

Phony "Inside  
Dope" Often  
Makes a Bad  
Shot in the Arm

Two Shopping Days  
Left Till Payday.  
Got Anything Left  
To Shop With?

# RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## Rainbow Scores High In Latest Corps Tests

Results of the recent Corps tests, conducted at the end of the Rainbow Division's basic training period, have been announced, and verify the unofficial report published several weeks ago that "the results placed the Division high among those tested by the Third Army."

Of the three Infantry regiments, the 232nd Infantry had the highest grade. (This does not include the communications personnel, medical detachments or intelligence personnel.)

The 242nd Infantry rated highest for its intelligence personnel.

The 222nd Infantry had the best medical detachment and commu-

## Division Joins Second Army

The Rainbow Division has become a part of the XVI Corps of the Second Army. Though this has been unofficially known for some time, the official announcement was not made until this week.

The Second Army, commanded by Lieut. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, has its headquarters in Memphis, Tenn. Its history goes back to 9 September 1918, when General Pershing appointed Col. Stuart Heintzelman to organize it as its chief of staff. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Bullard became its first commanding general on 12 October 1918.

Under the leadership of men such as General Fredendall, who recently visited Camp Gruber to inspect the Rainbow Division, the Second Army has come to be considered one of the finest in the world. In the fall of 1941, the largest maneuvers ever held up to that time took place between the Second and Third Armies near Camp Beauregard, La. In his "History of the United States Army," Col. William Addleman Ganoe states: "Although there was still a lamentable lack of weapons and experience with them, the maneuvers were the most benefiting in the history of the country."

The XVI Corps, with Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson commanding, is a new corps formed in December 1943. Since that time General Anderson has visited Camp Gruber twice.

The XVI Corps headquarters are in Ft. Riley, Kan.

See biographical sketches and pictures of General Fredendall and General Anderson on page 3.

## Allotments Exempt From Income Tax

Army wives and other dependents of Army men, with a single exception, need not pay income tax on family allowances or Class E allotments, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert director of the War Department Office of Dependency benefits, the agency that distributes these allotments. The entire amount of the check received by an Army wife is exempt from taxation. The possible exception is the divorced wife who receives an allotment in payment of alimony.

## Rainbow Division On the Air in Network Broadcast



ABOVE—Left to right, Pfc. Richard Romain, Engineers, Cpl. Jerry Ade, Infantry, Pvt. Tom Durant, announcer, Pvt. Dellis B. Sutherland, Recon Troops, and Pfc. George W. Schaffer, Field Artillery, question S-Sgt. John Wintrobe, Anti-Tank Co., 222nd Inf., about the old Rainbow and the new.

RIGHT—Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, speaks to the men and women of the Rainbow.

## Vets' Broadcast Heard by Nation

In a broadcast on 22 February, the day on which in 1918 the first units of the Rainbow Division entered the trenches, Rainbow Veterans heard of the progress of the re-activated Rainbow Division from its commanding general, Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, and from S-Sgt. John Wintrobe, Rainbow Veteran of World War I who is back with the Rainbow again.

The broadcast was over Mutual Broadcasting System and emanated from Chicago at 2115 Tuesday night. After opening in Chicago, the program switched to Camp Gruber for music by the Rainbow Band, then returned to Chicago for a speech by Robert R. Reno, president of the Rainbow Veterans. Returning to Camp Gruber, a skit was presented in which soldiers asked Sgt. Wintrobe questions concerning the old Rainbow and the new, after which General Collins addressed the "Men and women of the Rainbow." Excerpts from his speech follow:

"When I say men and women of the Rainbow, I mean not only the veterans of this Division and their families, and the soldiers with us now ... I mean also the fathers and mothers who have given us their fine young sons, and all of you close to someone in this Division. ...

"From the day of our activation, I have promised that no soldier of the Rainbow will die in battle because I failed in his training. I hope to tell you tonight (Continued on page 5)



## Old Rainbow Division Got Its Rumors Too Late; Local Society Gets Setback

The Department of Division Disintegration of the Rainbow Rumor Society was busily refining its pet rumor—that the Rainbow is just a replacement Division—when an unidentified man rose and threw the meeting into confusion by reading a paper based on "A Bug's Eye View of the War," by Pvt. Charles G. MacArthur, Btry. F, 149th U. S. Field Artillery, a member of the first Rainbow Division. Pvt. MacArthur later joined forces with Ben Hecht to write such stage hits as "The Front Page," and also married the actress, Helen Hayes.

In his book, MacArthur tells of how his outfit, after it had been in France two weeks, received its first mail from home. "Our first mail came," he

wrote. "The date is worth remembering—November 18. It had been sent to Camp Mills and forwarded. All of us were comforted to learn that our parents and friends knew men who were on the inside of things at Washington, and who said, by gosh, that the Rainbow Division would spend the winter at Camp Mills, and that it was hardly likely it would ever see France."

As for the present Rainbow Division and the Rumor Society's claim that it is a replacement Division, here are the facts which, when presented, broke up the meeting:

1. There ain't no such animal as (Continued on page 5)

## FUN FOR THE KIDDIES

The nursery at Guest House No. 2 will be a gay place for kiddies to play from now on. Pvt. Russell Sherman, Co. F, 242nd Inf., is doing murals for the room. He has also presented the guest house with one of his original lithographs.

## CAUGHT FLAT FOOTED

Pfc. Iandoli, Cannon Co., 222nd Inf., had a big disappointment last week when his furlough was suddenly cancelled and he was ordered to appear before a medical board. It seems that they had just discovered he had flat feet—after three years in the Army.



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## What's In It For You?

So the Red Cross never did anything for you! Well, wise guy, neither did your insurance policy.

Next Tuesday when you pick up those greenbacks and that loose change from the pay-table, make your next stop right there at the table with the Red Cross. If you need a reason—which most of us don't—for giving a dollar or whatever you can afford, then just remember that you may be saving your own life. It's like putting money in the bank—in this case, a blood bank.

But that's the extreme view of why everyone of us should give something to the Red Cross War Fund Drive. That's only a part of what the Red Cross can do for you; only a bit of the broad humanitarian program of an organization that is the heartbeat of a peace-loving, liberty-loving people.

Most typical work of the Red Cross is in the Army hospitals—right here in Camp Gruber or in the hospital tents within earshot of enemy guns. There Red Cross personnel is constantly extending a helping hand in a myriad way. Testimony of wounded men from overseas is all we should need to make us want to give—amply and freely.

So let there be no hesitation next Tuesday. Your contribution to the Red Cross is for the preservation of the same things in America that we are training now to fight to preserve.

Incidentally, a nice thing to have along on a furlough is a wallet with something in it besides an old lodge membership card. Moola will give you a lot more fun if it goes home on furlough with you than if it stays here along with the memory of an unfilled inside straight.

## Movie Schedule

## Theaters 1 and 3

Thursday—"Rationing" Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main.

Friday—"Bridge of San Luis Rey." Francis Lederer, Lynn Bari, Akim Tamiroff.

Saturday—"Stage Door Canteen." All Star Cast.

Sunday and Monday—"Tender Comrade." Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan, Ruth Hussey.

Tuesday—"My Best Gal." Jane Withers, Jimmy Lyon. And "The Curse of the Cat People." Simone Simon, Kent Smith, Ann Carter.

Wednesday and Thursday—"The Uninvited." Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp.

## Theaters 2 and 4

Thursday—"Mojave Firebrand." Wild Bill Elliott, Gabby Hayes. And "Weekend Pass." Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery Jr.

Friday and Saturday—"Rationing." Wallace Beery, Marjorie Main.

Sunday—"Bridge of San Luis Rey." Francis Lederer, Lynn Bari, Akim Tamiroff.

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## Service Club Doings

## Service Club No. 1

Thursday 2045—Hey Rube Show. Friday 2000-2300—Open Dance. Saturday 2000—Al Bethel with Gay Nineties Square Dance. Sunday 2000—Take It or Leave It. Monday 2000—Games. Prizes. Tuesday 2000—Song-Fest. Wednesday 2000-2300—Dance. USO Girls.

## Service Club No. 2

Thursday 1900—"Pass the Buck." Friday 2000-2300—Dance. Saturday 2000—Games. Prizes. Sunday 2000—200th Army Band Concert. Monday 2000—Song-Fest. Tuesday 2000—GI Movies. Wednesday 2000—Variety Show.

## The Wolf

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## The Chaplain Says

CHAPLAIN E. A. BOHNNEN  
Hq. 42nd Div.

Sometimes one can't help wishing that the statement "There are no atheists in fox-holes" were given a furlough, or better still, a CDD. Too much has been made of the idea that God suddenly makes His appearance in slit trenches or on rafts in the middle of the ocean. The Rickenbacker incident was good drama but was somewhat irrelevant in terms of theology. For the fact of the matter is that what really counts is the extent to which God is present in a man's heart when he is in his barracks, or on bivouac, or on a long hike, or when he leaves camp with a pass in his pocket.

