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Best Combat Squads in Division Picked

Top Units Announced In Corps Test

Best units and organizations in the 42nd Division were announced this week after compilations of the results of the X Corps Tests had been received by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.

The units and organizations in the Division were:

Best company, troop, or battery — 132nd Signal Company, Capt. Walter F. Carr, commanding.

Best Infantry battalion—Second Battalion, 222nd Infantry, Lt. Col. Henry A. Goss, commanding.

Best Field Artillery battalion—542nd Field Artillery Battalion, Lt. Col. George A. Carver, commanding.

Best regiment—242nd Infantry, Col. Burns Beall, commanding.

Best company in 142nd Engineer Battalion—Company C, Lt. Wilson Rutherford, commanding.

Best company in 122nd Medical Battalion—Company B, Lt. Joseph Cutchin, commanding, and Company D, Maj. Joseph Skelch, commanding, tied for top honors.

The over-all rating of the Division was very satisfactory, and the results of the test were declared to be among the very best ever produced in a test conducted in the X Corps.

242nd Inf. Plans Christmas Musical

A special Christmas show, "Lights Out," replete with singing and dancing, is under way in the 242d Infantry regiment, with the initial rehearsal scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9, at the recreation hall.

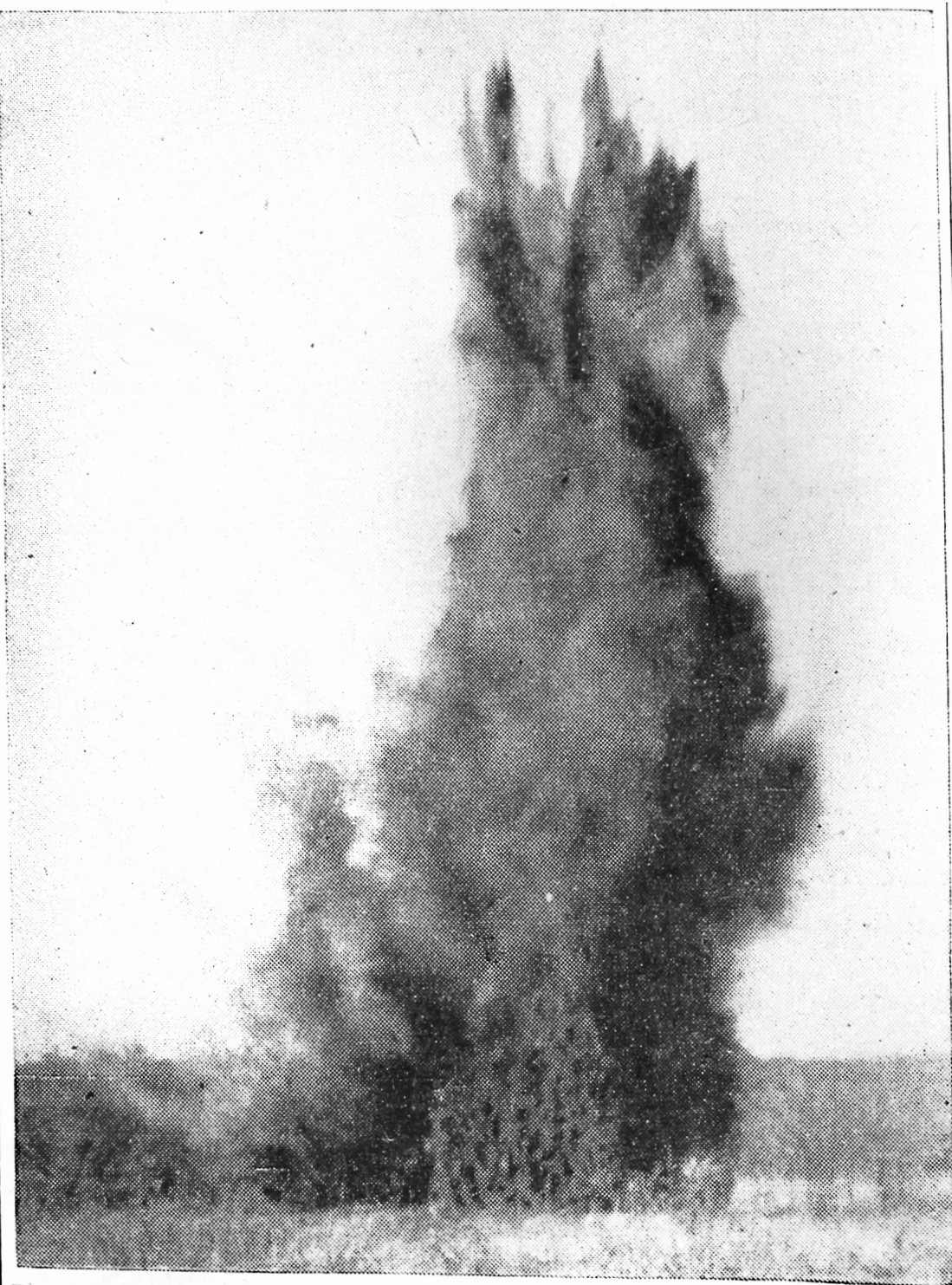
Pfc. Jerry Ade, Service Co., will produce the show, and the script has been prepared by Pfc. Ade and Pfc. Tom Durand, Hq. and Hq. Co., and Burt Styler, Co. B. The set is being designed by Pfc. William Newmark, Service Co., and Hugh Miller, Co. H.

Music will be furnished by the regimental dance orchestra, under the direction of Pvt. Seymour Zepen, Hq. and Hq. Co. The show will be given at Theater No. 2, either on Wednesday, Dec. 22, or Friday, Dec. 24, at 1954.

Anyone desiring to take part in the show, either in an acting capacity or backstage, is requested to report to Pfc. Ade at the recreation hall any evening from 1900 to 2100.

BEST SOLDIER GETS PASS

Best-drilled soldier of Co. L and the 222d Infantry, Pvt. Richard Franz was awarded a three-day pass because of the commendation he received from the regimental commander.



Engineers Go Boom! And Tank Obstacle Is Ready

Dirt and dust are thrown more than 100 feet in the air as the 142nd Engineer Battalion prepares a tank obstacle crater in a demonstration for members of the battalion. The 270 pounds of TNT used on this job blew clouds of dirt and mud more than 500 yards. The crater is approximately 30 yards long, 10 feet deep and eight feet wide, and in combat a crew would clean out the hole and make a formidable obstacle for tanks.

Special Troops Dance Wednesday Night

The Special Troops of the Division are scheduled for a gala evening Wednesday when they take over Service Club No. 1 for a party and dance. The party will start at 8 p. m. and will feature games and entertainment as well as dancing. All members of Special Troops are invited.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Commanders Orchestra, and girls from Tulsa will be present for dancing partners. Other entertainment featuring talent in the Division is also scheduled.

Call Made for Rainbow Veterans of World War I

A call has been made for the names of all veterans of the Rainbow Division of World War I who are again a part of the Division. All such veterans are asked to notify the Rainbow Reveille at once, giving name, rank, and organization, and also rank and organization in the old Rainbow Division.

PICKED AS BEST SOLDIER

Pvt. John L. Bochinski is the Cannon Co., 222nd Inf., Soldier of the Month for November. He will receive a three-day pass.

Phone Booth Home For Private Overnight

Pvt. Ray Hoffmeyer wanted to telephone his wife so he went to the phone booth at the PX and placed his call. The usual "I'll call you back when your call has gotten through" greeted him.

So Private Hoffmeyer sat down to wait. When he awoke, he found that not only hadn't his call gotten through, but he had spent the entire night in the telephone booth.

When your clothes or shoes get wet change them as soon as possible.

Winners Receive Commendations, 15-Day Furloughs

Three squads each from the 222nd Infantry and the 232nd Infantry were selected as the Division Commander's Combat Squads last Friday, following tests of the top squads from all of the Infantry regiments.

The second squad, first platoon, Co. G, 222nd Inf., was rated the best rifle squad in the Division. The second squad, second platoon, Anti-Tank Co., 222nd Inf., won the 37 mm anti-tank gun contest, and the sixth squad, second platoon, Co. D, 222nd Inf., topped the heavy machine gun squads.

Best 81 mm mortar squad was the second squad, third platoon, Co. D, 232nd Inf., and the leading light machine gun squad was the first squad, light machine gun section, Co. A, 232nd Inf. Top 60 mm mortar squad was the second squad, mortar section, of Co. E, 232nd Inf.

The problems were written specially for the competition by officers of Division Headquarters.

Members of the squads will receive Division insignia of members of the Rainbow Division of World War I, commendations from Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins,

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New 42nd Already Known Overseas

American forces on the fighting fronts have heard and read of the reactivation of the Rainbow Division, and are looking forward to the day when the 42nd will take its place in combat to help end this war.

That was the message brought here last week by Maj. Jack R. Klein, who recently completed 14 months as a bomber pilot in Europe and the Mediterranean theaters.

The major said he had heard about the reactivation of the Rainbow last summer in Africa, where he took part in bombing missions over Italy and Sicily.

Back in the States on a rest leave, Major Klein was at Camp Gruber to visit his uncle, Sgt. Al Entekin, a member of the Division Band. Twenty-three years old, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and two oak leaf clusters.

Major Klein was pilot of the "Coughin Coffin," which has been given wide publicity as the plane with a prayer written on it. He will go on a 30-day bond tour following his leave, and then return to combat duty.

