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Two Days Left For X Corps Tests in Division

Two days remain for the completion of the X Corps tests by members of the Rainbow Division. Much of the examination of the men in the Division has been completed during the fore part of the week by officers from Corps Headquarters and other Divisions within the Corps.

The examinations are the last ones of the individual training program of the Division. Next week the Division will start on the training of units.

The following officers were assigned to the 42nd Division to conduct the examinations:

Col. C. E. Haswell, Col. Frederick Knudsen, Col. Robert G. Gard, Col. R. J. Stanton, Col. E. J. Peterson, Lt. Col. Francis Phipps, Lieutenant Colonel Maxey, Lt. Col. A. O. Burton, Lt. Col. R. M. Blancett, Lt. Col. H. W. Rickey, Lt. Col. John K. Fleming, Major Suderman, Major Clark, Major Ralph J. Kraut, Maj. Fred L. Dozier, Maj. M. H. Pishcello, Maj. J. L. Sandlin, Maj. James H. Campbell, Maj. Russell P. Cecil, Maj. Richard McNamara, Capt. C. G. Henline, Captain Robertson, Capt. H. S. Pence, Capt. George W. Barber, Capt. Morton H. Robinson, Lt. J. B. Walker, Lt. A. L. Fay, Lt. C. P. Carstarphin, Lt. John E. Hellich, Lt. Samuel D. H. Donsky, X Corps.

Capt. James S. Russell, Capt. Michael Arciero, Capt. Earl P. Simone, Capt. Bruce D. Storrs, Lt. Herman W. Smith, Lt. Edward C. Noonan, Lt. John D. Hess, 16th Armored Division.

Capt. Pasquale A. Carone, Capt. Kenneth M. Clough, Lt. George H. Martin, Lt. Charles H. Gresham, Lt. Harold H. Hewitt, 66th Infantry Division.

Capt. Francis Lotz, 184th Engineer Battalion. Capt. Louis W. Bratton, Lt. C. H. Stein, Lt. John L. Goode, Lt. Rupuber Catten, Lt. Daniel C. Sutherland, Lt. James M. Barringer, Lt. Alvin L. Attaman, Lt. Kenneth B. Evans, Lt. Thomas C. Feeney, Lt. Hasie E. Henderson, Lt. Warner S. Currie, Lt. Richard D. Gooding, Lt. Douglas J. Tarbet, Lt. Jack H. Brown, 99th Infantry Division.

Capt. Howard C. Browne, Capt. Robert E. Franco, Capt. Thomas A. Greene, Capt. Paul R. Miller, Capt. Frank G. McGuire, Jr., Lt. William J. Pettit, Lt. Dennis A. Nehring, 137 Engineer Battalion.

Capt. Clark R. Rominger, Capt. Robert E. Spangler, Capt. Richard K. Penn, Capt. Paul Hensley, Capt. Edward G. Sign, Capt. John P. Schwarz, Lt. William L. Henry, Lt. Harold J. Pazdera, Lt. Edward Catchings, Lt. William S. Baxter, Lt. Thomas O. Rose, Lt. Harold G. Barnes, Lt. William White, Lt. Richard S. Graham, Lt. John C. McWhorter, Jr., Lt. Walter M. Hobson, Lt. Richard W. Clifford, Lt. Justin L. Damen, 103rd Infantry Division.



392 FA Bn. Has Top 105MM Howitzer Gun Section

This 105 mm. howitzer is manned by the Division Commander's champion gun section from the 392nd FA Battalion, selected after a series of tests among the four battalions of Field Artillery recently. (Left to right) Pvt. Thomas H. Rodgers, cannoneer; Cpl. Edward Bender, gunner; S-Sgt. Dewey Foust, chief of section; Pvt. Bernard M. McGough, cannoneer; Pvt. Kenneth H. Neuman, cannoneer; Pvt. Charles L. Hoagland, driver, all of Battery B and T-4 Thomas W. Howell, Artillery mechanic, Btry. A.

Weekend in Tulsa Prize on Quiz Show

One of the most luxurious weekends ever spent by a soldier will be the main prize on next week's "Behind the Dog Tag" radio program. The show originates at Service Club No. 1, January 13, at 8 p. m., and is broadcast over KTUL, Tulsa.

The lucky soldier awarded the prize will have at his disposal all the comforts of the city of Tulsa. Even a personal valet will be provided.

Produced by Pfc. Allen Funt, "Behind the Dog Tag" picks soldiers from the audience by their dog tag numbers and makes them contestants in a novel quiz show.

Last week's program featured Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark, assistant Division commander, as a special guest.

Christmas Present To Club Meant KP

When you have read this you can truthfully say you have read everything.

Pfc. Tom Murray, Btry. B, 542nd FA, was off duty Christmas day and arising late he hid himself to Service Club No. 2 for a leisurely cup of coffee. While eating breakfast he noticed that the cafeteria was short of help, and our hero volunteered for KP. Christmas Day was spent mopping floor and scrubbing tables, and he had volunteered for it.

Happy ending for the story came when Murray was invited to eat dinner at the Club, but his buddies are still telling him that he could have had the same dinner in his company and without the KP.

Top Leadership Helped in War I

Top-notch leadership on the part of officers played a big part in earning fame and glory for the Rainbow Division in World War I.

One of the officers who was especially noted for his untiring devotion to the interests of his men was an Ohio lawyer in civilian life, the late Col. Benson W. Hough. He was commanding officer of the 166th Infantry.

Colonel Hough led his regiment through some of the toughest battles in France. In February, 1918, his unit took over a sector in Lorraine and served continuously in front line duty 110 days. It is said his great qualities of leadership were largely responsible for his regiment's success and high morale.

During a 14-day march in December, 1917—over deep snow and ice for a distance of about 100 kilometers—a tired, weary, enlisted man could be seen riding Colonel Hough's horse, with the colonel alongside leading the horse. The "Old Man" marched the entire distance, letting some of his men take turns on his mount—the only transportation the regiment had.

For his work, Colonel Hough won the French Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Medal. He was also awarded the French Legion of Honor.

A native son of Ohio, Colonel Hough was born in 1875 and received his law degree from Ohio State University in 1899. In 1892 he enlisted in Co. K, 166th Infantry (then Ohio National Guard) as a private. Five years later he was commissioned a lieutenant.

First 1944 Baby Hits Jackpot

Being the father of the first baby of the year in Muskogee is something like yelling bingo at a movie, Capt. A. L. Covey, 392nd FA Bn., found out when his wife presented him with a baby boy.

The baby arrived at 2:05 o'clock Sunday morning to get in under the wire as the first arrival of the year.

In keeping with an old Muskogee tradition, the merchants of Muskogee showered the new arrival with a collection of products from their stores. These included a baby ring, a quart of milk each day for a month and 12 cans of baby food.

The only recognition that the proud parents got for their contribution to their son's initial success was a book of passes to the local movies. With these tickets they can see "A Stranger In Town" which, Captain Covey explains, they have already seen.

In This Case Nickname Is Matter of Necessity

Possessor of what is probably one of the most mispronounced last names in the Army is Pvt. Alfred Tomaszczyk, Co. M, 232nd Inf.

It is properly pronounced Tomasz-chick. Most often he is called Tom or Timoschenko. But Pvt. James Connor says Tomaszczyk sounds like a typical Notre Dame grid lineman.

GREETINGS RECEIVED

Holiday greetings were received last week from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Rainbow Division Veterans.

Best Squads Named By Div. Artillery

Division Commander's Combat Squads from the 42nd Division Field Artillery battalions were announced this week, with four of the winners coming from the 232nd FA Battalion, two from Division Artillery Headquarters Battalion and one from the 392nd FA Battalion.

Best howitzer section in the Artillery was that of Battery B, composed of S-Sgt. Dewey Foust, Cpl. Edward Bender, Pvts. Thomas H. Rodgers, Bernard M. McGough, Kenneth H. Neuman, Charles L. Hoagland, and T-4 Thomas W. Howell, Btry. A, artillery mechanic.

Top code radio team was T-4 Melvin W. Holmberg and Pfc. George W. Schaffer, Div. Arty. Hq. Btry. and the leading motor maintenance squad was composed of T-4 Gerald J. Tuinstra, T-5 George H. Wilkens and Pfc. Victor R. Parowski, Div. Arty. Hq. Btry.

The four leading squads produced by the 232nd FA Battalion were the .50 caliber machine gun squad of Acting Cpl. Joseph E. Ridley, Btry. C, Pvt. Ernest C. Wingate, Hq. Btry., and Pvt. Richard C. Wingo, Hq. Btry.; the instrument team of T-5 Robert Mitchell, Hq. Btry., and Cpl. Henry E. Packard, Btry. A; the voice radio squad of T-4 William R. Dabb, Btry. C, T-5 Thomas S. Brush, Hq. Btry., and Raymond Zolends, Btry. A; and the wire team of Cpl. Samuel Gudis, Hq. Btry., T-5 Frank P. Green, Btry. C, Pfc. Arnold L. Schramm, Hq. Btry. and Pvt. Owen D. Chernoff, Btry. A.

These men will receive commendations from Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, and furloughs as prizes for being the best squads and sections in the Field Artillery of the 42nd Division.

Waits Three Days For Three Minutes

Last Friday evening Cpl. Ralph Rufener walks into Service Club No. 1 and places a call to his mother and dad in Oregon, see

Rufener ordinarily hangs out around the barracks of the Third Bn. Hq. Co., 222nd Infantry, but it's New Year's Eve and he wants to talk to his folks, understand?

Well, Saturday comes and he's still waiting.

Up in the 222nd Infantry, Corporal Rufener is in the Third Battalion's A and P platoon, which stands for "Ammunition and Pioneer", in case you didn't know.

Sunday comes. He's still waiting. The Service Club cafeteria is cleaning up on Rufener.

Well, to make a long story short, he finally gets the call through at 0030 on Monday, which certainly must make him a champion of some sort.

