

General Confusion Says:  
I Say, Con, Couldn't We  
Make Use of that Circus  
Elephant in Our Outfit?

Pfc. Confucius Replies:  
Elephant Make A-1 Road  
Block, Natural Bomb  
Shelter, Born Trumpeter

# RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## New Commander of Division Artillery



Col. Giles R. Carpenter, Who's Mighty Proud of Gen. Winn's Men.

## Col. Carpenter, Artillery Veteran Of 26 Years Service, Extols Rainbow

Col. Giles R. Carpenter, newly appointed Division Artillery commander, yesterday expressed great pride and satisfaction in the Rainbow artillery units, all of whom last week successfully passed the ACF battalion firing tests.

"Since my arrival," said Colonel Carpenter, "I have been highly impressed not only with the quality of the Artillery, but with the general excellence of the Rainbow Division. I don't think anyone could

fail to be struck by its high calibre."

To his predecessor, Brig. Gen. John S. Winn, now overseas, Colonel Carpenter has sent word of the Artillery's successful completion of the firing tests. It was under General Winn that these units trained from September 1943 until a few weeks ago.

Colonel Carpenter, a veteran of 26 years service in the army, received his commission in the Field Artillery on graduating from West Point in 1922. Subsequently he served in Field Artillery units at San Antonio, Ft. Benning, Ga., and at Ft. Sill where he was stationed for six years. From 1932-34 he was with the 24th Field Artillery in the Philippines. Following tours of duty at Ft. Hoyle, Md., Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and the University of Florida, and the Army War College, Colonel Carpenter became G-2 of the VI Corps Area in 1939. He later served in this same capacity with the First Infantry Division at Ft. Devens, Mass., and in June 1942 was called to serve as G-2 in AGF under the late Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair.

This February he took over command of the 205th FA Group, Camp Gordon, Ga., a post he held until he assumed command of 42d Division Artillery last week.

## GI Motorists Get Hint to Obey Rules

Watch that speedometer, Rainbow motorists! The Camp Provost Marshal has issued a polite hint saying that if all drivers will comply with the rules and regulations as published it will save embarrassment to the motorist and the MP's as well.

The rules and regulations as published place the general speed limit at 35 miles an hour. In camp, top permissible speed is 25. On the highway drivers must not pass a car going more than 30 miles an hour, and only then if there's adequate clearance ahead. Drivers who follow the rule book won't have to worry about having it thrown at them.

## Artillery Units Pass AGF Tests

Rainbow Artillery units took the measure of their "enemy" in the wooded hills east of Braggs last week in six days of Army Ground Forces tests in battalion firing.

Inspectors of XXXVI Corps announced yesterday that the Division Artillery had successfully passed all three tests. Final grades are expected to be announced within the next week. Designed to determine the technical proficiency of the units, two battalions were tested each day between Tuesday and Friday inclusive, on quick occupation of position and rapid methods of concentrating fire of a battalion with use of air photo or photo maps.

All units engaged in the final test—precise massing of fire—which beginning Saturday lasted till Sunday morning.

(See pp. 4-5 for Don Freeman's sketches of the Artillery tests).

## Second Patrol Wins Praise of General In Scouting Tests

A second perfect score in the recent Combat Intelligence Training Tests was reported by Division Headquarters this week. Last week Sgt. Bernard F. Gunzelman, Co. C, 222d Inf., was praised by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, when his patrol posted a perfect score in the daylight phase of the tests.

The second patrol to achieve a perfect score in the tests was led by S-Sgt. Lloyd M. Nutt, Co. F, 242d Inf. For his excellent work, Sergeant Nutt and his patrol have likewise been complimented by General Collins.

The tests required approximately four hours during which the patrols traversed a difficult daylight course. The two top patrols, according to Division Headquarters, exhibited an outstanding knowledge of scouting and patrolling and took great interest and enthusiasm in their work.

## Expert Infantryman Tests Slated Soon

The opportunity to earn the Expert Infantryman's Badge—and the \$5 a month pay increase that goes with it, is to be made available to the men of the Rainbow Division soon, it has been announced by Division Headquarters.

Organization for conducting the tests has already been outlined and tests are expected to begin shortly after 15 October,

when the names of all men who are qualified and wish to take the tests shall have been submitted by unit commanders to the Board of Officers in each regiment which will conduct the tests.

Eligibility for the award is restricted to officers, warrant officers and enlisted men assigned to Infantry regiments or lower Infantry units. Officers and enlisted men of the Medical Department and the Chaplain Corps are not eligible under War Department ruling.

To qualify for the tests, Infantrymen must first have completed the following:

1. Qualified with one individual weapon, including transition firing.
2. Qualified with one crew-served weapon (if authorized to fire same) including transition firing where applicable.
3. Completed familiarization firing with one other weapon.
4. Completed foot marches with full field equipment of 25 miles in 8 hours and 9 miles in 2 hours, without falling out.
5. Completed the infiltration, close combat and combat in cities courses.
6. Presented to the Testing Board a certificate from their company commander to the effect that they have completed their combat training and have the ability to apply the military lessons they have learned.

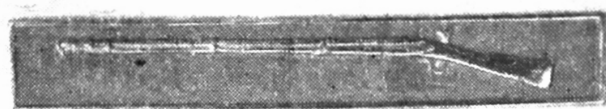
Tests will then be conducted by the Board of Officers in the following subjects:

1. Scouting and Patrolling.
2. First Aid.
3. Field Sanitation.
4. Military Discipline and Courtesy.
5. Bayonet (for men armed with rifles).
6. Field proficiency of soldier with his individual weapon.
7. Protective Measures, Individuals and small units.
8. Personal Appearance.
9. Grenades.
10. Physical Fitness Test.

The testing Boards in each regiment will consist of a Chief and six committee heads, with necessary enlisted personnel to assist in conducting the tests. Tests shall be completed within a 48-hour period, and any individual failing to make a satisfactory score in any phase of the tests will not be eligible for retesting for a period of two months.

Regiments, battalions and companies will be entitled to display a white streamer with the words "Expert Infantry Company" (or Battalion or Regiment) when 65 percent of the T-O strength of a company, battalion or regiment has been awarded the Badge.

## Expert Infantryman Badge



This is the badge that many Rainbow Infantrymen will be wearing soon. And those who earn it get \$5 a month additional pay. The rifle and border are silver, with a bright blue background.

## Bandsmen Double As Traffic MPs

If at a Muskogee street intersection on week-ends you see members of the Division band — minus instruments — busily and authoritatively directing traffic, don't call the MPs.

For Rainbow bandsmen are now serving on traffic duty as MPs themselves, and have begun a course in military police training.

The decision to add MP training to the bandsmen's repertoire follows receipt of a report from Maj. Clyde M. Dillender, Ass't. G-3 now on DS with combat troops on the western front, citing the invaluable use of bandsmen there as MPs for directing traffic.

## RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## Lessons From Combat

From a combat zone in northern France, Maj. Clyde M. Dillender, Jr., Asst. G-3 of the Rainbow Division and now on DS on the Western front, has written an illuminating account of his experiences and of lessons learned in battle against the Hun.

For the Nazis' small arms fire Major Dillender reports he has scant respect, but the enemy's skillful use of hidden mines, booby traps and mortars "are difficult horses of another shade." He pays warm tribute to the general excellence of American artillerymen—"just name it, or hint at it, and 'it' isn't there any more." He stresses, however, the frequent critical need of air observed fire, for at times it is impossible to establish ground OP's.

His observations on the combat infantrymen pointed up the supreme importance of scouting and patrolling—two tasks which this Division has repeatedly stressed in its training. In a talk with Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander of the U. S. XII Corps which now is leading the assault between Nancy and Metz, Major Dillender found General Eddy of the opinion that success in battle evolves from thorough scouting and patrolling, and that these must be thoroughly covered first—and never forgotten.

