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## FIRST STOP ON TRIP HOME OUTLINED AT C. G. MEETING

### BOUGHS GET SOP ON BOAT TRIP; DATE STILL NOT REVEALED

What the general set-up will be in the Assembly Area for the redeployment of 83rd Division men is indicated by information contained in a memorandum published by Division Headquarters summarizing the results of a meeting of XII Corps commanders on July 23.

There are four camps in the general vicinity of Sissone, Mourmelon, Suppes, and Mailly in France. The 83rd will hit one of those, each of which is large enough to hold a division plus two extra battalions, and is broken down into regimental areas. Billeting will be either in huts or tents, which will be winterized by October.

About 15 days will be spent in the camp. The time will be taken up largely in packing and crating. And there is no need to start now trying to figure out ways to goldbrick on that job. There are PW's available for the detail work. Also it is reported that there is very little space for training purposes. GI's will probably spend most of their time being processed.

Cots are available but it is suggested that bed rolls be kept handy as bedding is not issued. It won't be a vacation for mess sergeants and their crews. They will continue to cook on their own ranges for their own units. There are no lighting facilities in the Assembly Area camps.

Money will have to be changed into francs so it was suggested at the meeting that all units take up a flat sum of about 100 marks from each man. This money will be exchanged for francs as soon as the unit arrives in the camp.

Also plans should not be made for taking off the first day of arrival, possibly with the intention of seeing that chick you met back in France a few months ago. For one thing, some other GI probably has her sewed up, and for another, all men will be quarantined until it has been certified that they are free of contagious diseases. A Medical Officer will probably be included in the advance party of facilitate the examinations.

The Army seems to be as interested in getting us back to the States as it was in getting us over here. Lost or misplaced dentures are not going to be accepted as a reason for delaying shipment.

I and E. materials will be taken along to the Assembly Area, so it looks like there will be time to continue parts of the educational programs that were started here. And for those who duck out when they see Betty Grable . . . if she appears in a training film, they had better make certain that they are credited with seeing the two movies the Army says are "musts", "On To Tokyo" and "2 Down and 1 To Go." Seeing these films will be required of all who are not credited with already having seen them.

And don't bother trying to work out a code to let the family know when you may be home. Chances are there will be no censorship.

No foreign weapons will be allowed in the camps. They will be collected in the units, tagged and held under guard until departure time.

And this may be one way to tell when the outfit is "hot" for shipment. The P-X's will be liquidated.

And that's the dope so far as anyone in Division level knows. No set time or place has been handed down as yet.

## SWITZERLAND ALLOWS TOURS BY 83rd MEN

Switzerland has lowered the bars of her neutrality to allow weekly conducted tours of the country by men of the 83rd Division. Next Monday two officers and nineteen enlisted men will start on the first tour. A stop over in Munich will be made Monday night and the following morning the men will leave by train for Mulhouse and on into Switzerland.

The complete trip will cost each soldier 350 marks, and 34 dollars is the maximum amount each visitor may spend while in Switzerland.

One of the smallest countries in Europe, and the only one to maintain complete neutrality through World Wars I and II, Switzerland will offer to the visiting GI's their first glimpse in some months of a country not ravaged by bombs and the destruction of war.

Allied prisoners of war who were interned in Switzerland have reported that their treatment by the civilian population was most friendly. Swiss shops are said to contain many items suitable for sending home as gifts.

The extent of the tour is not known but it is possible that during the week's time the soldiers may see the city of Geneva, home of the League of Nations and the International Red Cross. Other cities that may be included in the tour are Bern, Zurich, and Lucerne.

## "BLUE" DANUBE MYSTERY SOLVED!

### Special "Thunderbolt" Dispatch From London Reveals Why "Green" Danube Is Called "Blue"

In an effort to clear up the mystery of why the Danube river is referred to as being blue in color when every man in the 83rd Division has seen with his own eyes that it is green THUNDERBOLT has conducted an extensive survey to unearth the historical facts. The most complete information was received this week from H.G. Massey, Chief Librarian of the Central Library of the Royal Borough of Kensington, London, England.

Mr. Massey says that "in addition to the reflections caused by the sky and the surrounding country, the colors of all rivers depend on the geological formations through which they flow. For instance, the River Inn which joins the Danube at Passau is an alpine river and has the colors of a glacier, which are green, or greenish blue, but grey when in spate. Throughout its course there are variations in the color of the Danube, which is never really blue.

"In the main, it is a pale green, reed-colored river, sometimes grey, often silvery."

In reference to the Blue Danube Waltz which was written by Johann Strauss while he was living at Pratersstrass, Vienna, not far from the Danube, Massey says, "While living there a poem was running through Strauss's head. Written by Karl Beck, the poem reads, in part: 'And I saw thee, gracious, youthful, bearing yet a world of pain, where our hearts are ever truthful, where our gold has ever lain, by the Danube, beautiful blue Danube'

Once again my heart's a bower sheltering blossoms sweet and new; arid shrubs burst into flower, nightingales are singing too by the Danube, beautiful blue Danube.

Beck's refrain made the Danube blue, and it remained blue for Strauss, who



Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. shown in a picture taken in Los Angeles during his visit there last month. Here he is shown saluting an honor guard at the Municipal Airport at the start of a gala day in which millions of Los Angeles citizens hailed the Southland's illustrious sons.

## GAS SHORTAGE END SEEN SOON

The gasoline shortage in the 83rd Division, and the 3rd Army, should be alleviated by the first of next week according to reports from headquarters of the 3rd Army Supply. Caused by the widespread deployment of troops the gas shortage dwindled the Division's daily ration of gasoline to seven thousand gallons. The normal consumption of gasoline in the Division is from ten to twelve thousand gallons each day. During the drive to the Elbe the Division used over fifteen thousand gallons a day.

## PATTON EXPECTED MONDAY

### Patton Received Great Ovation In Los Angeles

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., whom it is understood will make a one-day visit to the 83rd Division next Monday, has recently returned from a visit to the United States and his native Southern California.

On his visit in Los Angeles the Los Angeles Times carried a story in the June 10 edition that read, in part: "Shaken by mighty land mines, bathed by tremendous sweeps of giant searchlights, Los Angeles Municipal Coliseum trembled and roared last night in a triumphant celebration for Los Angeles' own conquerors—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. and Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle."

Gen. Patton spoke at the Coliseum following a display that was meant to re-create Patton's leadership in the battles of North Africa and Sicily. Gen. Patton is quoted as having said that those at home must "provide money . . . provide labor . . . provide sweat . . . so the sacrifices made by your relatives, your friends have not been in vain. 'You must not sell short the Air Forces, the Ground Forces and the Navy. You must produce the sweat and the money to destroy those people whom modesty prevents my describing.'"

He continued with references to the contrast in America and war-torn Europe; "You who have not seen it do not know what hell looks like from the top of Germany and Austria." And Gen. Patton called on the people to continue their support of the war effort; ". . . don't pull up now, the war is only half won. You must win the rest of it too."

Gen. Patton concluded his speech with a tribute to the officers and men who had fought under his leadership; "This ovation would have turned heads less steady than our own, but we are the symbol of countless gallant men—gallant men who won these medals," he said, pointing to his ribbon-decked chest — "but we only wear them."

## THUNDERBOLT ATHLETES TAKE SIX CROWNS IN TRACK AND SWIM MEETS

Three THUNDERBOLT MERMEN gained places on the 3rd Army Swimming Team at Nuremberg on July 20 and 21 and will participate in the forthcoming ETO Championships to be held on July 28. At Regensburg on Wednesday 25 July three THUNDERBOLT TRACKMEN were acclaimed Corp Champions in their specialties, as the Division annexed third place in the XII Corps Track and Field Meet.

Paced by the smooth stroking Tommy Anders and Capt. Herb. Glass, the THUNDERBOLTS compiled 43.66 of the total of 73 points gained by the XII Corps Swimming team. Anders had little trouble in winning the 200-meter breast stroke, but Capt. Glass had to go the limit to win the 50-meter free style. Glass won the event by inches in one of the closest and most thrilling events of the entire meet. Cpl. Gary Searl eked out the other swimming berth by placing third in the 3-meter diving event. Anders and Glass teamed up with a 90th Div. swimmer to win top honors in the 300-meter medley relay event.

At Regensburg fleet-footed John Garber breezed to an easy victory in the 200-meter low hurdles, while his teammate Art Parry, 331st speedster, was pressed hard in grinding out a win in the 100-meter dash. Fred Weaver wasn't forced to stretch a muscle in gaining the high jump honors. Weaver, who is capable of doing 6' 5", outmatched the field after clearing the bar at 5' 9".

## GEN. MACON WILL GREET AT AIRPORT

General George S. Patton, Jr., Commanding General of the Third Army, is expected to visit the 83rd Division next Monday, July 30. The tentative schedule for Gen. Patton's visit calls for his arrival at the Pocking airport in a C-47 at about 10 a. m. It is believed that he will be accompanied by two of his staff officers and by Gen. Irwin, XII Corps Commander, and two of his staff officers.

At the airport Gen. Patton will be greeted by Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, Commanding General of the 83rd Division. Following Gen. Macon's greeting a salute will be fired by a Battery from the 322 Field Artillery Battalion. Then there will be an inspection of the Guard of Honor composed of members of the 83rd Cavalary Reconnaissance Troops.

At ten minutes past ten there will be a Regimental Review consisting of battalions from the 329th, 330th, and 331st Infantry. At the conclusion of the review the troops will mass in front of the reviewing stand to hear an address by Gen. Patton.

Following Gen. Patton's address he will leave for Passau. On the road between Passau and Pocking a platoon from the 331st Inf. will stage a firing problem. In Passau Gen. Patton and his party will meet briefly with Gen. Macon and members of his staff and with commanding officers of the units included in the 83rd Division.

