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GOLFER SHOOTS PAR TO BECOME CIVILIAN

Eighty points is definitely the critical score of Pfc. James Monroe, 308th Medics. — Jim parlayed an 80 in the recent Third Army golf championships and ended up as a civilian with a yearly salary of \$ 3,500.

In the club house between rounds in the 3rd Army play-offs at Marienbad, Czechoslovakia last week, a high 3rd Army official heard of Monroe's excellent qualifications as a textile expert. He immediately went to work and succeeded in relieving Monroe of his Army duties so that he could be of more benefit to the United States in this new capacity.

Monroe, incidentally is still unaware of his new status of Mr. James Monroe, US citizen and government textile expert. Before he returns to his former post with the 308th Medics to learn that he is a civilian with a substantial position in the employ of the United States Government, he will probably complete play in the ETO golf tournament now taking place at the St. Cloud Links in Paris.

Just lady luck

In the words of Capt. James Hassman, 308th Medics, who relates this story, "Jim is a lucky man. He will certainly be surprised to find out that he is now a civilian with a salary of \$ 3,500 a year. Not only is this news good, but he will be able to bring his family here to reside with him."

That is not the only thrill that Monroe has provided thus far. On the last day of the golf play-offs, he was tied for the 24th position with two other players, necessitating a special play-off. On the first hole his long game came to fore as he birdied to eliminate the doubtful status and thus become a member of the 3rd Army amateur golf team.

Linkmen qualify

In the 3rd Army play-offs at Marienbad, Czechoslovakia seven 83rd THUNDERBOLT golfers qualified to compete in the ETO tourneys to be held this week on the St. Cloud course near Paris.

Of the seven linksmen who qualified Pfc. William Ferguson of the 908th FA Bn., Pvt. Fred Christian of the 323 FA Bn. and Pfc. Harry Snavely of the 330th Infantry are playing in the professional competition. Monroe and Lt. Harold Cross of the 803rd TDs will play in the simon pure bracket. Meanwhile, Pfc. Alfred Nathan failed to qualify by one stroke and the 3rd Army committee selected Capt. Clarence Forsythe of the 908th FA Bn. and Lt. Andrew Koza, Chemical Warfare Service and current steward of the Nieder-

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LUCKY BOY



College Days Back; Joes Start Courses At Civilian Schools

One officer and 22 enlisted men of the 83rd Division left this week to enroll in two separate civilian colleges as a part of the post - hostilities Army Education Program. They will take courses in French Language and Civilization at the Universities of Dijon and Grenoble in France. Another man is scheduled to leave the Division August 7th for a similar course of instruction at the Sorbonne in Paris. The courses at both Dijon and Grenoble will run until Sept. 29th. The Sorbonne Course ends August 25th.

In addition to the men who have already departed other quotas have been assigned XII Corps for courses in Physics and Chemistry, Botany, Horlogerie, Appreciation of Art, French Literature, Geography of France, and Modern French History. These classes will be offered at Besancon University in France and will run from August 13 to October 6th. Unit I & E officers have been advised of these quotas and are processing applications from qualified applicants.

A quota of two men has also been given XII Corps for a course in Department Store Management which runs from August 13th to September 1st. The prerequisite for this class is experience in department stores on managerial or executive level. Trainees will receive "on the job training" in department stores in the United Kingdom.

Applications for this course and the one being offered at Besancon University must be submitted to the Division I & E Officer by 1200 August 5th where they will be screened and forwarded to Corps Headquarters.

The I. and E. Section, under the direction of the Chief of Staff, Col. Conrad Boyle, is compiling a unit history of the 83rd Div. The necessary official records and documents are available. An effort is now being made to secure stories based upon the experiences of individual groups and units. Photographs are also desired. Anyone in the Division having material along this line is invited to forward it to the Division I. and E. Section.

Mystery Drama Has 1910 Locale In New York City

"Double Door", a four-act mystery melodrama with a U.S.O. cast of professional players has been presented this week at the Passau Arena. Next Monday the show will start a two-week tour of the Division area. Because of the large amount of scenery required the play will only be presented in those units that can provide adequate stage facilities.