Someone put it very well when he said that the reason there are no atheists in fox-holes is because there are so few atheists anywhere. The great difference we find in people is in their ability to let God help them in their normal day-by-day activities. The man who comes into his Chapel for a few moments of communion with his God is much stronger because of it. He tackles his problems with calmness and with self-assurance. He knows that he is not alone. He can adjust himself to any situation and take it in his stride. When he is confronted with some crisis he has the spiritual armor with which to meet it and he does not go to pieces. It does not require a crisis to bring God to him; the crisis merely serves to point out the extent to which he had God in his heart all the time.

The remarkable incident in the book of Kings in which Elijah calls upon God is significant for us in these eventful days: "... a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice."

Elijah did not sense the presence of God in the spectacular phenomena of nature; he did find Him in the still small voice. So it is with us. Of course God is present in fox-holes and on rafts in the middle of the ocean. But what is more important, he is present in our hearts whenever and wherever we call upon Him for help in moments of gloom, in moments of uncertainty, in moments of frustration, and in moments of despair. It is not necessary to cross the seas to find God. He can be found wherever men seek Him.

## Chapel Services

Division Chapel  
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal).  
1000 Protestant Service.  
1100 Protestant Service.  
222 Infantry Regiment  
Chapel No. 2  
0900 Catholic Mass.  
1000 Protestant Service.  
1815 Daily Catholic Mass.  
1830 Song Service.  
1900 Protestant Bible Study.  
1930 Rosary and Benediction.  
232 Infantry Regiment  
Chapel No. 8  
0715 Holy Communion (Catholic).  
0815 Catholic Mass.  
0915 Protestant Sunday School.  
0945 Protestant Service.  
1830 Protestant Evening Service.  
1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).  
1915 Communion (Church of Christ).  
1945 Protestant Choir Rehearsal (Thursday).  
2100 Catholic Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday).  
242 Infantry Regiment  
Chapel No. 4  
0715 Daily Catholic Mass.  
0730 Daily Catholic Mass.  
0715 Holy Communion.  
0900 Catholic Mass.  
0930 Protestant Service.  
1100 Catholic Mass.  
0930 Protestant Service.  
1600-1700 Confessions (Saturday).  
Division Artillery  
Chapel No. 9  
0900 Catholic Mass.  
1000 Protestant Service.  
1800 General Song Service.  
Chapel No. 6  
1000 Christian Science.  
Special Troops  
Chapel No. 10  
0900 Protestant Service.  
1830 Protestant Service.  
Jewish Services  
2000 Chapel No. 3 (Friday)  
1400 Chapel No. 3 (Sunday)  
Christian Science Service  
1000 Chapel No. 5 (Sunday).

## Musical Musings

By CPL. DON STELZER

Xavier Cugat's dickering to conduct a Mexican Symphony orchestra as soon as he can find time in his heavy schedule... Chief Petty Officer Tex Beneke is leading a fast swing group at Norman, Okla. ... Frank Sinatra's screaming applause is being scuttled by the robust male voices on "Your Hit Parade"; as Joan Edwards steps to the mike, Miss "Swooness" gets the boys to fainting in the aisles...

Fort Ord, California, rates a top station band including Cpl. Marvin Ashbaugh, (Ben Pollack), piano, Sgt. Doodle Minton, (Les Brown), trumpet, and Sgt. Bob Larson, (Wayne King), sax... Pneumonia takes the life of one of the country's finest pianists, Bob Zurke—Zurke, until his death, was playing the Hangover Club, one of Hollywood's after-hour spots... Frankie Carle's new sweet swing band going great guns at Hotel Pennsylvania's Cafe Rouge Room—featured is Betty Bonney, sharing vocal honors with Lee Columbo and Rodger Bacon.

Lena Horne's first feature role will be Eliza in a "straight" version of the old American stage classic, UNCLE TOM'S CABIN, to be produced by Arthur Hornblow for MGM... Lieut. Larry Clinton, the old Dipsy Doodler, is a student officer at Bryan, Texas.

## THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



By PFC. SCOTT CORBETT

WITH THE 222ND INFANTRY, SOMEWHERE IN OKLAHOMA—Feb. 18 (Delayed)—Today I am spending a few hours at Col. Johnston's Camp For Boys in the Duck's Back Bivouac Area. This is one of the finest summer boys' camps in this vicinity, but as one stickler for detail pointed out, the Colonel is rushing the season.

When I jumped down off the back of the truck I'd hooked a ride on, I found myself treading mud to keep afloat. The boys of Company H's motor pool surveyed me from a safe distance.

"It's a winch job," one of them decided, and in no time at all they'd dragged me out. I have the winch-marks to prove it.

"Gosh, it's Ernie Pyle!" they exclaimed. "Gee, Mr. Pyle, you sure get around to all the fronts!"

"Ernie Pyle? I'm not Ernie Pyle," I snapped. "Ernie's cleaning up on his column. Know what they're paying me for mine? Fifty-four bucks a month! Fifty-four skins, for writing a column and doing a few incidental duties like hiking my feet off and then double-timing on the stumps and—and—Ernie Pyle! Say, I wish I had Ernie's Pyle!" I concluded with a rare flash of wit. Nobody thought it was very funny, though, so I left huffily to make a tour of the area.

The area was well policed up, and the tents arranged with all the fussy precision of an old maid's dressing-table top, but I was sure I'd find



a bunch of haggard, half-frozen men scarcely able to drag themselves over to get in line for seconds at chow. Instead I found a lad who used to bale hay back on his father's farm in Iowa busily engaged in kicking the stuffings out of a football with a guy who used to elbow the mahogany in a Third Avenue bar. These are the typical American boys who make up our—Oh-oh, how did Ernie Pyle get back in here?

It's funny how you finally run into some of the guys you came out on the train with or saw when you first got here and haven't seen since. Just the other day I ran into Tom Drew over in the Field Artillery—when I came out here, I slept with my nose an inch from the inside edge of an upper berth, and Tom was the guy who was snoring away on the outside edge.

Then out here in the 222nd's bivouac area, who should turn up but one of the first Rainbow men I ever saw, S-Sgt. Roy Dodd, Co. G. Don't misunderstand me—he just marched us around when we arrived in the filler reception area; I didn't know him or talk to him. I'd just come from a reception center where three-day generals with pfc. stripes ran our lives for us. I'd never even seen a sergeant before, let alone have the nerve to speak to one.

But I've always remembered Sgt. Dodd, because he slammed his helmet liner down on the ground and invited three guys from another outfit to step down and get whupped because they made a crack about the Rainbow. "That's the way you got to feel about your outfit," he told us afterwards as he marched us off to our first Gruber chow.

Say, what do you know, I'm beginning to sound almost like Mr. Pyle at that, hey, fellows? Okay, just call me Ernie.



## Gen. Fredendall, Second Army Chief, Has Background of Action in Africa



A tough, hard-hitting soldier, a ruthless disciplinarian, yet a man of good will and with a good sense of humor, is Lieut. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commanding general of the Second Army.

His Army career is colorful in its deviations from the usual. For example, a patient Senator from Wyoming appointed him to West Point twice, but both times young Fredendall proved "extremely goaty at mathematics," in the words of a man, now a major general, who was his classmate, and both times he was let out. The Senator was willing to try again, but Fredendall demurred.

Instead, he went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and stayed there until he had mastered mathematics. Then he obtained a commission in the Army through competitive examinations, placing first in a field of seventy.

Some twenty years later he attended the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth and, upon completing the course, was named a "distinguished graduate," an exceedingly rare honor.

In World War I his high state of training was put to use at a training school, of which he was commandant. A major then, he was appointed a temporary lieutenant colonel, and returned after the war to his permanent rank of major.

By the time World War II came along he was a general officer, and was chosen to lead our attack on Oran, after which he went on to further distinguish himself at Kasserine Pass, where he made regiments do the work of Divisions. Of his work there, Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark, Jr., assistant division commander of the Rainbow Division, has said, "working under the worst possible conditions, we couldn't ask for a better leader."

Even in maneuvers before the war, General Fredendall distinguished himself as a field general. When he took the Second Corps on maneuvers in the fall of 1941, he once made a 40-mile motor march in four hours, to capture a ridge the taking of which was expected to be a four-day job.

On these maneuvers he also showed flashes of his hearty sense of humor. When a Division commander was captured by the opposing Army, he was asked if he knew about it. "Yes," he replied,

"but we captured a truckload of First Corps bedding-rolls. They'll either give them back or sleep cold!"

Also during maneuvers he once reprimanded an artillery major who had moved his guns too close to the infantry lines. "I like to see the artillery well forward," he said, "but I don't want to see them so damned close that they have to put bayonets on the seventy-fives!"

## Gen. Anderson, XVI Corps Commander, Is Former CG of 102nd Inf. Division

As Commanding General of the newly-formed XVI Corps, Maj. Gen. John Benjamin Anderson brings to his new command not only the background of a West Point graduate and life-long Army man, but the experience of various assignments, that led quite naturally to his selection for his present command, which he assumed in December, 1943.



