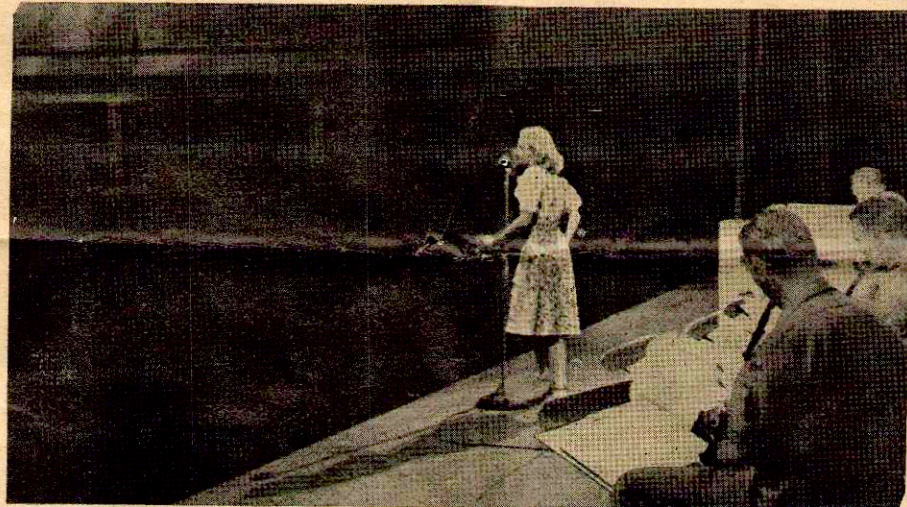


Life becomes boring only
 when we stop remembering
 there is joy in just
 being alive.

Hollywood Comes to Passau



Petite Martha Tilton "gives" in her distinctive song-selling style before an arena packed GI audience.

Stagedoor Johnnie doughboys swarm around Ingrid Bergman and Jack Benny seeking autographs as they leave the Passau Arena.

Ingrid Bergman, surrounded by 331st Yanks, glances at a copy of the TTF. Remarked that Mauldin and "how do you call him - Sad Sack!" were her favorite cartoons.

Jack Benny "modestly" consents to play a violin solo after an overwhelming request - from himself.

Regt'l Nine Wins Three Straight Tight Games

Takes Two in Division League And First in Corps Series Representing Thunderbolts

A powerful 83rd Thunderbolt baseball team, composed primarily of 331st men, won a 9-7 game over a strong 4th Armd. Div. nine in the first game of the current XII Corps semi-final tilts, on July 18th at the Regensburg Diamond. This made the third straight victory for 331st players who had won two previous games in the Division League. But the following day, their heavily-armored opponents brushed off the effects of the initial contest to defeat them in a second game thru a ninth inning 5-run rally. The final score after the 9th inning blast was 10-8 in favor of the 4th Armd.

A 5-run eighth inning was enough to enable the 331st to come from behind and topple an aggressive 330th team 12-8 which marked the beginning of a three-game winning streak before being stopped by the 4th Armd. in the second game of the Corps series. They also defeated a 329th nine on the 14th by the score of 7-3.

The final tilt in the 2-out-of-3 Corps series were played on July 20th and the results were not received at press time. The winner of the final event, it was announced, would gain the right to play the victor of the 90th Div-1137th Engr. fray, in the final rounds for the XII Corps Championship. It was also announced that the team to win the Regensburg Series would represent the Corps in the 8rd Army play-offs.

In the first Corps encounter, the 4th Armd. held a 5-1 margin at the end of the 4th inning but the Thunderbolt nine tied the game at 5-all in their half of the fifth. "Big" Bernie McGee, hustling 331st first baseman, was injured while overdoing it in the fifth and was removed from the game. In the 7th frame, Dick Shannon, Blackboy twirler, who was credited with the win, let in 2 enemy runs only to be replaced by speed-ball pitcher Dave Hemming who did an excellent job of

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Hungarian War Orphan Cared for by Yanks

This is the story of Bill a Hungarian war orphan whose parents were killed six months ago in a bombing raid. It might have been a German raid or it might have been an Allied raid, is isn't known but as a result of it Bill was deported from his home into an unknown land that was Germany. Bill was an orphan, Bill was a captive, and Bill was only 13.

One day he escaped somehow and wandered aimlessly about securing what food he could. He was often hungry in this strange land and he was in the midst of a war being fought against aggression. One day artillery fell heavily followed by the advanced guard of the first Americans, and a new phase entered Bill's life.

He wandered from army camp to army camp in quest of food. Sometimes he ate well and sometimes not at all. His feet were sore from endless walking, his clothes were tattered rags, often he had no place to sleep. Then one day Bill's luck changed. He came upon an American soldier who saw through the rags and the dirt and the hunger to the person. Bill was questioned, scrubbed, clothed and fed.

At first there were only shorts and shirt for him. But Bill had been adopted by an American army outfit and that was not enough. A pair of ODs were tailored for him, and a pair of shoes, his first pair in months, materialized.

Bill is happy now, as happy as a boy of 13 who is alone in the world can be. He eats three meals a day and sleeps in clean GI blankets for he has friends who care for him. But when his friends must leave they cannot take him and Bill will again be alone like thousands of other war orphans.

What the future holds for Bill no one knows. There are no post war plans for him. His is a problem for Bill is a human being, a human being of the generation that must make the tomorrow better than today. His story has just begun.

Doughs Begin Training for Jap Warfare

Last Monday the doughboys took a definite step in their program when they began to follow an eight hour schedule with half day Saturday and all day Sunday off. From the prospective status of students they had slipped into the uncertain inbetween. Now, though, that their category is certain, the situation is clear and the training is combat all the way with the emphasis on Jap tactics.

This training is no more indicative of the future than the category in which the outfit has been placed, a category calling for two months intensive training on the Japanese warfare in order to insure a more highly coordinated, battle efficient unit. This training will have to be taken either here or in the States and as the time is now unoccupied the program has been set up for this area.

The usual basic training courses will be given but with the accent completely on Japanese tactics and techniques. First aid and sanitation will largely be occupied with information on Pacific Theater diseases and malaria control. Physical training and swimming will concentrate on life saving and resuscitation. Map reading when possible will be done with Japanese maps in order that symbols and designations may be familiarized.

Unit training, tactics and techniques, including scouting and patrolling will be allotted 50 hours and will build up from squad to regimental problems. They will include at least one night problem per week.