Suggested by an incident in the lives of the two Wendell sisters, eccentric millionaires who lived in New York City just after the turn of the century, "Double Door" was written by a Miss Mac Cadden. It had a two-years run on Broadway and a year in London. Present star of the show is Hilda Vaughan, who has had extensive experience in the theater of Broadway and in Hollywood. There are five girls and six men in the cast. Peggy Lyons, who plays the ingenue part, just returned to the States from New Caledonia where she appeared before Pacific troops.

Gen. Patton Says 83rd Review Was Best He Has Ever Seen



IN A SURPRISE CEREMONY GEN. PATTON PINS THE LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL ON GEN. MACON. The citation for the medal mentions the exceptionally meritorious conduct of Gen. Macon in the German-Ardennes offensive between Dec. 26, 1944 and Jan. 20, 1945. The citation extols Gen. Macon's energy and professional skill in contributing materially to the defeat of the enemy.

LEGION OF MERIT MEDALS TO GEN. MACON-LT. MAGILL

Oldtimers in the 83rd Division remember the uncertainty that seemed to surround them during the latter part of last December. On the 26th the Division had been ordered to assist in clearing the Ardennes forest where the Germans, under Marshal von Rundstedt, were attempting an offensive.

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon was assigned the job of leading the men of the Division in the campaigns to dislodge the Germans from the forest; to push them back and make them retreat to the heart of the Reich.

At the time it seemed like an impossible accomplishment to the Thunderbolt soldiers. But as the campaign progressed and the victories came the men realized that they were being taken into battle by a great military leader. The orders of the day coming down from Gen. Macon were clear and concise. The men on the line knew the immediacy of their problems. They were not only fighting strong Nazi troops, but they were also combatting the most severe winter Europe had known in many years. Through the maze of rumors and uncertainties that came up in the highly fluid situation the men quickly came to feel that they were being led by a man who could cope with the many problems that beset them.

Under Gen. Macon the men of the 83rd had won battles to take towns like Ottre, Jouveval, Hebronal, Bibain, Langlie, and Petite Langlier. The Division had opened the way for the 3rd Armored Division to pass safely through the Ardennes and cut the Vith-Houffalize highway over which the Germans were withdrawing to the east. Gen. Macon's 83rd Division had made a major contribution toward driving the Germans out of the Ardennes and contributing to the defeat of the enemy.

Last Monday, in recognition of Gen. Macon's leadership, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. pinned the Legion of Merit medal on Gen. Macon. The citation for the Legion of Merit to Gen. Macon reads, in part, "Major General Macon exhibited sound tactical judgment and the highest type of leadership in blocking the attack and in the subsequent reduction of the enemy salient."

Last Monday Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. visited the 83rd Division Area long enough to review a representative group of Thunderbolt men, watch an Infantry attack problem, present the Legion of Merit to Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, and sample one of the Oberhaus' home-cooked meals.

Gen. Patton arrived in a C-47 transport at Pocking Air Field shortly after ten a.m. Included in the visiting party were Maj. Gen. Le Roy Irwin, XII Corps Commander; Maj. Gen. Hughes, USFET Staff; Brig. Gen. Ralph Canine, XII Corps Chief of Staff; Brig. Gen. Halley Maddox, 3rd Army G-3; Capt. Graves, aide-de-camp; and Col. Jack Griffith, XII Corps G-3.

Proceeding at once to the reviewing stand, the party stood at attention as Infantry units, truck-drawn howitzers, and the Division Band passed in review. In a remark to Col. Edwin B. Crabill, Assistant Division Commander, Gen. Patton stated, "That was the best review I have ever seen — bar none!"

After a complete round of the field, the units from the 329th, 330th and 331st Infantry, and other Components of the 83rd Div. came on line to listen the 3rd Army Commander, Gen. Macon, Division Commander, introduced the speaker as, "A man we are proud to serve under — a soldier long famous for his wisdom, planning, and personal leadership qualities which have brought outstanding successes on the battlefield."

Acknowledging Gen. Macon's introduction, the four-star general said, "Officers and men of a great division — the 83rd. — Sit down if you want to."

"Never have I seen a more magnificently turned out, more perfectly aligned group. My only criticism of the American soldier is that he doesn't know how good he is. I believe you will end this war sooner than you think."

