

Private Confucius Say:
Oklahoma Thunderstorm
Remind Him of Pretty
Girl—Plenty Flashy!

Colonel Confusion Reply:
Yes, But a Pretty Girl
Doesn't Make the GI
Run for Cover!

RAINBOW REVEILLE

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222nd Infantry Commander Takes Leave of Troops



Col. E. S. Johnston was bid farewell by the men of his command last Monday in an impressive ceremony in which the entire 222nd Infantry Regiment lined the street as he traveled from the regimental area to the Camp entrance. With Col. Johnston is Lt. Col. Karl V. Palmer, acting regimental commander. Driver of the jeep is T-5 Martin M. Sarkisian, Col. Johnston's regular driver.

Col. Johnston Leaves Regimental Duties

From Seventh and B streets to the convoy gate, a file of the officers and men of the 222nd Infantry lined each side of the road on Tuesday at 1300 to pay tribute to their retiring commander, Col. Edward S. Johnston.

The colonel has been ill for over a month at the Station Hospital, and is to be transferred now to an Army general hospital.

Shortly after 1315, seated in an open jeep with Lt. Col. Carl V. Palmer, acting regimental commander, and driven by his regular

driver, T-5 Martin M. Sarkisian, Colonel Johnston moved along the road past the lines to bid farewell to his regiment. The Division Band preceded him playing a Sousa march, and behind the jeep came the sedan in which the colonel was to continue his journey upon reaching the gate. Immediately in front of the jeep, just behind the band, marched the Color Guard, carrying the regimental colors and the Stars and Stripes.

As the band passed, the men saluted, and held the salute until the colonel had passed.

Nearst the gate were the officers of the regiment. As Colonel Johnston neared the end of the enlisted men's lines, he turned around in the seat and gave one additional salute in farewell to the men and to the camp. He called a goodbye to the officers, and his jeep halted just inside the gate, so that he could transfer to the sedan, as the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

Departing Colonel Praises Rainbow

The Rainbow is the best Division in the Army now, on the basis of its state of training. Inspection reports and informed comments on its various activities all testify to this fact. The Division is fortunate in its rich historical background and in its distinctive atmosphere and spirit. Its officers and men, proud of their old traditions, are now serving all over the world, each with a special place in his heart for his "home outfit." New personnel quickly absorb this spirit. All who have the privilege of serving with the Division can congratulate themselves that they have had this opportunity to associate themselves with the true soldier tradition. The Division cannot fail to be a great Division.

E. S. JOHNSTON,
Colonel, Infantry.

Personnel Surveys Due for Division

Every enlisted man in the Rainbow Division will, within the next few weeks, be called before a Personnel Survey Board where his entire record of physical qualifications, leadership, intelligence and skills will be reviewed and classified and made a part of his personnel record.

The survey is a result of a recent directive from the Army Ground Forces calling for a complete review of all enlisted personnel and a reclassification of military manpower based on the changing demands of the military situation. The directive applies to all Ground Forces Units and is not confined to this Division alone.

The new AGE policy directs that classification of men shall give priority values to physical capacity rather than skills, as in the past. However, in this Division physical capacity has always been given careful consideration and it is expected that the new classification procedure will result in a minimum of reassignment for Division personnel.

In appearing before his Unit Personnel Survey Board, each man will be rated in four categories:

1. Physical capacity.
2. Leadership qualities.
3. Intelligence.
4. Skills.

In addition, all records of the individual soldier will be completely checked for such material as home address, medical record, (Continued on page three)

'Roberta' Will Be On Stage Sunday At Theater No. 2

Smoke will get in Roberta's eyes once more as she sings the famous Jerome Kern song in the musical, "Roberta," at Theater No. 2 Sunday at 1430. The Tulsa Little Theater group will bring its own orchestra and a cast of 60 to give the show, and admission will be free.

In case some GI happens to be interested in such matters—the cast will consist mainly of beautiful young girls. For the musically-minded, there will be the well-known Kern score with such numbers as the aforementioned "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" and "The Touch of Your Hand."

A style show will be a feature of interest to the ladies—and the men will have a chance to torture themselves with the sight of a real bar.

Big Crowd Views Saturday Review

Even Oklahoma weather heeded the SOP for the formal review last Saturday morning and turned out in its finest attire, bright sunshine and a cloudless sky.

Several hundred civilians, Muskogee citizens, wives and families of the officers and men, crowded the stands and men from other units stationed at Camp Gruber packed the sidelines for the colorful ceremony as Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, division commander, and Col. Edward S. Johnston, retiring commander of the 222nd Infantry, reviewed the troops of the Division.

A major event on the program was the presentation of eight state flags to the Division by representatives of the donors, bringing the total now in the Division's possession up to 44.

Also a highlight was the presentation of the Expert Infantryman's Badge to Pvt. Willie A. Boone, Co. B, 242nd Inf., for service in a 23-day campaign against the Japs on Guadalcanal during November, 1942.

Commendations of both individuals and units were announced by Lt. Col. James D. Tanner, division adjutant.

The 42nd Recon. Troop, the 242nd Infantry, the 222nd Infantry, (Continued on page three)

Tulsa Sets Aside Saturday, 20 May, As 'Rainbow Day'

Rainbow soldiers will be doubly welcome in Tulsa on Saturday, 20 May, because that day has been set aside by the city as "Rainbow Day." The Mayor and the City Commission designated the day, and on that day the Mayor will temporarily bow out of office to make room for an honorary mayor, Pvt. A. Goldrich, 742nd Ordnance Co.

A ball will be held for Rainbow men at the Tulsa USO, with a "Pot of Gold at the end of Rainbow Day," a cash prize for some Rainbow soldier, as a special feature of the ball. Other features will be hand-picked dates furnished Rainbow soldiers for the day and evening, and entertainment by Rainbow talent.

Switch to Infantry Asked by Over 2000

More than 2000 GIs have made known their desire to get into the thick of the fight—that many applications for transfer to the Infantry have been received as the result of the announcement made by the Army recently that enlisted men under 32 not overseas could transfer from other units into the infantry.

Bids for a chance to meet the enemy at close quarters are coming in at the rate of 200 a day, according to the War Department. Transfers are made in grade and with no loss of pay.

YES, DEAR!

Pvt. Melvin Evans, Co. E, 242nd Inf., was startled out of his comfortable bed the other morning when he was gently asked in a sweet tone to "Please wake up." He thought he was home again.

Rainbow Men Pass in Review Before General Collins, Colonel Johnston and Guests



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RAINBOW REVEILLE

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A New Perspective

Much of our life during the training period of the Division is full of sweat and strain and boredom. At the same time we're in no danger, we're not fighting anybody, and it's easy to get the feeling that what we're doing is no more important than so much shadow-boxing. So we take it out in griping. "How do we know this training of ours is so hot?" we ask one another. "How do we know this is such a hot Division?"

Well, it's a human failing not to appreciate a thing until you haven't got it any more. Maybe we'd feel differently if, like some of the boys, we had left the Rainbow. Who knows, maybe then we'd feel like writing, as one boy did on the eve of departure for overseas duty, "I am proud I got my training with the 42nd. I think the Rainbow Division is the best Division in the States, and although I may not be wearing the shoulder patch I am still a part of it." Somewhere along the line since he left, the realization that his training had been topnotch came to that GI, and with it came a burst of new pride in his old outfit.

Of course, that's all very well, but he wasn't overseas yet. How will that training stack up in combat? Well, another man, whom we quoted briefly in this column last week, and who is already overseas, says "The training I received in the Rainbow Division sure is taking care of me now." And he expresses the hope that one of these days, after we join him over there, he can return to his original outfit.

Our outfit is already proving itself overseas, through men who used to be in it, which is a pretty good sign of what will happen when we go over. And then when we come back, chances are we'll say, "I wasn't just in the Army—brother, I was in the Rainbow!"

Service Club Doings

Service Club No. 1

Thursday 2000—"Behind the Dog Tag" Broadcast. Friday 2000 to 2300—Open Dance. Girls from Sapulpa; 200th Army Band. Saturday 2000—Choral Group. Sunday 2000—Hey Rube Show. Monday 2000—Band Concert. 200th Army Band. Tuesday 2000—Songfest. Wednesday 2000 to 2300—Open Dance. Girls from Tulsa; Commanders Orchestra.

Service Club No. 2

Thursday 2015 — Variety Show. Picked talent from 402 FA Bn. Friday 2000 to 2300—Open Dance (Come Early). Service Cadets; Division Dance Band. Saturday 2000 to 2300—Tulsa Night. Open Dance (Come Early). 200th Army Cocktail Unit Band. Sunday 2015—GI Variety Show. Monday 2000—Songfest. Tuesday 2015—GI Movies. Wednesday 2000 to 2300—Open Dance. Muskogee USO Girls; Division Dance Band.

Movie Schedule

Theaters No. 1 and 3

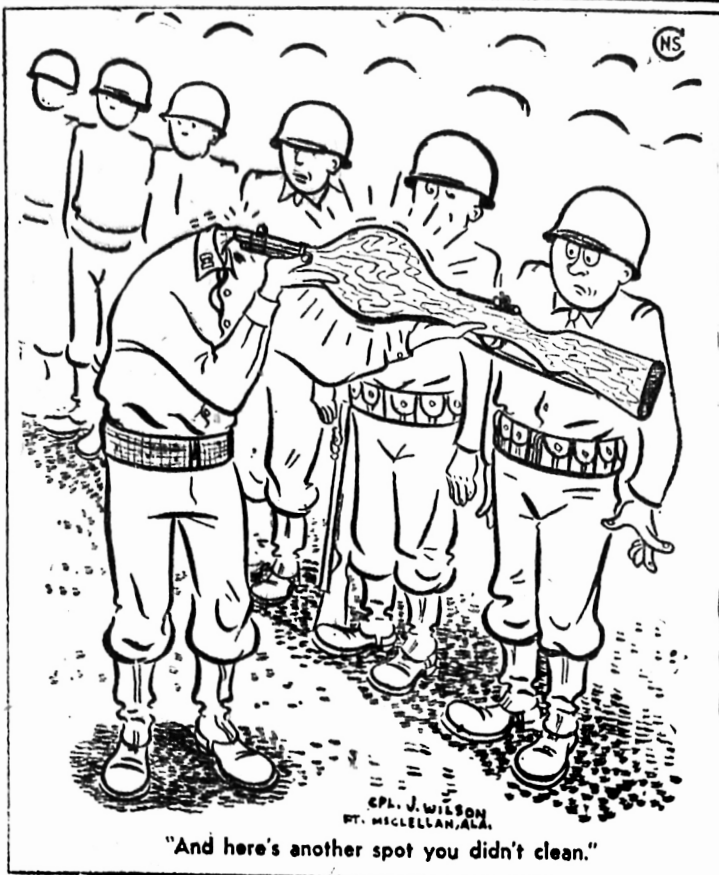
Thursday—"Once Upon a Time." Friday—"Yellow Canary." Saturday—"Seven Days Ashore." Sunday and Monday—"Show Business" and Army-Navy Screen Magazine. Tuesday—Double Feature, "The Black Parachute" and "Follow the Leader." Wednesday and Thursday—"Gaslight."

Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—Double Feature, "Slightly Terrific" and "Silent Partner." Friday and Saturday—"Once Upon a Time." Sunday—"Yellow Canary." Monday—"Seven Days Ashore." Tuesday and Wednesday—"Show Business" and Army-Navy Screen Magazine. Thursday—Double Feature, "The Black Parachute" and "Follow the Leader."

SPLIT-SECOND REVIEWS

"Once Upon a Time." Broadway Comedy. Cary Grant, Janet Blair, James Gleason.
"Yellow Canary." British Film. Nazi Spy Drama. Anna Neagle, Richard Greene.
"Seven Days Ashore." Comedy with Music. Wally Brown, Alen Carney, Marcy McGuire.
"Show Business." Musical Comedy. Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis, George Murphy.
"The Black Parachute." Drama. John Carradine, Larry Parks, Jeanne Bates.
"Follow the Leader." FBI Drama. East Side Kids.
"Gaslight." Mystery Drama. Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman, Joseph Cotten.



The Chaplain Says

CAPT. FRANCIS S. DISHER
232nd Infantry

Justice, obedience, courage, forgiveness and many other virtues are the adornments of man's soul in time of peace but become a necessary armor in time of war. These virtues determine his real worth. It is the possession of these virtues that makes men great. Washington and Lincoln possessed these virtues in a superlative degree. For this reason history records them as the greatest men of their time.

Character means honest moral convictions sincerely held, courageously lived up to and defended. Character is not entirely dependent upon genius and education. To be sure these ought to help to strengthen character and elevate it. But unfortunately intellect and genius are often divorced in reality. Thus history tells us of great military leaders but does not record these men as men of character. Napoleon, for example was considered a military genius but a man of little character. A traitor, a thief, may be intelligent but lack character.

Character then is very important. It is an outward mark of inner strength. It is the expression of the inner soul. The soul must be developed to possess character.

St. Paul, the great apostle, possessed character. St. Joan of Arc, had it as she led the armies of France and gave her life at the stake.

Character is more than moral strength and it comes to us from a man who was more than mortal, more than man. It comes to us from Christ. Who at the end of His life could behold unflinchingly the scourge, the thorns, the nails, and say of His executioners: "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." It is from Christ that sufficient greatness will come so to form our character, that we will conquer what must be conquered, and the strength to forgive when the job is done.

'Talking Dog' Visits Visual Aids Shop

Pfc. Joseph Owen, Co. B, 232nd Inf., claims to have discovered the only talking dog in existence, but the other men who work at the Division Visual Aids Shop claim Owen framed the thing by asking a leading question.

The other day the dog wandered into the shop. "What's on top of a house?" Owen asked it, just to make conversation.

"Roof! Roof!" answered the dog.

Chapel Services

Division Chapel
1000 General Protestant Services (122nd Med. Bn.)
1100 General Protestant Services (Special Troops).
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal)
Chapel No. 10
0900 General Protestant Service.
1000 Lutheran Service.
222 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 2
0900 Catholic Mass.
1000 Protestant Service.
1830 Song Service.
232 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 3
0715 and 0730 Holy Communion. (Catholic).
0815 and 1100 Catholic Mass.
0915 Protestant Sunday School.
0945 Protestant Service.
1830 Protestant Evening Service.
1900 Protestant Week Night Service (Thursday).
2030 Novena (Wednesday). Confessions before Mass.
242 Infantry Regiment
Chapel No. 4
0715 Catholic Communion.
0615 Daily Catholic Mass.
0800 and 1100 Catholic Mass.
0900 Protestant Sunday School.
0930 Protestant Service.
1900 Protestant Service.
1800-1700 and 1930-2100 Confessions Saturday.
Division Artillery
Chapel No. 9
0900 Catholic Mass.
1000 Protestant Service.
1800 General Song Service.
1800-1930 Confessions Saturday.
Jewish Services
2000 Chapel No. 3 (Friday).
1400 Chapel No. 3 (Sunday).
Christian Science Service
1330 Chapel No. 5 (Sunday).
1930 Chapel No. 5 (Thursday).

Musical Musings

By CPL. DON STELZER

Cpl. Roy Haynes, Division band saxman, formerly led his own dixieland jazz combo at Bill Long's Bottlehouse, one of Knoxville's after hour spots. Frequenting the jazz house was T-Sgt. John Ryno, who owned the front door, and saw to it that it stayed open . . . Kay Kyser leaves his band for about six weeks to make a tour of the combat zones. Leaving the band are two of its stars, Merne Bouge (Ish Kabibble), and Harry Babbit. Replacing Babbit is Clyde Rodgers, singing saxman, formerly with Freddy Martin . . . Harry James, according to all indications is 4-F, and will reorganize his band for its NYC's Hotel Astor opening May 22 . . .

Charlie Spivak does a terrific job in PIN UP GIRL, as does Betty Grable. The only difference between her legs and mine is that mine hold me up, and hers support her . . . Ex-Bob Crosby Bobcats, T-4 Ray Bauduc, and S-Sgt. Gil Radin have been transferred into the 261st Infantry Band at Camp Roberts, Calif. . . . T-5 Wendell Lundholm, Division band ivory man, formerly with Freddy Schnickelfritz, is in the Station Hospital, suffering with a slight case of diabetes. Let's hope he'll be back with us soon. . . .

THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



BY SGT. SCOTT CORBETT

I'll never forget the day I got back from my furlough. It was that day when the icy wind rattled the panes of the windows. It was the day when the sun shivered behind grey clouds, and the rabbit huddled in its warren, and the bear returned to hibernation.

It was the day we put on summer uniforms.

"Summer uniform?" I cried, when the boys broke the news to me. "But my gosh, I've only got two suits of long underwear to put on under it! Is this any way to welcome a man back? This is really giving him the cold shoulder."

"You won't say 'cold shoulder' after you've sat down once in those khaki pants," someone assured me.

My khaki shirts and trousers were in order—with my usual talent for prior planning, I had seen to that before I left on furlough. However, there was one little detail I had overlooked—my cap. As I pawed through my footlocker looking for it, I remembered turning it in long ago to be cleaned and braided. And now it turned out that (1) all khaki caps had been given out as the supply lasted, and more were on order, but (2) for the time being, I had missed the boat. On the other hand, there was, fortunately, the fact that (3) each man had been issued two caps.

"All right, boys, line up with those extra caps, and I'll pass down the line and try them on," I ordered briskly, qualifying my command with, "How's about it, huh, guys?"

I tried Cpl. Hollis' extra cap. In a way, it reminded me of a broad grin—it stretched from ear to ear. I tried Sgt. Farnham's. It was like being under the Big Top. All I needed was some circus music.

"Say, pardon me for being personal," said Cpl. Cooley, "but what size head have you got—five and a quarter?"

It was mortifying. I seemed to be the pinhead of the lot.

"Well," said Sgt. Milton, fishing an odd-looking remnant out of his footlocker, "I didn't get two GI caps as yet, but I've got this one I bought back when I used to be in the Medics."

Outside of the fact that it had court-martial peaks and Medics braid, it was all right. I mean, at least it fit. Sgt. Farnum inspected it with a critical eye.

"If I were you, I believe I'd risk it bare-headed," he said.

However, I thought maybe it would be better to tuck in the peaks and impersonate a Medic. After all, back when I was an Air Warden I'd taken the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course, and still carried my card. If somebody fainted somewhere and the crowd turned to me, I figured I could rush in and feel the victim's pulse as well as the next one. The only difficulty I've had so far is that the peaks keep popping up, or I forget them when I put the cap back on after going inside somewhere. Like when I met my wife the other night.

"You look like someone about to go to work at a filling station or a sandwich shop," she said, eyeing the peaks.

"Oh, good Lord, are those up again?" I said, hastily removing the cap and stuffing the peaks out of sight. "Between you and me, dear, I'm potential stockade material until the supply room kicks through. I just saw Sergeant Elliot of the Judge Advocate's Office—he takes down the chatter at court martials—and I didn't like the way he looked at this cap and rubbed his hands together. He looked too much like a man who sees business picking up!"



Commendations Given Seven

Six officers and one enlisted man of the Rainbow Division have received second-class commendations recently from Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander.

CWO Warren N. Cannefax, 132nd Signal Co., was commended for a Signal Company problem which he drew up, and which was fired by the company. In his commendation, General Collins states that the problem "has resulted in some of the finest training given in the division since its reactivation." He also adds, "Incidentally, I am glad to take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate one of my former comrades in arms upon his recent promotion." This is a reference to the fact that Mr. Cannefax has served with General Collins on two previous occasions—in the Third Infantry, and the Sixth Division.

Maj. Donald W. Swihart, assistant G-4, was commended for having compiled a folder entitled "Supply Procedure" which "has been the subject of favorable comment on the part of several Corps and Army inspectors." The major was also commended generally for his work in the G-4 section.

Capt. William J. Pelper, 152nd Eng. Bn., was commended for his work in "the recent construction of the new Kiowa machine gun field-firing range," accomplished in record time "in the face of numerous obstacles."

Capt. Donald F. Kushen, 232nd Inf., was commended for his "performance of duty as a unit personnel officer," which was stated to be "outstanding in this division."

First Lt. Roderick A. Stamey, Jr., office executive, Division Surgeon's Office, was commended for the efficient manner in which he handled the "mass of paper work" connected with the "recent medical inspection embracing all personnel of the division." The commendation states, "You have proven yourself to be an outstanding executive of first-class administrative abilities."