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THE FIRST OF 52

This week was the first of 52 which are going to see many things happen to the 42nd Division in 1944.

The new year started off in an auspicious manner with all men being given their "final examinations" following the completion of their individual training program. Two more days remain before those tests are concluded.

The X Corps tests of this week will determine the proficiency of the men prior to their entrance on the unit training program to continue for the next few weeks. The unit training will be climaxed by maneuvers by the Division later this spring and then the Rainbow will be ready for its purpose in this war—to engage the enemy.

When the Division will be sent overseas and where it will go nobody knows. But each soldier in the Rainbow—by continuing the excellent work already started—will be ready for combat and equal to the task of closing with the enemy and eliminating him.

THE REBUKE COURTEOUS

I happened to be walking down the street with a lieutenant colonel in the Medical Corps the other evening when he passed an enlisted man who looked him right in the eye and failed to salute. The colonel called the soldier back and I expected to hear a fire-and-brimstone sermon on respect to officers. Instead, the colonel took the sanest and most inescapable approach I've ever heard:

"Corporal," he said, "I saw you walking down the street toward me, and I thought, 'Here's another chance for me to salute a fellow soldier.' I wanted to salute you because I think we are in the best Army in the world, and I'm proud of every one of my fellow soldiers. But you didn't salute me, and it hurt just a little bit. You're not ashamed of being a corporal in our Army, are you?"

—From America's Alertmen.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

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

Friday and Saturday—"Gung Ho." Randolph Scott, Grace McDonald.

Sunday and Monday—"Cry Havoc." Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothorn.

Tuesday—"Klondike Kate." Ann Savage, Tom Neal.

Wednesday—"What a Woman." Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

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

Friday and Saturday—"Around the World." Kay Kyser, Joan Davis.

Sunday and Monday—"Gung Ho." Randolph Scott, Grace McDonald.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Cry Havoc." Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothorn.

Service Club Doings

Service Club No. 1

Thursday 8 p. m.—Games with prizes. Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Tahlequah, Eufaula and Checotah. Saturday 8 p. m.—Old Time Hoe Down Party. Sunday 8 p. m.—Sgt. Eugene Jones with a colored variety show from the 969th FA Bn. Monday 8 p. m.—Games. Prizes. Tuesday 8 p. m.—Song-Fest with Cpl. Carl Varconi. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Tulsa and Sapulpa.

Service Club No. 2

Thursday 8 p. m.—Swing music. 8:30 p. m.—"Camp Gruber Varieties." Friday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Muskogee. Saturday 8 p. m.—Games. Sunday 8 p. m.—Fun with "Fines and Findings," an absolutely original show by Pvt. Milton Halpern. Monday 8 p. m.—Song-Fest with Pvt. Frank Dailey. Tuesday 8 p. m.—202nd FA Bn. Band Concert. Wednesday 8-11 p. m.—Dance. Girls from Muskogee.

The Wolf

by Sansone



By CHAPLAIN C. J. YEAGER,
242nd Infantry

Military training in war time is definitely combat training. The soldier is repeatedly reminded that what he learns will have much to do with his chance of survival in combat. He is told that when he forms a bad habit in training he is practically asking to come back on a stretcher or not at all. But when he forms a good habit he is doing something that will increase his chances of returning home safely.

Take hitting the ground for example. The ground is seldom soft unless it is muddy. And it's usually dirty. But how often will troops be travelling through a clover field when "Jerry" or "Tojo" opens up with a machine gun, drops his "Eggs" or strafes from his planes? Hitting the ground quick during training is a good habit to form. For hitting the ground easy may mean sudden death in combat.

Habits are funny things. They are easy to form but not so easy to break. Breaking any habit takes time and thought. But under fire the soldier has little time for thinking. He must act instinctively, and that comes from habit. So if you are one of those soldiers who thinks that he can do the proper thing in combat in spite of habits that he has formed in training, you had better think again and then change your mind.

How about your religious habits? The bad ones will be with you for a long time . . . irregular attendance at chapel services . . . seldom if ever a prayer . . . foul language . . . carelessness in matters of sex. It's hard to break those bad habits. They may be fatal to your spiritual life.

Fortunately it's just as hard to break a good habit as a bad one. If in training you form the habit of hitting the ground quick, it's a safe bet that you'll do the same in combat. And if you are one of the lads who says a short prayer each day . . . who attends religious services regularly . . . who prays because he knows he needs God all the time . . . you'll do the same when the bullets and shrapnel are whistling around your ears.

Do you think that you can gold-brick in training and then learn things fast and right in combat? Well, why not ask the man who has been there? There are some of these men in your outfit, ask them what they think. But, remember, you cannot ask that of a

Chapel Services

SPECIAL TROOPS
Chapel No. 1

0800 Catholic Mass.
0800 Holy Communion (Episcopal).
1000 Protestant Service.
1100 Protestant Service.
1900 Evening Vespers
1900 Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday).

222 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 2

0800 Catholic Mass.
1000 Protestant Service.
1115 Catholic Mass.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.
1830 Song Service
1930 Rosary and Benediction.
2000 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Tuesday and Thursday).
2040 Novena, Tuesday.
1600-1750 Confessions (Saturday).

232 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 3

0715 Holy Communion (Catholic).
0815 Catholic Mass.
0915 Protestant Sunday School.
0945 Protestant Service.
1015 Communion (Church of Christ).
1100 Catholic Mass.
1200—Protestant Sunday School.
1400 Jewish Services.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.
1830 Protestant Evening Service.
1845 Daily Catholic Mass.
1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).

1930 Catholic Discussion Hour (Sunday and Tuesday).
1945 Protestant Choir Rehearsal (Thursday).

1930-2100 Catholic Confessions (Saturday).
2000 Jewish Sabbath Services (Friday).
2030 Catholic Novena (Wednesday).
2100 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday).

242 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 4

0715 Daily Catholic Mass.
0715 Holy Communion.
0800 Catholic Mass.
0900 Protestant Service.
1100 Catholic Mass.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass (except Monday).

1900 Protestant Service.
1900 Choir Rehearsal.
1600-1700 Confessions (Saturday).

Division Artillery
Chapel No. 9

0900 Catholic Mass.
1000 Protestant Service.
1800 General Song Service.
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.
1900-2100 Confessions (Saturday).
2030 Novena (Tuesday).

COMPASS KNOWLEDGE

Finding your way around the woods with a compass seems pointless to a lot of GIs, but over in the 132nd Signal Company they believe in adding realism to their work.

The other day while in the field the men were given compasses and the correct azimuth of the mess truck. Signal Company chow-hounds now spend their extra time studying the compass.

lot of men who have been there. They were mostly the ones who thought they could wait and learn to do things fast and right in battle.

It's common sense to do all you can to insure your safety and survival in combat. It is also common sense not to hand your soul to the devil on a messkit cover. It's plain common sense to start losing all your bad habits, and to start forming good ones . . . Now!

IMMATERIAL WITNESS

By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT
Service Co., 242nd Infantry

If a fellow were to go into a bed factory and say, "I'd like to see something nice in the way of a cubicle," they'd probably show him a padded cell. I for one certainly never expected to sleep in anything called a cubicle, but there I am, in the lower bunk of a double-decker, as neatly cubicled as you'd care to see.

I'd like to say that during our cold snap my bunk has been an ice-cubicle, but I can't because I've really been as warm as toast. I'm speaking of civilian toast, of course.

As a matter of fact, I like cubicles, because they remind me of Pullmans, and I like to sleep on trains. Every night I have Pfc. Norbert Lauber sit in the upper bunk and imitate train noises while I climb in, after which a couple of the boys shake the bed a little until I go to sleep. It's just like being on the Katy Bluebonnet, except that I don't suppose I could ever get a Pullman on the Bluebonnet.

It wasn't so much fun the other morning, however, when some wise guy pulled back my shelter half at 0330, stuck his head in, and said, "Is you de gen'mun who wanted to get off at Buffalo?"

"No," I said, "but I'll tell you where to get off at if you don't withdraw that loathsome head of yours and leave me alone."

"Have you forgotten?" he cried, pretending surprise. "This is the morning of the hunt breakfast."

"The hunt breakfast? Gad, you're right," I said, springing out of bed. "To horse! Bring out the hounds! Sound the huntsman's horn! This is the morning we rise at 0330, march to Area X, and then hunt breakfast."

After considerable marching and counter-marching to sharpen our appetites, we reached our rendezvous with Mess Sergeant Johnson and his jolly crew of cooks and kitchen gendarmes. Before you could say Jack Robinson, after first reciting the complete works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, I was filing down the chow line having my plate heaped with steaming food.

"Let's see now. Five yards from the nearest man," I reminded myself, remembering the rule for tactical eating. Several likely spots presented themselves as I wandered about in the gloom, but I wasn't satisfied. Finally I located a nice spot under a tree, sat my chow down, and settled myself.

"Good old coffee!" I said, and took a swig. At any rate I tried to. Nothing came out of the cup, however.

"What's this?" I muttered, and poked my spoon into my cup. A crackling noise told me all I needed to know. I had broken through the ice.

Let me just lay down a rule here and now for eating in the field on frosty mornings. Start getting rid of your coffee the minute you leave the end of the chow line. Otherwise you may turn to dunk your bread in it about five minutes later, and break a thumb.

Musical Musings

By CPL. DON STELZER

Frank Sinatra has contracted Jan Savitt for his current tour of the top eastern theaters—Savitt has added eight strings, total 21 pieces . . . Sgt. Dave (Porky) Parsons, who started his career to fame as a drummer at Denver's elite "Silver Dollar," is now with an Army band in the Pacific . . . Esquire Magazine plans to sponsor an annual jazz project—the first to be held at the Metropolitan Opera House, Jan. 18 . . . The winners will receive a \$500 War Bond, and the "Esky" statuette, which will be the jazz equivalent of the "Oscars" given in Hollywood . . .

