

Pvt. Confucius Say:  
Hon. Ancestor Tell Me He  
Many Time Drive Far  
With Gig to Visit Girl

Col. Confusion Reply:  
Times Change. Today GI  
With Gig Have Hard  
Time Reaching Braggs

# RAINBOW REVEILLE

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## Artillery Battalions Move to Fort Sill

All units of Division Artillery have been transferred to Ft. Sill, Okla., for a period of several weeks, with the exception of the 402d Field Artillery Battalion and a guard battery.

At Ft. Sill, the 232d, 392d, and 542d Field Artillery Battalions, and Division Artillery Headquarters Battery will operate as school troops, firing and working in the field as a part of the training of the candidates in the Field Artillery OCS Special Basic Course and officers in the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course.

Ft. Sill, which is the only Field Artillery School in the country, as well as a Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, is located near Lawton, about 100 miles southwest of Oklahoma City. From Muskogee, the distance is 246 miles.

With a display of equipment nearly as impressive as that of the Activation Day motorized review, the Field Artillery convoy rolled through the gates of Camp Gruber for over two hours before the final vehicle was on its way to Ft. Sill.

## 232d CO Leaves For Corps Post

Col. Wilbur H. Vinson, regimental commander since Activation of the 232d Infantry, has left to accept a post with the new XXXVI Corps, of which the Rainbow has just become a part.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in 1918, the colonel has served in the Army for 26 years. During World War I he served a year and a half in France with the Fifth Division and an equal time with the Army of Occupation in Germany. For wounds received in France, he was decorated with the Purple Heart.

Colonel Vinson also served in the Philippines and was sent to Shanghai with American troops when Japan first occupied that city in 1932.

At the time the general mobilization program was started in 1940, Colonel Vinson was in the G-4 section of the War Department General Staff in Washington. Upon the reorganization of the Army, he was transferred to the Army Service Forces in the strategic logistics department and came from there to the 42d Division.

### Booklet Cover Design Work of Pfc. Haines

The cover design and layout of the 12-page illustrated booklet, "Rainbow Anniversary—July 14, 1944," which was distributed on Activation Day anniversary, were the work of Pfc. Karl Haines of the Visual Aids Shop.

Before entering the Army, Haines did similar work for a steel corporation. Besides the booklet, he has done several posters, and painted a number of State flags. The anniversary poster seen about camp and in Muskogee was the work of Haines.

## Rainbow to Face Foe by July '45

From the lips of Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, XVI Corps Commander, and Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, came assurances at the Activation Day review last Friday that the Rainbow Division would henceforth provide no large-scale replacements for other units, and that substantially as now constituted this Division will enter combat.

Revealing that in the past year the 42d had lost some 11,000 officers and men, General Anderson informed the men that this "dark chapter" in their Division's history had ended and that "you can now proceed with your training with the sole objective of preparing yourselves to take your place in a theater of operations."

That this would take place within the next twelve months was the warning of Gen. Collins who, in urging everyone to pitch in and use every waking moment preparing himself for that momentous time, declared:

"By this time next year the world will know whether you of this generation, making up the fighting men of World War II Rainbow, can live up to the standards set by the men of World War I Rainbow. I know you can. I have implicit confidence in you."

The ranks of the Division, Gen. Collins' speech disclosed, have

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## Sleeve-Bar to Show Overseas Service

A sleeve-bar to denote overseas service in this war has been authorized by the War Department.

It is a horizontal gold bar 1-4 inch in width and 1 3/8ths inches in length on a cloth background, to be worn centered on the outside half of the left sleeve four inches above the cuff. When worn on the woolen O. D. jacket, it will be made of gold lace or boudillon on olive drab background. When worn on the shirt, it will be of golden yellow cloth on khaki background.

Each bar will designate six months of overseas service since 7 December 1941.

Overseas service in World War I is designated by small inverted gold chevrons worn on the left sleeve near the cuff, each chevron designating six months of overseas service.

## Receives On-The-Spot Promotion at Division Review



While Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, XVI Corps Commander, looks on, Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander pins corporal stripes on the sleeves of Pvt. William M. Coffey, Co. E, 232d Inf., in an on-the-spot promotion during Activation Day ceremonies.

## 42d Transferred To New Corps

The Rainbow Division has become part of a new Corps—the XXXVI Corps, with headquarters at Fort Riley, Kan. This is the third corps of which the Division has been a part. In February, the Rainbow left the X Corps to become a part of the then newly-formed XVI Corps.

Since the Division was activated it has always had a General Anderson as Corps Commander. Maj. Gen. Jonathan W. Anderson, XXXVI Corps commander, was in command of the X Corps at the time the Rainbow was a part of it, and Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson commands the XVI Corps.

During the invasion of Africa, General Anderson had charge of landing one of the principal units of the American invasion forces. Upon his return from Africa in the spring of 1943, he assumed command of the X Corps.

## Dancers Pick Rainbow No. 1 Girl, Binnie Baker

All right, fellows—next time you're at a Service Club dance, with Tulsa girls attending, you might keep an eye open for a cute brunette name of Miss Binnie Baker. In case you haven't heard, she's the Rainbow's No. 1 girl, chosen by the spectators at the Activation Day Ball at Service Club No. 1. She won in a field of eight, the eight being chosen by a committee of GIs representing every unit of the Division.

Runners-up to Binnie Baker were Misses Doris Lewis and Nita Guevara.

## Two Receive On-the-Spot Promotions, One to Corporal, One to Sergeant

Two on-the-spot promotions have been given to Rainbow men during the past week.

During the Activation Day ceremonies, Pvt. William M. Coffey, Co. E, 232d Inf., was promoted to corporal by Maj. Gen. Harry J.



Sgt. Arthur J. Steffenberg

Collins, Division Commander, as an award for his exceptional work at the tactical training center. A seven-months' ASTP student who had spent only two months in the Infantry, Coffey's record was worthy of non-commissioned officers of long experience in the Army.

On Tuesday, Cpl. Arthur J. Steffenberg, Co. H, 242d Inf., was in the field with his company, about to march back to camp, when a jeep pulled up and he was told to hop in. Hustled back to his company, Steffenberg was told by his first sergeant to change into B-1 uniform—having first sewed sergeant's stripes on his shirt—and report to regimental headquarters at 1300. That was all the first

sergeant knew—he didn't know the whys and wherefores.

Somewhat bewildered, Steffenberg acted as ordered. At regimental headquarters he learned that because of his excellent work in organizing and training the Division Drum and Bugle Corps, of which he is drum major, he was being given a spot promotion to the rank of sergeant.

Steffenberg, who is 19 years old, is ideally suited for the role of drum major, being six feet five inches tall. In working with the drum and bugle corps, he has devoted much of his spare time to the cause. In high school back in Wilmington, Del., his home town, he had his first experience as drum major, leading the high school band.

Steffenberg's regular Army job is that of communications corporal—correction: it's communications sergeant now!

## Non-Coms Chosen To Plug 'GI Bonds'

The number of men who are signing up throughout the Division to buy a "GI War Bond," the new \$10 war bond for servicemen, indicates that the fifth war bond drive is progressing quite well in the Rainbow Division.

In the 242d Infantry, "war bond non-coms" have been appointed in every company to talk to the men in their companies about the advantages of the new bond, which costs only \$7.50, and similar war bond non-coms will soon be appointed in every company, troop and battery throughout the Division.

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## A Boost for the Doughboy

What was once an idea percolating in war correspondent Ernie Pyle's head a few months ago is now the law of the land. And in the not very distant future that law will put an added \$5 or \$10 in GI trousers monthly for the measure provides "additional pay for enlisted men of the Army assigned to combat ground forces."

The War Department will decide specifically which combat troops are to receive the extra pay and the basis for awarding the \$5 and \$10 increases. It appears a foregone conclusion, however, that men wearing the badges of expert or combat infantrymen will receive the wage boost.

We like to look on this measure as a triple-threat example of democratic processes in action. In the first place, it demonstrated the power of the press for it was in the columns of American newspapers that Ernie Pyle first voiced his plea that the doughboy be given combat pay in recognition of the hazards and hardships of his job.

In the second, it proved the responsiveness of Congress to popular feeling, and how readily, peaceably, and efficiently public opinion can be enacted into law in a democracy.

In the third, it marks one more step in the fast growing recognition of the infantryman's supremely important job. Slugging it out with the foe in the swamps of Normandy or on the Jap-held Pacific islands, he has proved himself as indispensable to victory as in ages when air power was undreamt of.

It wasn't on the generals' schedule for a radio operator to launch a tank attack in Normandy, but it happened. An isolated airborne unit requested reinforcements of 150 men. The operator mangled the code, demanded 150 tanks. Nazis were pulverized by the unexpected and overwhelming mass of armor that thundered into that sector. Anything can happen in the tumult of battle—and usually does.

## Service Club Doings

## Service Club No. 1

Thursday 2000—Variety radio show, 232d Inf.  
Friday 2000—Swingfest, 222d Inf. orch. Saturday 2000—Dance. Tulsa girls (Stan Janettes). Sunday 2000—Quiz show Monday 2000—Bingo, prizes.  
Tuesday 2000—Songfest with Cpl. Bob Townsend.  
Wednesday 2000—Open Dance, Tulsa girls.