First Lt. George F. Howe, Division postal officer, was commended for "the efficient manner in which you have supervised and operated the postal service at all

Week's Best Mess Halls

WINNERS

Company M, 242nd Inf.—Capt. Henry J. Gittleton, commanding; S-Sgt. Porter L. Moore, mess sergeant.

Service Co., 222nd Inf.—Lt. Earl H. Cochran, commanding; S-Sgt. Edward J. Rybin, mess sergeant.

BEST IN UNITS

Service Co., 232nd Inf.—Capt. Charles R. Miller, S-Sgt. Theron B. Williams. Btry. B, 392nd FA Bn.—Capt. Edward D. Hoffman, S-Sgt. Orville R. Meyers. Co. C, 122nd Med. Bn.—Lt. Marion W. Pawlak, S-Sgt. Richard Zartarian. Co. B, 142 Eng. Bn.—Capt. Robert L. Jackson, S-Sgt. Samuel Vannelli. 132nd Sig. Co., Div. Sp. Trps.—Lt. Harry P. Morford, T-4 Wayne B. Parker.

Wolf and Crooner Howl Scheduled In 232nd Inf.

Two novel attractions will be presented in a "double feature" night at the 232nd Outdoor Arena next Monday night — "Blind Date" and a Frank Sinatra singing contest.

In "Blind Date," nine men will be chosen to compete in making a date with three charming young ladies. With a screen concealing the sexes from each other, each man in turn will be given a chance to give a sales talk to the girls as to why he would make the best date for the evening. The girls will lend an ear, and pick their man.

In the second contest, men who think they have a voice that will make the ladies swoon—or scream—will compete, with the girls from the "Blind Date" contest as judges.

times since you joined the division, and particularly during the recent Christmas season."

T-Sgt. Chester G. Robison, Hq. Co., Third Bn. 222nd Inf., was commended for his work in rebuilding the Division's close combat course, in which he showed "diligence, skill, and initiative."

Big Crowd Views Saturday Review

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try and the 232nd FA Bn. were commended for having received excellent ratings in a recent ordnance inspection by the Second Army.

The Survey Section of Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, under the command of Lt. John E. Sawhill, Jr., was commended for outstanding achievement and consistent excellence in performance of difficult and exacting duties.

S-Sgt. Frank W. Preston, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn., was cited for heroism in extinguishing a fire on the person of Sgt. Bennie C. Cogburn last October when Cogburn's clothing had become ignited from an explosion of a roofing material container. Sergeant Preston, at the risk of his own safety, extinguished the flames with his bare hands and his field jacket. The citation called attention, also, to his quick response to the emergency and coolness of action that resulted in saving Sergeant Cogburn's life.

In addition to the commendation, Sergeant Preston was awarded the Rainbow insignia of Bernard F. Cummings, Btry. C, 149th FA Bn., of the old Rainbow Division. Cummings was cited by General Pershing for distinguished and exceptional gallantry.

Cookies Verse Takes the Cake

According to the boys who have munched them, Mrs. George Ruppenstein's cookies are "out of this world." She sends a box each week to T-4 George Ruppenstein, Service Co., 232nd Inf., and so far there have never been any complaints at this end of the line. However, with charming modesty, Mrs. R. enclosed the following poem with her latest box:

TO MY SOLDIER
As if your life's not tough enough,
With having to take a Sergeant's guff,
With twelve mile hikes in GI shoes,
And every day those KP Blues.

Battle Tactics and forced marches,
Followed quickly by fallen arches,
As if that's not enough for you,
You have to eat my cookies, too.

(Ed. Note: We would like to try one!)

Sounds Perfectly Plausible to Us

We can't vouch for the story, but being familiar with the thoroughness of Rainbow training in military courtesy, we pass it on as it was sent in to us. We believe it, anyway.

It happened to T-5 Grant Jenkins, Hq. Co., 222nd Infantry, who returned to camp from a combination furlough and honeymoon last week. When the minister asked him, "Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?" Corporal Jenkins clicked his heels together, came to a snappy attention, and answered: "I do, Sir!"

242nd Men to Attend College Dance

Three men from each company in the 242nd Infantry will attend the Northeastern College "Finals" dance Saturday night. Those selected to attend will meet at the 242nd Rec. Hall at 1800 and leave by truck for the college.

Music for the dance will be provided by the 242nd "Hotshots."

About Faces! By Freeman



Sergeant Theron Libby and Pfc. Russell Hicks, both of the Division Motor Pool, are great pals . . . Here they are at chow in Division Headquarters Company mess. They go together like Pork and Beans.
"This is not an advertisement!"

Personnel Check Due For Division

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insurance, and military record. This latter phase of the Survey is purely a Division function, it is pointed out, as the required interview with each soldier offers an excellent opportunity to see that all personnel records are brought up to date.

"Reassignment of personnel is a matter which is never complete, as physical condition, training status, knowledge of skills, and leadership ability of individuals is subject to perpetual change," the AGF order states in announcing and explaining the new policy.

"Further," the announcement continues, "military service may dictate the necessity of training personnel in new skills. It is necessary therefore that constant attention be given the problem of moving men into positions of increased activity when their physical condition improves. Similarly, it is necessary to make reassignments as physically handicapped personnel develop skills to the extent that they may replace persons fully qualified physically for more active duty . . ."

"Men possessing highly specialized skills that require considerable training and pre-induction background should remain in their present position, provided positions are authorized by MOS number in Tables of Organization."

Pot of Gold

The Reveille's weekly award for the crack of the week goes today—we're ashamed to admit—to a punster, a practitioner of the lowest form of wit. But this one is so low, the judges couldn't help but award it the pot—at least a part—of gold.

It took place in the G-3 Section at Division Headquarters one afternoon last week when the entire Section personnel outfumbled an officer from Div. Arty. in paying for a round of cokes.

Said S-Sgt. John D. Coleman: "Don't you just love these Arty-cokes?"

Oh Yeah! And Who Enforced Curfew?

A quiet, peaceful evening was spent by the Division MP Platoon last Friday night at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Tea and wafers were served to the crowd. The strains of a lovely Viennese waltz flowed across the dance floor as a few couples glided to and fro. Prizes were awarded winners of rummy and hearts games. The affair ended early so that the men could get a good night's sleep for the next day's work.

Stars With Stripes

222nd Infantry

To S-Sgt.—Robert R. Monsen, Johnnie W. Sherrill, James D. Tynan, Francis C. Hane, William J. Hansen, Robert H. Thompson, Co. B. James R. Gibellino, Roland Arnoldy, Co. B. Pascal W. Camp, Charles A. Doyle, Glenn L. Evenson, Ivan M. Jones, William J. Kahler, AT Co.

To T-Sgt.—Joseph B. Geary, Harry W. Hand, Donald D. MacPherson, AT Co. Raymond Gramaglia, Lawrence Steinmetz, Co. B.

To Sgt.—John F. Brady, Samuel Golden, T. E. Dowling, Delfio Daldit, Anthony Iannucci, John Copening, Douglas Cornette, Co. B. James R. Durham, Eugene Hecht, Paul W. Knapp, Zigmunt J. Kristoff, Harry B. Parker, AT Co. William R. Tooke, Willard J. Lisbon, Elmer J. MacLean, Clifton Brock, Co. I. Frank W. Davis, Hugh G. Hammond, Everett A. Fowler, Raymond N. Baker, Second Bn., Hq. Co.

To Sgt.—Carl A. Bratunschweiger, To T-4—Herman O. Muller, William E. Williams, AT Co. Joseph Lunardini, Co. B.

To Cpl.—Arthur Harris, Jr., Robert Scasela, Edward Burgher, Co. B. To Cpl.—Everett Walter, Co. A.

To T-5—Myrl Posey, R. V. Russell, Co. B.

To T-5—Cyril A. Masserang, Co. I. Robert L. Mackey, Co. I.

232nd Infantry

To T-Sgt.—Thomas J. Smith, Co. H. To S-Sgt.—Jesse Ferrell, Charles B. Sapochak, Co. H.

To Sgt.—Nathaniel W. Head, Co. H. To Pfc.—Carl B. Morris.

242nd Infantry

To T-Sgt.—William F. Marcum, Co. B. To S-Sgt.—George F. Droschn, Co. B.

To Cpl.—John P. Carroll, Edward Raslewych, Hurston O. Poe, Co. B.

232nd FA Bn.

To T-5—Henry Thompson, Btry. C. Leonard R. Wold, Service Btry.

42nd Recon. Troop

To Cpl.—Lawrence H. Arnold, Walter O. Rawlins, Bernard R. Leight, Harry W. Janek.

To T-5—William N. Epstein, Edward F. Hogan, William J. McGhee, Hubert R. Phillips, William E. Swartz, Joseph F. Liscari, Max Orenstein, George M. Readshaw, Stephen R. Stevens, Walter Varakin.