Another fact of interest is that the infantry outfit to which the Rainbow observer is assigned is using its bandsmen in the MP platoon. Rainbow bandsmen, incidentally, have recently begun MP training.

In an earlier letter, Major Dillender passed on a helpful tip to radio operators: Expect jamming, plenty of it. Practice and practice at reading signals through interference.

The lessons learned in training here today may prove lifesavers in combat in the near future. That is why the lessons must be learned so thoroughly they will be automatic even in the midst of battle and spell the sure defeat of the enemy.

## Service Club Doings

## Service Club No. 1

Thursday 2000—222d Infantry Quiz Show, "Is There An Expert in the House?" Also, Bridge Instruction. Friday 2000—Open Dance. Girls from Bartlesville. 606th T. D. Band. Saturday 2000—Varieties. Entertainers from Catherine Neff Studios, Tulsa. Sunday 2000—Open House. Tulsa Girls. 200th Army Band. Monday 1900—Language Classes. 2000—Bingo. Dancing Lessons. Tuesday 2000—Movie and Group Sing with new Stereopticon. Wednesday 2000—Dance. Girls from Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. of Tulsa and Sapulpa. 97th AGF Band.

## Service Club No. 2

Thursday 2015—Soldier Show, 242d Infantry. Friday 2000—Friday the Thirteenth Party and Dance. Service Cadettes from Muskogee. 97th AGF Band. Saturday 2015—Bingo. Special Prizes. Sunday 2000—Open House. Special Entertainment. Monday 2015—Movie. Tuesday 2015—GI Variety Show. Wednesday 2000—Open Dance. Muskogee USO Girls. Division Dance Band.

## Movie Schedule

## Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Tall in the Saddle," John Wayne, Ella Raines, Ward Bond. Friday—"The Master Race," Osa Massen, George Coulouris. Saturday—"In the Meantime, Darling," Jeanne Crain, Frank Latimore, Heather Angel. Sunday and Monday—"An American Romance," Brian Donlevy, Ann Richards. Tuesday—(Double Feature) "When Strangers Marry," Kim Hunter, Dean Jagger, Robert Mitchum, and "Dark Mountain," Robert Lowery, Ellen Drew, Regis Toomey. Wednesday and Thursday—"The Conspirators," Hedy LaMarr, Paul Henreid.

## Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—(Double Feature) "Big Noise," Laurel and Hardy, and "End of the Road," Edward Norris, June Storey. Friday and Saturday—"Tall in the Saddle," John Wayne, Ella Raines. Sunday—"The Master Race," Osa Massen, George Coulouris. Monday—"In the Meantime, Darling," Jeanne Crain, Frank Latimore, Heather Angel. Tuesday and Wednesday—"An American Romance," Brian Donlevy, Ann Richards. Thursday—(Double Feature) "When Strangers Marry," Kim Hunter, Dean Jagger, Robert Mitchum, and "Dark Mountain," Robert Lowery, Ellen Drew, Regis Toomey.

## The Wolf

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## One-Minute GI Interviews

## The Question:

What's your hobby?

## The Answers:

Pvt. William A. Hipp, rifleman, Co. K, 282d Inf.—I lived on a 160-acre farm near Blountsville, Ala., and didn't get much time for a hobby after I got out of school. But when I was in high school I played baseball and basketball quite a bit. Basketball was far and away my favorite. On the farm, though, I

got some free time between the first of August and the first of September, and I did some quail hunting. Must have been good practice, too, for I've made expert in three weapons—the M-1, cat-bine and BAR. And when the shooting's over I plan to go back to the farm. We grow quite a bit of cotton on it. I'll raise cotton, but there's one thing I'm damned if I'll ever do—and that's pick the stuff.

Pfc. Francis Thomas, radio operator, 132d Signal Co.—Baseball gets my vote. It's my favorite sport, my favorite pastime, and the way I'd like to earn a living. I played quite a bit of semi-pro ball before coming into the Army. That was in the New England league—my home town's Lynn, Mass. Before that I lived in Waterbury, Conn., where they make all the clocks. I was pitcher on the high school team the year we won the American Legion State Championship. There were two games in particular I pitched in high school I'll always remember. We were playing two games in a row against a team with a pitcher who was supposed to be really hot. I pitched the first game, and we won it. In fact, we knocked their pitcher out of the box in the first inning. In the next game, the score was tied 5-5 in the 7th, and we weren't doing so good. With one out, I was called in as relief pitcher. The next batter grounded out; and the one after him, I struck out. That ended that threat and we went on to win.



Pvt. Henry Boersma, rifleman, Co. K, 282d Inf.—Hunting's my dish. My home's in Chicago, Ill., but when I could arrange it I used to go out on hunting parties in Michigan and Wisconsin, gunning for bear and deer. But my favorite hunting spot was at Lake Senatchewan near Henry, Ill. A friend of mine

owned a big duck farm or preserve there, and when a gang of us came down for some shooting he treated us royally, and he'd furnish us with a guide and blinds. I've bagged as many as 15 ducks on a good day.

Pvt. D. L. Estes, machine gunner, 42d Rcn. Tr.—The closest thing to a hobby I've done is bronco-bustin', and I've done that most of my life before I joined the National Guard in '39 and even there I was in the horse cavalry for a time. My CO was a corporal in my National Guard outfit.

I was raised on a big ranch my dad owns near San Anton'. At one time we had as high as 4000 head of cattle on it. I think I must have learned to ride before I even learned to walk, but whether I'll go back to the ranch I don't know. My five brothers and I used to live there, but all of us are in the service now. Of my five brothers three have been killed and one's reported missing. I can't get across and have a crack at those Japs too soon to suit me.

Pvt. B. J. Watson, Co. B, 122d Med. Bn.—The closest thing to a hobby I've had is building cobblestone ranch houses down around

Temple, Texas. They're made of native stone, red, brown, or yellow; the stones are left irregular shaped, so the houses look quite attractive besides being cool in summer, warm in winter, and almost fireproof. It costs about \$500 for the materials for a five room ranch house; I guess I've helped build 15 or 16 of 'em. When the war's over I plan to build a fine, big cobblestone place of my own.



## THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



By SGT. SCOTT CORBETT

Some like scotch, and some like corn, but around these parts it looks as if we're in for a bad case of Scotch corn, or bagpipe music.

Passing a rec hall the other day, I heard horrifying sounds coming out of it which seemed to combine the deafening uproar of battle with the cries and groans of the wounded. Thinking some sort of mental conditioning course was installed inside, I went in, only to discover two Scottish-appearing gentlemen, energetically trying to coax "The Campbells Are Coming" out of two bagpipes.

The Campbells droned to a stop, and the pipers took a break. They were Pvts. Bert Lilburn and Earl A. McKay. I introduced myself simply as Scott McCorbie, just to keep everything even—McSteven, and sat down to inquire into this business of bagpiping.

"Don't tell me the clans are gathering right here in the Rainbow!" I cried. "What are we doing with two bagpipers?"

"Four bagpipers," Lilburn corrected me, and introduced a young man, Pvt. Gino Mario, who was



sitting nearby making mournful sounds on an odd-looking black-and-white pipe. The fourth piper, Pfc. Carl Gray, wasn't about—I mean, was nae about.

"What is that thing you're blowing?" I asked Mario.

He said it was a practice chanter, which is what you might call a bagpipe without any bag,

and is used for beginners to learn on. Seems the reason a bagpipe has a bag is to furnish extra wind for the bagpiper after his own wind is gone. Before he starts to play, he blows up the bag. Then he blows on the pipe until he's black in the face, and when he can't blow any more he pumps air from the bag into the pipe to keep it going. It's what you might call Scotch artificial respiration.