Woody Herman and Cab Calloway signed to appear in 'Sensations of 1944'—production to start shortly after the first of the new year . . . Rainbow Division band sets new record for number of jobs played in four nights—15 all told with four combos kicking it out . . . Frankie Carlson, former Woody Herman drummer, will organize his own group in Hollywood . . .

The New Year should bring big things in music, not only in the service, but also in our nation's big timers—with bands like Stan Kenton, currently on Bop Hope's show, and Capt. Glenn Miller, featured attraction with Uncle Sam's huge program, music should hit a new high . . .

We fight to preserve for our own people and for the people throughout the world the chance to learn or to continue learning how to govern themselves and how to live with one another.

Pair Tie for Mess Hall Honors

Two messes tied for the honor of the best mess in the Division in the weekly inspection conducted by Maj. James Berkman, Division medical inspector. The 132nd Signal Company and Co. B, 122nd Med. Bn., were tied for first place. This is the second time that the Signal Company has won first place.

The commanding officer of the 132nd Signal Company is Capt. Walter Carr and the mess sergeant is S-Sgt. Louis Cray. Co. B, 122nd Med. Bn., is commanded by Lt. Joseph Crutchin and the mess sergeant is S-Sgt. Henry Jeziorski.

Mess halls selected as the best in their respective units are:

222nd Infantry—Cannon Co., Lt. Charles Rhoads; S-Sgt. Anthony Bozzo.

232nd Infantry—Company C, Lt. William Todd; S-Sgt. Lyle Grieger.

242nd Infantry—Company G, Capt. Joseph Gauthier; S-Sgt. Francis Swiontek.

Division Artillery—Btry. B, 542nd F.A. Bn.—Lt. Francis Smith; S-Sgt. George Gianopoulos.

142nd Engineer Battalion, Company C—Lt. Wilson Rutherford, Jr.; S-Sgt. Marshall McClellan.

232nd Inf. Men Give Transfusions

When Mrs. James Brandon was taken to a Muskogee hospital the doctors decided that she needed a blood transfusion, and needed it fast. So at 9:20 a. m. the Red Cross called the 232nd Infantry for volunteers.

The excess volunteers were sent back and at 11 a. m., one hour and 40 minutes after the first call, four soldiers were giving their blood. The four were S-Sgt. Russell Wester, Hq. Co., Pvt. Edward Antinozzi, Hq. Co., Pvt. Frederick Miller Co. G, and Pvt. Wesley Wedeneger, First Bn Hq. Co.

Since then the four have given other transfusions to Mrs. Brandon, and although she is out of danger now they still keep themselves on the alert, ready at any minute to dash into Muskogee if needed.

Mrs. Brandon has two sons, both in the army and both overseas.

And a Very Good Resolution It Is, Too

'Twas both New Year's Eve and pay day, a combination that would please any soldier, but Cpl. Wally Hansen the company clerk of the 742nd Ordnance Company was not at all cheerful.

Like the efficient little company clerk that he is he had made the month's payroll up well in advance, and had pursued his wandering Ordnance men all over camp getting them to sign. Then he had turned his payroll in early and went on about his other duties.

Corporal Hansen spent a very quiet New Year's Eve in camp trying to remember his first and most important resolution which goes, "I will remember to sign the payroll myself after I have made it out."

WACs Arrive at Camp To Do Office Jobs

WACs arrived in Camp Gruber last Saturday, when 130 colored soldiers arrived from Ft. Des Moines to occupy the WAC barracks, that are situated south of gate No. 2. This supplements the 13 who arrived from Camp Huachuca, Ariz., just before Christmas.

The WACs will take over clerical work, hospital technician, motor driving, dispatching and other jobs at present done by station complement men.



Telephone Network Joins Artillery Guns

Batteries are interconnected with telephone over which orders are transmitted. Cpl. Samuel Gudis, Hq. Btry., directs T-5 Frank P. Green, Btry. C, with wire, and Pvt. Owen D. Chernoff, Btry. A, with telephone, where to set up another telephone, while Pfc. Arnold L. Schramm, Hq. Btry., plugs in for incoming call on the switchboard. This was the best wire team in the 42nd Division Artillery.

Col. Diener, World War I Veteran, Arrives to Join Div. Arty. Staff

By CPL. LOVICK DRAPER
Division Artillery

Col. William S. Diener, a veteran officer of World War I, arrived this week to become executive officer of the Division Artillery. This position was vacated last week when Col. William Coughlin left for a new post in Mississippi.

Colonel Diener started his Army career last war when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery. During the last war he was in the 82nd Division which was in the thick of things during the principal action in France. Meuse-Argonne, Chateau-Thierry and St. Mihiel all bring familiar, vivid recollections to Colonel Diener's mind.

The colonel also remembers the day when he helped question 137 German prisoners brought in by one of the Division's Infantry sergeants—Sgt. Alvin York was the name.

After the war Colonel Diener left the Army but reentered for a few years in the middle twenties. During his civilian years his time was successfully occupied in the advertising-publishing business

in and around Reading and Harrisburg, Pa. Living on a farm and riding good horses were also part of Colonel Diener's activities although he admits the raising of three daughters has taken most of his time.

In 1940 he was called back into active service to head the Field Artillery section of the First Military area, with headquarters in Philadelphia. In September of 1942 he was given his present rank of full colonel and in June of last year was transferred to Ft. Sill where he completed the Officers' Advanced Course. The colonel is also a graduate of the Sixth Special Class of the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Colonel Diener stated that he had long heard of the Rainbow Division as the "finest in the service" and freely admits that the manner in which he was received here, and the quality of both officers and men left no doubt as to the correctness of that statement.

No Cracks About Chow Tasting Like Lewistite!

Gas mask drill and identification of all types of war gases has been occupying much time of late, and Service Co., 232nd Inf., has been no exception.

S-Sgt. Alan Thomson has had charge of a considerable portion of the training and has apparently gotten into good habits concerning gas.

Saturday at chow, M-Sgt. George Engel made a harmless statement: "Pass the MUSTARD please" and Thomson dug for his gas mask—and not by the numbers!

Easy Access to Cash Found After 4 Months

After being in the Army four months and 14 days, Pvt. George M. Krug has made an amazing and time-saving discovery. He is busily spreading the news around over in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242nd Infantry.

Seems he will no longer have to raise his overcoat tails waist high when he reaches to pay for a coke—he has just discovered that there are buttons on a slit near his overcoat pockets.

Personal Notes From Battle Experiences

The following article is told to Lt. L. R. Barnhill by Capt. Maurice Harris. Captain Harris commanded the Reconnaissance Company of the 701st TD Battalion in Tunisia. The article is reprinted from the November-December issue of the Cavalry Journal. Although written directly to officers there is much in this article that will prove of value to the enlisted men of the Rainbow.

Officers entering combat zones must make drastic revisions in what they consider personal necessities if they are not to be loaded down with useless equipment that will hamper their efficiency on the battlefield.

In most cases officer's needs at the front can be met by the government issue items.

Officers in Africa learned to get along with the same items as their men. This entailed leaving bulky bedrolls behind and using GI blankets.

"Leave rings and jewelry at home, and toss the fancy dog tag strings into the ocean. A shoe-string or a piece of cloth tap is suitable for the front lines. Get a GI watch if possible. There's no watch repair shop at the front to pamper your favorite timepiece.

"Allot all your pay except a minimum of perhaps \$50 a month to your nearest of kin, and do this well in advance of the time you leave this country. Money is a nuisance at the front and there is neither time nor opportunity to sign pay vouchers once you are in action. Money is received only at such times as the unit returns to divisional headquarters.

"Learn to shave with toilet soap to eliminate another item from your personal gear. Get a small metal case for your toilet articles. The usual leather cases used by officers in the area of the interior are too bulky for battlefield use and are easily lost."

Officers using field glasses fit-

ted small leather caps over the eye pieces to keep out water and dirt and prevent reflections that might give away their positions.

Every officer must know the characteristics of every weapon within his unit.

In some cases, French-type sets of radio equipment were replaced with headsets after it was found that the calls were frequently missed when the would be receiver had the French set lying on the seat out of hearing distance.

It is suggested that noncommissioned officer's schools might be set up on the order of the officer candidate schools, except that the graduates would be considered prospective NCO's. In battle each vehicle becomes a combat unit within itself, and the NCO must take charge. The weak NCO's can be the biggest failing in battle.

Reconnaissance vehicles were used only to transport observers from one observation point to another. (Continued on page 4)

Div. Arty. Choir Gains Listeners

Something new in the way of music for the Division got started in the past few weeks when the Division Artillery choir, after weeks of rehearsal, gave its first concert at Service Club No. 2. Since then the men have sung at the Hospital, both Service Clubs and at special entertainments in the Division. Plans are under way to have them appear in the near future at one of the theaters on the post.

The Artillery choir is the outgrowth of four or five men in the Artillery Headquarters who used to meet now and then to growl out some old favorites. Their barracks mates extended a cordial invitation for the group to sing elsewhere, and the choir moved to the chapel. Since then it has grown to 86 members.

Leader of the group is Pvt. George Lynn, Hq. Btry., who before entering the Army was a chorus master in Pasadena, Cal. Lynn is six feet tall, weighs 230 pounds, a Swede who looks it, and otherwise looks like someone who should be carrying a football rather than a baton.

He was born in Pennsylvania and is a protegee of Roy Harris, one of America's most famous living composers. Lynn is a composer in his own right, having had many pieces published. Perhaps the best known of Lynn's works is the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address set to music, which has gained him national acclaim.

"Choral music," said Lynn, "is real Army music. It can be sung by all men, whether they have musical training or not. And choral music, such as is sung by the Artillery Choir, is sung everywhere. It does not demand a hall or elaborate accompaniment."

