. Anthony Bozzo.

142nd Engrs., H. and S. Co., Lt. Don Staker, S-Sgt. John Henry. 242nd Inf., Cannon Co., Lt. John Alden, S-Sgt. Elmer Sides.

Selected as the best in their respective units were the following mess halls:

232nd Inf., Co. C, Lt. William Todd, S-Sgt. Lionel Grieger.

392nd FA Bn. Btry B, Capt. Edward Hoffman, S-Sgt. Orville Meyers.

Special Troops, 42nd Recon. Co., Capt. Lawrence Thompson, S-Sgt. Jack Hataway.

122nd Med. Bn. Co. A, Lt. John Evans, S-Sgt. Louis Piscato.

Furloughs, Leaves Starting Jan. 15 To Be Seven Days plus Travel Time

First furloughs and leaves for men and officers of the Rainbow Division, other than for emergency purposes, will be granted starting Jan. 15, it was announced this week at Division Headquarters.

Men and officers will be granted seven-day furloughs, plus travel time, according to the plan announced by the Division. Every possible effort will be made by the Division to insure all men having a full week at their destination, but in no case will the men be absent under the plan for more than 15 days.

The plans calls for approximately 100 men being granted furloughs and leaves each day throughout the Division. Arrangements for transporting this number of men each day have been made by the Division with representatives of the Western Military Bureau.

Men requesting furloughs or leaves will fill out leave-furlough transportation requests at least two weeks prior to the time they desire their furloughs. These will be sent to the representative of the Western Military Bureau at Bragg, and there the forms will be completed insofar as pertains to facilities, routing, transportation cost, etc.

When the completed copies

have been returned to the unit furlough officer, the necessary funds for a round trip ticket will be collected from the soldiers making the requests and the tickets purchased for them.

Final decision as to routing and method of travel between this post and the point of destination will be determined by the Western Military Bureau. Unit furlough officers will be the only contact agency between local transportation officials and military personnel.

Before a man may be granted a (Continued on page 3)

You Never Know Whom You'll Find in a Foxhole

Private Burnett, Co. I, 222nd Inf., was walking guard in the regimental bivouac area when he came upon someone digging a foxhole. Burnett went up to the person digging the foxhole and said, "Who are you and what are you doing?"

The answer was, "I am Colonel Renfro and I am digging a foxhole."

"Oh," said Private Burnett. Colonel Renfro is the regiment's Third Battalion C. O. Happy ending: he complimented the private on his alertness.

Infantry NCO's Stripes Increase Under New T-O

More than 1500 non-commissioned officers and half of the privates in the three Infantry regiments of the 42nd Division were made eligible for promotions in rank under the provisions of War Department Circular 323 which became effective Dec. 13.

The circular stated that platoon sergeants are to be promoted to technical sergeants; section leaders to staff sergeants; sergeant squad leaders to staff sergeants; corporal squad leaders to sergeants; battalion sergeant majors to technical sergeants; assistant squad leaders to sergeant, and one half of the privates to privates first class.

These promotions are applicable in the rifle companies, anti-tank companies, cannon companies, battalion headquarters companies, heavy weapons companies, of the 222nd, 232nd and 242nd Infantry of the Rainbow Division.

A War Department statement said the promotions were being given "in recognition of the acknowledged hazards and responsibilities shouldered by the Infantry in combat."

These revisions in non-commissioned ratings, both in the U. S. and abroad, call for pay increases of from \$48 to \$216 per year.

This increase in the table of organization is the second sweeping change in pay and table of organization which has occurred since the United States went to war two years ago. In June, 1942, the pay of all enlisted personnel was boosted materially, the most drastic being the increase of private's pay from \$30 to \$50 per month.

Short Short Story Reveals Acute Shortage

One thing a fellow doesn't like to be caught short of is shorts. But T-5 George Janda, Service Co., 222nd Inf., finds himself with just such a shortage on his hands.

It happened last week at the dispensary where Janda had undergone a physical examination for cadre men. When he picked up his clothes, Janda found himself minus a pair of shorts.

Now Janda is suffering from an acute shortage of shorts.

Yes, Could Be! In Fact, It Is Next Week

Best crack of the week was heard in the battery area of Btry. B, 342nd FA Bn. this week. Two privates were discussing a nameless corporal.

"Basically," said one of the privates, "he's a very nice guy, but basic is just about over."

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RAINBOW CHRISTMAS

It was Christmas . . . the first Christmas for the new Rainbow Division, the first Christmas away from home for many of us. And there's no use pretending that it was like a lot of other Christmases we've known.

There was turkey—but Dad wasn't there at the head of the table to carve it. There was a tree, but Mom wasn't standing next to it, her eyes glistening as she dried her hands on her apron and started to open her present. We didn't hear the kids squealing with delight as they tried out their shiny new toys on the living room rug.

We missed those things—all of us, officers and men alike. And one reason we missed them is because they're symbols of the way we want to live. To put it another way, you and I and the guy in the next bunk are fighting to make sure that there will always be a Christmas . . . our kind of a Christmas.

With that thought in mind, let's make a resolution—right now. Let's remember that the Rainbow is the All-American Division, and that therefore we have a greater responsibility to the nation than other outfits have. Let's firmly resolve that we'll train a little harder, and later on—fight a little harder—so that in the future, every Christmas will be a Merry Christmas.

For ourselves.
 For our families.
 For America.

The force of the arms of the United States is being directed toward putting an end to the rule of gangsterism in international affairs, and equally toward reestablishing of order in the world society and the restoration of law as the rule of action in the intercourse of nations.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

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

Friday and Saturday—"No Time for Love." Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray.

Sunday and Monday—"Higher and Higher." Frank Sinatra, Michele Morgan.

Tuesday—"The Cross of Lorraine." Pierre Aumont, Gene Kelly.

Wednesday—"Around the World." Kay Kyser, Joan Davis.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"Swing Fever." Kay Kyser, Marilyn Miller.

Friday and Saturday—"Jack London." Michael O'Shea, Susan Hayward.

Sunday and Monday—"No Time for Love." Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Higher and Higher." Frank Sinatra, Michele Morgan.

Service Club Doings

Service Club No. 1

Thursday 8 p. m.—Swingtime, 8:30 p. m.—"Behind the Dog Tags" radio show over KTUL. 9 p. m.—"Hey Rube" Show. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Tulsa. 202nd FA Bn. Orch. Saturday 8 p. m.—New Years Party. Ambassadors Orchestra and other special features. Sunday 8 p. m.—Soldier's Show. Monday 8 p. m.—Quiz Show, Sgt. Harry Mickelson and well known acts. Tuesday 7 p. m.—Song-Fest. With Cpl. Carl Varconi. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Muskogee.

Service Club No. 2

Thursday 8 p. m.—"Sick Call." Special Show by the 232nd Infantry Med. Det. Friday 8 p. m.—Formal Dance. The Ambassadors Orchestra. Saturday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. The 557th FA Bn. Sunday 8 p. m.—Quiz Show, Games, Prizes. Monday 8 p. m.—Song-Fest. Boogie-Woogie beats by Pfc. Howard Wilson. Tuesday 8:15 p. m.—Movies. Wednesday 8 p. m.—"Fines or Findings." Stunt Show with prizes and surprises.

The Wolf

by Sansone



By CHAPLAIN RAYMOND A. PUNDA

"I PRAYED LIKE HELL EVERY DARN NIGHT!" Now, gentlemen, don't get me wrong. I'm not cussin'. Not by a long shot. I'm just quoting what one of our buddies returning from months of savage jungle warfare on Guadalcanal told me when I asked him: "Well, Bill, how was it out there in the jungle fighting the Japs?" And that's what he said.

Rather realistic, isn't it? But that's what most of them say, except in language a little less GI. But you can bet your boots, they do practice their religion.

You've heard of Fighter Pilot Tom Harmon, the former All-American of Michigan. You've read how he crashed in the Dutch Guinea jungles of South America last April and finally reached safety after two weeks of jungle life.

A month ago you've read he was missing again, this time in action over China. He was considered lost, but he showed up. Well, believe it or not, but in a letter to his very close friend, Father Phillips, chaplain of the University of Michigan student chapel, Tom wrote that he had flown 500 miles to attend a Sunday Midnight Mass in China "because there was no church near our base."

And he goes on to say: "If ever a man says he has no fear in combat, he's a liar. That one evening in church gave me more comfort, strength and confidence than I've yet experienced in China."

How about Sgt. Barney Ross, the former welterweight and lightweight boxing champ? Finding himself in a mortar hole during a Jap attack with two wounded soldiers and a wounded Marine. He "prayed for a solid hour."

Then there's the young soldier who after undergoing a terrific bombardment in Italy said: "My Rosary became hot I used it so much. You can never realize what it means until you start to say it under fire."

Men, this all proves one thing: the closer you get to real action the oftener you turn to God. Yes, when the knees begin to shake, the best thing to do, the best way to stop them from shaking is to kneel down on them and pray.

But let's not wait for the foxholes to wake us up. Let's get on the beam now.

Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS
Chapel No. 1

0800 Catholic Mass.
 0800 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).
 1800-1700 Confessions (Saturday).
 1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).

232 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 3

0715 Holy Communion (Catholic).
 0800 Catholic Mass.
 0930 Protestant Service.
 1015 Communion (Church of Christ).
 1100 Catholic Mass.
 1800—Protestant Sunday School.
 1830 Protestant Evening Service.
 1845 Daily Catholic Mass.
 1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).

1930 Catholic Discussion Hour (Sunday and Tuesday).
 1930-2100 Catholic Confessions (Saturday).

2000 Jewish Sabbath Services (Friday).

2030 Catholic Novena (Wednesday).

2100 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).

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.
 1800-1730 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).