At 12:30 Gen. Patton will attend a luncheon in his honor at the Oberhaus, rest center for enlisted men of the Division. A Guard of Honor will be posted at the entrance of the Oberhaus.

Following the luncheon Gen. Patton and his party will return to their plane at the Pocking airport.

## Tomorrow Last Day To Apply For Study At I.-E. University

In a recent release from 3rd Army Headquarters, the 83rd Division was given a quota for the University Training Program. The main limitation is that enrollees may take only those courses which finish in time for the individual to rejoin his unit before its departure from this theater. Other instructions subordinate the I. and E. program to this unit's mission as a Category II unit. Each unit commander will determine the availability of the applicants for participation in the program. Applications may be secured from unit I. and E. Officers. The completed application must be turned in by 1200, July 29, 1945.

Universities and courses offered are as follows:

- (1) Sorbonne University- French Civilization, 12-25th August; (division quota of 1) (pre-requisite: 2 years of college)
- (2) University of Dijon- French Language and Civilization, 6th August - 29th September. (division quota of 1) (pre-requisite 2 years of college)
- (3) University of Grenoble- French Language and Civilization, 6th August - 29th September. (division quota of 2)
- (4) Birmingham University- Graduate courses from 8th August - 29th September. Courses in Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engi-

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## THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

The overwhelming onslaught on the very heart of Japan's homeland continued this week without a moments respite. The prodigious blows of the combined 3rd Fleet and its carrier-based planes, plus the Okinawa and Mariana based Superforts is giving the shaky Nip cabinet new reasons to induct more conservative members to guide its war policies.

During the middle of the week all the combined air forces managed to send 2,000 planes into the air in one day over such a relatively small area as the main Japanese island of Honshu. Gen. MacArthur's Philippine-based 5th and 7th Air Forces were the new additions in this free-for-all melee over Japan's vital industrial sections. The air front extended from French Indo-China to Japan itself, with the latter getting most of the 30,000 tons of bombs the Superforts have dropped in eleven missions this month.

The Naval jaugernaut itself, searched in vain for someone to spar with this week. The fleet audaciously streamed down the Chinese invasion coasts and boldly sailed into former hideaways of the Japanese fleet to find nothing but large empty coves. Then to top off all Naval accounts for sheer daringness eight destroyers of Adm. Nimitz's 3rd fleet steamed right into Tokyo Bay and sank or damaged four ships of an enemy convoy.

After three years absence Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, returned to the Pacific warfare. This time he came well equipped, bringing with him the famous 8th Air Force of ETO fame. By mid-August Gen. Doolittle expects his Superforts based on Okinawa to help darken the already heavily clouded skies of Japan with an airforce that will equal Gen. LeMay's 20th Air Force on the Marianas.

All this aerial pasting had its effect on the Tokyo radio which told the invasion-jittery populace that great impregnable defenses have been setup. Then, to give their propaganda machine the Hitlerian touch, Adm. Takahashi, retired fleet commander, said that the new secret weapon Japan has will make the Pacific a graveyard for enemy invasion forces.

Ignorant of Western hemisphere humor the Tokyo radio has also come forth with the announcement that "Superfortress raids have solved the Japanese scrap iron problem!"

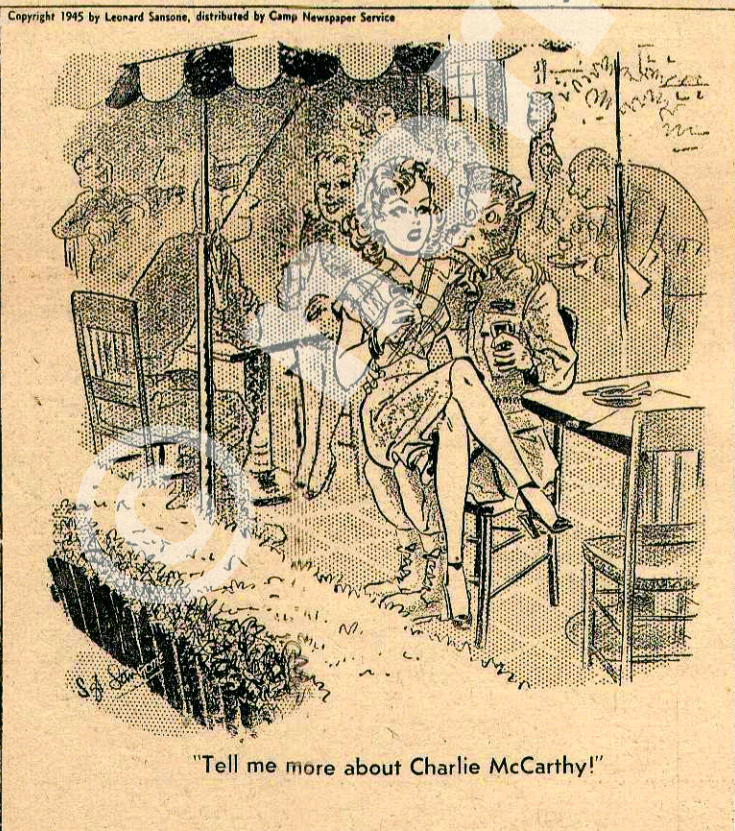
Land action is coming along favorably.

Chinese ground troops are spreading their tentacles around Kweilin, the biggest airbase in southern China. The Japs in Burma have lost over 1300 men in two days trying to break out of the Pegu hills looking eastward toward Siam.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Tell me more about Charlie McCarthy!"

## From Our CHAPLAIN

by Chaplain Jacob M. Ott

Very few men will deny having faith in God. One may not belong to church or synagogue, but at the same time he will protest his religiousness. Likewise, men who worship daily reaffirm again and again their unshakeable faith in God, the Father of all, the Creator of everything and the Supreme Judge. It is tragic, therefore, when these same individuals will accept God and reject man. Indeed, it attests to an imperfect belief to have 'believing' men wax cynical and pessimistic respecting faith and confidence in man as one who has been blessed with the miracle of the Divine breath.

### Man Is Gods Image

Out of such skepticism do the baleful forces of suspicion, distrust and hatred inevitably stem. In our day, we have witnessed the most oppressive and vicious tyranny of all time, one which sought to establish a sub-human order for a thousand years. We have seen its armies vanquished, but we can still detect the still growing seedlings of dehumanization. In clouding our thinking with petty bigotries, we forget that man was created in the image of God, reflecting divine attributes which must not be profaned or violated. To reason idly, as many of us do, that we have "lost faith in human nature" also means that we have lost faith in God and His purpose.

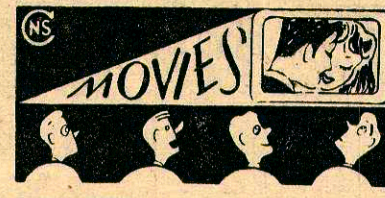
### One People — One World

There are those among us who think that one must have faith in one race of men, that the world human community can be divided in the matters of right and justice and opportunity. These reject the truth of democracy. In truth, God's gentleness, His capacity for creativeness, are reflected in all men without reference to pigmentation of skin or seemingly strange custom. Rabbi Meir, a great sage, wrote that "From every part of the habitable earth was the dust taken for the formation of Adam." For then, no one could arrogantly assert superiority over another by virtue of God's election. Yet in 1935, a fascist aggressor could invoke before an international tribunal customary international law which denied to 'barbarians' the rights flowing from the humanization of conduct in warfare. On the personal level, we are all guilty of more genteel and polite forms of prejudice.

### God's Essence is Unity

The essence of God is unity, harmony. Yet, our most blatant "spouters" have been those emphasizing differences, rather than protagonists exposing common aspirations and destinies, and the salutary unity which derives from understanding, sympathy, vision and love. The former would divide, so that inexorably men everywhere would be blighted and perish. The latter would unite, so that men would add to their already tremendous powers for creativeness and goodness. One seeks ascendancy by subjugation, the other to transcend self-imposed limitations by the discipline of cooperation. One creates a chasm, another builds a bridge. The Zohar, mystical commentary on the Pentateuch writes: "... the word of man creates new heavens." We have seen that it can create new hells, when it persuades erstwhile men to reject the rules of faith, will and reason.

Let our moral precepts translated into action follow the path that God is served through serving men — that men are not separated by race or creed, but, instead, joined by a single fatherhood and a common purpose — and that having this faith in others, we will gather unto ourselves untold powers for good and enduring confidence in our end.



This coming week at the Promenade-Theater in Passau - Shows at 2:30 6:30 and 8:30 pm

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

The Great John L., with Linda Darnell and Gregory McClure.  
short subject-Don't Hook Now.

Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Dough Girls, with Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith, and Jane Wyman.  
short subject-Daffy Duckaroo.

Thursday and Friday.

The Thin Man Comes Home, with William Powell and Myrna Loy.  
short subject-Sportsmen's Memories.

The following shows will be screened around the Division Area this week:

**HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN** — Warner Bros. stars.

**NOTHING BUT TROUBLE** — featuring Laurel and Hardy

**NONE BUT THE LONELY HEART** — with Cary Grant and Ethel Barrymore

**THREE IS A FAMILY** — starring Charles Ruggles and Marjorie Reynolds

**DELIGHTFULLY DANGEROUS** — Ralph Bellamy and Female Foil.

**VALLEY OF DECISION** — with Greer Garson and Gregory Peck

**MURDER, MY SWEET** — featuring Dick Powell and Claire Trevor

**ONE BODY TOO MANY** — starring Jack Haley

**ROUGHLY SPEAKING** — Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson

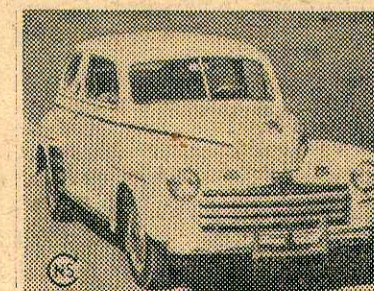
**MUSIC FOR MILLIONS** — with José Iturbi and MGM stars.

