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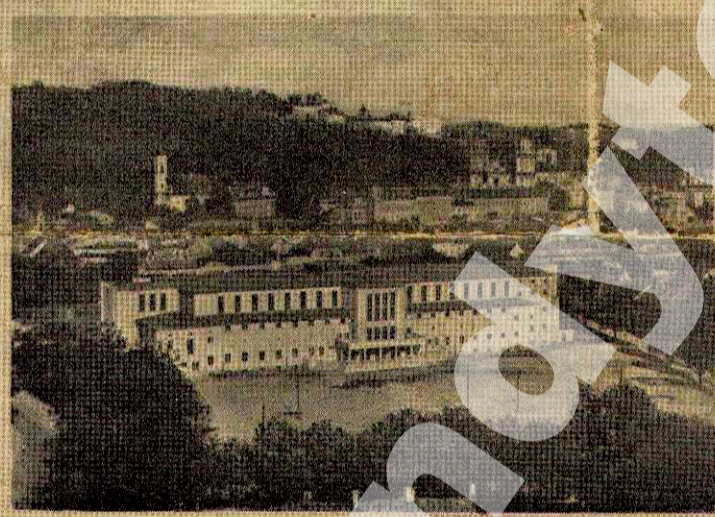
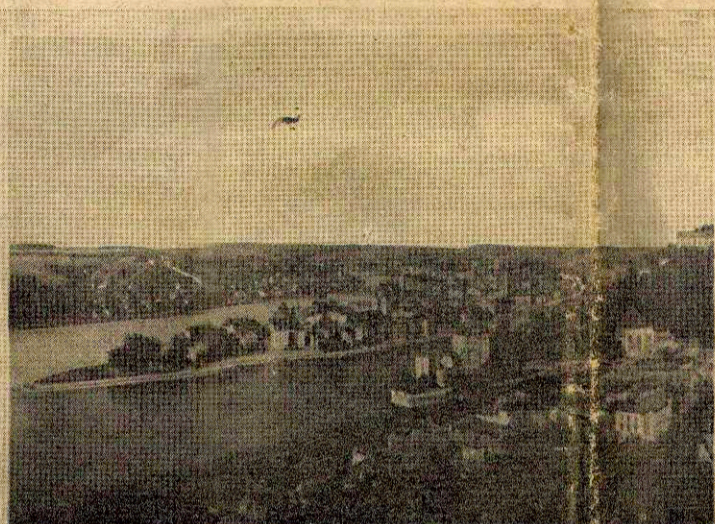
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83rd Joins Occupation Army

Passau On The Danube



Takes Over From Fifth In Bavaria

Battle-seasoned veterans of the 83rd who had already seen much of Europe in a combat role saw the historic "Blue" Danube for the first time this week when they arrived in the southeastern tip of Bavaria as part of the Third Army, relieving the 5th Infantry Division.

Shortly after the Division's arrival it was disclosed at Gen. Jacob L. Devers' headquarters that the Third and Seventh Armies have been assigned the job of occupying the American zone in Germany.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army, with which the 83rd had been serving since leaving Belgium last February, was scheduled to close up its ETO operations this week, while Lt. Gen. Leonard Gerow's 15th Army, long rumored an occupation army, was ex-

pected to make the official announcement of the boundaries of the German occupation zones.

12th Army Group officials have not yet disclosed the new assignments of either Army but, presumably, they will both be available for Pacific duty, following in the steps of Gen. Courtney Hodges' First Army, now in the States.

Less than a month ago, the Ninth was the world's largest army with 21 divisions and five corps, totalling approximately a million men. But along with the 83rd, many of its units have now been shifted south for occupation duties with the Third and Seventh Armies. This applies also to the newer, smaller 15th Army, leaving only Army headquarters available for their new job.

Under present plans for American occupation, the U. S. zone will be divided into eastern and western military zones. Third Army boundaries will coincide with the eastern district, while the Seventh Army will hold the western section.

Planning officials say troops have been shifted south in such a way that those expected to be sent to the Pacific or the

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GI Universities Opened In UK

According to word received from ETOUSA, two schools have been opened in England providing college grade courses to qualified GIs. The two are Army University Center Number 1 at Shrivenham Barracks, Shrivenham, Berkshire, and Centralized Technical School Number 1 located at Tidworth. As their names imply the Shrivenham Barracks University will feature academic subjects and the Tidworth School technical subjects.

It is contemplated that other schools will be opened shortly in France and that later on other schools will be opened elsewhere on the continent. Major John C. Neff, Division I and E Officer, says that information concerning curriculum and entrance requirements will be forwarded to unit I and E Sections throughout the Division as soon as possible.