Six Who Were Commended

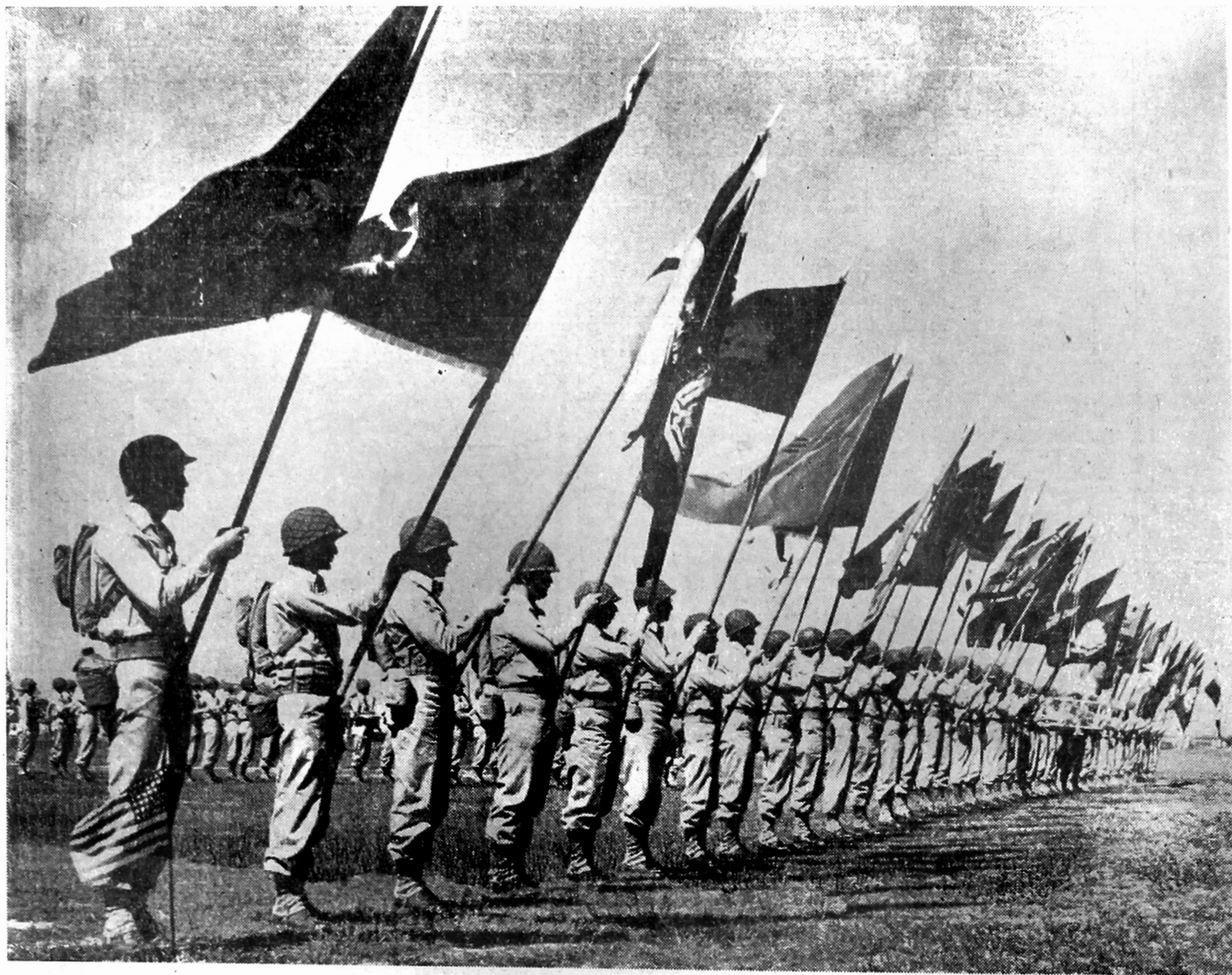


Maj. D. M. Swihart S-Sgt. C. G. Robison Capt. D. F. Kushen



Lt. R. A. Stamey, Jr. CWO W. M. Cannefax Lt. G. F. Howe

Here are five officers and a staff sergeant who have recently received commendations from the Division Commander. A commendation was also received by Capt. William J. Pelper, not shown here.



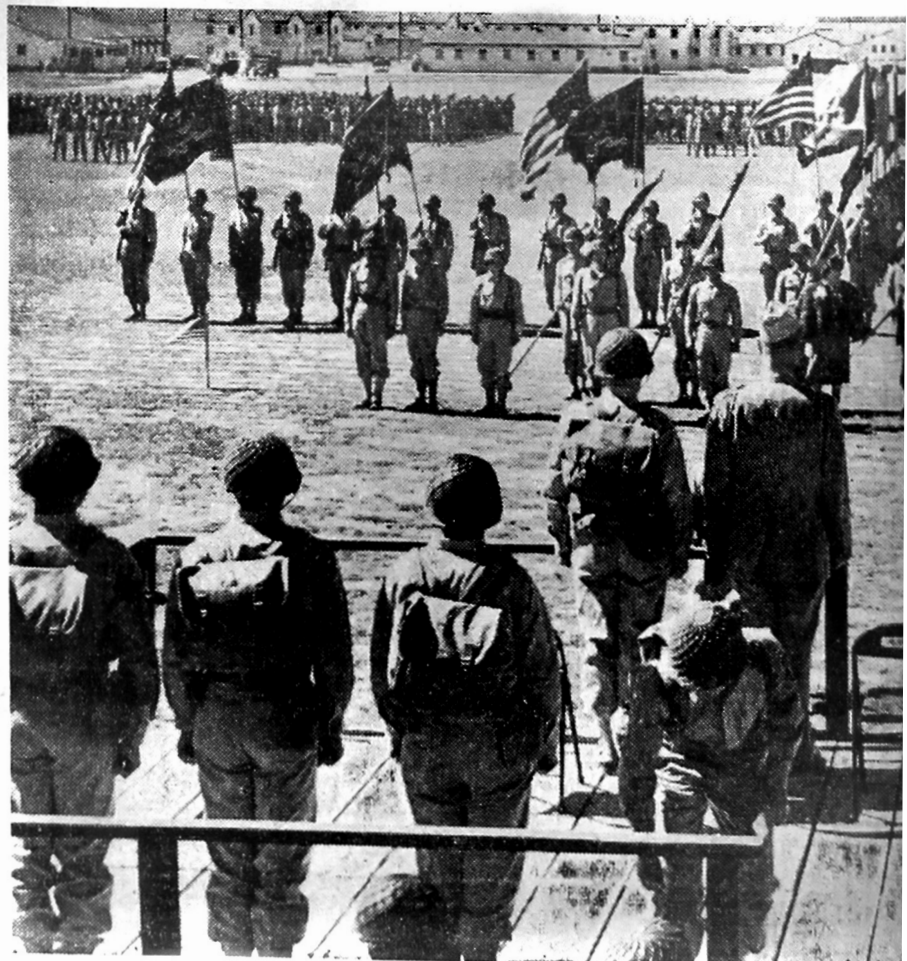
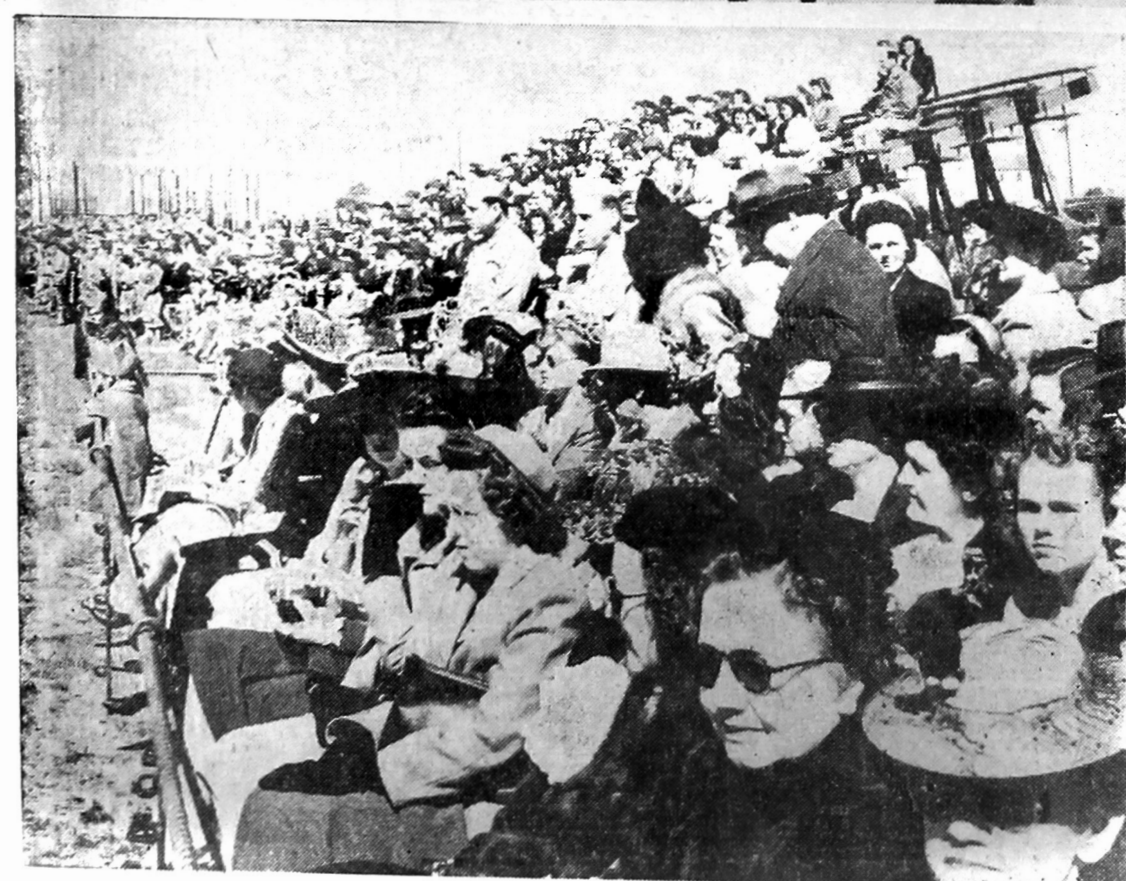
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Above, the massed flags of 44 states are shown in a dramatic picture. Since the activation, ceremonies on 14 July 1943, when flags representing many states were loaned for the occasion, the Division has gradually been accumulating a permanent collection for just such occasions as this.

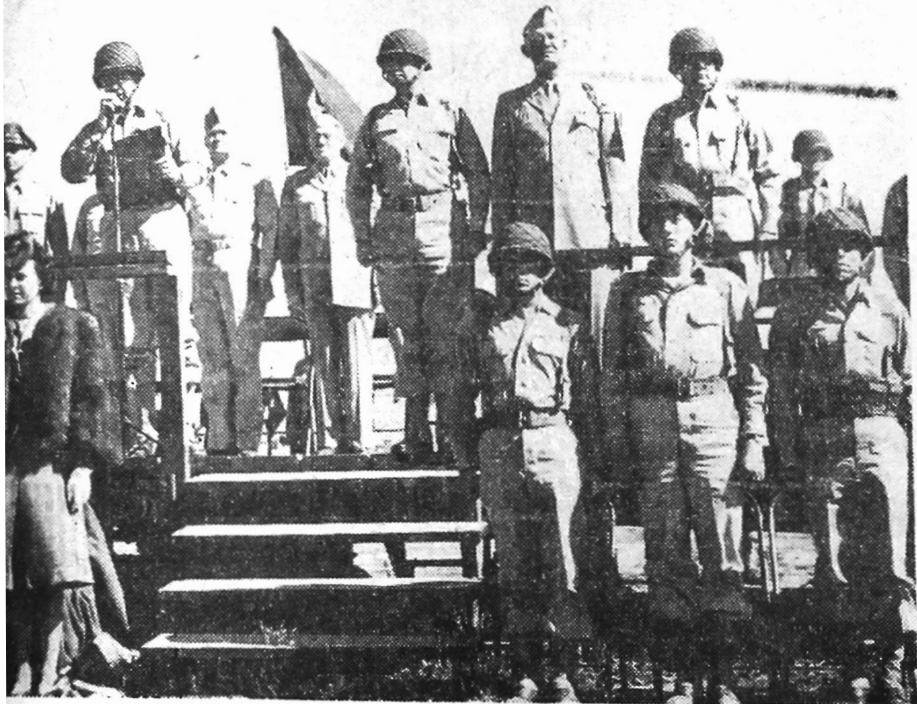
Left, close-up of General Collins, Colonel Johnston and Colonel Sprinkle as they salute the passing troops.

