

Pvt. Confucius Say:
Pipe Smoking Often
Match Ado
About Nothing

Col. Confusion Reply:
Yes, But Sometimes
A Pipe Gives
A Swell Pufformance

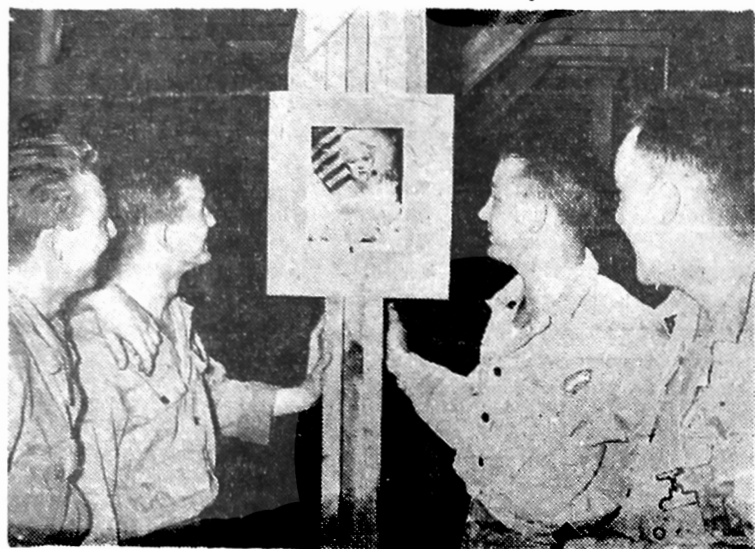
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Recon Men Have Own Snoop Gal Now!



Pvt. John Stahor, Pvt. Merlin Stansbury, Pvt. J. B. Williams, and T-4 William Bednarz, 42nd Recon Troop, make a visual reconnaissance of a picture of their new Snoop Gal, Actress Betty Hutton.

Actress Betty Hutton Selects Division Troop as Her Choice to Snoop With

There's a new and popular attraction in the day room of the 42nd Recon Troop. It's a large personally autographed picture of Betty Hutton, Hollywood lovely, who has adopted the Rainbow Recon Troop as "the troop she'd like to snoop with."

Hero of the mission that brought this charming memento back to the men of the Troop is Lt. Marquis, who recently returned from a leave spent in Hollywood. The details of the encounter are not exactly clear, although Lt. Marquis admits he was reconnoitering the studios one day and decided that his men should have their own private Snoop Gal. He chose the curvaceous and beautiful Miss Hutton as the Hollywood type who could best inspire Recon troopers to greater feats of snooping, and made arrangements to meet her at her dressing room to issue the invitation.

After his mission was explained, Miss Hutton readily agreed to become the Troop's own Snoop Gal and in addition to her message on the photograph, she asked Lt. Marquis to tell men back at Camp

Gruber that she considered the Cavalry one of the most daring and hardest fighting units in the Army; that she was proud to have been chosen a Snoop Gal; and especially proud that it was the Rainbow Division Recon Troop that asked her because she was familiar with the history of the Division in the last war and was sure that the new Division would account for itself with equal if not greater valor.

The Recon men are sending Miss Hutton a Rainbow shoulder patch and a pair of crossed sabers which she has promised to keep for the duration.

Veterans Will Have Poppy Day 31 May

Poppy Day will be 31 May in the Division. The little red flowers will go on sale for the benefit of disabled veterans of both wars. The more than 100 VFW members in the 42nd Division will be in charge of distribution. "Help a buddy—wear a poppy."

First Eastern Oklahoma WAAC Returns To Assist Current WAC Recruiting Drive

"The Women's Army Corps doesn't think it's winning the war," said Capt. Katherine Stull, who is in Muskogee this week assisting the WAC recruiting drive. "We know it's the men who are doing and will continue to do the fighting. We also know there are plenty of jobs—239 jobs, to be exact—in the Army which women can handle. There have always been 'women's jobs' in the Army, but up to now men have always had to do them simply because there weren't any women in the Army to take them over."

"Women are better than men in these jobs. A man who is doing an Army job a woman can do represents the fact and has no respect for his job. A woman knows she can't get into the fight as a com-

bat soldier, and is therefore satisfied with the job."

Captain Stull, the first woman from Eastern Oklahoma to join the WAAC—she began training with the first group on 20 July 1942—is public relations officer of the first WAC Training Center, Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to the war, Captain Stull worked as a reporter on the Muskogee Daily Phoenix and Times-Democrat.

One important point brought out by Captain Stull is that a wife with a husband in the service continues to get her allotment even after she joins the WAC. Furthermore, if her mother or other relative is dependent on her, she may draw dependency benefits for that relative.

Medal of Honor Will Be Awarded At University

Commencement Day at the University of Arkansas on 5 June will have an unusual feature—the Congressional Medal of Honor will be awarded to one of its alumni, Capt. Maurice L. Britt, an Infantry officer. The War Department has designated Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, commanding officer of the 42nd Division, to make the presentation.

By inspiring and leading a handful of his Infantrymen against the Germans near Mignano, Italy, in November 1943, Captain Britt, then a lieutenant, repelled a bitter counterattack by approximately 100 Germans against his company position which, if successful, would have isolated his battalion and destroyed his company. During this action Captain Britt was wounded many times.

With the Division Commander from the Rainbow will go to Fayetteville a representative company, not yet selected, as well as flag-bearers—including bearers for the Rainbow's collection of State flags—and members of the Division band.

100 Tulsa Beauties, One Dog-Faced Girl To Attend Party

Lulu, the Dog-faced Girl, the Two-headed Monster, the Bearded Lady, and a host of other blood-tingling attractions will be on display on Saturday, 20 May, at Service Club No. 2, when members of the Second Bn., 242nd Inf., put on their Spring Carnival.

A thousand bogus bucks will go to each member of the Battalion who is selected to act as host to one of the 100 Tulsa beauties who will be on hand for the party. Other members of the Battalion will receive \$500 to pit against the wheels of chance—roulette, chuck-a-luck, dice, and such. After the evening's gaming session, prizes will be given to those with the largest winnings. Music will be furnished by the 242nd "Hot-shots."

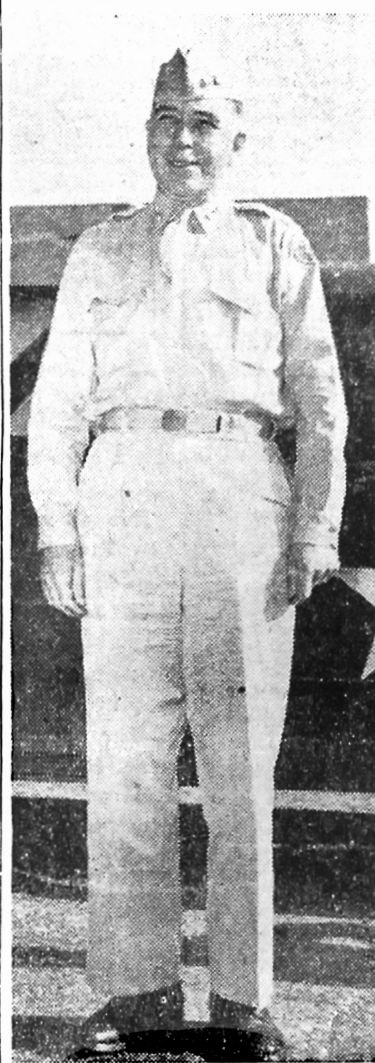
Nothing Like a Dip Before Breakfast

For weeks and weeks T-5 Louis Vollendorff, Hq. Co., First Bn., 232nd Inf., has slept with a pail full of water and a mop next to his bunk so that he could be first to get his portion of the floor mopped in the morning.

Came the dawn on Friday morning and the corporal jumped out of bed and into the bucket of water. Three different methods of artificial respiration were used to bring him back to life.

WEEK'S KNEE-TEST TRICK
Pvts. Frank and Joseph Rubino, Hq. Co., 222nd Inf., twins, were hard to tell apart until Frank was given a pair of fatigues with patches on the knees.

Visitor



Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, XVI Corps commander, shown during his visit to Camp Gruber last week to inspect the Division. He later declared that he was particularly pleased to find continued the high standard of morale and military courtesy that has always existed in the Rainbow Division.

Science Baffled By Perfect Vacuum

T-5 Carl A. Geisen, Hq. Co., 242nd Inf., is still enjoying a laugh at his own expense after his faux-pas in the recent classification interview.

Describing a physical condition to the regimental surgeon, Geisen rather nervously announced that an X-ray of his head had been taken to determine the cause of his physical condition at the time. "But they didn't find anything there," he concluded.

Gen. Collins Hears From Two Former Rainbow Men, One Now Overseas

The feelings of men who have been a part of the Rainbow and since left it are revealed in the following two letters recently received by Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.

"These letters speak for themselves," General Collins said, "and reflect the spirit, devotion to, and pride in the Division that is characteristic of those soldiers who have left us."

"Dear Sir:
"I guess you will be most surprised to get this letter from me, but I remember a speech that you made once, that you always like to

Rainbow Day Proclaimed By Tulsa Citizens

With Rainbow men taking over all major positions in the city government and a gala formal ball scheduled for the evening, final plans for Rainbow Day in Tulsa next Saturday are complete.

The idea all started when a Rainbow soldier made a wish for the biggest thing yet on a recent "Behind the Dog Tags" broadcast. And when asked to help grant this wish, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce said, "Sure, we'll turn the city of Tulsa over to the Rainbow Division."

Pvt. J. J. Prosch, 742nd Ord. Co., will be mayor of Tulsa for the day and will preside with his other "city officials" as honor guest at the huge ball to be held Saturday evening from 2030 to 2400 at the USO. The Division Dance Band will provide the music.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, and Mrs. Collins will be in Tulsa and will attend the ball at the U. S. O.