Soldier's Wife Serves
At N. Y. Blood Bank

Pfc. F. W. Bloomer, newcomer in Service Co., 232nd Inf., got quite a surprise last week when he looked at some pictures in New York Daily News and found one of his wife attending the 500,000th blood donor at the New York City Red Cross Bank.

Mrs. Bloomer has been working at the Blood Bank in the laboratories and on mobile units since giving up psychiatric work more than six months ago.

Bloomer didn't leave his donation of blood before coming to the Rainbow Division, because of time restrictions, but one of his first stops when he returns to New York will be the Blood Bank.

CHAPLAINS ADDED

Two new chaplains have been added to the Division's staff. They are Lts. Eli Bohner, Chapel No. 1, and John Allenburg, Chapel No. 2.

IMMATERIAL WITNESS

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

Service Co., 242nd Infantry

On Christmas Eve down our way, the event of the evening was "Lights Out!", the 242nd Infantry's big musical revue. When I met my wife at Theater No. 2, she gave me a funny look.

"What's the matter? Are you being followed?"

"No."

"Then why are you looking over your shoulder?"

"Because I have a stiff neck, that's why! I'm in pain—severe pain. Go ahead—laugh! Everybody else has. It's like having the mumps—you never get any sympathy. Well, you wait. Wait till I write a revue on the show tonight. I'll get back some of my own! I'll tear it apart!"

"We'll sit on the right side of the house, so you can see the stage," she said thoughtfully.

"Why? Who wants to see Jack Kirkpatrick in a Santa Claus suit, anyway?"

"I do," said Pvt. John Moore, who was with us. "Most Santa's stomachs are fifty percent stuffing, but this one will be one hundred percent Kirkpatrick."

"So what? I wish I were home. What do I care about hearing Morris Lachter do a number called 'Everything Happens to Me'? Everything, my eye! Does he get a stiff neck, right after a stiff back and a bruised heel, and before that a pulled tendon? Not Lachter. He's up there romping around the stage having the time of his life."

"Oh, stop bucking for a Purple Heart," said John. "Just because you fall apart every time they take you near the obstacle course—"

"Never mind that. On second thought, I don't think I'll even stay for the performance. My neck is killing me, I know what's in the show—I can pan the pants off it without even seeing it."

An officer came down the aisle.

"Well, Corbett, glad to see you here. You'll give us a good write-up, won't you?" he said on his way past.

"Er—yessir," I replied.

My wife glanced at me questioning.

"Who was that?"

"Captain Maize."

"Who's he?"

"Special Services Officer."

"H'm. A captain, you say."

"Er—yes." I sank down in my seat. "Maybe, on second thought, I'd better stay. There's really a lot of good stuff in the show at that. Phil D'Erasmus's singing, and Loomis Dorsey's dancing, and Jack Kirkpatrick's stomach—Yes, maybe I'd better stay. My neck really feels better now, anyway."

My wife settled herself comfortably.

"Captain Maize is misplaced," she observed. "He should be in the Medics."

Musical Musings

By T-5 DON STELZER

Russ Morgan moves westward to open the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, Calif., for 16 weeks . . . Duke Ellington's recent concert at Carnegie Hall introduced "New World A-Comin'," written by the Duke, and taken from a book by Roi Ottley . . . Vaughn Monroe was rejected by the army due to an injury received during his childhood . . . The Ambassadors will invade Tulsa Christmas night to play for the Air Cadets at the town's USO . . .

With the start of a new series of programs, sponsored by Allis-Chalmers, machinery manufacturers, featuring the Boston Symphony Orchestra, (Sat. 8:15 p. m. EWT), the long-hair listeners will have the music of four of the world's great symphonic groups, including the New York Philharmonic, the NBC Symphony and the Cleveland Symphony . . . How about the Philadelphia orch—they're still one of the world's finest . . .

Sgt. Dick (Lard) Edminson, Rainbow trombonist, was a featured soloist with Dean Hudson and his Florida Clubman—one of the country's younger and better bands . . . Red Nichols, self styled Pied Piper, recently paraded the streets of Albany, Calif., in an effort to rid the town of its rats—He didn't get any rats, but did attract plenty of the town's young disciples of "Hot Licks" . . .

Opponents are campaigning against Benny Goodman, four times elected King of Swing, on a platform of "No fifth term" . . . Pvt. Jack Wallins, 122nd Medics, formerly with Meyer Davis, New York society leader, is now tooting his trumpet for the Rainbow Division . . . The Roseland ballroom, on the Gay White Way, is dancing to Jan Garber and his fine new swing band. . .

Rainbow Set For Corps Tests

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fresh in the minds of all personnel. Our entire training program is cumulative; that is, each new subject should be based upon the foundation of knowledge already constructed. Further successes—both in training and in battle—will come to the Rainbow only if every soldier remembers and applies constantly all his previous learning as he takes up more advanced work.

"Therefore, in the four days remaining before the tests begin," the General added, "let's all check up on ourselves and on our squad or section comrades to see what there may be about our jobs that we should but do not know. And when we find our weaknesses, let's correct them."

"There are 96 hours left; if we all think, check on ourselves, ask questions, read and study to correct our failings, we can put our squads, sections, platoons, companies, batteries, battalions and regiments over these hurdles with a mark of 100 per cent. The Rainbow knows no other standard. It is never too late, as the Notre Dame football team learned in the last two minutes of the past season. We have a lot more than two minutes; let's make every minute count."

Tests will include, according to Division Headquarters, certain subjects in which the entire Division personnel will be examined. These include gas mask drill, identification of gasses, decontamination, and map reading. In addition to this, each platoon, company, troop or battery will be tested in its individual field of military responsibility.

Rifle platoons will be tested in defense and attack, for instance; while anti-tank platoons will be tested in platoon problems in the defense and attack phases of the 37mm anti-tank gun. Engineers will come in for special examination in such problems as bridge building and sanitation. The Medics will be tested in the establishment of a Battalion Aid Station and a Clearing Station. Artillery will be quizzed in the various phases peculiar to their individual outfits; while the Signal company will be required to show proficiency in all types of communications.

In addition, all infantry regiments, Ordnance, Quartermaster and Medics will be tested on a tactical march and bivouac, in which general proficiency in the conduct of the entire problem, as well as the specific tasks required of specific groups, will be graded.

USO-Camp Show Plays to Big Crowds

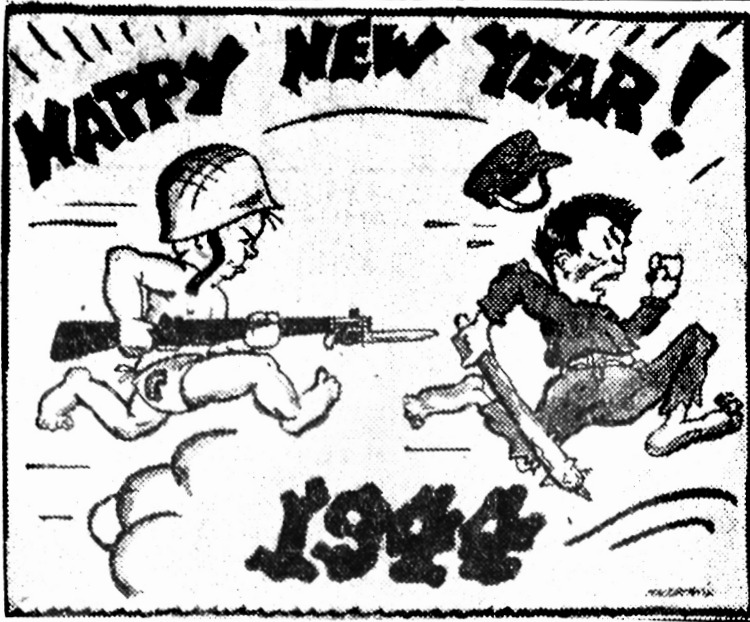
"Around the Corner," the latest of the USO-Camp Shows played before capacity audiences here in Camp over the Christmas weekend.

Starring Hap Hazard, who performed a breathtaking comedy act while perched high off the stage the show moved along briskly. Eddie Manson, whose harmonica playing has been applauded by the listeners of the country's great networks brought the house down with several tuneful selections.

The rest of the bill were audience pleasers, and GIs who saw the show voted it one of the finest to play at Gruber.

Pipe Dream

The Army would be
Sensational
Were it
Co-educational
What fun 'twould be
To give a WAC
A serenade
On bivouac!



Sniping and Anti-Sniping

The following is an article by S-Sgt. Robert Thompson printed in the December issue of the Infantry Journal. Staff Sergeant Thompson is on duty in the Southwest Pacific. The article deals with the importance of sniping.

Jungle warfare is no more a sniper's war than it is a machine-gunner's war, a mortarman's war or a hand grenade thrower's war. But a combat outfit without training in sniping is as helpless in the jungle as a fighter without a left jab and without a defense against one.

The Jap has developed his sniping tactics to the point where it is one of his most important combat forms. There appears to be two factors to his success (1) the use of the proper equipment, and (2) the thorough integration of his sniping tactics with his other combat tactics.

It is true that you can minimize the importance of sniping by comparing the number of casualties inflicted by the Jap sniper, with the number of casualties he has inflicted through other means. But such a conclusion is faulty and dangerous. The only way to judge the effectiveness of sniping is by considering it in relation to all of the Jap's other combat tactics.

Let us suppose a Jap sniper working in conjunction with a Jap machine-gun post. In one day he may not inflict more than three or four casualties, a small number in comparison with the number the machine gun tallies. And yet his observation plus the harassing nature of his fire may have made him responsible for the number of casualties the machine gun squad inflicted.

A sniper covering a route of communication may inflict only a few casualties, and yet, if he has denied the use of that route to large bodies of men, his mission has certainly been successful.

If we are to successfully combat the Jap sniper, we are, I believe, going to have to recognize that his tactics are, as I have shown, closely related to the other combat tactics of his outfit. However, there are some direct counter-measures which can be taken against snipers. To list them briefly:

(1) Observation: Three or four men assigned to watch for snipers will do a better job than a full platoon assigned to the job.