Prior to that General Anderson had been Commanding General of the 102nd Infantry Division at Camp Maxey, Texas, from its activation in September, 1942, to the time he assumed his present duties with the XVI Corps at Fort Riley, Kansas.

In the brief period that the

## Red Cross Drive Set For Pay Day

The Rainbow Division's chance to back the Red Cross will come on 20 February, the last pay day of this month. It has been designated by the Commanding General as the time for personnel of the Division, both officers and enlisted men, to make their contributions.

Containers bearing the Red Cross will be on all unit pay tables, so that contributions may be made at the time pay is received. All donors of \$1 or more will be given membership cards for the year 1944. Similar procedure will be followed at all officers messes.

Through the Red Cross, more than 5,700,000 pints of blood plasma have been collected—blood that has already saved countless lives of wounded soldiers. The armed services have asked for 5,000,000 more this year. If the funds are not available for that job, it may mean that men in combat, possibly men of this Division, will die on stretchers because there was not enough blood plasma to go around.

The Red Cross has already helped more than 3000 Rainbow men in the few months since the Division's re-activation. It has sent, or received from its various chapters, more than 3,000 telegrams concerning Rainbow men and their families in cases of emergency. It has loaned more than \$15,000 to men in the Division.

The Red Cross maintains more than 350 clubs, spread from Guadalcanal to Italy as well as throughout this country where men of the armed forces can find rest and recreation—and a cup of coffee on the house. Clubmobiles extend this service right up to the front lines in the battle areas and to the more isolated training areas here at home.

## Pin-Up Picture of the Week!



## New Corps Commander Easy On Bad Memories

Men who struggle to keep the Chain of Command memorized will find comfort in the fact that a satisfactory answer to the question, "Who is the Corps commander?" will still be "Major General Anderson."

The X Corps commander was Maj. Gen. Jonathan B. Anderson; the XVI Corps commander is Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson.

## 'Wolf' and 'Hospital' Cadences Latest Thing

Tired of the standard and skip cadence counts, the men of Co. M, 232nd Inf., went into a huddle and emerged with two new pace cadences—wolf and hospital.

The former is a one, two, three, four, plus a "H'ya, babe, goin' my way?" type of whistle, and the latter a hoarse, almost indiscernible whisper of the pace beat designed not to disturb hospital patients.

## Sunday Finds Sergeant in GI Bed Lazily Lapping Up Dream Breakfast



By SGT. ROBERT F. POPP  
Sgt. Arthur L. Johnson of the 42nd Reconnaissance Troop this week realized that highest ambition of all true dogfaces—Sunday morning breakfast in bed!

It all started Saturday afternoon when Sgt. Johnson and Sgt. Harold W. Lair, first cook, fell to discussing the relative merits of GI and civilian chow and the inconvenience of sweating out a chow line in a full scale sleet storm.

Finally came that last word in

all GI conversations on chow, Sgt. Lair's inquiry: "Well, what do you want—breakfast in bed?"

And Johnson insisted he did, but thought no more of the conversation.

Came Sunday morning, and the sergeant awakened to the aroma of steaming coffee in his GI abode. There stood Sgt. Lair, in charge of a detail of one KP, who bore a tray holding fried bacon and eggs, hot buttered toast and cereal, complete with cream and sugar.



# ..SPORTS..

## Division Basketball Playoffs Scheduled

Tuesday, 14 March will see the first games of the Division basketball playoffs between the three Infantry regiment teams, the Division Artillery and the M. P. Platoon.

Only one team, the MPs, victors in the Special Troops League, has so far won its right to participate in the Division playoffs. Teams from the other units have yet to establish unit champions. All, however, are nearing completion of their separate playoffs.

The tournament will be conducted on a round-robin schedule with each team playing the other four. The Division champion will be the team winding up the series with the highest percentage. In case of a tie, a series of three games out of five will be played to select the winner.

All games will begin at 1915 at the Field House. Following is the schedule for the playoffs:

Tuesday, 14 March  
222nd Inf. vs. 232nd Inf.  
242nd Inf. vs. 42nd Div. Arty.  
Thursday, 16 March  
242nd Inf. vs. 222nd Inf.  
42nd Div. MP vs. 232nd Inf.  
Tuesday, 21 March  
42nd Div. MP vs. 242nd Inf.  
42nd Div. Arty. vs. 222nd Inf.  
Thursday, 23 March  
42nd Div. Arty. vs. 42nd Div. MP.  
222nd Inf. vs. 242nd Inf.  
Tuesday, 28 March  
232 Inf. vs. 42nd Div. Arty.  
222nd Inf. vs. 42nd Div. MP.

## Marshall Will Join Cullers in Trek to National Tourney

Two Rainbow boxers will leave for Chicago this weekend to participate in the national Golden Gloves boxing tournament. They are Pfc. Charles Cullers, Co. G, 222nd Inf., and Pvt. Fred Marshall, Hq. Btry 392nd FA Bn. Pvt. Harlan Hill, 193 FA Bn., also won a place in the finals and will be at Chicago for the meets.

Cullers won his place in the tournament by defeating a fellow Rainbower, Cpl. Albert Figlioli, Co. C, 242nd Inf., in the Oklahoma State finals in Oklahoma City. He will go to Chicago as middleweight champion of Oklahoma.

Although Fred Marshall was defeated in the lightweight semi-finals he gets to represent the Divisions and Oklahoma in Chicago through an accident. Tommy Howell of Oklahoma City, who defeated Marshall and then went on to win the championship, suffered a broken hand in the Oklahoma finals and will be unable to fight in Chicago.

## Confidentially— It's Occupied

Pfc. George (Professor) Telford, Co. K, 232nd Inf., is an outstanding candidate for the title of "best-disciplined soldier" in the Rainbow as a result of the following incident which took place last week.

The company was running a withdrawal problem and Cpl. Albin Sczurek had designated a foxhole for Telford to occupy. After spending a few minutes in the foxhole, Telford called to the corporal and asked if it would be all right if he took up another position, as he was afraid there was a skunk already well entrenched in that particular hole.

The "Professor" was not mistaken, and a hasty withdrawal was authorized by Coporal Sczurek.

## CULLERS IS IN 222ND

Due to a typographical error in last week's issue, Pfc. Charles Cullers, Middleweight Golden Gloves champion of Oklahoma, was listed as being a member of the 232nd Infantry. Cullers is in Co. G, 222 Infantry.

## Leaders Remain On Top in 242nd

Two high-scoring games, won by the pace-setting teams of Companies D and G, featured the play in the 242nd Infantry's round robin Basketball Tournament this past Saturday and Sunday.

Company G plastered Hq. Co., Second Bn., with a two-point-a-minute barrage, winning the lopsided contest, 64-36. Seiberlich and Renfrow, Co. G, scored 23 points each.

In the other game, Company C succumbed to the eagle-eyed shooting of Company D's stellar forwards. In this game Private Zilla, Co. D, became the highest scorer in both leagues, dropping 17 baskets for 34 points, more than was scored by the entire opposing team. The final score was 64-31.

With the Division Championships coming up on 14 March, the 242nd League is faced with the problem of getting all tournament games played off in the next three weeks. To do this it will be necessary for every team to play its game when scheduled. The rule applying to forfeiture of games for teams not showing up when scheduled, unless for training reasons, will be strictly enforced.

## STANDINGS

American League							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Co. D	6	1	.857	Co. C	2	2	.500
Co. G	7	2	.778	Co. I	1	4	.200
Hq. 1Bn.	6	2	.750	Co. A	0	2	.000
Co. H	4	2	.667	Hq. 2Bn.	0	4	.000
Co. E	3	3	.500	Co. B	0	4	.000
National League							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Reg. Hq.	6	0	1.000	Co. I	2	3	.400
Can. Co.	6	1	.857	Hq. 3Bn.	2	5	.286
A-T Co.	5	2	.714	Co. K	2	6	.250
Co. M	4	3	.571	Co. L	1	4	.200
Ser. Co.	3	4	.429	Medics	1	4	.200

## Five Drum and Bugle Corps Being Formed

In the very near future each Infantry Regiment, the Division Artillery and the special troops of the Division will each have an 18 man drum and bugle corps, according to Lt. Marshard, assistant Special Service Officer.

These corps are being organized to supplement the Division Band in parades and reviews, as well as to play for retreats and other ceremonies within their own organizations.

Each group will consist of 10 buglers, five snare drummers, one base drummer, one cymbalist and a drum major. Men who can play these instruments are advised to watch their company bulletin board for further announcements.

## HOT LICKS WOW FA CATS

A new swing combo opened an engagement at Hq. Btry, 392nd FA Bn., Sunday morning. A trash lid, cigarette stand and a waste can provided Pvt. Steve Rozinsky with his set of drums, T-4 Jack D. Hand sat in with his mandolin, Pvt. Vaughn Clark worked the ivories, and Cpl. George W. Lea played sax and led the band. According to reports, they were solid Jacks.