First echelon maintenance on bagpipes takes up almost more time than playing them, I learned. After a piper has been blowing moistly into his bagpipe for a few hundred choruses, a thick fog sets in inside the bag not unlike the dank atmosphere back on the moors, and when the bag dries out it's likely to harden up and make the going tougher than ever, unless the proper "seasoning" is used. As nearly as I can make out, this seasoning is either a mixture put out by a Mr. Adamson, who is America's foremost bagpipe maker, or a mixture put out by the Johnnie Walker people which would probably do just as well and make the bagpipe a lot happier, if you were fool enough to use it for that purpose.

"Well, there's a couple of things I want to know," I said. "First, can you jive on 'em?"

McKay shook his head, and I sighed with relief. "Good! No swinging of 'Annie Laurie,' or anything like that. And how about 'Mountain Dew?' You won't scare us all out of our wits some day by marching around playing 'Mountain Dew' on these things, will you? Scotch hillbilly music—why, the enemy would accuse us of an atrocity!"

They promised they would take it easy. Matter of fact, though, military bagpipers back in World War I won quite a nice reputation for making people run. Or so my old uncle, Angus McCorbie, used to tell me while nibbling a bit of Scotch heather by the hearthside of abra' winter's night. The skirling Scots pipers, he said, terrified the Huns more than once and drove them into panicky retreat.

"One nice thing, I don't think you'll have to worry about marching ahead of the division to lead us into battle," I told them. "You'll be behind us, driving us on."

They nodded, started pumping air into their bags for another go, and I fled from the building.



## Whoosh! Old Auto Wrecks Serve as Bazooka Targets



Another old jalopy goes up in a cloud of dust and smoke as Capt. B. P. Scully, Service Btry., 542d FA Bn., fires his bazooka on the newly created Rocket Range where discarded old cars, bought from junk dealers for 1c each, provide a realistic target. Other member of the bazooka team is S-Sgt. Henry L. Hawkins, also of Service Battery.

## Old Jalopies Used as Target on Rocket Range Cost Government One Cent Each

One cent each is the price the Camp Training Office pays for those car bodies that are being shot up daily out on the newly-installed Rocket Launcher Range, according to Lt. Royal N. Gober, Division Range Officer.

Perhaps that is slightly under the current OPA ceiling price on used cars, but after the old jalopies have been stripped of all salvageable parts, that is the price that wreckers in Braggs, Gore and Ft. Gibson are willing to take to get them hauled away—and to give the Government clear title to them.

The use of car bodies as a target for the Bazooka has something of a story behind it. The first Bazooka Range used large piles of stone, but this didn't afford the realism that was desired. Since the Bazooka is used primarily against tanks, Lt. Gober wanted something to use as a target that would explode and burn like a hit tank.

In going over the available spots, Lt. Gober hit upon the idea of using the old rock quarry from which much of the rock that now is part of the sidewalks of the cantonment area was taken. By establishing a firing point across the ravine, near Ponca Range, he found that he had an ideal range

—one that made up for the lack of steel plate that would be needed for a range built out on the open.

So with his range detail, and the aid of tanks, he set about clearing more than an acre of trees, and setting up the firing points. The old cars were moved in by Ordnance wrecker crews, and the new range was ready.

Now, when men go out to fire the Bazooka and the Rifle Grenade Launcher, they have a realistic target to fire at—and a lot of competition to see who is first to complete the job of demolishing an already wrecked car.

## First Sgt. Chevrons Of '18 Unlike Today's

Glued to a small metal mount on the desk of First Sgt. John Wintrobe, Anti-Tank Co., 222d Inf., is one of the first sergeant's chevrons which he wore in the Rainbow Division of World War I.

Many men in the company have been surprised at the difference between the chevron and the present-day first sergeant chevrons. In World War I, the chevrons consisted merely of three stripes and a bozenge. In later years two loops underneath, and finally the present three-loops, were added to the design.

## Break Wins Date For Lucky GI

Pfc. Julian Lewis of the Division Band can thank another GI's wife for a very swell evening at the Muskogee Free State Fair last week as guest of George Olsen and his orchestra and for his date—lovely Joy Lowe, nurses aide at the ASF exhibit.

The evening and the date was the first prize in the first program of "Is There an Expert in the House," the 222d Infantry Regiment's Quiz show at Service Club No. 1 last Thursday. Another soldier won the prize, but he sadly informed Miss Aleece Locke, hostess, that he couldn't accept it since he was married and his wife lived in Muskogee. On the second run of the "Quizzer Whizzer" question, Pfc. Lewis won.

It was a cinch for a bandsman this time, as it consisted of naming the correct titles of five musical memories of bygone years.

Highlights of the new weekly program included the brilliant and versatile piano work of Pvt. Bob Townsend; the masterful emceeing of Pvt. Frank "Clifton Fadiman" Fredrics; and the show-stopping singing of M-Sgt. Grant Payne.

Prize for the correct answer to the "Quizzer Whizzer" question by someone in the audience at tonight's show will be a date with a Tulsa lovely as guest of Harry James' orchestra, which plays in Tulsa on Saturday, 21 October.

Talented Geraldine Fontana and Pvt. Loomis Dorsey, tap dancer, headline tonight's show. In the meantime, questions for the weekly show that are accepted win free cigarettes. They may be submitted anytime, along with name and organization, to either Service Club No. 1, or the Special Service Office of the 222d Infantry Regiment.

## GRID FANS GET RATE

GI gridiron fans wanting to take in any of the Muskogee high school games will receive a special reduced rate, it has been announced by the school Athletic Commission. Both officers and enlisted men will be admitted on a 35c ticket, the same price students are charged. No more than one 35c ticket will be sold to a person.

## Pot of Gold

This week's precious potful of gorgeous gold goes to an artilleryman, Pfc. Thomas Hill, Hq. Btry., 542d FA Bn.

The other day Hill was assessing the merits of various types of communication for the benefit of his listeners.

"You can't," he opined, "beat pigeon communication. If a 610 Signal Corps Radio breaks down, what've you got? Nothing. But if a carrier pigeon breaks down, what've you got? Pigeon p's."

## It's Artillery's Turn This Week To Huff 'n' Puff

Artillerymen tightened their belts yesterday and plunged into the first of a three-day series of Physical Fitness tests which by Friday night will have put the men of six batteries through the same rugged paces which the regiments recently concluded.

Yesterday Battery B, 232d FA, and Battery C, 392 FA, ran the gauntlet from burpees to the four mile forced march. Today Headquarters Battery, Div. Arty., and Service Battery, 542d FA, take their turn. Tomorrow morning, Battery B, 402d FA, gets its chance, and tomorrow afternoon Battery A, 542d FA, gets the call to huff and puff.

Giving physical and mental aid at all tests will be sizable quantities of lemons to help that second wind, and members of the Division band to provide stirring musical, martial and otherwise.

## LETDOWN ON THE 6TH

Sgt. Douglas Rescorla, Co. I, 222d Inf., had a terrific couple of days last week. On 3 October he was a Pfc, happy and single. On the 4th he and a be-u-ti-ful nurse from Missouri were made one in Chapel No. 2; and on the 5th he received a wedding present—promotion to Sergeant.

## War Fund Drive Nearing Quota

With returns still to come in, and additional contributions yet to be made during the supplemental payroll and from men and officers now on furlough and leave, the Division's drive toward its quota of approximately \$7,000 in the current War Fund drive was already 63% toward fulfillment, according to a check early this week.

Although the Drive within the Division is co-ordinated with the Muskogee Community Chest Drive, all proceeds from the Division will go directly into the National War Fund Drive where the funds will be distributed to such organizations as the USO (and its affiliated organizations), the Seamen's Service, War Prisoner Aid, American Field Service, Refugee Relief, Care of European Children, and sixteen United Nations War Relief agencies.

