

Gen. Confusion Say:
Well, Con, I'm Off
To The Chapel And
Then a Turkey Dinner

Pfc. Confucius Reply:
Fine. Thanksgiving
Good Day For
Wing And a Prayer

RAINBOW REVEILLE

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These Men Got the Bird—and Plenty!



Pvt. R. W. Nodorft and Cpl. Francis A. Ferrot, 42d Qm. Co., had their arms full of turkey this week over at the Camp Cold Storage plant as they prepared to send the birds off to Rainbow Division Mess Halls for tonight's big feast. Today something beside their arms will be full of turkey.

Typhus and Scrub Typhus Pick Off More Soldiers Than Do Bullets

Louse-borne epidemics may become of increasing military importance with each succeeding winter during the war, according to Capt. Morris Fiterman, Division Medical Inspector, who has seen epidemics of the disease—typhus—in Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco, as well as in East Germany, Romania and Hungary in previous years.

One of the most deadly diseases in the history of human epidemics, typhus has caused devastation and misery in times of famine and war, and also dislocation of populations. Often, it has been responsible for the success or failure of campaigns. It has delayed the start of attacks by armies.

Typhus is one of the GI's most sinister enemies in the field in winter. Lice, which live in the underclothing and suck blood twice a day, like winter weather. That is when they flourish, under conditions of overcrowding and filth. The poorer quarters of many European cities have never been free from typhus, which is often called jail fever, hospital fever, or camp fever, according to the conditions under which it is spread.

In 1915, in Serbia alone, during the last war, 135,000 people died of the infection.

Typhus fever occurs within 18

days after contact with infected body lice, and produces high fever and rash. Scrub typhus, an entirely different disease, is found in the Southwest Pacific, and is transmitted by a mite. The distribution of these two diseases covers more area of the world than malaria, and they have a profound influence on the history of the world.

Party Gives Medics Shot In the Arm

Life should have gone to the 122d Med. Bn. gala night club party last Friday night at the GI Club, according to Medics who attended. Besides wives and sweethearts, 50 Tulsa girls, chaperoned by Miss Dophia Stark, were present to provide a good reason for the dance music supplied by the Division Sophisticates. In addition, Miss Stark brought along a short, well-paced night club revue.

Credit for the party's success goes to the party committee, consisting of Lt. Harold H. Zander, S-Sgt. Morton L. Weiser, and Sgts. Anthony Dellaria, Wendell F. Earthman, Thomas C. Stuart, and William Schuster.

The Melody Lingers On—and On—and On

Some say it's a melody, some say it's a malady—depends on which side of the fence they are on over at Hq. Btry., Divarty. The barracks there have become infested with ocarinas, a breed of musical monstrosities known familiarly as "sweet potatoes."

Under the able baton of maestro T-5 Irving Weinstein, the battery is fast developing quite a sweet potato ensemble, including such talented musicians from the Boston Bean Symphony as Leopold "Stokowski" Cole, Albert "Wallenstein" Royce, and Fritz "Kreisler" Bibeau.

Two Rainbow Men Die in Auto Plunge

Two Rainbow men were drowned in an automobile accident near Pryor last Saturday, when their bodies were found in an automobile in a river where the car had evidently missed the turn on to a bridge and plunged the two men to their death.

The men were both members of Btry. B, 402d F. A. Bn. They were Pfc. Mathew M. Barbour, of Wayne, Pa., and Pvt. Joseph R. Choquet, Brockton, Mass.

27,847 Pounds Of Turkey Ready

Earlier this week 338 crates of choice Oklahoma turkeys—27,847 lbs.—were piled high in the Camp Cold Storage Warehouse, and today those same turkeys are acquiring a delicious brown in Mess Hall ovens all over camp awaiting their final disposition at the hands of GIs at this evening's Thanksgiving Dinners.

Many other Rainbow men will travel into Muskogee for dinner with their families or as the guests of citizens of Muskogee. A special Division order excuses all men from training at 1500 Thursday to allow them to eat their Thanksgiving meal in town if they choose.

Special Thanksgiving religious services have been scheduled for 1400 and men desiring to attend may be excused to do so. General Protestant Services will be held at 1400 at Chapel No. 1 and at 1430 at Chapel No. 9. Catholic Mass will be held at 1400 at Chapel No. 9 and 1435 at Chapel No. 1. Jewish Services are scheduled at the 122d Med. Bn. Rec Hall for 1400.