## POETRY

Here is the poem written by Gen. Patton and read by actress Bette Davis at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum last June 9 when Gen. Patton visited his home in Southern California.

*From pride and foolish confidence  
From every weakening creed  
From the dread fear of fearing  
Protect us, Lord, and lead.  
Great God, who through the ages  
Hast braced the bloodstained hand,  
As Saturn, Jove or Woden  
Hast led our warrior band,  
Again we seek Thy counsel,  
But not in cringing guise.  
We whine not for Thy mercy —  
To slay: God make us wise.  
For slaves who shun the issue  
We do not ask Thy aid.  
To Thee we trust our spirits  
Our bodies unafraid.  
From doubt and fearsome boding,  
Still Thou our spirits guard,  
Make strong our souls to conquer,  
Give us the Victory, Lord.*

**Detroit** — The first Ford car to roll off the assembly line here since February, 1942, was a gray, 2-door sedan,



which made its debut early in July. Similar to pre-war Fords in many respects, the 1945 Ford has redesigned chromium plated bumpers and grille.

## BEYOND the LUE

by Pvt. Maury Renek

To come to the advanced civilized state we are now supposed to be living in many wise men have written many wise things. Other men with lesser wisdom listened intently so that they could live a life with the least amount of pitfalls. Unfortunately (Or as the bookies say: "its just the law of averages") some of these remarks for posterity should have been confused with posterior cause they don't accomplish much towards a worthwhile end.

I guess when Methuselah was kicking around in his teens and Peggy Hopkins Joyce was on her first marriage some wisacre who probably got no further than a years' subscription to Action Comics dropped these pearls of wisdoms: "opposite things attract". This statement has stood the test of time so well it has become gospel, and by this time Albert Einstein is—probably building a problem around it in advanced calculus.

"Opposite things attract," means simply that if a woman went around with a happy disposition and even went out of her way to feed the pigeons in the park just to have you come along and poison the pigeons. You two people should be attracted to each other by some uncommon bond. Don't ask me why? Some Joe who had an "in" with probably the Babylonian Library of Congress had this recorded for historians to believe. Then, when magnetism and the twentieth century came along, everybody worked around this theory of "attraction".

In due time marital relation experts were swamping the literary, radio and advice to the lovelorn field with such tripe as:

"My dear Mrs. Waterbag, if your husband doesn't pay any attention to you and sleeps with the windows closed, do something contrary that will make him feel attracted to you. On a nice snappy night throw open the windows and your husbands aloofness will disappear."

Nou any dummy knows that as soon as she throws opens the window, hubby is going to get up and use it as a POE for his contrary wife's body.

Anyone who gets married or goes around with a girl on the assumption that his opposite qualities will attract other people is sadly mistaken. He might just as well go around rolling manhole covers over old ladies feet while trying to win the Good Fellowship Award.

If your wife is the indoor type who likes to relax with a copy of Startling Detective and a schooner of cold beer. While your are just a daring fool when it comes to a fast game of croquet then things are bound to snap when you go up to the little cherub, snap the elastic on her panties and ask: "Honey, how about a game of croquet?" If she doesn't come back with at least: "Why don't you pack your teddy bears and go back to mama," I'll be very depressed in women who subscribe to Startling Detective Magazine.

You can imagine the mental clashes that will go on in their children's cerebral if the father is a C.I.O. man and the mother is a labor-baiter. The poor boy will most likely grow up with a warped view of American history. He'll have Lincoln pictured as an anti-laborite because he built his own log cabin without a membership in the Carpenter's union.

Since the war has brought on the debunking period its high time we debunked the policy of opposites attracting. Whether you are opposite or not, the only way you'll get attention is to drop your pants on Times Square at high noon and then people will only think you want sympathy.

**San Francisco** — Three strangers tied Nick Demicheff to a chair in his jewelry shop, stole \$1000 in jewels from the show case. Then they untied Demicheff so he could open the safe. Instead he opened their heads with a baseball bat. The 3 strangers dropped \$325 worth of their loot in their loot in their haste to depart.

### Two Regiments Publish Combat History Records

Regimental histories of the 329th and 330th Infantry have been completed and are now in the process of being distributed to the personnel of those units. Copies of the histories are also being forwarded to former members of the regiments who have been deployed and to the families of the men who were lost in action. Written and published under the supervision of the Regimental Public Relations and Information and Education offices the books tell a picture and word story of the combat history of each regiment. Sgt. Ray Gougen had direct charge of producing the 329th book and Sgt. Grover Crawford did a similar job for the 330th.

### Together Again



After nine years of separation Austrian-born Franz Egger, a sergeant in Co. D, 331st Inf. was re-united with his mother. Note American flag, picture of Statue of Liberty and New York pennant which were placed in Egger's room by his mother in anticipation of her son's return. Egger came to the States as a student about 11 years ago. He became an American citizen through adoption by an aunt with whom he lived.

### DRY DAYS ARE OVER JOES GET LIQUOR

Prohibition is at long last repealed for non-coms of the THUNDERBOLT Division. The flow of stronger spirits has finally started to trickle down the parched throats of thirsty GIs. The 6% Kraut brews are now being augmented by a monthly noncoms liquor ration. In some cases the ration is being made available to privates and privates first class thru parties and impartial unit distribution.

The policy was established by the Army to divide the available wines and liquors in the theatre on a fifty-fifty basis between officers and non-commissioned officers. Within the Division the rations are proportionately distributed to all units who in turn are responsible final allotment to the enlisted man.

"It's about time we got a taste of that liquor," was S/Sgt. "Pop" Maronovich's, 329, sardonic reply to the liquor question. has always been the distribution.

"You need something a little stronger than those Kraut suds once in a while," says Pfc. Fred Saeger, 83rd Signal.

### Mother Of 16 In Service May Sue This Paper

In what is thought to be the first case of its kind in military history THUNDERBOLT, the official weekly newspaper of the 83rd Division, received notice this week of a possible pending libel suit. The threat of action grew out of a story that appeared on page 3 of the July 21st issue and concerned one of the personnel of the 3022 QM Bakery Co.

The plaintiff, a female with sixteen close relatives in the service, claims that the caption on her picture was misleading. The caption read, "Chooses Regular Army" and cut lines told briefly of military service since January, 1944. According to the spokesman for the plaintiff, Sgt. William H. Evans, Jr., a check of the plaintiff's WD AGO Form 24 has been made by Pvt. Tim Dalton. This check is reported to have revealed that under "Remarks Administrative" there is an entry reading as follows, "Period of service governed by Service Extension Act of 1941." This has been interpreted to mean that the plaintiff will serve for the "duration plus six months."

Indication that the case may never reach court is shown by a report that Pfc. Jim Anderson, a friend of the plaintiff who has been present at the birth of each of her offspring, has spent considerable time this week in an effort to convince said plaintiff that the so-called error was made in good faith.

Blackout, heretofore referred to as the plaintiff, is a tousle-haired (no libel intended) Spaniel who has served with the bakers for the full period of her military service. She has been awarded the Good Conduct medal, E.T.O. ribbon, a silver star representing five major campaigns on the continent, and three overseas service bars.

Regarding her 93 points Blackout is reported to have said, "I ain't the only one still in Germany with more than 85 points"

As this is believed to be the first time an Army-sponsored newspaper has been threatened with a law suit of any kind the editorial office of THUNDERBOLT is withholding action. It is possible that should the suit be pressed the paper will file a counter suit claiming that Blackout is fraudulently wearing a silver star. According to her spokesmen she wears the silver star for five major battles on the continent. Army regulations require service in six campaigns before a silver star may be awarded.

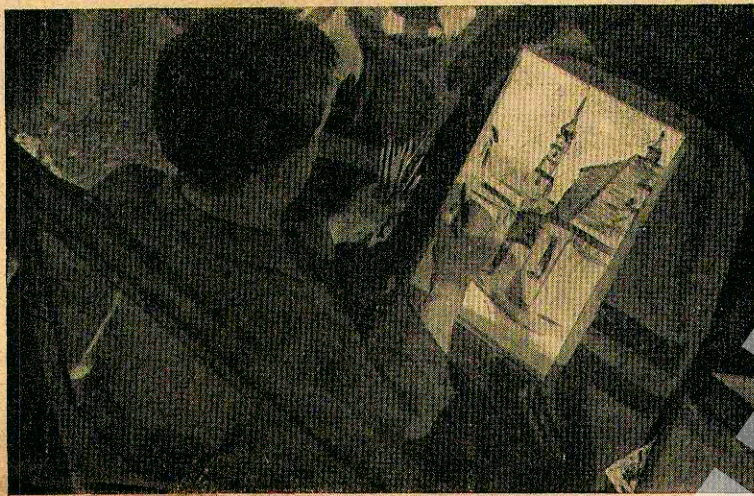
### Medic Complains That No One Loves Him

"Why is it I can never seem to please anyone?" asked T/5 James Schimmenti, medic in the 2nd Bataillon, 330th Infantry. "Why one time I just said O.K., and I thought that about fifty men were going to knock the heck out of me. Sometimes I have to sneak around at night to keep from getting caught by some of them."