After praising the Division, Gen. Patton added a touch of informality, stating, "I am talking to you, not as your Army Commander, but as an old

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"troops of the 83rd Infantry Division under the able leadership of

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"BURMA ROAD" BOB MAY SHOW HERE

Bob Hope and a U.S.O. troupe consisting of Jerry Colonna, Gale Robbins, Jean Bruner, Ruth Denas, Patty Thomas, Jack Pepper, and Roger Price may appear at the Arena in Passau next Monday, according to a last minute report from 3rd Army Special Service. The number of shows to be given was not announced at THUNDERBOLT press time.

If the show follows the outline set by previous performances in the ETO it will last about an hour and a half, with Hope on the stage all the time, Colonna for about 30 minutes, and the others for individual acts. Mess Bruner plays boogie and some standard classics in jazz piano. Jack Pepper is reported to sing songs with titles like, "Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night, Because Those Meatballs Were Killing Me," and "Take Him In the Roundhouse, he Can't Corner You There." Miss Thomas, who is blonde and includes in her wardrobe a tight-fitting black costume with yellow ruffles, does tap dancing. Miss Denas plays a couple of numbers on an accordion and sings something about "I Said Yes, And It Didn't Have Anything to do With Liberty Magazine." She is a brunette with blue eyes.

Jerry Colonna plays a slide trombone and "passes gags back and forth with Hope." Miss Robbins' repertoire of popular songs includes "Embraceable



You," "That Soldier of Mine," and "Accentuate the Positive." Miss Robbins is blonde and has sung with the bands of Eddie Duchin, Jan Garber, and Ben Bernie. At present she is under contract as an actress and singer to 20th Century-Fox.

The finale of the show includes all of the members of the cast.

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THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC

A "powerful" U.S. fleet, consisting of everything from destroyers to carriers, has dealt the Japanese fleet a sledge-hammer blow in stepping up our air and sea operations in the Pacific. The Nip fleet, number one on the priority list, no longer exists, as stated in a communique from Admiral Nimitz. The Japanese fleet no longer remains a threat to our fighting forces, it was stated. Our carrier-based aircraft have sunk or damaged a total of 1,546 ships in July alone, leaving only a few submarines and three carriers to protect the Japanese mainland against the anticipated Allied attack.

With this overwhelming weight of air and sea power, the Japanese must decide between an immediate surrender or a fate even worse than that experienced by the German nation. Our ships are now able to roam the Japanese coastline, sending tons of shells down on any coastal objective they choose. With this and the combined effort of our fleet of Superfortresses, it seems that the destruction of Japan is imminent.

Next month — should prove just how much the Japs can take. Twentieth Air Force headquarters has promised the Nips 8,000 tons of bombs from a total of 12,000 tons in August. Without fear of enemy opposition the Air Force is now calling it's plays, as another twelve Jap cities have been put on the "doomed" list. Our Third Fleet has consented to give an assist by stepping up it's carrier operations and a continuation of its harbor hob-nobbing.

How much can the Japs take? — By the time the invasion is ready, the allied air power should have smashed Japan's industry and transport, and she should be thoroughly shrieved by combined air and naval blockade. She may not be able even if willing to keep fighting. When questioned on whether he believed that invasion would, in the end, be necessary, Admiral Nimitz replied, "I don't know how much the Japs can take. They have seen what has happened in Europe, the wreckage of Germany. They now what is in store for them . . . All I do know is that it is necessary to go through with the planning of the invasion of Japan.

In view of the weeks events it is almost questionable whether the Jap nation will continue such a selfish war against such tremendous odds. With their air power and sea strength gone they have nothing left but their fanatical nature to fight, and even that is no weapon against our vastly superior forces. A slight inkling as to the possible trend in events has been the numerous rumors of "peace feelers", following the Potsdam "ultimatum" handed to Japan by Great Britain and the United States. A slight "softening up" in the Japanese policy has been evidenced in recent broadcasts by Radio Tokyo. Whether or not the militaristic plans of Japan will change should come forth in the next few weeks, as we continue to give them everything we've got.

'ROUND the 83rd...