The official army menu for the Thanksgiving Dinner includes just about everything that a person

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It Takes the Feminine Touch



Prettying up Christmas presents for all-thumbs GIs is Mrs. Maxine Locke, one of the volunteer workers who came to the rescue in the Christmas package wrapping booth at Service Club No. 1. The only man who seems interested in wrapping his own package is an unidentified non-Division GI, second from the left. The others, left to right, are Pfc. A. Fortier, S-Sgt. Alfred Strickland, and T-5 Gene Stogren, all of Signal Co.

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Big Little Killers

Every GI enters battle with a healthy respect for enemy fire. But the biggest boosters of casualty lists on more than one Allied front in this war haven't been the weapons of the Nips and Nazis at all.

In the Pacific, an even more deadly foe has attacked our troops—the anopholes mosquito, stealthy bearer of malaria, an untamed killer that has cut more deeply into the ranks of GIs and marines than has the Jap. Malaria has made every continent its battleground.

In North Africa, Egypt and Europe the body louse, bearer of typhus fever, spawned in the dirt of congested population centers and frequently spread by homeless hordes of civilians fleeing the path of war, has laid low countless victims since the outbreak of war.

They don't look impressive as enemies—a tiny louse, a featherweight mosquito. But the casualty lists show what a terrific punch these killers carry. Can they be licked? It's your answer. The best antidotes are those simple rules every GI has heard many times in lectures and training films. We can't afford to throw away the rule book when fighting a louse of any type—whether it's a Nip, Nazi or body parasite.

Service Club Doings

Service Club No. 1

Thursday 2000—Thanksgiving Dance. Tulsa girls. Div. band. Friday 2000—Open Dance. Saturday 2000—Square Dance Exhibition. 2030—Square Dancing. Sunday 2000—Haskell Harmonettes; Okmulgee Pony Girls' Kitchen Band. Monday 1845—Language Classes. 2000—Dance Classes; Bingo. Tuesday 2000—Movies; Songfest.

Service Club No. 2

Thursday 2000—Thanksgiving Dance. Tulsa girls. Cmdrs. orch. Friday 2000—Dance. Muskogee USO girls. Div. band. Saturday 2000—Dance. Bartlesville girls. 402d Orch. Sunday 1430-1700—Dance. 1700-1900—Dinner dates. 1900-2200—Dance. Tulsa girls. Monday 2015—Movies; Bridge. Tuesday 2000—Bingo. Wednesday 2000—Dance Muskogee USO girls. 200th AGF band.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Thirty Seconds over Tokyo." Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson. Friday—"None But the Lonely Heart," Cary Grant, Ethel Barrymore. Saturday—"Sign of the Cross," Claudette Colbert, Fredric March, Charles Laughton. Sunday and Monday—"Meet Me in St. Louis," Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien. Tuesday—"Missing Juror," Janis Carter; "The Great Mike," Stuart Erwin. Wednesday and Thursday—"Together Again," Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer.

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"Reckless Age," Gloria Jean; "The Unwritten Code," Tom Neal. Friday and Saturday—"Thirty Seconds over Tokyo." Sunday—"None But the Lonely Heart." Monday—"Sign of the Cross." Tuesday and Wednesday—"Meet Me in St. Louis." Thursday—"Missing Juror" and "The Great Mike."

GI One-Minute Interviews

THE QUESTION

What's Your Favorite Type of Movie?

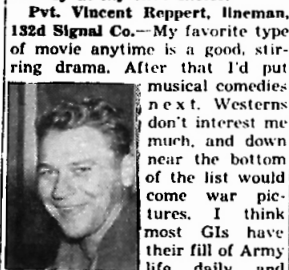
THE ANSWERS

S-Sgt. Richard W. Miller, surgical technician, Co. B, 122d Med. Bn.—Give me a good drama every time, something that has a real story to it—it doesn't make any particular difference whether it's funny or not.



After dramatic pictures, you can put musicals on my list. And never mind the war pictures. Or the double features. I can get along fine without them. My idea of a picture that's tops is "Laura" that played here last week. It was a murder mystery that had a real story to it. Another one I rate high is "Frenchman's Creek," which had plenty of fast-moving action and was easy on the eyes, too.