83rd men promptly dubbed Passau, founded in 407 AD and largest German port on the Danube, Little Manhattan because much of the city is situated on the peninsula formed by the Danube and Inn rivers (top center). Other points of interest soon discovered by Division artillerymen, whose headquarters are in the historic city, were the old castle inn (left), the gigantic theatregym bottom (center), larger than Convention Hall, Philadelphia, and the beautiful cathedral (above) that houses the world's largest church organ.

Divarty Draws Historic Danube Port Of Passau

With the GI's typical disregard for tradition, the city of Passau, which for centuries has been known as the "Crossroads of Seven Nations", has been dubbed "Little Manhattan" by men of the 83rd Division Artillery who are now stationed there. Its new nickname stems from the fact that the city is located at the confluence of the Danube and Inn rivers.

Founded by the Romans in 407 A. D., Passau is the oldest city on the Danube and the largest German Danube port. Today through its narrow, winding streets throng Displaced Persons from every country in Europe. Within the Division Artillery area there are 15,672 Displaced Persons and 8,830 P.Ws. The history of Passau is marked

General Home

Major General Robert C. Macon is currently on temporary duty in the United States. In the absence of General Macon the Division is being commanded by Brigadier General Robert M. Montague, Division Artillery CG since the activation of the Division.

General Macon and his aide, Capt John Keppel, flew from Nürnberg to Paris on June 9th to join other combat commanders scheduled to fly to the States.

Although the exact nature of the General's trip home is unknown, it is expected that he will be part of a group of top-flight combat commanders who will tour the States in the interests of the Seventh War Loan Drive.

with tragedy many times. In 1348 a plague known as the "Black Death" struck the city, killing thousands of the population. In 1809—11 most of the city was destroyed by fire and in 1899 the Inn river overflowed its banks and flooded the city. In the early part of the twentieth century Hitler made his home in Passau and, up to the end of the war, most of the townspeople were members of the Nazi party. In 1935 all persons holding public jobs, storekeepers, and manufacturers had to join the party or lose their jobs or retire from business. The records do not disclose that there was much unemployment or many business failures at that time.

Historic buildings still standing include the Roman built Bojodurum Castle which is situated on a hill overlooking the city. The Vest Oberhaus, now known as the Ostmark Museum, was built in 1200 on the highest spot above the city. This building, occupied by the Bishops of the church that ruled Passau at that time, was an armed fortress with an elaborate system of walls, towers, and dungeons. In recent years modern improvements

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Riviera Record ...

Some 200 Division men have already spent seven short days far, far from Army life down on the French Riviera at Nice. And in the weeks to come hundreds more will follow. So M/Sgt Harry Brouhard, Thunderbolt staff photographer, took his camera along when his turn came to give others a review and a preview of resort life in this GI dreamland. A page from his personal album—names and numbers on request—becomes Page 4 of this week's Thunderbolt.

83rd Track Meet Set For Fourth

Lt. James L. Fish, Jr., former Georgetown University track star from Elizabeth, N.J. and newly appointed Division Assistant Athletic Officer, announces plans for a gala Fourth of July Track and Field Meet. This Meet is open to all personnel, officers and enlisted men, throughout the Division, including all attached units of the Division.

The probable sites for the huge Meet will be either Passau or Vilshofen, Germany. The purpose of the Meet is to select a team from among the participants to represent the 83rd Division in the Corps Championships to be held on July 24th. The location of this event has not yet been officially announced but will possibly be held in the great Nürnberg Stadium.

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Top Tankers, TDs To 83rd

Two veteran fighting units, the 737th Tank Battalion and the 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, are now assigned to the 83rd Division. The 803rd landed in France on June 13 and the 737th landed on Omaha Beach July 12.

Because it was one of the few self-propelled TD outfits on the continent, the 803rd was called into action in all the hot spots. It has been attached to ten different divisions, eight corps, and four armies. Before coming into the 83rd it was with the 5th Infantry Division, where it had been since Christmas Day.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Charles W. Goodwin the 803rd has stacked up quite a combat record, seeing action in the Hurtgen Forest, St. Lo, Aachen, the Ardennes, and La Haye de Puits, to mention a few of its well-known engagements. According to Maj. Donald Brown, Executive Officer, the Hurtgen Forest, St. Lo, and Aachen were the toughest battles.

As a side line the 803rd also captures navys. Well one, anyway. They took over the Hungarian Navy, complete with boats, brass and "boots". The fleet is at present at anchor in the Danube River near Passau.