Guest House Annex Open Extra Week

The Guest House Annex will remain open until the first week in January to help house the many visitors who have descended on the camp over Christmas and New Year's.

Using one of the WAC barracks this auxiliary guest house has room for over 40 people. Reservations should be made through the hostesses of either of the Service Clubs.

In addition to their other duties. When it devolves on all men each is apt to become careless and think, "Johnny will see him if I don't."

(2) Antisliper Teams: I think the antisliper team should be considered a unit of company headquarters and be under the direct control of the CC. Six to 12 men should be assigned with a heavy sprinkling of non-coms. Machine-gun crews should have one or two ammunition carriers trained to spot and observe snipers.

(3) Fire. In an advance any place that observation suggests may be occupied by a sniper should be judiciously sprayed with automatic fire.

Artists Complete Activation Mural

For six weeks visitors to Service Club No. 1 have been watching two very busy GIs scrambling around the rafters along the south wall, each of them equipped with paint brushes, paint and a very worried scowl.

The two soldiers were Pvts. Don Freeman and John Cosgrave, Third Bn. Hq. Co., 232nd Inf., and the object of their work was the large mural of the activation day ceremonies that now graces the wall.

Freeman and Cosgrave are well-known artists, both for their work in the Rainbow and for their exhibits in civilian life. Both have done many murals, but this is the first one that they have collaborated on.

Much time was spent in research to make each detail of the activation day parade accurate, and observers who saw the parade agree that it is true to life.

The scene of the mural shows the parade of colors past the reviewing stand, and also shows part of the large crowd that attended the impressive ceremony. GIs who visited the Service Club while it was being painted are sometimes surprised to find a familiar face in the crowds, or in the marching men. The familiar face they are apt to find is their own. While painting the mural Cosgrave and Freeman sketched the faces in from the soldiers around them.

Philbrook Art Exhibit Features Rainbowers

Men who visit Tulsa this weekend will have a chance to see some of the Art work done by their buddies when they visit the Philbrook Art Center. This week Philbrook features an all soldier exhibit, with many pictures by men of the Rainbow.

These Rainbow Artists have entered the Philbrook contest, the winner of which will be determined by the votes of the visitors to Philbrook.

Tables Turned; Father Fought Rainbow in 1918

By a strange twist of fate Pvt. Wolfgang Stoll, Co. M, 232nd Inf., is fighting with the Rainbow this war. Last war his father was fighting against the Rainbow.

A private in the engineers, Stoll's dad, Wilhelm, participated in the battle of St. Mihiel and Metz opposing the Rainbow Division. He emerged with the Iron Cross decoration for bravery.

The Stoll family emigrated to native Saxony in 1928, and both Salt Lake City, Utah, from their father and son were naturalized in 1938.

Furloughs Will Begin Jan. 15

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furlough or leave he must have the necessary funds to purchase a round trip ticket to his destination, and all furloughs must be scheduled in advance in order to make it possible for transportation officials to provide sufficient seating capacity on trains leaving here.

The Western Military Bureau will provide the transportation facilities requested such as bus, railroad coach or railroad pullman.

To be eligible for furloughs or leaves the men must not be undergoing punishment under the 104th Article of War, or sentence by courts martial. The men must have completed at least three months of active military service and not have been granted an ordinary leave or furlough. Those men with more than three months service are eligible who have not been granted ordinary leave or furlough, other than for purposes of convalescence from sickness, for a period of six months.

A schedule of travel time to representative cities in each state has been prepared as a guide to the unit furlough officers in the granting of travel time. Adjustments in travel time as will insure full compliance with the intent of instructions from Division Headquarters may be made by unit commanders and unit furlough officers.

Free Spanish Classes Open to Soldiers at USO

The Muskogee USO is now conducting a series of Spanish lessons every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. Everyone interested in learning this language, or brushing up on it, is cordially invited to attend.

The classes are under the direction of Pvt. William Wachs, Third Bn. Hq. Co., 222nd Inf., who for many years taught Spanish in the high schools of New York, as well as conducting classes over the radio.

The sessions will be devoted to conversations in Spanish, community singing of Spanish songs and occasional lectures on the language. The course is open to both civilians and soldiers.

Newfoundland Romance Ends in Gala Wedding

Men of Co. E, 242nd Inf., helped make the wedding of S-Sgt. Charles Mullen and Miss Kay B. Hunt a gala holiday affair.

The wedding was held in Chapel No. 4, where the bride and groom were greeted as they emerged from the ceremonies by the crossed rifles of an Escort of Honor. From here the couple was marched to Company E's dayroom where a "reception" with all the trimmings, cake-cutting and all, had been arranged.

Mrs. Mullen's home is in Newfoundland, where Sergeant Mullen first met her two years ago while on duty there.

Indian Lingo Baffles Enemy

During the last war Indians played a prominent part in the transmission of messages on the battlefield, not only because their natural instincts made them silent and good scouts, but also they were able to relay messages in their native languages. Even when the enemy was able to intercept these messages they were never able to understand the language.

This war is no exception. Indians are still doing their part on the War fronts of the world, and once again many of them are in communications. In the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop there are 11 Indians from seven different tribes, and all of them play an important part in the Troop's functions.

After the troop has ferreted out the facts there still remains the problem of relaying these facts to the commander, and if the enemy can be kept from finding out we know these facts the element of surprise is added to our side.

Messages of the Reconnaissance Troops will be sent back in a manner that would defy most people to



break them down, and then just to make doubly certain they will be sent in Indian.

One method used is the cryptograph converter, a typewriter-like machine on which you spell your message and they come out looking like a nasty letter from your Chinese laundry. But when this message is fed back into a similar machine at the other end it comes out beautiful and clear, except that it's in Indian. This offers no problem if you happen to be Indian, but to the boys who make with the Berlin doubletalk it has proved to be a headache in two wars.

The Indians of the Reconnaissance troop get the same training as all other members, but they are assigned near the various methods of communication used, ready at any minute to break into their translation defying talk.

Chest Troubles Bring Rebuke From Captain

Does your chest feel heavy? Do you have trouble getting it up to your forehead? Men, get rid of that loggy feeling! Do what Pvt. Richard Byham is going to do from now on.

He was carrying his chest in his right hand, when he met a captain. Private Byham, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 222d Inf., didn't salute because his chest was too heavy to bring up to his forehead. The captain pointed out that Pvt. Byham should carry his chest in his left hand and salute with his right hand.

Oh, by the way—it was a radio chest he was carrying.

Tipple Topples Into Wrong Bed

Just as soon as Christmas bills are paid, the boys of Company K, 222nd Infantry, plan to ante up enough of the old moola to buy a compass for Pvt. P. U. Tipple. Seems he went to sleep in the wrong barracks and in the wrong bunk twice in one night. Furthermore, if you think Tipple topples, you're wrong. He never touches the stuff.

Twice in one night, Pvt. Frank Clifton started to call it a day and crawl into bed—only to find Pvt. Tipple curled up in his blankets.



SPORTS



Boxing Tourney Starts January 13

Although the nearness of the X Corps tests caused the Boxing exhibition scheduled for January 9 to be cancelled the Division can still look forward to some good boxing shows. The Camp Gruber boxing tournament will be held January 13 to 15, and the winners of this will go to Muskogee to box January 27 to 29.

To date 48 experienced boxers of the Division have entered the Camp tournament, and it is expected that many more will come in. Entries should be forwarded to the Division Special Service Officer, and should include the entrant's weight and experience.

Boxers who want to get in condition now for these bouts may use the Field House, where the latest boxing equipment is available. The boxers need only furnish their own shoes, trunks and athletic supporters.

The following men have entered the tournament:

Pfc. Leopold Torres, Co. F, 22nd Inf., Cpl. Charles Hearn, Co. K, 232nd Inf., Pvt. Ray Cecil, Btry. B, 232nd FA Bn., Pvt. Richard Golding, Co. A, 222nd Inf., Pvt. James Dooley, Btry. C, 232nd FA Bn., Pvt. Sam Soldano, Co. A, 142nd Engr. Bn., Pvt. Fred Marshall, Hq. Btry., 392nd FA Bn., Pvt. Raymond Dunzy, Co. C, 142nd Engr. Bn., Sgt. Ramon Martin, Btry. B, 232nd FA Bn., Pfc. Albert Figlioli, Co. C, 242nd Inf., Pvt. Stephen Economy, Co. C, 142nd Engr. Bn., Pvt. Walter Lawrence, Btry. C, 232nd FA Bn., Pvt. Harrison Smith, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., Pfc. Harold Vissage, Co. C, 222nd Inf., Pfc. Herman Roberts, Cannon Co., 222nd Inf., Pfc. Ernest Wilson, Co. A, 142nd Engr., Pvt. Ottavio D'Angelis, Co. H, 222nd Inf., Pfc. Carrol Raines, Btry. B, 402nd FA Bn., Pvt. Lupe Bejarano, Co. M, 242nd Inf., Pvt. Harold Owen, Co. M, 242nd Inf., Cpl. Rober Rider, Btry. A, 232nd FA Bn., Pvt. Dillard Kirby, Btry. A, 132nd FA Bn., and Pvt. Melvin Howell, Co. K, 232nd Inf.

Pvt. George Wilson, Co. D, 232nd Inf.; Pvt. Edward Bieton, Co. D, 232nd Inf.

Novices: Pvt. Guadalupe Esparza, 222nd Inf.; Pvt. John Sandoz, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn.; Pvt. Max Clayton, Hq. Co., Third Bn., 222nd Inf.; Cecil Dyer, Co. B, 222nd Inf.; Pvt. William Lindsey, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Margarit Ponce, Co. K, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Michael Matarazzo, Co. A, 222nd Inf.; Pvt. Bruce Beck, Co. A, 222nd Inf.; Pvt. John Karavidas, Co. I, 222nd Inf.; Pvt. Joseph Rusch, Service Btry., 232nd FA Bn.; Pvt. Wilmer Cooper, Co. L, 242nd Inf.; Pfc. Clarence Davis, Co. L, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Robert Smith, Co. M, 242nd Inf.