Sgt. Charles Solinsky, MP Platoon, Special Troops—When I was single and lived in upper New York State I used to go to movies pretty often, but since I got married and my wife is living in Muskogee I hardly go at all anymore. I'm not much of a fan for either movies or stage plays. As far as entertainment goes, something interesting to read will suit me fine. I guess it's been all of six months since I took in my last movie, and darned if I can remember the name of THAT one even. However, if I was to rate movies by my choice, I'd pick a musical comedy as my first choice.



Pvt. Vincent Reppert, line man, 132d Signal Co.—My favorite type of movie anytime is a good, stirring drama. After that I'd put musical comedies next. Westerns don't interest me much, and down near the bottom of the list would come war pictures. I think most GIs have their fill of Army life daily and like to see something different on the screen. One of my favorite pictures in recent months was "The Seventh Cross," with Spencer Tracy. Something I especially like about Army movie programs is that, most of the time, they run no double bills.

THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



By SGT. SCOTT CORBETT

It's getting so that a GI never knows who's going to be lecturing him next. In rec halls, dorms, or outdoors under the broad blue sky, with nothing between me and the cold ground but a bit of herringbone twill, I have been lectured at continuously since the day I entered the Army, and not just by officers or sergeants, but sometimes even by privates.

This is a terrible thing the Army is doing. By the time the war's over, there will scarcely be a man left among us who is unaccustomed to public speaking. We'll all have tasted that strange exultation, that sense of heady power, which goes with getting on your feet and swaying your audience with a few well-chosen words on field sanitation or the function of the trigger housing group. Ten million of us will have a new accomplishment—public speaking—and we will want an outlet for it.

One outlet will, of course, be after-dinner speeches. But how can we ever hold enough public banquets for 10 million men to after-dinner-speak

at? The answer is, we're going to have to establish a new custom—after-dinner speeches at private dinners.

"The Joneses are coming over for potluck tonight," the wife will tell you, and immediately you'll whip out an old envelope and start jotting down notes for a little after-dinner speech.

"Glad to have you with us tonight... the food is plain and simple, but the ladies, thank God, are neither... reminds me of story about two old maids... in conclusion, want to welcome you to the bridge table... hope enjoyable evening."

Some of the instructors I've had are going to lose a lot of friends under this new arrangement, though. It's bad enough to doze off during a lecture in a rec hall—but it would be even more embarrassing at a dinner for four when your host was speaking. Imagine having him stop and snap, "You, there! Stand up!", and then have to stand up in front of your wife and his wife until he finished.

"Irma Quigley is a wonderful cook," I'd tell my wife, "but I can't keep my eyes open when Fred Quigley gets up and starts droning. Never could, even back in the Army when he had interesting subjects like the Articles of War to work with. So tell 'em we're busy."

Something must be done to give us GI public speakers an outlet after the war, certainly, or we'll all get soapboxes and turn to rabble-rousing—and that would be terrible, because with 10 million of us working at it, I doubt if there would be rabble enough to go around.



War Fund Drive Sets New Record

With contributions from Rainbow GIs and officers nearly topping the \$5700 mark, Camp Gruber's National War Fund Drive officially closed Monday night, 20 Nov., with final tallies showing the 42d personnel had contributed nearly 50 percent of the total fund to which all other post units, and civilian employees, had contributed.

The Camp's total contribution, exceeding \$12,000, surpassed all previous records for collections of this type.

Below is a breakdown by units of the Rainbow's contribution to the camp quota:

Hq. Staff Officers.....	\$ 124.00
Special Troops	511.35
12d Recon. Troop.....	42.25
122d Med Bn.....	184.11
124d Engrs.....	219.22
Div. Arty.....	102.10
232d FA Bn.....	169.69
392d FA Bn.....	251.66
402d FA Bn.....	280.59
232d Inf.....	1052.32
232d Inf.....	1237.73
242d Inf.....	1269.96
Total	\$5686.34

Musical Musings

By CPL. DON STELZER

Replacing T-5 Wendell Lundholm in the Division danceband's piano chair is Cpl. Frank Yakots. Before entering the service, Yakots pounded the 88s with many of America's leading bands including Johnny (Scott) Davis, Ray Noble and Herbie Holmes.