The 737th, which was activated at Fort Lewis, Washington on Feb. 1943, landed on French soil early in the Normandy campaign. It had only been on the continent one day when battalion elements were committed on a line exten-

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War Job Wanted

The current issue of the 36th Division's T-Patch carries a letter to the Editor that deserves to become the Editorial-of-the-Week. So here it is — an eloquent exposé of a pertinent problem of post-war Germany and the post-war world.

The other day I walked over to the PW cage to see the Division's collection of supermen. Not looking for the stock Nazi pervert, this time I uncovered a few professional German army officers, the Junkers and their would-be emulators among the junior Wehrmacht leaders, the scientific, coldly intelligent militarists who are "without politics" — the von Rundstedts and von Kesselrings and the other little vons who fight without hate, but with an arrogance and contempt for life that among civilized people brands them insane.

While talking to a major-general and a lieutenant colonel, I asked the German officers what they intended to do if and when they were released. The young colonel answered in halting, but correct English that most professional German officers desired to fight in the U.S. Army against the Japanese.

This proposal so astounded me that for a moment I believed I was hearing things. When I recovered, I asked him the one-word question, "Why?"

"What else is there for a professional soldier?" he replied.

"But you don't hate them," I pointed out, "and you've been allied with them up until your defeat."

The Colonel smiled at my "simplicity" and patiently explained his reasoning. "If we go back to civilian life, we'll be fortunate to earn a living in Germany."

"My wife and family are accustomed to a certain standard of living that I can't provide for them in civilian life. I've been an officer since 1933. That's the only training I've had and that's what I want to do. You are worried about trusting me against the Japanese. But I am not a Nazi. I have no politics. You don't understand how I could fight against them when I don't hate them. I didn't hate the Americans and I fought hard and well against them. I can do the same against the Japanese."

What does this reasoning mean? It means that here is a class of people in Germany who want to and must make a living at war. These men desire the loss of millions of lives so that their families can live in a standard of luxury that Hitler's war has accustomed them to.

When they talk about standard of life, they mean standard of death for others. When they talk about luxuries, they mean loot. When they say they have no politics, they lie—their politics is war. When they say they have no hate, they lie—their hate is peace.

GILBERT BY SGT. N.S. FIRFIRES



All right — so the Danube's green

Glenn Miller Band To Play For Division

Scheduled For Sports Arena In Passau Next Weekend

Headlined by the appearance of the famous Glenn Miller band at Passau on June 22-23-24, a greatly enlarged program of stage and screen entertainment is being planned for Thunderbolt men, according to CWO A E Sheehy, newly appointed assistant recreation officer of the Division Special Service Office. Attractions already scheduled besides the Miller organization include "Capers of 1945", a USO unit; a revamped "Foxhole Follies"; two civilian vaudeville troupes; and a list of four-star movies that should satisfy the most discriminating screen fans. In addition, several Division units are putting the finishing touches on their own GI shows.

The Glenn Miller band, one of the top favorites of radio and dancing fans who lean toward the smooth rhythm school, will appear at the Sports Arena in Passau. With a planned daily allotment of representation from all units of the Division and its attachments, it is expected that, with the excellent facilities available, every man desiring to do so will have a chance to listen to the melodious renditions that brought the organization its well-deserved recognition. Currently directed by T/Sgt. Ray McKinley, the band features the singing of Johnny Desmond, and the "Crew Chiefs", who have won wide acclaim for their harmonious arrangements of popular songs.

Also booked for showings to all Division and attached units is the fast-moving variety show, "Capers of 1945", which opens on the Division circuit this week and will continue through the remainder of the month. Under the capable emceeing of Jack McKay, the cast of three girls and four men has, according to advance notices, been well received wherever it has played on the ETO circuit.

The 83rd Division's own show, the famous "Foxhole Follies", has been revamped with several new acts and is now touring the Thunderbolt circuit, also accompanied by a musical combo from the Division Band.

Another civilian troupe, complete with its own 15-piece band, and consisting of headline vaudeville acts formerly featured in continental music halls, is being organized by Lt. R. A. Goodwin, Division Artillery entertainment officer, at Passau. Although originally planned to show only to the artillery battalions, the unit, in whole or in part, will be made available for

showing to any of the Division or attached organizations by contacting Lt. Goodwin for bookings.

With the announcement by USO authorities that many of the top radio and stage stars and shows would be touring the ETO this summer and fall, the XII Corps Special Service Office has promised all assistance possible to bring Thunderbolt men the best possible entertainment and recreation.

It was also announced that large civilian movie houses are being put in shape to use for showings of current films with the regular theater equipment.

In the meantime, the 83rd Division Special Service Office has acquired a number of top-ranking films for showings throughout the area, including "Here Come the Waves", with Bing Crosby and Betty Hutton; "Sensations of 1945", starring Eleanor Powell and Dennis O'Keefe; and "Together Again", with Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer.

