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Much as March 15—  
Income Tax!

Some Guys Missed  
Night Life in the  
Army at First.  
Not Any More!

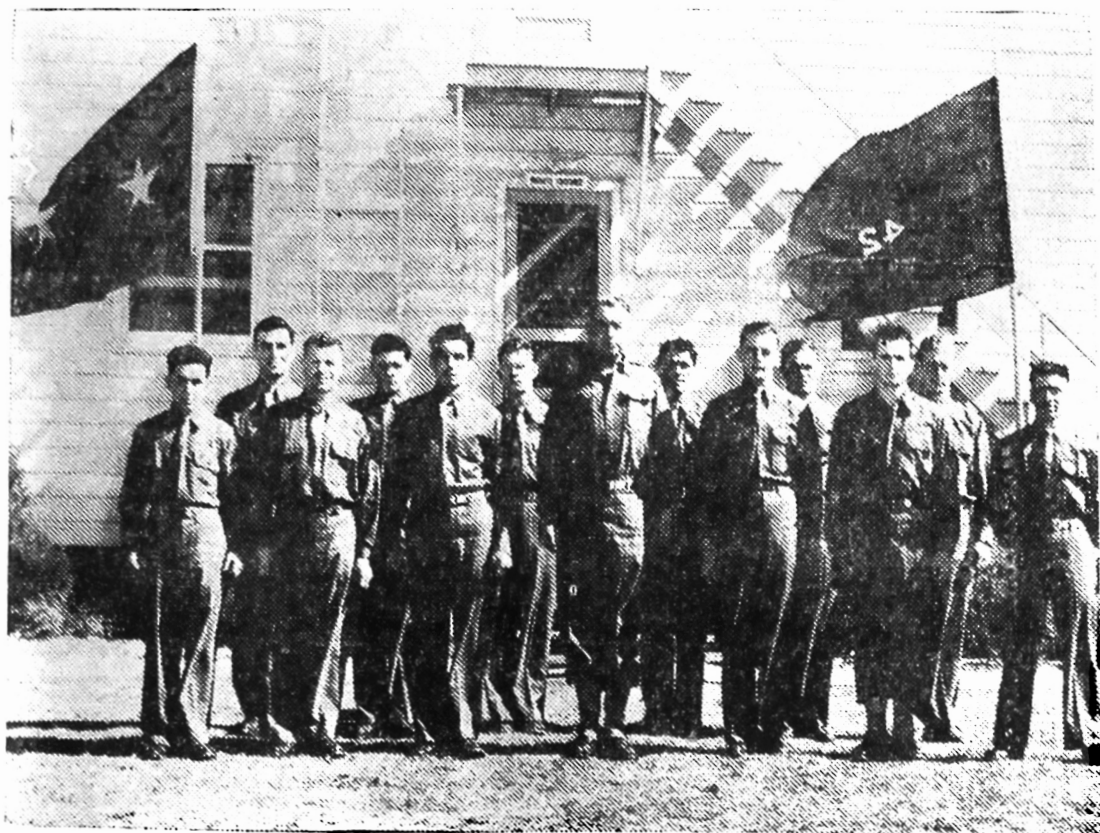
# RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## Division Boxers Greeted by Their Commanding General



After visiting the Commanding General at his office to receive his personal compliments on their accomplishments, the Rainbow boxing team moves outside to be photographed with the General. Left to right—front row: Sgt. Charles Hearn, Co. K, 232nd Inf.; Pfc. Melvin Howell, coach, Co. K, 232nd Inf.; Pvt. Fred Marshall, Hq. Btry., 392nd FA Bn.; Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, commanding general; Pfc. Charles Cullins, Co. G, 222nd Inf.; Pfc. Carrol V. Raines, Btry. B, 402nd FA Bn.; Pfc. Leopold Torres, Co. F, 222nd Inf. Second row: T-4 Frank Lombardi, manager, Div. Hq. Co.; Sgt. Ramon Martin, Btry. B, 232nd FA Bn.; Pvt. Richard Golding, Co. A, 222nd Inf.; Cpl. Albert Figlioli, Co. C, 242nd Inf.; Pvt. Harold Vissages, Co. C, 222nd Inf., and Pfc. Thomas Powell, Co. A, 142nd Eng. Bn.

## Division Has Only 36 State Flags, But Still Hopes for Complete Set

With the Massachusetts State flag, the Rainbow Division now has 36 of the 48 State flags it hopes to possess for the duration of its training period. Mrs. Roger W. Cutler, Jr., wife of Captain Cutler, aide to the commanding general, has been asked by Gov. Leverett Saltenstall of Massachusetts to present the flag in the name of the State.

When the call was made for State flags to be displayed during Activation Day ceremonies, all 48 flags were procured by one means or another, but after the

### Still Missing!

Twelve State flags are still needed to complete the Rainbow's collection of flags. State flags still needed are: Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

ceremony many of the flags were immediately returned.

It was then decided that it would be desirable to have State flags available for other ceremonies during the training period. Twenty-nine flags were quickly procured, and since then seven more have been added.

Flags for the Activation Day ceremonies were assembled by a variety of means. A Rainbow Veterans chapter provided the Colorado flag. Massachusetts sent a silk flag which had been in the

Governor's office for no one knew how many years. The Texas flag was lost in transit, and another was rushed up by automobile on the day of the ceremonies.

The flags were of a variety of sizes and came on many different types of staffs. The Missouri and Virginia flags proved to be huge display flags too large for field ceremonies, so the camp salvage shop duplicated them in bunting, turning out flags of standard parade size, six feet by four. The post engineer standardized the staffs by making new ones all the same size, with white painted wooden tips.

Non-coms from the cadre, one  
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## Wife Misinterprets 'Friendly Greetings'

On furlough in Columbus, Ga., Pvt. George E. Thornton, Div. Hq. Co., and Mrs. Thornton, were walking down a street when a policeman came up to them and said: "I've been looking for you for a long, long time."

Thornton practically had to revive his wife before he could explain that the policeman was G. A. Griggs, a Rainbow veteran of the last war, whom he had known previously.

After finally convincing his wife that he wasn't in bad with the law, and that Rainbow veterans can't seem to do enough for men of the new Rainbow, they accepted Mr. Griggs' invitation to dinner.

## Entire Army Hit By Manpower Shortage

Field units—such as the Rainbow Division—have been ordered to assume a greater proportion of the operation and maintenance of the station post at which they are located, according to a recent War Department circular.

This means, according to Division Headquarters, that men from

the Division are and will be taking over jobs formerly handled by Camp Gruber personnel. The order is designed to release for immediate assignment to units trained or training for overseas duty as large a number of station personnel as possible.

A certain hardship is going to be worked on units, such as the Rainbow, that are actively training. But that is a small consideration in comparison to the urgent need for men required for overseas units in time to give proper training to those units before their departure, the circular points out.

Additional duties to be assumed by field units, including the Rainbow Division and other units assigned to Camp Gruber, will be: interior guard; military police duties; necessary fatigue; assistance in storage, break-down, and distribution of subsistence and supplies; aid in manning post motor maintenance shops; operation of recreational and entertainment facilities; collection and distribution of laundry; maintenance of training facilities; and necessary guard escort for garrison and general prisoners.

Station complement personnel will be held as near as possible to the minimum required to operate the post when the field units depart.

## Honest, You Oughta Be In Pictures, Baby!

On a recent visit to Tulsa, Cpl. Lawrence Rosen, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., saw "The Song of Bernadette," starring Jennifer Jones, Tulsa's gift to Hollywood. He came away raving about her.

A couple of hours later, while at Tulsa's USO dance, the Rainbow non-com spied a likely-looking number who reminded him of the movie star, and hastened to make her acquaintance. He'd been dancing with her for several minutes before he learned that she was Jennifer Jones, star of "The Song of Bernadette."

## Squeeze Play Produces Results

Pvt. Allan Seman, Btry. C, 542nd FA Bn., has three cocker spaniels back home. When he called home last weekend he asked his sister to put one of them on the phone. He talked to "Bucky," but Bucky wasn't answering that day.

Finally, Seman's sister said, "Try again, she'll talk now." So Seman talked to Bucky, and Bucky kept answering with "Ugh." The secret? Every time Seman spoke, his sister gave Bucky a big squeeze around the stomach, and the "ugh" was bound to come.

## Two Rainrowers Win First Bouts

Two Rainbow Golden Glovers had pounded their way to the quarter-final round of the National Golden Gloves Tournament in Chicago by Tuesday night. They were Pvt. Charles Cullers, Co. G, 222nd Inf., middleweight, and Pvt. Freddie Marshall, Hq. Btry., 392nd FA Bn., lightweight. Only one other member of the Oklahoma delegation, Featherweight Rudy Payasappe of the Riverside Indian School, had reached the quarter-finals, which were scheduled for Wednesday night.

On Tuesday night Cullers won two fights to join the other two men already in the quarter-final bracket. He won decisions over Gene Moore of Terre Haute, Ind., and Max Crosley of Fort Wayne, Ind.

In his second-round encounter, Marshall won by a technical knockout over Jackie Sparr of Terre Haute, Ind.

In the heavyweight division, Pvt. Harlan Hill, 193rd FA Bn., a non-Divisional unit, won his first bout but lost to Robert Carvat of Grand Rapids, Mich., in his second.

Two Oklahoma City entries—Alvin Williams, welterweight, and Ray Williams, light-heavy—went down swinging.