The high point of the two month training will be the two weeks or 80 hour maneuvers at the Grafenwahr Area formerly used by the Germans for the same purpose. The area is large enough for a regimental combat team plus several attached companies. Here the outfit will spend its first week testing itself in preparation for the Corps test to be given the second week.

Chaplain Corps Will Observe Anniversary In Religious Services

The Army Chaplain Corps will observe its 170th Anniversary on Sunday, July 29th, 1945. The Corps, on its anniversary, numbers approximately 800 with two-thirds of its members serving overseas.

It has been announced that Special Services will be held on the above date by the 15 chaplains throughout the 83rd Division to observe the Anniversary. The nine Protestant chaplains, five Catholic chaplains, and one Jewish chaplain will hold services for their respective faiths.

Fifty-two army chaplains have been killed in battle or have died of wounds during the present war, while nonbattle casualties total 52. Thirty-four chaplains are listed as being detained by the enemy, 180 chaplains have been wounded in action. A total of 754 decorations including DSC's have been awarded to 602 U. S. Army Chaplains.

It wasn't until 1861, during the civil war, that chaplains were authorized and Jewish Rabbis made eligible. During World War 1, there were 74 chaplains in the regular Army. The scope of the Army chaplains has expanded so, that those attending the Chaplain School at Fort Devens, Mass., take a course in military organization and in counseling, morale and discipline. Courses are given in duties they need on the battlefield, like map-reading, graves registration and military funerals. Calisthenics, drill and road marches give the chaplains the necessary physical endurance.

Benny and Bergman Bring Laughter, Charm to Battle Vets

Making seats do double duty, packing the aisles, draping over the banisters and literally hanging from the rafters, 16,000 Yanks made the immense Passau Arena seem vastly inadequate as they cheered and applauded Jack Benny, Ingrid Bergman, Martha Tilton and Larry Adler in two laughter packed performances July 18th.

While the audience swept in and the American Jamboree Orchestra tuned up there was uneasiness back stage. It was a half hour before curtain time and the stars had not arrived. "Don't worry", someone said, "Jack's never been late for a show yet."

About that time a car drove up and Jack Benny, brushing his grey hair from his face and dressed in pinks and ETO jacket stepped out. Greeting the boys his first words were consternation over not having had time to shave. Assuring him there was time he was directed to a razor while he explained the plane had been late leaving.

"I usually appear in civilian clothes," he said gesturing at his army duds, "I hate to go on in these but there's no time to change."

Ingrid Bergman and Martha Tilton, in slacks, their heads kerchief bound, pulled up outside in another car and were quickly directed to the quarters where their clothes had been taken. In the meantime the band had swung into stride with several popular tunes as the curtain hour approached.

Benny hurried up to the stage, said he would stall until the girls arrived and as the clock hands pointed to the

half hour, strode on the stage with his typical walk midst the howls and applause of the audience and the show was started.

Some laughter minutes later after several questioning nods from Benny the girls arrived panting, paused for breath, then Tilton brushed onto the stage and sang her way into round after round of applause. Bergman gave a dramatic air with a scene from Joan of Arc, then got scrap-happy in a farce lovescene with Benny. Adler, said to be the world's most talented harmonica player, played symphonies in sweet and swing, finally dueted with Benny on the violin after a hilarious buildup. For an hour and a half the fun and music never let up nor did the applause and cheering.

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Yank Turns Tables, Bums Cig from Kid

A joke paid off for Pfc. Carlos Crouse from Summitville, Ind., 3rd Bn, Hq. runner, the other morning. Having finished his breakfast and anxious for his morning smoke he reached in his pocket to discover he was minus cigarettes. Spotting a German lad of ten at the entrance smoking what Crouse figured was a buff, he decided to turn the tables. "Hey kid, Cigarette for me!" To his surprise the kid quickly reached in his back pocket, pulled out a gold case and displayed a vast quantity of smokes. The surprised Crouse was not too astonished to take a cigarette and murmur, "Danke schone".

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A Britain Salutes Us

As a part of the 83rd Division we are proud to reprint this tribute from a British soldier which was broadcast over the BBC on Combat Diary during the Elbe bridgehead. This manuscript was sent to our news editor at his request.

Of course when I first saw them, I didn't know they were the 83rd Div.; to me they were just a bunch of American soldiers riding on tanks. And believe me I was pretty glad to see them. We'd been digging tank ditches on the Elbe against the Russians with German S. S. standing over us with rubber-truncheons and guns, beating hell out of us to encourage us to work harder. Of course we knew the Americans were on their way, but it wasn't until one evening a couple of weeks ago that we found out how close they were. The air-raid siren gave the general alarm for the mobilization of the Volkssturm — that meant the Americans were within thirty kilometres. I think that was the greatest moment of my life, and you can imagine how we laughed at the panic-stricken German attempts to turn the defences from East to West to face the unexpected American drive.

Our S. S. Guards tried to hurry us away before the Americans could free us. I wasn't having any, and that night I made a getaway. The Guards saw me and opened up with rifles, but I made it all right. I walked west towards the flashes of the guns and the flames on the horizon. My biggest worry was to get civilian clothes and get rid of my striped convict-suit. I had a bit of luck and managed that. And, funnily enough not long after that I had a chance to turn the tables on the S. S. I took two of them prisoner. It was luck again. By a trick I disarmed them and told them I was a British Officer although I was dressed like a tramp.

It was now daylight and I saw two tanks coming up the road. The first time I tried to get near them they thought I was a German and opened up on me with machine-gun fire. But the second time I made it. I marched my two prisoners into a village and asked a Yankee truck driver where I could hand in the two S. S. and talk to an American officer.

I can't describe the welcome I got from the men of the 83rd Div — for I soon found out that it was the boys from Ohio that I'd met. They did everything for me — food, cigarettes and even a bottle of Scotch — something I hadn't seen for two years. It was the best drink I'd ever had.

They drove me back to their Div. Hq. The C. O. was right on the job winning the war, but he still found time to see me, and give me a real American welcome. Then he passed me on to Lieut. R. M. Sullivan. I think he'd have given me the moon if I'd wanted it — but what I did want — and get — was a bath, and clean clothes.

Of course I've heard a lot about American hospitality. Now I know what it's like. If any of you chaps of the 83rd Div. are listening I'd like to thank you for all you did for me — but I just can't find words. All I can say is THANK YOU — I'LL NEVER FORGET THE 83rd. DIV.