Pvt. Carlos Velasquez, Co. K, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. John Spanko, Co. K, 242nd Inf.; Pfc. Louis Pelowitz, Co. L, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Bobby Olive, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn.; Pvt. Vernon McGraw, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Edward J. Mynioszko, Service Btry., 232nd FA Bn.; Pvt. Esteban Borbon, Co. H, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Henry Thompson, Co. M, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. E. O. Brack, Co. H, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Thomas Powell, Co. A, 142nd Engr. Bn.; Pvt. Arthur Johnson, Co. K, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. John Heinritz, Co. A, 142nd Engr. Bn.; Pvt. M. S. Austin, Co. H, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Guy Burns, Co. M, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Orvil Bouse, Cannon Co., 242nd Inf.; and Pvt. Jack Lafer, Co. C, 122nd Med. Bn.



Father Praises Dogfaced Doughboy; Is Glad Army Does Something for Him

Fathers are interested in the well-being of their sons and want them to get credit for their work in the Rainbow, but ask for no quarter in their training. This is brought out in a letter to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, by the father of a man in the 242nd Infantry.

He says: "Am enclosing a clipping which I wish you would read in case it has not met your eye before this. I am a Rainbow dad with a kid in the 242nd Infantry and as time goes on I have become rather weary of listening and reading about how this or that branch of the service is winning the war, while I—as an old 1918 soldier—know—well that it is the dogfaced doughboy standing on the corner with the rifle on his shoulder is what makes that particular spot peaceful.

"I am not asking for any soft treatment for my kid or any other Infantryman. They have a hard and tough road ahead of them, and being easy on them now in training would be doing them a disservice. But coming right down to earth, the doughboy is the soldier's soldier and it is most refreshing to see one of our top generals getting up on his hind legs and saying so.

"Some smart mugs say that if a man is no good—well they can

always 'send him to the infantry.' "The hell you say.

"Let that mug try being a good infantryman once. He will get an awful surprise."

The article enclosed in the letter was one by Ray Clapper and told of the efforts being made by the War Department toward the glorification of the doughboy in the mud. It tells of the newly authorized infantry badges which "are the result of a feeling in the War Department that the doughboy does the dirty fighting in the mud while the other branches get the medals."

It quotes Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, commander of the Army Ground Forces as saying, "The ever present front lines on the maps are simply where the Infantryman is. It is true that he is supported magnificently by artillery and air, but this support is behind and above him. There is nothing in front of him but the enemy."

See the Authors, Pvt. Giacomantonio

Every other Thursday Pvt. Antonio Giacomantonio, Co. H 232nd Inf., turns up at Service Club No. 2 and looks with apprehension at the part he is scheduled to read on the KTUL radio show for that night.

Time before last the part called for a man on KP, and sure enough when Giacomantonio returned to his company there was his name leading all the rest on the KP roster. On the last show he was a GI in the hospital, and Private Giacomantonio was released from the hospital only a few days ago.

"They never give me a part where I get a three-day pass," is Giacomantonio's current complaint.

ALABAMA SENDS GREETINGS

Men of the new Rainbow received a Christmas greeting from the Alabama Association, Rainbow Division Veterans. The card, signed by all of the officers of the Alabama Association, wishes the members of the new Rainbow a Merry Christmas, and a winning New Year.

242nd Organizes Athletic Council

Athletic activities in the 242nd Infantry got a boost this week with the announcement that an athletic council, with representatives from each company, has been formed to study and promote the recreational wishes of the enlisted men in the regiment.

One of the first steps expected of the council is the organization of a basketball league or tournament, although the program visualizes a broad study of all types of recreational activity for off-duty hours.

Further stimulus to the basketball program has been given in the arrangement that permits the use of the field house by teams from the 242nd. Teams wishing to schedule use of the floor may do so through Special Service Office in the Rec. Hall. The floor is available to the regiment on Thursdays from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Open Field Running Feature on Court

In what was scheduled to be a 222nd Infantry League basketball game, Cannon and Service Companies played an unscheduled football game on the field house floor Tuesday night, Dec. 12.

Starting with two volunteer referees, in the absence of the regular arbiters, and ending with no referees at all, the fracas was scored as an 18-18 deadlock. With players from both sides thoroughly exhausted, and no one in the Field House sufficiently courageous to referee, no overtime period was ventured.

The scheduled game will be played over in the near future, with regular referees.

He's Just Bucking For Pfc. Stripes

When Pvt. David Hedland, Co. M, 232nd Inf., awoke with the barracks lights shining in his eyes he immediately concluded it was reveille and hopped out of bed and started dressing. He was just seven hours early, he found, because it was only 11 p. m.

Hedland had retired early after a day of massaging the dishware on KP, and was asleep when his mates returned from a problem and turned the lights on.

SERVICE CO. SERVES 'EM Service Company, 222nd Infantry, caused Company H to lose its first basketball game of the season by inflicting a 33-to-13 defeat.

MP's Win Again, Keep Lead

With only one game being played over the Christmas holidays, the MP's took a 43-32 decision over the fourth place Signal Company to move further into the lead.

Dowell dropped in 21 points to lead the winners in scoring, while Blane was high man for the Signaleers with 13 points.

The MP's have now won eight games and lost one giving them a .026 lead over the second place Ordnance Company.

The 142nd Engineers also upped their percentage, defeating the 42nd Quartermaster five by a decisive 51-19 score.

MP Platoon, 43 132nd Sig. Co., 32	
Dowell	21
Blane	13
Paletta	4
Schwab	4
Tinton	13
Thompson	2
Dowell	2
Solinsky	

STANDINGS			
MP Platoon	8	1	.888
742nd Ord. Co.	6	1	.852
142nd Engr. Co.	7	2	.778
132nd Sig. Co.	4	4	.500
Recon. Troop	2	5	.246
42nd QM	1	7	.125
122nd Medics	1	7	.125
Div. Hq. Co.	0	2	.000

Cpl. Gebrain Really In Big League Now

Before entering the service Cpl. Peter Gebrain, Hq. Btry. 542nd FA Bn., was a ball player who was steadily working his way up to the big leagues.

His last season before joining the Army was played with Hornell in the Pony League, where he won 16 and lost 4 with his brilliant pitching. He was slated for either Toronto or Pittsburgh this year, but decided to play ball with local draft board 16 instead.

Corporal Gebrain plans to return to baseball after the war, and we may be going to see him hurl them out for Pittsburgh.

MP'S VS. MUSKOGEE AIR BASE

The Division Military Police Platoon basketball team played the Muskogee Air Base team Wednesday night at the field house. Because the game was played too late to meet the deadline for news in the Reveille, the outcome will be reported next week.

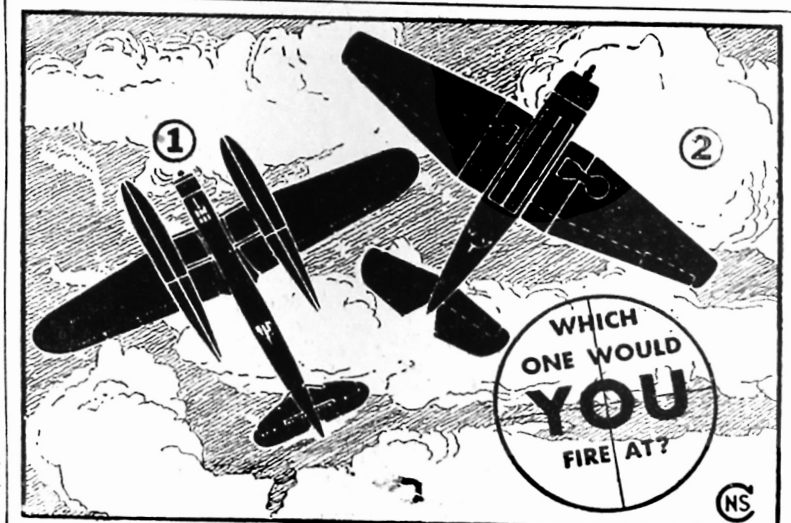
LIFE SAVERS



NEVER MOVE an injured man until medical help comes, unless it is impossible to keep him warm where he is, or unless his condition is so critical that immediate action is necessary.