Feature of the Saturday night dance will be the distribution of literally hundreds of prizes donated by Tulsa merchants to fill a huge "pot of gold." Such prizes
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Provost Marshal Praises Behavior

Praise for gentlemanly behavior of Rainbow men on weekend leave was received this week from Capt. J. L. Holmes, Acting Provost Marshal, Eighth Service Command, Tulsa. In a letter to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, Captain Holmes said:

"It was noted that the behavior of the enlisted personnel from the 42nd Division, visiting in Tulsa the weekend of 6-7 May, 1944, was exemplary. I personally visited many of the night clubs in Tulsa last Saturday night and it is a pleasure for me to tell you that the men from your command were most orderly."

know where your boys are, and how they are doing.

"Well, sir, as you know, I can't tell you what town I am in or what I am doing, but I can tell you that we are in x x x x x somewhere."

"You remember the bunch of NCOs that left your great Division awhile back, don't you?"

"Well, sir, we are all still together, except two, and I speak for all of us boys, we wish you the best of health and a lots of luck with your Division. We sure do miss the old Rainbow, and I speak
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Plenty to Fight For

Not so long ago a GI over in Italy caused something of an uproar back in this country by his reply to a correspondent who asked what he was fighting for, "To get this damn thing over with and get home," he said.

"That's no reason to be fighting a war!" cried more than one critic. "Here we are with scores of reasons for fighting—for human rights, for freedom of religion, for the dignity of man, against intolerance and oppression—and all this soldier wants is to get home. What he needs is a burning hatred like the Russian soldier has for the Nazi criminals who have murdered members of his family and burned his home," they said, "or a ringing slogan like 'To Make the World Safe for Democracy'."

But our hunch is that the average soldier has a pretty good reason, whether he knows it or not, for fighting. There are too many reasons for fighting this global war to boil down into a single slogan. One man may be fighting for the principle of freedom of worship; another may be motivated more strongly by a hate for the oppression of Nazism, and a third is willing to give up his home and family, and even his life, to make sure that the fanatical creed of the Japanese warlords is not imposed on other people.

Each soldier has his own reason for fighting, or his own group of reasons. To say that he hasn't or to say that his reasons aren't sufficiently strong to make him a tireless and relentless and victorious soldier is not supported by the record of the American fighting man. From Battan to Cassino, from Tunisia to Burma comes proof enough that he knows why he fights, and how to fight.

And that's why we like the reply of that soldier in Italy. He may have a dozen or so reasons why he fights—but it's hard to put them into words. When he says he wants to get this damn thing over with and get home, however, it seems to us he expresses them all, both for himself and his buddies.

Service Club Doings

SERVICE CLUB NO. 1

Thursday 2000—"Behind the Dog Tags" Broadcast. Friday 2000—Closed Dance. Saturday 2000—Variety Show. Sunday 1800 to 2100—Open House; Tulsa Girls; Rainbow Division Cocktail Unit Orchestra. Monday 2000—Bingo. Tuesday 2000 Songfest. Wednesday 2000—Closed Dance; 122nd Med. Bn.

SERVICE CLUB NO. 2

Thursday 2015—Jam Session. Friday 2015—GI Film. Saturday 2000—Carnival Dance; Second Bn., 242nd Inf. Sunday 2015—GI Varieties. Monday 2015—Songfest with Pfc. George Zimmerman and Ppl. Phil D'Erasmus. Tuesday 2015—Commando Party. Wednesday 2015—WAC Variety Show.

Movie Schedule

THEATERS NO. 1 AND 3

Thursday—"Gaslight." Friday—"Bermuda Mystery." Saturday—"Address Unknown." Sunday and Monday—"The Story of Dr. Wassell." Tuesday—"Yellow Rose of Texas." Wednesday and Thursday—"The Hitler Gang."

THEATERS NO. 2 AND 4

Thursday—"The Black Parachute" and "Follow the Leader." Friday and Saturday—"Gaslight." Sunday—"Bermuda Mystery." Monday—"Address Unknown." Tuesday and Wednesday—"The Story of Dr. Wassell." Thursday—"Yellow Rose of Texas."

SPLIT SECOND REVIEWS

"Gaslight." Mystery Drama. Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman, Joseph Cotten.
"Bermuda Mystery." Mystery Drama. Preston Foster, Ann Rutherford.
"Address Unknown." Drama. Paul Lukas, K. T. Stevens.
"The Story of Dr. Wassell." Gary Cooper, Loraine Day.
"Yellow Rose of Texas." Western Drama. Roy Rogers.
"Three Men in White." Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson, Keye Luke.
"The Black Parachute." Drama. John Carradine, Larry Parks, Jeanne Bates.
"Follow the Leader." FBI Drama. East Side Kids.

The Wolf

by Sansone



The Chaplain Says

By Chaplain A. H. Achtermann
Division Artillery

This week millions of service men throughout the world will without urging have the picture of their mother come into their minds. In such moments, lying in foxholes, beside their vehicles, on cots in barracks, the picture of mother will bring a longing for home. Soldiers traveling on trains, when asked, "where are you going?" smilingly reply, "we're going home again." The sailor, far from home sings, "I want to see home again."

Soldier, had you realized your home is of such importance? Every home occupies a pivotal place in the economy of the world; the home is the heart of civilization. No community, state, or nation rises any higher than its best homes, nor sinks lower than its worst ones. From the home the state gets its citizens, the church its worshippers, the school its pupils and the nation its soldiers.

As a great preacher once said: "The home is the great heart from which the arteries of life or death empty their sustaining or destroying powers into the social, moral and political economies of the world. Destroy the home and all institutions and appliances of civilization collapse and fall into ruin."

As soldiers today we are learning how to care for ourselves on the field of battle, receiving such training to make it possible that very soon every soldier can again return to his home; the home which must be maintained, for there mother stands as the great teacher and trainer of life. Even in this grim business of being a soldier, of preparation to defend against an enemy; preparation to destroy the enemy which so ruthlessly destroys and holds so cheaply the Home which is the heart of a nation; the thought of home and mother must be cherished. Our soldiers everywhere today are risking their lives to keep that home, for in it and as the very life of it, is Mother.

What a wonderful instrument a mother is in the hands of the Almighty. Through her life God speaks to us all: "Forsake not the law of thy mother; bind it continuously upon thine heart, and tie about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou wakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is a light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life."

Chapel Services

Division Chapel
0900 Holy Communion (Episcopal)
1000 General Protestant Services (122nd Med. Bn.)
1100 General Protestant Services (Special Troops).
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.
1600-1700 and 1930-2100 Confessions Saturday.
Division Artillery
Chapel No. 9
0900 Catholic Mass.
1000 Protestant Service.
Jewish Services
Christian Science Service
1330 Chapel No. 5 (Sunday).
1930 Chapel No. 5 (Thursday).

Musical Musings

By OPL. DON STELZER

Eugene Ormandy, one-time conductor of the Minneapolis and Philadelphia Symphony Orchestras, was lend-leased through the U. S. OWL, to the Commonwealth of Australia. Ormandy will conduct at least 18 concerts in many of the big Australian cities, and as many Australian army camps as he can reach in his ten week tour. . . . Cpl. Roy Haynes, Division Band saxman, jumped from one of the jumpiest Army bands in the country, to the jumpiest outfit in the world, the parachute troops. Lots of luck Baker. . . . The Division dance band will play a dance at the Tulsa USO "Rainbow Day." . . . Maurice Purtill, ex-T. Dorsey drummer, is undergoing boot training at the Great Lakes (Ill.) naval training station. After training Purtill will join one of the many fine base bands. . . .

Louis Jordan's newest tune, "Why Sober Up When Your Going To Get Drunk All Over Again," really rocks. . . . Alvino Rey, now in Navy bell bottoms, has declined several offers to head service bands, in favor of a spot as radio technician. . . . Anita O'Day, former Gene Krupa gal vocalist, replaced Dolly Mitchell with Stan Kenton. Upon completion of the current Bob Hope series, Kenton leaves Hollywood for a theater tour. . . .

THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



By SGT. SCOTT CORBETT

My furlough activities consisted principally of reducing large pillboxes of mashed potatoes, surrounding and annihilating impressive quantities of steak and baked ham, and generally preparing myself to rise well-fortified. I established a beach-head at the dinner-table the day I arrived home, and held it until my orders from a higher command forced me to withdraw to my original position here in Camp Gruber.

Needless to say, a 10-days' campaign of this sort leaves a man somewhat short of breath and with little inclination toward strenuous physical activity. In some ways, I wished last week that I had not been quite so clever earlier about putting off the evil day when I would have to do the infiltration course belly-buster style, because now here I was, cornered with the rest of the make-up group on the course.

"Steel helmets, fellows," was the order. "Take your helmet nets off your liners and put them on your helmets."

"Off agin, on agin—this is the fourth time in three days," I complained. "My net isn't the stout piece of young string it once was. It's getting to the stage of life where it would like to settle down. I don't think it'll stand many more changes—and I don't think I could stand knitting another one."

Just to prove I'd been on furlough, I fell out in fatigues with all buttons buttoned, my helmet all fixed, strap fastened under the chin—a perfect model of "C" uniformity, with one exception.

"Corbett," said the NCO in charge, who keeps me up on latest fashions, "nothing gives herringbone twill trousers that neatly-bloused effect like putting on leggings. Go put 'em on!"

Funny how small details like that slip your mind when you've been away for awhile.