Many of you GIs have probably never caught Benny Johnson and his band, now doing a stint at the American Legion ballroom in Muskogee. Johnson and his boys all were formerly featured men with Jimmy Lunceford, Earl (Father) Hines, Count Basie and many other name Negro bands. One of the outstanding men is the lead alto man, playing one of the closest hot altos to Johnny Hodges your reporter has ever heard.

Pot of Gold

This week's joyous jugful of glittering gold goes to Pfc. Cyril A. Maaserang, Co. I, 222.

Seems that S-Sgt. Larry McWilliams, same company, armed with tackle, flies, bait and high hopes had just taken off on another of his famous fishing trips. Hearing of this, Maaserang was moved to quip:

"Wonder what Mac will get this time—the fish or the story?"

13 Units Given Commendations

The entire Division was commended this week by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, for "Excellent" ratings in motor maintenance received in the inspection recently conducted by the Fourth Army Ordnance Inspection Team.

In addition, 13 units and organizations received the Commanding General's praise for their over-all ratings of "Excellent" in armament and instruction as well as vehicle maintenance. Heading this list was the 742d Ord. Co. to whose commanding officer General Collins stated in a letter: "Such results indicate that you have given close attention to the all-important matter of ordnance maintenance. Excellent garrison standards bear a positive correlation with standards that will be expected in combat."

Other units and organizations recognized by the Division Commander were:

Hq. Service, Cannon Co., and Med. Det., 222d Inf.
42d Engr. Bn.
42d QM Co.
Hq. Btry. and Btry. B, 402d FA Bn.
Cannon Co. and Hq. Co., Second Bn., 242d Inf.
Service Co., 222d Inf.
232d FA Bn.

BATON MAN MARRIES

Wedding bells rang in Tulsa last week for S-Sgt. Clair R. Gibson, director of the Division Dance Band, and the former Peggy Martin, of Chadbourne, N. C. The couple plan to make their home in Pennsylvania after the war.

'Invasion' Draws Change of Quarters



"Invasion," pet fawn of Hq. Btry., 542d FA Bn., has been transferred from the Rainbow Division and assigned to the permanent station complement, where she will be attached to the new deer park for rations and quarters. Welcoming "Invasion" to the Post is Col. Landon Lockett, Camp Commander. Standing by is First Sgt. Herman T. Hulse of Hq. Btry. who nursed Invasion to young deerhood and Capt. Robert J. Weill, Battery Commander.

42d Joins Sixth War Bond Drive

Rainbow GIs dug into their pockets this week, launching the Division's campaign in support of the nation's Sixth War Loan Drive which covers the period 20 November-31 December.

Nationally, the goal of this drive is \$14 billion of which \$5 billion has been set as the quota for individual purchases by civilians and members of the armed forces.

No specific quota is being set for military personnel but the War Department, in enlisting the help of every GI in the current bond drive, urges that men aid their country and their own post-war security by taking one or more of the following steps during the six weeks' bond campaign:

1. Start a Class B allotment. (A monthly allotment of \$7.50

GIs Get Turkey Dinners Tonight

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could ask for. Here it is: Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Nut Dressing, Snowflake Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Buttered Peas, Sweet Mixed Pickles, Stuffed Celery, Sliced Tomatoes, Pumpkin Pie, Ice Cream, Mixed Nuts, and Hot Rolls, Butter and Coffee.

buys you one GI war bond every month, redeemable at \$10 on maturity).

2. If you have an allotment, increase it if you can possibly afford to do so.

3. Make at least one cash war bond purchase during this period. (Cash purchases of bonds may be made daily at the Camp Finance Office, 3d St. and S. Gruber Drive, between the hours of 0800 and 1700, except Sundays and noon hours).

Male Call



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



Miscue At Staging Area



His Old Outfit Wins Battle Honors



Sgt. Earl Wills, Med. Det., Special Troops, points to Gela where 1st Bn., 16th Inf., fought heroically to win beach-head in Sicily, July 1943. Wills, who served with the organization, recently received group citation given each member.

42d Non-Com, Holder of Silver Star, Receives Group Citation for Heroism

To T-Sgt. Earl Wills, Med. Det., Special Troops, veteran of 16 months service overseas and holder of the Silver Star for gallantry in action while with the famous 1st Division's Medical Section, have gone new battle honors.