Left below, a part of the crowd of Muskegon citizens, relatives of Rainbow men, and other servicemen who attended the review.



Below, a view of the massed flags and soldiers marching in a line.

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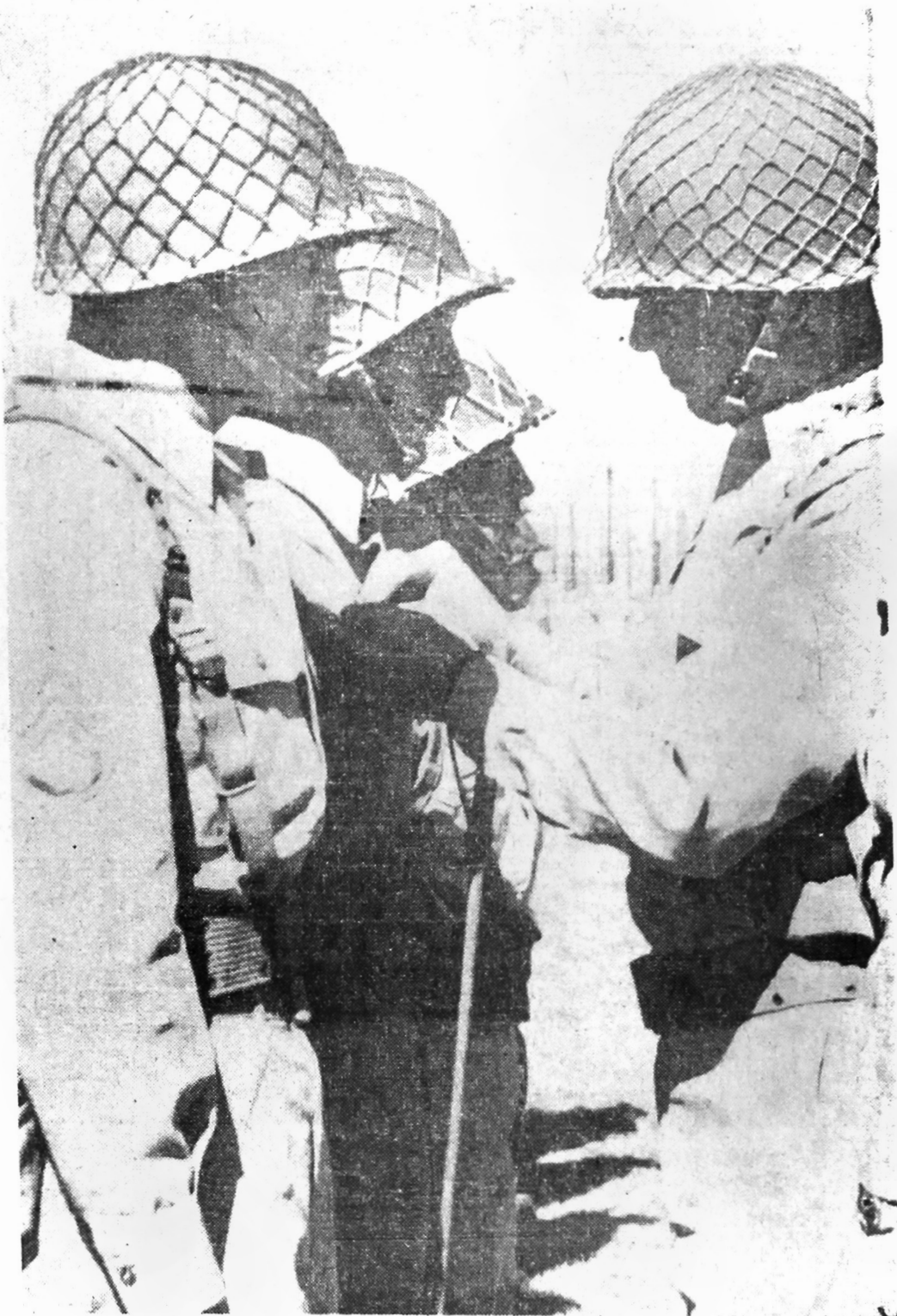
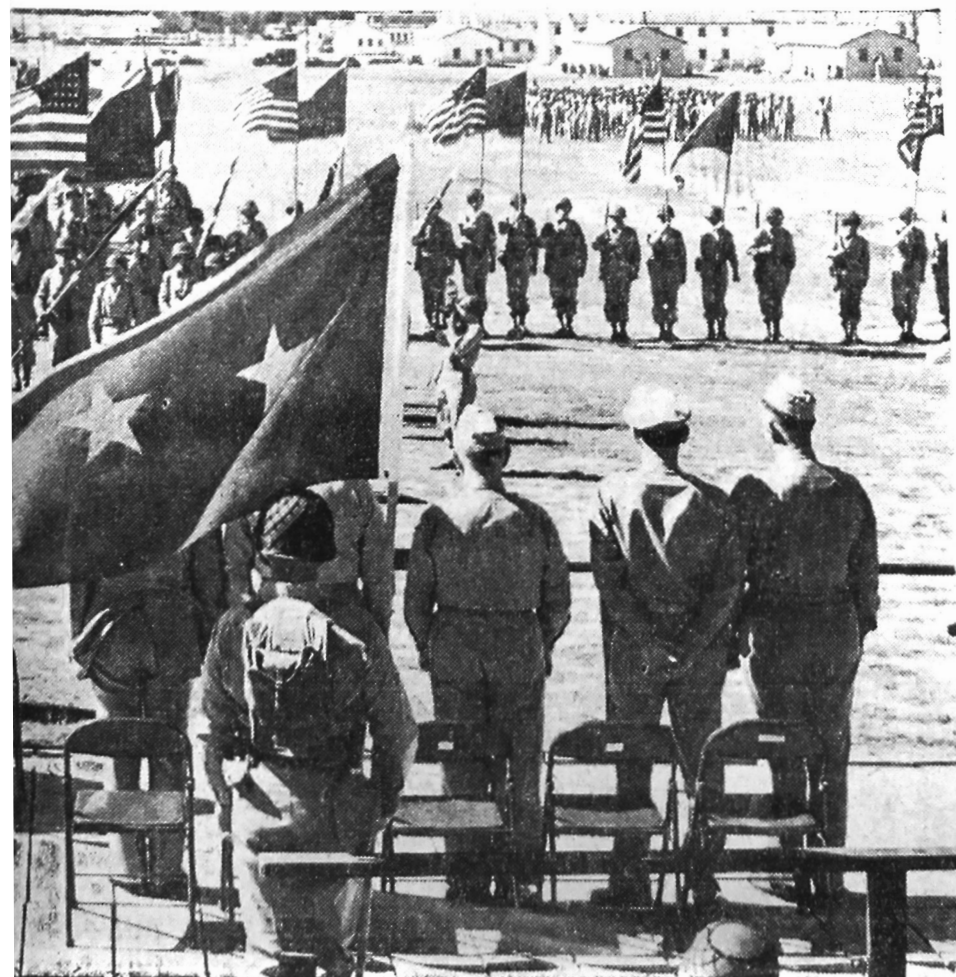


on hand to add a colorful and symbolic background, the Rainbow
mal review last Saturday morning. At the microphone in the pic-
D. Tanner, Adjutant General, announcing citations of individuals and
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el Tanner is Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Col. E. S. Johnston, who
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at the review. They are,
McManis, 42nd Qm. Co.,
tucky; Cpl. J. E. Ridley,
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Mathieson, Co. H, 222nd
W. Cutler, Jr., wife of
General, Massachusetts;
A, 232nd Inf., Maine;
Hq., Texas, and Cpl.
nf.

Right, General Collins pins the Combat
Infantryman's Badge on Pvt. Willie A.
Boone, Co. B, 242nd Inf., for service on
Guadalcanal. In the foreground is S-Sgt.
Frank W. Preston, Btry. B, 542nd FA Bn.,
who received the General's commendation
for heroism.

Below right, General Collins received the
State of Washington flag. In the fore-
ground is Mrs. Stewart Mathieson, wife of
Sergeant Mathieson, Co. H, 222nd Inf.,
who had just presented the Nebraska flag.

Colors and the state flags with some of the troops in the background.



INFANTRY

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Special Units

Pvt. John Parker, Hq. Co., is off to West Virginia on furlough. He had made just one plan—getting married.

Headquarters company tasted both victory and defeat last week in its two softball encounters. Anti-Tank Company was defeated 7 to 4 on Friday night, but the following day the men from Cannon Company proved too much, taking the measure of our team, 11 to 8. A determined spurt in the last inning failed to materialize.

T-5 James Heacock, Hq. Co., received a flattering letter last week—addressed to CAPT. James Heacock.

T-5 Edward Mora Hq. Co., was called home last week by serious illness in his family.

T-5 Norman Sogn, Hq. Co., celebrated his birthday last Sunday in the Company Orderly Room as C. Q.

The men of the Medical Detachment express sincere regrets to Pvt. Thomas Beard, who had word last week of the loss of his brother, a lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Pvt. Benjamin (Shorty) King, Med. Det., is under suspicion of having joined the Braggs Chamber of Commerce since he has become such a booster for the town recently.

Pvt. John Alfiero, Med. Det., the Maine Fisherman, has become wit and historian of the Detachment—at least some of his yarns belong to history.