"I like the fellows a lot, but I'll swear sometimes I think I haven't got a friend in the world just because I do my duty," joked Schimmenti. "First they tell me that I'm swell, and in two minutes they want to shoot me. — Only one thing for me to do, and that is, keep ducking!"

"Yes sir, ever since I had this job of Battalion umpire, it's been a hard life."

## TERRY'S SKETCHES IN LONDON EXHIBIT



A JEEP IS A STUDIO FOR Pfc. Duncan Niles Terry of 2nd Bn., 329th Inf. Here he sketches a street scene in Deggendorf. Next month Terry's work will be on exhibit at London's famed Rainbow Corners.

### Includes Scenes Of Combat In Three Countries

The Rainbow Corner's Red Cross Club in London will exhibit the art works of Pfc. Duncan Niles Terry of 2nd Bn., 329th Inf. next month.

"When I was in England last November, I promised the director that I would try to send her some of my drawings, but you know how it is in combat," he said. "A guy doesn't get too much time to admire scenery, much less paint it. The idea of this exhibit is to get some of the GIs interested in art while they are sitting around waiting to go home."

The 36 pieces he is sending to London are works that he has done in England, Holland and Germany. They include sketches, cartoons, and ink drawing.

Terry, a member of the S-2 Section, is no new-comer to the art field, having studied in some of the finest schools in America and Europe.

After completing a course at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, he was awarded the Cummings Scholarship in Design, permitting him to spend a year, 1931-1932, in Europe. In the Center of Arts and Crafts in London, Duncan was the only American out of the 3,000 students. At night he supplemented his education at the University of London. From there he went to Paris and continued at the Academie Moderne.

Completing his studies there he proceeded to tour the Continent gathering material and inspiration. Since then, he has returned several times to Europe. This makes his third trip in Germany.

"The last time I was here, I spent a night on Hitler's yacht in the Rhine as a guest of some Hitler Youth. When my wife and I awoke the next morning, they were on deck doing some sort of pagan calisthenics. We got the devil out of there, but fast!"

He finished his formal education at Harvard Art School. Since then, until his induction in '43, he did commercial art work. Besides having his own establishment in Villanova, Pa., where he specialized in modern glass designing, he has done such things as decorating the lobbies of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia, and the Lord Baltimore in Baltimore. Terry has also been commissioned to decorate trains, churches, and other public places.

Just recently he was offered a contract to do some designing on Budd streamliners. "They didn't know I was in the Army," he explained. "So I wrote them that I was a little tied up this week and couldn't make it."

This is Terry's eleventh exhibition, and his second in London. He has had displays in cities along the eastern seaboard and in several cities of the West Coast. Since coming into the Army he has given a portrait exhibition at Aniston, Ala. Stars and Stripes has used some of his sketches of combat men, including one of Col. Granville Sharpe, former Bataillon Commander who is now Division G-2 Officer.

While other Infantrymen were picking up cameras and pistols, Terry looked for art supplies and has been able to find sufficient material to satisfy his present requirements. "During combat I sometimes had only time to do a rough sketch before we moved on — or ducked!"

### Uniform Regulations For 3rd Army Men

"Hey, soldier, where's that weapon?" "Don't need any 'cording to regulations."

"Well, then, why haven't you your name on your helmet liner?"

"Didn't know I had to 'paint it on."

To cut down on arguments of this type, here is a resume of existing uniform regulations for men of the Third Army. The Field Uniform, or general duty uniform, consists of helmet liner (without helmet), O.D. shirt, O.D. trousers, shoes with leggings, or combat boots. Every enlisted man, and officer below the rank of Colonel, will have his last name on his helmet liner. Weapons will be carried when on guard, on maneuvers, in formation, and on duties specifically requiring the use of a weapon. Steel helmets will be worn when prescribed for maneuvers, combat exercises, M.P. and guard duty.

The Service Uniform, or off duty uniform, can be worn between retreat and reveille (1700 to 0600), and on Sundays and holidays. This uniform includes a garrison cap, O.D. shirt, O.D. trousers, a necktie, and shoes with leggings, or combat boots. Weapons are not required except when participating in formal ceremonies.

A very few neckties are available for distribution to those men who do not have that item of apparel.

Some units have arranged to have last names painted on helmet liners. Information along that line may be obtained from the unit orderly room.

### O. C. S. Schools Are Now Open In States and Paris

Applications for the following Officer Candidate Schools will now be accepted: Army Air Corps (Administrative), Armored Force, Chemical Warfare, Service, Field Artillery, Engineers, Finance, Infantry, Medics (Administrative), Military Police, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal, and Transportation Corps.

Interested men may contact their unit personnel section to obtain application blanks. The application blanks will be forwarded through channels to Division level. Each application will carry with it an endorsement by the individual's Company Commander to include (a) approval or disapproval (b) if disapproval, reason therefore (c) efficiency rating (d) full statement as to leadership, demonstrated or potential. Other necessary qualifications are an Army General Classification Test Score of 100 or higher and basic training.

Each enlisted man and warrant officer will be given an Officer Candidate Test. Approved applications will then be referred to one of three Division Officer Candidate Boards.

If an Infantry Officer Candidate is accepted for the 83rd Division quota, and this division is in the ETO, the Candidate will attend the Officer Candidate School near Paris. For any other branch, or if the division is in the States, he will attend one of the permanent schools in the United States.

### Drill Honors Taken By C Co., 330th Plat

Cannon Co. platoon of the 330th Inf. under the command of Lt. Anthon S. Birdwell and Platoon Sergeant Ellis White was this week named the best looking and the best dismounted-drill platoon in the regiment. Most of the men in the platoon came overseas with the company. But they have apparently never forgotten the close order drill they received so many months ago in the States.

### EM Promotion Ban May Lift Today

The freezing of all promotions for enlisted men is expected to be lifted today, but the ban on officers' promotions will continue for several weeks. During the deployment of division personnel it was found necessary to curtail all promotions.

The classification section of the Adjutant General's office will act as a control board to process all promotions. This central action insures T.O. strength and ratings for division units.

### Male Call

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



### Daddy, Would They Bust A Marine For This?



# 3 THUNDERBOLT TANKMEN GAIN ETO FINALS

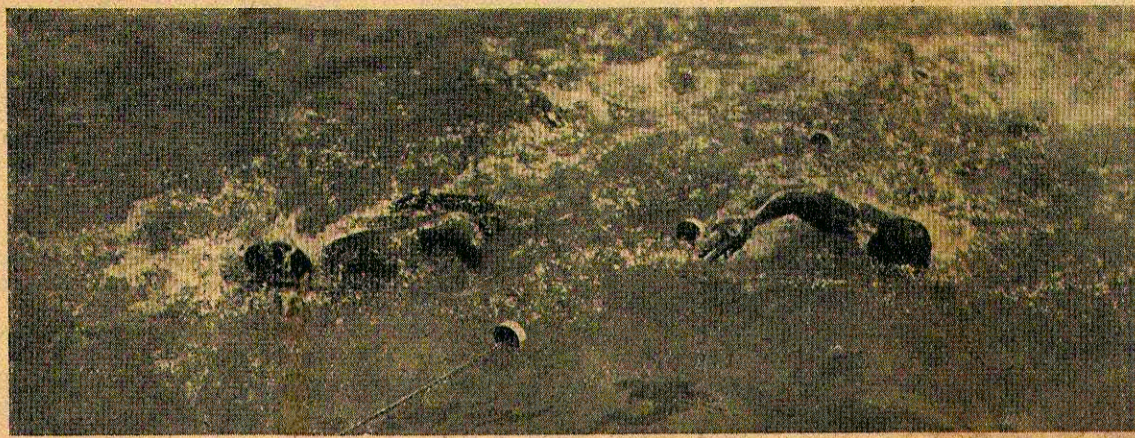


PHOTO FINISH is the result of Capt. Herbert Glass's efforts in winning the 50-meter free style. Glass, on the right stretches to nip his XX Corps opponent in the event.

## 83rd THIRD AT 3rd MEET CLINCH 3 TEAM BERTHS ANDERS, GLASS STAR

The 83rd THUNDERBOLT swimmers contributed 43.66 points of the total of 73 gained by the XII Corps in the 3rd Army Swimming Championships held at Nurnberg on July 20 and 21. Three Division men gained places on the Army Swimming Team, two of whom were acclaimed champions in their specialties and these same two men teamed up with a 90th Division swimmer to also win the 300-meter medley relay event.

In the 3rd Army Swimming Championships held at Nurnberg on July 20 and 21 the 83rd THUNDERBOLTS, swimming for the XII Corps, teamed up with members of other units of the Corps, to win third-place honors, three championships in three events and place one diver in the third place spot in the spring board events.

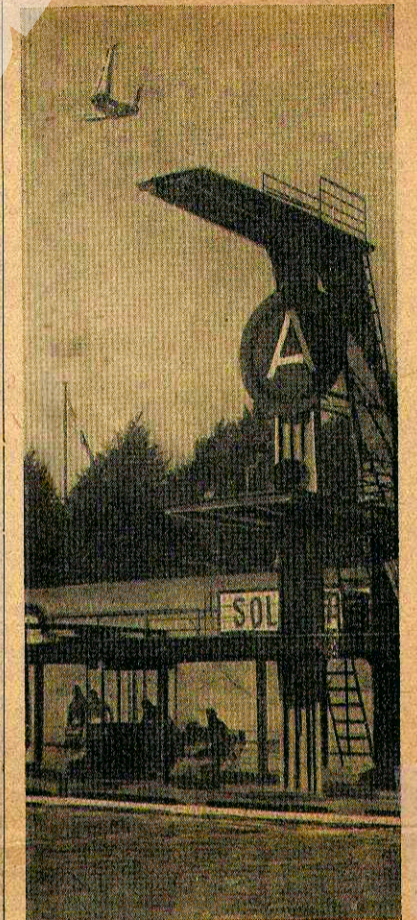
Out of the 73 points earned by the XII Corps competing against the best of the XXII, II, XV, XX Corps and Army Troops, the 83rd men scored 43.66. T/5 Thomas J. Anders and Capt. Herbert D. Glass lead the THUNDERBOLT scorers with 13.33 each, followed by Cpl Gary L. Searl with 10. Lt. Col. George W. Irvine and Lt. James R. Sanders gained 2 points each while Pfc. Richard Schaefer, Capt. Dustin H. Starbuck and Pfc. Stanley Rameika trailed with 1 point each.