SOLDIER OF MONTH PICKED

Private Meinardi was chosen as the Soldier of the Month in First Bn. Hq. Co., 222 Inf., and was presented with a three-day pass

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The Pen Is Mightier

Mail is pretty important to a soldier—and to his folks, too. You like to hear what's going on at home, and it's a big event when your friends and relatives get a fat, newsy letter from you.

And that's fine — the more letters the merrier.

But remember your responsibility as a soldier in the Army—and more especially as a soldier in the Rainbow. Because of its glorious record in the last war, the eyes of the nation, and the world, are watching the 42nd a little more carefully, perhaps, than other units.

So write home as often as you possibly can, by all means. And pack your letters with news—but confine it to news about you, and your buddies. The equipment you're working with, the combat techniques you're using—save those details to tell your grandchildren about.

You're familiar with the slogan "Loose lips sink ships." We can think of a couple of others:

"If you don't write it, the enemy can't read it."

"A lame brain can wreck a train."

"What your outfit's doing, however minor—keep it under your helmet liner!"
By Pvt. T. D. Murray, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

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

Friday—"Banjo on My Knee." Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea.

Saturday—"Women in Bondage." Gail Patrick, Bill Henry.

Sunday and Monday—"Happy Land." Don Ameche, Francis Dee.

Monday—"Razzle Dazzle." USO Show. Theater No. 1 only.

Tuesday—"She's for Me." Grace McDonald, David Bruce. Plus "Whispering Footsteps." Rita Quigley, John Hubbard.

Wednesday—"Government Girl." Olivia De Havilland, Sunny Tufts.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"The Return of the Vampire." Bela Lugosi, Frieda Inescourt. Plus "So's Your Uncle." Elyse Knox, Jan Garber.

Friday and Saturday—"For Her Che-ild's Sake." A special matinee melodrama stage show from Tulsa.

Saturday—"Razzle Dazzle." USO show. Theater No. 2 only.

Sunday—"Banjo on My Knee." Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea.

Monday—"Woman in Bondage." Gail Patrick, Bill Henry.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Happy Land." Don Ameche, Francis Dee.

Service Club Doings

SERVICE CLUB NO. 1

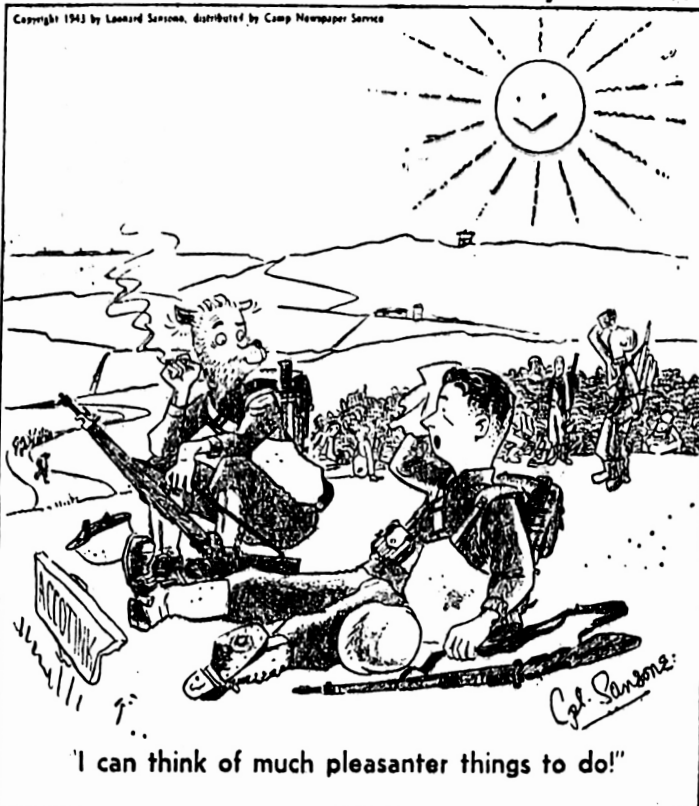
Thursday—8 p. m.—Games, Prizes. Friday—8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Eufaula, Checotah and Tahlequah. Saturday 8:15 p. m.—Variety show from Sapulpa. Sunday 8 p. m.—Movies. Monday—8 p. m.—Band concert. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song-fest. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Closed dance for special troops.

SERVICE CLUB NO. 2

Thursday—8 p. m.—Swing Concert. 8:30—Camp Gruber Varieties. Friday—8-11—Dance. Girls from Muskogee. Saturday—8-11—Closed Dance. Sunday—8 p. m.—Games, Prizes. Monday—8 p. m.—Music Appreciation hour with Pfc Howard Wilson. Rehearsal of "Hits and Bits." Tuesday—8 p. m.—Old Time Movies, "DuBarry." Wednesday—8-11 p. m.

The Wolf

by Sansone



By CHAPLAIN JAMES A. CONNETT

In the morning paper a week ago was a citation of honor for the first private first class to receive the Medal of Honor, the highest award given by the Army of the United States. Awarded posthumously, for bravery above the call of duty, this brought to mind the great spirit of our democratic government. From the lowest to the highest ranking soldier, bravery above the call of duty is always recognized.

It is evident that there are many who will give their lives in this war who, although resting in unmarked graves, with heroic deeds forgotten, will still have their reward. The Christian religion holds forth to the man of faith, a reward that temporal hands cannot fashion.

It is the reward of God for a job well done. Like the servant of old, who, being given one talent, used it with wise investment, to return to his Lord more than that what was given. To him came the crowning glory when he heard his Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many."

That is the same answer pressing on thousands of men in service today. They may be in jobs that will never call for heroism. They may be physically unfit for the hard work of combat training. But the question always comes again and again, faithful to your job, despite the place you have been asked to fit into.

Do the work of a good soldier. Reward will be yours. God, in his wise judgment, looks upon the heart and spirit of man. As we follow our convictions, hold true to our ideals, and forever be on hand to do our job, the reward of everlasting life, the highest award known to man, shall be ours, and rightly proud of it we can be.

'Battle Is Payoff' Sells for 25 Cents

"The Battle Is the Pay-Off" by Capt. Ralph Ingersoll, which was reviewed in the REVEILLE several issues ago is now on sale to soldiers for 25 cents.

To get this book at this reduced rate, the book being on sale at \$2 elsewhere, send your order to the "Infantry Journal" at 1115 17th st., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS
Chapel No. 1

0500 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.
1930 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.
1300-1400 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.
1000 Christian Science Service.
1100 Catholic Mass.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass (except Monday).
1900 Protestant Service.
1900 Choir Rehearsal.
1600-1730 Confessions (Saturday).
1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).
Division Artillery
Chapel No. 9

0715 Holy Communion.
0800 Catholic Mass.
0900 Protestant Service.
1000 Christian Science Service.
1100 Catholic Mass.
1800 General Song Service.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.
1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).
2030 Novena (Tuesday).

Ode to the Sweetpotato

By PVT. JAMES B. TUCKER
Div. MP Platoon

I never cared for sweet potatoes
In the old civilian days.
Ordered my spuds mashed or fried
And many other ways.

But then I came to Gruber
With patriotic feeling.
They locked me in the mess hall
To do potato peeling.

Ah, noble yellow vegetable,
Food without a sin,
When they put you on a plate,
You're still inside your skin.

Sgt. Lucas' Brother
Marine Correspondent

M-Tech. Sgt. James Lucas, whose stories of the landing of the Marines on Tarawa were featured in newspapers throughout the nation last week, is the brother of Sgt. Jo B. Lucas, Div. Hq. Co., who is an intelligence sergeant in G-2.

IMMATERIAL WITNESS

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

There are three types of courts-martial: the operating rod catch assembly, column of files from the left, and the hasty sling, which is like the fireman's carry, except that you always pull pin before preparing to throw.

Sorry, I'm a little mixed up. That's the way the X Corps tests left me, I'm afraid. When I finally met my wife in Muskogee on Saturday night to do some shopping, I started off down the street a mile a minute with the pork chops.

"Hey, wait for baby and me!" she cried, shifting the perambulator into high. "What's the big idea?" "Sergeant Thomas said everything this week had to be done on the double," I muttered, more dead than alive.

"Look," she explained patiently, "the exams are over—remember? You've pitched your shelter hat, or whatever you call it, and nobody's going to come along and hand you another grenade. You've



demonstrated your inferior guard duty, and you've done your best to touch your toes for calisthenics. It's over, see? Furthermore, here comes a colonel, or something, so make with a little military courtesy."

I saluted a haggard young second lieutenant with a tired droop about his shoulders, and dressed right on the baby carriage.

"It's over, I said. "I can't believe it. Honest, I never worked so hard in all my life as I did this week. Why, I even crawled on my stomach on the double."

His wife giggled. She has no heart.

"I even talked on the double Double-talk, I mean," I went on. "Have you ever been the middle squad leader in a column of threes from the right?"

She considered.

"Don't know as I have," she admitted.

"Then you don't know what tongue-twisting means," I told her. "You try spitting out 'com-haf-lef-harch' like machine-gun bullets sometime with ten other guys on your heels. Let me show you. You and the baby be the first squad and I'll be—"

"Not here, dear," my wife said firmly. "I don't want to see the MP's lead you away babbling 'com-haf-lef-march!' just now, not when I've already spent a lot of points on pork chops for you. We mustn't waste food, you know."