### CAN'T BE DONE

T-5 Arnold Krouse, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., back after a semester at Motor Mechanics' School at Ft. Sill, evidently has learned everything but the one thing nobody has yet found the answer to. "I know everything about an automobile except how to disconnect a back-seat driver," he says.

## New Mural Adorns Back Bar at NCO Club



Pvt. Don Freeman, Div. Hq. Co., touches up the Old Sarge's bed without disturbing his dreams of a better world. The mural is a new addition to the pleasures of the Division N.C.O. Club. At the moment, Freeman is working under the critical eye of the club's president, M-Sgt. G. Villareal.



## by Sansone

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**"Careful! ..... This is Leap Year!"**

Sgt. Dick (Lard) Edminson, who just returned from furlough, sat in with Dean Hudson and his Florida Clubmen. Dean and his newly organized band are doing a stint at one of Florida's exclusive nightspots . . . Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, still featuring Freddie Martin and his Golden Sax . . . Aragon, Chicago, shows the old Dick Jurgens alumni, Eddy Howard and his fine band . . . Red Norvo is pounding his way through a very successful engagement at the Preview, one of Chi-



It was a rough night, hot as hell out, and I was sweating so much the guy behind me was running ankle deep in mud, but we still kept getting that old double-time. I've checked our figures several times since then, but I haven't found the error yet.



## Cigarettes for Michigan Men



Three members of the Contact Committee of the Michigan Chapter of the Rainbow Veteran Association are shown packing letters and cigarettes which have been sent to all men in the New Rainbow Division who hail from that state. From left to right are William Hemme, Chapter President; Clarence L. Houle, secretary of the committee, and George Irwin, committee member in charge of the distribution of the "collection jars," one of which is seen on the table.

## Vets Send Gifts To Michigan Men

Rainbow men from Michigan have been "adopted" by the Michigan Chapter of the Rainbow Veterans Association, and as the adopted sons of the men who fought under the Rainbow flag in the last war, they have each been sent a Flat-Fifty package of cigarettes.

The gift is the initial move on the part of the Michigan group to maintain contact with the state's new Rainbow soldiers "for the duration—and plus," according to a letter received by each of them this week from William Hemme, president of the Chapter, and Dr. Arlington F. Lecklider, chairman of the Chapter Contact Committee.

"Our old bones may creak," states the letter, "our teeth, perhaps, may even ache as we set them in the 'Polident' each evening; we may need bi-focals to count the graying hairs that still remain as lingering memories of the Spring Time of our youth. Ah yes, we may fail, through some cursed deficiency of age, to do all we would like to for you, but we are going to have one hell of a lot of fun trying to follow the dictates of our hearts that so warmly welcome you and the hundreds of others in the Division who come from Michigan."

To assist the Chapter to keep in touch with Michigan Rainbows the writers asked that all of the gifts be acknowledged, as it is their plan to continue sending gifts from time to time.

Funds for the cigarettes were raised by the group through donations made in "collection jars" distributed by the veterans.

## 'Around the Clock' Party Will Bring 80 Lovely Visitors

Eighty damsels from Tulsa and Sapulpa will help members of the Special Bn., 242nd Inf., enjoy an "Around the Clock" party at Service Club No. 2 on Sunday, 5 March.

This party, the second all-day affair held by the 242nd Infantry, will follow much the same program as that used for the Third Battalion's Valentine's Day party, with visits to company day rooms and dinner at company mess halls. The fun will begin at 1100 and continue until 2200.

At 1300 ten trucks will take the party on a tour of the camp, and from 1400 to 2200 the party will remain at the Service Club for a Tea Dance, Buffet Supper and Dinner Dance, during which entertainment by members of the Special Battalion will be provided.

## One of Our Teeth Is Missing

In a "Battle of Giants" staged in the battery area of Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., Pvt. Clarence (Killer) Coy slugged it out with Pvt. Robert (Commando) Smaldone.

It was all in fun, understand, but somewhere during the ten frantic rounds, Coy lost a front tooth. All Smaldone lost was the fight.

## NCO Club Will Hold Reunion Dance 4 March

The Division NCO Club will hold a reunion dance at the NCO Club, Sixth and C Streets, on Saturday, 4 March, at 1930, for non-coms of the first three grades. Music will be provided by the 232nd regimental dance band.

All members of the club and their guests are invited. Admission is free.

## About Faces! . . . By Pvt. Don Freeman



Nearly every night here at PX No. 5 you may observe a spontaneous 232nd Infantry "counter attack." What's in back of it, you may ask. Ruby is the answer. She's in there passing out the drinks. With each order a GI gets a smile which has all the eye-marks of being a personally wrapped gift meant for him alone. This is no trick, I'll swear it's the real thing. She's just naturally a one-woman USO.

## Courage, Knowledge of Close-Combat Bring Medal of Honor to Two Overseas

Action in Sicily and Italy has produced two more Medal of Honor heroes. Both were enlisted men at the time. One has since become an officer.

On 13 September 1943, near Altavilla, Italy, Cpl. Charles E. Kelly "voluntarily joined a patrol which located and neutralized enemy machine gun positions." He then volunteered to establish contact with another battalion, and traveled through heavy enemy fire to do so.

Immediately thereafter, again a volunteer patrol member, he helped destroy two enemy machine gun nests. His ammunition gone, he secured permission to obtain more at an ammunition dump. Finding a storehouse near the dump under ferocious attack by the Germans, he took on the assignment of protecting the rear of the storehouse. He held this position throughout the night and the next day under extremely dangerous conditions. During this time he fired two automatic rifles in succession until each had locked from overheating. He then picked up 60-mm mortar shells, "pulled the safety pins, and used

the shells as grenades, killing at least five of the enemy." When the house finally had to be evacuated, Kelly held the position till the others could withdraw. "As the detachment moved out, Corporal Kelly was observed deliberately loading and firing a rocket launcher from the window. He was successful in covering the withdrawal of the unit, and later in joining his own organization."

On 31 June 1943, near Gagliano, Sicily, a detachment of one officer and nine enlisted men, including S-Sgt. Gerry H. Kisters (now Second Lieutenant Kisters), of a Reconnaissance Squadron, was advancing ahead of the leading elements of American troops to fill a large crater in a road when it was taken under fire by two enemy machine guns. Sergeant Kisters and the officer advanced in the face of intense small arms fire and captured the nearest machine gun emplacement and its crew of four. In the face of further intensified small arms fire, Sergeant Kister then advanced alone toward the second gun emplacement. Though struck five times, in both legs and his right arm, he captured the second machine gun after killing three of its crew and forcing the fourth to flee."

## Home Plate Dusted Early By Arty. Teams

The softball season got off to an early start in Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., as Lieutenant Fritz's Bombers bombarded Lieutenant Oh's Flyers to the tune of 21-17. Corporal Johnson outlasted Sergeant Gebrian to win a game in which base hits came a dime a dozen.

The Flyers, after compiling a seemingly unsurmountable 11-1 lead as late as the sixth, faltered in the stretch, and faulty fielding combined with hard hitting to bring the Bombers in on a wing and a prayer.

## Stars With Stripes

### 222nd Infantry

From Cpl. to Sgt.—Robert Gibeilino.

### 242nd Infantry

From Pvt. to Cpl.—Eugene R. Japrop, Simon R. Strick, Calvin M. Casto and Roger C. Dole, Co. B.

From Pvt. to T-5—Donald T. Boehmer, Co. B.

### 392nd FA Bn.

Pfc. to T-5—Uuno E. Murton, Btry. C.

Pvt. to T-5—J. L. Glosson, Btry. C.

Cpl. to Sgt.—Basham, Kenny, Service Btry.

T-5 to T-4—Bates, Pestrak, Service Btry.

Pfc. to T-5—Elam, Everill, Snell, Service Btry.

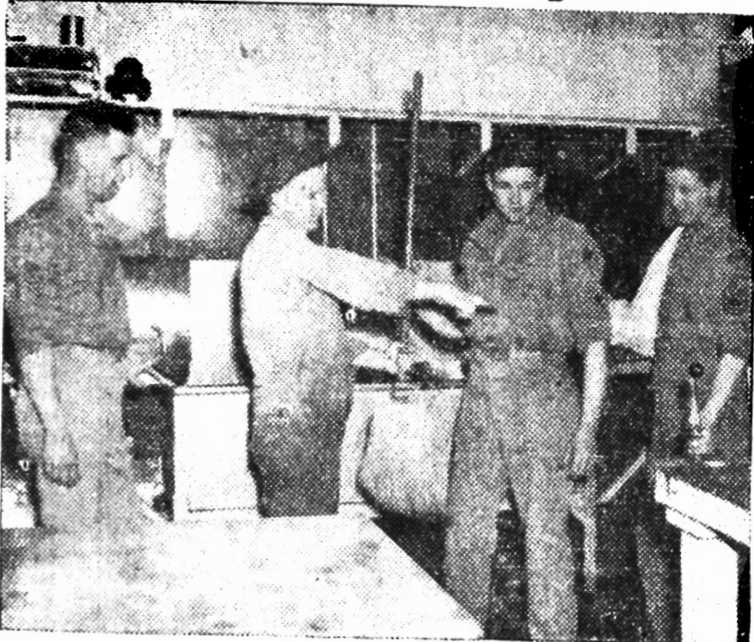
Pvt. to T-5—Clifford L. Case, Btry. A.