Unit contributions as recorded early this week gave the following totals, with several units still unreported:

222d Infantry	\$ 975.89
322d Infantry	1,079.93
242d Infantry	1,052.28
392d FA Bn.	220.26
402d FA Bn.	280.59
542d FA Bn.	233.81
Hq. Btry. and Md.	
Det., Div. Arty.	57.10
42d Recon Troop	42.25
Special Troops	449.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,391.11</b>

## Hey Rube Show Plays To Packed Audiences

Last Sunday was practically Hey Rube Day, with the popular troupe from Tulsa putting on three shows to packed houses at Theaters No. 1 and 2 during the evening and at the Station Hospital in the afternoon.

The shows included the Hey Rubettes, Hawaiian dancing, and specialty acts plus the music of Joe Lindy and his band.

## About Faces! . . . . . By Fraeman



They tag him 'Gums' Montgomery. He's the biggest morale builder-upper in the 402nd Field Artillery. Mercury would be just as suitable a nickname for him. Last week in the Physical Fitness tests he ran a record 300 yd. dash. There's no gum on his shoes that's a cinch.

## 232d Inf. Dance Band Has a Birthday



First organized of the regimental dance orchestras was the 232d Infantry dance band which played its first dance on 6 October 1943 and its most recent one last Saturday night, 7 October, at the Officers' Club No. 2. Organized and continuously directed by T-5 Sol Talanker, pianist, since then, the band has won a high reputation during the past 52 weeks and 100 engagements. Skilled mu-

sicians all, they play by ear—they've no time for rehearsals, or studying and arranging scores. From l. to r., rear, Pvt. Robert Pratt, Pfc. Roy Hall, Pfc. Harold Scott. Front row, l. to r., S-Sgt. Al Corey, T-5 Walter Wlemeyer, Pfc. Louis Zecchini, and T-5 Sol Talanker. Combined experience of the men adds up to 57 years of professional playing, many with name bands.

# ARTILLE



Capt. Harold F. Borger, Asst. S-3, Div. Arty., goes over a map with fellow officers at a temporary CP. Behind them is Col. John Meade, Executive Officer, Div. Arty.



High up on Eagle's Nest, the OP, observers scout the terrain, pass on information over wires laid by the wire section to the Battalions to the rear, waiting for the order to move out.



Cpl. Walter Wettle and S-Sgt. William F. Gunter run a survey of the area preparatory to calling the guns up. All men are from Btry. C, 232d FA Bn.



"Fire!" Chief command on to Corporal Gunner T. Shire and P.

"Zauber Feuer"—magic fire—is the name the Germans have given to the massed fire of American Artillery. It is a name that was born both in fear and respect. At first they believed it must come from some sort of automatic weapon, because the aim was so perfect and the timing so exact.

Last Saturday and Sunday all units of the 42d Division Artillery took part in a demonstration of this new and deadly artillery technique—a part of the AGF Field Artillery Firing Tests which the Battalions had been taking for the four days previous.

So that the Infantrymen of the Division can have some idea of the role the Artilleryman plays in the function of a Division, and to show something of the life that an Artilleryman leads, Don Freeman, Reveille Staff Artist, went along to sketch the various phases of the problem that caught his eye—and the men who were a part of it.



The guns move in under cover of darkness at 20.0 sharp. Scout Corporal Alvin C. Baker leads them.



The heavy work—digging in, camouflage

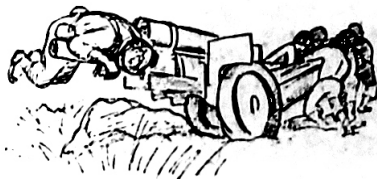
# RY FIRE!



f Section, Sgt. Peter Serino, right, is alert and ready to pass the  
his No 1. man, Pfc. James F. Gilmore. At the left of the gun is  
Homer F. Hill, and setting fuses at the far left are Pfc. Joseph  
Zoltan N. Nagy.

First phase was the survey of the area, similar to the reconnaissance  
patrol in the Infantry. Then, as darkness fell the big guns and their  
crews moved in. At 2300 the first shots were fired—flare bursts, for  
registering in. Actual firing began 0530 Sunday morning, just as the  
first rays of light showed in the East.

Around the drawing above, of the zero hour order—"Fire!"—Don  
Freeman has illustrated some of the phases that precede and lead up  
to the final command.



nd getting all set up.



Pvt. Max Ragner, No. 4 man, not shown in the picture  
of the section at the left, reads his ammunition for the  
fire order.



Cold and sleepy, after very little, if any sleep, First Sgt.  
William O. Leach and a gun section crew warm both  
their hands and stomachs on hot coffee. Lt. Boyd W.  
Mayo, standing left, looks on.



All is set, every man at his post. The stillness of the  
early hour and the calmness of the landscape will, in a  
matter of minutes now, break with a deafening roar.



The first burst, at 2300. Then registering in.

# INFANTRY

## 222d INF. Special Units

Everyone is looking forward to the return from the hospital of T-5 Walter Batura, Anti Tank Co., mail orderly.

Driver of the Week in Anti Tank Company is Pfc. Jack L. Bolen.

Soldier of the Month for September in Anti Tank Company was Pfc. Albert E. Alba.

Pvt. Howard G. Welch, Anti Tank Co., has been in high spirits ever since his wife came down from Fort Wayne to visit him.

Staff Sergeant Yates, Hq. Co., became so excited the other day while listening to the World Series that he knocked the radio over. Fortunately no damage was done, and the report continued to come in after a brief delay.

Technical Sergeant Titus, Hq. Co., has joined the circle of proud papas—with mother, child and Sergeant doing fine.

## First Battalion

First Sergeant Ellis, Hq. Co., walked out on his company and went home on furlough. Such nerve!

If the former Pvt. Pietruzynski doesn't stop tap dancing in joy over being made PFC he'll have the ceiling falling in on the Battalion Intelligence boys sleeping below.

Sergeant Stanny, Hq. Co., A & P Platoon, has been proclaimed a natural leader of men—much to the dismay of the company basso profundo, Sergeant Coyle.

Acting Sgt. Major Mitchnik's greatest disappointment came when T-Sgt. Crow was made acting First Sergeant while First Sergeant Ellis is on furlough.

Company A certainly misses its mascot, Skogee, who is on furlough with S-Sgt. George H. Cox.

Big mystery around Company A is who is addressing letters to the Girls Dormitory in Tulsa—and



why doesn't he let some of the others in on it?

T-Sgt. Pilcher, Co. C, is in the Station Hospital.

While Company C's Mess Sergeant Combs is on furlough, T-5 "The Weasel" Weaver is taking over and doing a fine job.

Two new morale boosters arrived in Muskogee this week. They are the wives of Cpl. Henry Koch and Pvt. Joseph Senatra, Co. C.

T-5 Bernard Rosencranz, Co. D's mail clerk and Reveille Reporter, has gone off on furlough in the East.

Half of Company D's Mortar Platoon is off on furlough, and the other half is awaiting their return for their turn. The furloughs are their reward for winning the Division Commander's Combat Platoon Award.

Pfc. William Spehar, Co. D, is at a loss to explain why he eats off the bottom of his plate. He just can't seem to remember to turn it over before sitting down.

## Second Battalion

After much debate with himself, Pfc. Hatch, Anti Tank Platoon, Hq. Co., decided that the institution of marriage was here to stay.

So while on furlough he got himself married.

There's a new pride and joy in the family of Cpl. Richard Crabe—a fine baby girl. No cigars yet, though.

Headquarters Company rolled out the welcome mat for two newcomers this last week—T-Sgt. Threlkeld and Sgt. Borylo rolled in kicking the dust of Camp Fanning, Tex., off their feet.

Because Company E was the only company in the regiment to have every man complete the Physical Fitness Tests, the beer barrels were rolled out by the Company Commander, as a reward and for relaxation.