"Oh, nobody's going to notice. Not tonight, anyway. We're all slap-happy tonight," I said. "Now you be the first squad and—"

Somehow she got me home and made me lie down with a cold cloth on my head while she got dinner. After I ate, I calmed down and was practically



back to normal. Except for sitting bolt upright now and then and bellowing, "Corporal of the guard! Post Number Six!", I scarcely showed what I'd been through. But I'll never be the same again. Never. How about you?

Winners Praised, Given Furloughs

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Division commander and 15-day furloughs for winning the competition.

Members of the winning squads were:

60 mm mortar: Pvts. Bernard Jakobe, Johnnie Spagle, George Brown, Leo Lemberger and Sydney Zylstra.

Second place was a tie between the 222nd and 242nd Infantry.

81 mm mortar: Pvts. Earl Rapp, Clayton Hicks, George Davis, James Robinson, Leonard Tatro, Lonnie Kester, and Herbert Martin.

Second was the 242nd Infantry and third the 222nd Infantry.

Light machine gun: Cpl. Robert Bailey, Pvs. Harry Amen, Charles Williams, Ernest Rience, and Donald Gentry.

Second was the 222nd Infantry and third the 242nd Infantry.

37 mm anti-tank gun: T-4 Ivan M. Jones, Acting Cpl. Joseph Naborak, Pvs. Louis M. Connor, Thomas Slattery, Charles Harris, Doyal Thompson, John Sevier, Ellis Warren, Paul Zorch and Wilbur A. Phillips.

Second was the 242nd Infantry and third the 232nd Infantry.

Rifle: Acting Cpl. Samuel M. Henry, Pvs. Ernest R. McManus, Arthur C. Krantz, Francis J. Edwards, Nicholas R. Malacaro, Charles R. Overby, Thomas F. Rhaw, Henry F. Hendel, Joe Guss, Everett N. Peterson, Harold E. Thompson and Louis Kopja.

Second was the 242nd Infantry and third the 232nd Infantry.

Heavy machine gun: Acting Cpl. James A. Graves, Pvs. Alfonso Saieva, Clifford M. Rugg, Anthony Testa, Anthony E. Szymurski, Ennis B. S. Moore and Harry A. Kondrick.

Second was the 232nd Infantry and third was the 242nd Infantry.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins was gratified by the manner in which all squads conducted themselves in the final tests. The results indicated not only a high standard of training and combat efficiency but also reflected great enthusiasm and initiative on the part of all ranks.

The men were to be personally congratulated by the Division commander today and tomorrow.

Melodrama Slated Friday and Saturday

Men of the Rainbow are going to get a chance to boo the villain, as well as to see a great many pretty girls this Friday and Saturday when "For Her Cheilids Sake" will play at Theaters No. 1 and 2. There will be a special matinee performance this Saturday at 1:45 p. m. at Theater No. 2.

"For Her Cheilids Sake" is a tender little melodrama filled with frightful perils and other things. It has a second title of "Her First False Step," which ought to give you some idea of what this show is all about.

This is a special production by the Shell Employees Association and features Misses Mary McGroff, Betty Burkitt, Florence Dubbs, Jean Burden, Illsa Nesbitt and Mariellen Summers.

Medics Do Job Too Well On Slit Trench Digging

The bivouac of the Med. Det., 142nd Eng. Bn., during the past week clearly proved at least one thing—the Medics know the art of camouflage.

After digging slit trenches, the Medics camouflaged them so well that even the men who dug them couldn't find them. Searching parties eventually located them—by falling into them.



This Squad Won Engineer Test Honors

This rifle squad from the second platoon, Co. A, 142nd Eng. Bn., showed itself to be superior to all the other Engineer Rifle squads in the Engineer battalion last week and was selected as the Division Commander's Engineer Squad. (Left to right) Acting Sgt. Francis L. Guerts, Pvs. Carl F. Brandt, George E. Minner, Joel Ritz, Joseph Popynia, Nello P. Graziani, Jr., Elton W. Smith, Edwin Jukola, Chester J. Muck, Sam Soldano, Willard W. Rieke and Acting Cpl. Vernon T. E. Gulbranson. The Engineer squads selected as the best in each company in the battalion were run through the same problem as the Infantry rifle squads. These men, in addition to being riflemen, are also being trained in the arts of being a topflight Engineer. They can drop their working tools and grab the rifle if the occasion demands while in combat, and close with the enemy.

Pvt. Lee's Father Gives Son Tips On How Old Rainbow Fought in '18

Would you believe that there's a 19 year old private in Division Artillery who knows almost as much about the famous Rainbow Division of World War I as he does about the new Rainbow Division of today? Well, there is. He's Pvt. Thomas H. Lee, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn.

No, there are no miracles involved. Private Lee didn't serve with the old Rainbow at the tender age of minus six; but his dad, Pierce Daniel Lee, of Roanoke, Ala., was in the machine gun company of the 167th Infantry during the last war, and his tales of the exploits of the First Rainbow Division have made his son an expert on the subject.

High Ratings Given Three Rainbowers

Two superiors and one excellent were given one Rainbow officer and two enlisted men of the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop at the completion of courses at Ft. Riley, Kan.

Capt. Lawrence K. Thompson, Jr., troop commander, received one of the few ratings of superior at the advanced Officers' Course at the Cavalry School. The course gives intensive training in reconnaissance to officers of reconnaissance troops of Infantry divisions.

Sgt. Roland F. Gill received a commendation from the commandant for his rating of superior in the communications course at the Cavalry School.

The commendation stated in part "In obtaining this rating you have worked hard and given close attention to your duty. What you have accomplished will be of great benefit to you and to the Army."

Sgt. Ed Rosan won a rating of excellent in the same course.

Pvt. Chacere Gets Thrill Removes 81mm Dud

"Fire." Pvt. John Chacere, Co. H, 232nd Inf., dropped a shell into the 81 mm mortar and waited for the explosion. But none came.

So with knees quaking, he gingerly put his hands to the muzzle of the tube and had the dud poured into his hands, feeling sure it would explode at any moment. But it didn't.

Shoots Just Five Points Short of a Possible

Division range records tumbled when S-Sgt. Walter Derry, supply sergeant, Co. E, 242nd Inf., made a score of 208 with the M1 rifle this week.

This better by one point the previous high score of 205, for which the three high scorers received awards at the recent Division review.

One letter, which Lee got the other day, reads in part: "My old outfit was composed of men from Alabama, New York, Ohio, and Iowa only. My regimental commander was Col. W. P. Screws from Opelika, Ala., while Captain Seibert was my company commander and Lieutenant Bell was platoon commander. I just wonder if any of those officers or any enlisted men from the 167th are still with the grand old 42nd Rainbow Division. If so, they are probably as bald-headed as I am."

Referring to the fact that his son is with a medium howitzer battery, Mr. Lee goes on: "In my day, the big guns, such as the French 75s, were pulled by horses. It was very inconvenient when the horses wouldn't pull. I've seen the big guns stuck in the mud with so many men around them trying to pull them out that the whole thing looked like so many bees around a tar bucket."

Infantry in Today's Battles

The following excerpts are reprinted from an article in the December issue of the Infantry Journal.

Every new report from the places where Infantry is fighting brings out the same old hard infantry facts that mark the difference between victory and defeat; the same basic fighting points that never seem to change except for the ones that vary with the ground and other conditions of combat.

One of these is "Go for the key points of terrain." As long as the German or the Jap holds the high ground he can see more about what we are doing than we can see about what he is doing. Not until we take some of the key points of ground away from the enemy does this situation change.

Another main point. Don't let the fire of our own supporting artillery get too far ahead in any advance. Don't let it, as a general rule, get more than 200 yards ahead. Stay close to it.

But if troops lag so that there are several hundred yards between them and their own artillery fire, it gives the enemy time to come up out of the ground and reach his machine guns.

Still another old point to pound at, over and over again. When we gain ground, the German or the Jap can be expected to try to take it back. The chances are high that he will drive back hard and suddenly with his counter-attack.

Therefore the rule must be—

Co. A Has Best Squad in Eng.

Division Commander's Combat Engineer squad is the third squad, second platoon, Co. A, 142nd Eng. Bn., following the testing last week of the best rifle squads in the Engineer battalion.

The leading rifle squads from each of the Engineer companies was tested over the same problem used for the Infantry regiment squads last Friday.

Members of the winning Engineer squad are Acting Sgt. Francis L. Guerts, Pvs. George E. Menner, Carl F. Brandt, Willard W. Rieke, Martin M. Kennedy, Joseph Popynia, Chester J. Muck, Sam Soldano, Elton W. Smith, Nello P. Graziani, Joel Ritz and Acting Cpl. Vernon T. Gulbranson.

These men will all receive commendations from Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, insignia of members of the Rainbow Division in the last war and 15-day furloughs for being the best squad.

TO VISIT WIFE

Pfc. Leroy Meyer, Co. H, 232nd Inf., will visit his wife during a three-day pass earned when he was selected as the soldier of the week.

'Trees' Author Was in Rainbow

Some men write about the beautiful things in life. Others are willing to fight for them—even if it means sacrificing their very lives. Joyce Kilmer did both.

Every one knows the name Joyce Kilmer, the poet who wrote "Trees," and other poems. Though a very young man in 1917, Kilmer's writings had appeared in many magazines and books.

When war came along, the writer left his desk at the New York Times, where he had been an editorial member for five years, to join the ranks of the Rainbow Division. He was a member of the 165th Infantry.

As a soldier, Kilmer proved as outstanding as he had been a scribe. He soon worked up the non-com ladder to the rank of sergeant.