Bowen, McQueen, Resister, Porter, Btry. C.

### BUSINESS AS USUAL

When Pfc. Charles W. Smyth, Hq. Co., 222nd Inf., returned from his furlough, he quickly realized that vacation days were over—he drew KP, guard duty and table waiter on his first three days back.

## News! Private Bosses Sergeants



Man bites dog! Private KP-chases three sergeants! Left to right, the men involved in this topsy-turvy situation are Sgt. George R. Brink, Pvt. Edwin A. Sharpe, S-Sgt. Floyd H. Burnside, and T-Sgt. Milton J. Lacey, all of Regt. Hq., 242nd Inf. While the majority of the company was out on bivouac, Private Sharpe was in charge in the kitchen, and sergeants were pulling KP—Sgts. Earl E.

Bedel and Chester W. Giles were on the list as well as the men shown in the picture. As for them, they came in from the battle conditioning course just in time to re-enact the scene for the photographer. Sharpe reports, incidentally, that the sergeants "did the work quicker and more efficiently than it had ever been done before by any KPs." Shows the boys haven't lost their touch.



# ..SPORTS..

## Regimental Champs Set for Tournament

Company M turned its heavy weapons on the Medics in their game for the 232nd Infantry Basketball League championship, and rang up a 64-41 victory Tuesday night. This qualifies the Company M team to represent the regiment in the Division Championship tournament to be held during March.

The 222nd Infantry's representative has also been selected. Declared champs of the regiment, the Anti-Tank Company's basketball team is now entered in the Division showdown.

The 222nd Infantry team, scheduled to play in the opening game, will be made up from the following players: Sgt. Ivan Jones, Cpl. Robert B. Baird, Pfc. William E. Williams, Pfc. Charles R. Harris, Pfc. Wilbur A. Phillips, Pfc. Joseph Neborak, Pfc. William C. Wheeler, and Pvt. George L. Snyder.

In the 232nd Infantry Basketball League, the Company M, Medics game that decided the championship gave no hint at first of being a heavy-scoring game. During the first two-and-one-half minutes of play, no score was made by either side. Finally Huskey, Medics center, broke the ice with the first score.

However, Company M soon gained the lead, and was ahead at the quarter, 8-3, and at the half, 19-9.

Hoch, Gibson, and Kennedy shared the honors for high scores on the winning team. Hoch, left forward, basketed 19 points, while Gibson, center, and Kennedy, right forward, made 18 each. Guards for Company M were Hardy, left guard, and Schields, right guard.

On the Medics' team, high scorers were Huskey, center, with 18 points, and Hurd, left forward, with 11 points.

## Brain Trusters of 232nd Inf. to Pit Wits in New Show

Wednesday evenings at the 232nd Inf. Rec Hall will see the Regiment's own version of an "Information Please" show when the brainiest men from two companies each week will pit their wits in a quizz show called "The Flip Quizz."

The show gets its name from the fact that contestants will be asked questions determined by the flip of a coin. Company teams will consist of five men, and the contest will be conducted similar to a tournament, so that in the end the brain-trust of the regiment will be selected. Questions will range from "What is the color of Ginger Rogers' hair?" to "Who is the King of Yugoslavia?"

Scorekeepers will be officers from non-competing companies. Cpls. Sol Talanker and Francis Bloomer, and Pvt. Milton Halpern will conduct the show. Starting time each Wednesday will be 1930.

## Perimeter Defense Suffers Break-Through

Pfc. Floyd "Three-quarter-ton" Bates, Btry. C. 542nd FA Bn., was at his machine-gun on perimeter defense while out in the field. He had pitched a lean-to to break the wind and was bedded down and sound asleep, when sinister padding feet in the underbrush brought him to with a start.

Suddenly, with a mighty bound, the animal outside leaped at his throat. It was gone again before he realized that a large jack-rabbit had bounded into his lean-to and then scurried away again.

## 242nd Playoffs Will Start Soon

Sunday afternoon will wind up a 90-game schedule for the American and National leagues in the 242d Infantry basketball program. Then will come the playoff of the leaders in each of the leagues to determine the League Champions. Next week play will begin in the Regimental Single-Elimination Tournament. Plans for the tournament are being drawn up at the present time and Athletic Representatives will be notified as soon as possible.

"The success that our league has enjoyed," said Pfc. Roy E. Richstad, league director, "was due to the fine cooperation of all players and their willingness to play at anytime and in many cases on very short notice."

The National League appears to have been a much closer race than the American but it cannot be said that either league has the strongest teams. Both have proven that they are strong leagues, and their big chance will come when the leagues will be mixed up in the big Regimental Single - Elimination Tournament. These games will be played at the field house on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. To predict the winner would be almost an impossibility with so many teams that are outstanding. Any team in the first four or five places in each league has a good chance of becoming the tournament champions.

On 14 March the 242d Infantry Regimental team will open play for the Division championship when they tangle with a strong 42nd Division Artillery aggregation.

Something new in the way of a scoring record was believed to have been established during the past week's play when Private Zilla, Co. D, scored 51 points to lead his team in a 97 to 15 victory. Both scores are League records. Previous high individual score in a single game was also held by Zilla with 34 points to his credit.

STANDINGS			
American League			
	W	L	Pct.
Co. D	7	1	.875
*Co. G	7	2	.777
Co. H	6	2	.750
*Hg. 1 Bn.	6	3	.666
Co. C	4	3	.571
Co. E	5	3	.533
Hq. 2 Bn.	2	5	.285
*Co. F	2	7	.222
Co. B	1	5	.167
*Co. A	0	9	.000

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
Reg. Hq.	8	0	1.000
*Can. Co.	8	1	.888
*A-T Co.	7	2	.777
*Ser. Co.	5	4	.555
*Co. M	5	4	.555
*Medics	3	6	.333
*Hqs. 3rd	3	6	.333
*Co. K	2	7	.222
*Co. I	2	7	.222
Co. L	1	7	.125

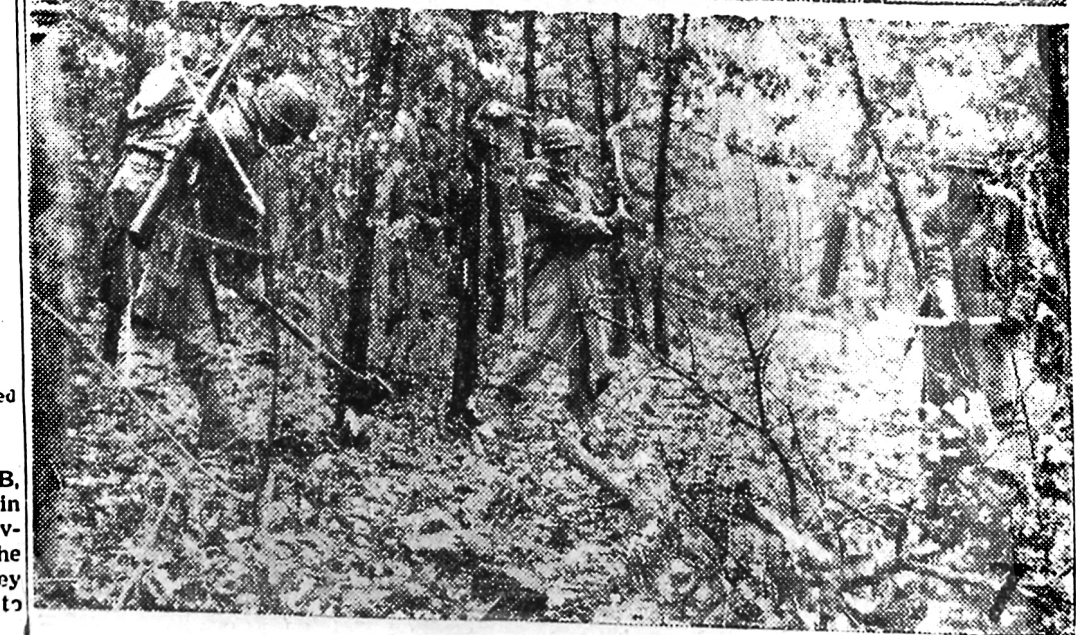
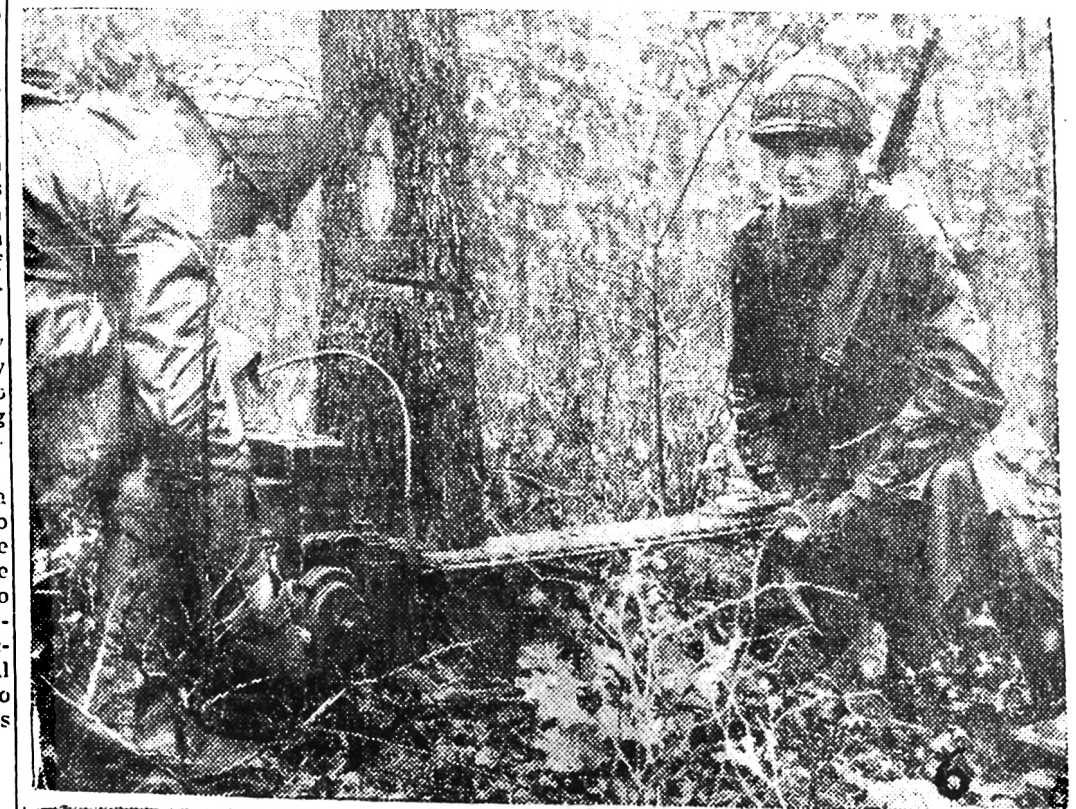
\*Denotes teams that have finished the regular season of play.