The Pacific Picture

The blockade of Japan was on in earnest. Their fat southern empire cut off and written off, the Japanese were trying feverishly to stockpile the home islands against invasion day with raw materials from North China, Manchuria and Korea. U. S. analysts concluded last week that Japan now had only a single unbroken line of communication with the mainland — the one from northeastern Korean ports, across the Sea of Japan, to small ports on the northwest coast of Honshu. The great tunnel through which the lifeblood of imports was one trans-fused into Japan was already fouled with wrecked ships sunk by U. S. forces.

The Japs themselves were authority for the statement that U. S. submarines had begun to operate in the Sea of Japan. Whether or not that was true, the subs had helped clear the South China Sea of enemy shipping and presumably would be used farther north. Japanese harbors near the neck of the funnel had felt the weight of blows from U. S. aircraft carrier's planes. But the most continuously effective weapon for the blockade of Japan was the Navy's land-based aviation.

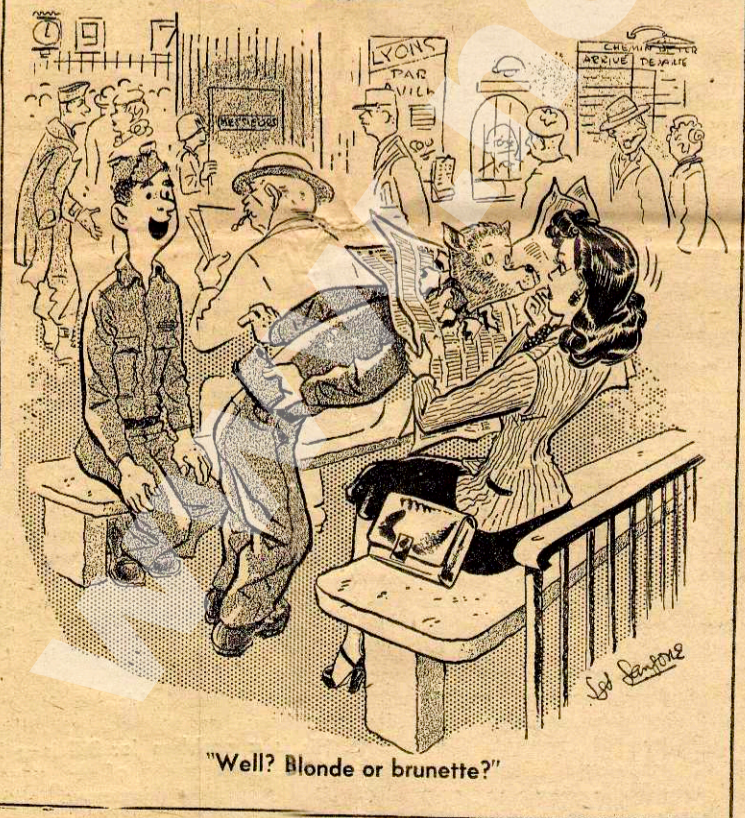
The 21st Bomber Command had shifted to smaller cities because it had run out of primary targets. In Washington last week, the command's good-looking, serious, young (38) chief, Major General Curtis E. LeMay, explained: "We have destroyed the five largest cities in Japan and any one of these would be a major disaster. We have done this with less than half the strength we will have in the Pacific. We have the capacity to devastate Japan and we will do so if she does not surrender. Missions of 1,000 planes will come before long. In a few months we will be running out of targets."

To the Japanese, the cost of defeat on Okinawa was staggering. They had lost a base within 400 miles of their home islands, only 1,100 miles from Tokyo; this base would soon be the springboard for vast assaults on their homeland. They had lost (by preliminary count) 98,564 men killed and 4,500 captured.

Marine Lieut. General Roy S. Geiger quoted a captured Japanese captain: "The overwhelming equipment and fighting spirit of the Americans are such that any Japanese who thought he had a chance to win this war was just a plain, damned fool."

The Wolf

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"Well? Blonde or brunette?"

by Sansone

Making Plastic Souvenirs Proves a Popular Hobby

Taking an idea from the Hungarians in the area, the men of E Co. have started a profitable business and spare time hobby. They are making souvenirs out of clear plastic sheets which are obtained from the windshields of wrecked German planes at the Pocking air field. By heating and filing, the plastic can be made into any shape and numerous objects produced. The most popular of these are rings which hold a small picture, bracelets, picture and desk sets with small detailed airplanes attached. Most of this workmanship goes home, but some of the men will talk business with you.

Gossip on Nazi Big Wigs Given By SS Trooper

(An SS trooper interrogated in the PW Camp relates his experience as an SS guard for Hitler. Much of what he tells is already known but many of his incidents present interesting sidelights. Ed.)

I stood guard of honor at Klessheim castle in Obersalzberg where Hitler's first visit was in Christmas of 1940. May of the following year, Mussolini and Ciano visited Hitler there. When King Boris visited there we already knew that war with Russia was to be expected. The non-aggression pact and trade-agreement were only a way of winning time for Hitler.

Hitler met Eva Braun in a photo shop and took her to the Berghof where Bormann, Hitler's henchman, had a clandestine love affair with her in Hitler's absence.

Mrs. Bormann was treated badly by her husband even though she bore him 10 children which he told her was her only purpose in life. At the same time Bormann persuaded his female servants to bear four children each by him.

In March, '44, an inspection took place in the SS camp where a new helicopter was displayed. Successful experiments were made with it lifting loads like a Volkswagen, half track, etc. New airforce equipment and new guns and clothing for mountain troops were also displayed.

On March 22, '45, Goring was arrested in his air raid shelter where he was kept a prisoner until April 25 when a great air raid occurred. When members of the SS guard took him away, large quantities of gold were found there.

I waited for the war's end with relatives in Berchtesgaden.

Benny-Bergman

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Benny, the chronic worrier, pacing the floor the entire time offstage, answered with a grin, "Baloney, you've been reading those darn magazine articles", when it was suggested worry was the keynote of his success. Questioned about GI audiences differing now that combat was over he said, "In or out they're the greatest audience you can play to." When questioned as to whether this wasn't a good buildup for a Benny-Bergman picture he said "Nooooo," in a way that indicated Benny dramatics were hardly compatible to "Oscar" winning Bergman "No" was also the answer to his writing a book, or his pal Fred Allen coming over seas.

Ingrid Bergman as fresh, sweet and lovely as a Spring breeze, bombarded with questions, answered all with the natural graciousness and honest thoughtfulness that creates such an impact on the screen. She said she had traveled in this part of the world before but it was so different now. "I remember Nurnberg as such a beautiful place with winding streets". Then she laughed. "The GIs there say it is more beautiful now."