One of the best known of the songs sung by the chorus is "Marching Feet," an original composition of Lynn's, which has been specially arranged for the chorus and is dedicated to the Rainbow Division. It is expected that this song will be published in the near future.

'Camp to Camp Concert' Here Soon

Devotees of the Longhair school of music are going to have their innings Jan. 22 and 24 when the USO-Camp Shows send their "Camp to Camp Concert" to Gruber.

The artists in this show are well known in opera, concert and radio, and the program will include familiar and loved music of such modern and time-honored composers as Gershwin, Brahms, Malotte and Bizet.

Among the performing artists will be Amparo Iturbi, sister of the famous pianist Jose Iturbi, and a well known pianist in her own right.

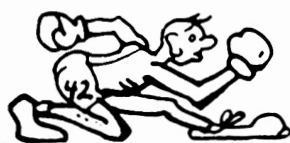
"Camp to Camp Concert" will be played at the Service Clubs instead of the theaters. Exact time will be announced in later issues.

'Digest' Well-Digested When Sergeant Gets It

One very tired little "Reader's Digest" finally caught up with Sergeant Zwick, Co. F, 242nd Inf. It started out last August and went to the islands in the Pacific.

Zwick was a little too fast however, and the magazine came back to Camp Beale, Calif. By that time Zwick was in Camp Maxey, Texas. And as soon as the mail orderly had finished it he sent it right on to Maxey. Zwick was by then at Gruber.

The other day, just five months late, Sergeant Zwick sat down to read his "Reader's Digest" for August.



SPORTS



49 Men Work Out for Tourney

Coached by Pvt. Melvin Howell, Co. K, 232nd Inf., the Division boxing team 49 strong is already in training for the Camp Gruber boxing tournament to be held in the sports arena Jan. 13 to 15. Howell, a professional boxer who was well-known before entering the Army, is devoting his spare time to coaching the team.

Winners of the Gruber boxing will go to Muskogee for the preliminaries of the Golden Gloves, and winners of that tournament move up to the Oklahoma City contest.

The Rainbow boxing team was strengthened last week by the addition of Pvt. Charles Culleres, Co. G, 222nd Inf., who has fought in amateur matches in Trinidad, Panama and many places in this country.

Other well-known Division boxers expected to make a good showing in the bouts include Pvt. Richard Golding, Co. A, 222nd Inf., who has fought in the Golden Gloves before, and has appeared on all the Division cards.

Pvt. Fred Marshall, Hq. Btry., 392nd FA Bn., was West Coast Golden Gloves champion before entering the Army and has impressed many experts with his showing in the Division fights.

The 142nd Engineer Battalion, although not represented in the earlier Division cards came out strong on the last one, and without much time to train made an excellent showing.

For the Camp tournament the Engineers have produced six promising boxers who are now in training and are expected to make a good showing.

No Games Played In Special Troop League

No games were played in the Special Troops basketball league over the New Year's weekend nor this week because of the X Corps Tests.

Final games of the schedule will be played next week. The MP Platoon leads the league with nine wins and one loss, followed by the 742nd Ordnance Company, which has eight wins and one loss.

War I First Sergeant Relates Some of His Experiences in 1918

The following are excerpts from a letter from Floyd Wrightsman, former first sergeant in the Field Artillery of the 42nd Division in World War I. The letter brings out the need for many of the things being taught men in the present Rainbow Division.

"You know we never knew the comforts of a roll collar and slacks and most certainly we never had the advantage of a couple of tailors and shoe fitters, such as the men get these days. When a fellow stepped up to get himself a uniform the supply sergeant started throwing in the general direction of the request, the first thing that came to hand and it was not an uncommon sight to see a short fellow with an overcoat that came down to his ankles and right beside him a six footer or so with an overcoat higher than his knees. Nobody seemed to worry about our feet, either.

"The little column you are running in reference to the 42nd Di-



In Case You Have Forgotten . . .

In case you have forgotten there is such a thing as warm sand and hot numbers sitting on it, take a look at Anne Gwynne, movie newcomer. Well, she's not exactly on the sand, but judging from her costume, it can't be far away.

242nd Athletic Group Will Meet Soon

The 20 members of the 242nd Infantry Athletic Council are scheduled to hold their first meeting at the Rec. Hall soon.

This organization will plan the type of recreational activities that they want for the 242nd. These men have been selected from the 20 companies in the Regiment.

Every effort will be made to give all soldiers an opportunity to participate in some form of recreational activity during off-duty hours. Basketball and table-tennis tournaments will be the main topics for discussion at the coming meeting.

Research Books Found at Library

For the soldier who digs down into encyclopaedias and dictionaries to find, perhaps, the latitude of New Caledonia or the meaning of a medical term—or even the habits of the Zebra—the Service Club Libraries offer a research department.

Chuck full of big books covering practically everything under the sun, the department has a big selection of maps, atlas and geography books. There are fine books on music, art, law, medicine, birds, and other subjects.

Who's Who, and the Encyclopaedia Britannica, of course, top the list of research books. A big selection of Army Field Manuals are available for the studious soldier who wants to advance his military knowledge.

Most of these books cannot be checked out, but are available during Library hours at both Service Clubs.

Wrestlers Have Chance To Grunt for Glory

The Division may have a wrestling team that will compete with other teams in the vicinity, if there are enough men interested in this sport, according to Cpl. Frank Lombardi of the Special Service Office.

"There are many men in the Division who were wrestlers in civilian life, and if we can find enough of them we can put on exhibitions and have matches later on," Lombardi explained.

Men interested in wrestling should get in touch with Lombardi, either by letter to the Special Service Office, or by calling him at 551.

Soukas in Training For AAU Championship

The Rainbow Division will be represented at the forthcoming Amateur Athletic Union wrestling championship in New York by Pvt. Christopher Soukas, Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., who during the past few weeks, has been combining military training with training for the competition.

Soukas has won several previous AAU championships and is considered one of the best amateur wrestlers in the country.

Personal Battle Notes

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other. Actual observation was done from the ground.

A few minor adjustments greatly increased the storage capacity of jeeps. If the entire rear seat, including the frame, is removed, the metal liner of a .50 caliber ammunition box can be stowed in this space to increase the ammunition carrying capacity of this vehicle. Men's packs, placed on top of the box provide an expedient seat. Bolts and straps can be fastened to the front fenders so as to hold additional packs on the fenders.

In Africa it was learned early in battle that the German seldom fires at jeeps. The enemy has a high regard for the tough little vehicles and prefers to capture them undamaged, if possible.

As for half-tracks, these jack-of-all-trades vehicles, the Germans always fire on them, for, as a Nazi prisoner put it, "We never know what to expect on a half-track—a .30 caliber machine gun or a 105mm howitzer—so we take no chances and fire on all of them."

A final warning to young officers subject to call for overseas duty might be summed up as follows: "Get all you possibly can of your training in the United States. See that your non-coms give you more than lip service. Demand that they know their jobs and determine as nearly as possible if they will be able to handle men while under fire.

"Fighting today breaks down into small groups, and only the thoroughly trained soldiers led by quick thinking NCO's came through front-line action in physical and mental conditions to assume their rightful place in civilian life once the fighting is finished."

ENTER TOURNAMENT

Sergeant Henthorn and Pvt. Trowbridge of radio section, Hq. Btry., have added their names to the list of those qualifying for the anticipated Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., ping-pong tournament.

MP Five Defeats Air Base, 47-26

The league leading MP basketball team stepped out of its league last Wednesday night to take a game away from the visiting Muskogee Air Base. The MP's came out on the long end of a lopsided 47-26 score. The Airmen were not able to get all of their best players out for that game, and arrangements have been made for a repeat performance.

Defeated by only one team, the Ordnance, the MP's have been improving constantly since the Special Troops League started, and have plans underfoot to schedule other outside games.

The policemen are fortunate to have on their team many well known college stars. Sgt. Lonnie Dowell, ace forward on the team, was selected for the All-Kansas team while he was still attending junior college in his home town of Parsons, Kansas. Graduating from Parsons, he went on to play for TCU in Dallas.

High scorer in the Air Base game was Sgt. Thomas Tipton who had played for his home town high school in Madison, Iowa, and later starred with Culver-Stockton College in Missouri where he was studying physical education.

Pvt. Kenneth "Dutch" Thompson, another Iowa boy, was all-state High school selection when he played with his home town of Marshalltown. Later he attended Westminster College where he sparked their team to an undefeated season.

Sgt. Louis Paletta was playing for the El Cerrito Athletic Club in San Jose, Cal. when he entered the Army. Before that he had played with St. Marys College in California.

Others on the MP squad had played high school and college ball before entering the Army. According to Tipton, however, the team captain, the MP's winning streak depends more on the teamwork and the execution of their carefully worked-out plays than on the brilliance of any one player.

MP's-47	AIR BASE-26
Solinsky 4	Maloney 8
Fiebish 0	Herman 10
Paletta 7	Podgett 2
Schwab 6	Hutchinson 2
Crowe 4	Rust 4
Rowatt 2	
Tipton 12	
Thompson 0	
Scheel 4	

Battery A Batters Hq. Battery, 30-17

In a practice basketball game Monday evening, Battery A, 402nd FA Bn., practiced up on Headquarters Battery to the tune of 30 to 17.

Battery A stars included Corporals Copes and Anderson and Private Walker, forwards; Private First Class Medendorp, center; First Sergeant Lobban, Private First Class Summers, and Private Boswell, guards.

Large Size Photos Made at Service Clubs

You can now have a 5x7 inch photograph of yourself made at either Service Club for \$1.25. This service is in addition to the small 2x2 inch picture which is still being made.

The new large sized photo comes complete with frame and is guaranteed fade-proof.





Division Commander's Artillery M-G Squad

There's more to the Artillery than firing the big guns. These three men from the 232nd FA Bn., won the Division Commander's award as the best .50 caliber machine gun squad. Acting Cpl. Joseph E. Ridley, Btry. C, sights the gun, with Pvt. Ernest C. Wingate, Hq. Btry., assisting him. Pvt. Richard C. Wingo, Hq. Btry., is the ammunition bearer.