A new First Sergeant, Eugene Ewing, has been assigned Company F.

Another married man in Company G! He is Private Antonlotti, who recently took the fatal leap.

First Sergeant Belvin, Co. G, has returned from furlough. Now Acting First Sergeant Poskus can go back to his regular duties.

S-Sgt. Walter Boho, Co. H, is back with the Company after an extended stay at the Division Mine and Booby Trap School. He's glad to be back to our food, he says.

Sgt. Edward Edens, Co. H, is in heavenly bliss at the moment—on furlough and basking in the good ol' Texas sun.

Sgt. Stefan Munsing, Co. H, has returned in a daze from a three-day pass spent at Norman, Okla., surrounded by campus sweater girls.

Sgt. Norman Odom, Co. H, thinks a cadet nurse's uniform is very complimentary to his when he visits Tulsa these days.

## Third Battalion

Company I's happy PX threesome—a Pfc, A T-5 and a Sgt.—was a sad twosome during the absence of the Sgt. Sales dropped off 20 percent, it is rumored.

If you want to hear a corny conversation, you ought to drop into the second barracks, upstairs, Company K, some night and listen to two fellows talking to each other in their sleep.

Company L wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to Pvt. Harry C. Deite, who received word of the birth of twins to his wife, but that one had died. Deite is now home on emergency furlough.

Company M's new and versatile First Sergeant, Benjamin R. Dobish, spends his "free" time down at the Field House practicing judo—but only to prepare himself for the latest dance steps at Service Club No. 1.

S-Sgt. Rodger E. Wilson, Co. M, doesn't think Oklahoma is so bad, now that he has married an Oklahoma lassie.

T-5 John W. Watson, Co. M, was in St. Louis last week just too early to see the World Series. But he checked around and found everything in order and ready to go, anyway.

## 232d INF. Special Units

Although he's only been with Service Company a short while, Pvt. Bernard (call me Benny Leonard) Rutta has already established himself on the culinary staff of the Company. He's a phenomenon in military circles, too—a baker in civilian life, a baker in the Army!

T-4 George Ruppenstein and T-5 Abe Gorman, Service Co., have joined the droopy-lids brigade of Muskogee commuters at Reveille since their wives arrived.

A moth actually flew out of the pocket of Cpl. Charles B. Lacy's fatigues the other day when Personnel Section went out on a



Command Post problem. Nobody recognized either Lacy or his Service Company partner, T-4 Albert, when they turned out.

Service Company has the makings of an orchestra with Pvt. James L. Travis blowing his top on a saxophone and T-5 Howard Cohen on the 88s.

With First Sergeant Houston Smith on furlough, T-3 Cletus Swelgart is doing a fine job of filling in.

T-5 Dan (Mail Call) Bozza, Hq. Co., had bad luck on his recent furlough. He had planned to get married, but the unfortunate illness of his fiancée necessitated postponement of the event.

Cpl. Ernie (Six Putt) Giermann, Hq. Co., returned from furlough last week reporting that everything up around Chicago is in perfect order.

## First Battalion

T-4 Dominick T. Violante, Hq. Co., is at the Station Hospital where he reports a "clean cut" relieved him of his appendix.

Sgt. Benjamin C. Lipp, Hq. Co., celebrates his fifth wedding anniversary this week and Pfc. Frank L. Manns celebrated his sixth last week. "Gosh," said one private, "these guys must really be old men."

The men of Headquarters Company heard with sorrow last week of the loss of S-Sgt. William J. Burton's brother, S-Sgt. Lester Burton, who was killed in action in France. He was one of four brothers all serving in the Army.

Pfc. Eulio M. Martinez, Hq. Co., returned from furlough last week to report that his fifth child, now a month old, was doing fine.

## Third Battalion

The rendition of "Take Me Back to Tulsa," as done up by Pvt. Leonard Creo and Pfc. Morris Engstrom of Company I, with side



remarks by Pfc. Richard Jones, would have gone over big in the Hit Parade of 1895.

Sgt. Jacob Sakols, Co. I, is back with the Company after a three-month stay in the Station Hospital.

## 242d INF. Special Units

What's needed is a definition of terms. T-4 T.A. Smith, Serv. Co., on "light duty" in the Station Hospital after a tonsillitis operation, doing KP, cleaning the back porch and surgical room. Smittie moans, "And I'm on 'light duty!'"

Pvt. Stan Slazyk, Serv. Co., finds eating difficult these days since someone removed his plate.

T-5 Elmer Chapel Four Mikes, Serv. Co., has mysterious visitors nightly. At least at 0300 in the morning he's been heard saying, "Margie, stop pushing the baby buggy."

How come T-4 Fred Sweet, Serv. Co., can only grin out of one side of his mouth after last week-end? He claims the dentist caused it. He's right—what with 26 fillings in two days.

The boys in Cannon Co. need never be without a laugh as long as Pfc. Edward Ginther and John McLemore are here. Ginther's PT routine beginning, "Snap the eye balls smartly to the right. . . is a gem. And their rendition of "Brother Bill" is out of this world.

## First Battalion

Two men who should get lots of mail in the near future are S-Sgt. Walter L. Savage, Hq. Co., who reports writing 24 letters in one week, and Pvt. John F. Mazie who wrote 20 in the same period.

Pvt. Lloyd V. Cookson, Hq. Co., disclaims any connection with the nearby hills of the same name where the company bivouacked this week.

Mystery man of headquarters Company is Pfc. Gunter Pintzke, on SD as a draftsman at Division Headquarters, who is unknown by some of his company.

Mrs. David L. Maher, wife of Acting First Sgt. Maher has returned to Saugus, Mass., after a short visit in Muskogee.

Our nomination for the Frankie Sinatra of Company C goes to Pfc. Joseph Faist. Ever since the dayroom radio broke down, Faist has been taking over.

A mass congratulations to Company C's three new staff sergeants, nine buck sergeants and 35 one-strippers.

Pfc. Wilmer J. Sentor, Co. C,

left the ranks of the Bachelor Club to get married last week on his furlough. Lots of luck.

Pfc. Frank C. Waczinski, Co. C, is a bit disturbed. He came into the barracks Sunday evening after a week-end in Tulsa, muttering, "It can't be—a guy doesn't see 12 dancing horses and an elephant on two glasses of 3.2 beer. And I saw 'em right here in camp." The fellows immediately put Frank under the shower. They didn't know a circus had come to camp.

Sergeant Wheeler, Co. D, says the statement in last week's paper was untrue. Maybe he has had a girl in McAlester and doesn't want to make her mad.

The men of Company D are sorry to lose Private McDaniel, transferred to the Medical Detachment. Sergeant Kcasler will be sort of lost without him.

## Second Battalion

S-Sgt. James E. (Bird dog) Rawnsley and Pvt. Johnny Brooks, Hq. Co., had visitors to enliven their Sunday afternoon. Rawnsley had two beautiful girls, his wife, Dorothy, and little daughter, Geraldine; and Brooks had a swell time with his wife and year old son, Steve.

Pfc. Tom Durand, H. Co., returned from furlough via a devious route. Says it was well worth the extra time and trouble.

T-Sgt. Samuel McGill, Co. G, won the jackpot at PX No. 6 Saturday night—19 beers, assisted by Sergeant Culp, S-Sgt. John Paine, and Cpl. William Lee.

Newest fad in Company F's repertoire of loony logic is the men's SOP on digging foxholes. Sgt. Don Bleszke's idea deals with the successful removal of dirt taken from the foxhole by the simple expedient of burying it in another hole. (This will surely fool the enemy).

Company F's Top Kick must be hucking for another rocker, if possible. At 0300 Monday he was seen hard at work on the duty rosters.

## Third Battalion

It's been rumored that Pfc. John Lowery, Hq. Co., was married recently in Tulsa.