T-5 Dave A. Foster, Cannon Co., is no longer infatigable—it's a 7½ pound boy!

The bureau of Vital Statistics of Fayetteville, N. C., has recently recorded the addition of a new dependent, nine pound Ruth May, to the family of T-5 Hughie Hales, Cannon Co.

Hot is the name for the Cannon Company volleyballers. So far they've defeated Hq. Co., Service Co., Med. Det., and Co. M. The baseball team beat Headquarters Company, 11 to 5, and the Medics, 10 to 1. They lost one, 4 to 1, to Anti-Tank Company.

Little Dusty, ASN 00,000,001, Cannon Company mascot, has gone AWOL. He was last seen in front of the orderly room, and is suspected of leaving because he didn't like his hazardous duties on the Artillery Firing Range.

Pfc. Clarence E. Schulz, Anti-Tank Co., gets a three-day pass for being selected "Soldier of the Month."

S-Sgt. Pascual W. Camp, Anti-Tank Co., has a new favorite song since he's been working so hard on the Division Troop Leaders School. The song: "Night and Day."

Service Company's game with Anti-Tank was a nip and tuck affair up to the sixth inning when the boys finally found the range and knocked out seven runs, winding up the game winners, 8 to 1. It was Service Company's third straight win, much of the credit for which goes to T-5 Nick Jung, pitcher.

A standout affair was the party held by Service Company last Friday night. There was food galore, good music by members of the company and Pvt. Eddie Desko of Company B, and singing led by Sgt. Harry Humpries, who emceed the affair. S-Sgt. Edward Rybin was in charge. Special guests of the evening included the Regimental Commander and the Executive Officer.

First Battalion

Company B furloafers this week are: Pvts. Herbert Booker, Charles Pierce and Anthony Zegunis.

Sgt. Douglas Cornette, Co. B, had to be content with listening to the Kentucky Derby on the radio, despite the fact that he had Derby passes in his foot locker, sent him by the Churchill Downs management. You can take his word for it that the radio is a poor substitute for the real thing.

Company B non coms on temporary duty with the Second Battalion are Sgts. John F. Brady, Samuel A. Golden and Douglas Cornette and Cpl. Chas. W. Reilly.

Company D beat Company A in a game last week, 6 to 1. Sgt. Fred O. Keller got a good share of the credit for the victory due to his fine pitching.

Visiting wives of men of Company D made news last week. Men who were honored are: S-Sgt. James A. Graves, Sgt. Fred O. Keller, Pvt. William G. Poschke, Pvt. Ivan A. Austin, T-5 Bernard Rosencranz, and Pvt. Raymond B. Henry.

Second Battalion

T-4 Mike Marcelli, Hq. Co., returned to the Company last week full of smiles and knowledge from Communications School at Ft. Benning. The smiles broadened when he learned a furlough was awaiting him.

Headquarters Company got off to a good start in the Softball league, by defeating both E and F Companies.

T-4 Ed Schourek, Hq. Co., was the hit of the Company party with his boogie woogie on the piano. Pvt. Jerry Petry won first prize for the most noise, however.

NCOs of Company E now on furlough are: First Sgt. Howard T. Snow, T-Sgt. Emmett Aosey, Cpl. Lloyd J. Vicknair and T-5 Samuel D. McCulley.

Congratulations go to Pfc. Erik W. Bohm and Pvt. Melvin H. Hapens of Company F for being named Colonel's Orderlies.

T-Sgt. William J. McKeefrey, Co. F, is now known as Bring-em-bac-alive McKeefrey since he finally caught up with that rabbit the other day. The rabbit has been named Flash.

T-Sgt. Ernest J. Morse, Sgt. George Barlow and T-5 J. R. Morgan, all of Co. F, are on furlough.

On furlough from Company G are: T-Sgt. Roy A. Holmes, S-Sgt. Edward W. Kock and Sgt. Byers R. Brenton.

If anyone wants to find out how to get three day passes on commendations, see T-Sgt. Mike M. Winters, Co. G, who is an old hand at it by now.

S-Sgt. Edward G. Koblerowski, Co. G, claims it was the Belle of Chicago who visited him last weekend in Muskogee.

"Soldier of the Month" in Company G is Pvt. Robert E. Sauer. He is planning on making a visual reconnaissance of Tulsa while on that pass.

Company H has a new mascot, a turtle, named Elmer.

Sgt. Stewart Mathieson, Co. H, is sporting a genuine GI haircut. MMMM that cake that Pvt. Richard J. Suder, Co. H, received from Wichita, all done up in pink ribbons, was plenty good.

Cpl. Jammie Thompson, Co. H, is earning a reputation as a horse breaker. He even received mention in the Tulsa newspaper.

S-Sgt. Robert W. Wallace, Co. M, has been carrying his lunch when he goes on pass. He says he likes his own cooking. We do too.

Third Battalion

Pfc. James Goad, Hq. Co., is broken hearted. Since Pfc. James



Wells left he hasn't anyone to fight with.

Among those on furlough in Headquarters Company are: S/Sgt. Robert Gedeon, T-4 Roy Mooney, T-4 Royce Landberg, T-5 Raymond Phillips and T-4 Claude Chaudet.

Headquarters Company welcomes Pfc. A. A. Stief back to the fold.

Headquarters Company party held 3 May was a big event. Refreshments and pretzels were served along with sandwiches and cigarettes. Music was great, and special guests added to the occasion.

T-Sgts. Peter Horb, Roy D. Byas and Edward Kane, Co. I, have been acting duty officers.

Pvt. Richard A. Tipple, Co. K, left for Elgin, Ill., on furlough.

Pfc. Vincent Marcellino, Co. K, has returned from the Station Hospital.

T-Sgt. Robert J. Brigati, Co. K, has just returned from a short visit to Chicago where he was on Special Duty for a few days. He says that's one city where a soldier's money is counterfeited. He complimented the Servicemen's Club highly.

Congratulations go to Pvt. John E. Branham and Pvt. Joseph H. Muller, Co. L, on their marriage while on furlough.

Behind the dependable arm of Sgt. James G. Martin, Company M has won both its softball games so far.



Special Units

Pvt. Walter (Winchell) Dumont celebrated his return from the hospital by heading a Service Company delegation to Tulsa over the weekend. Cpl. Carl Carlson and Cpl. Carl Winerip completed the "unholy three." According to reports from Private Dumont, his entrance into the city was likened to that of Napoleon's into Elba.

Service Company is a rugged outfit. Last week Sgt. Edwin Rideman, and this week both M-Sgt. Pope Hammond and Cpl. Carl Carlson, are sporting decorations around their eyes. Maybe it is the latest style.

Wife of Pfc. Abe Gorman, Hq. Co., is enjoying a brief visit at her home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pvts. Ellsworth Gribler and Harold McNeil, Hq. Co., were married while on furlough.

T-5's Shapanka, Fisher, and Amshury, Hq. Co., were planning on a torrid weekend in Oklahoma City until the M.P. detail assigned all three to the Bus Station.

S-Sgt. Joseph Slusevich, Hq. Co., is acting First Sergeant while First Sgt. J. B. Higgins is working at Regimental Headquarters.

First Battalion

Pvt. Eddie Cieslinski, Co. A, is sporting a G.I. hair cut.

Pvt. Casey Larson is the "Eight Ball" champ of Co. A.

T-5s George Garlock and Robert Berlinger, Co. A, have returned from furlough.

Pvt. Irv Golub, Co. A, had as visitors this week his wife and step-father.

Second Battalion

A redhead is said to be involved in Pfc. Turrin's new passion for art and culture. Pfc. Turrin, Hq. Co., spends his Sundays at Philbrook Art Center in Tulsa.

Even the opposing teams agree that Sergeant Tomasevich, Hq. Co., does a fine job of umpiring. He can play a mean first base, too.

With Corporals Cohen and Conway and Pfc. Harmon, Friesen, Howington and Sandholt, Hq. Co., staying in the past weekend, Tea Town must have been a sad sight.

Wife of Sgt. Nathan Head, Co. H, and daughter are visiting him here this week.

Cpl. Clayton Haynes made the highest score on the M-1 known distance range last week with a score of 194.



Special Units

Pfc. Fred Court Jr., Service Co., has reported to Station Hospital, and evidently expects to do a lot of letter-writing, as he recently purchased three packages of stationery.

Hot dogs on homemade buns were the stars at a Service Company party last Thursday night. In the supporting cast were Cpl.

Phil D'Erasmus, Pfc. George Zimmerman, Sgt. Joe Weiss, Cpls. Gordon Bitts, Roy E. Richstad, Elmer Threnhauser, and Robert Blissett, with Pvt. George Stiteler doing his usual swell job as master of ceremonies.

Back from furlough in Hershey, Pa., Sgt. Joe Snavey, Service Co., claims he is now ready for duty but would like another ten days to rest up from his strenuous furlough.

Pfc. Lonnie Butler, Service Co., was injured in an automobile accident last Sunday evening but is recovering rapidly.

Cpl. Richard Jaycox, Service Co., is spending his second Camp Gruber furlough with his family in Chicago.

Pvt. Loomis M. Dorsey, Hq. Co., had been sweating out mail call for several days prior to the Division review. Finally the long-awaited letter arrived. Dorsey had written to the Governor of his home state of Maine and the reply was by way of announcement that the State flag would be presented to the Rainbow Division at an early date. It was among the eight flags presented at the review on Saturday.

Pfc. Donald O. Vance, Hq. Co., is making elaborate preparations for a pingpong tournament.

Newlyweds—Pfc. Dell D. Shelton, Anti-Tank Co., and Miss Mildred Lorene of Sallisaw, Okla.

T-Sgt. Elmer F. Hoxie, Anti-Tank Co., became engaged recently to Miss Bernice Beal, who is training as a nurse in Tulsa. They expected to be married in June after her graduation.

T-Sgt. Samuel Clower, Anti-Tank Co., is attending Divisional Troop Leadership School for a few weeks.

Pfc. Robert O. Gullet, Anti-Tank Co., is at the camp hospital for a minor operation.

S-Sgt. Harold Mill, Anti-Tank Co., is at the Springfield, Mo., General Hospital for an operation on a fractured knee-cap.