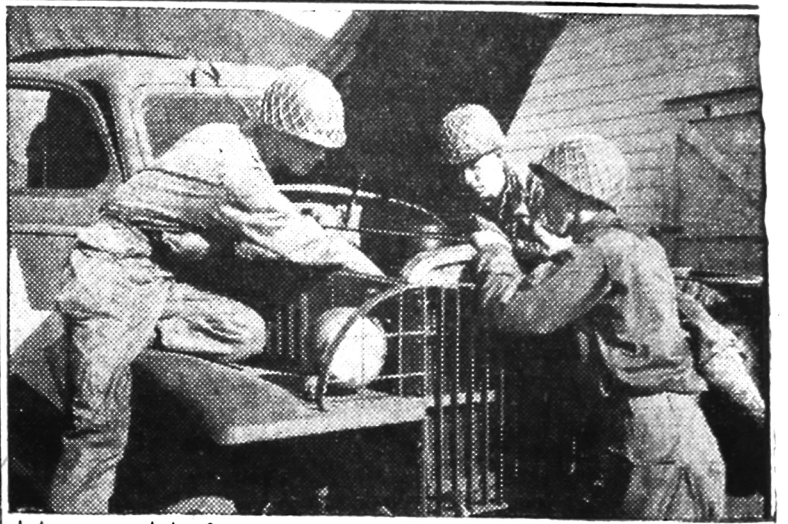
Voice Radio Squad Vital Artillery Role

Radio plays a big part in Artillery work. Here the champion voice radio squad of the 232nd FA Battalion goes through a bit of practice. Left to right, T-4 William R. Dabb, Btry. C, uses radio, assisted by Raymond R. Zolends, Btry. A, and T-5 Thomas S. Brush, Hq. Btry. The voice radio is used on the battalion net.



Best Code Radio Squad Demonstrates How It's Done

Besides telephone communication, the Artillery also is connected with Division Headquarters by code radio. Champion code radio team was T-4 Melvin W. Holmberg, at the key, and Pfc. George W. Schaffer, on the generator. Both are in Division Artillery Headquarters Battery. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)



Motor Maintenance Is Artillery Job

When those big prime movers get balky, the motor maintenance men get busy. Best team in the Division Artillery was that from Division Artillery Headquarters Battery composed of (left to right) Pfc. Victor Parowski, T-5 George Wilkens and T-4 Gerald J. Tulnstra, who check the motor of this truck. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)



This Pair Tells Gunners Where to Fire

This instrument team from the 232nd FA Battalion took honors as the best in the Division Artillery in recent competition. They are T-5 Robert G. Mitchell, Hq. Btry., at the drawing board, and Cpl. Henry E. Packard, Btry. A., using the aiming circle. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)



Semaphore Another Artillery Duty

No, this isn't a scene on one of the battlewagons of the Navy. It's a couple of men from Hq. Btry., 232nd FA Bn., practicing semaphore as they prepare for X Corps Tests. Pvt. Dexter Pruitt snaps out with the message that Pvt. Delmar Luncford reads to him.

FROM PX TO DRILL FIELD THIS WEEK



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In Anti-Tank Company, this past week no one was married, no one came back from the hospital and no Anti-tanker became a daddy.

Members of Cannon Company are much interested in Pvt. Joseph J. Igegneri's coming furlough, because Private Igegneri has announced there will be one more married man among the Cannoners when he returns.



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Things are really buzzing in the Company A supply room now that all the equipment has been departmentalized and properly labeled. It looks like a real place of business.

Private Friss, Co. A, is doing his bit in keeping up the morale of the regiment by entertaining the men with his music at the PX in the evenings.

S-Sgt. Anthony Zitel is Company B's toughest man with the bayonet, but you would hardly recognize him this week as he shyly and red facedly accepted congratulations upon his marriage to Miss Bobbie Smith of PX No. 4.

Recent visitors at Company D included the mother of Pfc. James F. Kachelhogger, from Iowa; the mother of Pvt. Albert J. Horn, from Tennessee; Mrs. Mary Perrin, of Dayton, Ohio, who came to see her husband, Pvt. Curtiss L. Perrin; Mrs. Clarence Gearheart, of Pennsylvania, visiting her husband, Private First Class Gearhart, and Mrs. Irvin LaFour, Jr., of Liberty, Tex., who came to see her husband, Private LaFour.

Christmas decorations in the Company D mess hall were the work of Pfc. Eugene V. Hassold and James H. Chesser.

Pfc. Harold Vissage, Co. C, saw snow for the first time in more than four years last week. He has been stationed in Panama and Trinidad during that time.

The first squad of the second platoon, Company C, led all the squads of the company in the recent map reading test. Cpl. Harold O'Neil led the squad.

Pvt. Earl Nash is an Army bachelor again after sending his wife home to Mishawaka, Ind., following her two-week visit here. On her last day here, Private Nash was selected colonel's orderly.

Wives of S-Sgt. John R. Pilcher and Sellers B. Brown were guests at the Company C Christmas dinner.

S-Sgt. Leo M. Elsky First Bn., Hq. Co., and Miss Collie Mae Ryser joined the "I do" club Sunday in the 222nd Infantry chapel.

Pvt. Bernard Rose, First Bn. Hq. Co., will soon be a licensed tank driver.



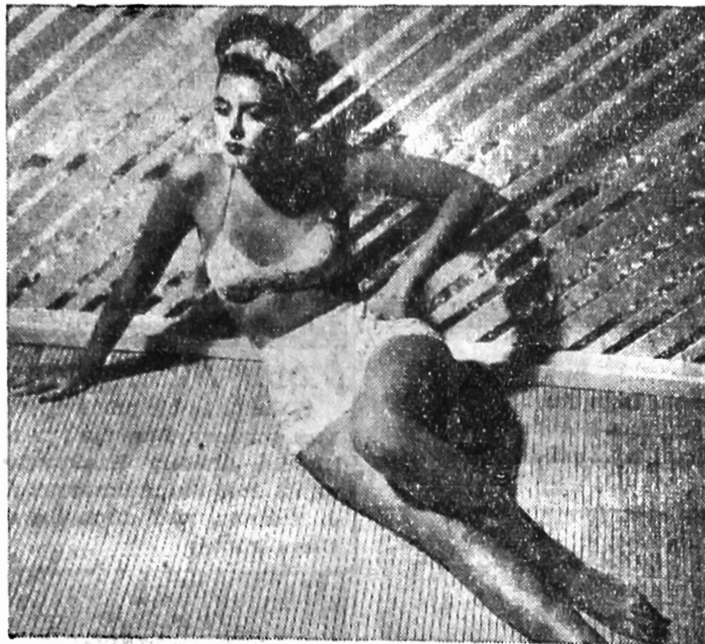
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The wives of Cpl. Howell W. Kadrie, Pfc. Frank F. Pushkash and Pvt. Charles C. DiPasquale, Co. E, spent the Christmas holidays in Muskogee.

Company E extends its sympathy to Pfc. Stephen F. Ranager and James B. Hamby in the recent deaths of their grandfathers.

Corporal Alderman, the Florida ace from Company F, saw his first snow (what there was of it) last week.

When Private First Class Hay-



Pin-Up to Keep Your Chin Up

A thumb-tack should be enclosed with each copy of this picture of Ramsey Ames, motion picture starlet, because it's the winner in the "Pin-Up" pictures section of the Annual Still Salon this year.

den and Private Hadenfeld take their furloughs soon they will see their baby daughters for the first time.

Private Lezzi, Co. F, almost cut short his Christmas weekend in Tulsa when a phone call came ordering him back to camp. But a friend in the same hotel confessed sending the call before Lezzi left for Camp Gruber.

Private Ades is back in Company F after a 37-day stay in the hospital.

Private Grich, Co. F, joined the ranks of the married men when he said "I do" during the Christmas holidays.

Two men from the first squad of the second platoon, Company G, have made colonel's orderly while on guard.

Private Klosterman, who was transferred to Service Company, haunts his old squad room in Company G.

Cpl. Arthur Webernick, Co. H, has been visited at Camp Gruber for several days by his wife.

Pvt. Clarence Davis, Co. H, had his mother and sister as guests on Christmas.

For a picture of perfect contentment, take a look at T-5 Artie Hearn, Second Bn. Hq. Co., at the wheel of his jeep.

Minus his tonsils, First Sgt. Thomas Stevens, Second Bn. Hq. Co., is back on the job after a four day stay in the hospital.



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Pvt. George Richman, Third Bn. Hq. Co., is enjoying a visit from his wife from Chicago.

Private Johnsey, Co. I, is a happy man this week because he has become the father of a baby daughter.

Members of Company K welcome Private Audi back from furlough.

Privates Strahan and Ciperanio have returned from the Station Hospital.

Private Ekas, Co. L, is slowly making a trail around the barracks. Army life isn't too easy on prospective fathers.

Why did Private First Class Pellecchia, Co. L, have such a long face last Tuesday afternoon? Could have been that dust naturally settles in rifle bores?

Pvt. Theo J. Hawa, Co. L, was made happy by a visit from his wife during the past few days.



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Pfc. Fernando DeSilva, Service Co., has promised the men in his company a Rainbow cake as soon as he secures the color for icing from town.

Pvt. Pete Hearn, Service/Co., is baffled in an endeavor to learn what symbol to use on his map to indicate a beaver-built dam.

And it's congratulations to First Sgt. August Rochel who was just married.

Anti-Tank Company's champion baby-producing platoon—the first—lived up to its reputation and got a good start for the New Year when Pvt. Ernest A. Finnochio announced the birth of a daughter to his wife, New Year's Day, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is the platoon's fifth baby in less than four months.



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Private Ashby's face is beaming more than usual. He's just become the father of a baby girl who should cry with a southern accent.