Asked about Sinatra's statement on the SSO she said it was true a lot of bad shows were presented but certainly not all of them and that Sinatra should have mentioned names. "Because the GIs who are so glad to see people from home, applaud all shows, some people say they don't know the difference between the good and the bad — but that is not so. They haven't lost their discriminating tastes." She said she could feel the sincerity in the reception she received.

No she did not swoon over Sinatra and she did love Bing's voice. "He is a wonderful singer because he really likes to sing. Every morning he would come on the set singing." (They have just completed Bells of St. Mary's together.)

Her favorite role she found hard to name but she liked best doing Gaslight for which she won the academy award and "Sarato-a Trunk." Another movie will be done when she gets back and then around December she will open on Broadway opposite Raymond Massey in Joan of Arc.

Martha Tilton, petite, blonde songstress who once sang with Benny Goodman effervesced over Paris. "Of course we weren't there but a couple of days and with our shows I couldn't see too much but what I did see was beautiful. I hope we get to go back." Waiting for her return to the states is a new movie, a musical she thinks, and tentative plans for a radio program.

Biographical Sketches



Capt. James A. Patterson

Capt. James A. Patterson, just recently appointed Regimental S-1, quit the gasoline distribution business in early December, 1941 when he joined the infantry as a private. In the IRTC he held the rank of corporal which he soon changed to sergeant. Then in June, 1942 he went to OCS, graduating in August.

He joined the 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury in September, 1942 just prior to its activation and was assigned to the 2nd Bn. of the 331st as a platoon leader in E Co. In December of that year, he

went to Maintenance School at Ft. Benning for three months to return to his outfit in March, 1943, as 2nd Bn. Maintenance officer. His bar changed immediately from gold to silver. In September, 1943 he became 2nd Bn. S-1 receiving his Captaincy in July, 1944.

Capt. Patterson is 26 years, married, has one boy and makes his home in Fresno, Cal. His pastime diversion centers in horseback riding and fishing. He wears both the Bronze and Silver Stars.

UNRRA Explains Transient DPs Administration Problems

A piece of black bread, covered with black and green mold, bought to the attention of the TTF was the beginning of a survey of life among the transient DP's and their relationship with the UNRRA.

The piece of inedible bread was in the possession of a minority group of slaves, who had been issued the bread the very same day. Each day they receive a loaf of bread, that has to last them for three meals, and some hot soup. Occasionally they receive some butter or coldcuts. A majority of those that were spoken to were deeply embittered by the lack of quality and quantity in the food. A hasty inspection of the subsidiary barracks at the Pocking Air Base, where the DP's were being assembled, only produced the fact that the billets were dirty and what was even worse, they were crowded. The unkempt appearance of the barracks could possibly be attributed to the DP's, but the barracks held as many as 65 and 70 persons, and as such were definitely overcrowded. The people were crowded into small rooms and some rooms held as many as six and seven people. Several of the inhabitants cooked right in the same room where they lived and slept. Somehow they all had the illusion that the German civilians were receiving better treatment than themselves from the Allies.

Confronted with all this discontentment, Mr. Fred King, a British subject, and director of the administration that controls Greisbach and its environs, attempted to explain some of his problems.

Pointing to a huge chart that was hung upon the wall in the anteroom, Mr. King, explained that the latter was used

to determine the number of each nationality within his zone. The chart was constructed like a blackboard. As figures pour in, the numbers printed in chalk are constantly brought up to date. He also indicated that the camps were never meant to be of a permanent nature. "Groups of various minorities are assembled at short notice at the camps, and are shipped out on shorter notice," he continued. "The military authorities provide transportation (at present he is working through the 331st) and notify the UNRRA, through channels, when we can ship out a certain nationality. As we send off one group, the DP's for miles around flock to the camps and overnight we are almost filled to capacity again, and we only have room for 2000 people. That's why the billets are overcrowded and the turnover of Displaced Persons increases our headaches," he explained.

"The biggest problem that we have here, is the problem of supply," he explained.

"We have three main sources of supply. The first is the local civilian supply. Only when that is exhausted do we requisition for captured Wehrmacht supplies, which is the number two means of supply. When number one and two are exhausted, or cannot provide the item we require, then we issue the DP's regular Army issue. Most of the time the local burgermeister can supply what we're looking for." He also explained that the moldy piece of bread that had initiated the inquest, resulted from a bad shipment that came from civilian sources at Passau, and that he had ordered a whole new batch of fresh bread as soon as he had made the discovery.

Mr. King continued: "Our next biggest problem is shipping the people home. They follow the Army system in that they are routed like a replacement through central pools, from which point they are then routed directly to their home. I have sent people all the way to Iceland in this manner. Army trucks furnish the transportation."

Modern twist to an old refrain.

"Mother, Mother, may I go swimming!"

"Yes, my female pure joy. Hang your clothes on your well built limbs and don't go near a doughboy."

Foxhole Interviews



QUESTION: As an ETO veteran, how long do you think it will take to defeat Japan and on what do you base your opinion?

S/Sgt. Joseph Martin from Chicago Ill., E Co.



"From all indications the invasion of Japan will come in the near future. If and when it does come I do not think it will be any easy matter but by throwing all we have into it, army, navy, and air corps, I honestly think it will be just a matter of months. I base this on the fact that already some of the 'fight to the death' Japs are beginning to give up and I believe there will be many more."

Pfc. Joseph Carr from Philadelphia, Pa., 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.

"I expect the war with Japan to be over before the end of this year because of our great air force striking at her. Not only is our airforce destroying supply routes and manufacturing, it is destroying the people's morale. Most of us are inclined to think the Japs are pretty dumb but I think they're as smart as the average GI and are becoming aware of just what the score really is."

S/Sgt. Vite Atkocius from Whooster, Mass., Co. H.



"By the way we're knocking the stew out of them I don't think it'll be more than a couple of months before we lick Japan. Our carrier planes are giving her all she can stand and now the British are adding their two cents. I don't think we'll have to invade them — why if the bombing keeps up the way it's going there won't be an island left."

Cpl. Robert Brown from Detroit, Michigan, Co. F.

"I think we can defeat Japan in about a year if the air corps keeps up the concentrated bombings as it has been doing. This plus an invasion which will strike at the heart of Tokyo will in my opinion bring the war to a close. The time appears almost ripe now for such an attack with the combined power of all our force. That is my opinion based on the news we are receiving about the Pacific war."