The Yankee Stadium probably has the world's best ground-keepers. The Rainbow's infiltration course probably has the worst. The place was in terrible shape—rocks, mud, dust—honest, the guys in charge can't be putting in much work on it. Things were pretty noisy, particularly the land mines. However, I personally showed no reaction to them other than to leap into the air and yell, "Yipes!" every time one went off.

I was in the first of three groups to go over the top at intervals of a minute or so. What I can't understand is, I was one of the first to start, and yet I seemed to have somebody else's feet in my face all the way. Where did those feet come from? Personally, I think the instructors pop them up like the dummies on the Village Fighting Course. They were always such big feet I could never see if a real GI happened to be attached to any of them.

So far as I could see, the difficulties the strands of barbed wire present depend largely on how big a stomach you have to lift them over. At one point, though, I wriggled my shoulder-blades raw trying to get under a wire and finally gave up, exhausted. My steel helmet seemed to be pressing down on my head, I ached all over.

"I can't go an inch farther," I remarked to a passing pal.

"You sure can't," he agreed, "not so long as you've got your head against a post."

Just as I was nearing the log finish-line, I looked up and saw that I was squirming along right toward the feet of the captain who was in charge.

"I have groveled before a captain or two in my time," I groaned to myself, "but never as graphically as now. Am I a man or a worm? Come on, Corbett—to hell with bullets!"

So I got up and walked the last two inches of the way!

S-Sgt. Praised As Tire Expert

When asked to send a "qualified officer or enlisted man" to a three weeks' course in tire maintenance at an Army training school in Akron, Ohio, the Division chose an enlisted man—S-Sgt. Gerald T. Beeson, 742nd Ord. Co.

In a letter commending Beeson, addressed to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division commander, Mr. John F. Duncan, manager of the school says:

"Sgt. Beeson completed the three weeks' course in rubber maintenance with a final grade of 96.3 which is far above average; in fact, the highest ever given a student of this school is 97.0.

"Subject student displayed an aggressive spirit. He gained the respect and genuine regard of the school staff, officers and enlisted men who were fellow students. His cooperation with us, and his strict adherence to his various assignments, was superior.

"The above are just a few of the numerous good qualities of this student which we observed. We are hopeful that he will be placed in work upon return to duty where the knowledge gained will add support to you and your command."

The hope that Beeson will be given full opportunity to use the knowledge and experience he gained will be completely realized. He has been assigned to the job of supervising tire maintenance throughout the entire Division.

It has been announced that Beeson will receive an official commendation from the Division Commander.

Isn't This Bribing A Public Official?

For several days the mail orderly of Hq. Co., 242nd Inf., had noticed a most peculiar letter amongst the out-going group. Correctly addressed, each of these letters bore the word "Free" in the prescribed manner, but on the back of each envelope was placed a three-cent stamp. Curiosity finally compelled the baffled orderly to search out the reason.

"Oh, that's a tip for the mailman back home," was the bland reply.

One Way of Bringing Problems to a Head

During the recent classification interviews, Cpl. Robert Laudone, company clerk of Co. G, 242nd Inf., really had a tough time. When interviewed regarding his physical qualifications he said, "Sir, I can't seem to wear a helmet without getting a headache."

It looked as though this would be a real problem for the person in higher authority to solve, but men become higher authorities by being able to make quick, intelligent decisions. The "higher authority" replied without batting an eyelash, "If you can't wear a helmet, we'll see that you are issued a straw hat."

Tulsa Prepared For Rainbow Day

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as 500 Coco Colas, 100 bus fares, and free hotel accommodations have been arranged.

The big thrill of the day, however, will be for the eight men who have been designated to take over the major positions of the city government for the day. These men will each be the personal guest of the Tulsa official he replaces for the day. They will also be feted at lunch and dinner by these officials at the Tulsa club, be provided hand-picked dates for the evening, given corsages to present to their dates, and each will receive a free phone call home.

In addition to "Mayor" Prosch, some of the other city jobs to be filled by Rainbow men are: Chief of Police—Pfc. Spencer E. Lightcap, 42nd MP. Platoon; Commissioner of Police—Pfc. William O. Keeling, Jr., 42nd MP Platoon; Commissioner of Finance—M-Sgt. R. P. Sutcliffe, Div. Hq., Finance Section; Commissioner of Streets—T-4 Robert Wichert, 142nd Eng. Bn.; Fire Commissioner—Sgt. Robert R. Johnson, Div. Hq., Chemical Warfare Section; Fire Chief—Sgt. George Stewart, Div. Hq., Chemical Warfare Section; and Commissioner of Water Supply—S-Sgt. Leroy Talcott, 742nd Ord. Co.

Other jobs in the city official family will be filled by men yet to be named from the Infantry regiment, and the Artillery battalions.

'Blind Dates' Chosen by Girls

After nine men had tried to "sell themselves" to three girls from Muskogee, the Misses Doris Cox, Judy Brazil, and Jo Young, in the "Blind Date" contest held at the 232nd Infantry's outdoor arena Monday night, the girls finally chose Pfc. Eugene Clark, Co. L, Pvt. Pat Libutti, Hq. Co., and T-5 Kenneth Jensen, Hq. Co.

The less fortunate contestants were: T-Sgt. Steve Musetta, Co. B; Pvt. Charles Wisthoff, Co. H; Pfc. Sam Rodich, Med. Det.; T-Sgt. Howard Walters, Hq. Co., Third Bn.; T-4 Bill Salmons, Co. H; and Pvt. Robert Burke, Co. F.

On Friday night, the three couples will have their "blind date" as guests of the NCO Club at a Meadowbrook Club party.

'Minstrel Follies' Planned for June By 242nd Showmen

The second "big-time" production of the 242nd Troubadours, regimental dramatic organization, will be an old-time minstrel show, the "Minstrel Follies." The show will be presented in June with all the frills of Dixieland. Songs and dances will be written and produced by Cpl. Jerry (Sambo) Ade, regimental entertainment director.

The technical staff already selected includes: Pfc. Geo. (Rastus) Zimmerman, Service Co., choral director; Pvt. Irving (Lasses) Slipkin, Hq. Co., Second Bn., band director; Pvt. Lomis (Feets) Dorsey, Regt. Hq. Co., dance director; Pvt. Russell (Hambone) Sherman, Col. F., art director. Costumes will be designed by Rastus.

The cast has not yet been selected, and new candidates are welcome.

HANDY MAN

Most studios of all Medics is Pfc. Ted Monyette, Med. Det., 222nd Inf., who is the Detachment's magician. To pass him while studying sleight-of-hand feats, a person would think he was learning to talk with his hands. So far, however, he has been unable to make himself disappear before hikers.

About Faces! By Freeman



When Sgt. William Arnold of Hq. Co., First Bn., 222nd Inf., climbed into Roy Owens' barber chair I heard him say: "Give me the regular roachin'." This made me curious so I asked him what kind of barber jive that was. Although surprised at my ignorance, he answered, "Why man, back in Missouri when yu clip a mule's tail yu call it roachin'."

Two Former Rainbow Men Express Views On Training in Letters to Gen. Collins

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for all of us, that we sure did hate to leave it.

"Sir, I don't know if it's right or not, what I'm about to say, but it is the way I feel, and I can't help it.

"I am proud to be over here serving my country and I am doing my best on every job that I take.

"But I can't help being lonesome for the old Rainbow, I started my Army life in the Rainbow under your command.

"And if there is any way for me to do it, I am going to come back to your Division, when you bring your boys over.

"As I said before, I started my Army life under your command, and when you bring your boys into battle I want to be along serving under your command. It's not that I don't like the officers over here, they are swell. But I think you understand my feelings.

"Sir, I would like to ask a favor of you. All of us boys would like to get the Rainbow Reveille paper, so if you will be so kind as to send me one, I will pass it around so all can see it. I'm sure that all will appreciate it very much.

"Well, sir, I have to go to work so I will close, sending my best regards for your good health, and I would be very proud to hear from you. I hope you don't mind my taking a few minutes of your time in reading this letter. So long, sir, and thanks a lot for all the wonderful training that I received in your great Division. It sure is taking care of me. I know you are a busy man, sir, but if you can find time I sure would like to receive a letter from you. God bless you, your family, and your Division.

"Please give our regards to Gen. Winn, for you see, sir, we were FA men.

"I was in Btry. A, 542nd.

"Yours truly,
"A True Rainbow man,
"Cpl. Harry H. Drake, Jr.,
"34813822
"A.P.O. 15218 c/o P. M.
"New York City, N. Y."

"Dear sir:

"I have thought I would write to you while I have time. I was stationed at Camp Gruber 8 months, almost 9 before I was shipped from there. I liked the camp and I also liked the 42nd Rainbow Div. I was glad to be in it 8 months. I wish I could have stayed longer. But when Uncle Sam says you have to go, you have to go.

"I wish we could have gone over as a unit. I believe we could have done as good if not better than the Division in "World War No. 1." I am proud I got my training with the 42nd. We had some of the best officers and NCOs in the Division. I was in Company C, 232nd Inf. I also think the Inf. is the best branch of service in Uncle Sam's Service. All of us boys that are in the Inf. will be proud of it when this war is over. I think the 42nd is still the best division in the states. Although I may not wear the shoulder patch, I am still a part of it, and if I hear somebody say something about it they will have me to whip.

"I am sure the men coming there now will like it as good as the boys that left. Since Uncle Sam wants me to go across, I will go and do my part and when this war is over I will come and see you no matter where you are. In closing I want to say better luck for the Rainbow Division and may it carry on no matter where it goes.

"From a Former Rainbow
"Soldier and friend,
"James S. Dipon, Pfc.
"34779588
"Fort Geo. G. Meade, Md."

STRICTLY FROM HUNGER

If it's an eating contest you want to watch, Pvt. Lynn E. Joy, 132nd Signal Co., can take on all comers. He munches a chocolate bar while standing in the chow line, and gulps down two pints of ice cream every night.