"Music for all occasions" is promised Thunderbolt units by the 83rd Division Band, under the direction of CWO Z. P. King. Beginning Monday, June 18, the musicians will start a regular weekly schedule to give every man an opportunity to hear the band at least once a week as follows: Monday, 329th; Tuesday, Division Artillery; Wednesday, 330th; Thursday, special and attached units; Friday, 331st.

"The band, or any part of it, will be available for parades, concerts, dances or any other occasion where music is desired", announced King, "but it will be necessary to make arrangements at least three days in advance."

Because many of the Division special service activities will be centered in Passau, a branch of the Special Service Office has been opened there.

I and E Program Includes Tours Thru Berchtesgaden

Large-scale plans are now underway at the 83rd Information and Education Office for the establishment of a complete Division I and E program.

Orientation talks, discussion groups, tours and off-duty studies are all a part of the far-reaching program aimed at keeping the troops well informed during this occupational period.

Along these lines Lt. Michael J. Stally, Unit I and E Officer of the 83rd Signal Company, will conduct a tour of Berchtesgaden, Hitler's famous hide-out, for 40 members of the Company on Sunday, June 17th. It is expected that the trip to and from Berchtesgaden will take six hours. Two additional Signal Company tours will be conducted each week until all the men in the Company have had the opportunity to make the visit.

Capt. Francis J. Renzulli of the 308th Medical Battalion is also arranging tours to Berchtesgaden. All units may schedule trips to the historic spot so long as they are officer-controlled and are cleared through the Division I and E Office.

The Medics have made an early start in foreign language study through the efforts of Pfc. Henry Ossandon. Ossandon has 14 students attending his Spanish language course and has room for more.

Results of the educational-interest survey are being carefully processed to determine the most popular courses outlined in the list of proposed studies. If sufficient interest is shown in subjects not included in this schedule, efforts will be made to teach them after the present program is started.

Preliminary results of the survey indicate that auto mechanics is one of the most popular courses. To meet this demand available German ordnance shops

will be taken over as classrooms for practical training in this field.

Textbooks are on order for courses in other subjects which were outlined in the questionnaire. As soon as delivery is made these books will be allocated to the various units to expedite the starting of the program.

Present plans call for the taking over of a "school town" in each of the regimental areas. There the men attending classes will be billeted and attend school for a prescribed period.

Major John C. Neff, Division I and E Officer, also announced this week that an increase in quotas for Army Information-Education Staff Schools in Paris has been obtained for this Division. This will enable the training of more officers for service as battalion and company I and E Officers.

Resumption of the "On-The-Job-Training Program" is also expected to take place as soon as possible. Courses in auto mechanics, stock records, bulldozing, delicate instrument repair, electricity, and civilian radio repair are being prepared.

Top Tankers

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ding from Meauffe to Les Mieux, north of St. Lo. Its toughest action was at Mortain, where it received battle honors.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Fred M. Kroschel, Jr., former executive officer who succeeded Lt. Col. James M. Hamilton last August, the 737th was the first armored unit in the Third Army to cross the Rhine and the first armored unit in XII to touch German soil.

Occupation

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U. S. can be moved out of the occupation zone with maximum speed and efficiency.

The redeployment system is expected to provide an almost complete revamping of personnel in the Third and Seventh Armies as highpoint units and individuals are sifted out for shipment home and low-point units and individuals not heading for the Pacific are brought in.

It has not been disclosed yet whether Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., now in the States, will return to the command of the Third or whether Gen. Gerow will stay with the 15th.

Clarification of the 83rd's new duties is expected in the near future.