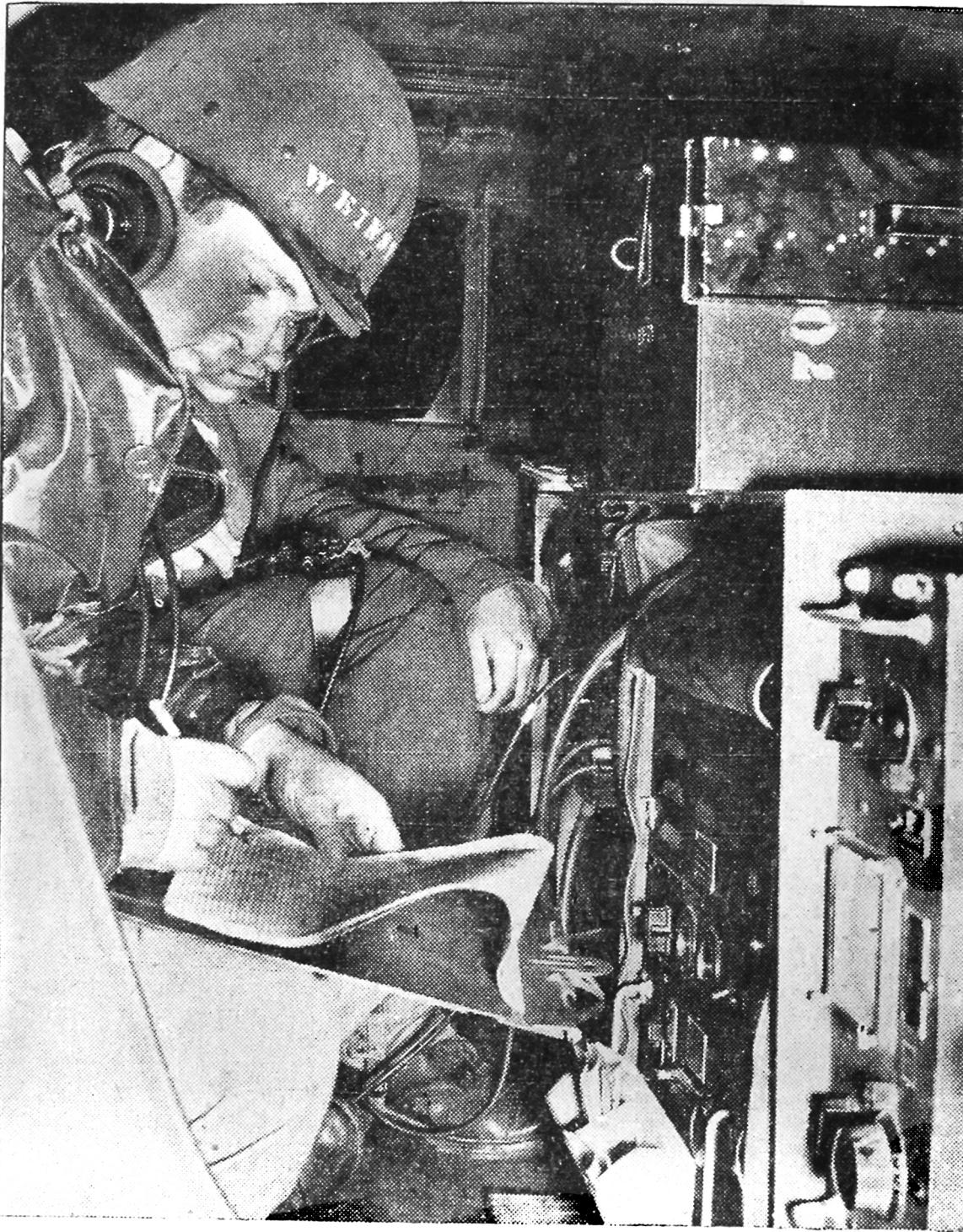


NEVER HANDLE a wounded man roughly, and do not try to do too much. A Medical Corps man should be called as soon as possible.



Fire at No. 1! It's the Japanese Aichi 98, a twin-float plane used as a torpedo bomber and powered by three engines. One engine is in the nose of the thin fuselage and the other two are in the wings over the floats. The thick wings are tapered to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back to rounded tips and it has a single fin and rudder.

Not at No. 2! It's the U. S. Navy Grumman TBF-1 Avenger, a torpedo bomber powered by a single radial engine. It has a large cylindrical fuselage. The center sections of the wings are rectangular and the outer panels taper to square cut tips. Both edges of the tailplane taper slightly to broad rounded tips. It has a single fin and rudder.



Part of Warning Net for Division CP

At the key of this SCR 193 radio is Pvt. Joseph Dopilka, and at the log is Pvt. Sherman Weinstein, both of the 132nd Signal Company, during recent Division Command Post Exercises. Their job is to help man the warning net that protects the core of Division operation.



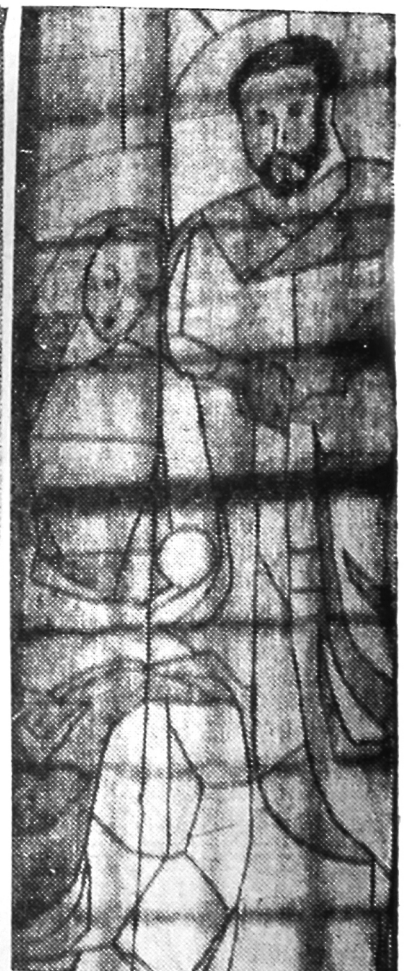
The 'Candy Moochers' Club Convenes

Pfc. Jack Devaney, Btry. B, 232nd F. A. Bn., wasn't lacking for onlookers when he opened that big Christmas box from home. Watching with mouths watering for the inevitable box of candy are: kneeling: Cpl. Emilio Cianpi, Pvt. Joseph Stare and Pvt. James Gillmore. Standing, from left to right: S Sgt. Carlos Fitzwater, Pfc. Fred B. Steinbrock (behind), Pvt. Melvin Lester, Pvt. Harvey Glander, Pfc. Wilnot Oakley, Pfc. Joseph Davis, Pfc. J. D. Gresham, and Pvt. James Bezenek.



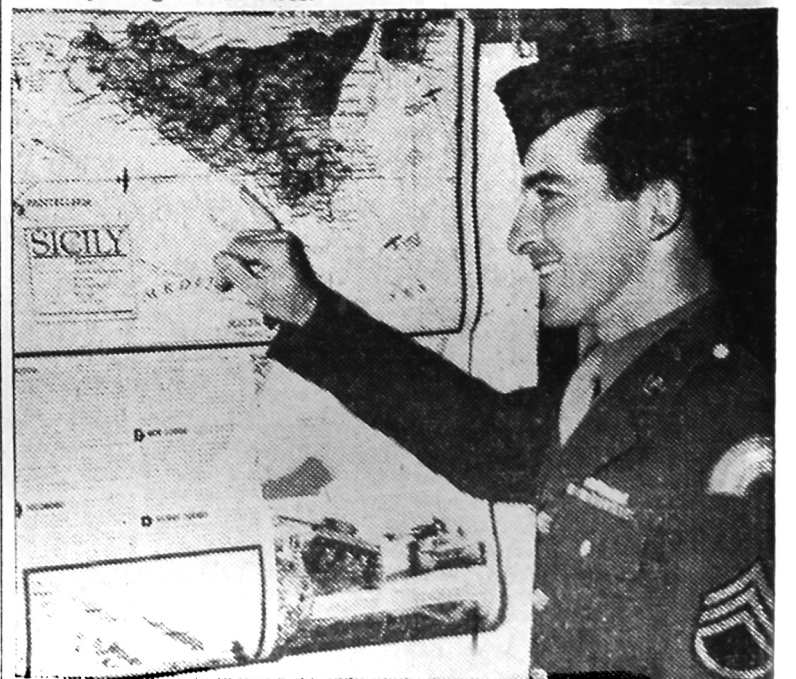
No Joke, Cable Is Wire Chief

This is Division Wire Chief, S/Sgt. William Cable, checking his material on Division Command Post Exercises this week just as it was beginning to rain.



Adorn Chapel

These religious decorations helped add to the spirit of Christmas for men from the 242nd Infantry. On the right is one of the chapel windows which was made to resemble stained glass by Cpls. Emerson Whipple and Harold Dawley of Service Company. Above is a painting of the Madonna and Christ Child, by Pvt. William Newmark, also of Service Co., which was placed on the altar during holiday religious services.



'There's Where We Landed'

S Sgt. Earl "Larry" Wills, Co. D., 122nd Med. Bn., points to Gela on the map of Sicily, where he landed with the Medics of the First Division which spearheaded the invasion of Sicily earlier this year.

DOWN THE HOME-STRETCH IN '43



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High spot of the Medics' Christmas party were the operatic arias rendered by Corporal Cappetta. He also cuts hair, which sort of fits in.

Romance seems to be losing out to basic training among the Medics. There are no engagements or marriages to announce in spite of Sergeant Horowitz's activities in the Tulsa area.

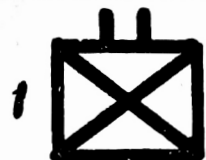
Tahlequah college now boasts additional boosters—members of Anti-Tank Company who were fortunate enough to spend an enjoyable evening at a Tahlequah Christmas party.

Cannon Company's mess hall was ablaze with lights on Monday night, Dec. 20, and the company area resounded with mass singing and laughter, for the beer and soda pop were on Anti-Tank Company. The big guns finally received the beer party which their regimental champion softball team won from the 37's two months ago. Pvt. Frank Melfi entertained on his violin; Pvt. Herman M. Roberts and Delmer A. Honeycutt on the mandolin; Pvt. Thomas J. Gonnella on the mouth-organ, and Pfc. Stanley Kunas with impromptu tricks. Pfc. Albert G. Joerin acted as master of ceremonies.

M-Sgt. Jack Crawford, Service Co., has returned to his regular duties from Ft. Benning, Ga.

Wives of Privates First Class Fontana and Tillou, Service Co., were visitors in Muskogee during the holidays.

Food, drink and entertainment featured Service Company's Christmas party—pronounced by the men a huge success.



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Under the guidance of Corporal Whittington, Headquarter Company's basketball team has been holding secret practice in readiness for their first game Thursday night.

Returning to Company B from emergency furloughs this week were Pvt. Lionel Epstein and Austin Moffatt.

Most popular man of the week in Company B: Pfc. Kenneth Lare, personal representative of Santa Claus. (He's the mail clerk).