The whole meet was a nip and tuck affair from start to finish and it was not until the final event had been swum that the winner could be decided. The XII Corps swimmers composed mostly of 83rd men started off with a bang, capturing 3rd, 5th, and 6th place in the 1500-meter free style swim to gather 9 points. In the next event they upped the total to 19 when Heideman of the 90th Division, swimming the back stroke lap of the 300-meter medley relay, teamed up with Anders, the 83rd's superb breast stroker and Glass, the speedy free styler, to win the 3rd Army Championship in that event.

The XII Corps managed to stay in the lead until the middle distance swim events and the diving came up. Then they lost points rapidly because the team lacked good talent as far as middle distance swimming is concerned and the divers were definitely off form. Searl did finally recoup enough in the 3-meter event to gain a third-place with 91.7 points. He only trailed Piotrowski of the XX Corps by 1.2 points, Piotrowski scoring 92.9. The winner of this event as well as the 1-meter diving, Papich, of the II Corps, surpassed all the diving competition to score an even 103 points at the 3-meter height and 89 points at the 1-meter level.

Pfc. Stanley Kravitz, due to lack of sufficient practice time was way off his usual good spring board form and did not place in either event. However, in a special exhibition of high diving from the 15-meter platform he thrilled the huge crowd with his perfect timing and daring. Last Summer while stationed with the Delta Base Section of the 5th Army Kravitz won the 5th Army Championship in that event.

Anders in the 200-meter breast stroke event covered the distance practically unopposed in comparatively slow time. Because he was not pushed he did not have to resort to the famous butter fly



15 METER diving is duck-soup for Pfc. Stanley Kravitz.

stroke to win this event. However in the 300-meter medley relay, he started his 100-meter lap about 35-meters behind his competition due to the ineffectual showing of the back stroker on the XII Corps team. In this event he resorted to this powerful stroke for one length of the 50-meter pool and swam to the touch to allow Glass to take off in the last and free-style lap a full 20-meters ahead of his competition.

Glass in winning his own specialty, the 50-meter free style event was really hard pressed and won by practically a finger tip in one of the closest and most thrilling races of the meet. There were ten entries who started and finished this race and the distance at the finish was less than 1-meter between the first and last man. In this event the XII Corps also scored a third place marker to make a total of 15 points, the highest team score achieved for a single event.

The excitement ran so high that one day after the meet was finished there were at least three versions as to the correct scores earned by the participating teams. However, these discrepancies did not materially affect the placement of the teams in the final analysis. The correct over-all scoring is as follows: XXII Corps 89 points, winner and 3rd Army Championship Team; runner-up II Corps with 75 points; in third place XII Corps with 73 points; fourth place XV Corps, 36 points; fifth place XX Corps 28 points; sixth and last Army Troops with 27 points.

Judge of Place and Judge of Diving, Glass.  
Time of Meet — 20 and 21 July, 1945.  
15-meter — XII Corps entered one man. Diving for XII Corps, Kravitz. Points 0.  
Officials — XII Corps allotted one man. had no placers. Only the first three places scored in relay events.  
Exhibition high platform diving — Pts. 91.7 and 69.8 Diving for XII Corps, Searl and Brown (90th Div.). Points 7.  
800-meter free style relay — XII Corps third place. Time: 1:06.2 Swimming for High board diving — 3-meter — XII Corps gained third and sixth place. and Goetz (XII Corps Special Service). Points 11.

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## NAZIS SHRINE SITE OF ETO TOURNEYS

NUREMBERG, Germany — The Nazis shrine in Nuremberg will serve as the for the forthcoming ETO and Third Army Swimming, Track, and Field Championships to be held during the remainder of July and early August.

The ETO Swimming Championships will be held at the 100 Meter Pool on 28 July. On August 1st and 2nd Third Army will hold its Track and Field Meet, including finals in archery and horseshoes. Third Army Tennis Championships will take place on August 3rd. Concluding the proposed athletic events will be the ETO TRACK AND FIELD MEET on August 10th and 11th. The ETO Tennis Tourney will take place at Wimbledon, England late in August.

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## BOLTS DROP BASEBALL FINALS WIN 1, LOSE 2 AT XII CORPS

The THUNDERBOLTS fared very badly in both the soft ball and hard-ball play-offs at XII Corps when both teams were eliminated from Championship consideration after losing a two-out-of-three series to the opposition in the quarter-final bracket.

The soft ballers lost to the 55th AAA Battalion in two straight games. The score of the first game reading 10 to 0 and that of the second reading 5 to 0. The story of that debacle appeared in the last edition of THUNDERBOLT and nothing further should be added.

While the THUNDERBOLT was going to press the base ballers had one win under their belts, but subsequently lost two heartbreakers to the 4th Armored Division to bow out of the championships. The scoring for the three game series is as follows: 1st game won by the

83rd Infantry 9 to 7; 2nd and 3rd games won by 4th Armored by the scores of 10 to 8 and 5 to 1 respectively.

Resume by games:

1st Game Battery for the 83rd. Shannon p. relieved by Hemmings in 7th. Catcher Clyde. Merriam got 3 hits in 4 times at bat. Bankhead got 2 for 5. Pociask also got 2 for 5. At the end of the fourth inning the THUNDERBOLTS were losing 5 to 1, when they came up with a big fifth rally. Sparzynski singled, Shannon and Merriam walked to load the bases. Bankhead singled and 1 run scored. Pociask was safe on first by an error and 2 more runs came across the plate. Russo then flied to right, but Pociask scored before the throw-in could be made. The inning ended with Curtis and Clyde whiffing out. 4 runs scored on 2 hits and 1 error and no men left on bases.

In the seventh inning Merriam again started the fireworks by getting a bingle. Bankhead popped to the first baseman but Whitman doubled to score Merriam. Pociask got an infield hit and Russo again flied out. Curtis singled to left field scoring Whitman and Pociask. Clyde popped to 3rd base to end the inning. 3 runs on 4 hits and no errors, 1 man left on base. The 4th Armored came back in their half of the seventh to bring their total up to 7 runs. The 83rd put the game on ice in the ninth when Bankhead singled to right, Whitman sacrificed Bankhead to second and Pociask singled cleanly to score Bankhead from second. After two were down, Merriam flied out to center field to end the inning.

### DROP SECOND FRAY

In the second game the THUNDERBOLTS had another big fifth inning which tied up the score at 5 — 5. Gave another burst of 3 runs in the seventh but folded up in the ninth to allow the 4th Armored 5 runs to win the game by the score of 10 to 8. In this game the 83rd used three pitchers, Sabine, Hemmings and Hughes, Clyde again working behind the plate. In that big fifth Merriam singled, Bankhead doubled Merriam home, Whitman singled Bankhead home, Pociask tripled to center to score Whitman and then scored himself on Russo's single. Again the rally came after two were down, Curtis flied out to end the inning.

In the seventh inning Bankhead singled, Whitman singled and Pociask singled Bankhead scoring on the infield hit. Russo singled, Sparzynski grounded out 4—3. Clyde and Curtis fanned. Hemmings relieved Sabine but pulled a muscle after pitching hitless seventh and eighth innings. Hughes then came in on the mound and contributed to the ninth inning walk-away by the 4th Armored by walking DeJohn home from third with the tying run.

### CHAMPS TUNE-UP

REGENSBURG, Germany — T/4 Donald Hume, XII Corps Tennis Champ, and his teammate Cpl. Harry Woodward had a busy week-end getting tuned up for the forthcoming Third Army Tennis Championships at Nuremberg this coming week. Both Hume and Woodward are showing remarkable form and are likely to rate top seedings among the stars participating.

IN THE  
**BULL PEN**



with Bob Vierhile

OLD KING BASEBALL holds the major spotlight in the sports world this week, with the old nemesis — hot weather, breathing it's torrid vapor down the necks of the two LEAGUE LEADERS.

The Washington SENATORS proved themselves the real pennant threat in the AMERICAN LEAGUE as they sliced the lead of the pace-setting TIGERS to two and one-half games. Not only were the Tigers having their lead cut, but they had to go to a new endurance record of TWENTY FOUR FRAMES to get a meager tie from the cellar-encamped ATHLETICS.

The souped-up CHICAGO CUBS rode high over the challenging NATIONAL LEAGUE pack with a three and a half game margin. The old reliable — BILL VOISELLE and the CARDS combined their efforts to end Chicago's winning splurge at five games. DEM BUMS slipped to four games behind the leaders and seemed to be fading fast as their fielders flopped.

DAVE FERRISS, the Red Sox freshman hero, cruised to his sixteenth conquest of the season. While HAL NEWHOUSER kept pace by coming through with his fourteenth success. Detroit's AL BENTON compiled what may prove to be an all-time Major League earned run record. The giant righthander has allowed but nine earned runs in 87 innings which all adds up to the astounding figure of 0.98 runs per nine innings.

With the end of the season still a long way off there should be some pretty tabulations ON THE BOOKS when SERIES day rolls around. Looking at some of the remarkable performances being turned out on the mounds it becomes more apparent that this is definitely a PITCHERS YEAR.