## COMMAND

Last Friday the entire personnel of Division Headquarters moved to exercise in setting up a Division Division was run from tent-office assigned to familiarize the personnel and transporting materials and so correct dispersion of sections and so that the men could concentrate on the work.

Nerve-center of the Division is in the picture, ABOVE LEFT, is a signal Co., at the telephone switchboard connected the various sections of the Division.

ABOVE is T-3 Stewart Szerlip, 1st Co., who kept the wires and trouble open and made the necessary connections at the control board. ABOVE RIGHT is Pvt. Julius Jacobs, right, and Pvt. Stark, left, both of the 132nd Signal Co., at work in the mobile repair shop where the delicate and complicated maintenance of the Signal Company is kept in constant working condition.

LEFT: At work on a map in the Section tent is Pvt. Fred Shell, Hq. Each section tent was fully equipped with all the necessary supplies, desks, writers, files, etc., to carry on the functioning of the Section in the field.

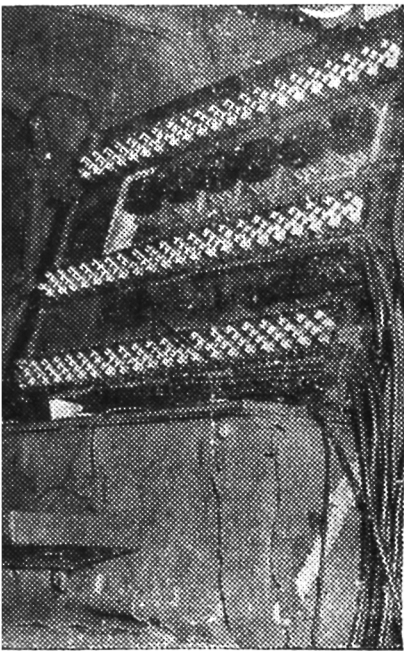
RIGHT: Pvt. Victor Lamberson, Hq., puts the finishing touches to solution to the heating problem in the Section tent. Instead of bringing the pipe out the window, which let the wind out about as fast as it was being blown in, the ingenious G-2 staff members devised an underground stove-pipe which left the tent snug and comfortable.

BELOW: Members of the First Division, in the rear echelon area, are having a bit of difficulty in getting the three tents assigned to them ready for occupancy. Working on from left to right, are: T-4 Norlumbo, T-Sgt. Burton Douglas, T-Murphy (Sig. Co.), T-5 William T-5 Sam Weiner, T-3 Raymond and T-4 Wilbur Lewis.

RIGHT: Members of the Division staff are shown setting up an altar. From left to right, they are: Jack Powell, Sgt. Robert Jackson, Cpl. William Stegel, all of Division Headquarters.







## ID POST

officers and enlisted men alike, into the field" for a non-tactical Command Post. For the day the The exercises, however, were de- with the problem of assembling ing up the Post; camouflage and ie two echelons were disregarded on the functional problems in-

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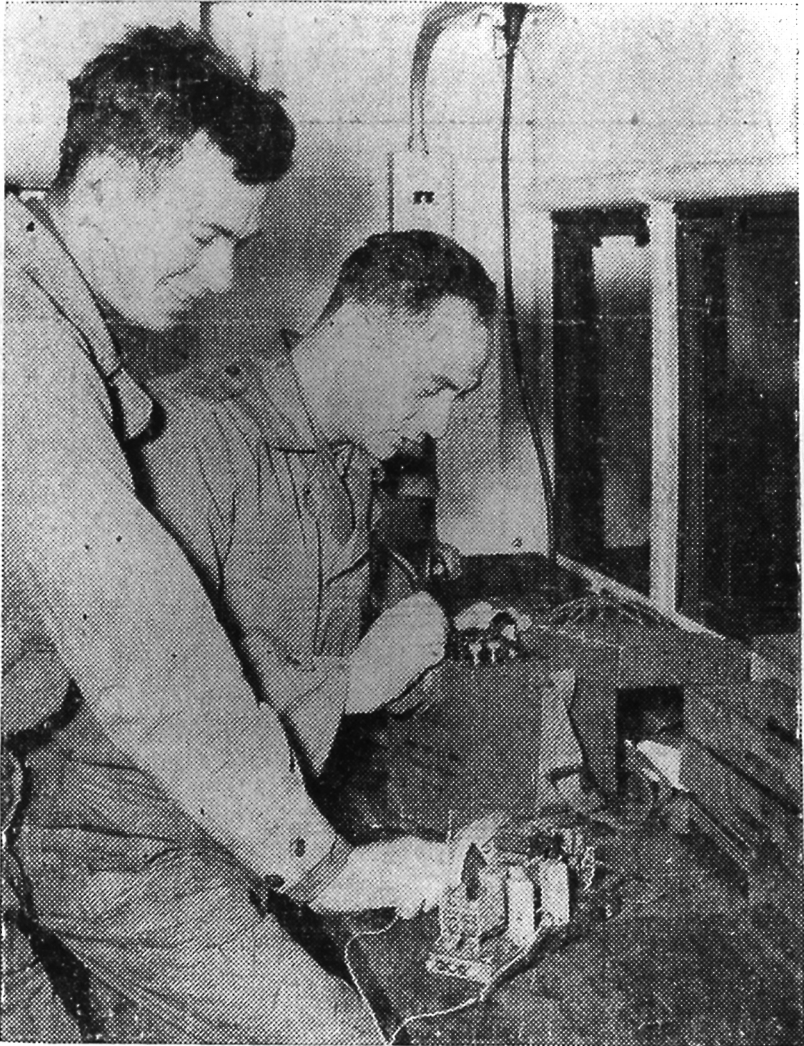
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## Safeguards Against Allotment Check Losses Are Advised

When your allotment check is mailed home you want to be sure it's your dependent that's going to get the money, and not some- one who may steal the check from your mail box or get possession of it in some other way.

According to the United States Secret Service, soldiers can do much to make sure their checks do not fall into the wrong hands by telling their dependents to take every precaution to see that the checks are well protected. They urge you to send these sug- gestions home.

Be sure your name is clearly printed on your mail box, and if possible arrange with your mail man for some sort of a signal when he delivers the check. Af- ter you receive your check, safe- guard it carefully, endorse it only at the time you cash it, and try to cash your check in the same place every month to facilitate identification.

If the soldier's dependents do this it will assure them of get- ting their checks, and getting them on time, according to the United States Secret Service.

## Rumor Society Suffers Setback

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a replacement Division.

2. Every single Division from the First Division to the most re- cently created one has had men transferred out of it during the course of its existence. The Army

### While We're At It—

In a letter to Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma from Brig. Gen. Edward S. Smith, as re- ported in the Muskogee Times- Democrat, the General states:

"In response to your inquiry as to whether or not the war department contemplates the curtailment or abandonment of the military training of troops at Camp Gruber, Okla., I am pleased to advise you that the present plan of the war department does not contemplate closing it, but does contem- plate utilizing Gruber as an army training center for some time to come."

is not a static thing, but is some- thing that is continually changing and shifting to meet the needs of war.

3. Since the first day of the Rainbow Division — even before Activation Day, in fact—men have been transferred out of—and into —the Division.

4. As an example of what can happen, one engineer regiment elsewhere in the country was made into two regiments and three battalions—but it still continued to be a combat outfit in its own right, and has been over- seas as such for over a year now.

## 222nd Drivers to Hold Dance Next Week

Transportation takes to the floor next Wednesday evening in the 222nd Recreation Hall when the driver and mechanics of the Regiment give their first dance and party.

Music will be furnished by the 222nd's own Regimental Orches- tra under the direction of Pvt. Edward Desko. Entertainment and refreshments are promised. The girls will be from Tulsa, and are all members of the National Secretaries Association.

With the Recreation hall to be decorated with the Regimental and Division colors, plus some original designs by men of the Motor Pool, the party promises to be a great success. Approx- imately 100 drivers will attend.

## Vets' Broadcast Heard by Nation

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something of what we are doing to keep that promise.

"I could speak to you in terms of cold statistics. I could tell you that our AWOL's are less than three-tenths of one percent of our strength. I could tell you that our venereal rate is less than eight one-hundredths of one percent of our strength. Those figures are true, and they mean that our mo- rale is high, that our men are proud of their Division ...

"... Our new soldiers came to us fresh from reception centers, hardly different at all from the way they were when you had told them goodbye a few days before. ... One of them will always, in my mind, stand for what they were then. He trotted up, all flustered and sweaty, to a lieu- tenant colonel of my staff, and said, 'Hey, bud, I lost my bag already.'

"You should see them today. I never see a column on the march without an almost overwhelming sense of pride. It has been a hard road by which they have come; they have labored day and night to learn the soldier's trade.

"I have stood beside a march- ing column at night, in the mud and snow, and called men from the ranks. I have talked with them while the column trudged past in the dark.