## Service Club No. 2

Thursday 2000—Closed Dance, 535th FA. Bn. 242d Hot Shots. Tulsa Girls. Friday 2000—Open Dance. Service Cadettes from Muskogee. Band of Gold. Saturday 2030—Bingo. Phone calls, cigarettes and theater tickets as prizes. Sunday 2015—Modern Music in the Moonlight—Outdoor Concert. 42d Division Band. Wednesday 2000—Open Dance.

## Movie Schedule

## Theaters No. 1 and 3

Thursday—"Step Lively" and "This Is America—They Fight Again." Friday—"Summer Storm." Saturday—"Minstrel Man" and "Global Air Routes—World in Action." Sunday and Monday—"Sensations of 1945" and "Army-Navy Screen Magazine." Tuesday—"Three Little Sisters" and "The Mummy's Ghost." Wednesday and Thursday—"Mr. Skeffington."

## Theaters No. 2 and 4

Thursday—"The Girl Who Dared" and "Jungle Woman." Friday and Saturday—"Step Lively" and "This Is America—They Fight Again." Sunday—"Summer Storm." Monday—"Minstrel Man." Tuesday and Wednesday—"Sensations of 1945" and "Army-Navy Screen Magazine." Thursday—"Three Little Sisters" and "The Mummy's Ghost."

## SPLIT-SECOND REVIEWS

"Girl Who Dared." Lorna Grey, Peter Cookson.  
"Jungle Woman." Melodrama. Evelyn Ankers, J. Carroll Nash.  
"Minstrel Man." Benny Fields, Gladys George, Alan Dinehart. Comedy.  
"Mr. Skeffington." Betta Davis, Claude Rains, Walter Abel. Drama.  
"Mummy's Ghost." Lon Chaney, John Carradine, Robert Lowery. Horror Drama.  
"Sensations of 1945." Eleanor Powell, W. C. Fields, Cab Calloway's orch. Musical comedy.  
"Step Lively." George Murphy, Gloria DeHaven, Frank Sinatra, Adolphe Menjou. Musical show.  
"Summer Storm." George Sanders, Linda Darnell, Edward Everett Horton, Anna Lee.  
"Three Little Sisters." Ruth Terry, Mary Lee, William Terry.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



"I can't understand it! Every time you come up here—you get something in your eye!!"

## Reveille Poll Call

## The Question

At what job do you plan to work when the war's over?

## The Answers

T-5 Mahlon Faust, 60 mm. mortar squad, 242d Inf., Co. E.—The job I have in mind is a course in advertising at the University of Southern California. My home town's Inglewood near there. I didn't get a chance to go, after finishing high school a couple of years ago. I went right to work in a war plant as a plastic press operator.

This was the firm that makes the plastic lenses—they're optically perfect—that are used in GI gas masks. A buddy of mine who went through high school with me and entered the army same time as I did, 17 months ago, plans to take the advertising course with me at USC when the shooting's over. He's fighting in Normandy now with an anti aircraft automatic weapons outfit.

Sgt. Lee R. Mathes, car cmdr., maint. sec., 42d Rcn. Tr.—It's my plan to develop and operate a chain of gas service stations in my home town, San Luis Obispo, Calif. It lies just about midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and is a major gas filling point for tourists and truckers, an ideal location. I've already had some experience in this field as an assistant manager. Anyway, I want to own my own business after the war—no working for anyone else if I can help it. I don't think public works programs after the war will be all they're cracked up to be. And because I have a wife and child, I'd like to be independent and on my own.

Cpl. Fred Skrabanek, armorer-artificer, 222d Inf., Co. K.—I hope to buy a farm in Texas, say, down in the fine Rio Grande Valley. It would be a farm about 100 acres in size, with four steady hired hands, and on it I would raise cattle, poultry, perhaps some crops, and I would be more than satisfied to clear a \$1000 a year. Before coming into the army 22 months ago—I used

to be veterinary in the 124th Cavalry at Ft. Brown, Tex.—I worked for six years on my father's ranch near Rosebud, Tex. We raised cattle, corn and cotton on the 98 acres. It was only seven miles from the ranch on a neighboring farm that I met Ann, the girl who is now my wife. Like me, she knows what farm life is like, and she's a specialist in poultry raising.

T-4 George Hawkins, radio operator, 132d Signal Co.—I look forward to running a business of my own in the retail or wholesale liquor field. I think the government's going to give us veterans a very good break, and that it won't be too difficult to get a Federal license. Besides, the government—guaranteed loans to veterans will prove very helpful in getting independent businesses started. My two brothers and I plan to pool our resources and set up our own firm after the war. All of us are sergeants, by the way. One of my brothers was wounded in Tunisia, and the other's a prisoner of war in Germany. He was flight engineer on a Liberator bomber shot down over Germany, but he parachuted to safety. So we'll be going into business together, if we all come out of this all right.

Pvt. Joseph Klein, rifleman, 232d Inf., Co. A.—I don't have to worry about job. The boss say to me, "Joe, when you come back, you get big welcome. You get your old job back, and right off, I give you two weeks vacation—with pay!" So I don't worry. My job is baker in big Rochester plant. I work there only 35 hours a week, but with big ovens I turn out 2000 loaves bread a hour. I have been baker 11 years, and my father before me was baker. So when I get back—I am now two years in the army—I take vacation with Helen, my wife, and Joanne, my little girl who is 10. Do you know how I name my little girl? I take the "Jo" out of Joseph, and the "Hel" out of Helen, and it comes out Joanne.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

One soldier who hopes he won't have to live up to his name in these chigger-invested parts is Pvt. Gabriel C. Redlegs, Co. G, 222d Inf.

## THE IMMATERIAL WITNESS



By SGT. SCOTT CORBETT

A couple of weeks ago I was walking past Theater No. 1 when all at once I heard a loud chord of music and a character came strutting out of the side exit doing a cake-walk and singing, "Here come the minstrels!"

"Mistuh Interlocutor," he said, "does you know how to get down from an elephant?"

"No, Mr. Bones," I finally confessed, "how do you get down from an elephant?"

"You don't," he cackled, "you get down from a duck!"

"H'm. Now, what brought that on?" I asked.

"Why, we're having a soldier show conference," he explained. "They're showing us Rec Hall Billy Roses how to put on shows for the guys with simple props and no rehearsals to speak of."

The ham in me—of which there is enough to stock a prosperous delicatessen—was immediately stirred. Bringing entertainment to the men right in combat—there was a worthy project.

"We've gotta be ready,"

he said. "We gotta be able to put on shows right behind the front lines for the guys back from the foxholes—"

"Nonsense, man!" I cried. "That's not enough."

What you should do is take the entertainment right into the foxholes! By George, that's what I'll do when I get over! After all, lots of people have told me I ought to be on the stage, so why not start at the bottom—six feet down in a foxhole?"

My plans have gone steadily ahead since then. It is going to be a one-man, all-star "Foxhole Follies," and I'll go from foxhole to foxhole putting it on.

First of all, I'm going to get hold of one of those paratrooper's suits with the dozens of pockets. I can put my props in them. For example, there's that old collapsible opera hat of my father's—I'm sure he'd let me have that. Think what it would mean to a lonely GI in a muddy foxhole to have me drop in on him suddenly some night, whip out a top hat, and start singing, "Look for the Silver Lining," just like Ted Lewis. For a big finish I could hold the hat up in the air over my head and maybe get it shot out of my hand. That's always good for a laugh.

Having finished my song number, I'd recover the top hat, whip out a fatigue hat, and go into my

big two-man comedy routine, putting on first one hat and then the other to represent two characters. Next a harmonica number—I'd really like to do a slide trombone specialty, but I don't suppose there'd be room, and maybe the other guy would get tired of ducking.

Next I'd pull out three bails and do a juggling act. Well, maybe not three, maybe only two. I can keep two going pretty well. Anyway, for another big finish I could toss them up high and let them get shot away, too. I'll bet nobody's ever done that in vaudeville.

For a whirlwind finish I'd do a Hawaiian number, producing from my paratrooper pockets a ukelele, grass skirt, and two small papaya trees for atmosphere (honest, those paratrooper suits will hold just anything). Of course, my version couldn't be as good as the one the girls did at the State Fair, but you can't have everything in a foxhole.

Here's another way I could do a good job, too. Supposing some guy lost his nerve and wouldn't leave his foxhole when the order was given to advance. All they have to do is call on the old one-man show. I'd jump in his foxhole, whip out a deck of cards, and say, "Take a card, pal—any card!" I don't know about you, but I can't think of anything that would make me leave a foxhole quicker than to have an amateur magician dive into it and start boring me with card tricks!

## 17 Voluntarily Switch to Inf.

Seventeen men who have voluntarily transferred into the Infantry recently are now in the Rainbow's Infantry regiments. Twelve are in the 232d Infantry, and five in the 242d Infantry.

Among the men are one master sergeant, a tech sergeant, and three sergeants. One man, Pvt. Edward Davis, is a native of Muskogee and has seen overseas service in Hawaii. He was already at Camp Gruber and in the Rainbow when he made the transfer to the Infantry—he was in Hq. Btry., 232d FA Bn.