THE 1945 WORLD SERIES was taken off the casualty list this week when ODT officials assured Baseball Commissioner HAPPY CHANDLER that the Series would be run. There was an enthusiastic plan in the wind to send the World Series winners on a nine-day tour of the PACIFIC THEATER. Chandler stated, "It may persuade more Japs to surrender. One thing they all want to know is who is leading the league."

TWINKLE-TOED GUNDER HAEGG, the Swedish tie salesman, again became the world's No. 1 miler when he scampered to a new mile record of 4:01.4. Haegg bettered his neighbor ARNE ANDERSON's record by two-tenths of a second, sort of evening things up between the two Swedes. Haegg's mile revived the old debate over the possibility of an eventual four-minute mile.

# 83rd SPEEDSTERS COP THIRD AT CORPS

## ANNEX 116 POINTS; WIN 3 DASH CROWNS AT MEET

In a final scoring spurt that netted 51 markers in four dash events the 83rd Division's THUNDERBOLT Trackmen sprinted into third place, over the 102nd Division, with 116 points, behind 4th Armored's 160 and 90th Division's 139 at the XII Corps two day Track and Field Meet in Regensburg Wednesday.

When the starting gun was fired for the 110 meter High Hurdles, the first event on the second day's docket, 83rd was trailing the third place 102nd, 65.69%. Beautiful running by Pfc. Fred Weaver (Divarty) who took 2nd in the 110 High Hurdles, Sgt. Donald Rens (323 FA) who took a 4th in that event and a 2nd in the 200 meter Low Hurdles, Pfc. Arthur W. Parry (331st) who won the 100 meter Dash and grabbed a 2nd in the 200 meter Dash, Pfc. John Garber (331st) who won the 200 Low Hurdles, and S/Sgt. Grinovitch who took 5th place in the 200 Dash and 6th in 100 meter Sprint enabled the Thunderbolts to overtake and surpass the Ozark Tracksters.

The only other event that the 83rd captured was the high Jump, won by Weaver who only had to leap 5'9".

### Delaney Loses heart breaker

Timed with a stop-watch that must be capable of giving wind direction and a barometer reading, T/5 Kenneth Delaney (331st) lost a heart breaker in the 400 meter Run to Price of the 102nd by 5 one-hundredths of a second, 53.2" to 53.25". Pfc. David Wheeler and Sgt. James Martens (both 331st) made 4th and 5th respectively in the 800 meter Run. In the 1500 meter Gullickson picked up six points with a 3rd place. Coming in way behind the rest of the field, but determined to score whatever points they could get, Pfc. Michael Vaccaro (331st) and W.O. Roy L. Carlson (330th) refused to quit the gruelling 3000 meter Run, and came in 4th and 5th to acquire 6 more tallies. Pfc. Edward Dean and Col. William Lillenthal (Both 331st) placed 6th in their field events. Javelin and Discus. Rens and Sgt. Francis O. Barham (Both 330th) took 4th and 5th in the Broadjump. Barham got another 4th in the Hop, Step, and Jump which he had never run before. That same talented stop-watch the 400 meter Relay Team 1st place when, racing against time, it lost to the 90th Div. 46.4" to 46.45". The team was composed of Barham, Grinovitch, Parry, and Pfc. Irving Miller (83rd Recon).

S/Sgt. Rudolf Lungreen (329th), Pfc. John T. Ryan (330th), Delaney, and Pfc. Patrick E. Kane (331st) representing the 83rd in the 1600 meter Relay, missed beating 102nd's team by .45". The Ozark runners did it in 3'44.4", 83rd's time was 3'44.85".

Competing against the 90th Div., 102nd Div., 4th Armored Div., XII Corps Eng., XII Corps Arty, and XII Corps Troops consisting of: 30th Chem. Decon. Troop, 93rd Sig. Bn., 820 MP Co., XII Corps Hdqs., M.R.U., and Co. D, Mil. Gov., Lt. Stuart G. Gullickson's trackmen scored more points than the entire XII Corps Troops and Arty combined: the Troops made 40%, the Arty trailed with 32 1/2%. There were six places for each event except the relays. There were only three in those. Ten points were given for first place, eight for 2nd, six for 3rd, four for 4th, two for 5th, and one for 6th.

### Compete at Nuremberg

It has not yet been decided who will represent the XII Corps in the 3rd Army Track and Field Meet at Nuremberg on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of Aug., but Host, Col. Thomas B. Godfrey of the XII Corps, who refereed the Regensburg Event, invited the Divisions to send the first four placers in each event back to Corps for elimination tryouts.

Under this system, Lt. Gulickson has arranged with Capt. James V. Watson, on Detached Service from the 83rd, now XII Corps Athletic Club Director, to prepare for 17 men. They are: Lungreen, Carlson, Griffin, Ryan, Barham, Vaccaro, Grinovitch, Delaney, Martens, Kane, Parry, Jones, Wheeler, Garber, Weaver, Rens, and Gullickson.

### WOMEN

Agal may wear a bathing suit when she can't swim or shorts when she can't play tennis . . . but, soldier, when she puts on a wedding dress she means businell.

### Summary of Events:

110 meter High Hurdles — Cox (4th Arm), Weaver (83rd), Moorhouse (90th), Rens (83rd), Hoffman (102nd), Parker (102nd), Time — 16.8"

100 meter Dash — Parry (83rd), Wetzel (4th Arm), Mullins (90th), Holt (90th), Warner (102nd), Grinovitch (83rd), Time — 11.4"

200 meter Dash — Wetzel (4th Arm), Parry (83rd), Mullins (90th), Saulters (Corps Troops), Grinovitch (83rd), Dezelle (90th), Time — 23.3"

200 meter Low Hurdles — Garber (83rd), Rens (83rd), Cox (4th Arm), Hoffman (102nd), Saulters (90th), Parker (102nd), Time 28.3"

400 meter Run — Price (102nd), Delaney (83rd), Simone (Xorps Arty), Paukner (Corps Eng), Fitzgerald (90th), Krieger (Corps Troops), Time — 28.3"

800 meter Run — Fitzgerald (90th), Grasso (Corps Troops), Price (102nd), Wneeler (83rd), Martens (83rd), Verdi (4th Arm), Time — 4:28.4"

1500 meter Run — Metler (90th), Simons (Corps Arty), Gullickson (83rd), Keye (4th Arm), Verdi (4th Arm), York (90th), Time — 4:28.4"

3000 meter Run — Metler (90th), Keye (4th Arm), York (90th), Vaccaro (83rd), Carlson (83rd), Time — 9:57.8"

Discus — Walker (4th Arm), Cox (4th Arm), Kochel (90th), Millington (102nd), Netzen (Corps Troops), Lillenthal (83rd), Dist. — 143'6"

Javelin — Walker (4th Arm), Dewald (90th), Mitchell (4th Arm), Kochel (90th), Bellard (102nd), Dean (83rd), Dist. — 175'4 1/2"

Broad Jump — Stout (4th Arm), Clark (102nd), Holt (90th), Rens (83rd), Barham (83rd), Blount (90th), Dist. — 21'4"

Hammer Throw — Walkker (4th Arm), Braley (4th Arm), Burnham (102nd), Muzyk (90th), Dunkel arger (90th), Givens (Corps Troops), Dist. — 125'1"

Hop, Step, Jump — Stout (4th Arm), Blount (4th Arm), Echols (Corps Arty), Barham (83rd), Christ (4th Arm), Grimmard (90th), Distance — 41'6 3/4"

Shot Put — Walker (4th Arm), Millington (102nd), Netzen (Corps Troops), Carlton (90th), Echols (Corps Arty), Cox (4th Arm), Dist. — 43'6 1/2"

High Jump — Weaver (83rd), Brown (Corps Arty), Huettl (Corps Troops), Harold (90th), Grimmard (90th), Keller (83rd), Height — 5'9"

Pole Vault — Stout (4th Arm), Flanagan (102nd), Rhoades (Corps Troops), Wycott (102nd), Gregory (Corps Troops), Winnie (Corps Arty), Height — 12 Feet

400 meter Relay — 90th Div., 83rd Div., 4th Arm, Time — 46.4"

800 meter Relay — 4th Arm, 90th Div., 102nd Div, Time — 1:39"

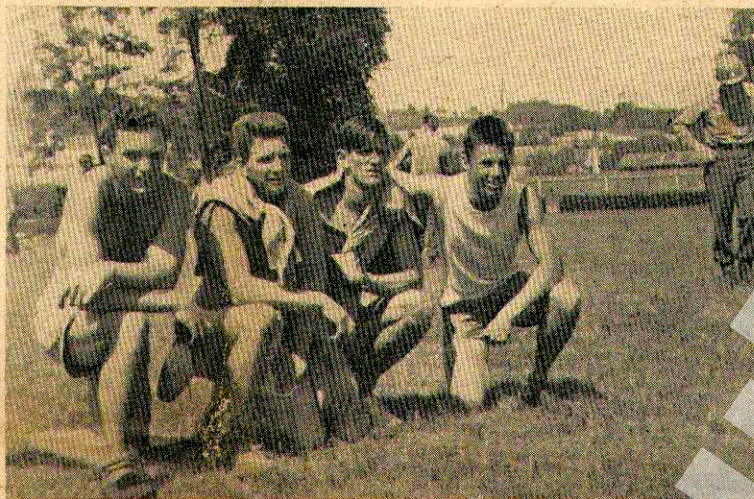
1600 meter Relay — 102nd Div., 83rd Div., 90th Div, Time — 3:44"

Standings:

1 — 4th Arm'd 160 pts  
2 — 90th Div. 139 pts  
3 — 83rd Div. 116 pts  
4 — 102nd Div. 79 1/2 pts  
5 — XII Corps Troops — 40 1/2  
6 — XII Corps Arty — 32 1/2



NIPPED, Pfc. Carl Cecil, 308th Med., tags Pfc. Tanner, QM, on his way home.