S/Sgt. Joseph Henley from Cookville, Tenn., Co. G.



GIs Can Guzzle Beer At SSO Nite Spot

A Special Service-sponsored Beer parlor has been initiated in the town of Birnbach for those seeking a plethora of entertainment and relief from the hot sun. The "Stump Jumpers" of "Victory Varieties" fame are the main attraction at the Birnbach-Beerplatz. Recordings of name bands are also offered for entertainment, while beer is served by civilian waitresses. The beer is sold for a half a mark, and the establishment is open from 1900-2300 hours. Everyone in the regiment is invited.

Avenging Twin's Death Dough Dies Contented

"I got that one for my brother. This evens the score." These were the last words of Pfc. James Myrick of Gallatin, Tenn. who lost his life in the battle of Kappel, Germany.

Myrick had a twin brother, Tom. Both had trained together and had been assigned to the same outfit, Co. I. In Normandy, France, James was hospitalized. Returning to the company several months later he learned that his twin had been killed in Luxembourg by Jerry machine gun fire. Ever since, James had been out gunning for Jerries.

In the battle of Kappel, Germany, James, with two other men in his platoon, T/4 Frazier L. Choate of Dallas, Texas, and Harold Paulus of West Alexandria, Ohio, volunteered to act as observers at a road block to the left of the platoon. It was feared that tanks and infantry would try to use this road to attack the platoon from the rear.

As had been anticipated, tanks and infantry began to approach the roadblock. The machine gunner on the lead tank was standing in the turret manning his gun. The three men took count of what force was moving up and decided to report at once what they had seen.

Before leaving, James stepped out raised his rifle to his shoulder and fired at the tankman machine gunner. The gunner fell.

In the meantime the tank opened fire in the direction of James. A shell hit the building near him and ricocheted off the wall cutting him in the neck.

Seriously wounded he was taken into a nearby building by Sgt. Frank Sarris of McKeesport, Pa., who administered first aid to him but nothing could be done to stop the profuse bleeding.

Just before he died James uttered his last few words of satisfaction. He had avenged his brother's death.

Last Rebel Joins Union

Georgia's last Rebel holdout has heldout no longer. Pfc. Driggs A. Moore from New Salem, Georgia, can stick out his chest and without doubt or reluctance boast of his citizenship of the Great Union, better known these days as the United States.

Moore recently received the history making news from his wife. His county had finally joined the Union. Dade County for 85 years was officially an independent state. It was the last holdout of the Confederate Southland.

President Truman sent a welcome message to the County on July 4th when it returned to the Union. He concluded his message with "Welcome Home, Pilgrims."

German Air Corps Inside Dope Presented by Hungarian Pilots

The Hungarian enclosure at the Pocking Air Base, is now the retreat for some fifty-or-so pilots of the Hungarian Air Force, who once were forced to fight for the Luftwaffe that at one time had been the terror of all Europe.

Many interesting insights into the operations of the German Air Corps in the waning months of the war were gained in an interview with 2nd Lt. John Sedy (American-equivalent of his name) who had been trained in fighter plane tactics in a class with 30 other Hungarian student-pilots.

Out of a class of thirty, Lt. Sedy was chosen with eight others to fly for the Germans. They had had only nine hours of flying time. Luckily Lt. Sedy, as he himself admits, never was called upon to fly for the Germans.

He also revealed that the Germans toward the end of the war were in desperate straits, and were very much in need of oil and gasoline. However, contrary to general belief, he said that they had plenty of fuel in '43 and '44.

Of special significance was Lt. Sedy's statement that the Pocking Air Base was used as a bomber and jet-propelled air drome and that several of the latter type planes could still be seen flying around the field in various stages of disassembly. This seemed to clear up once and for all the question of what part Pocking Field played in the war.

He also disclosed the fact that the German High Command were afraid to use their own German pilots and were alarmed as the casualty rate increased with the increased intensity of Allied Aerial Warfare. This was their reason for using the subsidiary Hungarian Air Force. Illustrating his point a bit further he stated that we also had better planes which was another reason why the Germans were afraid of the American "Mustangs" who invariably traveled in greater numbers. He intimated that toward the end of the war the Russians began to use a plane that was far superior to the Messerschmit and had finally begun to train and produce top-flight fighter pilots. Lt. Sedy was a student-pilot in the all-Hungarian 101st Group whose fighting insignia was a "Puma" (a member of the larger cat family) which in turn was a satellite and

SS Now Live in Tents



A great number of the SSers at the special barbed wire enclosure within the Pocking PW camp sleep out of doors in shelter half tents. Two of them carry a newly made double bunk to the small portion of the factory they occupy.

1st Bn Cats Gather For GI Jam Session

"Hi gate, how about cutting a few squares down to 'ick size?' That seeming unintelligible phrase means hours of pleasure to a small clan of musicians in the 1st Bn. Usually uttered in the double E, 8 A by "Juice" Williams, 1st Bn. Hq. Co., jive man from Portland, Oregon, who plays a big powerhouse trumpet, it is causing the cats to assemble from all over the battalion area. Their instruments are salvaged German jobs, but are still full of solid music.

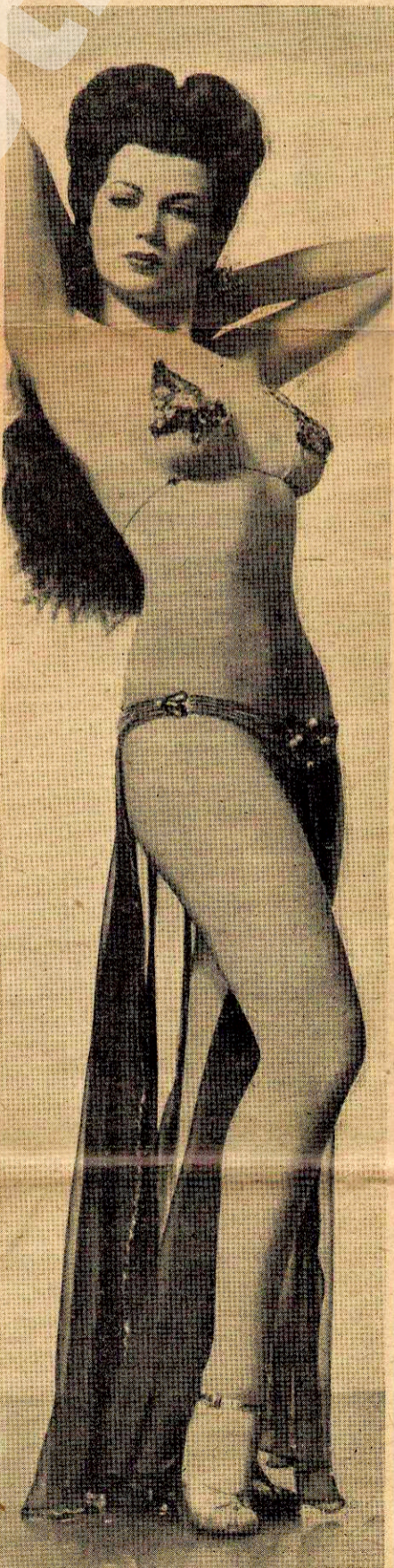
The grooviest of the group is a quartet consisting of Williams on trumpet, Pfc. Stanley Bielen, Bayonne, N. J., kicking over a wicked set of hides, T/4 Herman Verdin, Langloth, Pa., playing a terrific and legit amount of 88 keys, Sgt. Pete Marshall, New York, giving out with a slush pump and Pfc. Frank Reichman, Ludlow Asbury, N. J., dishing some dynamic doghouse. The quartet's most solid number is "Tea for Two" on which Verdin and Bielen knock out a wicked chunk of out of this world jump.