The transfers were made from a wide variety of outfits. Five of the men are former MPs, four are from the Field Artillery. Other outfits represented were Quartermaster, Engineers, Ordnance, Medics, Eighth Service Command, and Army Service Forces. Three of the men were transferred from other units within the Rainbow Division. The men are:

Sgts. Philip Cantone, George J. DeRise and Dominick Meglio, and Pvts. Gustav H. Christophersen, Jr., and Frank C. Litherland, Cannon Co., 232d Inf.

Pfc. Victor C. Klein and Pfc. George A. Scherer, and Pvts. Frank M. Sporer and Dewey Gamble, Hq. Co., Second Bn., 232d Inf.

Pfc. John R. Piontek and Pvts. Howard L. Dotson and Gale W. Jaroch, Co. E, 232d Inf.

Pvt. Edward Davis, Cannon Co., 242d Inf.

Pfc. Sherwin A. Crown, Hq. Co., Second Bn., 242d Inf.

Pvt. Herman D. Maher, Co. G, 242d Inf.

M-Sgt. Duane R. Faralla and John G. Philbin, Co. I, 242d Inf.

## Rainbow Rumors Send 42d Overseas Three Days Ago

Jumping into the holiday spirit of Activation Day ceremonies, the Rainbow Rumor Society (Muskogee auxiliary) staged a grand old re-union last week living up to the standards for which the society is celebrated.

Putting two and two together and getting a neat five, members of the Society had hardly opened the re-union session than they were passing around the word, with an air of agreeable surprise, "Say, have you heard the latest? The Rainbow's pulling out—a fact! That's why the men are getting passes. And Monday the Rainbow's leaving to go overseas."

At the Activation Day review, it was explicitly and authoritatively stated that the Division would see combat within the next twelve months, but that much hard training still lay ahead of all Rainbows. And it's true three of the Artillery battalions are paying a visit to Fort Sill, Okla.

Naturally, the Rumor Society couldn't keep anything as factual as this on ice—especially in this weather. The RRS had to cook up a heat rave and make the Rainbow really "hot." Guess that's why they called the re-union.

### BAD BRIDGEWORK

The Muskogee road was crowded with the Artillery convoy when T-4 Don Machula, Div. Hq. Co., discovered that his brakes had failed him. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he sailed helplessly past an MP guarding a bridge, but fortunately the MP was an understanding man.

## 18 States Mail GI Ballots Soon

During August, eighteen states will be mailing to soldier-voters State absentee ballots for the presidential and congressional election in which the nation's civilian voters will cast their ballots on 7 November. Soldiers' absentee ballots must, in most cases, be returned to reach their home state by that date.

Rainbow soldiers wishing to vote must apply to the Secretary of State of their home state for an absentee ballot. All states except South Carolina and Illinois will honor the GI post card application forms which soldiers may obtain from their unit voting officer or first sergeant. (Soldiers with voting residence in Illinois or South Carolina must write out their own requests; New Mexico makes no provision for absentee voting.)

The best time to send in this post card application for an absentee ballot to your home state is just before the earliest date that your state will start mailing out ballots. Below are states which start mailing ballots to absentee soldiers during August:

Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

To vote, soldiers must be eligible under the laws of their State. The absentee ballots they receive will be accompanied by the necessary forms, if any, which they must fill out and return with their marked ballots. Eligibility to vote will be established by properly filling out these forms, where required, which ask for information on age, citizenship, residence and war service status.

## Rainbow Will Face Foe Within Year

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been strengthened in recent weeks by men from Infantry and Field Artillery Replacement Training Centers, by combat-tested troops from the Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, Alaska, North Africa and Italy, as well as by men from the ASTP, air service, anti-aircraft and other arms and services.

"All of these, together with those of the old Rainbow cadre and fillers, are now being welded together in the spirit of the Rainbow to make this Division one of the toughest and most efficient units in the army."

### Pot of Gold

The Recons and Div. Hq. Co. last week found themselves tied for the championship of the Spare Parts League with 13 wins, 5 losses. A three-game play-off was called for.

Tuesday night's contest, a hot and furious battle which was a combination pitcher's duel and slugfest, found the Snoop Troopers coming out on top 6-4. Tempers of some of the Headquarters Company men were frayed, thanks to a couple of close decisions by the ump. In an angry, post-game pow-wow as the losers were leaving the diamond in a huddle, the vociferous voice of one Headquarters Company player was heard above the clamor of his team-mates.

"Gosh a-mighty!" he was heard sputtering. "And here we have to go and lose to the lousiest team in the whole darned league!"

(Next night, the Recons won the championship, 13-9.)

## About Faces! . . . . . By Freeman



Those are ear phones Pvt. Milton Delnes has on. He is a radio operator in the 132d Signal Company. When I saw the look on his face I couldn't help asking, "Say, what program are you getting there?" He didn't change his expression. "Dit dit dit dah," was all he said. "Oh, Xavier Cugat, eh?" Either that, I thought, or he must have a code in the nose, so I just stood there blankly. "What else are they playing?" I started again. "Dit dit dah—dit dit—dah dit dah dit—dah dah dah—dit dah dit—dah dit dah dah!" he answered back "What does dit—I mean, dat mean?" He had me all confused. I never could understand pig Latin even. He straightened me out finally. "Brother, dat means Victory!"

## Airmen Sample Life Of GIs Tomorrow

The Air Corps will put its feet on solid ground when 30 men from the Muskogee Air Base arrive in Camp Gruber tomorrow morning to participate in a day of unit training with the second and third battalions of the 232d Infantry.

The Air Corps men will report to regimental headquarters at 0700 and from there will move out into the field with the two battalions for a good taste of what GI Joe goes through every

day of the week while in training.

Friday night the men will be guests of the regiment at a baseball game between the 222d and 232d Infantry teams at 1815. The cast of the Muskogee Air Base Show will stage a variety revue at 2030 in the outdoor arena. A feature of the show will be Sgt. Joe Tonti. He'll pull an automobile with his teeth.

### TOUGH BUCKING

When Pfc. Jesus M. Garza moved into Co. K, 222d Inf., one buck private was heard to say, "What chance do I have of getting a rating in this Army when Jesus is only a Pfc.?"

## New Glee Club of 222d Infantry Wins High Popularity in Very Short While

Only six weeks old and with seven public concerts already to its credit, the 222d Infantry Glee Club is writing a success story unique of its kind in the Division.

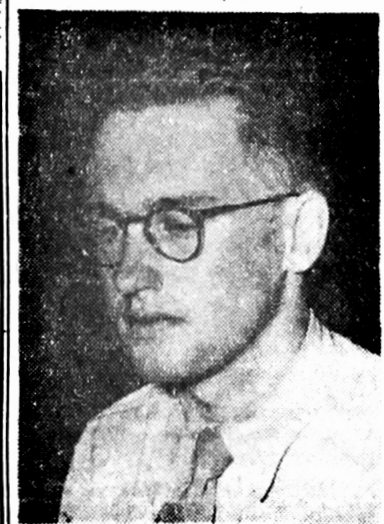
The 75-voice group of singing

Under the supervision of Chaplain James A. Connett, and with T-5 John Baldwin as director, the club's first tryouts were held and personnel chosen. Two weeks later the group made its debut at the officers' reception party for Colonel Luongo.

Twenty-one-year-old Cpl. Baldwin, assistant to Chaplain Connett at Chapel No. 2, arrived among the first fillers at Camp Gruber last August and was formerly choir master and organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, world's largest Gothic church. To his musical skills he's added, since joining the army, those of jeep driver and sharpshooter.

Though the 75 glee club members give three hours weekly of their own time to rehearsals, it's no job getting the men out to practice. Enthusiasm for the chorus runs high. Company first sergeants—and every company in the regiment is represented in the group—have cooperated wholeheartedly in making men available on rehearsal nights. Over 70 applicants are now on the waiting list of the chorus, which numbers in its ranks men of nearly every grade, including tech and staff sergeants.

The 90-minute rehearsals, held at Chapel No. 2 Tuesday and Thursday nights, are open to all servicemen and civilians wishing to attend as listeners.



T-5 John Baldwin

doughboys, had its origin in the expressed wish of two or three infantrymen of the 222nd for such a singing group. Lt. Col. Frederick W. Coleman III, regimental executive officer, backed them up with a request that the vocal talent in the 222nd be put to use.

Col. Edward S. Johnston, former regimental commander, and Col. Henry L. Luongo, his successor, warmly endorsed the idea.

## Bullets or Ballots—He's Good at Both



S-Sgt. Ray Fine, Anti Tank Co., 232d Inf., was located out on the pistol range when the photographer finally caught up with him. But it wasn't Sergeant Fine's marksmanship that he had come to photograph. Rather, it was the face of Oklahoma State Senator Ray Fine, who was nominated to succeed himself last week by the voters of his home district.