Last week the REVEILLE stated that Pvt. Raymond Chamberlain, Co. C, was one of two men in the company who received the largest amount of mail. Now Ray's complaining—he hasn't had a letter from his "No. 1" girl friend since that piece appeared.

Wedding bells will be ringing Friday in Muskogee for S-Sgt. Sellers B. Brown, Jr., Co. C.

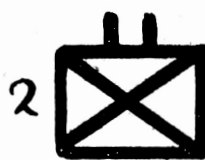
Among recent arrivals are Mrs. Clarence Gearhart, Mrs. Gilbert Yorba, Mrs. Albert Gubitos, Mrs. Irwin D. La Four Jr., and Mrs. John D. Weatherup, visiting their husbands, all men of Company D.

Bright sayings, Company D—Lieutenant Stringer, discussing scouting and patrolling: "Now, Private Bye, you have been selected to go out as a scout at night and reconnoiter. What will you take with you?" Private Bye: "Sir, my underwear."

Brother From Overseas Visits Here for Hour

Pvt. R. Fuqua, Co. K, 222nd Inf., has a brother who flew here from overseas to visit him for one hour in Muskogee this weekend.

His name is Lt. C. Fuqua. He had a one-hour lay-over in Muskogee for repairs.



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One Headquarters Company sergeant, who prefers to remain nameless, received four slave bracelets for Christmas from four different girls. Let's hope he never gets them mixed!

Headquarters Company welcomed Mrs. Forrest Rans and Mrs. Oklahoma Vandervert, visitors this week.

Ever hear of anyone happy to draw K. P.? Privates Husok, French, Buckles, Ebner, McComas, Wright and Hayett, Hq. Co., were when their names came up last Thursday—they'd been worried about drawing it for Christmas Day.

Sergeant DePinto, Hq. Co., says the trouble with tactical breakfasts is that you can't tell whether it's eggs or potatoes you're spilling on your clean overcoat.

Pvt. Alfred D. White did a fine job of decorating Company E's mess hall for the holiday season. In a Christmas Eve wedding ceremony, Private First Class Nalesnick, Co. F, was married to Miss Mary Yost of McKees Rocks, Pa. Chaplain Gallivan performed the ceremony.

Pvt. Bob Perrigan, Co. G, says, "It was dark—how could I know we pitched tents over an old latrine?"

Private Liptak is still trying to find out where that piece fits in the BAR. He has put the rifle together 34 times and every time he leaves it out.

Private Lebman, Co. G, who has been recovering from an operation at Station Hospital, has just returned from a 30-day rest furlough.

Company H thanks Mrs. William Bennett and Mrs. Sturgeon for their efforts in bringing the Christmas spirit to the company dayroom.

Pvt. Lambert Jensen, Co. H, and Miss Mary Fonteneta, both of Chicago, were married recently.



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Former Private First Class Schmitman, Hq. Co., believes in Santa Claus. For Christmas the man made Corporal.

Proud pappy James W. Bogart (Sgt., Co. I) has a 7-pound baby boy to his credit.

Pvt. Benjamin E. Loup, Co. L, enjoyed a visit from his mother during the past week, and Pfc. Albert Boomhower, was surprised and happy to find his father awaiting him when he came in from bivouac to pick up the day's mail.

A compound fracture is where the bone has pushed through the skin and is exposed to infection from outside.



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Regimental Headquarters Company had as its guests Christmas Col. W. H. Vinson, Lt. Col. Lawrence Babcock, Captain Kushen and other staff officers.

Pvt. Donald Richardson opened the entertainment program singing "Holy Night," accompanied by Pvt. William Cerutti. Music was furnished by the Headquarters Company band composed of Privates Antinazzi, Cerutti, Cogiano, Smith and Corporal Saracco.

Pfc. Manuel Aragon, Service Co., got a very promising gurgle from one of his Christmas packages. It was hair tonic.

The Service Company is sorry to see T-5 Ed McGarry leave for the hospital.

Pvt. Tom Tynan, Service Co., had a Merry Christmas wished to him personally by Mrs. Tynan who just arrived from Chicago.

Service Company dayroom is much approved by the artistic decorations done by Pvt. Arthur Sneed.



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Visitors to the Company A Christmas dinner included Mrs. Rose Miller, Horace Randolph, Morris Chisick, William Brump, Ann Ronco, Mulburn Swenson, Harry Schoomaker, Robert Wood, C. Caputo, Robert Berlinger, Clifford Hulse, Horace Weeks, Esther Chernofsky, Anita Weitzner and Mrs. Ronald Hatchey.

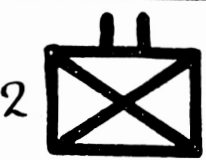
Entertainment for the Company A party was provided by Joe McGraw, Jesus Jordan, Manuel Montanayor, Joe Hinchey and Nate Weitzner. The show was MC'd by Pvt. Max Handler, complete with new teeth.

The wife and daughter of Pfc. H. Williams, Co. B, arrived in time to decorate his Christmas tree.

S-Sgt. Ray Hawks, Co. B, dressed up the company mess hall in fine holiday spirit.

S-Sgt. Ralph Anderson, Co. B, is still expecting the stork.

Pfc. Julio Ali, Co. B, sat so far up front on the Christmas show his name should have been on the program.



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Pvt. Gerald Shults, Hq. Co., is going around mournful now that his wife has returned home.

T-4 Edward Fishback, Hq. Co., returned after an emergency furlough.

Orchids to T-5 Roy Palmer and T-4 Edward Fishback, Hq. Co., for the fine Christmas dinner.

Privates Amundson, Battaglino and Zielen, Co. F, are off on emergency furloughs.

Sergeant Daniel, Co. F, is now doing time in the hospital after parting with his appendix.

Private Visner, Co. F, all set to wed in February.

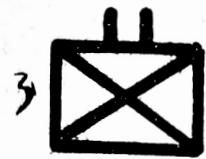
Mess Sergeant Roberts, Co. F, is getting congratulations for the fine paint job in the mess hall.

Pvt. Joseph Powtak, Co. H, has written this Christmas off as a dead loss. He was on KP Christmas Eve and table waiter Christmas day.

Pvt. Kinnard Gillespie, Co. H, almost went blind from seeing so much red on the carbine range.

Company H's Christmas party was a great success with beer going like water.

Several wives were at the open house at the mess hall, giving it a very festive appearance. They were, Mrs. Leroy Miller, Joseph Jania, Murrel Ewing and Mrs. William Blandford.



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Company M is really going to the dogs, a five day old terrier puppy in this case.

The hometown paper of Pvt. Theodore Wazlack, Co. M, ran a half column article about his liking KP. If our ace reporter had turned it in we would have given it a column.

When asked to deliver a five minute lecture about the 81 mm mortar, S-Sgt. John Klucker, Co. M, spoke for an hour and a half without anyone objecting.

Pvt. Bob Camelio, Co. M, proved his adeptness with the saxophone when he entertained the company Christmas eve.

Cpl. Nito De Cobo, Co. M, was all smiles when he discovered a friend from his home town Tampa.

When Pvt. James Hancock, Co. M, received a letter from his draft board asking him how he was getting on he was showered with, "What's the matter Jim—Going to be drafted?"

And Pvt. Stanley Dreyfuss, Co. M, made sure to send his draft board greetings. He explained they sent them to him earlier in the year.



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Pvt. John Betscher, Serv. Co., returned to his duties last week, after three weeks in the hospital. He reports that Pvt. Ernest Milleman, also in the hospital, is improving and eager to get back into the swing of things.

"Company Punishment" was the name given to Service Company's Christmas party held last week in the mess hall. The affair featured a hilarious skit written by Pfc. Scott Corbett, and "verses" that accompanied each present. The shortest of these verses, apparently written by a conservation-minded poet, accompanied a history book. We quote it in full: "Mystery? No! History."

Sgt. George H. Long, Cannon Co., has been transferred from duty at the motor pool to chief of a section of one of this unit's howitzers.

Men of Cannon Company are pulling for the speedy recovery of the mother of Pvt. Edward J. Luskin who was stricken with a heart attack during the Christmas holidays.

Pvt. Walter V. Brown, Cannon

Co., has returned to the company after 65 days in the station hospital. Also back from the hospital is Pvt. Daniel E. Ryan.



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Pvt. Joseph E. Meketarian, Hq. Co., served as master of ceremonies for the Christmas party held in the dayroom on December 23. Lt. James A. Clark, company commander, and other officers were special guests.

An interesting coincidence in the exchange of gifts is reported by Cpl. Charles M. "Barney" Fults, Hq. Co. He sent Mrs. Fults a Bible with her name embossed in gold on the cover—and received an identical gift from her with neither one knowing of the other's intentions.

Pvt. Joseph S. Tomaszewski reports the birth of a son weighing nearly nine pounds to his wife in Chicago last week.

A real southern fried chicken dinner preceded Company B's big Christmas celebration last Wednesday evening. Feature of the evening was entertainment by Company B's own pianist and composer, Pvt. Morton C. Dowby, who played boogie-woogie and sang and played several compositions of his own. Sgt. Merle H. Moran acted as master of ceremonies. The mess hall was decorated by Pfc. Joseph DeFalcis, a professional decorator in civilian life.

Guests, men, and officers of Company C were entertained at the Company's recent Christmas party with a variety of local and imported talent including the jitter-bugging of Pvt. Julian Lafont and Cpl. Harvey W. Whittaker, and the "auction" of Sgt. Floyd Pruitt's ancient car by Pvt. Harry L. Wilkinson.



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Hill-billy music by Pvt. Harley J. Anderson and Loren Abbott, Co. E., has been proving a good "tonic" recently for men who have let their spirits get low.

Company G's mess hall looked like a Macy window after Pvt. Jack Gellman and crew had completed their decoration of the dayroom for the Company Christmas party.

Twenty-four men in Company H were promoted to Private First Class last week.