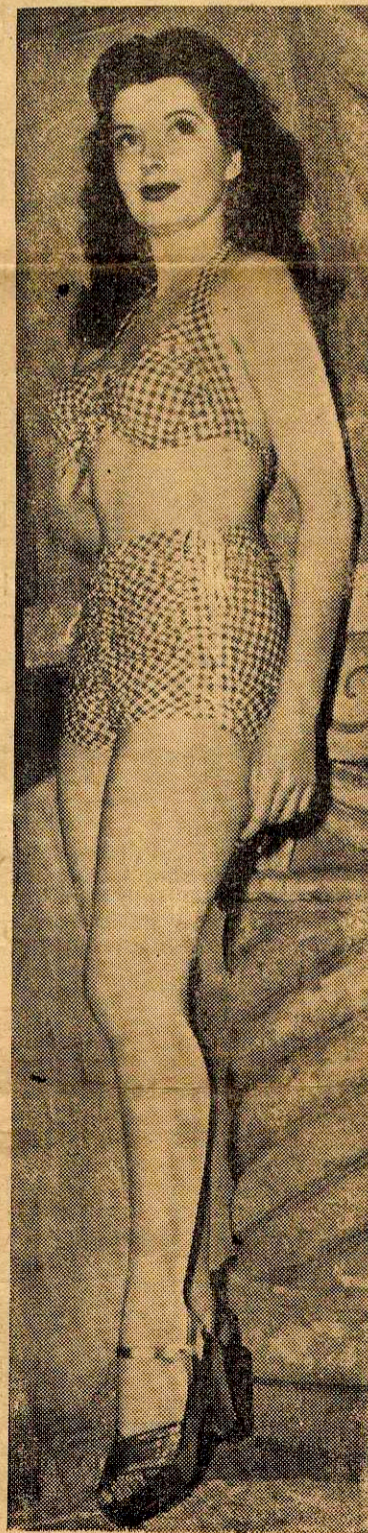
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were installed by the Nazis. Most recently it was used as a redeployment center, and it is expected that the 83rd Division will use it as a rest center.

Also still standing is the Mariahilf Monastery which was built in 1622. It is notable for its long flight of stairs. On each flight Catholic visitors were to say a prayer on their way up to the chapel. The "Dom" cathedral, originally constructed in the fifteenth century and then re-built after the fire of 1809-11, has the world's largest church organ. Installed in 1928 the organ has 17,000 pipes, 208 registers and 5 sets of keyboards. The elaborate altar and interior decorations of the cathedral are in excellent condition.

... Poni Pointers



She's 5ft. 3, raven-haired, 21 and tempting. Her name is Poni Adams and she hails from San Antonio. All of which qualifies her for A Night In Paradise, her current kino hit. (Photo by Universal)

Division Track Meet To Lead To Corps, Army, ETO Championships

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It is hoped that those selected in the 4th of July Eliminations will be quartered and trained under Fish's supervision immediately following their selection. Again the training site will either be in Passau or Vilshofen. In the ensuing two weeks it is hoped that the Division can field a team which will win the Corps Championships.

The rules governing the 4th of July Track and Field Meet are set up as follows:

1. Entries will be submitted to Division Special Service Office on or before 27 June 1945.
2. There will be no limit on the number of entries for each event.
 - (a) If necessary, trials will be held at 1000 hours 4 July 1945.
3. Time of Meet: 1400 hours 4 July 1945.
4. Equipment:
 - (a) Track shoes are unavailable at present. However sneakers or rubber sole shoes attained through civilian channels will be permitted.
 - (b) Unless spiked shoes are available to all contestants by Meet time, they will be prohibited for this initial event.
5. Officiating — (NCAA) National Collegiate Athletic Association rules will be followed. Qualified officials will be announced prior to the Meet.
6. Events:

Track	Field
100, 220, 440 yd. dash	Broad Jump
880 yd. run, 1 & 2 mile run	High Jump
Relays	Discus Throw
1 mile relay	Javelin Throw
440 & 880 yd. relay	Shot Put

The unit and individual champions of the 4th of July Meet will not be recognized as the official 83rd Division Champions unless they retain their titles in the THUNDERBOLT OLYMPIAD which is planned for the first part of September. However, the individual winners of the first three or four places in each event plus one or two alternates from the entry field will comprise the Track Team which will represent the 83rd Division in the Corps Championships.

The dates of both the Corps and Army Track and Field Championships have been announced as 24 July for the former and 3 August for the latter. No definite places have as yet been announced but the Corps event will probably take place at Regensburg or at Nurnberg. By the same token the Army location for their event will probably be at Nurnberg or Munich. Neither the time or the place for the contemplated ETO Championships has as yet been announced but authoritative sources of information place the event in Paris in the latter part of August.

During the interim between the 4th of July Eliminations and the ETO Championships a schedule of dual meets will be conducted regularly among all integral and attached units of the Division. On the basis of performance and times established in these Track Meets additional talent may be added to the Division Track Team or substituted for injured or otherwise disqualified athletes.



THE RETURN OF HORSE RACING was greeted characteristically by the caustic comments of the Little Flower, New York City's Major-domo. Said His Honor, "Racing does no one any good. It has nothing to do with horses. It has as much bearing on improving the breed of horses as a bawdy house has on eugenics." Unfortunately Mr. LaGuardia's feeble protest was lost in the resounding shout of "They're off!" which echoed across the Nation on V-E Day plus 1. . . . BY KENTUCKY'S DERBY DAY the stable boys had tidied up from Santa Anita to Jamaica. And from Sportsmen's Park to Hialeah the buntings were flown for the first time in many a day.