SWEATING-IT-OUT before the 100-meter relay are left to right: S/Sgt. Grinovitch, Pfc. Irving Miller, Sgt. Francis Barham, and Pfc. Art Parry. The team took second place having been nudged out of tap honors by .05 second.

Photo by Pfc. Bill Maynard.

## LEATHER TO START FLYING

### ROUND ROBINS SET 330th HAS WILD GO

The 329th and 331st Special Service Offices have just announced that boxing tournaments will be held on a regimental-wide basis to determine the crown contenders in each of the various weight classes in preparation for the DIVISION BOXING TOURNAMENT to be held in Passau on August 17th.

The tourneys will closely follow the Golden Gloves pattern — the regimen-basis of eliminations in a number of round robin bouts consisting of inter-tal champions will be chosen on the company tills followed by the battalion eliminations.

There will be eight weight classes: Bantamweight, 120 lbs and under; Featherweight, 120-127 lbs; Lightweight 127-135 lbs; Junior Welterweight 135-145 lbs; Senior Welterweight 145-155 lbs; Middleweight 155-165 lbs; Light Heavyweight 165-175 lbs, and Heavyweight 175 lbs and over.

Each round will be one and a half minutes duration, with a one minute rest period between rounds. In case of a draw a fourth round will be fought to determine a winner in the bout.

Meanwhile, the entrance applications for the Divisional tournament must be submitted by August 6th through the Regimental Special Service Office.

## SWIMMING . . . . .

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100-meter fre style — XII Corps gained 200-meter breast stroke — Won by XII Corps also gained sixth place. Time: 3:15.5. Swimming for XII Corps, Anders placers. Time: 6:14. No points. 100-meter back stroke — XII Corps had no placers. Time: 1:29.4. No points. therefore first and second place points, totaling 18 were devided.)

50-meter rfee style — Wen by XII Corps; XII Corps also gained third place. Time: gained second and fifth. Time: 7:34.8. Swimming for XII Corps, Goetz (XII Corps, Special Service) and Irvine, sixth. Pts. 79 and 62 Diving for XII Corps, Searl and Starbuck. Points 5. 400-meter breast stroke — XII Corps Swimming for XII Corps, Hicks (90th Div.), Sanders and Schaefer. Points 9. 1-meter Diving — XII Corps gained and Anders and Glass. Points 10.

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE REVISED

Due to the newly instigated training program for the 83rd Division and the departure of some of it's attached units to other spheres of operation it has been necessary for the Division Athletic Office to revise the THUNDERBOLT LEAGUE Schedule.

With the resumption of play on 25 July the league will now consist of 4 teams, namely: The 329, 330, 331 Regiments and the 308th Medics. The Medics in this revised league will play under the colors of their own battalion banner rather than be known as the Special Units Team. However, it should be remembered that this is the team which thus far has gone undefeated in the THUNDERBOLT LEAGUE playing as the Special Units combination.

## HERE and THERE



### SHUBLE HURLS ONE-HITTER

NEIDERALTEICH, Germany — — Behind the stellar one-hit pitching of "Whitey" Shuble, the 1st Bn. "Pill Rollers", 329, rolled over the hapless "C" Co. Softball team by a score of 7 to 2. The win placed the Aid Men tie for first place with B. Company in the First Battalion Softball League.

### 331 EDGES BUCKSHOTS

GREISBACH, Germany — — Countering with a four run rally in the third inning, the 331st baseball team edged the highly touted 329 "Buckshots" 6 to 3 at Moore Field Thursday afternoon. Rubber — armed Russo led the hitting barrage as he batted in three of the 331st's six runs. Wilson relieved Johnson on the mound in the third inning for the "Buckshots", while Sabine went the route for the winners.

The winners scored 6 runs on 10 hits and made one error — — the "Buckshots", turned 10 hits into 3 runs and also made one error.

### NEW BLOOD

VILSHOFEN, Germany — — It is announced that 2nd Lt. Robert E. Wilson and 2nd Lt. James K. Frey will jointly take over new duties as directors of the 83rd's Athletic Program.

### BLIND TO WOMEN

DEGENDORF, Germany — — Two 329 Doughs were seated together on a crowded bench at the local swimming pool. One of them noticed that the other had his eyes closed.

"What's the matter, Bill" he asked "feeling sick?"

"I'm all right," said Bill. "But I hate to see ladies standing."

### FALSE FRONT

The new athletic officer arrived and moved into his new office. That afternoon the first GI came into his office. As he entered the athletic officer picked up the phone and after a few seconds answered: "Yes, Colonel, everything is fine, sir."

Turning to the visitor, he asked, "Now what can I do for you?"

The GI sighed, "I'm from the signal office. I just came in to connect your telephone."

### SUPERB FLIPPING

High-class pitching is the reason behind H Company's sensational Softball team. Behind the expert deliveries of Bill Bowman the heavy weapons outfit has defeated the best teams the 329th can offer, besides giving the MP's, Engineers, and Medics severe trouncings. To date the 329 outfit is well in front in the Second Battalion League and is anxious to get games with other organizations.

### ENDURANCE RECORD

Burley righthander Ed Barrett tried to equal the Tiger's endurance record when he pitched twenty-three innings in two games. Barrett allowed only five hits as C Co. 331st downed D. Co. 4 to 3 in an airtight ball game. Ed Smith and Gleba put the game on ice by adding the winning run in the sixteenth inning with a single and triple respectively.

### DIVISION BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

UNIT	July				August									
	25	28	29	—	1	5	8	11	12	15	18	19	22	25
329th					330	308					331			
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# Easing of Non - Frat Ruling Evokes Divided GI Opinions

There have been many arguments for and against the recently-modified non-fraternization ruling. Friends and relatives in the United States have found it difficult to understand why the American soldier would want to associate with the German people. In combat every soldier hated the Germans for their brutality and treachery. With the end of the war the question arose — should we or should we not continue that hatred indefinitely?

## ONLY 149 MORE DAYS UNTIL XMAS

A Christmas thought for this July. Although it's only mid-summer and most of us are still thinking in terms of cool beer and a refreshing swim, it might be a good time to give a thought to Christmas packages. The deadline for mailing Christmas gifts to Army personnel in the E.T.O. from the States is Sept. 15. According to announced plans the 83rd Division is scheduled for redeployment this fall; members of the 83rd may be able to unwrap their packages at home, or at least in an Army camp in the States. A reminder of this probability to anyone who might send a package to a Division address will assure prompt receipt of the package and will save valuable shipping space, to say nothing of relieving the strain on the postal service during the coming holiday season.

**Lansing, Mich** — Seeking parole from Jackson Prison, Convict Ted Bentz penned this note to the State Parole Board: "In Luke 11:10, Christ says: 'Everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.' By virtue of the above how about a parole?" The board replied: "Trouble me not: the door is now shut! — Luke 11:7."

In partial answer to that question the non-fraternization policy has been modified to allow military personnel to converse with adult Germans in public places.

The modification of the law is not at all a solution to the problem but rather, permits the individual to make his own decisions, under certain restrictions.

Reactions have been both negative and positive. Some GI's continue to ignore all Germans; others openly associate with German civilians.

From the negative position S/Sgt. John Mathews, when told he was allowed to talk to Germans on the street, replied, "Do I have to?"

Some were decidedly against the relaxation. Pfc. Chester Gorczyca vowed to remain silent where Germans are concerned. "There is nothing about these people that interests me."

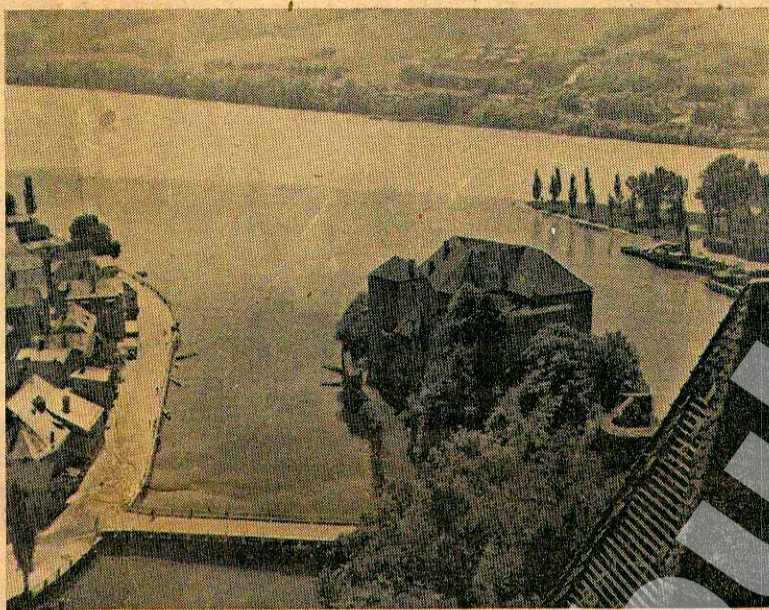
Fresh from the States vocalist Martha Tilton supported the modification. "Obviously the former policy on fraternization didn't work out. A change had to be made."

Enthusiastically in favor of the new policy was Sgt. Glendon Ralston. "It just isn't like the American soldier to walk around and not talk to people."

Pfc. Kid Williams continued in the same vein. "You can't set an example for them to follow when you can't talk to them."

"Now that combat is over, I feel that they are human beings and should be treated as such," was Pfc. Harold L. Waskin's comment.