"Are you cold, soldier?"

"No, sir. I'm not cold. Except my feet may be cold a little."

"Think you can take it?"

"Yes, sir, I can take it."

"You bet they can take it. The same is true of our Field Artillery, our Engineers, our Signal, Medical, Cavalry, Quartermaster, and Ord- nance soldiers. They are proud of themselves, and justly so. They are soldiers. ...

"To the Veterans who gave us everything they had to give us, there is one thing I want to say on this anniversary so important to them and to their country.

"There was a time when we called ourselves the new Rainbow Division. That time has long since passed. You changed that for us. You have shown us that there never was an Old Rainbow and a New Rainbow. There has always been only one."

In his speech, Mr. Reno said, "We men of Rainbow have par- ticular reason for putting our hearts and souls into the success- ful prosecution of the war effort. For today—at Camp Gruber, Ok- lahoma—a new group of young Americans are enrolled in another Rainbow Division. To them we gave our flags, our traditions, and our hearts. We must not fail them."

## Pays the Highest Price Of All to Attend Dance

When Pvt. Larry Perlis, Hq. Co., Second Bn., 232nd Inf., makes up his mind to go to a dance he is willing to do most anything to get there. Last week he decided to attend the Regimental Dance at Service Club No. 1.

Perlis started at the orderly room, trying to get a dance ticket from Sergeant Stevens. Stevens didn't have any left, but he didn't tell Perlis so. Perlis continued pleading. Finally he said, "I'd do anything to go to that dance."

So, just like Cinderella, Perlis went to the dance. But he did so as sort of a special KP, and spent most of his time serving instead of dancing.

### SGT. LOVES FIRST SGT.

For possibly the first time in recorded history an EM is look- ing forward happily to seeing his first sergeant. Sergeant Church- house, Hq. Co., Third Bn., 242nd Inf., is betrothed to a WAC "first"





# GI GOSSIP FROM INFANTRY BARRACKS



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Private First Class Friedman, Med. Det., is toying with the idea of matrimony. Being Mail Orderly as well as banker and father confessor to the detachment he should make a good husband.

First Sergeant John Walsh is a new addition to the detachment. He has many stories to tell of service in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

The Anti-Tank Company has adopted its own motto. It's "Over and Back with Captain Jack." They have it on their bulletin board.

Mrs. Leroy Johnson, who visited her husband, Pvt. Leroy Johnson, Service Co., has returned to Milwaukee, Wis.

Pvt. Clifford Haycock, Service Co., won the coveted three day pass for best soldier of the month.

Pvt. John Van Meter, Service Co., was selected as driver of the week and awarded a three day pass.

Cannon Company is the proud owner of a small Boston Bull named "Little Dusty." He is required to take the half day marches, go on field problems, and is fully equipped, including dog tags and helmet.



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In the bivouac area Pvt. Bruce Beck, Co. A, remarked that the mud must have been imported from Italy just to make the situation tactical.

Only Company A casualty on bivouac was Cpl. Murray Litton who sprained an arm.

Pfc. Hugh Martin, Co. D, had his wife visiting from St. Louis.

Both Cpl. George Rabideau and Pfc. Glenn Jones, Co. D, took the step into matrimony on their furloughs.



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Pvt. Johnny Musso, Hq. Co., is the latest graduate of the motor pool school.

Private First Class Baker, Hq. Co., has his wife visiting him from Philadelphia.

The Company E duty officer could not believe his ears when he heard the report at Reveille, "All present, sir." He had it repeated once just to make sure.

Corporal Gibson joins the circle of married men in Company F.

Cpl. Monroe Weinstein, Co. G, has his wife visiting him this week.

Private Rhawl, Co. G, is living in a pyramidal tent, and the company wonders what job he holds to rate that.

Sergeant Thorstad and Corporal McKittrick, Co. H, have returned from furlough and want three day passes to rest up.

Corporals Iglehart and Odom, Co. H, report that they enjoyed their swim through the infiltration course.



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Cpl. Pat Flynn, Hq. Co., who was stranded in Tulsa during the recent snow, found that sleeping in a bus station isn't the most comfortable way of spending a night.

Three men from I and R pla-



"Pvt. Kingsly has done a pretty thorough job of training those war dogs!"

toon, Hq. Co., are attending Division Radio school. They are: Pvts. Robert Morrison, Donald Richardson and Gilbert Fisher.

Headquarters Company's twin Pfc's, Seymour and Leon Kresch, aren't getting by with their practical jokes these days. The men of the Company have at last learned to distinguish them apart.

Headquarters Company has two men playing in the Regimental Band—Corporal Weimeyer and Pvt. Herbert Wallace.

Sgts. Richard Datz and Clem Fenters, Service Co., had the boys biting their nails when they related the story of their escape from the fabulous Kansas City she-wolves. Who was chasing whom?

T-5 Sol Talanker, Service Co., has been begging for weeks now for someone to listen to him recite the Articles of War in double talk. So far he's found no takers—even though he claims his little act is more lucid than the original. Most of those who have turned Talanker down claim they'd rather be sentenced to death under them than to die listening to Talanker murder them.

First Sgt. Joe Balsis, Anti-Tank Co., decided he was tired of seeing the KP's take all day to wash dishes. So the other day he stepped up to the sink to show 'em how it should be done. He washed an entire meal's dishes in exactly fifteen minutes and is now offering a special course, we hear, for KP's who want to get off early.

Sgt. Vincent Alexander, Anti-Tank Co., has returned to duty after 7 "glorious days in sunny Cal."

Pfc. David Robinson, Anti-Tank Co., has been passing the cigars this week. It's a baby girl.

Pfc's. Garr, Tanner, Carnley, Kennard and Frank Walker, Anti-Tank Co., all left for furloughs last week. Returned from furlough are: Corporal Black, Pfc's. Kubicek and Donevant, and Pvt. Meyers.

Pvt. Orville Setterlund, Anti-Tank Co., left for a 30-day convalescent furlough last week after being released from the Station Hospital.

Pfc. Donald Brant, Anti-Tank Co., pulled a fast one during his furlough, returning a married man. The fellows are still waiting for the cigars.

The score in Anti-tank Company is now: Eight men who have become fathers; three who have become husbands.

T-4 Harry R. Madson and Cpl. John T. Cahill, Co. F, are both back after a seige with the measles at the Station Hospital.

Hillbilly music is about all we hear, ever since Pvt. Emette Speece, Co. F, got that radio.

S-Sgt. Roosevelt Boullion has

been spending his evenings in Muskogee with a visitor he calls Boots. The girl is from Ft. Worth, Texas.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Pvt. Jorn Takach, Co. H, who is in the Station Hospital.

Cpl. Garnett Jones, Co. H, upheld the tradition of most new fathers in the Company by announcing the birth of a son. Boys seem to be the rule so far.

Sgt. Charles Sapochak, Co. H, is still muttering to himself, after discovering that the rifle he spent more than an hour cleaning last week wasn't his. Cpl. Leonard Morley was the beneficiary of Sgt. Sapochak's absent-mindedness.



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Mess Sgt. Walter Johnson and Pvt. Charles Catilus, Co. K, are being congratulated on the birth of sons. The fellows are hoping that Sergeant Johnson will demonstrate his pride by stirring up something extra special in the mess hall.

Pfc. Tommy Howell, Co. K, coach of the Rainbow Boxing team, has turned over the team trophy, won at the Muskogee regional tournament, to Division Headquarters to be placed on display there.

S-Sgt. John B. Leonard, Co. K, seems to have picked up enough material on furlough in New York, to keep his story-telling sessions going for a long time.

Pfc. Cecil Meeker, Co. M, found an immediate use for his newly issued steel helmet. When he discovered the barracks washtub was already occupied, he soaked a pair of socks in it overnight.

A funereal combination if there ever was one is that of Sgt. James Bledsoe and Clarence Halvorson of Company M,—one a former undertaker, the other a gravedigger. Their theme song: Well lay me down and dig me.

Since Pfc. Steve Mihlsky rejoined Company M kitchen it is more evident than ever that his favorite brand of cigarettes is still "O. P.'s"—other people's.

It sounds like a miniature League of Nations when Pvts. John O'Leary, Elvin Joubert, Frank Bata, T-5 Frank Marino and Pfc's. Alfred Tomaszcyk and Donald Drievold, Co. M, get together with their Irish, French, Bohemian, Italian, Russian and Norwegian accents.

Study in contrast in Co. M's Supply Room: Pfc. Vic La Venia's shiny dome and T-5 George Hazelton's bushy roof. A little transplanting wouldn't hurt.

Now that he's going on furlough, Pvt. Harold Vollmer, Co. M, has a new worry. "With my 275-lbs." he laments, "how am I going to find two seats to roost in when I only have a ticket for one?" Corpulent Pfc. John Dudiak

recommends he use his system of making two trips.

Pfc. Edward Still, Co. M, scoffed at a line in a chain letter he received which said he would be the recipient of good luck within four days, but he changed his tune when exactly four days later he was told his furlough began in March.