The Army didn't stop Kilmer from writing. As a matter of fact, battle proved an inspiration for new poems. One of his best-known works, "The Wood Called Rouge-Bouquet," was written in France in March, 1918, and dedicated to the memory of 19 of his buddies who had been killed at Rouge-Bouquet.

Sergeant Kilmer was killed in action July 30, 1918, near the village of Seringes, France. Though his own company was back of the lines resting that day, Kilmer had volunteered to go into the front lines on a special mission.

Born in New Jersey in 1886, the poet attended Columbia University.

Musical Variety Presented by 232nd

Supported by four members of the Little Theater Group of Muskogee, members of the 232nd Infantry opened their winter season entertainment program last week with a musical variety show at the Recreation Hall entitled "In The Groove."

Appearing from the Muskogee group were Misses Gloria and Terry Salyer, Betty Stone and Ruth Clayton.

Top-liners on the show were Pfc. Sol Talanaker and Pvt. Louis Zecchini, who provided musical entertainment, and Pvt. Leonard Morley, tenor. A dramatic skit was presented by Talanaker and Private Bloomer.

Plans are going forward for frequent productions of this kind and a full length musical comedy is included in the production program.

Sweet-Swing Band Makes Name in 232nd

The 232nd Infantry dance band is making rapid strides toward becoming one of the finest sweet-swing combinations in the Division.

It has played one engagement, where the band was pronounced a decided success. It is under the direction of Pfc. Sol Talanaker, who is seeking further talent. Those interested in playing in the band may contact him at the 232nd Infantry Special Service Office.

Philharmonic Broadcasts Heard at Service Clubs

Music-lovers may spend a pleasant Sunday afternoon at either of the Service Clubs enjoying the programs of the New York Philharmonic orchestra.

The program this week will consist of Polish and French music with Arthur Rubinstein, pianist, as soloist. The program will include Szymanowski's "Symphonie Concertante" and Saint-Saen's "Third Symphony." The broadcast will begin at 2 p. m., and Arthur Rodzinski will conduct.

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SPORTS



Champ Wrestles Big Guns Now

Among the many champions now a part of the Rainbow Division is Christopher Soukas, Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., born in Greece in 1915, and later coming to this country to win his first wrestling title in 1937, when he took the 145-lb. Junior and Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. championship.

In the 14 years Soukas has been in this country, he has a record second to none. In 1911 he won the Senior Metropolitan A.A.U. championship, New York City Y. M.C.A. championship at 155 lbs., and the National A.A.U. championship. In 1942 he copped the Metropolitan A.A.U. championship at 145 lbs. In the same year he took a second in the National A.A.U. bout.

Soukas' present weight is 155 lbs. He is also the winner of other open A.A.U. tournaments up to 175 lbs.

C and D, 222nd Inf., Play 12 to 12 Tie

Restricting all of the scoring to the first half of the game, teams of Companies C and D, 222nd Inf., played to a 12 to 12 deadlock in a touch football game on the parade ground here last week.

Acting Sergeant Skinner swept around end for one of the touchdowns and Acting Corporal Conrod passed to Staff Sergeant Brown for the other Company C tally. An off-tackle smash by Private Saieva and a touchdown pass in the hands of Private McClendon brought the Company D team its 12 points.

Players Set Records With High Scoring

In a high scoring game, marked by phenomenal shooting by Gene Husky and Rollin Hurd, the 232nd Infantry Medical Detachment basketball team defeated the Company I five, 126 to 56 in its first league game last week.

Husky, former Lincoln Memorial College player, dropped in 56 points while Hurd, ex-all-state basketball player from Hoquiam, Wash., accounted for 42.

The brilliant passing set up by Cpl. Dick Thomas, Sam Rodich and Stanley Futerman, kept Company I men dizzy.

Cannon Co. Volleyball Team Inches Out Win

Five consecutive volleyball victories were rung up by Cannon Company against Service Company, 242d Infantry, last Sunday. Roy Richstad, Service Company captain, put the blame on the fact that the companies carry the long and the short of it so far as height is concerned.

"When six men with 12 shoes of the size that takes two ration coupons to buy get on a small volleyball court," he complained, "there's no room left for the ball to bounce!"

Co. M, 232nd Inf. Five Wins Pair of Games

With Privates Hoch and Gibson looping in 26 and 24 points respectively, the Co. M, 232nd Inf., basketball team scored two decisive victories last Tuesday night.

It defeated Third Battalion Headquarters Company 39 to 18 in a league game and then went on to smack a 68 to 34 defeat on First Battalion Headquarters Company in a practice contest.



Stop That Man, MP! He's Going to Score

The 142nd Engineer player on the left moves into scoring position as the MP on the right wheels to stop this shot. The MP's won this game last week, 37 to 25.

Wrestling Champ



WRESTLING CHAMP

Pvt. Christopher Soukas, Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., was one of the country's best amateur wrestlers prior to his entrance into the army. He won several AAU championship in New York during the past few years.

Hq. Btry. Wins Pair In 542nd FA League

Opening games of the inter-battery league in the 232nd Field Artillery Battalion were won by Headquarters Battery last week. The Hq. five defeated Battery B 39 to 33 and Service Battery 43 to 19.

The first game was nip and tuck all the way, with the winners leading 23 to 22 at the half. Hq. Battery moved out in the last two minutes of play with three field goals in rapid succession. Rosenbluth scored 16 points for the winners.

Hq. Btry. (39) Btry. B (33)
Kelinsky, 10 Fitzwater, 8
Paradise, 4 Gresham, 11
Rosenbluth, 16 Wette, 7
Pizzi, 6 Davis, 5
Pionkowski, 3 O'Neil, 2

In the second game Corporal Mitchell and Sergeant Kelinsky were high scorers for the winners, while Corporal Greason, ex-AAU player from Kansas City, starred for the losers.

Service Co., 242nd Inf. Forms Basketball Five

Basketball is king in Service Company, 242d Infantry, just now, and the boys are looking for competition. Twelve men were out for last week's practice: Cpls Gordon Bitts, Bill McLean, Joseph Bender, Dick Jaycox, Jesse Dagenhart, and Edward Weeman; Sgt. Peter Marinoff; Pfc. Roy Richstad and Norbert Verbeck, and Pvs. James Douthard, John Abel, and Leo Prather.

Stay away from any person having a disease unless it is your duty to take care of him.

Sgt. Joe Louis Appears In Exhibition Here

Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, world's heavyweight boxing champion, appeared at the Sports Arena Tuesday night in a boxing exhibition for the men of Camp Gruber.

Also on the card were Cpl. Walker Smith, known in the ring as Sugar Ray Robinson and Pvt. Jackie Wilson, both well-known professional boxers prior to their entrance into the Army.

Ordnance Holds League Lead

Profiting heavily off a 22-point individual score chalked up by Barnheizer, forward, the 742nd Ordnance Company maintained its lead in the Special Troops cage league last week as the quintet defeated the 132nd Signal Company, 48 to 33.

Barnheizer's heavy scoring helped keep the Flaming Bomb team undefeated and gave him the honor of being the season's highest individual scorer in a single game.

The nip-and-tuck race for top honors continued, however, with the Division's MP Platoon routing the cellar champs, 42nd Division Quartermaster Company, 49 to 17. Dowell, MP forward, rang up 20 points in this melee to crowd Barnheizer for the single game high-scoring honor. The MP's one loss keeps them out of a tie for first place with Ordnance.

Scoring a 41 to 34 victory over the 42nd Reconnaissance troop, the 142nd Engineer Battalion team moved into third place.

132nd Sig. Co. (33)	MP Platoon (49)
Mettling, 6	Dowell, 20
Penas	Scheel, 2
Van Slyke, 12	Felbush, 4
Mees, 4	Paletta, 10
Glasoe, 2	Tipton
Vallaneuva, 1	Schwab, 2
Blane, 4	Kout, 2
DeAnda	Rowatt, 5
Koenig, 4	Crowe
	Thompson, 4
	Schweiss

742nd Ord. Co. (48)	42nd QM Co. (17)
Barnheizer, 22	Toste
Hannle, 3	Chamberlain
Waterman, 2	Bell, 2
Taylor, 7	Spehar, 4
Conwell	Longdon
Belcher, 10	Melnik, 2
Kiernan	Heltzel
Satters, 2	Lambrecht, 8
Carpenter, 2	Geiger

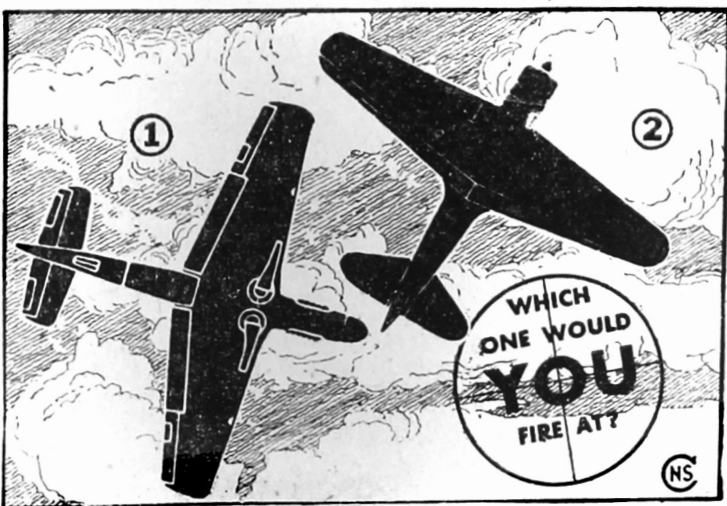
STANDINGS

Special Troops League

	W.	L.	Pct.
742nd Ord. Co.	5	0	1.000
MP Platoon	5	1	.833
142nd Eng. Bn.	5	2	.714
132nd Sig. Co.	4	3	.571
122nd Med. Bn.	1	4	.200
42nd Recon. Tr.	1	4	.200
Div. Hq. Co.	0	2	.000
42nd QM Co.	0	5	.000

ONE OUT OF FIVE, ANYWAY

At least one outstanding player will be out on their side of the fracas whenever the 242nd Infantry's Company M basketball five takes to the court. He is Pvt. Roy Coley, who was a Georgia "All-State Star" player.