The most hep member of the whole group is Bielen who has repaired a battered bass drum, added several crash cymbals and "procured" a fairly new snare. His sticks and wire brushes are home made affairs but in no way hinder his beating out powerhouse rhythm.

Sit Tight, Men, Gorgonzola's Back

Italy (CNS)—Production of Gorgonzola, the world renowned cheese, has begun again. Covering the "opening", a rhapsodic Stars and Stripes correspondent wrote: "Its haunting flavor may be compared with that of a mixture of flat beer, almonds, and halozone tablets. In texture it resembles toothpaste left in the tube long enough to harden and to become shot through with green corrosive marks. Its odor is indescribable, but strong."

Lovely to Look at



This is Miss Sherry Britton of Leon and Eddie's, New York. There is no point in saying more when she has already revealed the most important facts.

Boxing Tournament to Color Sports Program

The 331st Special Service Office has just announced that a boxing tournament will be held on a regimental-wide basis shortly to allocate the regimental crowns in the various weight classes.

The tourney, to be run off similarly to the famed Golden Gloves, will consist of intra-battalion tilts to take place within the respective battalion area. On the basis of these eliminations, a team to represent each battalion will be chosen and will participate in a number of round robin bouts. The battalions will each fight a total of 24 Matches, and the won and lost columns will determine the regimental champions.

All 8 weight classes will participate.

It was also announced that 14 ounce gloves will be used and three judges will be on hand to give the final decisions at the regimental contests. These contests will also be preceded by a drawing to match the pugilists, and a weigh-in will be held the afternoon or morning before the fights.

At the finals, the Division Band will be on hand to add color and entertainment to the card which will be announced over a P. A. system.

Each round will be of one and a half minutes duration with a one minute rest between rounds. In cases of draws a fourth round will be fought with the permission of the attending surgeon.

Meanwhile the Division tournament is scheduled to commence on August 17th. The entrance applications must be submitted through the SSO by August 6th. It is planned that the regimental tilts will help the athletes get into shape.

CK Certificate Awarded Easy Co

This week, Easy Company topped the regiment by being selected for the cleanest kitchen and received the TTF certificate from the regimental surgeon. Mess sergeant of the winning kitchen is Sgt. Jim Gatto from Philadelphia, Pa, whom the boys claim knows how to cook up such good meals because he comes from Italian stock.

Bavarian Background - II

After the death of Charlemagne an inner and mental unity among the people was only possible through the beneficial deeds of the monasteries. They were the center of intellectual life and the merit of their work, reaches to our day. Precious palaeographs, often taking many years to complete, give to the occidental world the achievements and the knowledge, the history and the science, the political and religious views of the ancient world which we know surely and reliably only by this way.

In the following centuries, Bavaria suffered much under the invasions of the Hungarians who came in large troops of cavalry from the South-East, and only after two destructive defeats were they turned away from the country. When at last the Hungarian danger had been eliminated, a time of insurgency and peaceful development began and the climax was the reign of Heinrich the Saint, Duke of Bavaria and Roman Emperor.

Under his reign, Bavaria advanced in culture and intellectual life for the first time to an importance which made it equal to the old Rhine provinces, favoured by many great sovereigns. Heinrich the Saint, excellently educated by the two greatest bishops, familiar with the sciences, was a well-qualified prince when he took over the Government of Bavaria at the age of 23. He is praised by his contemporaries as an expert in sciences and as a connoisseur of the belles arts. His greatest deed, one which made his name immortal, was the foundation of the Dom of Bamberg. The Dom became the center of his country's cultural development and had been built to such a splendor and beauty that it still today presents reason to venerate and admire it.

During his reign, Heinrich was often forced to lead wars, but in spite of his successes in the campaigns, his greatest merit was — according to his personal interests and ambitions — a deed of peace. He offered the Hungarian King his sister, but she should become his wife only on the condition, that the Hungarian would win his country for Christendom. The King kept his promise and attained an immortal name as St. Stephan of Hungary. With this, Bavaria a century later repaid the horrible and devastating invasions of the Hungarians with a great deed of peace.

Timely Blessed Event

Pfc. Robert A. Wintrode from Cleveland, Ohio, Co. I, was prepared to compete in the July 4th Division track meet when he received the wonderful news. In a radio cablegram from home he learned that he was the proud father of a baby daughter, Penelope, who was born June 29.

2nd Bn Softball Well on Road to Meeting Schedule

The 2nd Bn. still continued to smack the old apple around as they raced ahead to catch up on their softball schedule that had been rained out previously for ten days.

The White battalion's scrappy Hqs. nine went all out when they slammed Crigler's pitching for a 21-hit, 20-run splurge. Goldberg allowed the Medics in his turn, only 2 hits while facing only 25 men.

In the meantime George Co. lost a thriller to these same Aidmen, by the score of 4-3 but came back to knock Fox Co. out of the first place standings. The Co. G-men slugged Rostocil for 5 runs and 6 hits in the sixth inning. Morris of George Co. pitched a nice game while Krummack got 3 for 3 at the plate, and Ross pounded out a home run in the 6th with one man on.