'How's About a Date?' . . . 'Why Sure, Soldier!'



Pfc. Eugene L. Clark, Co. I, 232nd Inf., tries to—and does—arrange a "blind date" with Miss Judy Brazil of Muskogee by handing her a line over the phone. Behind Miss Brazil stand Miss Doris Cox, one of Muskogee's most attractive truck-drivers, also a participant on the show, and Pvt. Pat Libutti, Hq. Co., 232nd Inf. The show took place at the 232nd Infantry outdoor arena.



If this were a scene taken in a combat area, and the enemy was anywhere near, two men would be on the ground beneath this tree to watch for snipers while Pfc. Thomas G. Pleasant worked. He is shown here making a field wire tie, tying in two circuits. When wire is laid on the ground, it is snubbed around small stumps or trees at regular intervals to avoid having too much slack in the line.



Here Pvt. Stanley Keyes, who, like the men in Message Center has to be a born diplomat, sits ready to operate the field switchboard.



The three most important means of communication—T-4 Lawrence Ard operates a telegraph, behind it is a field telephone, and to the right is a teletype machine.

Communications

How Your Signal Company Gets the Message

Supply lines are the lifeline of a Division. Supply lines are dependent upon lines of communication. If communication breaks down, the men don't "get the message through," the line crumbles.

Getting the Rainbow's messages through is the job of the Signal Company, whose work of construction and operation of communication is summarized in the pictures on these pages.

The laying of telephone lines is one of the Signalmen's basic jobs. Construction teams, of which there are six in the company, can lay two complete circuits at a time. Men on the truck control reel-laying equipment, while other men of the crew walk—or run—behind the truck and lay the wire, or pick it up.

The reel unit in the truck carries two drums of wire, with one mile of wire on each drum, so that two complete circuits can be laid at one time. If the wire is being laid, the drums are simply allowed to roll as the truck moves along, and the speed with which the wire unrolls is controlled by a handbrake on the drums. If the wire is being picked up, a one-cylinder gasoline motor attached to the drums turns them and reels in the wire.

The usual type of telephone pole used by Signalmen is the handiest tree. However, when necessary, Signalmen are equipped to do lancepole construction work, erecting their own poles. For "pole overheads" at road crossings, lancepoles giving 18 feet clearance between road and wire are usually used. If more clearance is desired, two lancepoles are lashed together, and 25 feet clearance is obtained.

The types of communication usually employed are telephone, telegraph, teletype, and radio. If all lines are out, a runner is used. The teletype, used for communication between Division Command Posts and higher commands, is the fastest means of communication the Signal Company has. As many as 100 messages an hour can be handled by the use of this machine. Its delicate mechanism, however, makes it a difficult machine to transport over rough terrain and still keep in working order.

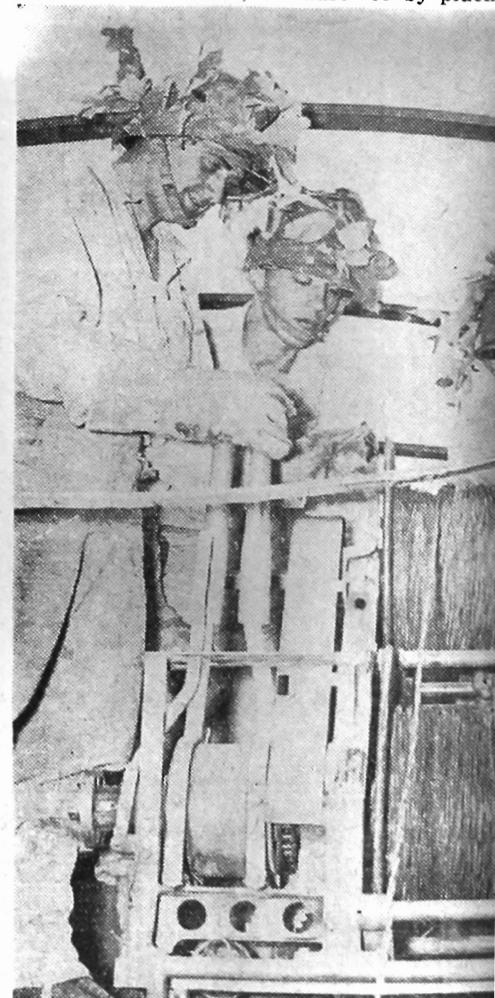
Next fastest means is telegraph—faster than radio, because of

static interference. Radio may be used by the enemy. In the 14th Airborne Division, handled by other means, vision during the field.

At a wire head, lines emanate from the Command Post. Routine calls at regular intervals, every hour, to check on the status of the line. A break in the line is a break in the communication. A parachute trooper tapped the line through the enemy's front lines, the point of contact. To this call, the trunk line of the Command Post, individual

At Division Command Post, the message center is going to include the staff and the message will be the fastest of the time.

The Division switchboard is the center of communication. It is hooked up to the commercial switchboard for exchange of messages. Reached—dial number of the officer in charge of the switchboard. The switchboard is the center of communication. For example, the switchboard is the center of communication. By placing



In the construction truck, Weick is ready to lay wire. He is on the drums. With him are T-5 Rivers.

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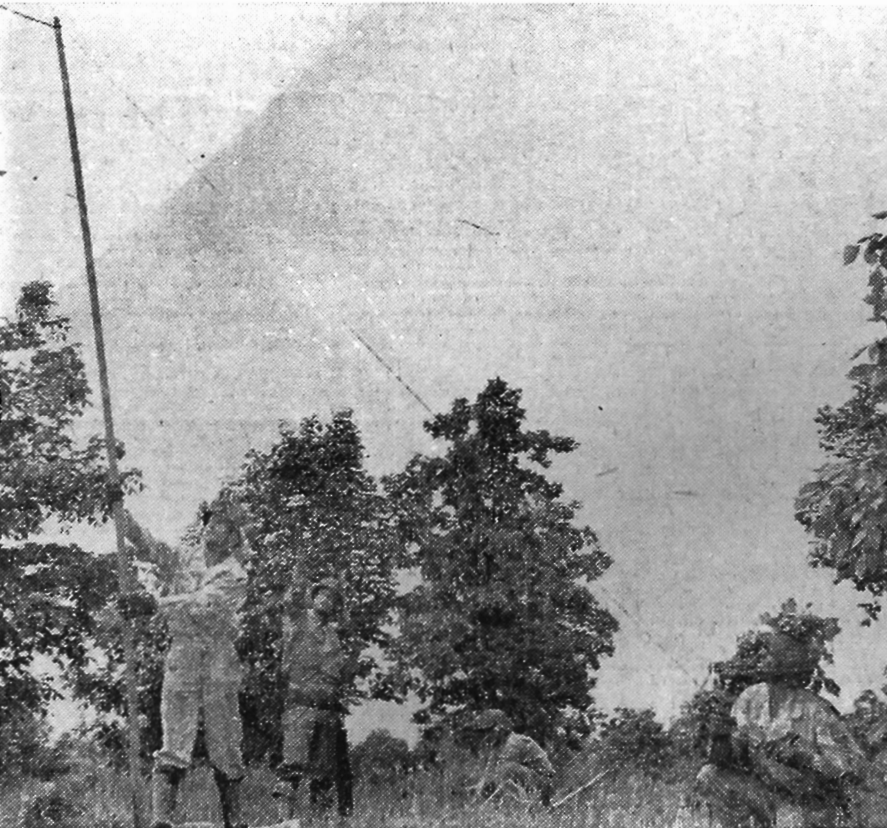
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Laying wire is as rugged work as a GI could ask for. The team at work here is, left to right: Pfc. Thomas G. Pleasant, Pvt. Thomas Vachula, Pfc. Clarence A. Sparks, Pvt. Horace A. Landino. In the truck are Pvs. Warren A. Weick, Pvt. Robert E. Rivers, and T-4 Ray C. Dwinell.



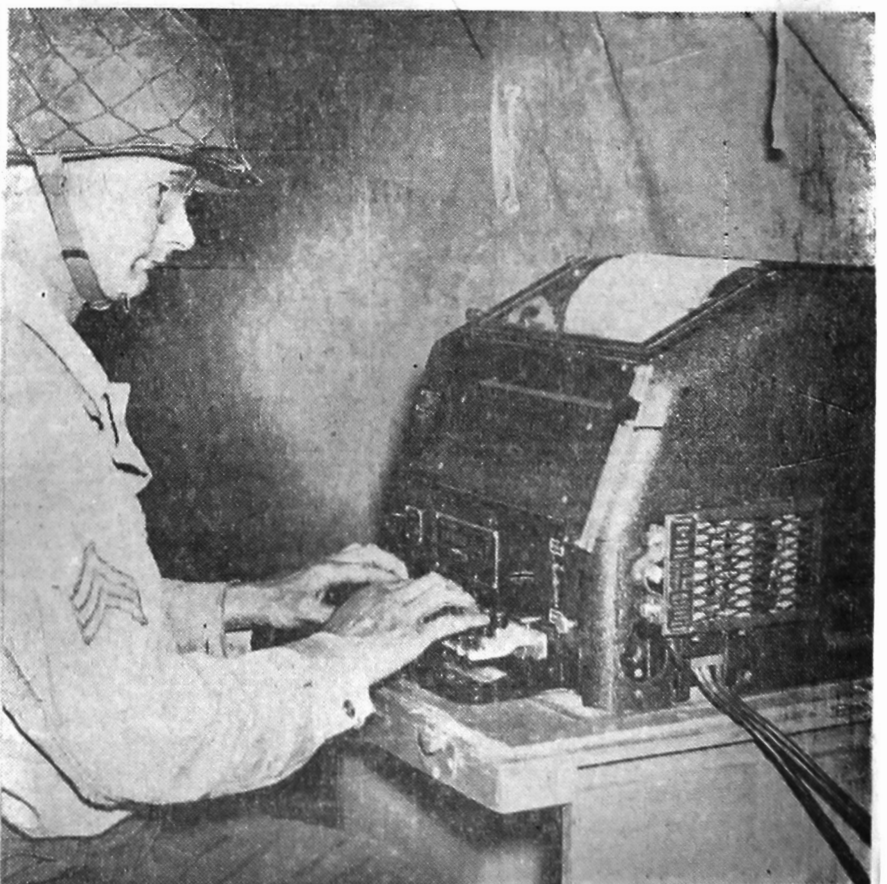
A lancepole goes up to make a "pole overhead" at a road crossing. Left to right: Sparks, Pleasant, Landino, and Vachula.