Not at No. 1! It's the relatively new U. S. attack bomber A-36, unofficially christened the "Invader." It is a low-wing plane powered by a single in-line engine. The stream-lined fuselage is flat sided and has a long, slender, pointed nose. The trailing edge of the wings taper more than the leading edge to square tips. Both edges of the tail-plane taper slightly to square tips. It has a single fin and rudder.

Fire at No. 2! It's the Japanese Showa Sho, a low-wing, single-engine fighter. This was copied almost exactly from the American Vultee V-11-GB. Both edges of the wings taper equally to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tail-plane is swept back to rounded tips and the trailing edge is untapered. An unusual feature is that the trailing edge of the elevators is forward of the leading edge of the rudder.



Division Commander's Combat Rifle Squad Ready to Move Out on Mission



Top rifle squad in the Infantry is this group of 12 men from the first platoon, Co. G, 222nd Inf. (Left to right) Acting Cpl. Samuel Henry, Pvs. Henry F. Hendel, Joe Guss, Arthur C. Krantz, Francis J. Edwards, Charles R. Overby, Harold E. Thompson, Everett N. Petersen, Nicholas R. Malacaro, Louis Kopja, Thomas F. Rhawl and Ernest R. McManus.

Camera Pictures Top Squads in Rainbow

Pictures on this page are those of the Infantry Squads winning the titles of Division Commander's Combat Squads in competitions held last Friday. Next week pictures of the best squads in the Field Artillery battalions, which are being selected today and tomorrow.

Job Completed, Anti-Tankers Move Out

The champion 37 mm anti-tank gun squad hooks its weapon onto the prime mover following the completion of its test last Friday. (Left to right) Pvt. Charles Harris, Act. Cpl. Joseph Neborak, Pvt. Louis M. Connor, Pvt. Ellis Warren, T-4 Ivan M. Jones, Pvt. Paul Zorch, Pvt. Doyal Thompson, Pvt. William Phillips, Pvt. Thomas Slattery, and Pvt. John Sevier from the Anti-tank Co., 222nd Inf.



Division's Best Heavy Machine Gun Squad

Pvt. James A. Graves (left), lines his Division Commander's Combat heavy machine gun squad up in a squad column preparatory to moving out on a mission. (Left to right) Pvs. Anthony E. Szymurski, Anthony Testa, Alfonso Saieva, Clifford Rugg, Ennis B. S. Moore and Harry A. Kondrick. It is the sixth squad, second platoon, Co. D, 222nd Inf.



This Squad Topped Other Mortarmen

This 60 mm mortar squad, from Co. E, 232nd Inf., topped the other squads in the tests last Friday. The squad leader, giving directions to the gunner, is Pvt. Bernard Jakobe. Gunner is Johnnie Spagle, assistant gunner, George Brown, and ammunition bearers Sidney Zylstra and Leo Lemberger.



LMG Squad Leader Points Out Target

Best light machine gun squad in the Division is the first squad, LMG section, Co. A, 232nd Inf. Cpl. Robert Bailey, next to the bush, points out the target to Pvs. Harry Amen, Charles Williams, Ernest Rience and Donald Gentry.



81mm Mortar Crew Goes Into Action

Ranking 81 mm mortar squad in the Division tests was the second squad, third platoon, Co. D, 232nd Inf. Squad leader is Pvt. Earl Rapp, gunner, Pvt. George Davis, assistant gunner, Herbert Martyn, and ammunition bearers, Pvs. Louis Kester, James Robinson, Leonard Tatro and Clayton Hicks.



Twins Carry Ammunition

The Army has a policy of keeping together twins inducted into the service at the same time. In Co. C, 212nd Inf., twin Pvs. Alfred S. and Raymond S. Ortegon not only are in the same company but in the same squad. They are ammunition bearers for the top light machine gun squad in the regiment.

NEWS FROM THE OUTFITS



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Service Company is getting away to a fast start with preparations for its Christmas party. A committee has been named to handle the affair which will be held in the company's mess hall Christmas Eve night. Decorations and a tree are planned and it will be cases of beer and lady guests for the dinner and large party to follow.

Timing is apparently a profession with Pvt. Kenneth C. Drake, Cannon Co. who is looking forward to an expected furlough in January with a bright light in his eye. He and Mrs. Drake are expecting a new member in the family about that time.

Cannoneers of Cannon Company will be the first in the Division to go into action with live ammunition for the 105 mm. howitzers they've been practicing with now for several months.

Pvt. Joe Yarsa is putting together a basketball quintet for Anti-Tank Company. The outfit looms as a good one and goes into action this week.

Pvt. Carl L. Filer scored highest for Anti-Tank Company on the carbine range recently.



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Company C boasts the best shot in the regiment in Acting Sergeant Francis M. Higgins, who scored 206 points on the known-distance range.

There's nothing more important in a jitterbug contest than the time beat of drummer and Company C has such an artist in Pvt. Benny J. Sanfilippo, who provided the beat for the dancing affair in the 222nd Infantry Recreation Hall Thanksgiving night.

Hats are off in Headquarters Company to the company commander, Captain McLaughlin, who just received the extra silver bar.

Headquarters Company has bid goodbye to two of its members, Private Martellaci, who has gone to Holabird Signal School, Maryland, and Private Brown who has joined the MP's.

Families of Staff Sergeants Steinhilber and Cox, Sergeants Katzmeyer and Redmon and Privates Bean, Roy, Epstein, Seligman, Baker, Jones, Posey, Newman and Schuenemeyer were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at Company B's mess.

Company D has been host to recent guests of its personnel in Mrs. Edwin T. Wilde, of Utah; Mrs. William H. Johnson and Mrs. Manuel Renert, of New York City, and Mrs. Robert M. Secrest, of Dunkirk, Ind.

Pvt. Nissin Michiel has received an anonymous postcard, which shows him as always first in line for chow.



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Believe it or not, Private Hardison, Hq. Co., wasn't out of step even once in the Regimental parade. (P.S.—He was firing on the carbine range that day.)

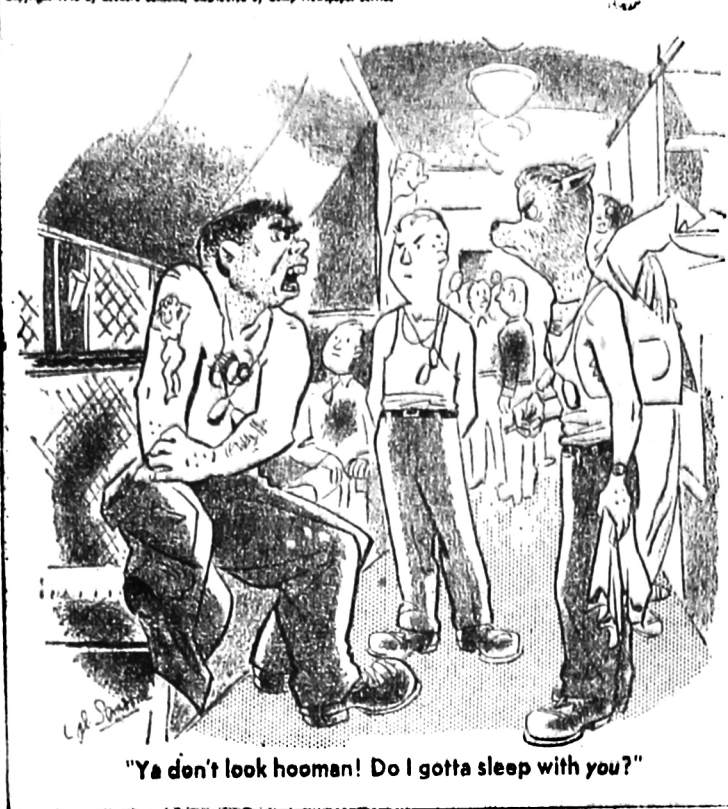
To Pvt. Harold Thelin goes the honor of receiving the first Christmas box in Headquarters Company—contents edible. Marked "Do Not Open Until Xmas," the package is already "Gone With the Wind."

Private First Class Atwell, Co.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Ya don't look hooman! Do I gotta sleep with you?"

F, was so excited over his first stripes that he sewed them on upside down!

Company E's little band of stout-hearted men were amazed when a box of face powder and a powder puff arrived for Private Goose. It was on the level, however—seems he has such a sensitive skin that he requires a special face powder and a puff to apply it.

Pvt. Ronald Selbst, Co. H, gave the prize excuse during tent pitching—his tent would not stay up because his rope was in for salvage.

Acting Cpl. Norman Odom, Co. H mail clerk, has got into the holiday spirit, and is wrapping all outgoing mail with red and green cord.

Pvt. Aaron Abby, Co. H, blushed a deep red when he picked up a range telephone and said, "Are you there, Sweetheart?" to a lieutenant!