In a game proved to be as close as two pieces of adhesive tape stuck together, a flashy Easy Co. team eaked out an 8-5 win over the Medics, continuing to set the pace for the second round of the 2nd Bn. Softball League. A six-run uprising in the fifth inning gave Swooner DeCarolis his first win in the current half. With the aid of "bloodplasma" the Medics came to life in the seventh and put up a valiant fight but had only scored three runs when the dust had lifted. DeCarolis, and "Hawk" Augustine, right fielder, came through with two blows each.

The 2nd Bn. Officers took the measure from the Blue Bn. nine by a score of 10-3. Lt. Bemus, of the "Whites" starred for the latter while driving out a homer and making several sensational catches

Double Trouble Twins

A victim of a bad case of double vision is S/Sgt. Clarence Shoenbarger of Lancaster, Ohio, 1st. Bn. Hq. Anti-tank platoon, now that the twin Rozakis brothers, Leon and Levis from the Bronx, New York, have been added to his platoon. Shoenbarger is only thankful that the boys have their first names on their helmet liners, otherwise somebody would be pulling double duty or no duty at all.

Dedication Ballgame Packs Action



In the fourth inning of the opening game at Moore Field a member of the 331st team dashes safely home to score the first round against the 330th. Pitcher and first baseman run for a bunted ball as the 331st batter races safely to first.

331st Pays Tribute to Moore at Dedication Of Baseball Field

Col. Robert H. York, Regimental Commander, officially dedicated the new baseball diamond in memory of Capt. Daniel Moore last Sunday. After the ceremonies, Col. York pitched the first ball, with Lt. Col. Henry Neilson catching and Lt. Col. Martin Kuhlman at bat to start the game between 331st and 330th. Following is Col. York's tribute on behalf of the 331st:

"Men we are assembled today, not only to see a ball game, but also to pay tribute to one of the best officers, one of the finest men, and one of the greatest soldiers that it has been my privilege to serve with during my army career, Capt. Danny Moore.

"Capt. Moore served with this regiment from the time it was activated in the states. He fought with it in every battle throughout the campaigns of Normandy, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany until he was mortally wounded on April 15th of this year.

"In my opinion, and I'm sure in the opinion of all those who knew him, no words are adequate to express the grief we all felt, and feel, at his loss. No monument could possibly be erected that would sing the praise we all feel is due him. During his entire service his leadership stood out among leaders, his courage was outstanding among the courageous. In battle, no mission was ever too difficult, no sacrifice was ever too great.

"Capt. Moore's life should serve as an inspiration to those of us he left behind, to fight on for the ideals for which he gave so much. During his life he gave his all, and finally gave his life. No man could do more for his God or his country.

"With that expression—this small piece of land in the country that he did so much to help conquer, I humbly but proudly dedicate to his memory and to his name. May his spirit and stout-heart remain with the regiment and travel with us wherever we might go or whatever we might do."

Regimental Nine Wins Three

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relief pitching. In the meantime the 83rd had scored 3 runs in their half of the seventh to clamber out on top with an 8 to 7 lead. The Thunderbolt nine garnered another run in their half of the ninth while a late rally by the 4th Armd. was promptly quelled. The Armored lead-off man singled, while the next batter waffled a liner into right field that was so low it appeared to be a grounder, but was never-the-less scooped up without a bounce with the ultimate result that the runner at first was caught in a double play. The third man up grounded out to end the game. The leading batter of the day Bob Merriam, former Detroit "money" player and understudy to Pinky Higgins, hit for 3 out of 4, and drew a walk. Statistics for the game were 9 runs, 10 hits, and 2 miscues for the Thunderbolt nine with 7 Tallies, 8 hits and 2 errors for the 4th Armd. Div.

In the second clash of the series, the 331st teamsters again sparked the 83rd aggregation to a ninth inning 8-5 lead. This was accomplished while scoring 1 in the third, and 4 tallies in the fifth, which the 4th Armd. easily equaled with a run in the second inning and 4 in the third frame. The 83rd hit pay dirt three more times in their half of seventh to break the tie. At the end of the seventh the score stood at 8-5 in favor of the Thunderbolts.

The 4th Armd. came back in their half of the ninth to smash 5 runs home and end the game. Russell Hughes, Massachusetts hurler, was marked with the loss while relieving Hemming in the ninth. Hemming in turn was the relief hurler for Frank Sabine who pitched a masterful game up to the seventh.

Nearly a thousand doughs crammed the stands to watch the 330th-331st inter-divisional clash and to pay tribute to one of their gallant fighting men, Capt. Dan Moore who was killed in action on the drive to the Elbe.

Lt. David A. Kribs, who was one of Capt. Moore's closest friends ironically enough pushed the winning run across the plate with his timely double to center that scored Howie Miller from third to clinch the ball game for the 331st sandloters. Co-starring in the game was right hander Russ Hughes. He came into the game in the fifth to relieve starter Dick Shannon, and pitched winning ball, allowing only four hits and one run while striking out 8 enemy batsmen.

The 330th got off to an early start in the first inning when faulty fielding put Shannon in the hole and enabled them to score a run. The Blackboy team quadrupled the latters score in the second. Russo, first up doubled with Clydes single to left pushing him in with the tying run. Miller forced Clyde out, advanced to second on a passed ball

and tallied on Kribs' initial hit. Kribs moved up on a misplay and Socha's smash scored him. Shannon beat out an infield hit, moving Socha to second, from which point he scored on an infield out and a wild throw. The 331st added another pair of runs in the third. Hits by McGee, Miller, and Kribs turned the trick. Six hits and a walk, coupled with some ragged play in the 331st infield shoved 6 runs across the home plate for the 330th nine, while the Blackboy aggregation tallied a line-marker in their half of the fourth.

Hughes was brought on the scene to quell the fifth inning uprising.

In the eighth, the 330th jumped ahead on a pass to Bankhead, Merriams miscue, and a single to left by Finnerty, a skyscraper which dropped on the foul line. Then came the big 331st rally. On a 3-2 pitch Clade was hit and took first. Miller's smash to center was good for three bases while Clade scampered home with the tying run. Kribs' double enabled Miller to score the 9th run. Kribs then reached third on a steal beating it into the base just ahead of the catchers throw. Socha fanned but Hughes came through with a squeeze bunt that allowed Kribs to score on a slide. Hughes advanced to second on a pass to Merriam and reached home on Egans' poke to center. Egans then advanced all the way home on a spectacular series of passed balls. McGee fanned to end the inning but the damage was done.

Meanwhile on July 14th with Lefty Maiden and Dave Hemming sharing the pitching honors and with every regular in the lineup getting a safety, the Blackboy nine defeated a powerful 329th combo, on the latters own field at Eggelsdorf by the score of 7-3.