### A WIN AT LAST

The basketball team of Co. B, 242nd Inf., is now in the race in the regimental tournament, having won their first game of the season, from Company A. They won it when Company A failed to show up.



## OBSTACLE COURSE ENGINEER S



Last Monday, Eng. Bn., the weather while man-sized lake-ferrying building an No. 1. Above Support Raft and sections 2 1/2-ton truck ported across at the contr HP outboard rafts is Pvt.

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No. 6, Al branson, left assigned to shown here driven chair new road.

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# COURSE STYLE

Found men of Co. A, 142nd, conducting a problem of portions out on Greenleaf trucks across the lake and road on the other side. Shows one of the Infantry units of coupled assault boats "treadway," on which a jeep are being trans-ported across the lake. In the foreground one of the powerful 22-horsepower motors used to propel the boats. R. Leonard.

Right: Carrying one of the jeeps down to the water's edge, it will be placed on top of the treadway and clamped on to form the "treadway" of the Support Rafts are easily loaded on and off.

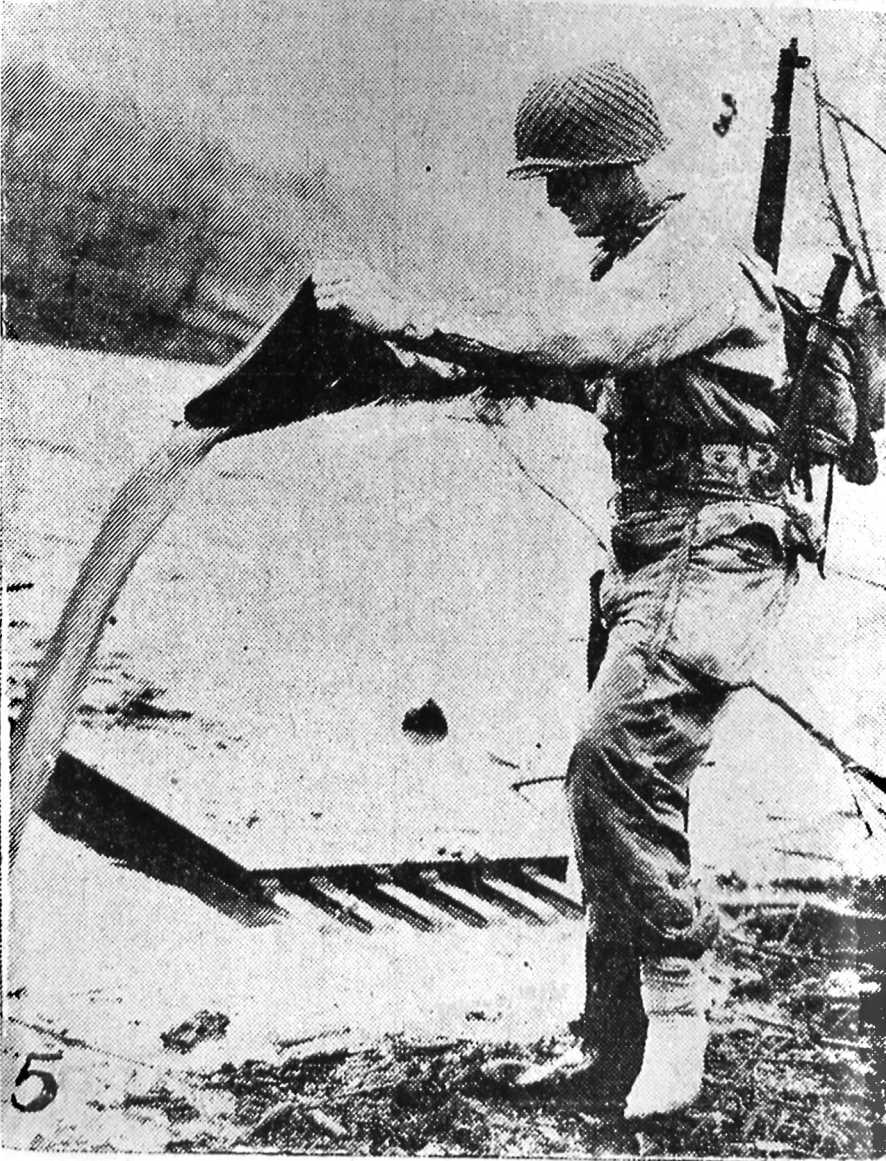
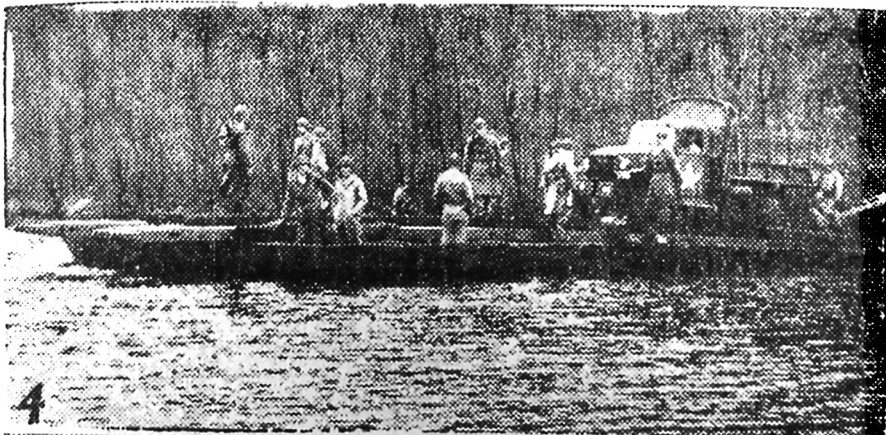
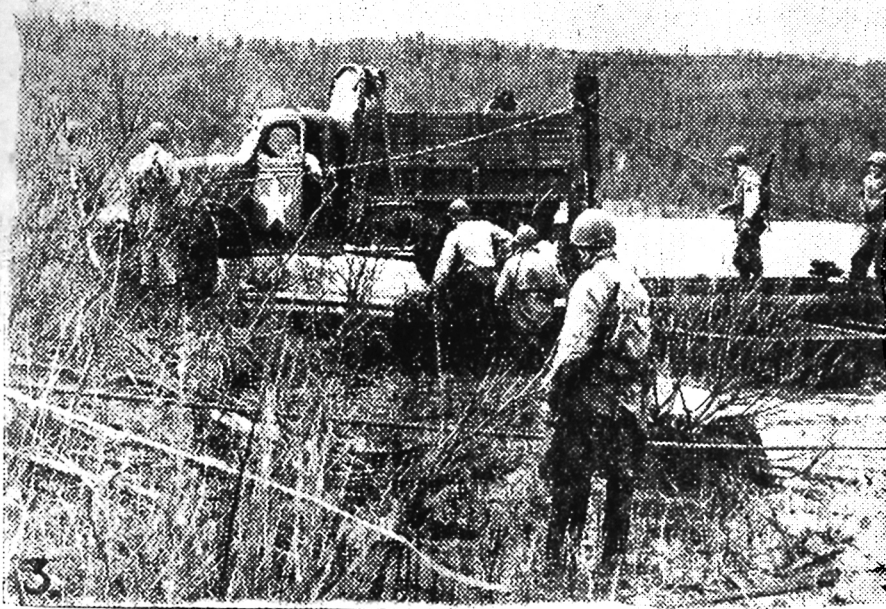
Below: Having made the "treadway" previously had been ferried across, the receiving landing stage is fastened to the treadway. During the landing the truck, during the landing, all personnel and equipment are carried across the lake. The treadway is also used for transport of troops and equipment.

Below: With another raft Landing Stage constructed, the treadway is shown being driven across the lake. Engineers were using the treadway to form a raft this capable of carrying two 2 1/2-ton personnel.