"Something new has been added" to Company H. It's a guitar that arrived this week for Acting Cpl. Willard Smith.



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Christmas may mean sleigh bells for some, but it will be wedding bells for Pvt. Bill Lindahl, Hq. Co., and Miss Janet Burchell of New York State.

The communications barrack of Headquarters Company was recently converted into a miniature Madison Square Garden. Under the able guidance of referee Joseph Tocci, the boys held their own wrestling and boxing matches. Casualties were light, since the contestants had learned well their lessons on cover and concealment.

Some of the boys in the regiment are having their own billfold girl contest. Anti-Tanker Jimmie Tuggles started things off with an entry, and Pvt. Mort Baum, Hq. Co., has entered the lists now with a photo of Miss Mimi Wetzler of the Bronx, New York. How about the rest of you boys?

Company K's men all send condolences to Pfc. James McGettican, who is home on furlough due to the death of his father.

Pvt. Earl Johnson, Co. K, is searching for his good friend, James Warshaw, known to be somewhere in Camp Gruber.

Pvt. E. Wendt is expecting his wife to arrive here this week from Rockford, Ill.

Pvt. James Prochaska, Co. L,

took top honors in the carbine firing on Cherokee range with his high score of 194.

Pvt. Felix Cox rang the bell for Company L and pulled in a 24-hour pass for himself by making colonel's orderly on guard mount.



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Privates Wolff, Maither and Bullene, Med. Det., visited their families during three-day passes.

Frank Guenrewig, Hans Jacoby, Jerry Kohn, Sam Rodich and Bob Harris also used their passes to visit away from camp.

Pvt. Alfred MacDonald, Cannon Co., had to do a bit of work to get in bed the other night. Someone tied his mattress up under his bunk.

Pvt. Albert Burke, Cannon Co., is on a diet. Reason: He has had all of his teeth pulled.

Pvt. Gaylord Marling, Cannon Co., reaps the harvest in allotments. He has six children at home in Minnesota.



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Pfc. Stephen Peters, Jr., led his A and P Platoon squad on its first night compass problem. Rival leaders think he had a hex sign on the compass.

Pvt. Andrew T. Nelson, intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, should join the Quiz Kids. He answered every question put to him on the recent Corps Tests in Elementary Map and Aerial Photography.

Pvt. Frank Manns is back with the anti-tank platoon after a 54-day stay in the Station Hospital.

Pvt. Joseph C. Donnelly, of communications platoon, certainly "clipped" the boys last weekend. He cut \$10 worth of hair and then went to town!

Pvt. James Brody believes in getting the right answer whether he knows it or not. When asked in recent Corps Tests the distance to a certain telephone pole he replied, "Sir, I don't know. What do you think?"

Once a teacher, always a teacher, say the boys in Company A, as they watch Pfc. Warren Tinker go about his visiting. Last week in Tulsa they caught him visiting

four grade schools while out on pass.

Pvts Amedee Casso and Jesus Jordan stand out as the jitterbug artists of A Company. Their dancing partners aren't bad either.

Pvt. Paul Lambou, Co. A, had a visit from his wife last week so he was all smiles.

Pvt. Simon Geller has been selected to play the part of Saint Nick for the Company A Christmas party. His 200 pounds plus will help the scenery, too.



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Pfc. Don Miller, Co. F, obtained a three-day pass, went to Tulsa and got married. That's what a three-day pass will do for you!

Pvs. Morris Thomas, Co. F, has returned from an emergency furlough to New Jersey to visit his mother, who, he reports is much better now.

There will be more food available from now in the mess of Company F. Pvt. Carl Schwedhelm has been transferred to Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Private Giraldi of Co. F, tells us that his daughter's first birthday will be Dec. 9.

Company F welcomes back Staff Sergeant Gaynor.

Private Dail received a visit to Company G of his wife and child.

Privates First Class Harris and Nanos are putting forth their best efforts in the arranging of the Christmas party for Company G. They promise the "works."

Private First Class Muse, Co. G, has been confined in the Station Hospital with a leg injury.

Miss Alice Welbel, of Long Island, New York, will become the bride in January of Pvt. Edward Mielke of Co. H.

Keeping direction isn't an easy job on a black night during an approach march. Private Evans Meineke, Co. H, found that out the other night when he got lost and wandered through the woods most of the night before finding his way back to his barracks.



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Prescription for men who want weekend passes or evenings off: Get married and have your wife visit you in Muskogee for a week or so. Ask Privates First Class Nichols, Sauvageau, Vaughn, Lowry, Tortorice, Main and Privates Heller, Clark and Rains, Co. I.

Pet name of the week in Company I is "Road Guard Garcia," tagged onto Pvt. Felix A. Garcia.

Company M is sporting a canine mascot named M-Co. All CQ's are responsible for exercising the dog.

Those weird sounds emanating from beneath Company M's barracks were not from a sick cat. It was Pvt. Camellio tooting his new sax under cover.

Pvt. Ray Mathews stepped out of the single class last week when he was married to a Muskogee maiden.

With mops at a premium at cleanup time in the morning, Pvt. Pedro Baeza, Co. M, has been sleeping with one under his bed every night.

Pvt. Jack Woodford, Co. M, took advantage of a three-day pass and visited his mother in St. Louis.

And Pvt. Burford Kirkpatrick, Co. M, proved the photo over his bed was not retouched when his pretty wife visited the camp last week.



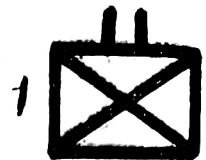
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First Sergeant Coker, Med. Det., is now the father of an eight-pound baby girl, Peggy Jo, born to Mrs. Ruby L. Coker on November 23.

We hope that Pvt. Jerry Kehoe returns from his emergency furlough with good news in regard to his father.

Pvt. Pedro Alvarez, Cannon Co., the father of three children, is expecting a fourth soon. He hopes it will arrive on Christmas day.

S-Sgt. Paul J. Kollasch is toying with the idea of making a trip to the Arctic country after the war. What's more, he plans to settle there if living conditions are fairly favorable.



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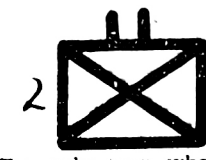
Men of Headquarters Company have been congratulating Pvt. David P. Curby, who became the father of a baby girl on November 27, born in San Jacinto, Calif.

Candidate for the title of the man who receives the most mail is Pvt. John E. Clancy, Hq. Co. He gets as many as three letters per day from his wife in New Jersey, and estimates that since he arrived here three months ago, he has received some 400 letters.

Pvt. Joseph Gotheau, who has served many months in the Canal Zone, has been assigned to Headquarters Company's anti-tank platoon. His home is in Connecticut.

He would not explain how he got so tired, but First Sergeant Russell J. Peters, Headquarters Company, slept from 1700 Saturday until 1030 Sunday.

Another new father in Headquarters Company is Pvt. Michael Bonovitz. He became the father of a nine-pound baby girl November 24, born at Russelltown, Pa.



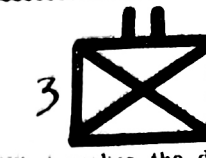
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The only man who can tell a woman where to get off at is the bus conductor, according to Pfc. "Chico" Herrera, Co. E, who seems to know from experience.

Pvt. Inagtius Svets, Co. E, who is expecting his wife, is always talking about his little "Shorty the Riveter." All the boys are waiting and anxious to see her.

We often wonder how Pfc. Weldon H. Rhodes, Co. E, of Dallas, Texas, ever adjusted himself to the life of a soldier after the "Pistol Packing" and "Gang Bustin'" life of the South. Anything can happen and probably will.

Company E's mess hall was on the "GI ball" for inspection the other day. That is the outcome of wearing the floor down with plenty of GI soap and "man power." Cpl. James Morley insists it was "just plain hand-power and not manpower," however.



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What makes the day room of Company K so popular every night? T-5 Sherman T. M. Fisher might have the answer, and it's not the ping pong table.

Is Pvt. Woodrow Steverson, Co. L, going to take that final plunge again, and will it be till death do them part?

Several of his intimate friends are noting with glee that Cpl. Ir-

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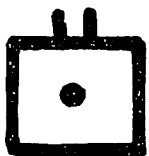
HERE AND THERE AROUND GRUBER



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Battery B welcomes Don McLean back from school at Ft. Sill. While he was gone he was promoted to T-4.

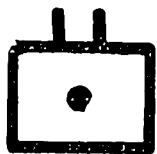
Pvts. Peter Cellini and Butress Jackson are back on duty after a stay in the hospital.



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The new sidewalks in the battery areas please Pvt. Larry Yep. Why? Because he shines his shoes five times a day.

Cpl. Robert Peery, Btry. B, receives plenty of kidding from his friends for being proud of his new stripes.



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Latest to join the ranks at battalion headquarters is T-5 Leon W. Howell.

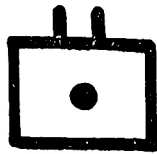
Private Strazzula is home on an emergency furlough.

'Tis rumored that Sgt. William B. Lawrence, Jr., Btry. C, was married during the past week.

Master Sergeant Lindsey is seen purchasing extra copies of Life this week. He does show off that Florida flag pretty well, doesn't he?

Private First Class Kinnett, Btry. A, was visited by his parents, sister and grandparents from Topeka over the weekend.

Service Battery welcomes Sgt. Joe Calcagno back after his attendance at school at Ft. Sill.



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S-Sgt. R. R. Flynt, Btry. A, scored 86 with the pistol to win himself expert's rating.