Brooklyn should have its own way at Ebbets Field after the war if Pfc. Philip Cronin has anything to say about it. Cronin, of Co. I, 329th Inf., recently completed training in a school for baseball umpires conducted by the Army in Passau. Being from Brooklyn Cronin is probably a life-long and fanatical Dodger fan. He is also a tenor, and an Irish tenor at that. He has entertained at the "Old Irish House" at Coney Island and at Flynn's Cafe in Brooklyn. Currently he is making almost nightly professional appearances at Co. I's newly opened recreation club. In regard to the CBI Cronin, with his lofty 81 points says, "No sense in two of us worrying about it. Let the Japs worry." T/5 Harold Sewall is in charge of the club's entertainment.

"Well, I'll be dammed. I'm a Pop — sure wish it had been a few months ago though," said Pfc. Michel Dalvinski, of Co. F, 330th Inf. when he received word that he was the father of a baby girl. This was not the only statement that was made the same day though. Another statement was issued later in the afternoon. "Boy. Oh Boy I'M a FATHER" shouted Pfc. Clayton B. Hesslink when he was handed a telegram. The GI took the telegram, and with shaky hands slowly opened it, and then made the above statement. He also had become the father of a baby girl.

The two men had a couple of beers that night, and talked the situation over; and the 12-points that they don't have —!

With only a half mile separating them at St. Malo Cpls. James and Robert Sanderson missed meeting because of a sudden march order. It would have been their first meeting in almost two years. Now, through redeployment, both brothers are in the same field artillery battalion. Bob, formerly with the 740th F.A., has been transferred to B Battery, 322nd Field Artillery. Jim is in C Battery of the same battalion. They both say they are looking forward to resuming their deer hunting near their home in Moosic, Pa., "But by the looks of my 56 points and Jim's 69," says Bob, "we'll probably be together in this Army for a long time."

The Oatmeal Cluster, a unit award approved by the Commanding officer of Co. L, 330th Inf., has been awarded to Pfc. Marcus L. Wright to mark his rise from K.P. to Assistant Mess Sergeant. Wright is said to be interested in keeping the waists of his men in good shape and his familiar greeting to the men as they pass through the chow line is, "No seconds today!" This remark is said to be one of the things that make the chow hounds love him.

LETTERS

to the Editor

To Editor, THUNDERBOLT

Lost, strayed, or otherwise, a small, brown dog of mixed breed, but predominately Dachshund. Answers to the name "Spearhead". Was lost during the first practice for the Gen. Patton review.

As the dog was with us during a great part of combat we are all very fond of him and would like to get him back. We will appreciate any information as to his whereabouts.

Sgt. H. Barry
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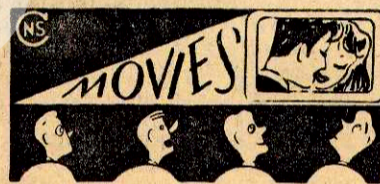
A Miscue

Last week's THUNDERBOLT erroneously stated that some rooms of the Niederhaus, 83rd Div. officer's club, were remodeled to make accommodations for use of the Nazi party. Apparently this is incorrect as a German civilian connected with the Niederhaus states that none of the rooms were remodeled prior to the building being taken over by the 83rd. Rooms in the Oberhaus, EM Rest Center, were altered for use of the Nazis.

Laundry service in the ETO is apparently just as fantastic in its uncertainty as it is in the States. T/5 William Milhaly of 331st Reg. Hq. Co. probably thinks so anyway. He took his new OD shirt to a seamstress in Greisbach to have the chevrons sewed on. He took particular pains to explain just how they should go on as he wanted the shirt to wear at a company party.

When the shirt was returned he found that the chevrons were neatly sewed on . . . just above each pocket! Not content with being bitten once Milhaly left two other shirts to be laundered and to have chevrons sewed on one of them. These shirts came back with a chevron sewed on each right arm. Milhaly is contacting the local Red Cross director for a sewing kit.

Some of the fellows in the 323rd F.A. Bn., said it was the greatest contribution to the Army's visual education program since Beily Grable posed in waist-length jacket and shoes for a picture showing GI's how to find the shortest distance between two points, and how to arrive most quickly at a pre-determined spot. The 323rd picture was posed by Pfc. David Nellies, and it was just Nellies' sheer modesty that restrained him from allowing THUNDERBOLT to reproduce the picture in its pages. Taken in a wooded area, close to nature, the picture showed the effect of perfect camouflage; lack of camouflage; and how one tiny, flesh-colored object can give away an otherwise perfect job of cover and concealment. From usually reliable sources it was learned that steps may be taken to have the snapshot enlarged to life size for use by Divarty in training classes on maneuvers.