The garland of roses prepared by the CHURCHILL DOWNS florists settled easily on the bay son of Sir Gallahad and One Hour, HOOP JUNIOR WITH EDDIE ARCARO UP. Fred Hooper's blue and white silks are new to the racing game, but "The Hoop" had established himself as one of favorites after his winning performance in the Wood Memorial at Jamaica.

THE 71st RUNNING OF THE AMERICAN CLASSIC lacked none of the color or cash of prewar days. Arcaro completed the trilogy for the statistical-minded followers by being the third jockey in the history of the event to ride three winners into the charmed circle, Earl Sande and Isaac Murphy being the other two. . . . THE CASH REGISTER also rang up a new high when "The Hoop" collected 64,850 dollars, the largest purse in the history of the Derby. The crowd, estimated at 68,000, plunged 776,408 dollars into the pre-race wagers for the largest total bet ever recorded for the event.

Hoop Junior's supremacy never wavered. He started out in front and led the pack home IN THE MUD IN 2:07. His winning paid off 9.40 to win, 5.20 to place and 3.10 to show. Trailing by six lengths was Pot O'Luck, the Calumet Farm's favorite, paying 4.80 and 3.00. Mrs. W. Graham Lewis' Darby Dieppe, the most favored mudder, picked up the show award, straining three-quarters of a length behind the placing Pot O'Luck to pay even money. C. V. Whitney's Jeep the remaining contending favorite, did not respond in the stretch and finished out of the money.

The flurry of horseflesh lost some of its appeal to Messrs. "Bing" Crosby and "Pat" O'Brien, two of moviedom's outstanding stars. They are considering selling out their majority interests in the Del Mar track near San Diego. War activities and USO commitments were the patriotic reasons.

Evidently Bing shed no nostalgic tear for he and Bob, the tobaggan, Hope played A BENEFIT GOLF MATCH paired against Henry Picard, the perennial pro, and Ohio's Gov. Frank Lausche at Cleveland a couple of weeks ago. Any resemblance to the original Scottish interpretation of the game was purely coincidental. Occasionally clubs were used to hit the golf balls. 12,000 people laughed themselves off the links over the banter of Bing and Bob. Even the straight men, the Pro and the Honorable, stooged so perfectly

that no one knew who won or what the score was.

On May 29th the "UNOFFICIAL WORLD GOLF DIADEM" did not go to either of the two serious young men contesting for it. Byron, King of Golf, Nelson and "Slammin" Sammy Sneed, ex-gob, halved the match with Lord Byron winning the last 36-hole medal-match play at the West Orange, N. J. Essex Country Club. The previous 36 holes had been won by Sneed in an earlier duel on New York's Fresh Meadows links. . . . DETROIT'S PLUM HOLLOW course should sing and scream with birdies and eagles when these two tie into one another there on June 22-23, 24. This meeting will not be a benefit as were the two previous matches, the proceeds of which went to the PGA REHABILITATION FUND FOR GIs HOME FROM THE WARS.

ALSO HOME FROM THE FISTIC WARS is the unvanquished Ray "Meat Wagon" Arcel. At the age of 48 he has fought more than 25,000 fights in a 30-year career and hasn't a mark on him. This is not surprising, for Arcel is the "brains department" of professional fighting — a trainer and second. He's a between-the-rounds scrapper. His job is to get that pulpy mess of humanity back into the ring as a piece of fighting machinery in 60 seconds.

From bell to bell he becomes an applied psychologist, surgeon and masseur, the tools of his trade being a sharp brain, a fast tongue, swabs of astringents, cracked ice, snake venom, a pail of water, a sponge and finally the towel. . . . which he wisely knows when to throw in instead of the fighter. Although he weighs only 161 pounds, in his time he has had to carry more than a ton of heavyweights back to their corner using the fireman's grip.

"JOLTING" JOE LOUIS has been his demosis in that regard, for in the 11 times Arcel worked with "the other guy" the never-ending performance led fellow Jacobs Beachcombers to dub Arcel "The Meat Wagon." Other than the Brown Bomber, ARCEL DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF PRESENT-DAY FIGHTERS. In the old days he fondly recalls, he searched butcher shops for beef brine so that his pugs could soak their faces and fists in it to toughen up their skin. "Fighters don't use brine anymore," he regrets, "not while they have Jergens Lotion."

Even though in retirement, Arcel still finds time to give a five show-a-month patter of boxing chit-chat at local Army hospitals.