T-Sgt. Casimir Filipkowski, Hq. Co., is losing that indoor complexion, even if it does come from a camouflage stick. It couldn't be lipstick?

Pfc. Abenicio B. Sanchez, Hq. Co., has changed his area of reconnaissance to Tahlequah.

Pfc. Carl "Shorty" Simonson holds Company I's record for digging fox holes. If he digs over three feet he's underground.

Pfc. Pete Petusky, Co. I, has become the pin-up girls' delight. His collection numbers in the hundreds and will put any in the Division to shame.

T-4 Cal Harmon, Co. I, meandered into the Pin-Up Girls exhibit at the Muskogee Fair and came out, hat in hand, blushing. Pfc. Al Mettra went into the same show and came out with a new style GI upsweep haircut. Pfc. Charlie Lobenberg went in with compass and field glasses. Terribly near-sighted, poor chap.

## Red Cross Nurse Aids GIs' Families in Braggs

Good news for soldiers whose families live in Braggs is the announcement by the Muskogee chapter of the American Red Cross that the services of a Red Cross visiting nurse, Miss Margaret Faulkner, are once more available in Braggs. Miss Faulkner's daily headquarters are in the Wigwam where, in addition immunization clinics are held every Tuesday, 1300-1400. A well-baby clinic is held the third Monday of every month at the Braggs USO.

Miss Ann Rontal, formerly Red Cross nurse in Braggs, is in New York preparing for field work overseas.

# ARTILLERY

## 232d F. A. Bn.

Service Battery's Cpl. Kenneth Bailey's helmet crashed accidentally on the bare noggin of Cpl. Roy Wolfram, Hq. Btry., producing a display of daylight shooting stars. For awhile it was a question as to which of the two, the helmet or Cpl. Wolfram, would have to be salvaged, but the Corporal pulled through in time to leave on his furlough.

Pvt. Joe (Mexicali Rose) Rodriguez, Hq. Btry., a member of the Air Section, is still flying high after a recent hectic week end in Tulsa. We hope he recovers soon.

Headquarters Battery personnel welcomes Pts. Edward Ruta, Carl Derr, Philip Schwartz and Charles Shannon.

Sgts. Gerald Jones and Robert Kennedy returned from Ft. Sill Radio School full of furlough talk.

Chapel No. 3 wedding bells rang for Pfc. Dick Desimorne, Service Btry., the other day. Sgt. John Siracusa acted as the support.

## 402nd F. A. Bn.

Headquarters Battery feels much safer since Corporal McKissen has revealed that he can fire the .50 Cal. M. G. from the hip while advancing.

First Sgt. Mitchell is having

trouble with his Sick Book, and someone is getting tired of signing it every time he makes it over.

Technical Sergeant Hynes has been having trouble making the 300 yard run.

Battery B misses the hearty laughter and melodious harmonies of Corporal Gladwin, who has been transferred to Headquarters Battery. Now Battery B will have to find another Frank Sinatra and another Longfellow to take Gladwin's place.

Chapel Bells will ring for P. R. Jones Sunday night. All men of the Battalion are invited and after the ceremony the line forms outside the chapel for kissing the bride.

Pfc. Strand, Btry. A, has returned after a tour on SD with Division Headquarters Company.

Battery C was pleased to have the Chaplain as a dinner guest last week, and extends an invitation to him to return anytime.

Battery B was pleased to hear that one of its "old grads," Priyate Ward, has been given credit for bringing down a German plane somewhere in France.

Battery B extends congratulations to Staff Sergeant Paulé for capturing a very pretty wife.

farewell to Pfc. Frank House when he left on a three-day pass for St. Louis last weekend. Tears appeared in Frank's eyes as he climbed aboard the train with his hands full of pennies contributed toward his trip by the buddies. At precisely the same time, 1200 miles away in Frederick, Md., Josephine climbed aboard her train for St. Louis. Once again Mr. and Mrs. Frank House were to join hands. Cut—end of love scene.

There once was a soldier named Cole;

To get back home was his goal.

"I don't mind guard,

And I try to work hard—

I just want to get out of this hole."

## 742d Ordnance

The Ordnance Company can feel assured that it will be well fed when in the field, now that T-5 Eugene Guyotte has almost completed a course at the Combat Cooking School.

Pvt. Marshall Harvey can always be found on Sunday night at a certain little church in Braggs, according to T-5 James Creamer. We wonder just how James keeps such close tab on Marshall, unless he attends the same little church.

At almost anytime during the day or night Pfc. Brown I. Rowe can be seen dashing from the first barrack mumbling to himself "call operator 54 in Tulsa." Yes, Brown I. has gone and done it again, and this time she's a WAC.

Pvt. Mike Hunyady has returned from furlough after spending several joyous days in Detroit. Also, S-Sgt. Harold Goodnight has returned in "fair" condition from a furlough in the Hoosier State.

## 132d Signal Co.

T-4 J. Saydah is off to Camp Lee, Va., to take a crack at changing his Signal Corps braid to QM officer braid.

With the Chief of Staff's departure, Pfc. J. Medlin has been released from special duty as the Colonel's chauffeur and has been catching up on details as an outstanding member of the duty roster.

T-4 J. Murphy and Pvt. R. Carnell hit the World Series pool, but the real jackpot winner was Pvt. J. C. Byrom, Jr., who hit the big pot the deciding game.

T-5 L. Schwarm was the original Sad Sack last Saturday morning after message center's party!

## 42d Rcn. Tr.

Recon Troopers turned engineers this past week during a ten mile reconnaissance between Marbe City and Box, Okla., when they had to build bridges across every creek and stream encountered during the trek.

This coming week the Troop is giving a party, and if past performances are any indication, this one ought to be a humdinger. Planning the affair are: T-4 Wil-

liam P. Bednarz, Cpl. Roland S. Heath, T-5 Charles Aguirre, T-5 William E. Schaper, Jr., and Leo A. Bernier.

S-Sgt. A. J. Roy ordered that "we shall move by leaps and bounds." The question is, has anyone in the Army ever seen an eight ton armored car that leaps?

Probably by the time this gets in print, the Troop will have a new and proud papa—Pvt. Milford H. Erwin, who is expecting word momentarily.

A comment from Captain Tennant, who is now on leave, is: "Why use radio? Use Sergeant Gradisek, instead."

## 142nd Engineers

T-4 Albert Cramer, Med. Det., is the proud father of a 7-lb. girl. Congratulations, Sarge.

Not gamblers, but just true baseball fans are Cpl. Reddish and Pfc. Little, H & S Co., who had a bet with each other for each game of the Series.

It is rumored that a certain T-4 in the Medical Detachment is very anxious to go to Tennessee and proudly show his newly earned stripes. Could this be true, Sgt. Dixon?

## 122d Medics

Strange sight in the second platoon barracks of Company D: Sgt. Hank Szelemcki ironing a pair of bright striped blue pajamas. Could it be he's getting married while on furlough next week?

M-Sgt. Claude O'Brien, Hq. Det., says he's going to "crown" the next guy who wires for a five-day extension on a three-day pass.

Pfc. Laurence Driscoll, Co. C, recently put in for a pass from "September 30 to 32."

What's this about T-5 John Wise and Pfc. Richard Alligold, Co. B, falling out of the Ferris Wheel at the Muskogee Fair—get-



ting in shape for the Paratroopers?

And then there's Pfc. Barton Woodruff who must be thinking of entering the Camp Gruber boxing tournament. He's been doing some "training" in Tulsa, we hear. T-5 Charles Jaffee, Hq. Det., did a swell job in the S-3 slot while Lt. Edward Keating was on leave.

Pfc. "Tex" Wedel, Co. D, has received encouraging news about his bombardier brother, Capt. Louie Wedel, who has been reported missing in action. "Tex" received word that Capt. Wedel was last seen balling out of his crippled B-29 somewhere over friendly territory in China, and that several of the men who ballied out with Wedel are back at their base.