## Rainbow Sergeant's Friends at Home Re-Elect Him to Oklahoma State Senate

One soldier who doesn't have to rely only on his vote during the war as his only means of influencing the affairs of his home state is S-Sgt. (pardon us, Senator) Ray Fine of Anti Tank Co., 232d Inf. Last week Sergeant Fine won the democratic nomination (which is tantamount to election) in the 28th Legislative District of Oklahoma to succeed himself as state senator.

To GIs who have heard the Articles of War read to them often enough, the question will immediately arise, "How come? I thought soldiers aren't allowed to participate in politics." And that's right—and Senator-Sergeant Fine doesn't. The voters of his home district just decided that they still wanted him to represent them in the Oklahoma legislature whether he was in the Army or not. Last week, they nominated

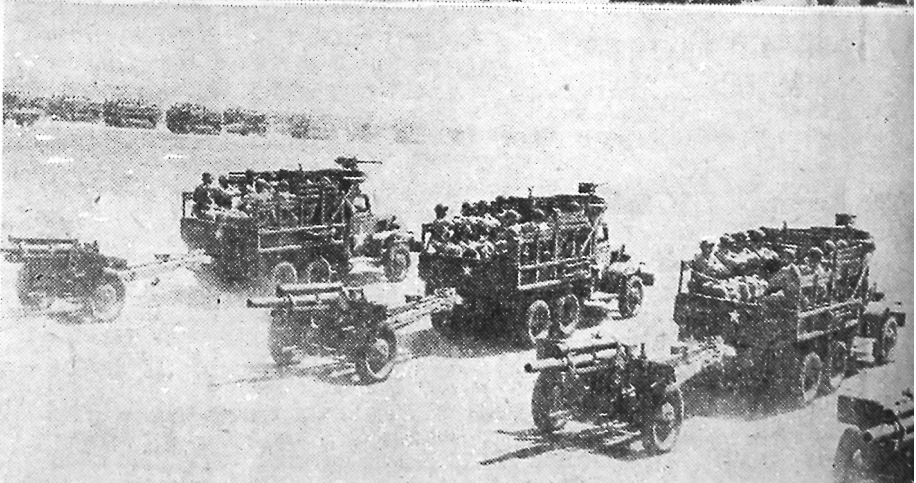
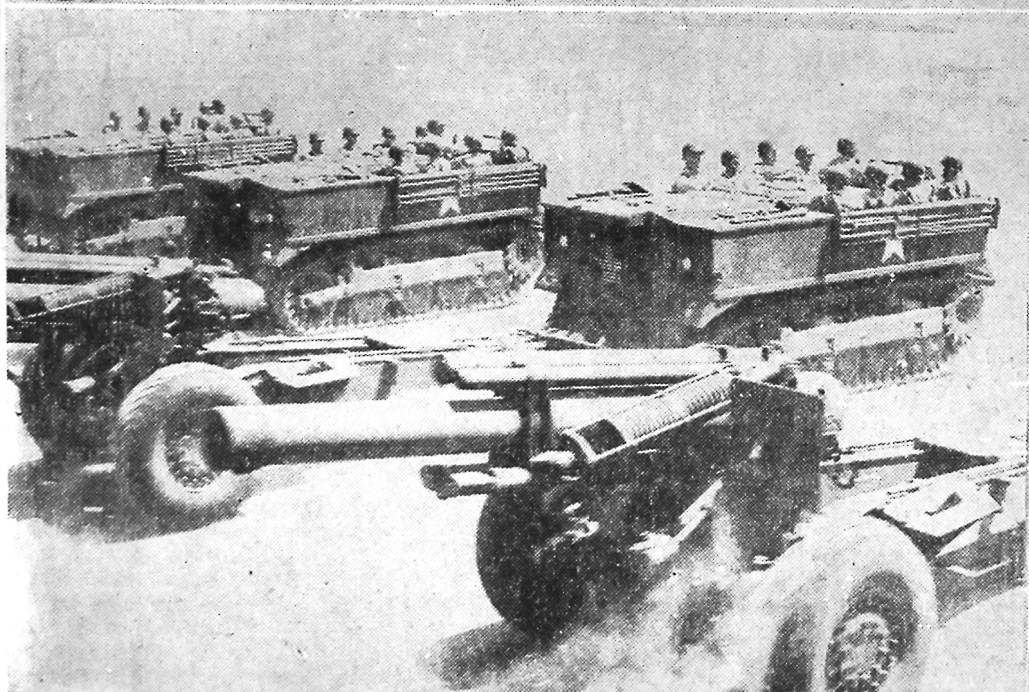
him, incidentally over another soldier-candidate, to carry on.

Fine's home is only about 12 miles from Camp, in the city of Gore. Last year Fine decided to give up his careers as a school teacher, politician and rancher to join the Army, even though as a state senator he was not subject to the draft. However, when the Oklahoma legislature was called into special session earlier this year, Sergeant Fine was present and helped pass the Oklahoma Soldier Vote Bill.

Now that a new term seems assured, Fine will attend any further sessions as long as the Rainbow in this country. Army regulations permit soldiers who hold elective office to do this. He says, however, that when the Rainbow goes overseas he doesn't expect to be sent home to fill his legislative position.



Not to be outdone by the Division's earthbound vehicles, the planes of the Division's "own air force," the Artillery reconnaissance planes passed in review too. Here they are as they approach the reviewing stand to dip their wings in salute as jeeps pass by below.



Last Friday's motorized review was the first such review to be held at Camp Gruber. The massed effect of the hundreds of vehicles and the four abreast line of "march" was an impressive and new sight to most spectators, soldiers and civilians alike. Upper left: M-8 Scout Cars of the Recon Troop. Upper right: Anti-Tank Co. trucks of the 232d Infantry with the massed vehicles of the regiment behind. Seated, Lt. Wilson D. Brooks, and T-5 Howard E. Rogers. Lower left: M-5 tractor prime movers of the 542d FA Bn. and 155mm "Long Toms." Lower right: Men of the 402d FA Bn. ride their 2 1/2-ton prime movers with their 105mm howitzers coupled on behind.

# ACTIVATION ANNIVERSARY

In the most spectacular review ever staged by the 42d Division, the men and motorized equipment of the Rainbow displayed their massed might in an eye-filling show last Friday, the first anniversary of the reactivation of the Division.

The men and vehicles of the division took nearly 90 minutes to pass the reviewing stand, where Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, XVI Corps Commander, and Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, took the review.

Heading the review was a group of Rainbow veterans of World War I, some in their uniforms of 1918, who had overcome the difficulties of transportation to Camp Gruber to share with the Rainbow Division of this war one of its historic occasions, and to celebrate one of

their own historic dates, the Battle of Champagne in France. They were led by three men who have served in the Rainbow Division in both wars—CWO Albert Gerlach, AG Section; First Sgt. John Wintrobe, Anti-Tank Co., 222d Inf.; and Cpl. Willie Cooley, Hq. Btry, Div. Arty.

Following the men of the three Infantry regiments came the jeeps, trucks, weapons and trailers that serve them—then the trucks and prime movers and weapons of the Field Artillery and other units of the Division. Popular interest centered on some of the less known vehicles such as the M-5 tractors which haul the Artillery's 155mm "Long Toms," the Recon Troop's Scout cars, and the water tank and ambulances of the Medical Battalion.



Though only the uniforms of the three who led them were strictly SOP, the Rainbow veterans were a colorful part of the Anniversary Day program.



Veterans who had and still could wear their old uniforms are Q. P. Schreck and Sherwood J. Lahman, Tulsa.



Beauteous Anita O'Day, songstress with Stan Kenton and his band, who treated GIs to a swing program Friday afternoon.



That the offerings of Stan Kenton and his band were well received is given ample evidence in this picture of part of the large audience that sat in the hot afternoon sun for over an hour to hear this popular radio group and beg for more.

# INFANTRY



## Special Units

T-3 Andrew Cladas, Med. Det., hit the jackpot last week for laughs when he took a pair of glasses out to the umpire of the ball game between the 222d Blue Sox and the 276th Engineers. The umpire didn't think he needed them.

Cpl. Perley Boone, Cannon Co., is the book publisher's joy. Magazines, periodicals, news reports, and assorted volumes have first priority for space in his foot locker.

T-4 Oscar Shansky's dilemma is happier than most. The Medic can't decide where to go on a three-day pass.

The visit of his wife last week was a happy surprise for Pvt. John Alfiero of the Medics.

Why First Sgt. John Walsh, Med. Det., has been moving so slowly can be explained by a double-hotfoot—or sunburned feet.

## First Battalion

Cpl. Harry J. Sorenson and Pvts. Owen J. Patterson and Walter J. Scott have returned from Ft. Benning, Georgia, to resume their duties with Co. D.

Newly assigned to Co. B., Pfc. Rene Daniels has had quite a tour of the Pacific theatre of War, having spent three years on the Hawaiian Isles. He also worked on a Dutch transport as a movie projector operator, making trips to and from Australia and points west.

Pvt. Wesley Boyer, Jr., Co. D, spent his furlough at home, in St. Francisville, Illinois, on the Wabash river, where he did some visiting, fishing and resting up.

A bright smile these days is exhibited by Sgt. McCurdy, Co. C., since his wife has returned from the hospital.

The boys in Company B are grateful to Mess Sgt. Anthony Prata for the homey atmosphere of their mess hall.