S-Sgt. James R. Lindsey, Anti-Tank Co., is in Birmingham, Ala., on furlough.

Cpl. George Peterson, Anti-Tank Co., says his furlough was just like a long 3-day pass.

First Battalion

Pvt. Alan Rosen, Hq. Co., last man in the company to go on furlough, has returned from his home in Chicago.

T-5 Hector L. Mercadante and Pvt. Philip Egeth, Hq. Co., are expected back from a Ft. Benning school.

Pfc. Fred R. Fultz and Pfc. James W. Shea, Hd. Co., are in the Station Hospital.

The wives of T-5 William P. Carroll, and Pvt. Rodney V. Martin, Co. B, are visiting in camp.

Pfc. Wallace Fortenberry, Co. B, returned from furlough a newlywed.

Mrs. Wallace N. Dahl, is in Muskogee visiting her husband, Pfc. Dahl, Co. C.

Sergeant Gillespie, Co. C, impressed his company with a fish story about catching a five-pound bass while on pass over the weekend.

Corporal Schuh, Co. C, company clerk, is now a member of the married set.

Pfc. Donal Starkey, Co. C, expects his wife to visit him this coming weekend. Cpl. Woodrow Brown is rather dejected, having recently sent his wife and children home.

Corporal Owen, Co. C, a native of Oklahoma, has been enjoying weekend visits to his home in Oklahoma City.

Second Battalion

The men of Company E are contemplating getting a car-stretcher for Corporal Jarvis's auto so that he'll be able to carry more than 10 passengers to town at once. That's his usual quota.

T-Sgt. Melbourne A. Tuten and Sgt. Clabey Harris, Co. E, are finally off on their long-awaited

furlough, while Privates Guyot and Obuchowski have returned.

Privates Anderson and Mills, Co. F, returned from furlough this week.

Imagine the feelings of Sergeant Parker, Co. F, when he left on official business by train, and his wife came to see him on the same one he took out!

Pfc. Walter Smialek, Co. G, as the result of his participation on a "Behind the Dog Tag" radio program, was taken on a tour of the Douglas Aircraft Company by a beautiful young lady known as Goldie the Riveter and then was allowed to pick his bomber. A B-24 which was awarded him by Douglas, and which is to be sent to his brother in England, will have Smialek's name painted on it.

After a successful weekend detail in PX No. 6, S-Sgt. Robert Plat, Co. H, has taken a three-day pass to change the scenery.

T-5 James (Cotton Top) Whalen, Co. H, did some sweating-out on his way to Tulsa this weekend.

The bus broke down and "Cotton Top" was afraid some other Rain-bower would get his free meal.

One who will suffer most when a GI haircut is required is Pvt. Henry (Romeo) Howell, Co. H, whose beautiful wavy black hair draws the long, the short, and the tall of the fairer sex from all directions. Pvt. Ralph S. Coyle, who has a slick dome, remarks that he will just rely on his honest face and southern drawl. "GIs never worry me at all!" exclaims Coyle.

Third Battalion

Sgt. Charles Butts, Co. M, is in the Station Hospital.

Sergeant Morris, Co. M, has his wife visiting him.

Company M men are wondering where Sergeant Miller acquired the big, big Buick with the cute accessory.

Mrs. Joseph Mastalir proudly watched Sgt. Joe execute fancy turns with Company M Saturday morning.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



One advantage of the mountains in Italy is that they make ideal spots for observing and adjusting artillery fire on the enemy. That's why the battles for the heights are so bitter. Here is an American OP that has just moved in and opened fire. They have made some common, but serious errors. Can you pick them out before turning to page 8 for the answers? (Illustration Courtesy The Checkerboard, 90th Division, Camp Maxey, Texas.)

Private Glemborski, Btry. A, is on furlough in New York.

Recent reports from Tulsa show that Corporal Scalzo and Pfc. Tassi, Btry. B, painted the town red on their recent weekend excursion.

402nd F. A. Bn.

Cpl. Joe Rhen, Btry. A, is back from his furlough, but his enemies say he can hardly get any work done, what with combing his long, wavy hair.

Tech. Sergeant Surls, Hq. Btry., is spending a lot of time in Tulsa. Headquarters Battery added another victory to their string last week with a victory over Btry. C, 7-5. That made five straight.

The battalion had a battalion party in Service Club No. 2 last week, and girls from Tulsa made the evening enjoyable for all.

Sergeant Trotter and Cpl. V. Brown, Hq. Btry., finally spent a week-end out of camp. Now may be they caught up on their sleep and can go fishing again.

Cpl. Jimmy Morgan, Hq. Btry., back after three months, was welcomed back with open arms.

Battery B's Reds used charge sezen last Tuesday night when they hit the target in two big innings to defeat Battery A. Cpl. Joseph Hahn collected two hits, Pvt. Rocco Morano (with his Gabby Hartnett run) nicked the mess hall for a long two-bagger, and Pvt. James Peters looked good in center field. Pfc. Walter Kawa allowed the losers only four hits. And incidentally, Pvt. Jimmie Stal-

naker made his debut as umpire. The boys were giving him pointers after the game until nearly midnight.

142nd Engrs.

Our baseball team broke even this past week, losing to the Signal Corps by the score of 3 to 2, and trimming the 42d Quartermaster Company to the tune of 5 to 0. Pfc. Johnny L. Proehl of H and S Company pitched the losing game, and Tec 5 Willy A. Stewart of Company C gets credit for the winning tally.

Pvt. Eugene N. Ferrara, understudy Company Clerk of Co. A has the picture of a pretty girl on his shelf. We understand, however, that it is not the picture of his best girl friend. Hom come, Geney boy?

A lot of the boys have returned from furlough. We wonder if they missed us as much as we missed them. T-4 Robert J. Roth together with T-4 Paul E. (Windy) McWade went on their merry way this past week. Bon voyage boys.

Div. MP Platoon

One of the high spots of last Friday's party was a display of riddan talents by Pfc. Joe Heuser as a pianist. All would-be Sinatra's were given a chance to swing the mike with Brother Joe providing excellent accompaniment.

Someone remarked, "Didn't know you could play the piano, Joe," and he replied, "Didn't know it myself."

Happy chappies are Pfc. Maurice Roney and Pfts. Mickey Feibish and Melvin Schwab, whose wives are now visiting in Muskogee. Sad sacks are Pfts. Chuck Kelley and Walt Duhascek whose mates have returned to their homes.

Would you like to know more about the informal entertainment provided for some of the boys by Pfc. Frank House last Saturday night. It has been suggested that he repeat the performance for the platoon, with Pvt. Paul Coffman taking assorted snapshots to send home to friends.

On three-day pass last weekend was Sgt. Tom Tipton who journeyed to Iowa to see his newly-acquired wife. It is hoped that he will soo recover, and stop counting cadence to the tune of Love in Bloom.

42nd Div. Hq. Co.

During a break on the range the other day, T-4 Robert J. Bradshaw, AG, was observed munching weeds. He claims that it is good for the health. We suggest cat-nip.

Sgt. Frank Lombardi, SSO, became a father last week. It's a girl.

GI wishes on the "Behind the Dog Tags" program last week netted Sgt. George Stuart, Jr., CWS, a car; and S-Sgt. Alfred L. Shortridge, JA, is looking forward to receiving his prize of a weekend fishing trip with an Oklahoman who claims to know where the biggest bite the most.

Flowers in the No. 1 Library are provided by GI's "pistol-packing" S-Sgt. John D. Coleman. He takes a bus to the outskirts of camp, commuting with nature as it were, and returns bearing flowers for the librarian. Could be he wants priorities on some of the best sellers.

"Regular Army" T-4 Wilbur D. Lewis was so soothed by all the noise on the range last week that he went to bed at 1900. Some AUS men woke him up at 1000 so that he could remove his fatigues and retire formally.

Muskogee Group Plans Picnic at Homestead

The Army Navy Committee of the Muskogee Jewish Welfare Board has announced that its annual picnic for servicemen will be held Sunday, 21 May at the Homestead, northwest of Muskogee.

Men planning on attending will meet at the Muskogee USO at 1400 where transportation will be provided to the picnic grounds.

The affair is made possible through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Susman who have opened their home and grounds—The Homestead—to the men. Tennis, badminton, softball and volleyball, along with other games, contests and, of course, eats, will feature the day's program of entertainment.

ARTILLERY



232nd F. A. Bn.

Cupid and the stork scored a triple in Headquarters Battery with Cpl. Roy Wolfram's marriage to a Chicago girl, T-4 Raymond Loehrs engagement to Miss Jackey Riley of Tulsa, and T-5 Charles Louis passing out cigars in honor of a bouncing boy.

In softball competition, Battery C took the honors by defeating Headquarters Battery 8 to 7 in nine innings, making their third straight win. Service Battery defeated A Battery 10 to 4. Playing with 542nd FA Bn., B Btry. upheld the battalions honors by defeating Hq. Btry., 542nd FA Bn., 10 to 7, while Headquarters Battery lost to Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., 10 to 5.

S-Sgt. Edward Jackson, C Btry., doesn't wear that dour expression since his wife is visiting him. We hope she stays a while, because the food seems a lot better when the Mess Sergeant is in a good humor.

Cpl. Thomas Bush, Hq. Btry., was the lucky winner in the Battery's jackpot on the Kentucky Derby.

Another lucky man in Headquarters Battery is T-5 Matthew Yastrab, who has his wife visiting him this week.

M-Sgt. Charles Grabe, Hq. Btry., and his famous "sweet tooth" seem to act up after each meal. Looks like lots of woe and a good lecture are in store for the Sergeant Major.

Who is the young girl who is taking up most of A Battery's T-5 Ray Austin's time? Little old for that aren't you Ray?

Looks like Pvt. Sal Conforti, A Btry., will have to lose those nice curls he now sports, with the inspection coming up. Most of the Lochinvars of Battery A will soon be staying in camp until the curls once again return.

Pvt. Joe Gazak's victrola is now playing at A Battery. Between him and our own Pvt. Joe Nolan, the place looks and sounds like a night club. Don't you boys ever run down?

542nd F. A. Bn.

Birthday greetings go to Pfc. Bob Olive, Hq. Btry. Many happy returns.

Those smiles on the faces of Sergeants Newcombs and Evans, Hq. Co., indicate that their Survey section came out all right in the recent survey tests.