Pvt. Leo Vlock, Co. D, is proving to be an excellent carpenter as well as company articiter. He has built an attractive desk for the captain's office.

One man who is glad Christmas is past is Pfc. Carl Fritz, Co. D, the mail clerk.

Pvt. Andrew Bracewell, Co. A, known to his buddies as "General," was honored this week when Pvt. Edward Lambert painted two stars on his ash can.

And Pvt. Irving Golub, Co. A, must think he is Bing Crosby's rival. The first thing he does when he goes to town is make recordings.

Rumor has it that Sgt. Walter T. Ralsner, First Bn. Hq. Co., has been shopping for a wedding band for a certain young lady from Italy, Texas.

First Battalion Headquarters Company men are still chuckling at Pvt. Peter P. Buchmann who used a well-known hair tonic on his partly bald pate because the label clearly stated that the tonic would effectively "simulate" hair.

Pvt. Ernest Zipser, First Bn. Hq. Co., is the father of a new Rainbower, Richard Paul, who weighed six pounds, six ounces at birth.



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Pfc. Sidney Steinberg, Co. E, will travel with his wife to Connecticut to spend his furlough, beginning January 23.

Pfc. Jimmie Kellum, Co. E, was married in Muskogee recently.

Pvt. Wilfred Dufour, Co. E, will meet his new son for the first time when he goes home on furlough.

Pvts. Casey Larson and Robert Smith, Co. E, said goodbye to their wives, who left for home on Monday.

Condolence is given to Private First Class Gruff, Co. E, on the death of his mother.

Pfc. Cecil Poarch, Co. F, is home on an emergency furlough to visit his father who is ill.

Pvt. Charles M. Koenig, Co. F, is the father of a baby girl.

Sergeant Boullion, Co. F, spent Christmas in Louisiana with his parents after an absence of five years.

Pfc. Joseph Owens, Co. F, is on special duty with the 142nd Engineers Battalion.

Pfc. Tulio J. Mansene is now able to visit his wife and baby who are living in Muskogee.

Sgt. James F. Chapel, Co. F, is home on an emergency furlough to attend his grandfather's funeral.



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It seems that Cpl. Raymond Smith, Co. M, does his big things on holidays. He became engaged to his Dallas, Texas, sweetheart on Christmas day and expects to get married on Easter Sunday.

Pvt. Paul Lavoie, Co. M cook, has become a member of the Chapel No. 3 choir and so beautiful is his voice there are no objections when he does his practicing in the shower.

A dead ringer for Abe Lincoln is Pvt. Edwin Lay, Co. M. Lay has the "Great Emancipator's" height, build, facial structure and deliberateness of speech.

Pvt. William Campbell, Co. M, has become a public menace since he received his new GI uppers and lowers. He's been leaving them on his footlocker and there's a constant danger of being bitten if you fail to look before you sit down.

Since "Moonbeam" Guy Slemmons shaved off his mustache it's difficult to tell where his head begins and his face ends. His cranium is completely devoid of foliage.

One of the most affable men in Company M and possessor of a super sense of humor is Pvt. Bernard "Gawgia" Fitzgerald, former semi-pro diamond star.

Pvt. John Bauer has finished painting the Company M mess hall green. The mess hall looks elegant, but Bauer's fatigues will never be the same. They look St. Valentin-ish.

Some begin the New Year with resolutions, but Pvt. Cecil Meeker, Co. M, gave it a new twist. He married his girl from Idaho in Muskogee on New Year's Eve.



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Pfc. Vincent Dwyer, Med. Det., had a glorious weekend. His girl came down from New York and he kissed her goodbye on the 9:30. Rumor has it that wedding bells will be tolling soon for the happy couple.

Private First Class Smith, Med. Det., is having a grand time since his wife came in from California to visit him for awhile. And

why not???

"Where's the mail orderly?" was the question of greatest concern to most of the men of Service Company when out on the regimental train bivouac. After four hours of wondering, the men finally located the missing letter-toter, Pvt. William Newmark. He was following the first sergeant, Walter A. Fox, around the area. Apparently he knew that "The Fox" would eventually lead him to the mess truck. That is where he was finally found, munching on a piece of delicious cake. He readily explained that even a mail orderly had to eat.

Pvt. George Pechota, Cannon Co., concocted a new dish with rice pudding and butter. Pechota says it's good, but Mess Sgt. Elmer (Mother) Sides is worried about the butter.

Pfc. Otto Steinfeldt, Cannon Co., had his picture taken for his wife. His wife will visit him soon to see if he really looks like that.

Thanks to Pfc. Eugene Hall, Cannon Co., a member of the men are getting free haircuts at Hall practices.



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Men from Headquarters Company who went to the hospital during the past few days included T-5 Alfonso A. Lordi and Pfc. Allan L. Utter.

Pfc. John E. Payne, Hq. Co., has gone to his home in Mississippi on emergency furlough, due to the serious illness of his mother.

Private Villalobas, Co. B, recently returned from a furlough granted because of his excellent range score, is dejected because he's at the end of the list for regular furloughs. Moral: You can't have your cake and eat it, too.

Pfc. Albert Figlioli, Co. C, promising welterweight recently selected to represent the Rainbow in the Boxing Tournament, is wasting no time getting into condition.

Men of Company D are spending their spare time working out schemes to get first on the furlough list. So far none have worked.

Since First Sergeant Bartok, Co. D, is in the hospital the duties of first sergeant have been taken over by Staff Sergeant Oravetz, who is doing an excellent job.



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Some of the Joes in Company F second barracks have been practicing roller skating by cutting figure eights around the rifle racks.

Private Torres, Co. F, showed up Privates Miller and Rotter in the art of knife throwing and bayonet slinging.

Private Potratz, Co. F, has passed his Air Force Cadet exam.

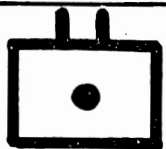
Pfc. James Whalen, Co. H, says he made more enemies and friends over the Christmas holidays than he ever did in his life. Whalen is the mail orderly.

Welcome Home, Men Only, Home Has Moved

Moving day's Good Samaritan proved to be Pvt. Arthur Kirsch, company artist down in First Bn. Hq. Co., 232nd Infantry.

When the communications and I and R platoons moved from one barracks to another, Private Kirsch painted a direction sign for men who had gone out on pass and would return to find strangers in their places.

GAGS, GIGS AND GIGGLES IN YOUR CO.



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Privates Hunt, Trowbridge, and Ferguson, Hq. Btry., have the Hurst family of Tulsa to thank for an enjoyable Christmas day.

Pvt. Wes Delaire, Hq. Btry., has returned from the Station Hospital.

The wire section, Hq. Btry., extended Christmas greetings to Sergeant Skaggs by semaphore, with a toy soldier doing the flag waving.

Corporal Dilson, coach for Headquarters Battery basketball team, has decided that after all, the war comes first. He has five top-flight players, but time has not permitted adequate workouts to whip an effective team together, he states.

Personnel of Battery A extends sincere sympathy to Sgt. John R. Sloop in the loss of his mother and grandfather, and to Cpl. Charles H. Bartram for the loss suffered in his family last week.

Pfc. Joseph Rzecnik, Btry. B, has returned from emergency furlough with the report that life for civilians is getting more and more rugged. Corporal Rzecnik reports that from the time he left camp to the time he returned he didn't taste meat once.

S-Sgt. William M. Odom, Btry. B, who had to curl up in a baggage compartment of a bus in order to get back from Oklahoma City recently, has decided that he is going to perfect a means of dehydrating himself, so he can travel via air mail.

A persistent small dog followed Pvt. Thurston B. Midgette on his entire "beat" recently while he was on guard. Private Midgette reports that he would have asked him to go away, but he kept remembering his seventh general order, and refrained.

Pvts. George Corbin and Henry Rectenwald, Btry. C, had their wives visiting in camp at Guest House No. 2 over the New Year's weekend.

Battery C has dubbed Cpl. Albert Baldwin "Pajama Boy" because he retires each night in blue and white pajamas. Men of Battery C are wondering what he will wear on maneuvers.

Pvt. Frank Dondero, Btry. C, is attending Motor Mechanics School.

Record for quick advancement goes to Sydney Steinberg, Btry. C, who was promoted, in two week's time, from Private to T-5, and then to T-4.



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Sgt. George Creighton, III, Btry. A, has just returned from military Intelligence School at Camp Ritchie, Md.

There have been comments of late that Battery A wire section looks like the front row in a



'Katusha' Speaks On the Russian Front

Called "Katusha" by the Russian soldiers who use it, this is the first action shot of the Russian multi-barreled rocket gun. It is being extensively used in the current Russian drive toward the German border.

burlesque show audience with so many bald pates in evidence.

If anyone is interested in the cost of an RL 27, they can get their information from Private Satterfield, Btry. A, who knows the price down to the last cent.

Pfc. Willie Link, Btry. A, is filling in for Sergeant Lucas, mess sergeant, in his absence.

T-5 Robert Easson, Btry. B, is home on emergency furlough. He has the hope of everyone that all turns out well.

T-5 John McShane and First Sgt. Robert Williams, Btry. B, both enjoyed three-day passes last week.



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An unusual quietness has prevailed, the past few days, in the sergeant-major's corner of headquarters. Investigation reveals that Master Sergeant Grabe is suffering from a case of tonsillitis which requires that he do little talking.

Battery C started the New Year off by being quarantined after a case of scarlet fever had been discovered. The men took the confinement bravely and celebrated their "rest period" with a gala New Year's party in the battery day room.

Cpl. Roy Wolfram, Hq. Btry., returned recently from furlough. While gone Corporal Wolfram became seriously ill and was a patient in Gardner Army hospital in Chicago.

Pfc. Jack DeVaney, Btry. B, has been the "man of the hour" since his picture was featured in the Rainbow Reveille last week. Pfc. J. D. Gresham, mail orderly, claims that DeVaney is actually

receiving fan mail as a result of his new popularity.