Pfc. W. H. Culver, even though wearing rubber waders, wasn't able to get back part of Greenleaf treadway. Though wearing only shoes, he showed no less hesitancy, going right out into the water to clear the way for the operations.

Left: Cpl. Vernon T. Gulley, right: road-building detail, are clearing the way for the

Assisting in the clearing of the road, from left to right, Cpl. Vernon T. Gulley, Pvt. Arthur D. Korhonen, and Pvt. L. Carlee.



## Lessons in Defense Against Dive-Bomber Attack Learned the Hard Way in Tunisia

The following is the last of a series of excerpts the REVEILLE has printed from an article in the February issue of the Infantry Journal, entitled, "We Learned in Tunisia and Sicily," by T-Sgt. Milton Lehman.

The road between Feriana and Gafsa in Tunisia was often referred to as Messerschmitt Lane. It was haunted by strafing planes, which generally swept down in pairs on the road from the concealment of the flanking ridges. The first reaction to strafing was to hold as many convoys as possible until nightfall. For drivers who had to travel by day, in spite of strafing and dive-bombing threats, experience produced lessons which have not been forgotten.

Men and officers promptly agreed that air guards, front and rear, must be continually on the alert; that convoys under attack should zig-zag their vehicles off the road alternately in order to spoil the airplane gunner's aim; that spare gasoline cans should not be distributed throughout a convoy, but put in one vehicle in case of fire; that one man in each vehicle should carry the fire extinguisher with him when it became necessary to leave the road.

In bivouac, some of the American troops learned the importance of dispersion—in one lesson. Reported a battalion commander:

During the battle of Faid we dispersed our vehicles at normal maneuver dispersion distance in the only grove of trees there was around there. Then about 0700—Stuka time—ono Ju-88 flew over and circled us once and, on successive flights, about five in all, we lost nine vehicles in less than 10 minutes. After this we learned what dispersion really was. Fortunately we had learned to use slit trenches and didn't lose a man in the incident.

Another bivouac area lesson was taught when antiaircraft gunners fired at hostile aircraft before they were attacked, thereby informing the enemy plane that there was something worthwhile below and that he ought to call in a few friends to help take care of it. In most cases he did.

But during an air attack, whether in bivouac area or on the road, it is the job of the antiaircraft gunner to hold his ground and shoot to kill.

Hold his ground he did, but the inexperienced gunner in Tunisia had trouble calculating the speed of Stukas and Messerschmitts.

## Distinguished Service Avoids Mail Cross Up

Some sort of recognition should go to T-4 John N. Philben of the Division Postoffice staff for service above and beyond that of regular duty—as Lt. R. A. LeMay, adjutant general's office, can testify.

Lt. LeMay was surprised and curious not so long ago to receive mail delivered to his desk addressed to his wife's mother, Mrs. Hurley, who is a member of Lt. LeMay's household. The mail had been forwarded to Mrs. Hurley from their former home in St. Paul, Minn., and only the address "42nd Div., Camp Gruber, Oklahoma" had been written in.

Lt. LeMay was curious enough as to how the mail found its proper place that he began inquiring. The upshot of his investigation was that Sergeant Philben was a former St. Paul mail carrier and had delivered mail many times, back in 1940, to Lt. LeMay's home in St. Paul. When the letters for Mrs. Hurley arrived he recalled her name and promptly had it delivered to Lt. LeMay.

and, according to the admission of both men and officers, the fault was in taking too short a lead.

Under hostile artillery fire, the American soldier learned another lesson in behavior during enemy attack. Whenever troops moved into a position recently abandoned by the Germans, they generally found that the enemy had plotted their range with precision and immediately began fire on it from positions ahead.

"When this fire came down," (said a battalion executive officer in Sicily), "we learned to go forward, to get out of it, never backward, and not to remain in the area at all after the first shells came in.

"At Castelbuono we had just moved into an area when a sudden severe artillery concentration came down on us. We immediately moved the CP forward about 800 yards. Just about the time we were moving out, a round came in and burst about 100 yards to the front of us, followed almost immediately by one 100 yards in rear of us. It was a perfect bracket. We moved forward on the double and escaped the full concentration that plastered the area we had been in.

## Rainbow Now Has 36 State Flags; Hopes for Others

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from each of the 48 States, were chosen as flag-bearers, and an extra increment of 15 men stood by as relief bearers in case the extreme heat and the length of the ceremonies caused any of the original flag-bearers to fall out. Only three fell out during the entire time, however.

For the most part, State flags are of the conventional rectangular shape, but there are a few exceptions. Ohio's is a burgee, or swallowtail flag; the flags of Rhode Island, Alabama and Pennsylvania are square.

The request for the flag of Alabama was answered at the request of the governor of that State by Robert Joerg, Jr., Maj., U.S.A., Ret., acting adjutant general of Alabama, and the flag was brought to the Activation Day ceremonies by a guard of honor composed of members of the Alabama State Guard.

The flag of Connecticut was provided through the efforts of Brig. Gen. R. B. Delacour, adjutant general of that State, who is a Rainbow Veteran. The assistant adjutant general, Col. Frank M. Greene, was also a Rainbow Veteran. Another Veteran of the Division is Gov. Olin D. Johnson of South Carolina, who personally handled the request for the flag of his State.

When the Division's training period is completed and the Rainbow goes overseas, the flags will be stored in Liberty Memorial, the Kansas City, Mo., memorial to the dead of World War I. The space was procured through Col. Ruby D. Garrett, who commanded the 117th Field Signal Battalion, a Missouri unit in the Rainbow, in World War I.

In a mural at Service Club No. 1, Pvt. Don Freeman, Div. Hq. Co., has portrayed the display of State flags at the Activation Day ceremonies.

## HURRY-UP JOBS

Trick shaves are the order of the day in Co. C, 222nd Inf. Pfc. Henry H. Perreault took a quick shave on Monday morning with a full field pack on his back and his helmet liner on his head. Then Pfc. Harry M. Lyon shaved in the field with his helmet liner on. He shaved around his chin-strap.



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Sergeant Howell and Private Osborne, Med. Det., recommend the infiltration course on a rainy day as the best possible way of acquiring a complete camouflage job.

Pfc. Harry A. Dunham's wife recently became a WAC, making it a strictly GI Family. Dunham, who is in the Medical Detachment, fortunately slightly outranks his wife.

Pfc. Gerald A. Tucci, Med. Det., is back from the hospital with a well-mended leg. He's as agile as ever and ready for his rapidly approaching furlough.

Mail from Pvts. Abraham J. Glick and Kenneth M. Seidl, Med. Det., indicate that they are enjoying Dental technicians and medical technicians schools respectively.

One hundred percent for 29 consecutive days is the record set by Anti-Tank Company's mess hall. At present the company has also had 19 consecutive perfect Ordnance inspections.

Pvt. Stanley Zembosky, Anti-Tank Co., had his truck adjudged the best in the division at motor inspection last week.



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One reason perhaps for Company B winning honors for its mess is that Mess Sgt. Anthony Prata may be strutting his stuff for his new bride, whom he acquired while home on furlough.

Furloughing this week from Company B: Cpls. Edwin Burgher, Jr., and Samuel Golden, Pfc. Robert B. Russell and Lloyd C. Schneider and Pvts. Alfred E. Giesel, James Russo, Lucian C. Bean, Michael L. LaRussa, and Hackell Seligman.

S-Sgt. Joseph S. Augeri, Co. C, returned from furlough Tuesday night and proudly announced his marriage to the former Irene Johnson of Middletown Conn. The ceremony took place on Valentine's Day and the couple spent most of their honeymoon in Massachusetts.



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With S-Sgt. Hilman H. Easton and Pfc. Emilio J. Ghianni, Hq. Co., having birthdays on the same day and receiving a few packages in the mail, the anti-tank platoon held a bit of a feast last week.

Pvt. Lawrence Perlis, Hq. Co., has an autographed photo of a strip tease dancer as his pin-up girl. For a consideration, he might divulge her address.

When Pvt. Paul Hoebeck, Hq. Co., returned from guard mount with his face beaming, his barracks-mates knew he had made colonel's orderly.

Sgt. Irving Fajans, Co. E, has double reasons for happiness—his recent marriage, and the fact he has been notified he will be commissioned a second lieutenant upon return from furlough.

S-Sgt. Robert V. Wilkins and Sgt. Granville D. Barlow, Co. F, returned from a stay at the hospital to be greeted by a bivouac.

Washington's Birthday Proud Papa: Cpl. William Cody, Co. G.

Pfc. Milton K. Rubel, Sr., was selected as "Driver of the Week."

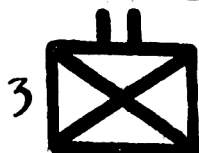
Cpl. John W. Becker, Co. H, managed to get his shaves on bivouac with the help of Pfc. Ray

W. McDonald and a flashlight.

That sweet harmonica music in the bivouac area was furnished by Private Betts, Co. H.

Pfc. Moe Givens, Co. H, is doing a bang-up job while S-Sgt. Nicola F. Tirrigno is on furlough.

Buddies wonder where Pfc. George E. Millard, Co. H, puts all those candy bars.



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Pvt. William Kallas, Hq. Co., is bucking for the title of neatest-appearing man in the company, for some reason or other.

Pvt. Joseph A. Tocci, Hq. Co., formerly of communications platoon, has taken over a desk at Battalion Headquarters.