Playing dominos, and eating candy, nuts and fruit cake were enjoyed over the holidays by Pvt. Richard L. Edwards, George L. Wollenberg, Lloyd Q. Mautz, Roscoe J. Wilson and Pfc. Harold W. Powell, Co. H—thanks to the folks back home.

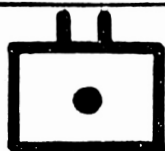


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Company L put on one of those good dinners with entertainment Christmas day, much to the pleasure of the company members and their guests who attended. Ptv. Clarence Davis arranged the musical numbers, singing "Silent Night" followed by Pvt. Clarence Lindsey on the guitar who sang a new version of the "Wabash Cannonball." Lt. Paul Moxley also sang a solo.

At halts promptly clear the road on which you have been marching, unless otherwise directed.

YULETIDE EBBTIDE IN THE RAINBOW



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Birthday greetings from Headquarters Battery go to Corporal Stallings and Privates Casey and Hepler.

Privates Porreca and Olive, Hq. Btry., made orderly of the guard in the past week.

Hats off to Private MacDougall, Hq. Btry., who did a great job of interior decorating in the mess hall.

There's a real jive band growing in Headquarters Battery under the direction of Sergeant Henthorne.

Sgt. John Sloop, Btry. A, is off on emergency furlough.

Pvt. Warren Kracke, Btry. A, has just received a book on how to be a good father, from his mother-in-law, no less.

Pvt. Paul Green, Btry. A, is now in the hospital growing back the part of the finger that he sliced off.

Guest of honor at the Battery B Christmas dinner was Phyllis Hilsenbeck, the five months old daughter of T-4 Kenneth Hilsenbeck.

The tireless tap dancer who entertained at the PX the other night with his tap dancing was Battery B's own pride and joy, Pvt. Clarence Coy.

Pvt. Joseph Ryan, Btry. B, was a bowling champ before he entered the Army.

To Pvts. W. A. and J. R. Veitch, the twins of Service Battery, homesickness is the least of their worries. Their parents just paid them their fifth visit since they have been in the Army.

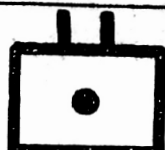


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Battery B had Mrs. Ted Szinai as its honored guest for Christmas dinner. The men in the company said it made it seem more like home.

Battery B welcomes Cpl. Max Rosenberg back from the hospital.

Cpl. Fred Dinkel and Pvt. Charles Brown have returned to Battery B after being away on detached service and school respectively.



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Sgt. Irving Bell holds the record of having made sergeant in just three months.

All the men of Battery B are proud of their howitzer section for winning the best squad in the Division.

A Christmas package was delivered by the stork to the home of Sgt. Jean Lee. Package consisted of an eight pound boy.

We all hope that Privates Cross



sett and Deprow get out of the hospital soon.

And we hear that Service Battery is taking up a collection to buy Private Wolfe a lantern to help him find the barracks.



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Pvt. Julius Threatt, is back from an emergency furlough.

Sgt. Lloyd Roy and Private Foszcz have returned from DS at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Cpl. Gerald Yates transferred from 103rd Division Camp Howze, Texas to Hq. Btry. 232nd FA Bn., has been placed in charge of battalion message center.

Sgt. Chris Cronin, perennial school boy, returned from SD at Division Booby Trap School.

Sergeant Paradise and Corporal Winslow spent a quiet week end in camp talking about those good old times in New York.



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The Christmas Eve party in the Headquarters and Service Company was brightened by the wives of several members of the company. Among those attending were Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. E. C.

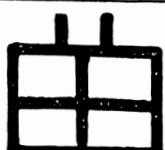
Davis, Mrs. Dursco, Mrs. Ench, Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Sammartino and Mrs. Sturzenegger.

Corporal Hymes and Pvt. J. C. Miller kept the music going with their guitar and trumpet.

The attractive blonde you may see with Sergeant Dodson, Co. A, is Miss Hazel Ewing of Texarkana. The wedding is pencilled in for mid-January.

Cpl. August Kammueler, Co. A, hit the jackpot when he was invited to participate in the "Hello Soldier" show which originates in KTCN, St. Paul. Corporal Kammueler talked to his wife and family who were in the KTCN studios.

Pvt. Louis Cohn, Co. A, is back on the job with only an eye patch to remind him of the supply room. Sergeant Klister is back in Company A after a minor injury.



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Company A's mess hall was decorated for Christmas dinner by the presence of the pretty wives of Sgt. Irving Miller and Pvts. Jesus O. Rivera and Lloyd G. Minton.

At the Co. D and Hq. Det. Christmas Eve party, the hidden piano talents of Cpl. Richard Cullinan were uncovered.

Pfc. Harry A. Broadley's dad traveled all the way from Pawtucket, R. I., to be with his son

for the holidays.

The wives of Pvts. Walter Loveless and Frank Dera have arrived from New York to be with their husbands.

S-Sgt. Tom Morgan, Co. D, believes he's hit on a "secret weapon" that will make the "Molotov Cocktail" look sick. S-Sgt. L. C. Robbins says it combines all the features of the Russian incendiary with that of the Nazi rocket gun.

Pfc. "Tex" Earthman's lusty voice has been ringing out twice daily in the Co. D day room as he pinch hits as mail clerk for Cpl. Marvin Sleeper who is helping out at battalion mail headquarters during the Christmas and New Year's rush.

Pfc. Carl Beckman, Co. C, now holding down the battalion mail assignment, replaced Cpl. Joseph Schlesinger, recently transferred to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.

Sgt. Edward McGuire, who just returned from two weeks of mine and booby trap school carrying things to the extreme by cautiously examining the salt and pepper shakers before applying same to the food in Company D's mess hall.

Pvt. Roman Beaver, Co. A, putting in for a new allotment with the arrival of Sir Stork at his wife's home. The government will have to shell out for Pvt. Clyde Ferguson too. He was married Christmas Eve in Chapel No. 1 with Chaplain Robert O. Fife officiating and Sgt. Richard S. Dubay as best man.

Company B rarity: Pajama-sleeping Pvt. Harry Elchoff. S-Sgt. Everett Albrecht of the same company is trying to sell him the pair he received for Christmas.



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Quartermaster Company nominates for the Hall of Fame Pfc. Rex Howard and F. H. Miller, and Pvts. Walter Roish, William English and Erle Redding—our KPs for Christmas.

And while we're at it, the whole company is entitled to a bow. Everybody turned out for ration breakdown Christmas morning. And brother, if we hadn't tossed groceries then, you wouldn't have eaten Christmas or Sunday!

G. I. Q.

1. A "border" State between the North and South in the United States which usually votes the Democratic line and which went Republican, electing its first GOP governor in 12 years in the 1943 contest, is—

A—Kentucky () B—Maryland ()

2. After the recent Moscow conference at which Russia, China, the United States and Great Britain agreed not to make a separate peace with any of their common enemies, Cordell Hull and Anthony Eder, representing the U. S. and Britain respectively, met officials of Turkey for further talks in—

A—Istanbul () B—Cairo ()

3. A Jap-held island in the Pacific which was attacked Oct. 5 and 6 and reduced to uselessness by the largest aircraft carrier force in history was—

A—Guam () B—Wake ()

Answers: 1—A; 2—B; 3—B.

LIFE SAVERS



Don't invite enemy fire by poking your head out of concealment and breaking the natural outline. Exposed metal parts and careless movements will also give away your position.



Strip for action and carry only essentials when going on a scouting mission. Unnecessary equipment will weigh you down and reduce your speed.

Male Call

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



Combat Report

'Keep Cool,' Is Battle Advice

By CPL. MARVIN SLEEPER
Co. D, 122nd Med. Bn.

Hey, soldier, step up and meet a 23-year-old veteran of the North African and Sicilian campaigns.

He's S-Sgt. Earl "Larry" Wills, who wears the Silver Star for "gallantry in action," and, as a member of the famous First Division's 16th Infantry Medical Section, landed at Oran on November 8, 1942, and didn't have a decent night's sleep until he'd been through the hell of Kasserine Pass, El Guettar, Gafsa, Mateur, Ouseila and finally the invasion of Sicily.

This boy from Brooklyn, who recently was assigned to Co. D, 122nd Med Bn., can sit for hours and weave stories that would make your hair stand up. But he's more interested in giving the Rainbow men who someday will probably have their own stories to tell, some friendly advice based on real battle experience.

"These men will someday see action," he said, "and if they'll only remember to use their common sense and apply the principles they've been taught in training, they'll be better soldiers—and a lot healthier."

"They must be made to realize how many lives can be saved if they know how and when to apply a tourniquet, instead of getting panicky and letting a man bleed to death as I've seen happen."

Wills explained that a soldier must learn how to take care of himself as well as others.

"Especially if you get shot in the leg or arm," he continued. "Know that pressure point, sprinkle that sulpha powder and get that improvised tourniquet or compress bandage applied."

Other things to remember, Sgt. Wills said, are to "keep cool" and not get panicky no matter what happens.

"Stay in that fox-hole—I did for 72 solid hours while Stukas strafed me night and day," he said. "Remember your problems in concealment and cover. It meant the lives and deaths of many of my buddies. And don't get scared when you see dead Germans or Japs. You'll stumble over many of them. The main thing to remember is not to have someone stumble over you."

Sergeant Wills, who enlisted in November 1939, spent 16 months overseas, nine of them in action. In Sicily during a prolonged battle, he was on constant duty for 31 consecutive days without a relief.

He landed back at a New York pier on November 8, 1943, the first anniversary of the North African invasion, and headed straight for Brooklyn and Dot, his pretty blonde wife whom he hadn't seen in almost two years.

"There were plenty of times in the heat of battle when I felt nervous as hell," he smiled, "but that day when I rung the bell and walked up the stairs to my wife's apartment was the worst case of jitters I ever had."

Dishes to Left of Me, Clattered and Roared

"Dishes to the right of me, to the left, here, there—gad, they're everywhere!"