T-5 Thomas P. Scalzo, Btry. B, mail orderly, is going to continue his usual Christmas custom, but for a different customer this year. He used to play Santa Claus for the Elks in Niagara Falls, N. Y. This year he'll do it for Battery B.

Privates First Class Murray and Cooper, Btry. B, have written a song, "B Battery Blues," but since each verse mentions some non-com, they have decided it is safest to sing it only to each other.

Pfc. Francis A. Overholtz, Btry. B, won a three-day pass for making orderly at guard mount.

On a recent bivouac, Pvt. Joseph Recupero, Service Btry., called out the entire battery to see



"Hey stupid, that's not what they mean by mopping up!"

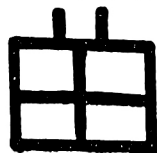
the black and white rabbit with a bushy tail he had cornered. Private Recupero learned the hard way the difference between a rabbit and a skunk.

T-5 Milvin D. Chapman, Service Btry., is attending motor school at Ft. Sill.

Weekend arrivals in Muskogee are the wife, son and daughter of Cpl. John Stillman, Service Btry.

Private First Class Mensman, Hq. Btry., is the father of a seven-pound girl.

That music you hear these days is from the talented fingers of Sergeant Gibby and Private Thomason with their guitars.



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The Medics hit the field for their first overnight bivouac and returned to camp with a slew of tall tales.

Most of Company B's guards were arrested and thrown into the guardhouse by the guards of the 402nd FA Bn. who were just across the road. Pvt. Jimmy Sowers threw up his hands and yelled for his first sergeant when an artilleryman stuck a sub-machine gun in his back.

When we hit our slit trenches in the middle of the night Pvt. Willard Scott was seen lying in his trench in his shorts.

And when the air raid whistle blew in Company A all the chow hounds double timed it to the mess tent.

When Company A uses Pfc. John Dennis as a liason man again they're going to equip him with a seeing eye dog. They had to send several men out to locate him when they sent him out to find an installation.

S-Sgt. Morty Weiser wears

flashing trunks at the basketball games, which diverts even the referees' attention.



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Sergeants Kline and Atkinson are attending the Division Mine and Booby Trap school. Pvts. Reddish and Taylor have said goodbye to the Medics and joined the Engineers while Privates Moraghan and McKenna have left H and S Company and are now in Company B.

Sergeant Thillberg, H and S Co., received a warm welcome on his return home from the Engineer Non-Com School at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Sergeant Elseroad spent several pleasant hours this week being fitted with a new uniform, getting ready to take over the duties and rank of warrant officer.

Overcareful to avoid the loss of a weekend pass, Pvt. James Leonard stripped and cleaned his rifle with care. But Private Leonard, you can't stand inspection without leggings.

Surprise of the week was the marriage of Pvt. Thomas C. Powell, Co. A, and Miss June Bartz. Acting Cpl. Ernest Wilson was best man.

And Private Solari was a best man at a Tulsa wedding over the weekend.

TOPS ON GUARD DUTY

An "on the ball" rating for guard duty goes to the A and P platoon of the Second Battalion Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry. Three privates from that platoon, Pvts. Cliff Hardison, Hank Buckles, and Louis Hoffman, were chosen as colonel's orderly on three consecutive days.

SpTrs



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D HQ



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Corporals Stowasser and Lamkin have left for detached service with the Third Army.

T-4 Louis Toke spends his Monday off on his hunk.

Private Sparkes is back, but without his appendix. He's leaving soon for the Air Force.

Private Pio, Jersey's gift to the Rainbow, enjoyed himself in Dallas on a three-day pass.

Private First Class Sergeant has at last found his true love. She's a lady truck driver on the post, and as soon as Sergeant can find her name he intends to invite her over to work on his vehicle.



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Joseph Alvin Renshaw, the year old son of Sgt. Walton Renshaw, demonstrated that he can bowl out orders more effectively than his old man.

It's a baby boy for Pvt. and Mrs. Walter Roish.

This is going to be the last word on the Quartermaster fox, we hope. In case you haven't been following the story here's a brief resume, and then we can all forget it. The Quartermasters had two foxes. One fox escaped, and the other day the other one died under mysterious circumstances. To finish it off the officer who had taken the foxes in was transferred, as was the enlisted man who owned them.



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When men of Special Troops were given three-day passes for doing so well in the X Corps tests, T-4 Charles Park made a strong bid for the long-distance three-day pass title. He made a wild dash clear to Ohio.

T-5 Ray Haley, about to leave on furlough, was arranging his materials to turn in to the supply room, when suddenly he noticed he was packing the wrong footlocker. Probably the switch was pulled by some little band of roving gremlins.

Democracy is practiced as well as preached by T-3 "Abe" Kierman. He persists in eating with the rest of the men, rather than sit at the upper three-graders' table, because his best pals are of the lower grades.

T-5 Jim Zednik went on his weekend pass straight to Muskogee, and spent the entire time at home, resting up and eating some of his wife's good home-cooking.

One way to get your overcoat cleaned and pressed is the way T-5 Douglas Carter did it. After walking through a downpour for an hour on guard duty, he stomped back to the guardhouse for some shut-eye. During the course of the night, some kind soul used the damp coat for an addition to the mattress. When he wears the coat now, T-5 Carter looks as if he's just been hit by a GI truck.



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With the broad smile on Pvt. Frank House's face these days it might be a good idea to order all wives to Muskogee on the double.

Did Pvt. Frank Havens lug all those hair tonic bottles home to Texas with him last week?

It is absolutely untrue that Sgt. Clarence Strahm was born in a jeep and sucked by a werewolf.

Never make a tourniquet any tighter than necessary to check the bleeding.

Div. Band News

Last week-end found most of the Band in the city of Tulsa, since Monday was a holiday for the entire outfit.

Sgt. John Mavity married Miss Patti White, of Tulsa, in ceremonies Saturday at the Adams Hotel. Congratulations.

Arriving from Knoxville, Tenn., this week were the wives of S-Sgt. John Ryno and Cpl. Roy Haynes.

Male Call

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



You're Ridin', Now, Red!



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Stars With Stripes

42nd Recon Troop
T-5 Byron B. Cassin and T-5 Carl W. Koppenhaver, to T-4.
Pvt. John J. Lauth, to T-5.
Pfc. Arthur L. Johnson, Mark F. Jones, Robert W. Lindenmeyer and Lyle E. Walsworth, to Cpl.

222nd Infantry
Private to private first class: Co. D—James S. O'Connor, Leland F. Wright, Edwin T. Wilde, Clarence A. Gearheart, Melton S. Davis, John F. Shook, Edward W. Buhl, Thomas L. Reese, William R. Cramble, Glenn W. Jones, William T. Howe, Alzee J. Autin, Joseph Michalkewicz, Jess R. Pauley, James A. Graves, Fred O. Keller, George O. Rabideau, Harry J. Sorenson, Dominic E. DaBunda, Anthony E. Szymurski, Leon C. Daniell, Alfonso Slaeva, Ennis B. S. Moore, George W. Wiegand, Carleton T. Gilbert, Edmund J. Nowak, William H. Johnson, Iwan C. Fridey, Edwin W. Takala, Roger W. Simmons, Bernard Cooper, Peter W. Bustraan, Arthur W. Jakobsson, John D. Weatherup, Glenn D. Bowers, Gilbert P. Skimin, Mike A. Corey, James F. Kachelhof-fer, Robert E. Maxwell, Herbert Leivent, Wilbur W. King, James F. Brennan, Arthur C. Geler, Kenneth D. Wilson, and Gilbert A. Yorba.

Privates to private first class: Anti-Tank Co.—Robert B. Baird, Pascal W. Camp, Charles A. Doyle, Jack T. Hamaker, Vincent G. Hecht, William Kahler, William Leonard, Donald MacPherson, John J. Moynihan, Ramon A. Mercado, and Herman O. Muller.
Cpl. Roland Arnoldy, Co. B, to Sgt. Cpl. William Kitzmeyer, Co. B, to Sgt.

Pfc. Arne Carlson, Co. B, to Cpl. Private to private first class: Co. I—Branchweller, Brock, Duran, Claus, Nolting, Rangle, Bunn, Weeder, Wagman, Raczowski, Schragg, Lewis, Marsden, MacLean, Mainard, Sherill, Segreaves, Hudson, Conroy, Hassler, Mackey, Thompson, Oswald, Robbins, List, Scott, Eadens, Martin, Barr Hansen, Hane, Carter, Beltramo, Eggert, Church, Steele, Smith, Werner, Kamps, Meyer and Quarles.

42nd Quartermaster Company
Sgts. Russell R. White, O. J. Di-Salvo and Allen L. McMaha, to S-Sgt. Cpl. Edwin L. Reeves, to Sgt. T-5 Frank A. Mele and Dominik Nalls to Cpl.

Pfc. William C. Machamer and Jack V. Lynn to T-5.

Pvt. Peter H. Charrier to T-5. Private to private first class—Jack Adler, Gordon K. Adams, Nils O. H. Johnson, Paul A. Spreigl, William Geiger and W. Z. Wright.

392nd FA Battalion
S-Sgt. John D. Daberry, Hq. Btry., to T-5.

Pvts. Weyman, G. Ellis, Edwin R. Reed, and Fred J. Roehrich, Hq. Btry., to Cpls.

Pvts. Robert L. Easson, Byron J. Greenwood and Fabius R. Hutten, Hq. Btry., to T-5.