## NIEDERHAUS, 83rd DIV. OFFICERS' CLUB



Over the rooftops of the Niederhaus, 83rd Div. Officers' Club, may be seen the three rivers that converge at the tip of the peninsula on which the Club is located. From left to right the rivers are, the Ilz, the Danube, and the Inn.

## 600 Year Old Building Now Officers' Club

The Niederhaus, club for officers of the 83rd Division, has at various times during its more than 600 years of existence been used as a convent, a prison, a fortress, an insane asylum, a silk worm culture experimental station, a hospital, and a prisoner of war camp. Prior to being taken over by the Division some of the rooms of the Niederhaus had been partly restored for use of members of the Nazi party.

Under the direction of Maj. Carl Anderson the Niederhaus now offers comfortable recreational facilities for Division officers. "It is not a rest center for officers in the sense that the Oberhaus is a rest center for enlisted men of the Division," Maj. Anderson said. "It is meant solely for the use of officers during a day or evening."

As most of the officers using the club make their visits in the evening after duty hours Maj. Anderson has instructed the cooks to concentrate their efforts on the evening meal. All meals are served in attractively decorated dining rooms that offer a restful and beautiful view of the hills surrounding Passau and the three rivers (Danube, Inn and Ilz) that converge at the tip of the peninsula on which the Niederhaus is located.

There is also a modern-looking circular bar, comfortable lounge rooms and a small dance floor where occasionally dances are given for the officers and members of the Army Nurses Corps, the Red Cross, and similar units.

The Niederhaus has had a colorful and, at times, violent history. In 1434 it was destroyed by a powder explosion and the conflagration that followed. It was rebuilt by a bishop and reopened in 1444. That year a visitor to the Niederhaus wrote that the new building was "equipped with arched ceilings, halls and expensive beds, worthy of the reception of a king."

At one time when the Niederhaus was occupied by women of religious orders an unhappy nun, suffering from a great sorrow, jumped from one of the uppermost windows on the northside down to the path along the Ilz river where she was smashed to pieces on a rock. A large cross is still standing to mark this spot.

In 1809 when the Niederhaus was being used as a fortress for the Napoleonic empire the tower on the east side was cut down from 9 stories to 5 stories on the special orders of Napoleon.

In a history of the Niederhaus written by Karl Brunner the closing words mention the Niederhaus as "a might symbol of the old bishop city of Passau" . . . "and even today Niederhaus, with each stone and soil on which it stands between the waves of the Danube and Ilz rivers, reminds one of the old and secret past."

## RIVER SNARES PANTS; DOUGH RECOVERS WALLET

Maybe it was because they had seen so many of the native males running around in knee high pants that two men of Cannon Company, 330th Inf. had trouble in the trouser department this week. Anyway, Cpl. Jack Abrams and Pfc. Melvin Barclay both lost their GI pants, and on different days, when neither of them was together.

Abrams, according to his buddies, is quite a fisherman. One afternoon he caught a fish in the stream that runs near Freyung. "But the darn fish was so strong my line wouldn't hold him," he told his friends that evening when he returned fishless. The next afternoon he went back to the same spot. "I had a feeling that I'd hook the smea fish," Abrams said. Apparently he did. It was a terrifically strong fish. Abrams pulled and the fish pulled. The fish won and Abrams slipped into the water. After floundering around for a few minutes he was able to climb onto the bank and take time to count his losses, which included the fish, his (Abrams') pants, and his Good Conduct pin.

On another day Barclay went to the river to wash his pants. In taking them few minutes he was able to climb onto off he dropped them into the fast-moving stream. "I had 150 dollars in my billfold, which was in my pants, and believe me I hunted like hell for those GI trousers until far into the evening. But they sank so fast and the stream was so swift that I didn't have any luck in locating them. I went back for several days after I had originally lost them but still had no luck in finding them," Barclay said.

One week later he was walking by the stream about a mile below where he had dropped the pants. "I noticed something that looked GI under a rock," he said. The GI-looking something turned out to be Barclay's pants, complete with billfold and 150 dollars.

## No Race Barrier For Pin-up Girls

What is said to be largest collection of pin-ups in the Division is now open for inspection in the radio room of the 1st Bn., Hq. Co. of the 331st Inf. Featured spots have been given to autographed pictures of Ann Sheridan, Lana Turner, and Ann Rutherford. Other American girls in various stages of stimulating repose form the major part of the collection. For variety the collection also has a few piquant poses of French and other European girls. Judges and chief curators of the collection are Privates First Class Donald Currie, John Zahorodny, and George Ebensperger.

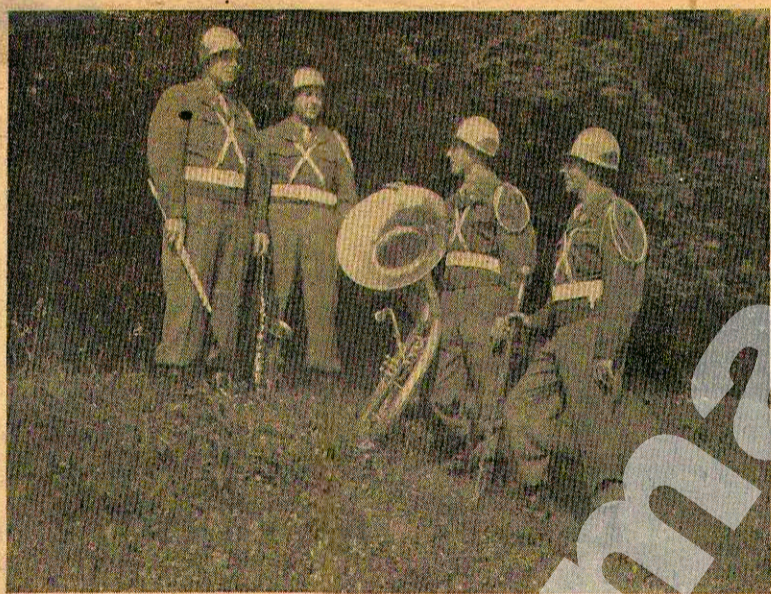
## I. & E. Schools

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neering, Electrical Engineering, and Oil Engineering. (Pre-requisite 4 years college work in the particular field represents minimum qualification. Selection based upon individual applications. No quota basis.)

(5) Building Research Station (Watford)- Building Materials, 13 August to 8 September. (For graduate and professional study. Selection on basis of individual applications. No quota basis.)

## JUST WAITING FOR A PARADE



The first formal appearance of the 83rd Division band members in their new uniforms will take place next Monday if Gen. Patton arrives as is expected. Modeling the new outfits in the above picture are Pfc. William McCaleb, bass horn; T/4 Donald Euverard, flute; Pvt. Robert Halstead, tenor sax; and T/4 Edwin Mutch, baton.

## NATIVES CLIMB FENCES TO SEE JIVING SOLDIERS

About 150 European girls were guided through the intricacies of American jitterbug dancing last week when the 1st Bn. of the 331st Inf. opened "Danceland", a beer garden and dance hall in Simbach. Music for the opening night was by the "Riflemen" dance band. The large band shell in "Danceland" was built by German labor under the direction of Pfc. George Ebensperger and T/5 Alfred Wolfe and the colored lighting effects and public address system were installed by T/4 George Meyer and T/4 Ernie Schmidt. The first night crowd of soldiers and their guests was swelled by women from Simbach and neighboring communities who were attracted to "Danceland" by the music and stayed to watch and listen from various vantage points along the fence. It is reported that some of them even made their way inside.

## 330th Service Co. Mess Hall Takes Best Kitchen Award

The Service Co. Mess hall of the 330th Inf. took the "best kitchen" award on July 16 and has held it ever since. The mess is said to be something different from any other mess in the Regiment.

All a soldier needs to eat at Service Company's mess are the usual instruments and a cup. The mess hall provides a clean white plate for all diners.

"Sometimes the rations are not as good as we'd like to have them, but we try to fix everything we get so that the men will enjoy eating it," says T/4 Hermit Lengle, Mess Sergeant. "I think that we have the best mess in the whole Division," remarked T/4 Edward Hamer of the S-1 Section. And T/4 Bill Turner of Service Co. says that "When we have pie it's just like mother baked." In a plug for the men who prepare the food Regimental Sgt. Maj. James L. Brooks says, "We're proud of our mess crew."

## Soldier Photographers In Rut For Subjects

A photo shop operated by Cpl. Mendel B. Joy, Pfc. Thomas Land, and Pfc. Morris Moen, serves the 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry. To equip their establishment, the men had to obtain scarce, non-corrosive, solution containers that wouldn't react to chemicals. Joy, Land and Moen had three steel containers made at the local tin craftsman's shop, and then painted the inside of the containers with asphalt acquired from one of the numerous drums left along the roadside in the wake of a construction gang.

Pfc. Moen, cashier and clerk in the shop, says, "Most of the pictures snapped by camera fans are landscape pictures, snaps of army vehicles that the men have driven, and personality shots of buddies."

## ONE MAN FLOOR SHOW



If this sort of thing keeps up the 83rd Signal Co. is going to have to construct a new foundation for its club in Vilshofen. In the above picture Cpl. Edward (The Dynamo) Klenck is about to go into one of his unpredictable comedy routines. In the background the band patiently waits for its turn to knock the roos off with some jive jingles. Members of the band include T/3 Robert Cleveland, leader and Zchechoslovakian cornetist (the cornet is Czech, not Cleveland); Pfc. Vince Mantia, accordian; Pfc. Ben Malecki, drums; T/5 Ray Wisner, guitar; and T/5 Ray Wisner, guitar; and T/4 Phillip June, clarinet.