While on furlough in Brooklyn recently, Wills, as a former member of the 1st battalion, 16th Infantry, received a citation in praise of that unit's outstanding heroism in two actions—one in the vicinity of Mateur, Tunisia, 29-30 April, 1943, and the second near Gela, 10-14 July, 1943, where the 1st Division spearheaded the invasion of Sicily.

In Tunisia, the heroic stand of the 1st battalion in the face of tremendously superior forces, immobilized sufficient enemy troops to enable other Allied forces to achieve a break-through and ultimately smash the enemy at Bizerte and Tunis.

Against fierce resistance following the landing at Gela in July, the 1st battalion, though heavily outnumbered, fought savagely. In the ensuing four days, despite counter-attacks, it inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, secured the right flank of the Division's narrow beach-head, and eliminated all threats to American security. In one engagement, the 1st battalion fought continuously for 30 hours and successfully held its ground.

Of the battalion's performance at Gela, the citation says: "The

heroic daring, outstanding fearlessness and self-sacrificing devotion to duty of every man in this action are worthy of the highest praise."

Wills, who hails from Brooklyn, enlisted in November 1939, and before coming to the 42d, spent 15 months overseas, nine of them in action. Besides the engagements mentioned, he was in the battles of Kasserine Pass, El Guettar, Gafsa, and Ouselita, and during the thick of the struggle for Sicily he was once on duty rescuing wounded for 31 days without relief.

Square Dancing And Show Saturday

There'll be cries of "Change Partner!" ringing out in the Social Hall of Service Club No. 1 Saturday night when square dancing and dancers will hold the floor.

Al Bethel, Spavinaw hills mail carrier, and his entertainers of the Gay 'Nineties Revue, will stage an exhibition of square dancing between 2000 and 2030 following which GIs and their partners will have the floor for the rest of the evening to caper in their own square dances.

With Al Bethel's troupe will be a group of players to provide genuine hill billy music the entire evening.

Artillery Teams Seek Grid Title

One of the liveliest athletic tournaments to be held in the Division this season is under way among the various batteries of Division Artillery, with touch football the game, and winning of the Artillery championship at a "Dust Bowl" playoff the objective.

At present elimination contests are being held between batteries of each of the four battalions, with nine games already played. After each battalion champion is named, semi-finals will be determined between the 232d FA Bn. and the 542d., and between the 392d FA Bn. and the 402d. The winners of these two playoffs will meet in the big final game.

Games played to date are:

232d League			
Hq. Btry.13	Btry. B.0	Hq. Btry.15	Hq. Btry.8
Btry. C.20	Btry. B.0	Btry. A.26	Btry. C.6
Btry. A.26	Btry. C.6	Btry. C.26	Serv. Btry.0
392d League			
Hq. Btry.6	Btry. A.6	Btry. C.6	Btry. B.0
Btry. B.20	Hq. Btry.0	Serv. Btry.6	Btry. A.0
Hq. Btry.12	Btry. A.12	Btry. B.13	Btry. C.6
542d League			
Btry. A.6	Btry. C.0	Btry. B.13	Hq. 542d7
Hq. 542d13	Hq. Div. Arty.0	Btry. A.13	Btry. B.0

The 402d opens its tournament this week. Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., has entered a team in the 542d League.

THEY'LL MISS HIM

An old knee injury has resulted in a transfer out of the Rainbow for the popular first sergeant, Arlo Campbell, of Co. D, 122 Med.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This is Miss Lillian Katz of New York City. She's a secretary and also the light in the eyes of Cpl. Aaron J. Adoff, Med. Det., Hq. Btry., 42d Artillery.

Girl Band Uses Kitchen Metalware

Postponed from last Sunday, the Okmulgee Pony Girls' Kitchen Band is definitely scheduled for an appearance this Sunday night at 2000 in Service Club No. 1.

A group of novelty entertainers, the Okmulgee tombo makes its music with instruments converted from kitchen utensils.

YEA, TEAM!

After observing the smooth functioning and rapid firing of the fourth section of Btry. B, 542, new member Pvt. M. R. Rober shrewdly remarked, "If that's the fourth squad, boy, what could the Varsity do?"

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Well? Blonde or brunette?"