THE MEN WITH THE SLIT SHORTS AND THE MERCURY BROGANS are busy at home, as evidenced by Illinois' taking Michigan in a dual meet for the BIG TEN TRACK CROWN. The meet was featured by three firsts for George Walker, the Fighting Illini's great Negro hurdler. Besides taking both timber events in good time he also out-scatted the field in the 100-yard dash. . . . Michigan State, one of the leading Midwest Independents, has a real ex-GI track team. Every member of the 43-man 1945 squad has been discharged from the armed forces.

330th Volleyball Team Is Round Robin Winner

For the past month the 330th Infantry Cannon Company has been running a Volley Ball tournament on a Platoon basis. The first run-off of round robin has established the Second Platoon as Defending Champions.

The eight-man squad coached by T/Sgt. Ellis White of Williamston, N.C. is not ready to rest on their laurels. They issue a challenge to any team in the 330th Regiment.

The shove and spikers composing this winning combination are Cpl. Jack Abrams of Montgomery, Ala., T/5 Andrew Kohut of Pittsburgh, Pa., Pfc. Eugene Cimmine of Rochester, N. Y., Cpl. John Massey of Washington, D. C., Cpl. William Mattes of Claiton, Pa., Pfc. Frank Samaniego of San Antonio, Texas, Pfc. Albert Creps of Bowling Green, Ohio and Pfc. Jack Hunter of Altoona, Pa.

Top Gunmen

Winner of the first competitive shooting match held in the 2nd Bn Hq Co of the 331st Infantry was Cpl. Oscar Oldham who shot a score of 97 out of a possible 100, using the M-1, carbine and pistol. Oldham represented the A and P Platoon. Sharing honors with Cpl. Oldham was Pfc. Charles Doakes.

The AT Platoon won both the carbine and M-1 events, topping the carbine score of the Communications Platoon by four points and taking a one point lead over the A and P Platoon in the M-1 scoring.

Corps Sports

Thus far the shortage of sports equipment dribbling down from higher echelon has stymied the organized sports programs outlined for XII Corps itself and the Divisions within it. However, there is sufficient equipment to carry on mass athletic games such as dodge ball, push ball and water sports, where swimming pools exist in the respective divisional areas.

XII Corps Officials School will soon be open for prospective officer and enlisted candidates. Softball and baseball umpires are needed as well as referees for boxing and wrestling bouts. Also starters, timers and judges for track and field events, water sports, volleyball and racquet contests are wanted.

Corps' request in regard to the general sports other than softball and baseball is that candidates have practical civilian or Army experience. Men selected for this type of officiating will be given assignments to athletic events conducted outside the 83rd Division.

XII Corps needs experienced organized softball and baseball men so they can field a team in both these sports. They desire players who have professional, college, semi-pro, industrial league or high school experience.

All correspondence concerning these items should be addressed to Lt. James L. Fish, 83rd Division, in care of the Special Service Office, through MC.

SLIDING HOME

The Battalion Level League of the 330th Infantry has finished up its early season play-offs and comes up with four top notch softball teams.

D Co. of the Red Bn is the top flight team of their league and is led by Sgt. Francis O. "Slim" Barhum, an East Chicago boy.

F Co. flies the White Bn flag so far, and is sparked by Sgt. "Dick" C. Whitman of Eugene, Oregon. Whitman in his "civvie" days was a Brooklyn Dodger farm hand.

K Co. holds the Blue Bn bunting starring Pfc. Saverio A. Manzi of Detroit, Mich., who for three years was the ace pitcher of the crack St. Anthony CYO (Catholic Young Men's Organization) team of Detroit.

In the Special Units Circuit, composed of Regimental Headquarters Co., Cannon Co. and Service Co., the office boys have used their pants to better sliding advantage than either of the other two Special Units teams but have not been able to top the letter companies in the competition to date.

In a softball game between the 783 Ordnance and the 83rd Recon, the Ordnance boys came out on the short end of a slug-fest when the Recon scored a late ten-run rally to down them 15 to 9.