In an early inning session, McGee, walked, stole second and rode home on Russo's smashing double to center. The visitors added another pair in the third, and two more in the fourth inning. McGee instigated the third inning rally again with a single, while Russo hit for another double to score McGee. Russo crossed pay dirt on Clydes center hit. In the fourth, Socha was hit by a pitched ball; Maiden beat out an infield hit, and Merriam walked to load the sacks. Egans drove in two with a sharp single to right. The 329th bounced back into the game with a run in the sixth and two more in the fifth. A walk, a hit, and a costly error gave the home club two more runs in the fifth to bring the score to 5-3. Dave Hemming, a lean right-hander was placed on the mound to relieve Maiden in the 6th. Hemming allowed only four hits during his 4-inning stint, and kept the opposition scoreless. Meanwhile his mates sewed up the ball game with two extra runs in the eighth.

3rd Bn Defeats 1st, 2nd by Easy Odds

A vitalized 3rd Bn. baseball nine chalked up two more wins as they defeated the 1st and 3rd Bn. teams in early week sessions that were colored by excellent pitching and prominent slugging.

Dick Johnson, Blue hurler, pitched his way to a win over the 1st Bn. club. In the top of the first inning, the 1st Bn. team scored 2 runs. The "Blue nine" came in to take their turn at the plate and the first six men at bat scored five runs between them, to mark up a 5-2 lead.

In the second inning with two out, and two runners on base, "Tri-County" Branham came to the plate and connected with a two-bagger, bringing in the two runs. Johnson, Ardie Archambault and Richard Desnoyer, made a thrilling double play on a bunt in the third inning. Rocky Centoforti was the leading hitter of the game getting five for five.

The 3rd Bn. teamsters beat the 2nd Bn. nine for a second time in a row, by the score of 7-3. Eddie Chmielewski, allowed the 2nd Bn. only four hits in the entire game striking out one third the opposing batters. Marcus Haggerty showed splendid catching ability throughout the game, while Robert Bristow, of Jackson, Mich. was termed heavy hitter of the game, getting 3 for 4.

C. O. Pitches Ball



Col. York pitches the first ball to officially open Moore Field.

AMONG ATHLETES

The third Bn. "Blues" defeated a 2nd Bn. nine 5-4 in their opening game. Things went bad for the 3rd Bn. boys in the first 6 innings of play. Trailing by a score of 4-0, Richard Shannon of Buffalo, N. Y., took over the mound, and as relief pitcher turned in an excellent performance striking out eight out of nine batters. This along with some heavy hitting enabled the team to tie the score in the eighth.

In the 9th inning Tex Arguino, of Pleasanton, Texas, came up with a hit giving him three for three. With Tex on base, and two out, Rocky Centoforti of Chicago, Ill., connected with one to bring in the winning score. Bobby Bear of Milwaukee, Wis., did a good job of catching throughout the game.

For the second time in less than a week, Hdqrs. Co. took the measure of Co. L, 3-2, in a closely contested game. The tussle went for nine innings before a fluke play brought about the decision. The game isn't officially recorded in the books as Love is awaiting the outcome of the protest lodged by manager Larry Janko. The battalion turned out to watch the game and the enjoyment was aided by Colonel Bailey, who provided beer, champagne, cognac, wine, and sandwiches. Flash! Colonel Bailey upholds the protest because of the unreasonable decision over the disputed fluke play.

The Blackboy harriers, who comprise the greater portion of the 83rd Division XII Corps-bound team, upheld the 331st colors at the Vilshofen Stadium open-trials held on July 18th. The purpose of these trials was to permit the winners of the Division meet, who were automatically chosen to represent the 83rd Division at the Corps games to be held at Regensburg on July 24th, to work the kinks out of their legs. Those entrants who were not present at the early Vilshofen meet were given an opportunity to compete and place on the 83rd Team. In the meantime the team itself was being groomed for the Corps tilt, with the individual entrants assigned to various events to enable the Thunderbolt Track and Field Team to use its manpower to maximum advantage.

Hqs. Co. took the lead in the Softball League Friday, defeating the K. Co. club by a score of 2-1. This gives Hqs. club three wins, one loss standing for the second half.

With the score tied 1-1 in the sixth inning, George Hornbach got a two base hit and was backed by 1st Sgt. Bill Hopf who connected with a three bagger to bring in the winning run.

Headquarters Co. met a new and determined Easy Co. team who hit and held an 8-5 victory.

Behind the stellar pitching of "Tiny" Hanson who held the Headquarters men to eleven scattered hits and five runs, the Easymen banged out nine timely hits and crossed home plate eight times.

Somar led the Easy team with two hits and straddled in with three runs. The fast thinking and accurate arm of "Pep" Rudder, marked him as one of the best backstops in the 2nd Bn.

Easy Co. proved to Lt. Maus, the Hq. Co. manager, that the old proverb "A rolling Easy Co. team gathers no (runs for) Maus" is still true.

Love Company's softball team started out an interdivision series with Hdqrs. of the 102nd, by batting out a 6-4 victory. Totals for the games were: Love 6 runs, 12 hits, and 1 error. 102nd Hq. 4 runs, 7 hits, and 3 errors. Whitmore and Guth were the battery for Love, while Buck and Roes toiled for the Ozark boys. After the 102nd jumped off to a one run lead in the first inning, Love Co. came through with a pair of hits by Marker and Gernon. The game was sewed up in the 3rd inning when hits by Marker, Gernon, and Demmin, plus a couple of Ozark errors, allowed 3 more runs to cross the plate. The final run came in the 6th inning on successive singles by Guth, Felsler, and Whitmore. Leading the onslaught of Love were Marker and Gernon with 3 hits a piece to their credit.

Love Company jumped back into the win column this week by nosing out a 4-3 win over Mike. The game was holly contested, typical of all games between these two evenly matched teams. Once again Hussey came through with a fine job of pitching. His battery mate, Guth, did an equally fine job behind the plate. Hitting honors for the day went to Ingles, Marker, and Whitmore; while the infield completed two snappy double plays to run their total for the second half to six. Mike scored all of their runs after two were out in the last inning. With the tying and winning runs on base, 3rd sacker Demmin made a diving, one handed catch to end the ball game and provide Hussey with a hard earned victory.

The Third Bn. baseball club have their practice field up to par now, and would like to play some practice games. Anyone interested call Sgt. Rube Franklin, 3rd Bn. AT platoon.