## Stars With Stripes

222d Infantry  
To S-Sgt.—Brock, Libson, MacLean, Co. I; John P. Dougherty, Co. C.  
To Sgt.—Rescorla, Keleske, Lensing Stinson, Worthen, Dillon, Co. I.  
To T-Sgt.—Charles A. Doyle, Anti-Tank Co.

232d FA Bn.  
To M-Sgt.—Lloyd R. Roy, Serv Btry.  
To S-Sgt.—John H. S. Cook, Hq Btry., Melvin H. Golden, William H. Lasher, Service Btry.  
To First Sgt.—James W. Strain, Btry. C.  
To T-Sgt.—Carlos M. Fitzwater, Serv. Btry.

To Sgt.—Willis L. Haer, Btry. B  
To Sgt.—Melton, Btry. C, Lester T. Ogden, Serv. Btry.  
To T-4—Robert T. Kennedy, Charles Louis, Frank A. Schachnals, Hq Btry., Gilbert DeMillano, Btry. A, Albert K. Griggs, Btry. B, Clyde R. Dixon, Edward H. Myslinski, Hq. J. Thompson, Jr., Btry. C, Kenneth W. Erlenbach, William Kibler, Serv Btry.

To Cpl.—Joseph W. Davis, Btry. B  
Charles A. Kruse, Jr., William B. West, Btry. C

To T-3—Daniel G. Andreas, Marvis Dorethy, Mike D. Guilmet, Frank A. Weirick, John P. Walsh, Hq. Btry. Raymond Gustafson, Robert H. McKee, James F. Quinn, Btry. A  
Herschel D. Austin, Btry. B, Chalmers A. Montelth, Jr., John L. Puckett, Felix Sorce, John Springer, Jr., Harold D. Whitten, John W. Penix, Btry. C, Joseph H. Wilson, James B. Krelg, Arnold Meyers, Paul Ash, Anthony Calcatera, Chester Kosmalksi, Harry F. Ollar, Franklin Reinhart, Serv. Btry.

242d Infantry  
To S-Sgt.—Pabith, Hoade, Co. D.  
To Sgt.—Adams, Mulavski, Co. D.  
Arthur Dettweiler, Morton P. Snow, Cannon Co.  
To T-4—Harold P. Penner, Hq. Co. Second Bn.

## Musical Musings

By CPL. DON STELZER

Paul Whiteman's recent anniversary of 25 years of playing in the big-time brought forth a deluge of publicity on Pops' original band and his activities during the last quarter century... But not much has been said about his early days in the field of music in Denver, where he grew up and learned his first notes from his father... Whiteman, senior, played a mean trombone and was supervisor of music in Denver's public schools... He was strictly a legitimate musician and never quite approved of his son's activities in syncope... Old timers like to tell how Paul, playing his first professional job as a violinist in the Rivoli Theater orchestra, would fall asleep when he had a few bars rest... Cavillo, the conductor, would reach over and tap him on the head with his baton when it was time for Paul to play... Matty Malnick first played fiddle with Pops while attending high school... It was a small jazz combo... The writer, some years ago, kept company with a petite young lad, who lived in the old Whiteman home in Denver... "I'll always wonder how Paul ever managed to squeeze into that tiny bathtub," she used to say... Anyway, we can sum the whole thing up by saying Pops is definitely one of the biggest characters in the music biz... and certainly one of the best, still maintaining his place as King of Jazz these many years. (—H. L. M. pinch-hitting for Stelzer.)

# SPECIAL TROOPS

## Div. Band News

The many good field soldiers of the Band were bitterly disappointed this week. All packed and set to go out in the field on a CPX, the order was changed so the outfit could play for the circus at the Field House and a military ceremony. But they all took it like real men, and you could even see smiles as they unpacked to remain in garrison.

A new trumpet player joined the ranks of the Band this week, Cpl. Marion Alch.

S-Sgt. "Laffy" Simms felt right at home playing the circus at the Field House this week. The sergeant made his living several years playing for big-top bands, and is a friend of Merle Evans, famous director of Ringling Bros. Band.

Back from furloughs are Cpl. Louis Marx, Pvt. Edward Dirse, and Pfc. Donald Parlette.

## 42d QM Co.

The Quartermaster boys must have been taking exercises somewhere besides in camp. Without any time to prepare for the Physical Fitness Test, the men passed the test with flying colors, much to the surprise to everyone.

The gold dust twins, Pfc. Gunnar Rood and Pvt. Tony Piazza, were looking very tired last Monday morning. Reason unknown as yet, but the company sleuth is on

the path to a clue and promises more news later.

A familiar expression heard often in the QM area these days is, "Hiya Moe". A slight variation from the GI Joe.

Regular Monday morning visitors to the supply room are Pvt. Preston Durbrow and Pfc. Joseph Girard, who request statements of charges for new caps. Are the Tulsa girls still collecting souvenirs?

## Div. MP Platoon

This ain't the Army, Mr. Cole. When Pfc. Ed Cole awoke in the barracks the other morning after a night patrol, he found a buddy tapping him gently on the shoulder. "You're breakfast is ready, Edward," said Pfc. Clarence Linder in a soft voice. There on a neat tray lay two beautiful (strictly un-GI) fried eggs, once over lightly; delicately browned slices of toast; a full cup of milk; a bowl of cereal topped with sliced peaches—and even a napkin. "You looked so tired, I thought you might like to eat in bed this morning," murmured Linder. And so began another morning in a typical soldier's life—nuts.

No Hodor news this week.

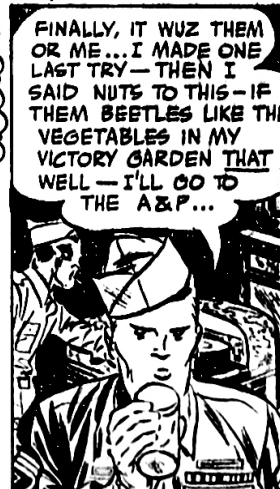
The brothers are anxious to get to Tulsa once more—to see if it's still intact after that notorious Nason-Heath - Whitesides-Zokan Kahlandt excursion last week.

The day had finally arrived. A large group was on hand to bid

## Male Call

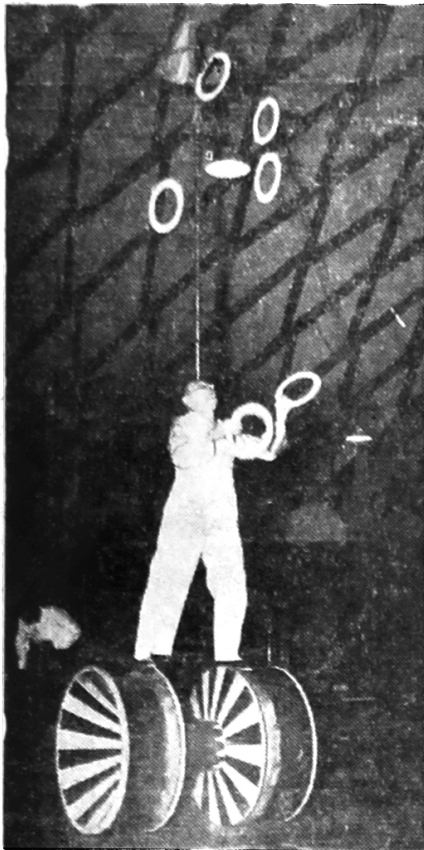


by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## P/O Joe

# Benny Foxs Star Spangle Circus Gives GIs Big Seven Day Treat



Here are shown but a few of the many acts which are entertaining crowds of GIs nightly at the Field House. Deftly balancing that floor lamp, upper left, is Eric Fillmore. You can see the original "Man on the Flying Trapeze" in the upper right picture. He's Charlie Segquist who with his daughter, Helen, left, and granddaughter, Micky King, right, still performs. At left Ernie Viswal's clowning brings down the house.