Supply Sergeant George W. Brick's supply room is beginning to look like an art gallery, with his growing collection of pin-up girls—and his favorite WAC—gracing the walls.

Cpl. Kermit M. Greason, Serv. Btry., is back in the groove after spending the holidays at his home in Atwood, Kan. Corporal Greason made the trip with T-5 Merton C. Fort, also of Service Battery, who lives near Greason's home.



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Battery B men were sorry to learn of the death of the father of Cpl. Sol Mallis.

Pvt. Leon L. Neal, Btry. B, has returned from the hospital.

Sgt. Elmer F. Benson, Btry. B, is the proud father of a baby girl.

Corporal Carman, Btry. A, and his brother, stationed in Texas, have made a joint New Year's resolution not to keep the planning of their visits to each other a secret. Up to now, they have not yet caught up with each other.

At last Battery A men have seen Private First Class Ryan in their midst. An old timer, in various schools for the past four months, most of the fellows consider him a new recruit.

It's nothing but furlough talk now, and lucky No. 1 on the list in Battery A is Sergeant McNamara. Getting his picture in "Life" wasn't enough for this soldier.

For Pvt. Joseph Manasia the theme last week was "Reunion in Texas," the first time he and she have seen each other in two years.

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During one bivouac, Sgt. Harold Barnhizer rapidly got a headful of grey hair, while digging his fox-hole. After digging for some time in semi-solid rock, he was moved to another area, and began all over again, only to learn he was excavating the wrong type. When dusk began to fall, "Barney" was observed muttering softly and still digging in. Well, practice makes perfect, and Barnhizer is getting plenty of that.

After a brief survey, it is reported that Pvt. Don Prosch was champion in the package-receiving department. Come Christmas morning, Don raised the biggest fuss you ever saw, and everyone benefited by the results—internally.

New Year's Eve was celebrated wildly in both barracks last Friday. Poor man's champagne flowed like water, and was absorbed by the men like ink by a blotter. Seen leading the men in cheers was T-5 Bill Curry and T-5 Marvin Fitzgerald. Tops in the evening's entertainment, however, were Pvt. Herman Fickinger's strip-tease routine, and Pfc. Bob Haines' parodies on popular songs. His rendition of "Paper Doll" is a riot, but unfortunately an unpublished one.

T-5 Doug Carter apparently was in the pay of the enemy during recent bivouacs. Acting as road guard, he directed the wrong convoy the right way. Despite the convoy leader's objections, Doug ordered the convoy off its chartered course. Was that a "hairy stop light" on that corner when Carter discovered his mistake, or was it his face?

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Seven old-timers joined the Recon Troop this week from the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Specialists in mechanics, weapons, classification and other fields, they are: First Sgt. Royce W. Bradshaw, T-4 John A. Mikshka, T-4 Frank E. Haney, Sgt. A. J. Roy, Cpl. Oscar Hauptman, Sgt. George H. Hall, and Sgt. Arthur L. Hane.

Pvt. Ernest B. Dickie was called to his home in Lexington, Mass., because of the serious illness of his wife.

Two more men prepared to leave for Ft. Riley to attend the three-month enlisted communication school. They are Pvts. Joseph

F. Licari and Louis J. Cacciotti. Mess Sgt. Jack Hataway, the Troop's popular chef de cuisine, and a newly-wed, was hospitalized with an old ailment.



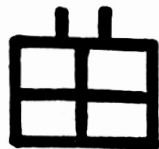
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Acting Sergeant Geurts, Co. A, and his demolition squad performed an excellent job of dynamiting stumps in the lake. From the results you can expect some fish stories.

The winning squad in the recent squad competitions have all returned from their furloughs full of vim and vinegar.

Corporal Belch has left for two months' advanced administration course at Ft. Washington, Md.

Due to an untimely washing of fatigue clothes Sunday night, some of the boys had wet fatigues to put on. No more commercial jobs for you Private Craggan.



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The five men who are riding the crest of that furlough wave today are Cpl. Angelo Palestino, Co. A, T-5 James L. Lett, Co. B, Pvt. Carl O. Barnwell, Co. C, Pvt. Charles A. Ford, Co. D, and Cpl. Richard Cullinan, Hq. Det. The quintet will be the first of the Medics to leave on Jan. 15 for home and some of those delicious home cooked meals. Pvt. Ford will see his month-old baby for the first time.

After spending three months as an enlisted man with the men of Company D, Ex-Private Anthony "Doc" Triarsi strutted into the barracks in his newly acquired lieutenant's uniform and was greeted with a chorus of "Ten-hutts!" Lieutenant Triarsi, who was sworn in on December 31st at Battalion Headquarters as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, had a busy afternoon yelling "Rest" and returning the salutes of hundreds of his former "buddies."

Pvt. Thomas Cosgrove is the new Company C mailman. This type of work is nothing new to Cosgrove. As a civilian he handled the mail at the Roosevelt Hotel, St. Louis, Mo. There's a new member in the same company, except it's a she—Pvt. "Figaro" a part Angora kitten whose favorite parking spot is the C.O.'s desk.

Sgt. Ernest Barnes, Co. C, back from Memphis, Tenn., where he visited his wife and saw for the first time his new six pound baby girl that the stork dropped for Christmas.

T-Sgt. Joseph Kleiber and Pvt. Alton P. Bellflower, Hq. Det., and Pfc. David Howell, Co. A, are back from the Station Hospital and ready for duty again.

Male Call

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



Things Are Not Always As They Seem

Stars With Stripes

222nd Infantry
Pfc. to Cpl.—Hassler, Weeder, Thompson, Conroy, Hansen, Hane, Sherrill, Seagraves, R. Lewis and Eggert, Co. I.

232nd Infantry
Cpl. to Sgt.—Standley Lester, Co. A.
242nd Infantry
Sgt. to S-Sgt.—John Remesnik, Med. Det.

Sgt. to S-Sgt.—Frank Colglazier, Co. F.

Pvt. to Pfc.—Edward Bongiovanni, John Burke, Anthony Camilli, Andres Flores, Frank Fornal, Andrew Foster, Robert Gray, Tommy Hixson, Pearl Lewis, Clyde Magruder, Antonio Medrano, Angelo Renzi, Frank Szalacha, Clarence Vining, Albert Walker and Jack Yackle, Co. G.

252nd FA Battalion
T-5 to T-4—Norval S. Calhoun, Gerald D. Jones, William F. Matschat and Robert G. Mitchell, Hq. Btry.

T-5 to Cpl.—Denson M. Brady, Serv. Btry.
Pfc. to Cpl.—John H. S. Cook, Serv. Btry.

Pvt. to Cpl.—Frank S. Brezina, Thomas S. Brush, Frederick J. Glasl, Serv. Btry.

Pfc. to T-5—Ray E. Karn, Steve J. Nagy, Frank A. Schackels, Arnold L. Schramm, Vincent Pizzi, Kenneth E. Watson, Matthew G. Yastrzab, Hq. Btry.

Pvt. to T-5—Charles P. Armitage, Norman W. Destache, Douglas A. Lopp, Serv. Co.; Bruce A. Downie, Lawrence G. Hammerstrom, Vincent W. Stenbagen, Robe R. Tyler, Sidney Wiener, Albert B. Panizzi, John W. Sturm and Frederick H. Thomas, Hq. Btry.

542 FA Battalion
T-4 to S-Sgt.—Martin G. Strickland.

Cpl. to Sgt.—Joseph A. Lewandowski.

T-5 to T-4—Arvel P. Robison, Sydney Steinberg.

Pfc. to Cpl.—Manuel E. Jones, Carl M. Pollak, John M. Beall, William F. Brock, Anthony D. Lamorte, Francis A. Overholtz, Jr., Thomas W. Powell, Ernest F. Rabuber, Marshall L. Richey, John M. Tipps, George R. Ferrall, George E. Fleetwood, James J. LaRocca, David R. Lierley, Temple C. Marsh, Richard H. Stevens, Joseph M. Miller, Harry H. Drake, Jr., Martin T. Ferro, Christian M. Christiansen, Jr.

Pvt. to Cpl.—Royce W. Adair, Harold O. Glasscock, Leonard L. Odegard, Anthony M. Petrucci.

Pvt. to T-4—Newton W. Walden.

Pvt. to T-5—Ray P. McQueen, Walter R. Myersto, Nell B. MacTaggart, Elden L. Wellington, Vance P. Williams, Everette M. Corn, James M. Evans, Michael Kljmont.

Pfc. to T-5—David W. Crane, Lawrence H. Emery, Richard D. Shunk, Robert J. Rentschler, Sheburn G. Cook.

Keep Your Cold To Yourself!

Soldier, have you got a cold? Then don't go around spitting all over the place. Cover up your nose with a handkerchief, the doctor advises, when you cough or sneeze, because the man who doesn't is a menace to the health of his fellow soldiers.

This business of being careless about preventing the spread of respiratory infections can be serious. It's true that a man usually gets over them with no ill effects. But on the other hand a cold can weaken a man so that he gets a more serious disease such as pneumonia, influenza or meningitis—any one of which may be fatal.

The germs which cause colds and grippe are spread by the discharges from the nose and throat. Every time a man coughs or sneezes he sprays millions of germs five to ten feet in all directions. When a man spits, those germs are spread to the ground which later may become dust blown into the noses or mouths of other men, and in turn infecting them.

This protection against carelessness works both ways. You don't want to feel responsible for endangering the life of the man next to you and you don't want the man next to you to endanger your life through sheer carelessness.

It's all a matter of common sense. You can do your part in preventing the spread of respiratory diseases by covering up your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Flush the phlegm you cough up down the toilet. Then your germs can't go to work for the enemy.

Hospital Will See 'Lights Out' Revue

A special showing of "Lights Out," the 242nd Infantry's Christmas show, will be given for men at the station hospital in the Red Cross Auditorium on Thursday evening at 1945.