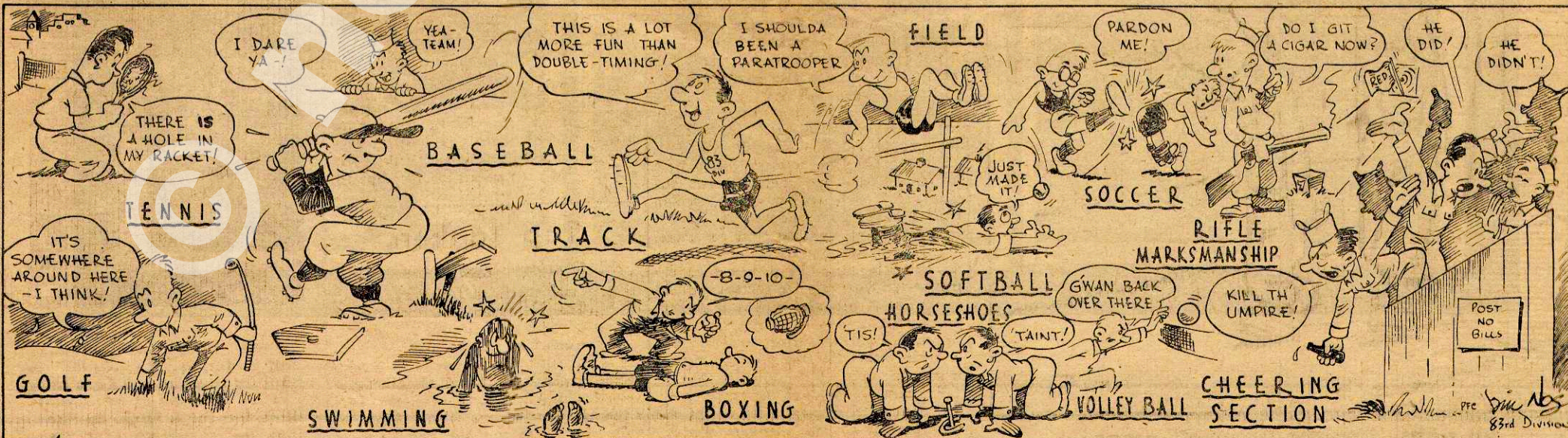
The only outfit heard from in the 329th sports program has been the First Battalion. The hottest softball club in that league is D Co. The Heavy Weapons outfit which is now swinging lusty bats instead of tripods and mortar tubes have won six out of seven league starts and also got in some extra licks at outside competition. Spark plug of that outfit is S/Sgt. Richard Weaver former all-around athlete from Chambersburg (High School) Pa.

In friendly little neighborhood games, that hot D Co. of the 329 took the measure of an AAF Service Outfit, while the 83rd Recon played in and out ball by taking the measure of the 5th Division MPs 1 to 0 and the 3801 QM Trucking Co. 5 to 2, but splitting with the 83rd Division Hq. Co., winning the first game 10 to 1 and losing the return match 3 to 10.

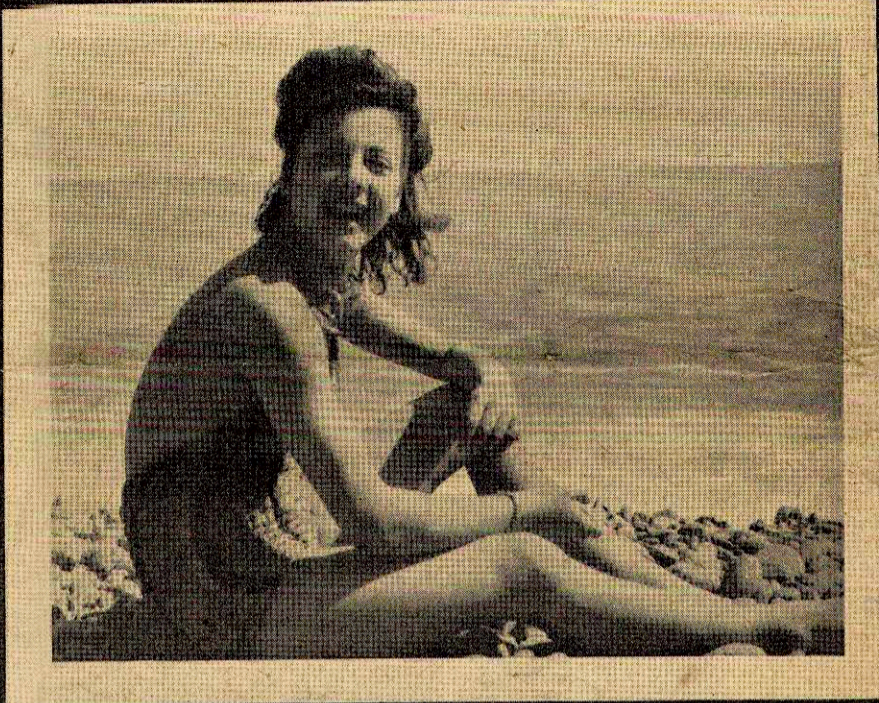
The Hq Cos. of both the 5th and 83rd Divisions met in practically a pitched battle but our Main Office boys upheld the honors by beating the 5th boys 11 to 4 in softball. In a short contest the 330th Cannon Co. was leading the 10th Infantry Regiment Cannon Co., 4 to 3, when the game had to be called on account of rain.

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