Pfc. Bob Marshall is the new mail orderly of Company C.

## Second Battalion

S-Sgt. Edward Morris, Co. E, is pacing the floor in anticipation of a new arrival at his home in Muskogee. The event could be financed by the bets the boys are making on the sex of the child.

After hearing several lectures on Chemical Warfare, Cpl. Charles W. Smythe, the mail orderly of Second Bn. Hq. Co., became alarmed at a strong odor from a package in the incoming mail. Investigation proved that the source of the aroma was nothing more deadly than a highly-perfumed letter for Pvt. Gordon T. Gibson.

Pvt. George Bird of Company E recently submitted a modification of the Mortar Sight M4 to Washington, D. C., and is now awaiting word of acceptance.

Second Bn., Hq. Co., has two potential red-hots in its radio section: Newcomers T-4 Nick Dragone and Pvt. Oather Webster. Both men can take it as well as dish it out—in code, of course.

Everyone in Company F was wondering why Mess Sgt. T-4 Tharpe was so happy, until they learned that he is now a Staff Sergeant.

Sgt. Ed Edens and Pfc. Roy McDonald are back in Company H.

T-Sgt. Hilman Easton, Hq. Bn., says that as far as quarters are concerned, his platoon should be called a mobile unit. The anti-tank

platoon moved three times in three hours last week.

T-Sgt. Ed Whittecar, communication chief of the Second Bn., Hq. Co., will never have to worry again about finding a driver for his company's vehicles. By the time the activation parade was over, he averaged about 2½ drivers per each item of rolling stock.

The best break of the week came to S-Sgt. Donald E. Longwill, Second Bn., Hq. Co., who returned from his furlough on Thursday in time to leave with the Glee Club on its extra-long weekend.

Is there anything comparable to the look on a fellow's face when he is informed that his furlough has been cancelled? Tough luck, S-Sgt. Boyd Turner. Perhaps one can't expect to carry Co. E's guidon and get furlough too.

Pvt. Wilbur R. Price is winning a hard-fought battle with the chiggers. The Second Bn. Hq. victim says that with a few more days in the field there will be no place left for them to bite.

Pvts. Dominic DeLuca and Melvin Marr, Co. E, were recently assigned to attend regimental classes for Armorer and Artificers.

## Third Battalion

T-Sgt. Horb, Co. I's doughty fire-eating platoon leader, received a 16-day furlough and decided to spend it in the city of Brotherly Love.

The crowd may not be able to see 5 foot 3 inch "Duck" Perrin, of Co. M, but it surely can hear him at any ball game. Sgt. Perrin stands 5' 3" in stocking feet.

Pvts. Sanford Berkwitz, Charles R. Mortenson, Robert M. May, Gordon I. Shold, Leon C. Frick, and Vistor B. Schaefer were selected as the Colonel's Orderlies at Guard Mount in the last two weeks. They have all enjoyed 24-hour passes from Third Bn., Hq. Co., as a reward for having been chosen.

Pfc. George Russell, Co. K, returned from the hospital this week fully recovered, but mentally upset because his absence from the company prevented him from shipping with many of his friends.

Tom, Dick and Harry, the famous puppies of Third Bn., Hq. Co., have found new homes in Muskogee. They were adopted by S/Sgt. Albert E. Amoroso, S/Sgt. Marvin J. Hall, and T-5 George A. Kern.

How fast can a GI Joe move? Ask the dozen soldiers in Company I, whose passes last weekend were held up until they moved eight beds and equipment from one barracks to another T/Sgt. Kane had just finished explaining the deal when PRESTO!, the old tenants were out, the new tenants were in. Total time: two puffs of a cigarette.

Wednesday was a sad day around Co. K. The canine mascot "Hercules" under the care of T-5 Fred Skrabanek, passed away. Services were held under the Day Room.



## Special Units

The regimental beer garden is proving a mighty popular spot Sunday nights, what with the Special Service Office presenting a big free bingo game at 2000, and Muskogee merchants offering prizes ranging from steak dinners to five dollars' worth of merchandise. Last Sunday night, 15 prizes were awarded.

Pfc. William Webber and T-5 Fletcher Lowe, Service Co., and incidentally both from South Carolina, are sporting new coiffeurs



that are the talk of the regiment. Their hair cuts are strictly GI, but the color of the hair has everyone wondering. Lowe and Webber blame it on the sun and say it's an old South Carolina custom.

T-4 Edward W. Truslow, Service Co., formerly of the Air Corps, believes there's a Santa Claus after all. Just when he thought he'd never see the inside of a plane again, he won the big prize of the evening at the Sunday night regimental bingo game—a free ride in one of the Rainbow cub planes.

S-Sgt. Dave Balch and S-Sgt. Vince Alexander, Anti Tank Co., have left for OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga. All the fellows are sorry to lose these two men because they were two of the best non-coms in the company. The best wishes of all the company go with them.

During the week, Anti Tank Company men got a taste of digging positions in rock infested soil. In fact, some of the gun positions had to be blasted with TNT. After positions were dug, Anti Tank Company showed its new men what their principal weapon could do. A tank-shaped piece of canvas was subjected to punishment no real tank could have withstood.

T-5 Leonard Hovenstein, Hq. Co., says Texarkana, Ark., is heaven, because he knows an angel who lives there.

After two and one half years in Panama, Pfc. Harold Scott, Hq. Co., has taken up residence in Muskogee with the arrival of his wife there.

S-Sgt. Stanley Sokoloski, Hq. Co., mess sergeant, is still dreaming of Honolulu. His post war plans are definitely made.

When T-5 William Saracco, Hq. Co., went visiting last weekend, he discovered a cousin in Camp Chaffee, Ark.

It's a great day for the Irish when Cpl. Pat Flynn, Hq. Co., gets that daily air mail letter from Mary, somewhere in Yonkers, N. Y.

Our congratulations to Cpl. Lou Meltzer, Hq. Co., on his good work at Intelligence School and his commendation from General Collins.

Free drinks were given at the 232d Special Units dance. Is that why T-5 Doughty, Cannon Co., insisted on buying for the house and his fellow cannoneers?

What's happened to all of Sergeant Waypa's pin up girls? Maybe his wife's presence in Muskogee has something to do with their disappearance from the Cannon Company.

Private Johns, Hq. Co., hasn't made any recent political speech-

es, "Johns for Pfc." Seems like his job of bugler takes up all his time.

## First Battalion

T-5 Charles M. Adams, Hq. Co., is back from Camp Crowder where he attended radio repair school.

Sgts. Arba H. Welch and Kermit E. Jones, Hq. Co., recently brought several men back from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. They report the train trip as uneventful but the layovers as interesting.

Pfc. Leonard Stachowlak, Hq. Co., celebrated Activation Day by smoking a 19 cent cigar. It made a good substitute for a smudge pot.

The Anti Tank platoon, Hq. Co., is designing a new expanding, suspension cot for Pfc. Andrew McWhorter. He's so tall in the regulation cot his knees almost touch his chin.

Pvt. Wilbur R. Babcock, Hq. Co., is going home on furlough to be married to the girl of his dreams. Luck to both of them!



## Special Units

Sgt. Leo Prather, Service Co., has been doing a fine job as acting mess sergeant while the regular mess sergeant, James Giles, is on furlough in North Carolina.

Service Company has been well represented in the Tuesday night boxing shows. Pvt. John Romo is the latest addition to the growing list. In the past Pvts. Bob Knickerbocker and Carroll A. Kirby, Cpls. Hubert Votaw, Wilbert Meierding, Tom Jakubowski and Dan Kroeger have all been in the ring at least once and most of them twice. Sgt. Fred Sweet will soon be in condition to take his weekly fling, or should we say swing, and Pvt. Ernest Milleman is also threatening to take a hand, or should we say fist.

## First Battalion

Sgt. David Eckenroad, Co. D, recently entered the hospital.

T-4 James Smith, Co. D, expects to be a father soon, but it isn't wise to mention that the new arrival might possibly be a girl,

unless someone is looking for a fight.

Pvt. Charles Dorrance, Co. D, is doing a good job of pinch-hitting for Cpl. Robert Schuh as company clerk.

Men from Headquarters Company now on furlough: Pvt. Robert B. Alexander, Pvt. Blon Q. Shutts, Pvt. John E. Alverson, Pfc. George H. Babcock, and Corporal Ralston.

Pfc. William F. Sollars, Hq. Co., secured an emergency furlough to take his wife home from Muskogee to their home in Champaign, Ill. Mrs. Sollars suddenly became ill while visiting here.

Butch, Headquarters Company pup, who is about a month old, has been given shots by the veterinarian and now sports a fancy license and collar.

Pvt. Harold M. Rains, Hq. Co., is expected back in the company in a few days. He has been in the hospital due to a foot injury.

Pvt. Sam Cohen and Pvt. Peter P. Kelly, Jr., Hq. Co., are pals just like the principals of the play, "The Cohens and the Kellys."

## Second Battalion

One of the main announcers during the Activation Day review was Pfc. Tom Durand, Hq. Co. Second Bn., who described the passing units and vehicles for the crowd. Incidentally, he received his Pfc. stripe last week because of his fine SD work in the regimental Special Services office.