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

Our Hearts Were Young and Gay - with Diana Lynn and Charlie Ruggles.

Hi Ya, Beautiful — with Martha Driscoll and Noah Beery, Jr.

HOLLYWOOD CANTEN — 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.

MONKEY BUSINESS

Three Monkeys sat in a coconut tree discussing things as they are to be said one to the others, "Now listen you two,

There's a certain rumor circulating that can't be true, That man descended from our noble race —

The very idea is a disgrace. No monkey ever deserted his wife, Starved her babies or ruined her life, And you've never known another monk To leave her babies with others to bunk, Or pass them on from one to another Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

And another thing you'll never see A monk build a fence around a coconut tree

And let the coconuts rot and go to waste Forbidding all others to have a taste. Why, if I'd put a fence around a coconut tree —

Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't do — Go out at night, get drunk on a stew, Or use a gun, a club or a knife To take some other monkey's life.

Yes — man descended — the ornery cuss

But Brother, he didn't descend from us!" From a poet in 330th Inf.

BEYOND the LUE

By Pfc. Maury Renek

The so-called "roaring (but better described as "hicoughing") twenties" brought to the world's attention bathtub gin, Jake Lepke and made Warner Bros. and Cagney famous when they brought this lusty decade to the silver screen. In the thirties if you weren't a candidate for the Supreme Court there was little to offer you.

But with the forties came a new and great era. Our former vice president, and now Secretary of Commerce, Henry Wallace, called it the "Era of the Common Man." Another great liberal that the forties produced was the late Wendell Wilkie. Between the two they had "One World" and the common man. In spite of hectic opposition these men won a place in American hearts, and in the hearts of liberals all over the world.

We're still in the forties, but after taking a look at the world we wonder if there are any common men left. If a common man is supposed to represent the average Joe Doakes who goes through life in the same manner Dagwood does, only on a smaller scale, then today there seem to be very few Joe Doakes around. His place has been performed on "Information, Please" taken by the super-intelligentsia who brain trust programs, and what not. Even the children aren't common. There are "Quiz Kids", and it seems like even the dullest child can tell the history of an airplane and heaven knows what else, by just listening to the sound of one.

The man who was once common is now stricken with a "quiz disease" called "sixtyfourdollaritis." If you happen to be on the other end of the mental ladder you stand a more than fair chance of becoming a radio star on a program called "It Pays to Be Ignorant."

Once the war is over and everybody goes back to his natural habitat Mr. Wallace might set himself to finding a common man. He would find his task equal to that of Diogenes. Like the Dodo bird the common man will soon become extinct, and once the movie world finds this out there will be a cycle of motion pictures glorifying the common man. Charles Darwin (1809—1882) will devote the rest of his life to his new book of research, "The Origin of the Common Man." In this book he will explain what happened to the missing link of common men; or, what happened to the enlisted men's liquor rations?

William Beebe, will descend to the ocean's bottom once more in his bathysphere to find traces of the man people called "common" and Republicans called "Democrats", and vice versa. Ten years later Beebe will come up unshaven and proclaim to the world that he has found a circus walrus that can play "My Country 'Tis of Three" on an automobile horn.

Osa Johnson, will go back into darkest Africa to look for traces of this contemporary missing link. Down in a deep native dungeon with skulls on the wall and pungent odor of beer all around Osa will make the greatest discovery since woman found a bargain in a basement. Amidst the roar of howling savages and the staccato beat of tom-toms, a white man will step forward and Osa will make a remark for posterity: "Mr. Hitler; I presume."

John Roy Carlson, will drop his witch doctor's mask which he donned to spy on Adolf and will come out with a jungle-shaking book called "Underhanded" in which he will lay stark naked to the world Hitler's scheme of National Socialism Cannonballism. He will tell now animals with non-Aryan blood were shipped to the Central Park monkeys and one Orang-Outang, Adolf Zoo. How with ninety-nine Aryan was beginning to build the greatest animal werhmacht in military history. His animals lost confidence when, after singing "We're Going to Sail Against Zambesi" for twenty years they never made it and consequently it was dropped from the Hit Parade.