The parents of Cpl. William D. Hunt, Hq. Btry., Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hunt of Ackermann, Miss., visited him this week.

That knit one, purl two you heard at Headquarters Battery last week was the nightmarish job of knitting helmet nets. Considering the tasks, there were few screams.

According to S-Sgt. Stan Wojnarowski, Hq. Btry., and member of the NCO council, the get-together party for all the NCO's of Div. Atry. was a successful affair. The 42nd Div. Arty NCO Mess sponsored the event. The out-of-camp party announcement received a roaring approval.

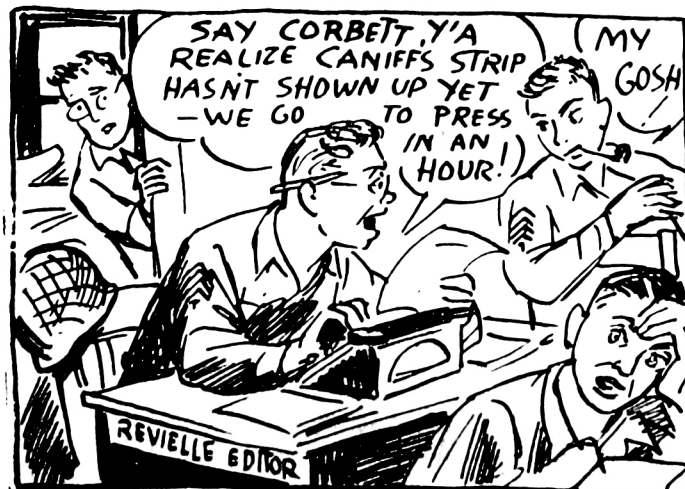
In a nip and tuck battle of softball, Headquarters Battery dropped a 4-3 decision heartbreaker to Battery C of the 232nd FA Bn. A late inning attack proved too much for the Headquarters personnel. Sgt. Herman Hulse twirled for the losers.

Private Green, Btry. A, has made General's Orderly for the second time on guard mount.

The wives of Corporals Mitcham and Smith, Btry A, have arrived in Muskogee from Georgia.

No Male Call

by Don Freeman, creator of "About Faces"



Lace Fills the Gap

..SPORTS..

Softball Leagues Get Under Way

Service Company and Companies C, H and L have taken the lead in their respective battalions in the 222nd Infantry's softball tournament. Every company in the regiment has put a team in the field, and four games are played every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1630 to 1800, and every Saturday from 1300 to 1450, as part of the organized athletics program of the regiment.

In the 232nd Softball tourney, Hq. Co., First Bn., is bolstered by the outstanding pitching of S-Sgt. Charles Thomas, while the hitting and fielding behind T-5 Gene Huskey has the Medics out in front in the Special Units group.

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222nd Infantry			
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Two Regimental Ball Clubs Formed

After a two-week workout, the 222nd Infantry's regimental baseball team is beginning to shape into a team which its coaches believe will be able to hold its own with any outfit. This is principally due to an excellent turnout of semi-pro and sandlot performers.

The squad is working out every evening from 1830 till dark behind the Second Battalion BOQ on its newly-developed baseball diamond. Newcomers are still welcomed on the squad.

The 242nd Regimental baseball team will hold their first turnout Friday on the baseball field behind BOQ No. 1 at 1600. The games, as in the 222 Infantry and Special Troops leagues, are part of the organized athletics program. The baseball diamond has been given a workout by volunteer groundkeepers, and a new backstop is being constructed.

Cannoneers Lead In 222nd Volleyball

Cannon Company is leading the regiment in the 222nd Infantry's volleyball league, but its position is being challenged by Companies A and G.

Volleyball is winning increasing popularity in the regiment, and about 10 games are played every day from 1600 to 1700 on the home court of one of each pair of contesting teams.

STANDINGS			
222nd Infantry			
W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Can.	3 0 1.000 H 3 B	1 1 .500	
A	2 0 1.000 Serv	0 2 .000	
G	2 0 1.000 A-T	0 1 .000	
Hq.	2 1 .667 H 1 B	0 1 .000	
Med.	1 1 .500 D	0 1 .000	
C	1 1 .500 E	0 1 .000	
H	1 1 .500 M	0 1 .000	
L	1 1 .500 I	0 1 .000	

First Boxing Card In 232nd Inf. Full of Thrills

Topflight boxers and novice aspirants traded leather in a 90-minute program that had an audience of some 300 men on their toes at the 232nd Infantry's Outdoor Arena on Thursday night.

This was the first of a series of Thursday night bouts which have been planned in the 232nd Infantry. Two exhibition bouts and four competitive bouts comprised the card. Outstanding was the exhibition bout between Pfc. Melvin Howell, Co. K, Division boxing coach, and Pfc. Jack Jerzak, Co. G, former middleweight champ of the Aleutians, where he engaged in 17 bouts. Jerzak's long lay-off and Howell's class and condition showed clearly when Howell dumped his opponent twice, in the first and second rounds.

Pvt. Charles Hearn, Co. K, 118 pounds, who carried the colors of the Rainbow as far as Oklahoma City in the Golden Gloves tournaments, boxed another exhibition with Pfc. Walter Sobolewski, Co. B, 120 pounds. These feathery were all over the ring and showed good footwork and considerable experience.

Cpl. John Aiola, Co. I, lost to T-5 Sigurd Haugen, Co. G, in the 160-pound class, while heavy-weight Pfc. Bob Beindorf, Co. F, took the decision over Pfc. Bob Burke of the same company. Pvt. Willie Knighton, Cannon Co., and Sergeant Lyons, Cannon Co., 175-pounders, fought three thrilling rounds to a draw.

HE USES HIS HEAD
Pfc. Caudillo, Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 232nd Inf., explains that the reason he keeps his hair immersed in oil is so he can run his rifle through it and oil it thoroughly in one operation.

60 Men Try Out For Ball Team

With 60 men trying out, 20 of whom have had professional baseball experience, the Division baseball team should be able to hold its own in fast company, once a squad is shaped.

First Lt. Reese B. Harris, Div. Arty., Division Athletic Officer, will probably start cutting the squad next week, and the prospective "first team" is expected to have a practice game with some non-divisional outfit, either a Tank Destroyer nine or an Air Base team. Inter-squad games are being played almost every day.

Among the likelier prospects for the team are the following:

Pfs. William LaPosha, Hq. Co., Third Bn., 222nd Inf. A first baseman, LaPosha played three years of pro ball before entering the Army. He last played with Nashville in the Southern Association. S-Sgt. Harold J. Stewart, Co. M, 222nd Inf. Stewart, who is a right-handed twirler, also played in the Southern Association.

T-5 Glenn E. Belcher, 742nd Ord. Co. Belcher's professional experience shows in his handling of the second sack assignment.

T-4 Peter Gebrian, Hq. Btry., 542 FA Bn. Only twenty years old, this pitcher had 16 wins and 4 losses to his credit in his first year of pro ball.

Hq. Co., Signal Co. Top Special Troops Soft Ball League

Headquarters Company and Signal Company, each undefeated in three games, share top honors in the Special Troops softball league, with Division Headquarters and the Recon Troop a game behind.

Heaviest scoring so far was in the Medical Detachment-Division Headquarters comedy of errors Tuesday, which the Medics won 19-15. Worst lacing to date was taken by the MP Platoon, which dropped a game to the league-leading Headquarters Company team, 18-3, on last Thursday.

In his first game, Corbin, Div. Hq., star pitcher, struck out 14 men. Estrade, Hq. Co., was strong at the plate in one of his team's games with 4 for 4. The defending champions, the Medical Detachment, are starting slowly, with one win and two losses.

STANDINGS			
W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Hq. Co.	3 0 1.000		
Signal	3 0 1.000		
Div. Hq.	2 1 .667		
Recon	2 1 .667		
MP Plat	1 2 .333		
Med. Det.	1 2 .333		
Eng.	1 2 .333		
122nd Med.	1 2 .333		
QM	1 2 .333		
Ordnance	0 3 .000		

Billfold Girl of the Year!



In place of our regular billfold girl this week, we present a Billfold Girl of the Year—a mother of a Rainbow soldier. She is Mrs. Herman Culler, Sr., of Weirton, W. Va. She has two sons in the service, one of whom is Pfc. Kenneth Culler, Co. C, 222nd Inf. Last Thursday Private Culler made a wish on the "Behind the Dog Tags" broadcast that he could give his mother a special gift for Mothers Day. By naming her our Billfold Girl of the Year, we are helping to grant his wish, and in so doing honor every mother of a Rainbow man.

Boxing Team Plans Under Way In 242nd

Plans for a boxing team are under way in the 242nd Infantry, and all men interested in the sport are asked to report to Cpl. Gordon Bitts at the outdoor boxing ring near the Rec Hall at 1600 sharp, beginning Friday. Men who have not done much boxing but who are interested in learning are also urged to attend.

After two weeks of training, outdoor boxing shows will be held every week or two and matches will be made with other organizations in the near future.

SPRING IS HERE

Corporal Martens, Btry. A, 542nd FA Bn., would like very much to know who the young lady is that enclosed a pressed flower in his laundry this week. The young lady who runs the pressing machine, no doubt.

Answers to Puzzle On Page Seven

1. The jeep with the radio is dangerously near the OP. The enemy could locate it and destroy the OP with mortars or their own artillery. When necessary to use the radio, the orders should be relayed to it or the remote control used.
2. The wire is in and the operator is testing, but there has been no slack allowed at the phone.
3. It looks as though the whole battery has come to the OP. They are using too many men, and they are too bunched.
4. The man using the aiming circle has chosen a very bad place to set it up. Not only is he silhouetted against the sky, but he is too close to the metal of the jeep for the instrument to work properly. In addition, he has neglected to remove his steel helmet which would further affect the magnetic needle of the aiming circle.

New Athletic Equipment Distributed



Hundreds of new baseballs, gloves, horseshoes, volleyballs and other kinds of athletic equipment were distributed to the regiments and other units last week by the Division Special Service Office. Here is Sgt. Frank Lombardi of the Special Service Office checking off equipment for the 242nd Infantry, while T-5 Roy E. Richstad of the regimental SSO and Pfc. Silvio Benvenuti, Hq. Co., Second Bn., 242nd Inf., load it in the truck.

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