Pvts. William P. Donahue, William H. Baker, Thomas C. Haydon, Andrew W. Lund, Henderson L. Thomas, Allen F. Day, Benjamin E. Dobbing, Eugene S. Huesman, Coolidge C. Elder, Donnick J. Lambert and Parker W. Gooch, Btry. C, to Cpl.

Pvts. Edward J. Urbanik, Charles N. Stein, Joseph M. Rosenbergh, James T. Clokey, Raymond W. McConnell, J. L. Glosion, and George J. Betzel, Btry. C, to T-5.

542nd FA Battalion
Pvt. John H. Dilson and Pfc. Peter Gebrian, Claude L. Groce, George A. Grunhart, Donald C. Kilburn, John T. Porter and Pvt. James L. Thompson, Hq. Btry., to T-5.

Pfc. Joseph C. Nasca, Thomas B. O'Connor and Angelo A. Polumbo, Hq. Btry., to Cpl.

Pfc. Melvin D. Chapin, Charles E. Seisser, Edgar E. Swinyard, Leon J. Theriault and Pfc. Ray W. Connick, Walter A. Van Houghton, Service Btry., to T-5.

Pfc. Harry L. Davis, Nelson Mathis, Ralph R. McLeod, Vernon P. Mitcham, Douglas E. Phillips, Bart-ram E. Porter, Allman M. Smith, and George E. Young, Btry. A, to T-5.

Pfc. Charles H. Bartram, Gilbert J. Davidson, Nels E. Magnuson, John T. McCharen, Clemis T. Richardson, Sr., and Harold J. Wood, Btry. A, to Cpl.

Pvts. Joseph A. Iurato, Arnold C. Krouse, Samuel W. Millar, and Thomas P. Scalzo, Btry. B, to T-5.

Pfc. Agusto E. Pena and William J. Matter, Jr., Btry. B, to Cpl.

Pvts. Earle G. Beals, Kermit H. Dodson, Sydney Steinberg, James H. Stites, Lacey G. Sullivan and Pfc. Michael Prytula, Btry. C, to T-5.

Pfc. Deweese R. Erickson, Btry. C, to Cpl.

Privates to private first class: Btry. C—Irving P. Adams, Floyd R. Bates, Paule L. Battle, Shelburn G. Cook, Robert I. Cremens, Charles E. Davis, Frank R. Dondero, Robert S. Gibbs, James B. Gommilion, Delbert L. Hemp-ill, Robert J. Hodges, Jr., James J. LaRocca, Jessie W. Lohr, Pierre J. Michaud, James S. Wrobel, and Her-man L. Zwickle.

242nd Infantry
Private to private first class: Med. Det., Eather, C. Alfred, Elmer H. Altizer, Carlton Bratcher, George S. Callahan, Daniel A. Davis, Ernest R. Devall, Vincent J. Dwyer, John W. Fahrig, Henry A. Ealcher, Frank Calcone, Mark F. Hartley, David H. Honeycutt, Elliot E. Howe, Max W. Jaehn, Norton T. Klein, John K. Kunkel, Simon J. Muntean, James H. Phinney, Max Resnoff, Robert C. Schauer, John J. Schroeder, Walter R. Smith, Wesley R. Wheaton, Irvin V. Wolf and Arthur H. Young.

142nd Engineer Battalion
Private to private first class: H and S Co., Kading and Proehl.

Privates Lindsay, Zappa and R. O. Davis, to T-5.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This billfold girl gets a double billing this week. She's Miss Ruth Sexton of Ft. Worth, Texas, and the picture comes from the bill-fold of Pfc. Somerton "Sonny" Fisher, Co. E, 242nd Inf., and she is also the cousin of Pvt. Deryle Sanders of the same organization.

Pvt. Sherman Has One-Man Show

Pvt. Russell Sherman, Co. F, 242nd Inf., at present at work on a mural at Service Club No. 2 now has his own exhibition at Philbrook Museum in Tulsa. This is a one man show consisting of 20 prints.

Serman began his career at the age of four, and he still has the sketches that he drew at that age. One summer he worked as a car-man's helper on the Burlington railroad, and with the money he earned went to the Art Institute in Kansas City.

Sherman's work has appeared in famous galleries all over the country, and he has designed the jackets and illustrated many books.

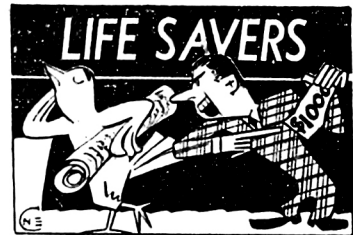
'Razzle Dazzle' Plays Here Saturday, Monday

Saturday and Monday "Razzle Dazzle," one of the USO Victory Shows, will be at Camp Gruber. With performances at 6:30 p. m. and 9 p. m. the show will play at theaters No. 1 and 2.

The show is loaded with comedy, although enough song and novelty has been added to make a smooth fast moving show. "Razzle Dazzle" is one of the newest shows added to the USO circuit.

GETS PASS AS REWARD

Pfc. Elmer J. Kish, Pittsburgh, Pa., was selected by his officers as the Soldier of the Month for November in Service Co., 222nd Inf. A three-day pass was his reward.



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H and S Co., 142nd Eng. Bn. Repeats With Best Mess Hall in Division

For the second week in a row, Headquarters and Service Company, 142nd Eng. Bn., took top honors in the weekly Division mess inspection, for the week ending December 4. The previous week, the company had tied with Btry. C, 232nd FA Bn.

Commanding the company, whose mess had a perfect score of 100, is Lt. Don H. Staker. S-Sgt. John D. Henry is mess sergeant. Other leading messes, selected as the best in their respective

Flash! He Didn't Call Fillers 4-F!

Walter Winchell, columnist and radio commentator, has made NO charge that the Rainbow Division "is filled up with 4-F's," Miss Rose Bigman, his secretary, has informed the Commanding General.

Miss Bigman forwarded an extract from a letter written to Winchell by a woman who said she was informed by a friend in the Division that the commentator had made the charge in a broadcast. The letter was accompanied by a printed form stating that similar rumors had gained currency in the past regarding other military organizations and other camps. None of them, Miss Bigman said, was true.

She asked that publicity be given the matter so Rainbow soldiers would not spend time passing on rumors "which could better be spent writing to their loved ones at home."

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win Ebenau has submitted to an "all-out" going-over by the barber to such a degree that he now has a "G. I." seldom equaled for severity and thoroughness. He blushing gives as the reason for his compliance with the regimental order the fact that he has some "pressing" business in the nearby metropolis of Muskogee.

Battle Hints Listed by Private Who Landed on Attu and Was Wounded

By S-SGT. RALPH CARRIER
Co. I, 242nd Inf.

Pvt. Walter J. Dobrowolski, Co. I, 242nd Inf., made a landing on the island of Attu, at Massacre Bay on the morning of May 17. His company was acting as the support. The main attack had been made. During the action that took place, he, as a rifle-man, learned many things he things will help future Infantrymen taking part in an attacking element.

Private Dobrowolski was wounded on the morning of May 27. He was hit on the left thigh. At first, the wound wasn't even noticed, just a slight burning sensation. Men find that they don't even know that they are wounded until quite a bit later.

Here are some quotations and notes that all men should heed. Above all, know the situation at all times. Even the smallest detail. Disregard Jap snipers. If you try to find them, it will take days, slowing down your movements. This is exactly what they want. They have a tendency to shoot high, but are very patient. Keep moving forward.

The Jap is afraid of the bayonet. When you come under enemy mortar fire, keep well down; most men get excited and end up by running right into it. Stay down and keep cool. Don't underestimate the Jap as a mortarman. He is very accurate. Don't get

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porting, repeated practice, sticking to a single objective for night work, telling every man all about the situation, seeing that every man knows his job backwards and forwards—all are other important points.

There is still another. Pound it in to every man, over and over, that opinions about the enemy are dangerous. Pound it in that only what a soldier sees—only facts—is what a scout or patrol member goes after; what their commander wants.

It would not be right to say that there are never any changes in ground combat. There are always changes. There are changes for every new situation, every new fight.

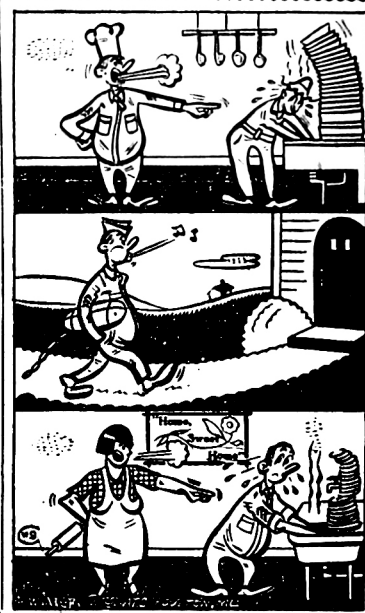
A few years ago Benning taught as a general practice that small unit attacks should drive up the low ground, up the stream beds, the ravines. Now, on both sides of the world, it has been found many times that this is not right, that in a great many battle situations the main drive has to go along the high ground or it will not be effective.

But some of the things on which the whole of ground warfare is built—the whole of all warfare—such as planning constantly and carefully, giving clear orders, never forgetting security in attack or defense, in victory, drawn battle, or defeat—such things as these never change at all.

Whether they are things that never change, or things that do change with every situation, every new battle, every enemy—these points of Infantry fighting are the daily deadly guides for the fighting doughboy.

Deadly for him if he forgets them.

Deadly for the Jap and the German if he learns them and never forgets to use them.



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