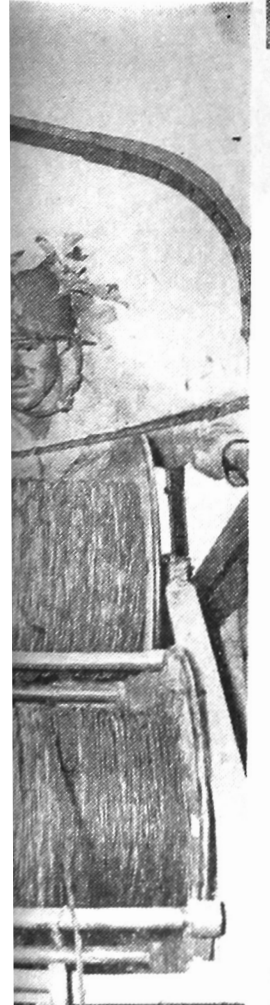
S-Sgt. Harry M. Brown, construction section leader, and T-Sgt. Andrew A. Byrne are testing for breaks or unwelcome listeners-in.



Work at the Message Center calls for cool heads, patience, and diplomacy. Left to right: WOJG John L. Whisler, T-5 Joe J. Newman, and T-5 A. D. Villanueva.



The Army term for Sgt. Herbert H. Ward is "telegraph printer operator." Newspapers would call him a "teletype operator." This machine is similar to the regular newspaper type.



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INFANTRY



Special Units

Birthday kids in Anti-Tank Company — Pfc. Clarence C. Schultz, Pvt. Paul C. Conner, and T-4 William E. Williams.

Just as the members of Anti-Tank Company had settled back to rest in the memories of furloughs gone by, three more fortunate members were off—S-Sgt. Ivan M. Jones, Cpl. Doyle Thompson, and Pfc. Charles R. Harris.

In the Station Hospital—S-Sgt. Paul A. Franks, and Pvt. Leon F. Wlazlo, Anti-Tank Co.

S-Sgt. Charles A. Doyle, Anti-Tank Co., is all a-flutter. The little woman has come to visit and he's a steady bee-liner for the main gate.

S-Sgt. Wilson C. Roth, Anti-Tank Co., motor sergeant, and his trusty aides must be bucking for those cherished three-day passes, as evidenced by the 100 percent in motor vehicle inspection.

The Medical Detachment's Reveille reporter finally found out why Sgt. Ervin Bauxbaum has been sweating out a three-day pass. He found out the reason one night at the Service Club and the next night at the movies. Reason is quite sufficient, he reports.

Why is it that T-5 Marvin M. Hatfield, Hq. Co., always blushes when someone asks him what he has been sewing? We don't know the answer either but he sure can blush.

When auditions for the Regimental Orchestra were held last week, T-4 Ben Bell, Hq. Co., was one of the first ones at the rec hall. After a little investigating, it was discovered that he plays the drums with a solid beat.

T-5 James Barron, Hq. Co., is enjoying a visit from his wife.

T-5 James Lott, Hq. Co., was in charge of the sound system Friday night at the rec hall when he volunteered to help a very charming young lady raise the microphone stand. She told him, "Don't bother, darling, I'll do it." Lott blushed from ear to ear.

First Battalion

Representing Company D in the Regimental Volley Ball Tournament are S-Sgt. Kenneth D. Wilson, S-Sgt. Foster A. Papi, T-4 Stanley A. Fordyce, Cpl. Victor Beck, Pfc. John W. Frikken, Pfc. Daniel K. Roth, Pvt. Raymond Henry, and Pvt. Ray Lawless.

Pfc. Ira G. Kane, Co. D, is enjoying a visit from his wife.

A popular man is Sgt. Mike A. Corey, Co. D, judging from the many packages he receives from numerous feminine sources.

Second Battalion

Softball stars of Headquarters Company—Cpl. O. LeRoy Trucano on the mound, and First Sgt. T. D. "Speed" Stevens in the field, where he is always good for sensational catches.

Sgt. S. H. Longwill, Hq. Co., has been absent from the PX ever since a certain young lady arrived from the home town.

Sgt. Joseph P. Birsovik, Co. E, has a new dependent—Mrs. B. Sergeant DeFero and Privates Craig and Frick, Co. F, have the blues on the run—their wives are now living in the vicinity.

S-Sgt. Joseph F. Stammen, Co. F, has been doing an excellent job in leading the company's volleyball team.

On furlough, Co. G—S-Sgt. Robert D. Whitmer, Cpl. Ralph S. Hubbard, Jr., Cpl. John L. Crites,

S-Sgt. Thomas B. Mosley, and Cpl. Clarence N. Wright.

S-Sgt. E. Koberowski, Co. G, expected the "one and only" to arrive last weekend, but the floods kept her away, and Ed became a Sad Sack.

Sgts. Milton Swahn, Roland McKittrick, Raymond Limke and George White, Co. H, are attending the Division Tactical Troop Leaders School.

Sgt. Norman C. Odom, Co. H, has been hitting the high spots in Tulsa the last few weekends. It started out as a blind date.

Sgt. Edward Edens, Co. H, is on an emergency furlough.

First Sgt. "Bill" Iglehart, Co. H, is entertaining a party of six at the opening of the new beer garden.

Third Battalion

On furlough from Company I—Pvts. Bing Y. Huey and William Seabolt.

Having completed Division Cooks and Bakers School, Pfc. John E. Robinson, Co. K, has left on his long-awaited furlough.

Donations are being accepted to purchase a special alarm clock for T-4 Peter McNeil, Co. K, first cook. At the stroke of 0400, a sledge hammer bangs his shins, a fire alarm goes off, and a bucket of water drops on his head.

S-Sgt. "Aggie" Angowski, Co. K, pronounced "An-go-ski," believes he is suffering from an eye ailment. He says he sees Betty Grable in his dreams, in Technicolor.

Company L is undefeated in three softball games due mostly to Cpl. Charles A. Kallil's superb pitching.

Sgt. John L. Thomas, Co. L, became a proud papa last week.

S-Sgt. Harold Stewart, Co. M, is really putting in some work every night while he is practicing on the Division ball team.



Special Units

It's nice to have friends. When T-4 Leonard Marcotte, Service Co., just didn't feel like coming down for breakfast one morning, T-5 Oreste DeMarzis surprised him by bringing up a hefty trayful of chow.

T-4 George Ruppenstein, Service Co., undoubtedly had a good time in Tulsa on his three-day pass. His beloved Ida, she of the delicious cookies, arrived there Saturday.

Sgt. Clem Fenters, Service Co., defender of the mess hall cat's brood, had a busy Sunday. On his periodic check-up, he discovered one of the kittens had strayed. Poor Clem frantically searched under barracks, beds, and inside culverts, until he finally found the kitty. Ruined his day off, it did.

Mess Sergeant Sokoloski, Hq. Co., has been transferred to the officer's mess temporarily. T-4 Nick Homenick will take over.

Cpl. Mike Attas, Hq. Co., company clerk, is looking forward to a visit from his wife this week.

T-5 Loye Minor is now attached to Headquarters Company.

Private Stout, Hq. Co., became the father of a baby girl last week.

Sergeant Ohlinger, Hq. Co., fight manager, eagerly awaits the return of Tech. Sergeant Wester from furlough. Wester, he claims, is the coming Division heavy-weight champ.

T-Sgt. Lloyd Anderson, Med. Det., who has seen service in Trinidad, is holding the reins of the Detachment while T-Sgt.



Warren Belcher is enjoying a short stay with wife and family in Texas.

T-5 Damian Rybinski, Med. Det., took himself off to Kansas City on a pass.

First Battalion

Sgt. Arba H. Welch, Hq. Co., is convinced that the training the men have received on booby traps is entirely adequate. On returning from the PX on Saturday he discovered that his locker was wired for sound movies and in addition sprayed talcum powder all over him. He is already sympathizing with the poor Germans who are unfortunate enough to meet some of the boys in his platoon.

To show that he is fully recovered from his antipathy toward T-4's, Pvt. George Basle, Hq. Co., out of the goodness of his heart and his high spirits bought a bottle of beer for T-4 William Gibelman.

T-4 Andred Hricak, Hq. Co., who has just been transferred into the company, is already working on an electrical gadget to measure exactly how fast S-Sgt. Charles A. Thomas's fast ball really is. Latest reports from opposing batters say it is so fast it sizzles.

Second Battalion

Wonder what Corporal Hallstrom, Hq. Co., was thinking of when he left the mess hall carrying his plate and cup? He didn't realize it till he had almost reached the barrack, when he beat a hasty retreat to return it.

If Sergeant Granata, Hq. Co., seems more exuberant than usual, it's because he expects a little "Bambino" in the near future.