Seeing Pvt. William Wachs working on KP the other day had the boys wondering when Bill finds time to work on his Ph.D.

When a tire went flat on Pvt. Charles A. Hugart's car last weekend Pvt. Brewster R. Dudnick, Hq. Co., had a lot of difficulty locating a fender jack. It wasn't until Hugart had patiently explained to him that he didn't have such an article that Dudnick realized he was looking for a bumper jack anyway.

Off on furlough in Company K: Pfc. Robert L. Moorman and Ralph J. Imrie. Back from furlough: S-Sgt. Willie T. Harper and Pfc. Carl C. Kohl, Jr. On emergency furlough: Sgt. Marshall T. Kilgore.

Pvt. Wilson F. Crumpler, Co. K, returned from the Station hospital this week to find a message that his baby was seriously ill in a Muskogee hospital. He reports the baby is much better now.

Cpl. James Griffin, Co. L, entered the holy bonds while on furlough.

Pvt. Salvatore Pollizzi, Co. L, is considered a good field soldier by his buddies, but when he lets a cricket chase him out of his tent they begin to wonder.

The one from Forest Hills seems to be winning out with Pfc. Albert Boomhower, Co. L, as he struggles over his two heart-throbs.



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Pvt. Marvin Corbett, Med. Det., got a little mixed up in an exam the other day. When he was asked what a General Anesthetic was, he replied: "Commanding Officer of the Second Army."

Pvt. Agapito Trujillo, Med. Det., who has two brothers in the Army, learned the other day that they ran across each other in, of all places, New Guinea. Quite a thrill, he says.

Cpl. Gerald Louney, Med. Det., claims that if the time ever arrives that he comes into the barracks some night and finds an empty bed, he's going on sick call the next morning for hallucinations, or sumpin'.



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Sgt. Jack Cowden, Co. A, hasn't missed telling anyone, as far as we know, about his new baby daughter.

Pvt. Hugh Clement, Co. A, has been proudly displaying the pictures of his new wife which appeared in a recent Sunday edition of a Greensboro, N. C., newspaper.

There is something unusual going on. Pvt. Herbert Chadwick,



Co. A, is passing out the address of a pretty girl.

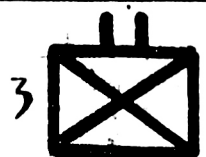
The men of Weapons Platoon, Co. A, are really walking around with their chests expanded these days. They came out highest in the recent Corps tests.



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Pfc. Siegfried Rosenthal, Co. F, is home on emergency furlough to visit his wife and new-born daughter.

Pfc. Thurman Alcorn, Co. F, who was married not so long ago while on a three-day pass, has left for home on a furlough to see how Mrs. Alcorn bakes those cakes she has been sending him. Alcorn is also a cook—but a little on the GI side.



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Pfc. Martin Lifschultz, Co. K, has had one of his poems accepted by a well known literary publication.

Pfc. Harold Peterson, Co. K, has his wife visiting him from Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pvt. Anton Hruby, Co. K, did a swell job subbing as mail clerk while Pfc. Roy Lindemann was on furlough.

Pfc. Lewis Orbin, T-4 Paul Tehel, and Pfc. Nick Martucci have returned to Company K after completing the course at the Cooks and Bakers School.

Pfc. Miller Abraham and Pvt. Seymour Schussler, Co. K, are confined to the Station Hospital. Men of the Company wish them a speedy recovery.

Men of Company K are wondering whether that little girl in Tulsa has anything to do with Pfc. Joseph Hecht's decision to let that GI haircut grow out.

Pfc. Raymond Pustejovsky, Co. K, claims he is not a native-born son. No, he was born in Texas, he says.

Company M is happy to welcome Eustace B. Davis as its new First Sergeant. Davis' last post was Camp Hood, Texas.

Pfc. James Brengel, Co. M, confirmed the guarantee that his wristwatch was water-proof when he absentmindedly took a shower with it on.

Pvt. Dominick Tedeschi, Co. M, is so GI he even has a Rainbow

shoulder patch pasted across his billfold.

Cpl. Cecil Moss, Co. M, looked like the 20th Century Limited with the throttle wide open when he ran the 300-yd. dash in 44 seconds—one under the required time.

That classical music fanatic, First Cook T-4 "Limy" Venker, was caught yodelling hill-billy anthems last week and Co. M's KPs are worried.

Pfc. Edwin Lay has been Co. M's No. 1 mule-man (he's always talking about those on his Georgia farm) but he was outclassed by Pfc. George Miller last week when Miller managed to snare a stray, stampeding mule after a half hour's chase.

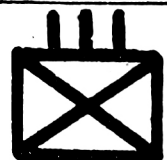
Pfc. Pedron Baeza, Co. M, has devised a new way to carry the cumbersome 45-lb. 81mm. Mortar base-plate. He carries it in one hand tucked under his arm like a magazine.

"Scholarly" describes Pfc. William Rogers, Co. M, since he acquired his new GI glasses.

Pfc. Jess McLendon, Co. M, has followed Pvt. Delwyn Warner into Cooks and Bakers School.

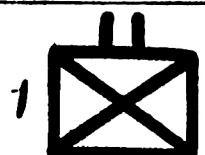
Mystery of the week is who sent the letter of gripes to 3rd Battalion Headquarters signed: "My husband's wife."

Sparse-haired Pfc. Victor La Co. M, has declined to join his barracks in a moustache raising contest. "It would put me in a disadvantage," he declared, "because with a lip fungus I would have more hair on my face than on my head."



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Arriving back in camp after four consecutive days and nights of riding the coaches, Pfc. Roy E. Richard, Service Co., immediately found himself plunged into the middle of a tournament basketball game.



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"Hard luck guy" of Headquarters Company is Cpl. Emory W. McIntosh, company clerk, who spent four days in bed with flu while home on furlough in Washington, D. C.

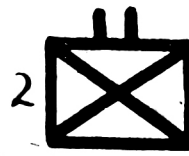
It has long been known that Pvt. Jesse W. Sanderlin, Hq. Co., is the

quietest man in the company, but now the men feel he overdoes it. A month ago he became a father, and the good news did not get around until a few days ago.

Pfc. William C. Walker, Hq. Co., who plans to be married in Summerville, Mass., while on furlough early in March, is accused of having a private "shrine" on his desk at Regimental Headquarters composed of pictures of the future Mrs. Walker.

When Cpl. George W. Shelly, Co. B, returned from furlough he brought his wife back as a visitor.

S-Sgt. Ralph Miller, Co. B, is the father of a future supply sergeant born during the past week.



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The whole company was happy when Pfc. Philip DeMaggio, Co. E, returned from furlough. DeMaggio is not to be confused with the baseball clan, who spell their name DiMaggio, but he beats way up there in his own league—he's a cook.

Pvt. Theodore P. Simonds, Co. E, has returned from the hospital after quite a long absence from the company.

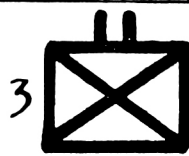
T-Sgt. Melbourne A. Tuten Co. E, is doing a fine job as first sergeant while First Sgt. Walter Padubny is enjoying his furlough.

Pvt. Kenneth Glass, Co. F, who is company bugler, is blowing love calls on the side since he has fallen for the first time.

Corporal Ptacek and Private Carter, Co. F, were trying a little extra commando tactics on the swinging rope phase of the obstacle course. Carter was "piggy-back" on Ptacek, who was to furnish the arms and strength to swing across the water-filled ditch. They almost made it.

Pfc. Anthony Caminlti, Co. G, liked his furlough so well he's all ready for another one. Sorry, Anthony, get to the back of the line.

Pvt. Henry Golasowski, Co. H, received a surprise visit from his brother from Detroit, Mich., last week. "Everything is fine at home and your clothes fit me just right," big brother informed Henry. Golasowski breathed a sigh of relief, however, when he learned that his favorite suit of blue serge had not been touched—yet.



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T-Sgt. Keith K. Taylor, Hq. Co., added another mark to his excellent record the other day, this time on the range, scoring 205 out of a possible 210 with the M1.

S-Sgt. George H. Ehrenzeller, Hq. Co., has a little time on his hands these days and is busy cultivating a crop on his upper lip.

Pfc. Thomas Burke, Co. M, is back on the job again as mail clerk after being home on a 17-day emergency furlough.

Pfc. Alex DeLaGarza, Co. M, fixed up the company orderly room lawn and grass areas around the barracks better than many landscapers in the business could do.

Cpl. Lloyd Imhoff, Co. M, is a mighty happy man these days as over the weekend he got married in the camp chapel to a lovely gal from back home.

First Sgt. John Kalani, Co. M, will be getting a marriage certificate for a military wedding on the post in the very near future.

Glad to get back to duty after a siege at the station hospital are Pvt. Earl Day and Cpl. Roy Coley, Co. M.



# ROLLING ALONG WITH THE CAISSONS



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T-5 Torquato Melone, Hq. Btry., baker par excellence, returned from a furlough in Massachusetts, where he visited his wife and child.

Sergeants Daly and Calhoun and Private Williamson have joined Headquarters Battery from Camp Shelby, Miss.

Corporal Awana has returned to duty after a short stay in the station hospital.

Pvt. Arthur Matthews, Btry. B, returned with his wife from furlough. His pals claim to notice a bit change already.

Pvt. Herschel Austin, returned from a furlough in Greenville, Ill., says he's glad to be back.