A speedy recovery is wished ex-mail-orderly, Pfc. Eddie Laats and Cpl. Elbert Rials, Co. M, both ill at Station Hospital, by their buddies.



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Pfc. Gale H. Bogue, Anti-Tank Co., is now on detached service to Enlisted Men's Motor Mechanics School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Sgt. James R. Lindsey, Anti-Tank Co., is on emergency furlough due to the serious illness of his wife and young son.

Pvt. Martin M. Arterburn, Anti-Tank Co., is attending EM Communications School at Ft. Benning.

How would you like to go on your furlough and, after being home for three days, receive a telegram to return to camp? That's what happened to Private Snow, Cannon Co., who was called back to go to Artillery Mechanics School at Ft. Benning.

Three new sergeants have been added to Cannon Company's roster: First Sergeant Kehl, and Sergeants Bartolacci and Legg. Incidentally, the new first sergeant has been showing the boys a few tricks on the newly-acquired pool-table in the dayroom.

Good news came to Service Company this weekend with word that First Sgt. Walter A. Fox is making rapid recovery from his recent operation and will soon be able to go to his home on furlough.

As fast as one bed fills up at Service Company, another empties. Returning from furlough last week were S-Sgt. William Hinds, Corporals Dawley, Eaker, Eirich and Guillory, Private First Class Hunnerfauth and Pvts. John N. Moore and Wilbert Mierding. On the move to all points of the compass were Tech Sergeant Weber, Staff Sergeant Lane, Corporals Brooks, Porter and Thompson, and Pvt. Robert Dollar. Cpls. Bill Newmark and Emil Vlasek were last seen polishing the polish off all their equipment preparatory to taking off at the end of the week. They're not taking any chances.



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S-Sgt. David L. Maher, Hq. Co., has returned from furlough spent at his home in Massachusetts.

Pfc. John E. Payne, Hq. Co., has stopped writing his wife back home in Columbus, Miss. (She's moved to Muskogee).

Pfc. Charles E. Greenhalgh, Hq. Co., was the victim of some of the anti-tank platoon wits this week. Seems some of the men picked up a fine bargain in dainty underthings and mailed them to him from Muskogee. He unconsciously cooperated to the fullest by opening the package in the barracks.



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Cpl. George Harris, Hq. Co., takes top honors in being first man to finish the battle course last Saturday. T-5 Thomas De-

vine danced across the water hazard, missed a beat, and emerged with a well-executed breast stroke.

Sergeant Major William Consentino, Hq. Co., is back in harness after a furlough in New York City, and S-Sgt. William Stillar is off to International Falls, Minn., for an 11-day respite.

Company G, all out for sports, has made a basketball and volleyball court right in the company area.

Pfc. Domenic R. Tufano, Co. H, received a telegram informing him that he is now the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. "I am sweating out all details except that I know his name is Anthony," remarked Papa Tufano.

Sgt. William A. Sikora, Co. H, is now on a convalescent furlough, recovering from an emergency appendix operation.



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S-Sgt. Robert T. Platt, Co. M, married a beautiful gal while home on furlough in Pennsylvania.

Company M's gain is Company I's loss as First Sgt. John Kalani is transferred to the heavy weapons company.

Recently returned to duty from furloughs are Sgts. LaMonte Barton and Frank Ruggieri and Cpls. William C. Miller, Warren Munday, and Anthony Balbaton, Co. M.

S-Sgt. Hosmer Wiggins, Co. M, is back in the hospital again to mend a recent operation.

## 232nd Show Plays To Capacity House

A capacity house enjoyed the 232nd Regimental Show presented Sunday night at Service Club No. 2. Featured specialties were the accordion-work of Pvt. Louis Zecchini, the tenor voice of Cpl. Leonard Morley, the jitterbugging of Frankie Weathers and her partner, Joey, a Muskogee dance team, and the acrobatics of Pvts. Jack Colton and Edward Carlson.

The show was produced by T-5 Sol Talanker, T-5 Francis Bloomer, and Pvt. Milton Halpern, with the latter two as masters of ceremonies.

On Tuesday night, the entire show was presented again for patients at the station hospital.

## Crash Makes Cook See Red Lines

Sgt. Edward Lorch, Service Co., 232nd Inf., is a cook who displayed all the reflexes of a mess sergeant the other day.

As a gag, T-5 Francis Bloomer sneaked into the mess hall a sack of glass such as is used by radio sound effects men to simulate the sound of a crash. In the vicinity of the china rack, Bloomer dropped it with a resounding clatter which turned Lorch's hair gray and his face green.

His first move was to grab a pencil and statement of charges.

## SHRUBBERY FREEZES

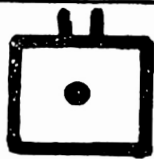
After sleeping in the bivouac area, S-Sgt. Peter Horb, Co. I, 222nd Inf., awoke one morning to make the following comment: "This is the first time in my life I have ever awakened and found an ice box under my nose." It seems that his mustache froze during the night.

## BRIGHT BOY

The shiniest face of the Division is being worn by Cpl. Arthur Pomeroy, Co. F, 222nd Inf. Pomeroy tried something a little new and different the other day in his shaving. He used toothpaste instead of the usual shaving cream.



# REPORTS FROM THE BIG GUNS THIS WEEK



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Cpl. Charles Van Zant brought the family car back with him when he returned from furlough.

Pvt. Herman Henkel and Pfc. Blaine Dunkle were out patrolling their beats as MPs this weekend.

Private Hartwell has really been on the ball this week, due to the arrival of his wife.

Private Marks is the new student clerk from Service Battery.



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The following men were married during the past week or so: S-Sgt. William Fennelly, Sgt. P. W. Shurley, and Pfc. Daniel Griffin and Alex Gergy, Hq. Btry., and Cpl. Oswald Kinnon and Pvt. Michael J. Corsano, Btry. C.

Recent colonel's orderlies: Pvt. William Wagner, Btry. B, and Pvt. Eugene R. Harper, Btry. C.

Pfc. Stuart S. Smith just arrived from Ft. Sill, having completed a radio repairman course. Pfc. Allen Ball, Btry. C, and Pfc. William L. Parmalee, Btry. A, arrived yesterday from Ft. Sill where they attended motor transport school.

Pfc. William J. Doescher was welcomed from his furlough by K. P.



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Private Pinkston's brother, Lt. Barlos Pinkston, visited him at Headquarters Battery recently.

The wire section, Hq. Btry., has a very talented barber shop quartet made up of Corporals Nasca, O'Connor and Hoke plus Private First Class Porreca.

Sgt. John Dodson, Btry. B, is going along with a very starry look these days. He has become a proud father.

When a civilian came to Battery B last week asking for Pfc. Theodore Chapman, soldiers in the area thought they had a new recruit. The youthful looking visitor turned out to be Chapman's grandfather.

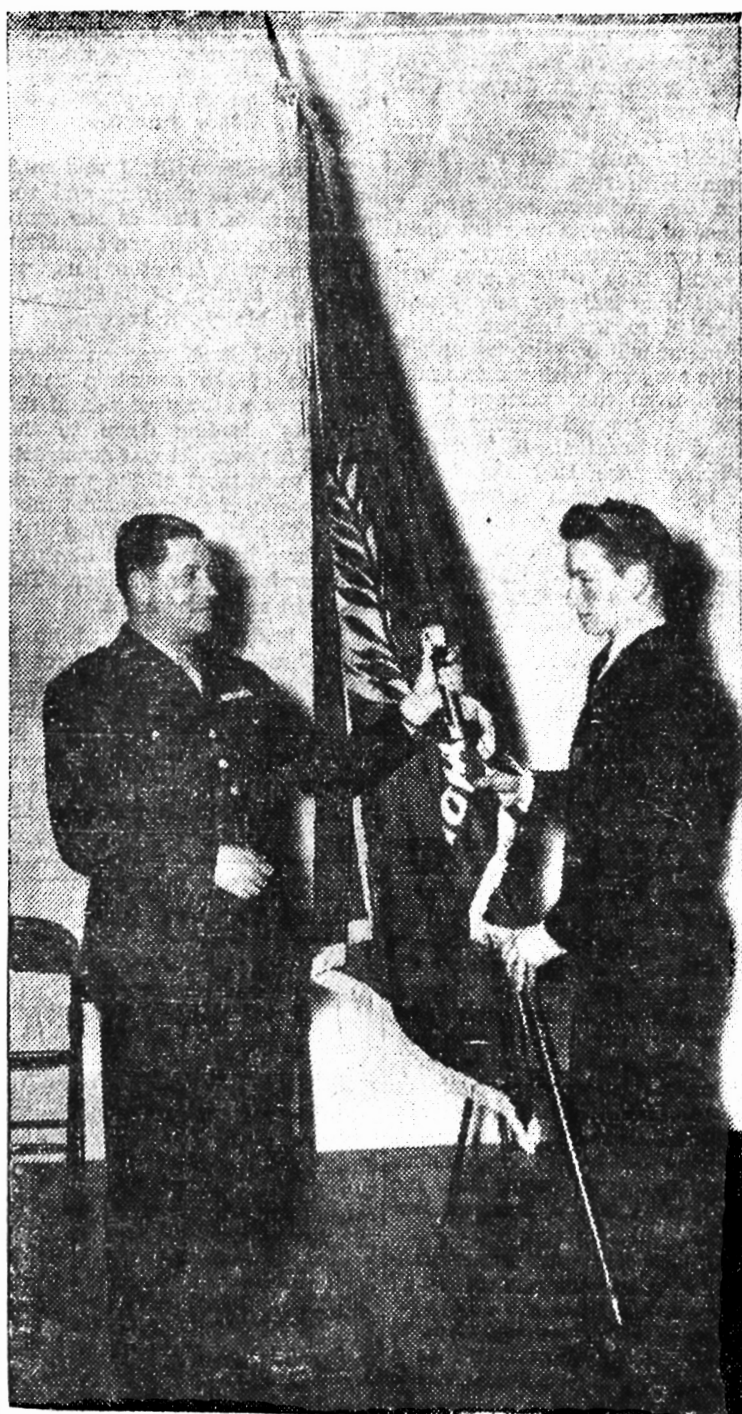
The athletics of Battery B last Saturday turned out two ace basketball players. They are Pvts. George Turner and Leon Joachim.