If the potatoes in the Headquarters Company's mess hall are fancy cut and the vegetables have doodads and curleycues, it's because of the deluxe vegetable cutter they just got.

Pfc. Biegel, Hq. Co., is the latest member to enter holy matrimony, having taken the plunge last weekend.

Staff Sergeant Krutiak, Co. G, now sports a happy grin since he became the proud father of a fine boy recently. He's home on furlough now having the time of his life with his new heir.

Sgt. Oscar Bouch, Co. G, just back from Pittsburgh, reports that the town is really "on the ball" and also that his family finds that the Army has done something for him but Oscar can't figure out just what they mean.

S-Sgt. "Pappy" Moore, Co. G, just missed the birth of his girl by one day while home on furlough. He hopped the train for Camp Gruber and the news of his parenthood reached him while enroute. Word has just arrived that Mrs. Moore and Miss Moore plan to visit "Pappy" in early June. This is welcome news to "Pappy" and now he smiles with

keen anticipation as he daydreams of the day of their arrival.

Third Battalion

Speaking of pappies, First Sgt. "Pappy" Warner, Hq. Co., is back with the gang after a short vacation at the Station Hospital. "Pappy" has a place in his heart for each of his men if they can find a way to get there.

Headquarters Company's ball team, piloted by Tech Sergeant Monger, has tasted defeat but twice this year, and feels this isn't too poor a record. Sergeant Gibson is the fielding gem of the diamond, and his timely hitting has earned for him the title of "Bambino."

Hard worker of Headquarters Company—Cpl. Vic Carno, personnel clerk.

Old Sol did it again. For more details ask Pvt. Raymond G. Snay, who is burning up not only to tell but show everyone the damages.

Cpl. Johnny J. Aiola, Co. I, threw a lot of leather at Cpl. Virgil M. Nelson Thursday night, and Nelson unwittingly but nicely caught it all. However, to disprove the old adage "To the victor belongs the spoils," Nelson received a three-day pass.

An increase is momentarily expected in the family of S-Sgt. Frank Botch. Sergeant Botch, Co. I, is now on furlough.

Company I is well represented at the VFW meetings in Muskogee at the City Hall each Thursday evening, what with First Sergeant Roberts, Tech. Sergeants Chuk and Trout, Staff Sergeants Latos, Fullford and Bobick, and Sergeant Sakols. All the men have been either in Oahu or Newfoundland for anywhere from six months to over two years.

Pfc. Lester Renschler, Co. I, cook, is making the boys feel at home with the swell pastry he has been making.

Corporals Peltz and Hettler and Pfc. Cochran, Co. L, who are in the Station Hospital, spent Monday afternoon visiting a few of the boys in the company.



Special Units

Service Company figures it must be the "rankest" outfit in the Division. In addition to its regular non-coms, and practically no privates, it now boasts the addition of two new Master Sergeants, a Technical Sergeant and a First Sergeant. In addition, there are thirty-five corporals in the Company.

Pfc. Fred Court, Jr., Service Company's Clerk, is out of the hospital after a brief stay there.

In his absence, Pvt. George Stiteler took over his duties.

A welcome visitor in Muskogee is the wife of Pfc. Herbert Edison, Service Co.

Pfc. Gilbert P. Kolter, Hq. Co., has returned to the Company from DS at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Cpl. Howard A. Porter, Company Clerk, Hq. Co., is a well-liked man who serves the men in his company in many ways. One of his most recent activities—and one that certainly isn't in the regulations or the manual, was to play the organ for his friend, T-5 Stanley F. Jazwinski, who was married recently.

Headquarters Company's table tennis tournament is in full swing under the direction of Pfc. Donald O. Vance. T-5 Milton W. Branchford and T-4 John B. Frink are favorites to meet in the finals.

Wife of Pfc. Andrew Belnar-chuk, Anti-Tank Co., is a recent camp visitor.

Pfc. Walter H. Titter, Anti-Tank Co., has returned after three months spent at Master Mechanics School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

S-Sgt. William H. Hall, Anti-Tank Co., is having a hard time keeping cool these days—and it's not the heat. Mrs. Hall is due to deliver a first child any day now.

Pvts. Joseph Lancanic and Robert Arnold, Anti-Tank Co., are on furlough.

T-5 John Riddell, Cannon Co., has been wearing a big smile since the news came that he is the father of a boy.

Pfc. Thomas Holterhaus, Cannon Co., returned from school at Ft. Benning, Ga., last week only to leave right away on furlough.

First Battalion

Mrs. William C. Walker, wife of Pfc. Walker, Hq. Co., is a Muskogee visitor.

Men of the A & P Platoon, Hq. Co., are proud of Cpl. Jack Ricevuto, who has the best mustache in the Company.

Mrs. John E. Clancy, wife of Pfc. Clancy, Hq. Co., has returned to Camden, New Jersey.

When Pvt. Harry W. Hampton, Hq. Co., put on his pack on Monday morning, he realized that his Sunday suntan had turned into a Monday sunburn.

Company D's softball team has been strengthened by the addition of Pitchers Miller and Schaeper.

Corporal Roesch, Co. D, got two triples and a home run in the game in which Company D defeated Company C. Also, he turned in a fine job of fielding. Excellent work on the part of Catcher Berchenbrieter aided in the victory.

Staff Sergeant Selby, Co. D, is bucking for a 3-day pass now that two other supply sergeants have joined the company.

Second Battalion

Since they attended a dance at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, S-Sgt. Walter Derry and Sgt. Leo Wojnacki, Co. E, feel that they now have the intellectual approach.

As soon as they completed Cooks and Bakers School, Corporal Thurston and Pfc. Collins, Co. F, left on furlough.

Sergeant Dandau, Co. F, has his wife, Eleanor, of New York City, visiting for a few weeks.

Company F has defeated both Companies E and B at softball.

Pfc. T. G. Weeks, Co. F, begged time off to go home and marry his home-town sweetheart.

Lucky man of Company G is Pfc. Walter Smialck, who was guest of Douglas Aircraft Company in Tulsa last week, and then won a prize at Service Club No. 2 later on.

Corporal Holston, Co. G, swung a mean paint brush to improve the looks of the mess hall considerably.

ARTILLERY



232nd F. A. Bn.

At Battalion Headquarters this week, T-Sgt. Charles Blanchard has taken over as Personnel Sergeant.

S-Sgt. Robert Devine has taken over as Mess Sergeant for Headquarters Battery.

Sgt. Donald Richmond has been transferred from Provisional Battery to Btry B.

Benefiting from the visit of morale boosters (wives) are: Pvt. George Rhodes, Hq. Btry., Pvt. Ervin Bielen, Btry B, and Pvt. Jessie Roberson, Service Btry.

Wedding bells for Pvt. John Zinn, Hq. Btry., and Pvt. Mason Gilliam, Btry. B, who have both picked on Tulsa girls to maintain their future happiness.

Battery B extends its deepest sympathy to Pvt. Myron Cropper on the death of his mother and to Pfc. J. D. Gresham on the death of his grandfather.

Service Battery came through with a thriller by winning their softball game with Headquarters Battery in the last of the seventh inning, 3 to 2.

After last weekend, several detained men from Headquarters Battery avow that a better time can be had in camp sun bathing and partying on the barracks steps than week-ending in Tulsa.

Pfc. Malcolm Keller, Hq. Btry., says it takes technique to manage his crop of hair. The best method to attain proper balance in parting the hair is to comb three hairs on each side, he says.

392nd F. A. Bn.

There are only a few more men left in Service Battery, girls. Last man to join the ranks of the married men is Pvt. Arthur B. Chase.

S-Sgt. Bernard D. Carmel has been sneaking in and out of Tulsa the last couple of week-ends even to the point of wearing dark glasses. What's up Sarge? Why not let us in on the secret?

Pfc. Raymond J. Cote is all smiles again. His bride acquired during his furlough is visiting him in Muskogee.

T-5 Sigmund (Ziggy) Luczak of Headquarters Battery has returned from furlough and is now back at his files, as ambitious as ever.

Cpl. William (Pat) Donahue, Btry. C, is back from furlough and is again taking up the reins as Battery Clerk.

402nd F. A. Bn.

Pfc. Ted Szinai's Btry. B friends back home have never let him lack for comfort. The latest token of their solicitude was a dainty hand-knit pair of wool mit-

tens just big enough to fit his dog tags.

Headquarters Battery has won its sixth straight game. Last Thursday it battered Service Battery to the tune of 22 to 8. Jimmy (Daddy) Morgan, breaking into the lineup for the first time, was the star. Morgan swings from the southpaw side of the plate and does a better than fair job.

Pfc. Harrison is still paying off bets made on the Hq. Btry. vs. Btry C game. Guess he'll never learn.

First Sergeant Mobley, Service Btry., has spent an enjoyable furlough in Arizona. From the looks of Sergeant Mobley he is about to become the ideal First Sergeant. Most of his clothes are about three sizes too small.

Of such things rumors are born. Just because the Battalion didn't have any news for a couple of weeks, some people started saying that we had moved out.

Headquarters Battery has been challenged to a softball game by the Provisional Battery. The only reason it hasn't been played is that Provisional Battery hasn't a team—as yet.

542nd F. A. Bn.

The Non-Coms of Headquarters Battery are looking ahead to their dinner dance affair at the Meadowbrook Club in Muskogee. S-Sgt. Stanley Wojnarowski reports that it should be a gala affair.

T-4 Peter Gebrian, Hq. Btry., shuffled off for Muskogee last Saturday to take in that nocturnal affair between the 643rd Tank Destroyers and the Camp Crowder All-Stars. His attendance at the contest served to purposes. It provided Pete with a night's entertainment, but more important, it will give him a line on the two clubs which his Division Team may face in the near future.