## Third Battalion

Pvt. Les Leschensky, Co. I, can't get over riding those "moving stairs" in that department store in St. Louis. Never had anything like that back in Reedsburg, Wis.

Pvt. Joe Gianforte, Co. I, still insists the T-O for dayroom orderly calls for at least one stripe.

Sgt. Al Moyer, Co. I, got so mad one day last week he almost put in for paratrooper.

Explaining the cuts and bruises on his face, Pvt. Bob Vrokota, Co. I, claimed he swam, with one powerful stroke, into the wall of the swimming pool. Could be—but it sounds fishy.

Corporal Betzing, Hq. Co., is taking a correspondence course in short order cooking—the shorter the order the better.

S-Sgt. Frank Johnson, Hq. Co., has proven to be quite a sign painter and artist.

S-Sgt. Milo (Melush) Reinhard, Hq. Co., supply sergeant, has finally made up his mind to go on a diet. From now on, only three meals a day.

Corporal Boulger, Hq. Co., has been seen buying up cigars in bunches. His wife has notified him she is expecting a little bundle from heaven around 27 July.

## GI Butlers Make Dream Come True

Talk about GI wishes coming true! Last Saturday afternoon the thermometer in the Service Company barracks, 232d Infantry, was soaring above the 100 mark.

T-4 George Ruppenstein and T-5 Sol Talanker were lying in their bunks, mopping their brows wearily. Suddenly someone called, "Chow!" Ruppenstein looked up and said, "Wouldn't it be swell if we didn't have to get dressed, and some kind soul would bring our supper up to us?"

Just at that moment, Pfc. Milton Halpern and Pfc. Charles Catilus, two weary KPs for the day, walked into the barracks. Ruppenstein jokingly broached the idea to them. Without another word, Halpern and Catilus did an about face, and came back in a few minutes with a tray of sandwiches, tomato salad, iced orangeade and cookies. Whereupon Talanker and Ruppenstein were served their supper in bed propped up by pillows while the two KPs fanned them with Turkish towels.

# ARTILLERY

Caissons of all the Field Artillery battalions, except the 402d, were rolling along to Ft. Sill, Okla., last week-end—a large-scale operation that made it impossible for the Reveille's correspondents to send in the unit news which usually appears in this space.

Now that the Rainbow artillerymen of the 232d, 392d and 542d battalions have established themselves at Ft. Sill, posted their flank spotters, set up observation posts, laid wire to the fire control centers, and got the situation generally well in hand, Artillery unit news from all the Reveille correspondents will be resumed in the next issue.

Arrangements have been completed for delivery and distribution of the Rainbow Reveille to all members of the three battalions during their training period at Ft. Sill.

## 402nd F. A. Bn.

With the 232d, 392d and 542d battalions off to Fort Sill, a summer program of recreation for the firin' 402d is in full swing. The battalion has held a party, and hardly a week goes by without at least one battery staging a party of its own. Free open air movies are shown behind the Battalion headquarters building Saturday and Sunday nights.

At a battalion review, Colonel Ryan, battalion commander, cited M-Sgt. Robert S. K. Hicks, Service Btry. Hicks was commended for exemplary performance and meritorious service as battalion motor sergeant.

Pfc. "Chief" Cocumma, Hq. Btry., pockets the 8-ball every time. He'll take on just about anybody at "8-ball," and promise to put 'em behind it!

T-Sgt. Chester D. Cook, Hq. Btry., is still relaxing in the hospital with a sprain in his ankle.

Cpl. Bob Boyne drank five cokes and wrote five letters Monday night.

Everyone in Battery A thought First Sgt. James H. Mitchell would bounce back from his furlough renewed, born again, and ready to turn over a brand-new leaf. Ah, the bitterness of cruel disappointment!

Battery A's best cook, Pfc. Elmer Schwindt, is lost to Officers' Mess, darn it.

Cpl. Robert Carman, Btry. A, sweated out his furlough so in-

tensely that he couldn't win a game of pinocle the whole past week.

Baker Battery's big news is about Bopp's Band. Pfc. William O. Bopp's 11-piece orchestra was organized last month and ever since then First Sgt. Bryant Summers, Btry. B, has been calling the band, "Johnny Lee Bopp and his Camp Gruber Playboys."

The outfit's real name is "Band of Gold." Thanks to Bandleader Bopp's musical ability and also thanks to good promotion work by Pvt. Leslie C. Judson, Btry. A, the young band already has been booked at Masonic Service Center, Service Club No. 2, Theater No. 2, Greenleaf Lodge, and Monday night played for Battery B's big party in the Rec Hall. You'll never believe such excellent music can come from 11 full-time soldiers at the end of hard day—until you have the good fortune to hear the Band of Gold actually swinging out.

Twelve selected men of Battery B are whiling away the long summer evenings by attending Recorder's Practice. They're adding to their list of military skills the hard way.

Who spread the rumor around Baker Battery barracks that every man who failed to fill up his fox-hole again would have to foot march back to the bivouac area and start undigging?

Pvt. John Urso, Btry. C, built a fire under a big turtle he found. He wanted to see if the critter would stick its head out. He almost had turtle soup before the hard-shelled creeper took so much as a peep into the warm outside world.

The Battery Commander sold Battery C's pool table for \$100, purchased another and much better table for \$85, and upped the battery fund by a neat \$15. More cue sticks than before, too!

The merry men of Charlie Battery are so conscientious about cleanliness that they were seen scrubbing the barracks floors one midnight this past week.

Pfc. Louis Weiss, Service Btry., is reading all the jewelry store ads, shopping around for a wedding ring.

It's a secret as to just which dayroom the coke machine was in, and a secret, too, as to who put the nickel in. But when 31 cokes came tumbling out, all for the same five-cent piece, the 31 men did not stand up and sing, "Coke man, keep those bottles quiet!"

# SPECIAL TROOPS

## 42nd QM Co.

T-Sgt. Owen McDonald and T-5 Gip Logsdon took advantage of the Division holiday to run down Texas way to pay a short visit to their respective wives and infant daughters.

Pfc. Watson H. Nelson, who tried so hard to grow a manly

mustache has given up in disgust, and is now a clean shaven lad again.

Sgt. Jerome Beard is a great golf enthusiast, and on any weekend off, you can find him plodding, or should we say plowing, the local courses in Muskogee.

The call of the Paratroops has beckoned to an even dozen men from the company. It will be quite

a jump from the Quartermaster to the Paratroopers.

Wedding bells rang out last Friday night for Pvt. Robert Kemp and a very beautiful cadet-nurse from his home town. We don't know her name, but it makes no difference now.

## 42nd Div. Hq. Co.

Some very long faces on Sgt. Roy Dively and Pfc. Raymond W. Bartunek and some of the other "shack rats," probably because they've had a gander at the new training schedule, with P.R.I. every night.

Cpl. Hugh Cherry seems much happier this week regardless of work piling up in First Sergeant Coate's absence. Well, for one thing, a Marine is going to land in Camp Gruber on furlough next week—and she happens to be his wife, Pfc. Evelyn Cherry.

Pvt. George A. Larson has become a one-man Chamber of Commerce on the beauty of Oklahoma and the Cookson Hills—all for the benefit of Minnesota's most beautiful "Gracie," who has been his guest at camp and in Muskogee the past week. The G-3 section wonders if he is as nice to all the girl friends of his sister.

Pfc. Casmer R. Klos spent the weekend sunning himself on a Tulsa beach. He would have a much better tan, we think, if he could get just a few of those girls not to sit so close to him.

## 42nd Rcn. Tr.

T-4 Louis Cacciotti spent a rough night as his first time on CQ last Wednesday. As a result of the big baseball victory over Headquarters Company, a good

deal of fluid celebration was going on, and "Cacci" couldn't get the boys to bed. Particularly troublesome was T-5 Leo Bernier who kept stealing the CQ's bed.

The town of Gore, Okla. lived up to its name as far as T-5 George Readshow is concerned. Seems when he was over there the rake handle flew up just as he stooped over and the door-knob hit him in the eye and—well, he's still looking for the guy.

T-5 Guy Fitzsimmons must have thought he was on the south turn of the Indianapolis Speedway instead of the south turn of the parade grounds during last week's review. He cut for the inside just like Wilbur Shaw and if S-Sgt. A. J. Roy hadn't straightened him out he would still be looking for his position.

## 122nd Medics

Two new fathers in D Company: S-Sgt. T. R. Morgan and Sgt. Julius Shapses. Both daddies are off on emergency furloughs to see their new sons. T-5 Joe Freudiger, Co. B, took the marital vows while on furlough in Luling, Texas.

Pfc. Adrian Stroud of B Company came down with a case of stiff feet last week. Seems he rinsed his tootsies in the foot bath after taking a shower. Hours later he discovered that the boys had been using the foot bath as a receptacle to starch their sun-tans.

With a treasured three-day pass in his pocket, Pfc. Robert G. Edstrom, Co. A, took off for Little Rock, Ark., last weekend to visit his "boy friend's girl friend's sister who had a first degree burn."