That wasn't a barrage balloon floating around the area the other day. That was Pfc. W. A. Anderson smoking his first cigar.

Battery C's survey section has made itself most unpopular with one of the gun crews. They laid the gun only thirty feet from a cow that had been long dead.

T-5 Mike Prytula, Btry. C, is having much more respect for his prime-movers these days. Going through a mud hole the steering wheel spun around and flipped him

## Pryor Children Donate State Flag



This Oklahoma state flag was presented to the Division last Thursday as the gift of the school children of Pryor, Oklahoma. The picture shows Division Chaplain, Lt. Col. John E. Kinney, accepting the flag from Homer Rogers, student body president of Pryor High school, who represented his fellow students.

to the other side of the seat, at the same time it broke his thumb.

Cpl. Richard Stevens, Btry. C, reports that before he started these long hikes and runs he was six feet six, and that they have sweated him down to six feet four.

Cpl. Kenneth Down, Service Btry., was married while on furlough.



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First Sergeant Blissell, Hq. Btry., returned from furlough to report that he feels more at home here.

Private Michell, Hq. Btry., is walking on air these days. His wife arrived for a visit.

Privates Poole and Harvey, Hq. Btry., have just returned after completing a motor course at Ft. Sill.

Service Battery "present for duty" roster now includes Sergeants Buck and Daniel who have returned from the Station Hospital.

The Kennel Club of Battery A now has S-Sgt. Frank Dore as president and S-Sgt. James Mitchell as vice president. The requirement for membership is that each member must obtain and keep any type of mongrel.

Pfc. James Rummel, Btry. A, is bucking to be permanently excused from KP duty. Last week

he managed to step on a freshly baked pie.

Cpl. John Wallace, Btry. B, is back on duty after attending school at Fort Sill.

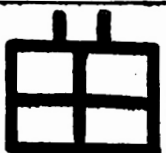


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At chow, a person can see a cross-section of a nation at the table. For instance, there's T-4 Martin D. Widener, who leads the rush every morning, but always—somehow—seems to be pretty far back in line. Fastest eater is Sgt. Shelby Taylor, slowest stuffer is T-4 Verne Brown.

Latest arrivals at noon are usually T-5 Douglas C. Carter and Pvt. Francis Bartonek, whose busiest session of work is at noon-time, so that they usually arrive as late as 1300 for noon chow.

Most hilarious and uproarious section of the mess hall is that occupied by the Manhattan dwellers, who talk of nothing else but New York City. T-3 Abe Kiernan and Pfc. "Sabu" Sabatella are head cheerleaders in this section.



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Pvt. Frederick E. Heller, Co. B, recently home on furlough, reports to his bunkmates that he is now a married man.

S-Sgt. James Foran, Co. B, late of Italy, Sicily, England, and other active fronts, is looking forward to his wife establishing residence in Muskogee.

Furlough Take-offs: Pfc. Philip Pollack and Ray Vaughn and Pvt. Owen McGowan. Unfortunately, McGowan's leave is an emergency.

According to word circulating around Company C, Sgt. Jimmy Dellaria, who ordinarily spends most of his field time as a liaison operative, is now thinking seriously of enrolling for an all-out Matera Medica course, or a "special" in Bond Dodging. Why, we ask?

When First Sgt. Arlo Campbell moved into First Sgt. E. E. Kennis's shoes, the latter became a part of the Headquarters Detachment of the Medics.

Just off furlough and hungry, First Sgt. Jack Bell, attached to Headquarters but good for lodging and rations at Co. A, hit for the mess hall. There he bumped into T-5 Darrell Branson, with whom he'd soldiered at Fort Raynord, Alaska. Naturally Branson put on a "spread." The men had last seen each other weeks ago at Seattle, Wash.

First Sgt. Guy V. Hall, Co. A, was taken to the station hospital this week; flu "bugs." Cpl. Joseph McDonald and T-4 Thomas Breckenridge returned from same.

Pfc. Francis Wheelock took off for Forrest Camp, Tenn. He was seven years with the Mayo Clinic

and will have no trouble making good as an X-Ray Tech.

Two other furlough take-offs were Pfc. Charles Garrison, known as "the Oregon Kid," and Maynard Bakula.

All that hammering and sawing you heard around Bldg. 653 this week happened to be Pfc. Hubert Adams and S-Sgt. Austin Boyce manufacturing bed-rest cleats. Yep, the cots will hang from the ceiling henceforth, as the squad room is to be utilized as a classroom during duty hours. Pfc. Adams, by the way, worked as a carpenter on the now famous Vanport City project, out west.

## 42nd Div. Hq. Co.

At least one man gave a sigh of relief when First Sgt. George B. Coate returned from his furlough. That man was his harassed assistant, T-3 Peter G. Bekieres, who had been acting first sergeant along with his regular duties.

Pfc. Howard Wilson of the Special Services Section has left for Ft. Riley to apply his talented fingers to a chapel organ there as a chaplain's assistant.

Driving in the snow was a new experience for Pvt. Alois Pokluda, so one of his fellow drivers, Pvt. Larry Falcone, gave him a little helpful advice. He suggested that he put sky hooks on his vehicle as they would be of great value in rough spots. So off to the supply room he went to get his sky hooks, only to be informed by Pvt. Henry C. Williams that he was on the receiving end of a practical joke.

Lost: while at home on furlough, one (1) handlebar mustache, at the request of his family, by T-3 James Hubbard.

Pvt. Paul Stanislaus Zajkowski said when informed he was to be part of a driveway paving detail, "Why not make a brick-layer out of me as long as I must be a mason?" He was referring to the 24-karat variety, no doubt.

T-5 Sam Weiner was found fighting off a photographer with beckoning motions while setting up a C.P. tent in the field. Weiner is better known as the "Great Profile" of the Finance section.

## Shoots Expert Twice, Fourteen Years Apart

For 13 years Pfc. Harry Parker, Anti-Tank Co., 222nd Inf., has been hitting bullseyes on the range, and he claims it never gets monotonous.

His career as an expert started in 1930 when he was with the 14th Infantry. He set the Regimental record by scoring 333 out of a possible 350, using the .03 Springfield.

Thirteen years later, with the Rainbow, Parker got another chance, this time firing the M1, and fires 200 out of 210, making him the second highest scorer in the 222nd Infantry. For his marked shooting ability Parker's Company commander, Capt. Jack Edling, has recommended him for a Division commendation.

## Male Call

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

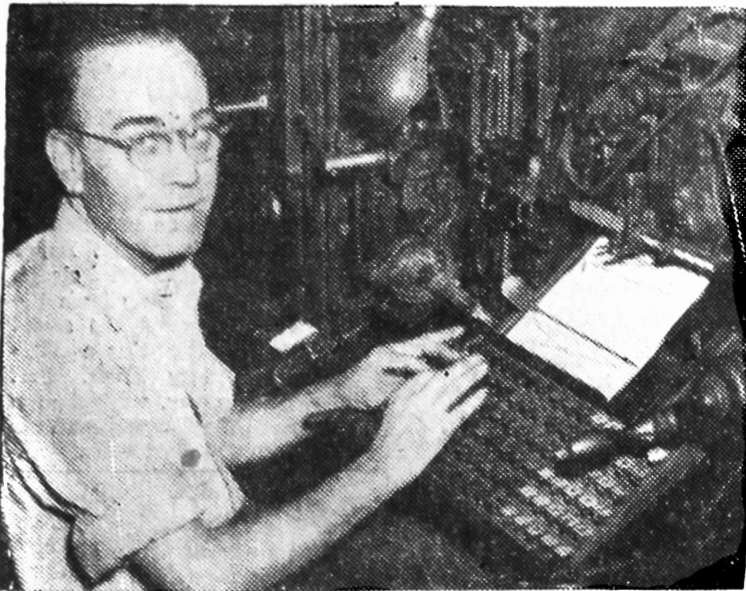


## Support For Exposed Flank





# Rainbow Vet Still Throws Lead at Hun, Only This Time It's Linotype Slugs



Throwing lead at the Huns with the Rainbow in the last war wasn't enough for Sam B. Bliss, so this time he's throwing lead at them again—only now he's using a linotype machine instead of a rifle. In the last war he was a reader of the first Rainbow REVEILLE; in this war, he's setting type for the second volume.