Those square setting Privates, Pinkston and Morris, Hq. Btry., are currently working on a new dance number. Yes, yes, that two-some will be as famous as Gallagher and Sheen yet.

Using three pieces of friction tape and a boiling Oklahoma sun, Pvt. Randy Pinkston, Hq. Btry., has sun tanned a beautiful Rainbow on his back. Now all that he needs is a good painter to apply some of his fighting red blood, molten gold, and some of that Oklahoma blue sky to move the Rainbow complete.

Did you know that—Corporal Hammell, Hd. Btry., has completed his motor mechanics course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma . . . We have swingers in our battery in the persons of Sergeant Gebrian and Corporal Hepler who entertain the boys on their weekends in camp . . . Those fine voices under the shower belong to the Veitch twins.

Pfc. Floyd "Commando Car" Bates, Btry. C, pulled the boner of the week in the motor park last Friday. As driver of the command car, he was ordered to get a trip

ticket and bring C Battery's command car over to the supply room to mount the radio equipment. It wasn't until he had half the equipment loaded that it was quietly brought to his attention that he was loading C Battery's radios in Service Battery's command car.

Newly initiated member into the "Order of Sleepless Nights" is Pfc. (Pat) Michaud, Btry. C. Wife Irene is here visiting from Cleveland.

New colds reported in C Battery: Pvt. Walter Jakubowski, Pvt. George Williams, and Pfc. Herman Marshall. All had their GI haircuts done down to the bare scalp.

Pvt. Charles George, Btry. C, is passing out ropes to fellow battymen in honor of the birth of his new son, Charles David.



SPECIAL TROOPS

132nd Signal Co.

T-4 Bill Spillane, who walks in his sleep at times, is entertaining offers from all GIs who want guard walked cheap.

Ribbed for not getting off all his shots on the M-1 transition range, Pfc. Woodrow J. Duke, the Duke of Tulsa, replied, "Well, suh, I must have dozed off."

Catfish Jimmie Griffin, the Florida cracker, and the mayor of Eufaula are bosom pals—attending fires together and everything.

Pfc. Thomas D'Aquino is home on an emergency furlough. His dad's in the hospital.

Pfc. Ben Hill, of Princeton, W. Va., is the originator of the famous phrase, "I'm a-hurtin'," which has taken the Rainbow by storm. Ben uses it to describe mental and physical ailments.

When T-4 Fred Miller is CQ, he wakes up the cooks so they can cook, and then they wake up Fred so he can eat.

Medical Det.

Pfc. Herbert Klinedinst returned from a prolonged emergency furlough to announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Lois.

Medical Detachment defeated the unbeaten team of Division Headquarters by a score of 19 to 14.

Technical Sergeant Lamb who acts as unofficial good-will ambassador for the state of New Hampshire, indulged in a bit of golf over the weekend without wearing a sunbonnet. Consequently, his face is red all the way up to the top of his head!

Div. MP Platoon

Biggest scoop of the spring season is still in the rumor stage, but wait for some astounding news concerning S-Sgt. Doug Wagner next week. Though he remains silent about it all, that gleam in our Platoon Sergeant's eye is not from vitamins or monkey glands—to be continued.

What is this new interest of Sgt. Louis Paletta in Nash automobiles? Ye olde seller of bananas and

gripes claims that the motor vehicle is definitely here to stay—at least he hopes so.

At least one man has been able to resist spring fever, however. Pvt. Edward "Foo" Benner received a personal commendation from Major General Collins for his instruction on booby traps. Congratulations, Ben.

Div. Band News

Several more new and talented musicians have recently joined the ranks of the Division Band. They are Cpl. John R. Caslavka, Cpl. Larry Prentice, Cpl. Seymour Schachner, Pfc. Bernard Ackert, Pfc. Carl L. Grey, Pfc. Donald R. Parlette, Pvt. Gino J. Marco and Pvt. Royden J. Rock.

Two members of the Division Dance Band are confined in station hospital. They are Sgt. Jack McCullough and Cpl. Wendell R. Lundholm.

42nd Div. Hq. Co.

Cooks in the company are due for some complaints and a loss of business if S-Sgt. John D. Coleman and Basil V. Gilsinger extend their field operations. Fancy snacks and deviled eggs are their specialty.

Lima, Ohio, is currently playing host to Special Troops Pfc. William G. McCrate, home on furlough.

Pfc. Merlin Jencks of the transportation platoon has become a Veteran—or so he thought. Jencks, notoriously known as the "meanest man in the Division," was elated upon receiving a letter which was headed "Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C." He boisterously announced the fact that he was now a Veteran in Uncle Sam's Army. Upon closer examination he found that the letter merely contained a notice changing the beneficiary of his life insurance to his wife, whom he acquired on his recent furlough.

42nd QM Co.

The Meadowbrook Country Club, Muskogee, was the scene

last week of the Quartermaster's big spring chicken dinner and dance . . . Highlight of the affair was the accordion playing of Corporal Zupancic, the drum work of Corporal (Drummer Boy) Heelan, the piano playing of Corporal Townsend and the tenor solos by Corporal Schimke . . . Unofficial highlights included Corporal Lynn's celebration of a blessed event that hadn't yet happened . . . the early departure of a certain Staff Sergeant . . . the dancing of Private Siefert . . . and the liaison work of S-Sgt. Charley Berman, who shuttled back and forth between the officers and the punch bowl on several occasions.

742nd Ordnance

Baseball has already caused two casualties in the Company personnel. Two weeks ago, T-4 Marty Widener of the Ammunition Section, caught one on the end of his finger and is still in the hospital nursing the fractured digit. The other day S-Sgt. Modesto Garcia joined Widener at the hospital with the same sort of injury—and from the same cause.

Pfc. Harry Haugh is to be seen quite often lately in the company of a certain Flat-Top, but in this case it's not Dick Tracy's villain nor an aircraft carrier, but a certain gal who goes by that name.

The Company extends its best wishes to T-4 Paul Plymate who was recently married "back home in Indiana."

42nd Recon. Troop

T-5 Ernest Batycki left to go to motor repair school at Ft. Riley last week. T-5 John Lauth will do his best to carry on while he is gone.

Probably the biggest wedding of the year (in the size of the groom, anyway) took place in Muskogee last week, when Sgt. Van Patterson and Miss Della Jo Clark of Tulsa middle-aided.

T-4 Byron "Pappy" Cassin and T-5 Louis Schuff took the troop fishing honors at Greenleaf Lake last week. They captured a beautiful five-pound bass and several large gars.

T-4 Ed "Rabbit" Rosan got a lousy four-bagger in the game against the high-touted 122nd Medics.

142nd Engineers

The Engineers just keep rolling along. Their baseball team again broke even, losing to Headquarters Company by the score of 5 to 2 and trouncing the Medical Detachment to the tune of 15 to 5. Pfc. Johnny Proehl, H and S Co., pitched the losing game and T-5 Willy A. Stewart, of Co. "C," has credit for the winning tally.

T-5 Carmine J. (Yah Yah) Durso returned recently with his furlough report from the big city, New York. His pretty little wife, "Rosie," returned with him.

T-4 Robert C. Wichert and T-5 Rolf Olsen, H and S Co., have been engaging in weekly tennis tournaments but no one seems to be able to find out who beats who.

Male Call

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

G. I. Geneva



* AFTER THE WAR AND SIX ...

SPORTS

Softball Leagues Going Full Blast

222ND INFANTRY
Service Company is leading the pack in the 222nd Infantry Softball Tournament, with Companies C, H and L close behind and also undefeated.

The tournament, which is of the round-robin variety, will continue until each team in the regiment has played every other team. Then will come eliminations and final championship games.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.	STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Surv. Co.	4	0	1.000	Regt. Hq.	3	2	.600
Co. C	3	0	1.000	Can. Co.	2	2	.500
Co. H	3	0	1.000	Co. K	2	2	.500
Co. L	3	0	1.000	Hq. 3 Bn.	1	3	.333
Hq. 1 Bn.	3	1	.750	Med. Det.	1	3	.250
Co. M	3	1	.667	Co. A	1	3	.250
Co. D	2	2	.500	Co. F	1	3	.250
A-T Co.	2	2	.500	Hq. 1 Bn.	0	4	.000
Co. B	2	2	.500	Co. E	0	4	.000
Co. G	1	3	.333	Co. I	0	4	.000

232ND INFANTRY
With the Hq. Co., First Bn. team leading by the most decisive margin of any battalion league-leader, the 232nd Infantry Softball Tournament eased into its second half this week. The excellent twirling of S-Sgt. Charles Thomas helps keep the top team in the unbeaten class.

Second Battalion teams had their schedule set back by last week's bivouac, but double-headers and rescheduled games will round out their league standings.

STANDINGS							
FIRST BN.				SECOND BN.			
Hq.	Co.	W	L Pct.	Co.	H	W	L Pct.
Co. B		3	0 1.000	Co. E		2	0 1.000
Co. C		3	1 .667	Co. G		2	1 .667
Co. D		2	1 333	Co. F		3	1 .667
Co. A		2	1 333	Hq. Co.		2	3 400
Co.		0	1 .000	Co.		0	3 .000
THIRD BN.				SPECIAL UNITS			
		W	L Pct.			W	L Pct.
Co. M		3	0 1.000	Med. Det.		4	1 .800
Co. L		2	0 1.000	Hq. Co.		3	1 .750
Hq. Co.		2	2 .500	A-T Co.		2	2 .500
Co. K		1	2 .333	Ser. Co.		1	2 .500
Co. I		0	4 .000	Can. Co.		0	3 .000

242ND INFANTRY
With 14 games scheduled and played in three days, the 242nd Infantry Softball League has rolled into action. Company D is the outstanding team to date with three wins and no losses. Also unbeaten are Regimental Headquarters Company, Anti-Tank, and the Medics.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.	STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Co. D	3	0	1.000	Co. G	1	1	.500
Regt. Hq.	2	0	1.000	Co. H	1	2	.333
Med. Det.	1	0	1.000	Co. A	0	0	.000
A-T Co.	1	0	1.000	Hq. 1 Bn.	0	1	.000
Co. F	1	1	.500	Co. E	0	1	.000
Hq. 3 Bn.	1	1	.500	Co. B	0	1	.000
Serv. Co.	1	1	.500	Can. Co.	0	2	.000
Co. C	1	1	.500				

Boxing Shapes Up In 242nd Inf.