# Reporting on the Reporters

Breezing back to Camp Gruber after his furlough in Los Angeles and Hollywood, Cpl. Hale Wingfield, the Reveille's reporter in the 402d Field Artillery Battalion, reports he really had one of those "wish you were here" holidays. He spent much of his time swimming in the cool Pacific (it hurts us just to write about it), and visiting movie sets in Hollywood. On one, he witnessed weary cameramen making endless takes of a scene in which John Loder, Hedy La Marr's husband, was required to utter a hearty, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!" Being British born, Mr. Loder was used to saying the greeting in reverse. Every time the punch line was reached, he'd burst out, in spite of himself, with "Happy Christmas and Merry New Year!" Frankly, we don't mind how he says it if we could only get some of that "Happy Christmas, Merry New Year" winter weather around here right quick.

Never under-estimate the power of the press. For a period of weeks the name of Pfc. Merlin Jencks, Div. Hq. Co., had appeared in his company's unit news, invariably tagged, "Mean-

est Man in the Division." Came the time recently when Jencks went on a three-day pass. During his absence some character analyst in his barracks secured one of Jencks' fatigue suits and neatly stenciled on the back of the jacket, in white letters an inch and a half high, the words, "Meanest Man in the Division." The fearsome Merlin has been parading around in 'em now for a fortnight, giving fair warning to one and all—when his back is turned—that he's a man to be handled with care.

Three weeks ago in this column we complimented T-4 Robert Seiz, ringmaster of the Reveille's correspondents in the 142d Engineers, for the energetic way he hustled into our office every Monday to badger plenty of space out of us for the Engineers' unit news. No sooner had we extended this modest praise than Seiz disappeared, swallowed up on a shipping list. Seems that every time we give someone a hand they transfer out. If the Engineers will find a successor to Seiz and send in some unit news, we promise never to compliment them again.

In the same company, T-5 John M. Goggin has applied for a transfer to the Infantry while Cpl. Ralph Wayland shifts to Div. Hq.

T-4 Roger Kreuger, Co. C, left for Chemical Warfare OCS last week.

Four Company C men left recently for the Paratroopers. The volunteers were: Pvts. Paul Broderick, Henry Deureiter, Robert Tena and Clarence Johnston.

Cpl. Walter O'Leary is back from a week in the Station Hospital after a very severe case of boils. T-5 Wendell (Tex) Earthman Co. D, just returned from an emergency furlough in Houston, Texas, where his wife underwent a serious operation. S-Sgt. Earl L. Wills transferred to Special Troops. He replaces T-Sgt. "Pappy" Lamb who leaves for Quartermasters' OCS.

## 232d Inf. Showmen Stage Radio Variety Revue Tonight

Entertainers and music makers of the 232d Infantry will present a one hour Variety Radio Revue tonight on the outdoor stage of Service Club No. 1 at 2000.

Written and produced by Pfc. Milton Halpern, Service Co., the one hour show will feature a satirical skit, and novelty acts in which the following funmakers and musicians will figure: Pvt. Don Richardson, vocalist, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Luis Zecchini, accordionist, Co. K; S-Sgt. James Henderson, whistler, Med. Det. During the pre-broadcast warm-up, S-Sgt. James Horan, Co. F, is scheduled to offer an act of magic.

The 232d regimental orchestra, with T-5 Sol Talanker, Service Co., waving the baton, will provide musical numbers and accompaniments, and present a "Concert in Swing" during the warm-up before the recorded broadcast session. The program will be heard on the air Sunday over KVOO at 1530.

"Behind the Dog Tag" radio show is on a three weeks' vacation.

## Week's Best Mess Halls

WINNER

C. K.—242d Inf.—Capt. Robert W. Dyas, commanding; S-Sgt. Nathaniel Gray, mess sergeant.

BEST IN UNITS

Oannon Co., 222d Inf.—Capt. Charles E. Rhodes, S-Sgt. Anthony Bozzo, Service Co., 232d Inf.—Capt. Charles R. Miller, S-Sgt. Theron B. Williams, Btry. A, 402d FA Bn.—Capt. John S. Wilbur, S-Sgt. Arthur V. German, Co. B, 142d Eng. Bn.—Lt. Wayne H. Woodman, S-Sgt. Samuel Vanelli, Co. D, 123d Med. Bn.—Maj. Owen S. Hendren, Sgt. James R. Fisher, 132d Sig. Co., Special Troops—Capt. Walter F. Carr, S-Sgt. Wayne B. Parker.

## Male Call



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



## Beachhead Feint



## SPORTS...

One-Hit Pitching  
Beats 222d, 4-0

With the second round of the Camp League set to start on 24 July, the five Rainbow teams are setting their sights on the undefeated, league-leading 276th Engineers, with the hope of finding the secret of the fireballs hurled by Spahan, 276th hurling ace and former Boston Braves mound artist.

The 536th Field Artillery team is dropping out of the league to be replaced by a strong newcomer, the 104th Cavalry Group nine.

The 222d Infantry's hopes of a first-place tie in the first round of the camp league's schedule went a-glimmering last week when the Infantry nine met the league-leading 276th Engineers and lost, 4-0.

Spahan, Engineers pitching ace, proved to be in top form, striking out 23 batters and allowing only one hit, which was made by Bratton, 222d right-fielder.

On the mound for the Blue Sox, Pererya whiffed 19 and allowed only three scratch hits.

Two victories, one over the 142d Engineers, 11-3, and the other over the 402d Field Artillery Battalion, 10-0, have put the 242d Infantry's Red Devils into a fourth-place tie with the 222d Infantry. The Red Devils have won four consecutive games, and have lost only two in their last 12 starts.

Pitching for the Red Devils, Mahannah set the Engineers down with three hits and struck out 13 men to run his season's winning streak to four straight with no losses.

"Lefty" Norman Gessler, on the mound against the 402d, whiffed 15 men in his seven-inning shut-out. It was Gessler's third win with no losses.

STANDINGS							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
276 Eng	9	0	1.000	142 Eng.	2	3	.400
232 FA	4	1	.800	638 TD	1	5	.167
648 TD	5	2	.714	535 FA	1	5	.167
222 Inf.	4	2	.667	402 FA	1	5	.143
242 Inf.	4	2	.667	536 FA	0	5	.000

242d Pacemakers  
Each Win a Game  
In Softball League

Swinging into action again after a layoff of nearly a month, the 242d Infantry Softball League played three games last week of which each of the three league-leading teams won one.

The undefeated Regimental Headquarters Company chalked up another win against Company B, 6-4; Anti-Tank trounced Hq. Co., Second Bn., 10-3, and Co. D managed to stay near the top by defeating Service Company, 4-2. Company F also fattened its average, winning by a forfeit from Hq. Co., First Bn.

STANDINGS							
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Regt. Hq.	7	0	1.000	Ser. Co.	3	4	.429
AT Co.	3	0	1.000	Co. H	2	3	.400
Co. D.	6	1	.857	Co. G	1	2	.333
Med. Det.	4	1	.800	Hq. 1Bn	1	6	.143
Co. C	2	1	.667	Co. A	0	0	.000
Co. F	4	3	.571	Co. B	0	4	.000
Hq. 2Bn.	3	3	.500	Co. E	0	6	.000
Can. Co.	3	3	.500				

Recon Clean-Sweeps  
Spare Parts Playoffs

The Spare Parts League play-off was settled by two consecutive Recon victories over Headquarters Company, 6-4 and 13-9, last Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Star of the final game was Pvt. Gabriel Longjohn of Kalamazoo, Mich., who slammed the offerings of Headquarters' First Sgt. George Coate for three consecutive home runs, followed by a lusty triple.

Recon is now set to represent the league in the Division softball play-offs.

## DOWN, SERGEANT

Barking non-coms should be easily whipped into line by Pfc. Walter Gilmore, Co. I, 242d Inf. Gilmore was a war-dog trainer before hitting the Rainbow.

Rainbow Nine  
Wins on 14 July

Ten armor-piercing hits threw confusion into the ranks of the 16th Armored Division baseball team here on Activation Day, bringing the Rainbow nine an easy 11-4 victory.

The Rainbow had its big inning early, scoring seven runs in the second frame. Besides home runs by Klutz and Lombardi, three singles by Robinson, Belcher and Dowell and two errors which allowed Ellis and Gebrian to reach first contributed to the visitors' downfall.

Working nicely, Gebrian managed to chalk up 10 strike-outs in the seven innings of play. Due to a late start occasioned by the delay of the Stan Kenton show, the game was shortened to seven stanzas.

Among the visitors, Van Roboys lived up to his big league background—he was formerly with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Besides getting a triple and two singles in his four trips to the platter, he performed a handy bit of grand larceny in center field when he scooped Lombardi's first inning drive off the grass-tops in a running catch.

On Sunday, the Rainbow nine met the Atlas Electric team in Tulsa for the third time to settle a one-and-one tie. The Rainbow blew a fuse, and the Electricians grabbed themselves a 10-5 win. The trouble didn't begin until after the Tulsans had been held scoreless for four innings, while the Rainbow had piled up a three-run lead in the first. Then, heavy hitting and errors began to take their toll.