With Co. A, 167th Infantry (Alabama), Corporal Bliss saw action and Army of Occupation duty with the Rainbow, and received the Purple Heart after machine gun bullets had left him with a game leg in the St. Mihiel drive on Sept. 13, 1918. He was discharged at Ft. Sam Houston in

1919, and Houston, Tex., is his home town. When the war began, he was in the Texas National Guard, and was transferred from it to the Alabama outfit. He was one of the many Rainbow Veterans who attended the Activation Day ceremonies here on 14 July 1943.

In 1923 he came to Muskogee, went to work on the Muskogee Times-Democrat as a linotype operator, and has stayed on the job there ever since. Throwing lead linotype slugs at the Axis gives him particular pleasure, especially when the slugs tell stories such as "Nazis Encircled" or "Jap Force Wiped Out."

Mr. Bliss has a son, Oris, in this war as a flight instructor.

## 'Pin-Up Inspection Team' Collects One of Division's Best 'Galleries'



Self-appointed guardian and "Keeper of the Kuties" over at MRS No. 4 is T-5 Douglas Carter, 742nd Ord. Co. Here he has caught Pvt. Francis Bartonek, a buddy from the same company, in the act of trying to get away with one of the prized pin-up gals.

Just an ordinary pin-up gal hasn't a chance of joining the select group that composes the pin-up collection down at the office of the Division Ordnance Maintenance Shop, MRS No. 4. Each candidate, before being accorded a place on the wall there, undergoes an inspection as rigid and thorough as if she were applying for a job in Earl Carroll's Vanities.

The collection gets the loving attention of the entire MRS personnel, from Major A. E. Austin, Jr., to the privates around the place. Before a new lovely can

win a place among her honored sisters she must be presented to the "Division Maintenance Pin-up Inspection Team," which studies her qualifications; each feature such as hair, attire, pose and general feminine appeal is carefully studied. If she passes this rigid inspection, then T-5 Douglas Carter, office clerk and guardian of the collection, lovingly accords her a place, with proper ceremony, on the office wall.

One of Corporal Carter's biggest problems is larceny. So luscious and desirable are the gals under his care, that envious GIs

## \$100 Offered GI Who Guesses Right On Radio Tonight

Some GI has a chance to walk home with a cool \$100, if he can think of the answer to the jackpot question on the "Pass The Buck" program at Service Club No. 2 tonight at 2030.

The rest of the program will follow the usual "Pass The Buck" format with five soldiers picked from the audience, and given a chance to answer a question about their home state. If they answer correctly they will receive \$11, and if they fail the money will be added to the jackpot.

Tonight will be Wisconsin night on the program, with the five men picked from the audience to be from that state. Everyone has a chance on the final \$100 question. "Behind The Dog Tags" will not be heard from Service Club No. 1 tonight, as Cpl. Allen Funt, who produces them, is on furlough. However, the transcription that he made for this week can be heard on KVOO, Tulsa, Saturday at 1430.

## 1918 'Reveille' Story Parallels Recent Disaster

During the past week has come the announcement that an American Army transport has been sunk with the loss of over 1000 men. In the 9 February 1918 of the Ohio Rainbow "Reveille," the following story is told:

"The Hun landed the first under-cut blow to the American transport service when a submarine on Tuesday night sank the Anchor liner, Tuscania, off the coast of Ireland. There were 2397 men on board and of this number approximately 165 were lost, the rest landing on the coast of Ireland."

Among other items demonstrating how history repeats itself were the following:

"Report that Germany plans to subject American prisoners to a special course of mistreatment is met with threat of retaliation by the government."

"Stars and Stripes," Amexforce weekly newspaper, makes its initial bow Saturday."

"Two ounces is the bread ration fixed for hotels, restaurants and dining cars in the States."

The copy of the Ohio Rainbow "Reveille" was forwarded through channels to the Division Commander by Pvt. Hubert J. Flickinger, Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn.

covet them for their foot-locker collections and are constantly attempting to kidnap one or more of the pictures.

The pin-up collection has become so famous that visiting hours, when proper guard can be provided, have been set. Men from all over the Division who heretofore had never even heard of MRS No. 4 are dropping in at all times of the day, on one excuse or another, only to spend their time staring bug-eyed at the bevy of beauties. So now, without an excuse, Division personnel has been invited to view the pretty babes on Saturdays between 1300 and 1600.

The original nucleus of Vargas, Pettys and Hurrells was started by Mr. C. W. Corcoran, civilian advisor, who makes headquarters in MRS No. 4 Besides Major Austin and Corporal Carter, other "daddies" of the collection are: S-Sgt. Richard Dixon, T-3 Harvey Slater, T-4 Archie Chambers, Sgt. Winfield Jones, and T-5 Frank Ellick.

BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH Pfc. John Farrell, Hq. Btry. 232nd FA Bn., layed out his equipment for full field inspection Saturday morning. He included his teeth, upper and lower, which are Government Issue. Farrell passed the inspection.

## Two Bulldozers Blown Up, Then Army Engineers Solve Newest Mine Problem

This is the story of how the Germans in Sicily planted mines too deep for the mine detectors to pick up—and how the Army Engineers learned to overcome this new obstacle. It is reprinted from an article in the February issue of the Infantry Journal by Capt. Arthur Tauscher.

The engineer outfit I was with had the job of clearing and rebuilding roads. Part of our company swept the road and shoulders for mines, while the other part was given the mission of building by-passes at blown-out bridges.

The road itself was cut along the side of the mountain range which was on the west side of the "torrents" leading down to the coastal highway. It was constructed, as were most of the good Sicilian roads, of a lime-cement mixture with a lot of gravel and little sand for a base and with blacktop or macadam for a surface. The road had earth shoulders.

The bridge was located on a sharp bend of the road. First it was necessary to remove the mines the Germans had laid at the site. The third platoon took out 24 Type IV Teller mines by the rope pulling method. Each had been booby-trapped with pull-type devices underneath; the side con-

nections on the Teller mines for booby traps had not been used.

It must be mentioned here that Jerry knew that we had only one place to construct the by-pass and he had mined that site before he blew the bridge. A battalion of infantry which had crossed the site had packed down the earth and rock debris resulting from the demolition of the bridge.

When the mine removal detail finished their work we felt reasonably certain that all the mines had been removed, and the bulldozer went to work. It made two cuts in the embankment and then started to climb the slope in order to work from behind. The machine went about six feet and then—BOOM! One of the mines had been missed. Parts of the bulldozer flew everywhere. But the driver, thrown clear, walked out of the smoke and dust unhurt.

The wrecked machine was pulled out of the way and several mine detectors were taken over the entire by-pass area again. No mines were heard or found. Meanwhile another bulldozer, ten miles away, was requested.

When the new cat arrived, a new operator was assigned and he went to work. He made four cuts and then went in eight feet. BOOM! As far as could be determined afterwards the blade of the machine, in making another cut had pushed under a mine, which had been buried four feet deep and which had been booby-trapped with a pull type device.

We admit Jerry fooled us, but we had learned something that day. Jerry had planned that job. He had buried his mines three to four feet deep and debris from the explosion had further added to the cover of the mines. We won't be fooled that way again. The mine detectors that we have are excellent, however mines buried below two feet present a problem which the mine detector will hardly solve. We have learned how to solve that problem. We bore holes with a post hole digger, place a moderate size charge, dig deeper and place another charge. With an off hand estimate of where and how close together to place the holes and how deep and how much explosive to put in each hole this method will work. It takes time, certainly, but it saves bulldozers and lives.

## BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Wherever Pvt. Irving Ray Rosen, Hq. Co., 232nd Inf., goes, his wife, Miriam, is sure to follow—at least, she's managed to so far. He really doesn't need to carry around this picture of her, because whenever he wants to see her, all he has to do is run across the street—she's working in PX No. 16. Mrs. Rosen's starting-point was Dunmore, Penn.

'Bivouac' Defined After returning to the barracks from a week's bivouac, Cpl. Robert Mountford, Co. K, 232nd Inf., wrote to the folks back home, "Bivouac" is a French word meaning to sleep in a tent, on the ground, in the rain, in your clothes, to eat in the dark, standing up, and is used as a test to see how much of a beard I can grow in a week."

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