With Cpl. Al Figlioli, Co. C, 242nd Inf., in charge of the regimental boxing program that is gathering more interested boxers every day, the men will soon be in shape to be matched for bouts.

Beginning 30 May, weekly boxing shows will be held. Men interested in boxing, whether experts or not, are asked to report to Figlioli at 1600 daily except Saturday at the outdoor boxing ring.

Twenty-five Turn Out For 242nd Ball Club

With more than 25 players turning out faithfully every day at 1600 the 242nd Infantry regimental baseball team is whipping into shape rapidly and will soon be looking for some good competition. More men are needed in every position but infielders and catchers are in the greatest demand at present.

Sergeants Claybourne and Ewan, both southpaws, looked good during the first few turnouts. Both are potential starting pitchers. Handling their sizzlers behind the plate will probably be Pvt. Marvin Hood, who formerly caught for the Sacramento Solons in the Pacific Coast League.

Baseball Squad Cut From 60 to 27 Men

Having been cut from the 60 men who originally turned out to a squad of 27, the Division baseball team is beginning to take definite form. After this week's workout a team will probably be chosen from the remaining 27.

Uniforms are expected this week, and a good schedule with nearby service teams and fast semi-pro ball clubs is shaping up.

600 Enjoy Bouts At 232nd Arena

The regular Thursday night boxing card held at the 232nd Infantry outdoor arena will be postponed this week due to the fact it is 232nd Infantry Night on the "Behind The Dog Tags" radio program at Service Club No. 1.

In a heavyweight scrap, Pvt. Bob Biendorf, Co. F, took the judges' nod over Pvt. Billy Jackson, Cannon Co., before 600 GIs last Thursday night at the 232nd Infantry's outdoor arena.

In other bouts, featherweight Pvt. Charles Hearne, Co. K, won over T-5 Francis Hazel, Hq. Co.; welterweight Private Lipnick, Co. G, decisioned Pvt. Joe Gaffney, Co. G.; Cpl. John Aiola, Co. I, won from Cpl. Virgil Nelson, Co. I; Cpl. John Rispono, Med. Det., outpointed Cpl. Sigurd Haugen, Recon Troop visitor; Pfc. Jack Jerzak, Co. G, scored a TKO over Pvt. Bill Blue, Co. A, in 1:47 of the second round. Cpl. Donald Ferguson won from Cpl. Purry Danner in the nightcap heavyweight match.

242ND VOLLEYBALL PLANS

The Cannoneers, with all six-footers plus, are expected to be the outfit to beat when the 242nd Volleyball League gets under way Monday, 29 May. Schedules have been arranged, and each team in the league will play every other team in a round-robin play-off.

242ND PINGPONG SET

Top pingpongsters from each company in the 242nd Infantry will square off, paddles at the ready, on Monday, 29 May, at 1600, to decide the regimental table tennis championship.

BILLFOLD GIRL OF THE WEEK



This department welcomes a sister in the Armed Services as this week's Billfold Girl. She is the personal pen-pal of T-5 Abe Kleiner, Med. Det., 232nd Inf., who addresses his letters to Ensign Leah Gorman, Navy Nurse, U. S. Naval Hospital, Farragut, Idaho—and if he hasn't gotten over the "Dear Mam" stage yet, he's crazy.

Uniform Excellence Puts These Players in Limelight



Leading contender for the championship in the 232nd Infantry's Softball Tournament, and nattiest team from the standpoint of uniforms, is this Hq. Co., First Bn., 232nd Inf. line-up. In the First Battalion League, this team leads by an improved margin, having won five and lost none. Left to right, kneeling: S-Sgt. Joseph S. Ferraro, short field; S-Sgt. Derald Hollen, ss; S-Sgt. Charles Thomas, p., captain; Sgt. B. C. Lipp, c; Pfc. Frank L. Manns, 2b. Standing: S-Sgt. William J. Burton, lf; Cpl. James Wylie, 3b; Pvt. Wesley Joy, rf; Pfc. Prentiss Miles, utility outfielder; T-Sgt. Elmer Lenzen, 1b; T-5 Clarence Distler, cf; First Sgt. Ralph O. Anschultz, coach.

Hq. Co., Div. Hq. Tied in Sp. Troops For Softball Lead

The most bitterly - contested game of the week in the Special Troops Softball League was the long-awaited melee between Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, in which Division Headquarters knocked its opponent out of the undefeated class and cut it down to its own size. The 11-8 game left the two teams in a tie for first place in the league, with four wins and one loss each.

A home run with the bases loaded by Waddell, Hq. Co., and a triple with the sacks full by Corbin, Div. Hq., were highlights of the game.

In a strictly medico game, the 122nd Medical Battalion team fed the Medical Detachment a bitter pill in the form of a 13-1 squelching.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.	STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Hq. Co.	4	1	.800	Ordnance	2	3	.400
Div. Hq.	4	1	.800	QM Co.	1	2	.333
Signal	3	1	.750	MP Plat.	1	3	.250
Recon	2	1	.667	Med. Det.	1	2	.333
Med. Bn.	2	3	.444	Eng. Bn.	1	3	.250

Cannon, Co. G Top 222nd Volleyball

With Cannon Company and Company G sharing honors for top place, and Company A following close behind, the 222nd Infantry Volleyball Tournament is well under way. Twenty games will be played in the round-robin tournament, with the play-offs scheduled for early June.

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.	STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.
Can. Co.	6	0	1.000	Hq. 3 Bn.	2	2	.500
Co. G	4	0	1.000	Co. E	1	1	.500
Co. A	4	1	.800	Co. K	1	3	.250
Co. H	3	1	.750	Co. L	1	4	.250
Co. I	3	1	.750	Co. M	1	4	.250
Med. Det.	2	2	.500	Co. B	0	1	.000
Co. C	2	2	.500	Hq. 2 Bn.	0	1	.000
A-T Co.	1	1	.500	Co. F	0	3	.000
Regt. Hq.	2	2	.500	Serv. Co.	0	3	.000
Hq. 1 Bn.	2	2	.500	Co. D	0	5	.000

He Probably Got Just a Spoonful

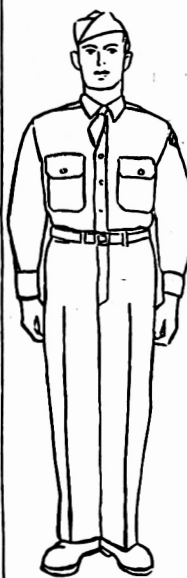
The other day the menu at lunch in Hq. Co., First Bn., 232nd Inf., called for good Italian style spaghetti. A few of the men, including Pfc. Frank J. Versagi, were having early chow. Frank walked up to the counter with his plate and told the mess sergeant to heap it up because he was a good Italian. The plate was filled to overflowing.

Next in line came T-5 John M. Talamini. The mess sergeant was feeling pretty good and asked him, "And what are you?" Talamini replied, "Who, me? I'm a T-5!"

Reprint of Division SOP Outlines Regulations for Summer Uniform

UNIFORM "B-2" (Enlisted Men)

For wear during the summer season both on and off the post during off duty hours and authorized for wear during duty hours by personnel on administrative assignments.



1. Cap, Garrison, Cotton.
2. Shirt, Cotton, Khaki.
3. Necktie. (Will be omitted when leggins are worn.)
4. Trousers, Cotton, Khaki.
5. Shoes, service.
6. Socks.
7. Belt, Web, Waist.

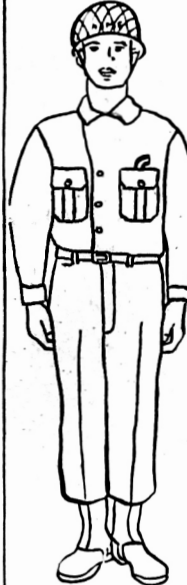
Optional

1. Raincoat.
2. Liner - helmet. (Authorized for wear while on the post during inclement weather.)
3. Shoes. (Russett, low-cut of commercial pattern with tan socks.)
4. Field Jacket. (Authorized for wear on the post at all times, but only while on a duty status off the post.)

Note: All articles of clothing will be as issued except where commercial pattern is specifically authorized.

UNIFORM "C" (Enlisted Men)

For wear during drill periods, while on field exercises and for fatigue duty.



1. Liner - helmet.
2. Coat, Herringbone Twill. (To be worn inside of trousers.)
3. Trousers, Herringbone Twill.
4. Shoes, Service.
5. Socks.
6. Belt, Web, Waist.
7. Leggins - canvas. (Not required on fatigue work in organization areas or for personal on motor maintenance work.)

As Directed by Unit Commander

1. Hat—Fatigue.
2. Cap, Wool, Knit.
3. Helmet.
4. Raincoat.
5. Field Jacket.
6. Field Equipment and Arms.

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

T-Sgt. Francis J. Kelly and T-Sgt. Lattie Ray, Co. M, 222nd Inf., recently enjoyed a three-day pass. Just to prove they were having a good time they sent a telegram asking for a seven-day extension.

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