Such well might be the soulful lament of Private Woodie Waller, Hq. Co., 232nd Inf., who is the possessor of the questionably exalted position of head dish washer at officer's mess.

Since June 23, one month following his arrival here, Private Waller has washed an average of 140 dishes three times a day, six days a week. It is figured he has massaged about 15,120 cups, bowls and plates to date.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Lovely Harriet Greve of Norristown, Pa., wins the Billfold Girl sweepstakes this week in a walk. Pvt. William L. Bycroft, Btry. B, 542nd F.A. Bn., says she is the most valuable item in his wallet—even on paydays!

Lapel Buttons Given With Discharge

Lapel buttons for honorably discharged men and officers have been authorized by the War Department.

For men being discharged at Camp Gruber, the unit personnel officer will make a request to the Camp Gruber Headquarters showing the rank, name, serial number, date of separation from service and reason for separation under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 318, and the lapel button will be issued to the man.

Importance of Individual Soldier's Role Emphasized as Program Expands

The basic training of the individual soldier has been completed and all units are now participating in small unit problems—platoon and section problems which incorporate at various times all of the training given the individual soldier since he became a member of the Rainbow Division.

These platoon problems are the groundwork for exercises on a much larger scale which will be coming up in the not so distant future. There will be company problems, then battalion problems, then regimental problems, then combat team maneuvers and finally the big Division maneuver when all units in the Division will concentrate on large problems.

But the success of each one of these problems—platoon or Division—is dependent upon the individual soldier. Each man must perform his duties well to make the problems successful. He cannot slack off and say, "Well, the rest of the men can carry on today and I'll slide through this one and not do anything."

That attitude by only one man might not necessarily disrupt the whole process, but what if all the men had the same idea at the same time? Then the maneuver would bog down and the results would be a failure.

As the platoon problems progress into company problems, the individual soldier will become a smaller cog in the wheel. But that cog is the one which makes the finely tuned machine function properly.

During the training of the individual soldier it has been easy to see why certain things have been taught—recounting and patrolling, creeping and crawling, marksmanship,

'Lights Out' Wins Praise of 242nd

"Lights Out," the 242nd Infantry's Christmas show, which was presented Christmas Eve at Theater No. 2, was a tremendous success!

Playing to a packed house, with the Standing Room Only signs out, the all-soldier cast had the audience laughing and applauding at all the places where laughter and applause were indicated in the script. That is quite a feat with a soldier audience, it being commonly known as a critical group—especially of soldier shows.

Only one "egg" was laid in the entire show, that being dropped by Pfc. Richstad, quite accidentally as he was doing an impromptu juggling act in the background. All other characters in the show, such as lively comedians as Sergeant Lachter, Pvt. Bert Styler, Pvt. Julian Lewis; clarinet-playing Private Funderburk; dancing Private Dorsey; guitar expert Private DiPasquale and, far from least, the magnificent singing of Cpl. Phil D'Erasmus, were all that could be desired and had the audience with them all the way.

The music of Pvt. Richard Fanning and his "Tunesmiths" provided a pleasant background for the entire show.

All in all, "Light's Out" was a shining example of soldier shows. High point of the evening's entertainment was probably the least G. I. on the menu, the appearance of four lovely Muskogean in the persons of Misses Betty Stone, Ruth Clayton and Eleanor Thompson, dancing trio, and Miss Charlotte Moon, vocalist.

NEW YEAR'S DAY NOT A HOLIDAY

New Year's Day is not a holiday. Training schedules will be followed as usual on Saturday.

'Sick Call' Features 'Hey Rubettes'

Six good reasons why there should be a good turn-out at "Sick Call" are the six gorgeous "Hey Rubettes" from the "Hey Rube" show. They will be featured when the 232nd Infantry Medical Detachment puts on its musical extravaganza, called "Sick Call," to-night at 8 p. m. at Service Club No. 2.

Musical chores will be split between the "Hey Rube" band, and the Regimental band batoned by T-5 Sol Talanker.

The committee, headed by Pvt. A. Giacomantonio, and including Cpl. Henry Nelson and Pfc. William Hines, promise other surprises for the evening.

Have Family Notify Red Cross in Emergency

When your presence at home is urgently needed it is possible to get an emergency furlough, but in order to hold absences to the minimum the urgency of that need must be verified by your commanding officer.

One of his best ways to check is through the Red Cross, who in turn will get their information through the local Red Cross Chapter in your home town who checks up through your doctor and other sources available to them.

In case there ever is an emergency in your home it would be best if they notified their local Red Cross, thus saving time.

Dreams of a Soldier

By SIDNEY TENDLER
Co. F 232d Inf.

On a quiet summer evening
When the stars are out above,
When twilight shadows start to fall,
I'll come to you my love.

I'll stroll along beside you
And I'll whisper in your ear
"I love you, little Angel,"
Then I'll kiss away a tear.

I'll stroke your hair so gently,
You'll think it's just the breeze,
Yet the touch seems so familiar,
And you feel so much, at ease.

Now close your eyes, my darling,
And try to dream of me.
For since I left, till I return,
I'll save my love for thee.

Cooks Turn Tables, Get Girls to Help Them

The KP problem was well solved the other night in the MP-Band mess hall by Pfc. Maurice Roberts and Jessie Hardy, of the cooking staff.

After evening chow two young ladies from Muskogee stopped in to see Roberts and Hardy. The next thing they knew astonished GI's were gathering to watch the two young ladies wielding mops across the mess hall floor.

Stars With Stripes

232nd FA Battalion
Sgt. to S-Sgt.—William E. Miller, Btry. B; Edward Jackson, Btry. C.
T-5 to T-1—Hester J. Hoffman, Service Btry.; Frank J. Augustine, Btry. C.

Pvt. to T-4—William R. Dabb, Btry. C.

Pfc. to Cpl.—Fred D. Avery; Jack R. Hildreth, Dennis J. Amatuzio, Homer E. Hill, Peter McMahon, James P. Roodhouse, Walter W. Welle, Btry. B; Samuel Gude, Clement C. Plonkowski, Hq. Btry.

Pvt. to Cpl.—David Geller, Nick G. Gloukakis, Harold R. Harper, Kenneth L. Millette, Edward M. Remy, Frank L. Sank John E. Greene, Btry. C; Nicholas Glowacki, William R. McKinley, Henry E. Packard, Joseph O. Pickard Robert E. Rider Btry. A.

Pvt. to T-5—Raymond J. Austin, James R. Baker, William A. Cunningham, Gilbert A. DeMilliano, Roland W. Reasoner, Roy H. Welsschorn, Raymond R. Zolander Btry. A; Ernest Green, Louis E. Calazzo, Seymour Kaleshteln, Malvin Snowden, John C. Walker Robert T. Kennedy, Edward H. Myslinski, Btry. C; Bazel L. Frieberger, Clitus G. Harrison, Donald R. Samolinski, Karlson D. Highfill, Btry. B; Arthur Brunner, Service Btry.; Norval S. Calhoun, Mortimer G. Hopkins, Gerald D. Jones, Charles Louis, William F. Matschat, Jr., Robert G. Mitchell, Jack R. Reeves, Hq. Btry.

Pfc. to T-5—Arthur G. Brerton, Denison M. Brady, Service Btry.; Lawrence Dawson, Hq. Btry.; Charles Van Zant, Roman J. Malinowski, Robert A. Jeskin, Emilio Cimol, Btry. B; Frank P. Green, Lee C. Kogay, Btry. C.

232nd Infantry
Pfc. to Cpl.—Ed Anderson, John DeVoldre, Michael De Young, Ronald Hachey, Harold Hendrix, Dwight Kinder, Maurice Lewis, Anthony Narkewicz, Gerald O'Brien, Ora Thompson, Co. A.

Cpl. to Sgt.—Robert Bailey, Co. A. 42nd QM Company

Sgt. to S-Sgt.—Walter E. Renshaw, Cpl. to Sgt.—Adolphus P. Mann, Frank A. Mele, David K. Powell.

T-5 to Cpl.—William C. Machamer, Thomas Alberici, Harold G. Melnick, Pfc. to Cpl.—Earl E. Lee, Joseph F. Sakonyi.

Pvt. to Cpl.—Leonard A. Wallace, Pfc. to T-5—Gle W. Logsdon, Clifford L. Chamberlin, Paul A. Spreigl, Raymond Pinson.

Pvt. to Pfc.—Herbert W. Yandle, James H. McKnight, Sr., Clyde Richardson, Douglas B. Rodger, William E. Hellmann, Shirley A. Darr, Ralph A. Palatt, Raphael A. Gajewski, George A. Pubanz, Lawrence W. Schimke, George E. Doxen, Lewis L. Nurnberger, Gerald E. O'Keefe, Frederick H. Miller, Donald E. Smit, Charles Bell, Gerald L. Phelan, Arthur O. Surby, William H. McGrady, Jr., William H. Blackard, Joseph S. Polizzi.

142nd Engineer Battalion
Sgt. to S-Sgt.—Lennox, Thillberg, Turner, H. and S. Co.

Cpl. to Sgt.—Bayer, H. and S. Co. Pvt. to T-5—Hoyt and Spiker, H. and S. Co.

Red Cross Fills Odd Request; Produces Baby

When "Behind The Dog-Tags" went on the air from Service Club No. 1 last Thursday one of the stunts was for contestants to hold a young baby in their arms for 20 seconds without the baby crying.

Which led to one of the oddest requests for assistance that the Red Cross ever had. It was called on to furnish the baby. After a short scurry and hustle the Red Cross came through with one infant, Master Paul Ryberg who is

LIFE SAVERS



IN CASE of capture, always be strictly military but polite. Never let the enemy influence you with acts of friendliness or by threats.



IF YOU are a prisoner never show interest in technical questions. Not even when the enemy tries to start an argument by belittling our weapons.

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