FRIDAY									
16th Arm. Div.					Rainbow				
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H		
Batista, 3b	4	0	1	Belcher, 2b	5	1	2		
Rogers, lf	3	0	0	Dowell, 1b	5	2	1		
Burke, c	4	2	1	Schwab, lf	4	0	1		
V. Rys, cf	4	0	3	Klutz, cf	4	3	2		
Blot, 1b	4	0	0	LaPosha, lf	3	1	2		
Roe, rf	4	1	0	Lamb'dl, c	4	2	1		
Hess, 2b	1	0	1	Rob'son, ss	3	0	1		
Dorio, ss	3	0	1	Ellis, 3b	2	1	0		
Fagan, p	3	0	0	Gebrian, p	3	1	0		
Price, 2b	1	1	0	DeLucia, 3b	2	0	0		
	31	4	7		35	11	10		
						R	H	E	
16th Arm.					101	101	0-4	7	4
Rainbow					170	102	x-11	10	1

SUNDAY							
Atlas				Rainbow			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Ne'bars, ss	5	1	1	DeLucia, 3b	4	0	0
M'Neely, cf	5	2	2	Belcher, 2b	4	0	1
White, 4b	5	2	3	Schwab, lf	5	1	1
Oglesby, 1b	4	2	0	Klutz, rf	4	1	2
Selle, lf	5	0	3	LaPosha, 1b	3	1	0
Briley, 2b	5	1	3	Lambardi, c	4	0	1
Jarrett, rf	5	0	1	Ellis, ss	4	1	3
Berkley, c	4	1	1	Harmon, cf	4	1	1
Jones, p	4	1	1	Swigart, p	3	0	0
				Rob'son, 3b	1	0	1
				Stewart, p	1	0	0
	42	10	15		37	5	10
					R	H	E
RAINBOW					300	000	002-5 10 5
ATLAS					000	033	13x-10 15 1

## PINGPONG MATCH SET

The 242d Infantry Open Table Tennis Tournament will swing into action at the rec hall on Wednesday, 26, July, at 1900. Three tables will be in operation all during the evening, and any member of the 242d may enter the tournament. Names must be submitted to company athletic representatives by Tuesday at 1200.

232d Inf., Recon  
Will Be Matched  
In Softball Finals

With a play-off victory apiece under their belts, the 232d Infantry and Recon Troop teams are set to settle the softball question, for the first round of play at least, tonight in the 232d area.

With Thomas on deck to do the pitching and also drive in the winning run in the last inning, the 232d elbowed the 222d Infantry nine out of the running in an exciting 2-1 thriller. Lipp received Thomas' offerings, and the opposing battery was made up of Skinner catching and Jung on the mound. Beers scored the lone 222d tally.

The Recon-242d Infantry game was more the slugfest type, 12-6. Adamson and Cadere each did their best for the 242d with three for four each, but Lauth did even better for Recon with four for four, and his teammates, Edmonds and LaFontaine, each got two for four. Longjohn, mighty home-run hitter of the Spare Parts League play-offs, obliged with a homer against the 242d.

The winner of the Recon-232d tilt tonight will receive a trophy as Division champs of the first half of the league play.

First Monday Card  
Draws Well in 242d

Despite the change of the 242d Infantry's boxing night from Tuesday to Monday, about 850 spectators turned out in time to witness six fast bouts, three of which were so closely fought that a draw was the only possible decision.

The drawn bouts were: Johnson, Co. C, and Cookson, Hq. Co., First Bn.; Hartley and Libby, Co. C.; and Somerville, Co. B, and Hicks, Anti-Tank Co.

In the other bouts, Sweet, Service Co., took the nod over Rammel, Anti-Tank So.; McArthur tangled successfully with Blair; and Figlioli, Co. C, 160 pounds, went out of his weight range by 30 pounds when he took on Pvt. Alex Spetly for an exhibition.

Next week Figlioli and Aparo, 222d Inf., unable to fight their scheduled return match this week, will meet, and Blair and McArthur will also meet again.

Interesting Hour Spent  
With Chicago Veterans

While he was in Chicago recently on an emergency furlough, Cpl. Walter J. Kilgallon, Co. K, 232nd Inf., found time to accept an invitation to visit the chambers of Judges Cornelius J. Harrington and John F. Bolton. Veterans of the Rainbow Division of World War I and personal friends of Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander, both these Chicago men were active in the plans preparatory to the activation of the new Rainbow Division last July.

Cpl. Kilgallon reports having spent a pleasant hour comparing notes with the two veterans, and viewing pictures of the "old outfit," as well as pictures of the activation and flag presentation ceremonies at Camp Gruber.

Chaplain Gallivan  
Is Wounded in France

Chaplain George P. Gallivan has been wounded in France, according to word received this week by Lt. Col. John E. Kinney, Division chaplain.

Chaplain Gallivan, a Catholic chaplain, was with the Rainbow Division for several months before going overseas.

## T-O BLOCKS GI DREAM

Pvt. David G. Buck, Cannon Co., 222d Inf., has that of which every infantryman dreams—a fine car, a Packard, in fact. But there's a catch. It's chauffeur driven.

Everything Happens to Communications  
Men From 232d FA Bn.—Including Praise

Thirteen Rainbow men of Headquarters Battery, 232d Field Artillery Bn., now with the Division Artillery at Ft. Sill, Okla., have received a commendation in a communication from Maj. Gen. Douglass T. Greene, commander of the 16th Armored Division, to Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, Division Commander.

The artillerymen, members of a wire communications section, were placed on temporary duty for a week with the 396th Armored Field Artillery Bn., during recent field exercises at Camp Chaffee, Ark. With S-Sgt. W. M. Elmore in charge, the section included:

Cpl. Frederick J. Glasl, Cpl. E. M. Kester, T-5 J. W. Sturm, T-5 R. E. Garn, T-5 M. G. Yastrzab, Pfc. Martin Mitrius, Pvt. J. W. Lawler, Pvt. M. D. Guilmet, Pvt. G. H. Hirdler, Pvt. R. E. Oxley,

Pvt. G. T. Rhodes and Pvt. H. L. Yep.

First Lt. Robert W. Slocum, communications officer of Hq. Btry., 396th FA Bn., Capt. Everett A. Palmer, Jr., commander officer of the battery, and the battalion commander of the 396th, all joined in rating the work and conduct of this wire section "superior in every respect." Capt. Palmer's letter said in part:

"The long hours spent repairing wire communications under the worst possible conditions, and the attendant fatigue caused no decline in the discipline or military bearing of these men. Such a section would be an asset to any organization to which it might be assigned or attached."

S-Sgt. Elmore described his crew's experiences as rugged but very worthwhile. During their week with the 16th Armored Division, it rained almost perpetually, turning the terrain into a morass of mud even worse, he reports, than Camp Gruber's. Twice their two trucks bogged hopelessly in mud in the almost treeless plains; twice they walked over half a mile to cut down trees to use as "deadmen."

It was a week in which they went almost three days without sleep, in which the CP moved every day—sometimes as much as 15 miles—in which they laid approximately 150 miles of wire, ate C rations exclusively, and managed an occasional sponge bath with a helmetful of water from muddy creeks. It was a week memorable for other things—the night of blinding rain when their 3-4-ton truck crashed into a shell hole in an artillery impact area; the night lightning struck their grounded switchboard and left a copperish taste in their mouths; and the time spent dodging "bombs"—two-pound sacks of flour dropped by liaison planes—one of which struck a nearby officer on the head.

But all things must end. Back in garrison at week's end, they happily anticipated real chow at last—and got more C rations.

## Stars With Stripes

42d MP Platoon  
Tt Sgt.—Jerome Humbach.  
To Cpl.—Howard Rowatt.  
Div. Hq. Co.  
To S-Sgt.—Ward Hanscom  
To T-3—Leonard Lamb.  
To T-4—Robert F. Hartling.  
To T-4—Jack Masters.  
To T-5—Thomas L. Moon.  
242d Inf.  
To T-Sgt.—Byron W. Willis, Hq. Co., First Bn.  
To S-Sgt.—Hulburt, Weiss, Service Co.; Hoyt U. Andrews, Hq. Co., First Bn.  
Tt Sgt.—Robert Blissett, Leo Prather, Service Co.; Carl G. Benson, Hq. Co., First Bn.  
To Pfc.—George Stiteler, Service Co.  
To Sgt.—Benjamin Grant, Herbert Stover, Joseph Stavish, Freeman Loy, Lyndon Holmes, William DePasquale, Arthur King, Co. E.  
222d Inf.  
To Sgt.—William J. Hauer, Anti Tank Co.

BILLFOLD  
GIRL OF  
THE WEEK

Here we were all set to give a great big hand to the charming young miss perched up there above you, and just sort of incidentally drag in the name of one Cpl. Arthur J. Steffenberg who lent us the picture. Well, if you're a cover-to-cover reader of the Reveille, as you should be, you can see by Page 1 that Cpl. Steffenberg (now Sergeant) upped and grabbed all the publicity for himself this week. Shucks, let's give her a great big hand, anyway. Follows—Miss Betty Ruppert of Wilmington, Del. Many thanks, sergeant.

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