T-5 Douglas Lopp, Service Btry., is the father of a baby girl. Upon receiving this news, Lopp injured his left leg jumping up and down with joy. Latest report is that father, mother and daughter are all doing fine.



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T-5 Leon Howell, Hq. Btry., is home on an emergency furlough.

Pvt. Donald Crossett, Service Btry., has been operated on for appendicitis.

First Sgt. John Morton, Service Btry., had a slight accident on his motorcycle and it is believed he will start walking instead of riding in the future.

Staff Sgt. Lonnie Weeks, Hq. Btry., got to the bottom of things on a scouting and patrolling problem. He fell into a creek.

When T-5 Julius B. Treistman transferred to Headquarters Battery, he found he had transferred into the same battalion as his cousin.

Cpl. Sidney Laub, Btry. B, hasn't any worry since he acquired those two new tires.

Pvt. Isidore Rosen, Hq. Btry., believes the story that when it rains it pours since his Sunday evening tour of guard duty.



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Back from furlough this week—Cpl. B. F. Smith, Sergeant Pluss, and Private First Class Olive, Hq. Btry. On furlough—Cpl. Anthony Petrucci.

Pvt. Harry Leibowitz, Hq. Btry., has four brothers in the service, three of whom are in Alaska, North Africa, and England.

Pfc. Harrison Smith, Hq. Btry., in a recent guard mount came out with orderly.

The barber-shop quartet of Headquarters Company's Wire Section, composed of Corporals

Nasca, O'Connor, and Hoke, and Private First Class Porreca, is heard nightly in the shower room.

The diminutive chap carrying anything from a spare parts box to a message center trunk is none other than Pvt. Joe Kofsky, Hq. Co., of the Radio Section.

Pvt. Anthony Glemborsky, Btry. A, was a so-called discontented casualty on last Thursday's bivouac. During the course of firing, he was tagged a casualty by one of our medics. Upon his return to the bivouac area, he was questioned as to how he was treated. "I didn't mind being a casualty and having my head all bandaged up," he replied, "but when they made me walk to the aid station instead of carrying me on a litter, that was the pay-off!"

Pvts. Frank R. Stonich and Alvin Cowin, Btry. B, are laying bets on who'll become a proud poppa first. At the moment it looks as if Cowin will pick up the marbles, but the stork could still cross him up.

Pfc. Alexander S. Dunn, Btry. B, needed every bit of the traveling time he got with his recent furlough. A train wreck in Ohio held him up 27 hours on the way home.

On furlough this week: Cpl. Temple Marsh, and Pvts. Ernest Flores and Walter Griffith, Btry. C.

Champ letter-writer in Battery C is Pfc. Irv Adams, who pounded out 23 letters and cards from 1600 to 2000 last Saturday. And that's just an average day's writing for Adams. Just to show how thoughtful he is, he sent Mess Sgt. "Glen" Strickland a swell glass orange-squeezer which he picked up on furlough.

Pfc. Hyman Beyer, Service Btry., is back from a furlough in New York City.

Before leaving for North Dakota to greet his new baby boy, Cpl. John N. Stillman, Service Btry., issued the traditional cigars. Cpl. M. D. Chapman, Service Btry., is back from Ft. Sill.



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First Sgt. Adron T. Lobban, Btry. A, 402nd FA Bn., is back on the job again after a furlough during which he and his family visited relatives in Texas.

"It's T-5 'Smiling Chester' P. Hart, now that Mrs. Hart is visiting him for a few weeks. He's in Battery A.

Battery A welcomes T-5 Howard Powder into its midst.

Pvt. Alex McKay, Btry. B, is back from the hospital, and Pfc. John Zajechowski is back from furlough.

Private First Class Johns, Btry. C, is back after a long stay at the station hospital.

Staff Sergeant Dunn, Btry. C, is anxious for a furlough so as to get a peep at his new son.

## Division Dental Clinic Provides 400 Sets of False Teeth a Week



Pvt. Robert Hanik, Med. Det. 392nd FA Bn., looks on while S-Sgt. John Henderson, Co. C 222nd Inf., puts the final or acid test to a dental plate they have just made. Teeth are tested for color and size . . . And finally, to see if they work, on apples.

Prosthetics is a word the average GI doesn't have to worry about, but if his teeth begin bothering him and he must visit the Division Dental Clinic, then he can be glad that the science of prosthetics exists and its benefits are available to him.

The word is the two-dollar word for the science of designing and making false teeth. At Dental Clinic No. 1 about 400 such plates and partial plates are turned out each week. The work is done under the supervision of Lt. Carl Ertelcher, who has two shifts of enlisted men, working six days a week, turning out the plates required by the men of the Division.

The technical part of the work is done on a production line basis—after careful and skilled atten-

tion has been given to the original wax impression from which the final plates are molded. From the way impression a plaster cast is made, and from the cast the final plate is fashioned. These are then fitted, readjusted, and the teeth are ready for the wearer.

Assuring the Rainbow soldier excellent dental care later on when the Division goes off to maneuvers and combat, Major Orville H. Riggs, Division Dental Surgeon, has three enlisted men who are training now to take over jobs as technicians by the time the Division moves on. These men are: S-Sgt. John Henderson, Co. C, 222nd Inf., Cpl. James Fecenes, Co. D, 122nd Med. Bn., and Pvt. Robert Hanik, Med. Det., 392nd FA Bn.



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Back from a week's tactical bivouac in the field—to freshen up for another week in the field soon—the men report that tactically the problems were a success. But there were minor mishaps.

The stay-in-beds who missed an unexpected reveille call one morning were informed, "No weekend passes!"

The optimists who loped up to the chow truck in the dark of early morning for breakfast, hoping their failure to put on leggings would pass undetected, found out otherwise. They had to leg it back to their tents and put 'em on first. Slips that didn't "pass in the night!"

Corporal McWade, H and S Co.,

reports he slept comfortably on a rock and has the scars to prove it, while Corporal Donk's nose bears the imprint of a collision with a falling sapling. And skeptics are still wondering what became of the small green snake that Private Tankursley, cook's helper, was seen proudly displaying.

Closest thing to greased lightning seen in the H and S Company area since the last thunderstorm is Corporal Corboo's getaway to Tulsa last Saturday.

A sadder Private Durso, H and S Co., announces that his wife, Mrs. Rose Durso, has returned home to New York after a 90-day stay in Muskogee.

Corporal Andrews, H and S Co., reports meeting a number of Rainbow veterans while he was enroute back to Camp Gruber from his furlough in Massachusetts. The veterans were headed for their annual Rainbow anniversary meeting on 22 February, being

held by various state chapters of the Rainbow Veterans Association, throughout the East and Midwest. Corporal Andrews states that from one and all he received a royal greeting and a friendly hand-clasp—as well as other tokens of good fellowship.

First Sergeant Young, H and S Co., back from a visit to Tennessee, reports that he enjoyed a fine furlough and foul weather. The Tennessee skies rained every day he was there, and it began raining here the night he got back.

Pvt. Sam Soldano, Co. A, is the proud father of a daughter, Mary Ann.

Company A's party out on bivouac was a grand success. Pfc. George Minner and Pvts. Willie Briggs and Ray Warner stole the show with choice jokes.

Sgt. William Lanham has returned from furlough in Colorado where he visited with his uncle, J. J. Svoboda, one of the few original members of the Rainbow Division of the last war. Mr. Svoboda was attached to the 117th Ammunition Train.

## 42nd Div. Hq. Co.

Pfc. Casmer Klos, driver of the Special Troops message center jeep, says he feels right at home doing his job. He is a former Western Union dispatch rider.

The people waiting at the Braggs railroad station must have wondered what it was all about when they saw Pfc. Charles Sergeant serenading the locomotive on the north bound train. He was singing "I Want to Go Back to West Virginia," which happens to be his home state.

## 222nd Service Co. Gives All-Out Party

Featured by one of the largest entertainment programs yet produced for a company party, the first such affair held by Service Co., 222nd Inf., this year was given at the regimental recreation hall on Wednesday, 23 February.

The entertainment program was headed up by singing and dancing acts presented by the Muskogee Little Theater Guild, with music provided by Pvt. Ed Desk's regimental orchestra. Acts presented by members of the company included the "Musical Hillbillies," T-4 Humie Ballowe and T-5 Sam Barron, guitar and violin; impersonations by Pvt. Paul Manning and songs by Pfc. Bob Wilcox and Pvt. George Flynn.

Food and drinks were under the supervision of Mess Sergeant Edwin Rybin and T-5 Alfred Fontana arranged the party.

## ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

Pvt. Theron Bruback, Co. A, 142 Eng., stayed up all night so that he would be awake early in the morning to leave on furlough. Result: He fell asleep at the depot and missed the train.

## Male Call

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

## He'll Have To Go Through Chanel's





# Income Tax Is Easy on Soldiers

Have you filed your income tax report yet? If not, hold it up a minute. Here are a couple of hot tips for you:

In the first place, when you sweat your way down to the bottom of the form, you may find you don't have to pay anyone a dime. That's because servicemen get a break from the Treasury Department this year.

Congress has permitted those in the armed forces to exclude from their gross 1943 incomes the first \$1500 of their regular service pay, on top of the regular personal exemption, which in the case of single men amounts to \$500. This will relieve the great majority of the nation's GIs from the responsibility of paying any tax at all.