## Two Infantrymen Get Medal of Honor For Action in Italy and Solomons

Two more Infantrymen have received the Medal of Honor, one for gallantry in action at Bougainville and the other in Italy.

At Bougainville in the Solomons on 30 January, S-Sgt. Jessie R. Drowley rescued two wounded men in the face of intense enemy fire, and then, discovering an enemy pillbox which was undetected by assaulting tanks and was inflicting heavy casualties, ran across open terrain to one of the tanks.

"Signaling to the crew, he climbed to the turret, exchanged his weapon for a submachine gun, and voluntarily rode the deck

of the tank, directing it toward the pillbox by tracer fire. The tank, continually under heavy enemy fire, continued to within 20 feet of the pillbox where Sergeant Drowley received a severe bullet wound in the chest. Refusing to return for medical treatment he remained on the tank and continued to direct its progress until the enemy position was definitely located by the crew. At this point he again was wounded by small-arms fire, losing his left eye, and falling to the ground. He remained alongside the tank until the pillbox had been completely demolished and another, directly behind the first, destroyed. Sergeant Drowley, his voluntary mission successfully accomplished, returned alone for medical treatment," the citation stated.

Firing upon an attacking force of about 80 Germans, Pfc. William J. Johnston killed or wounded at least 25 and forced the rest to flee. All day in the face of enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire he manned his gun without relief. When, on two occasions, individual Germans worked so close to his position that firing his machine-gun became ineffective, Johnston killed one with his pistol and the other with a rifle taken from another soldier.

"Though reported killed Private Johnston was seen returning to the American lines on the morning of 19 February, slowly and painfully working his way back from his overrun position through enemy lines. He gave valuable information of new enemy dispositions," the citation states. "His heroic determination to destroy the enemy and his disregard of his own safety aided immeasurably in halting a strong enemy attack, caused an enormous amount of enemy casualties, and so inspired his fellow soldiers that they fought for and held a vitally important position against greatly superior forces."

## Platoon Sergeant Invents Blank Firing Attachment

Just because the new A6 light machine gun does not come equipped with a blank firing attachment proved no hindrance to T-Sgt. Lawrence W. Steinmetz, Jr., platoon sergeant, Co. B, 222d Inf., who likes realism in field problems. Blending ingenuity with common sense, he contrived his own blank firing attachment, and now the A6 can produce its own blank firing when training calls for realism.

The invention is startling in its simplicity. Steinmetz welded a heavy layer of metal across the opening of the booster cap and drilled a 1/4-inch hole in the center. This narrowing of the original opening permitted enough gas to be retained within the weapon to throw the movable parts of the gun back to produce automatic action.

Assisting in the development of the new contrivance was S-Sgt. Samuel A. Golden, Co. B, section leader.

## Birthday Party Held for Patients

An old fashioned birthday party—complete with a big white cake, games, prizes, music and gifts for the 30 men with October birthdays—was held Tuesday night in the Red Cross Recreation room for patients in the Station Hospital.

"Birthday patients" were the first to be served a piece of decorated cake upon which was the inscription, "Happy Birthday to You Lucky October GIs." The handsome cake was the creation of Pfc. Zigmund Killian, Med. Det.

Thanks for the party, one of the most popular ever held at the Hospital, is due the Business and Professional Women's Club of Muskogee of which Mrs. W. T. Cohenour is chairman.

## It's Circus Time At Camp Gruber

With the roof of Camp Gruber's Field House serving as the Big Top, Benny Fox's Star Spangled Circus rolled into camp Monday with his troupe of trained horses, ponies, dogs, and elephant plus a cast of 70 performers. The circus hoisted its safety net and set up the bleachers for a seven night stand and nine shows, free of charge to both GIs and their civilian guests.

With the Rainbow band furnishing the music, performances will be given at 2000 for the next four nights including Sunday, and matinees at 1400 are scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are being distributed to all units on a quota basis. No civilian will be admitted unless accompanied by a person in uniform.

The circus, which runs to more than two hours in length, features among its scores of troupers, performers from practically every circus, though the majority are from Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey's, according to Benny Fox impresario, producer, and himself a veteran of 31 years tramping on the high wire. Among the top stars in his show are La Tosca, queen of the somersaults; and Charles Segquist who 56 years ago created the original role of the "Man on the Flying Trapeze," which inspired the song, and who now at 76 performs with his daughter and grandchild.

Camp Gruber is the 76th camp in which the Star Spangled Circus has appeared since Benny Fox 19 months ago sold the War Department on his plan for producing a circus strictly for GIs. After playing two more camps, the show will wind up its long continental tour and take on an overseas assignment. Meanwhile, GIs packing the bleachers solidly at the Field House every night are showing their pleasure over the fact that it's Circus Week at Camp Gruber.

## "Hats Off" Plays Two Night Stand

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act who have played all the major vaudeville circuits; and James Evans, a veteran juggler who's reportedly able to perform more tricks with his feet than some jugglers can with their hands. Evans has played in every civilized country in the world and on his latest tour of England gave a command performance for the King and Queen.

"Hats Off" features several other headliners including Carmen Kaye, singer; Elliott Fisher, violinist; and Herron and Richardson, musical and singing act.

## Party Will Un-Hex Day of Ill Omen

Tomorrow is Friday the Thirteenth, but Service Club No. 2 is ready to un-hex the traditional day of ill luck with a gala debunking party in which superstitions, ancient and modern, will be enthusiastically lampooned.

Lending a hand in the proceedings will be the Service Cadettes, a bevy of Muskogee girls, who will be appropriately costumed for the surprise party. Prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes.

Old Man Supersitition will ride to fall with ladders for party guests to walk under, black cats to dart across their line of march, and all the salt you want to spill. Providing the musical entertainment will be the 97th AGF band. The party starts at 2000.

## 'Popcorn' Nights Set At Serv. Club No. 2

If you're lonesome for those long winter evenings when you sat in front of a big open fire and roasted marshmallows, or popped corn, or just sat—then your lonesome days are over. Beginning next Sunday Service Club No. 2 is going to provide just such an atmosphere—popcorn, marshmallows, a big roaring fire and all.

To have such a spot has been a dream of Mrs. Nedra Bernay, club hostess, for over two years, ever since the club was opened. The first year there was wood to burn, but no comfortable chair, no big andirons. Now, at last, however, everything is in readiness. A hearth set specially built and monogrammed for the balcony fireplace has arrived; big wrought iron wood baskets on each side will provide storage space for all the wood for a long winter evening, and comfortable chairs and lamps that shed a soft light are all ready—that is, if you aren't out on bivouac or something.

## Only Eight Days Left To Get Free Recording

Only 8 more days left, fellows, to make a free voice recording to send to the folks back home. The recordings will be mailed free anywhere within the United States' continental limits, and you can make as many of these voice letters as you wish, provided each is to a different person.

The recordings are being made by Roy Goldacker, under the auspices of the Pepsi-Cola Company. By 20 October when Goldacker concludes his visit here, he estimates he'll have supervised the making of some 15,000 discs at Camp Gruber. Below are the places where you can make recordings in the next 8 days.

12-14 October, PX 19; 15-20 October, Service Club No. 2.

## BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This sweet and charming lass is Miss Vantrice Arnold, whom Pfc. Lee Mandaro, Co. F, 242d Inf., proudly presents as his billfold girl. Miss Arnold, a Tulsa girl, has hazel eyes, brown hair, is five feet, one inch tall, and 18 years old. One reason Lee is so rightfully proud of Vantrice is that very soon she's to become Mrs. Mandaro—this Sunday, 15 Oct., to be exact. Congratulations and very best wishes.

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