All the stars of the show will be present to lend a hand, including Sgt. Morris Lachter to handle the comedy, Cpl. Phil D'Erasmus to do the singing, and Pvt. Loomis Dorsey to prove again that he is the "Dancin'est Man in the Regiment."

Spurred on by the success of their first production, "Lights Out," the 242nd Infantry group is planning another bigger and better show, "Keep Your Chin Up." The show will be produced and directed by Pfc. Jerry Ade, who handled that assignment for "Lights Out."

Part of the script has already been assembled, and a goodly supply of new skits, songs, gags and dances are promised. Anyone interested in lending his special talents to this new production may offer his assistance to Ade at the Special Service Office in the 242nd Infantry Recreation Hall any evening from 1900 to 2100.

Medics Take Mirror Inspection to Get Pass

When members of Companies A and B over in the 122nd Medical Battalion start for the orderly room to get their passes at night there is no reason why they should not be in tip-top shape as far as appearance is concerned.

Full length mirrors have been installed outside the two orderly rooms so the men can straighten their ties, fix their caps and see that all of their pockets are buttoned.

Rock Hits Bunny Mark; Private Gets Stew

Pvt. Jack Woodford, Co. M, 232nd Inf., might qualify as David in a David and Goliath match—if he had a Goliath to take a pot shot at.

But his prowess with a stone got him a palatable rabbit stew while he was on bivouac. He conked a bunny with his first rock and T-4 James Davis, a Company M cook, obliged by preparing it for mastication.

Rec Hall Packed for Christmas Show in 232nd Infantry

The 232nd Infantry Rec. Hall was packed to the rafters Christmas Eve in anticipation of the evening's entertainment.

From 8:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. there was a parade of Rainbow talent and guest stars in songs, skits and dances that reached its peak in the final distribution of grab-bag gag-gifts.

Torch-Singer Betty Stone opened the show and then joined with the Misses Ruth Clayton and Eleanor Thompson, fellow members of the Muskogee Little Theater Group, in a Military Chorus.

Miss Thompson then scored in a skit entitled "A Perfect Night," supported by Pfc. Francis Bloomer and Pvt. Sam Schatz. These talented and willing young ladies then dashed off to fulfill engagements at the Service Club and other Regimental Shows.

Pvt. H. R. Howell, prestidigitator of the 222nd Infantry, baffled the boys and girls while proving the hand is quicker than the eye.

Popular Pvt. Louis Zecchini and his accordion rated highly with a "White Christmas Medley" and "The Kerry Dancers."

Group singing of Christmas Carols won wholehearted participation in a joyous mood. Then followed a satirical rendition of "The

75 Get Good Conduct Medal

In a special presentation and review of Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company the Good Conduct Medal was awarded to 75 members of the Company. The Company was led by Capt. Cecil Squires and reviewed by Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman.

The men who received the Good Conduct Medal are:

T-4 Karoon Eddan, Pvt. George Basle, T-3 Peter Bekkars, T-5 Stephen Bennett, T-5 Charles Coleman, T-4 Robert Bradshaw, Pfc. Sol Brown, T-4 Clyde Causey, First Sgt. George Conte, T-5 Earnest Christman, T-4 Cleadus Corbin, M-Sgt. Hugh Daly, Sgt. Roy Dively, T-4 William Dodgen, T-3 Raymond England, Sgt. Jack Fuller, T-3 Louis A. Genovest, S-Sgt. Basil V. Gillsinger, Cpl. Landis Hale, Jr., Sgt. Walter H. Hansen, Sgt. Ward T. Hanson, S-Sgt. Gustaf Hedlin, Sgt. Robert N. Hightower.

Pfc. Joseph D. Holston, T-3 James R. Hubbard, Sgt. Leonard S. Lamb, S-Sgt. Oliver Erickson, T-1 Phillip Durante, T-4 James G. Jones, M-Sgt. Glen F. Juergens, Pfc. Earnest E. Kritz, T-4 Walter C. Kline, M-Sgt. Hans Kessler, T-3 Joseph Lindenberg, Sgt. Jo B. Lucas, Cpl. George Maedey, T-3 Fred T. MacFeely, T-5 George M. Malmborg, S-Sgt. George E. Martin, Cpl. Albert W. Matthes, T-1 Charles M. McPherson, S-Sgt. Simon A. Metzgar, T-4 Neave L. Minor, Sgt. Ralph W. Otto, Pfc. Bertrand L. Ouellette, T-5 Norman Palumbo, Cpl. Harry O. Perkowski, T-4 Ralph W. Larson, Cpl. Jack G. Powell, T-4 Dale H. Ralls, T-4 Richard G. Robey.

T-3 Tom R. Saluri, T-Sgt. Alberto Sandoval, T-5 Marshall T. Sasse, T-4 William F. Schaub, T-4 Wilbur D. Lewis, T-5 Wilbert L. Roth, Sgt. Robert Jackson, T-5 Frank Lombardi, M-Sgt. Frank J. Coogan, Cpl. Robert Scott, Pfc. Charles R. Sergeant, S-Sgt. Alfred L. Shortridge, Sgt. Prentiss L. Sines, M-Sgt. Richard Sutcliffe, T-4 Odla Swigert, M-Sgt. Kenneth Truhn, T-3 Richard Washington, M-Sgt. Leonard L. Wilhelm, T-Sgt. Clarence Wilkinson, Pfc. Rollin Wilson, Sgt. Julian Young and S-Sgt. Willis Zimmerman.

IT WAS ALL IN VAIN
T-4 Louis Tucker, Div. Hq. Co., spent an hour and a half the other night scrubbing his floor with a GI brush and some special soap he had gone to the PX to get. After finishing the floor Tucker was moved from that spot into another section of the barracks.

LOST
LOST—A wallet containing \$32. Friday in the 42nd Division Artillery area. Possibly in or near Theater No. 4. Also contained identification cards and snapshots. Reward for return of wallet or contents to Pvt. Elmer Hrobarek, Med Det., Div. Arty.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Billfold lovely of the week is Mrs. Herbert Edison, wife of Pvt. Herbert Edison, Co. M, 242nd Inf. She hails from Bridgeport, Conn., where she combines working for the USO with helping the Red Cross and the Nurse's Aid, plus a full time job with the War Production Board.

Better Not Let the MPs Catch Him Wearing It

Somebody is going to have to inform the civilian public that the Army styles are pretty severe—at least that is the opinion of Pfc. Irving Adams, Btry. C, 542nd FA Bn.

Adams' most useless Christmas gift consisted of a handsome blue satin tie with red stripes and a tie rack with one of those "fashion schedules" showing what color tie to wear with each suit.

And to prove the complete unfamiliarity of the civie stylists with GI fashions, there wasn't even a hint as to what tie to wear with Olive Drab! They should be told, thinks Pfc. Adams, that colors, in the Army, anyway, are used only to designate kinds of gases.

Co. D, 232nd Inf., Gets High Carbine Scores

Recent firing on the range with carbines produced a high score of 189, by Pvt. Clifford Canney, Co. D, 232nd Inf. Right behind in second place was Pvt. Darrell Behning, with 187 and tied for third were Pvts. Ellis Boyd, Howard Devore, William Nelson and George Robbins with 185.

Six possibles were registered, one each by Pvts. Ervin Corneli, Gorver Elliott, Frederick Hofeld, William Nelson, Emmet Sacrey and Thomas Valle.

PIGEONS DECREASE
Latest report on the pigeons attached to the Division puts the box score at 18, including Mabel the civilian siren of the loft. Originally there were 40 pigeons.

Finance Watches Payrolls Closely

Ind 15 Dec 43 and trfd ERC ad. Recalled 4 Jan 44. Due sol fr date of recall. Trfd fr 12201 SURC Cp Upton Ny to 42nd Inf Div Cp Gruber Okla per par 1 SO 272 Hq 12201 SURG CP Upton Ny dtd 4 Jan 44 and asked to 42nd Cav Ren Tr per par 1 SO 108 Hq 42nd Inf Div dtd Jan 44 Cl B almt of \$18.75 per mo fr 1 Jan 44. Adv ded.

And so it may go for paragraph after paragraph on the Company payroll and every month the Finance section of the Division puts \$50 in the top and pays what comes out the bottom to the soldier concerned.

The men behind the money in the Division may handle as much as \$300,000. They deal with over 100 company payrolls, each of which is checked and rechecked at least five times, and when the CO hands you the pay at the end of the month you are pretty certain that it's right.

In their spare time the finance men make out a supplementary payroll, usually paid out around the 10th of the month, for soldiers who missed payroll that month.

When this has been paid they take a slight breather by paying ration money due on furloughs and other miscellaneous payments that may be due the soldiers. To avoid interfering with training these payments are made at night.

Comes Out With a Jeep And a Prayer---By Gosh

Jeep driver Pfc. Warren Tinker, Co. A, 232nd Inf., was on duty during a blackout march. He had maneuvered his jeep into the woods which seemed almost impassable.

Pvt. Andy Tedesco asked Tinker how he was able to get out of the woods, which was liberally sprinkled with stumps and holes.

Tinker replied he didn't drive the jeep out. He prayed it out.

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LIFE SAVERS

DON'T FIRE or throw things at objects in areas where mine warning signs have been posted. This may disturb mines and booby trap mechanisms so that they are harder to detect and neutralize.

BE CAREFUL of obvious trip wires. If the wire is cut without first being closely examined it may set off another charge.

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Who's Telling Who Around Here?

As an expert foxhole excavation foreman, Private Iverson, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 222nd Inf., yields to no one. He gives free advice to anyone and everyone on how to do a good digging job.

Recently Iverson approached a foxhole from which dirt was flying, and started to give a few pointers. When the digger stood up, so did Iverson's hair—the digger was his platoon leader.

(Read—Then Send It Home)