This doesn't mean, of course, that you get an exemption for all that dough you won on the races last year. That ain't Army pay. Income from civilian sources is taxed on civilian rates. You've got to pay through the nose for that kind of money, just like anyone else.

Now then, let's suppose you were on active duty with the armed forces during 1942 as well as 1943. In that case, you may be entitled to further benefits from Uncle Sam.

Most servicemen who paid a quarter or a half of their 1942 tax last March or June will be entitled to a refund under the forgiveness section of the new tax law. If they had no tax at all on their 1943 income, or if it is less than their 1942 tax, they are also entitled to the benefit of the forgiveness feature and if their 1943 tax is greater than their 1942 tax, three-quarters of the 1942 tax will be forgiven if it is more than \$66.67, or up to \$50 if it is \$66.67 or less.

In a nutshell, here's how you determine whether or not you have to pay an income tax this year:

- You must file a tax return IF—
1. You paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.
2. You are single and had an income in 1943 of more than \$2000 (including service pay of \$1500 and civilian income of \$500).
3. You are married and had a combined income in 1943 of more than \$1200 excluding your service pay.

Clear enough?

## 'Ideal Rainbow Family' Includes 3 Non-Coms, Two Slightly Under Age



Cpl. Burl Holmes is probably one of the few corporals ever to sit on his first sergeant's knee—in this case, the knee of First Sgt. Wesley L. Holmes, his father, of Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn. Behind them stands Sgt. Jerry Holmes keeping a stern eye on things, while on the lap of Mrs. Holmes sits Patricia, whose prospects are looking up now that the WACs need so many new recruits.

By PFC. THOMAS D. MURRAY  
Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn.

If anybody's planning a contest to find the "Ideal Rainbow Family," he might just as well give up right now and go find another angle. Because it wouldn't be much of a contest; the family of First Sgt. Wesley L. Holmes, Battery B, 542nd FA Bn., would probably win it without a struggle.

There are three Rainbow patches in Sgt. Holmes' family of five; his own, and one each on the shoulders of his sons Jerry, aged 5, who is a sergeant, and Burl, aged 3, a corporal. His daughter, Patricia, just past her first birthday, is looking forward anxiously to the day when the Rainbow Division adds a WAC detachment, and just to round out the picture, Mrs. Holmes is buying a good deal more than her quota of War Bonds.

Three non-coms in one family may seem like a lot, but don't get the idea that Jerry and Burl won their stripes through pull with the

old man. Sgt. Holmes has a reputation as a strict disciplinarian, and promotions come the hard way—at home as well as in the battery he runs.

Take Jerry's case as an example. He's been a buck sergeant for over 18 months now, and he was sweating out his father's homecoming on a recent furlough because he thought it was about time he made staff. But the furlough came and went, and he still has just three up and none down. First Sgt. Holmes has a ready explanation.

"Jerry's been behaving himself," he says. "But you've got to do more than just behave yourself before you rate a staff in my book."

And Burl, the 3-year-old corporal, has had it even rougher. He was made a corporal before he was two, and carried his stripes all right for a while. And then, in February, 1943—but let Sgt. Holmes tell it:

"We were living in Lawton, near Ft. Sill, and one day Burl took off and was AWOL for a couple of hours. When he came back I tried him under the 104th Article of War and busted him."

Under pressure, Sgt. Holmes admits, however, that when he went home on furlough a month or so ago, he found that Burl had been working hard, and re-appointed him corporal. "But," Holmes adds with a frown, "he better stay on the ball!"

Both boys wear Good Conduct ribbons, and insignia denoting pre-Pearl Harbor service; and actually, they both have had extensive military experience. Jerry, who was the mascot of his dad's battery in the 18th FA Group at Sill, marched in many battalion formations—just at the left of the right guide. He did so well that Colonel Tiner of the 18th FA Group and Brigadier General Balmer, CG of the School Troops at Ft. Sill, once referred to him as "the best looking soldier in the 18th." Jerry also went out on a number of firing problems with his dad, and the first time he heard a howitzer go off he took off himself and hunted cover. After he got used to the idea, however,

## Week's Best Mess Halls

Winners

A-T Co., 222nd Inf., Capt. Jack Edling, CO; S-Sgt. Philip Polski, Mess Sergeant.

Cannon Co., 242nd Inf., Lt. John Alden, CO; S-Sgt. Elmer Sides, Mess Sergeant.

Best in Units

Co. F, 232nd Inf., Capt. William Mitsch, S-Sgt. Wesley Roberts, 42nd Rec. Tr., Lt. Frederick McKiernan, T-4 Harold Lair, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., Capt. Glen Bailey, S-Sgt. George Gianopoulos, Co. C, 122nd Med. Bn., Lt. Edward Keating, S-Sgt. Roy Parker.

## Hours Shortened At Library No. 2

The library at Service Club No. 2 is no longer open during the morning hours.

It now opens for the day at 1330, instead of at 1000 as was formerly the case.

The library's hours are now as follows:

1330 to 2130 daily except Sunday.

1130 to 2130 on Sunday.

It is emphasized that library personnel will be available at the library only at those hours.

The hours of the library at Service Club No. 1 remain unchanged.

## Old Rumors Meet to Recall Days When They Had Center of Stage

The Old-Timers Group of the Rainbow Rumor Society had a jolly reunion this week and recalled the Good Old Days of Basic Training.

Guest of honor was the granddaddy of them all, old 'We're gonna be shipped immediately after Basic and finish our training overseas.' He got going even before Basic did.

"I sure had 'em fooled for awhile there," he recalled as he addressed the smiling group. "Gosh, they believed anything they heard in those days."

"They still do," called one of the younger rumors present.

Accompanying old 'We're gonna be shipped' was his first cousin, 'They ain't gonna give us no furloughs after Basic.'

"I guess I made more weeping relatives jam up the guest houses than about any other rumor yet," he grinned.

This honor was also loudly claimed, however, by another venerable rumor present, old 'They're gonna shorten our Basic to eight weeks.'

Fattest and jolliest elderly rumor present was the wishful thinkers' favorite, 'We're gonna be a publicity division and tour the country helping out the war bond drive. We're gonna have our headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland, and fan out from there, until finally we go to Hollywood and

he was as much at home around the big guns as he would have been at a 4th of July celebration.

Shortly after Sgt. Holmes came to the Rainbow with the cadre, both boys requested transfers along with him, relinquishing their 18th insignia in favor of Rainbow patches. On his occasional visits home, Sgt. Holmes drills his sons in giving the Rainbow salute, and he says they're getting "pretty good" at it.

And, as any man in Battery B will tell you, when First Sgt. Holmes says you're "pretty good" you're doing all right.

make a picture called "This Is The Rainbow".

"Lots of people laugh at me now," he said, "but they went for me like a ton of bricks about three months ago."

A whole group of old maneuvers rumors were also present. The bill of goods they sold stated that immediately after Basic Training we would go on maneuvers in (take your choice) Death Valley, Louisiana, Panama.

In a brief talk, some interesting facts were presented by old "After Basic all men over 30 or with families are gonna be transferred out of the Rainbow."

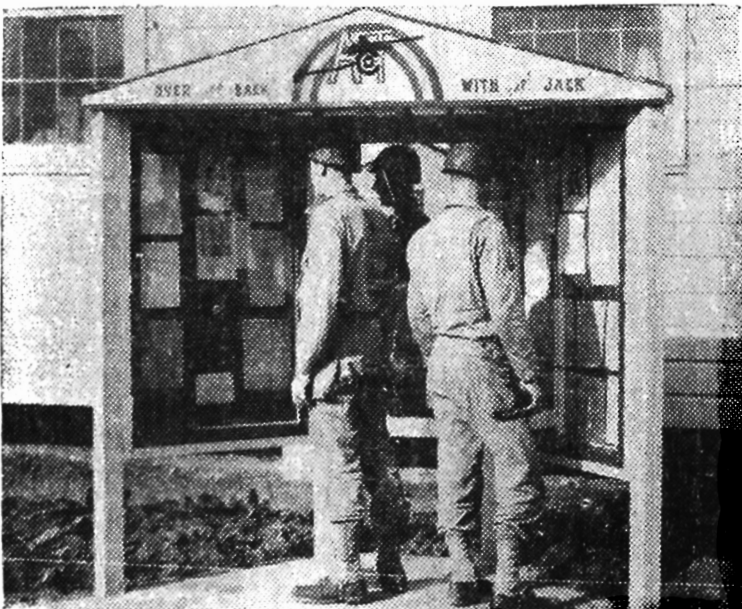
"Do you know," he chuckled, "that there are men over 30 in this Division who are still walking without the aid of a cane?"

## BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



Pvt. Julius Fishel, Co. B, 232nd Inf., claims that this photo of Miss Jackie Ramsey is the best little morale-booster he has—and he carries it with him constantly in his billfold for frequent reference. Her address, other than the fact that she lives in Hollywood, is restricted, says Private Fishel.

## 'Weather-Proof' Bulletin Board



Bulletin-board reading becomes a pleasure in these deluxe surroundings. Pvt. Marvin D. Rush and Sgt. Glenn L. Evanson, Anti-Tank Co., 222nd Inf., are catching up on company affairs within the fancy confines of the bulletin-board designed by Acting Sgt. Vincent Hecht. The company's motto on the facade, "Over and Back With Capt. Jack," testifies to the popularity of their CO, Capt. Jack Edling.

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