The search for the missing Common Man was in vain. Cerechez as they would, no trace could be found except a few liquor stains here and there. The Era of the Common Man was over and only posterity will ever know if the common man Voted for Republicans or Democrats.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"She wants to know if I have a friend for her mother!"

Gold Star For Unit Plaque Presented to 783rd Ord. First Report On Training Area

A gold star has been added to the Meritorious Service Unit plaque of 783rd Ordnance Co. This marks the second time the 783rd has been awarded this emblem for "superior performance in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks." With this record of recognized achievement Pvt. John Graham got busy and compiled a few figures about the unit's work.

In the automotive section over 3,000+ vehicles have been repaired, according to shop foreman T/Sgt. John Pfeifer. This total figure includes 925 G.M.C.'s, 1,325 jeeps, 268 3/4-ton weapons carriers, 155 ton and a half's, and 325 miscellaneous vehicles. All this since D plus 18 when the 783rd landed on Omaha Beach.

T/3 Samuel Candelieri's welding shop has used over a quarter of a ton of electric welding rod in repairing frames, bumpers, spring hangers, and even kitchen ranges and pots. And 2,861 sets of brake linings have been riveted to shoes by T/5 Leonard Reinsperger.

The figures on work accomplished get rather astronomical in the armament section. This section, headed by T/Sgt. George K. Harris and S/Sgt. William Litrenta, has repaired 14,995 small arms and reclaimed 18,548 from the battlefield.

T/3 Alvin Ambrey has been awarded a Bronze Star for his meritorious service in the carburetion and electrical bay. Ambrey and T/4 Albert Unfried have worked on 1,238 carburetors, 202 generators, 177 fuel pumps, 144 starters and 900 batteries. In the radiator section Sgt. Lloyd Grayson has repaired single-handedly over 711 radiators.

T/3 Eugene Bond and T/4 Warren Rangnow have repaired 632 instruments and have evacuated 1,113 to rear echelon; most of the latter were watches which the Ordnance is not authorized to repair.

The figures take a slump in S/Sgt. William Litrenta's artillery repair section. 146 guns were repaired and 21 were evacuated. The majority of the work of the artillery repair section is often done on the spot under enemy fire where no record is kept. High spot in this section was during the Moselle river encounter when 13 M3-105 MM Howitzers were repaired in a single day. Out of the 270 days the 783rd Ordnance was in combat the artillery repair men were actively engaged every day.

In the supply department nearly 300 tons of equipment have been handled by T/Sgt. John Kilcoyne and the men working with him. Tragedy struck this section just two weeks before V-E day when T/5 Andrew Chavous and his buddy, T/5 Phillip Moore, were killed while making one of their long, hazardous depot runs.

Two other Bronze Stars have been awarded to T/4 Aubrey Wilcox and Pfc. Irvine Woodward for their work in managing 35 tons of armament equipment and issuing 24 1/2 tons of tools from the Rhine to the Elbe.

In praising the men who drive for 783rd Ordnance Pvt. Graham decided that their work could not be measured in figures. Sgt. Bernard Potts, who survived a German ambush, T/5 William Madison, Pfc. Joe Zilonis and Pvt. Wilton Snook, all were absent from their outfit for long periods of time in the performance of vital requisitioning and procurement of ordnance parts and supplies.

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LEGION OF MERIT

Major General Macon fought skillfully and gained their assigned objectives. Throughout the entire engagement Major General Macon exhibited untiring energy and high professional ability in the employment of his forces, contributing materially to the crushing defeat of the enemy.

This week, too, another officer of the 83rd Division was awarded a Legion of Merit medal; Lt. Samuel Magill of the I. and R. Platoon of the 329th Infantry. The incidents leading up to the event for which Lt. Magill has been honored with the Legion of Merit were not dogged with the rugged difficulties that attended those weeks in the Ardennes. Lt. Magill's exploit was more along the lines of making the most of a fluid situation. He learned that the commanding general of a large German force had indicated his willingness to surrender to the Americans. Surrendering with him would be 20,000 German troops and their vehicles, arms and other equipment.

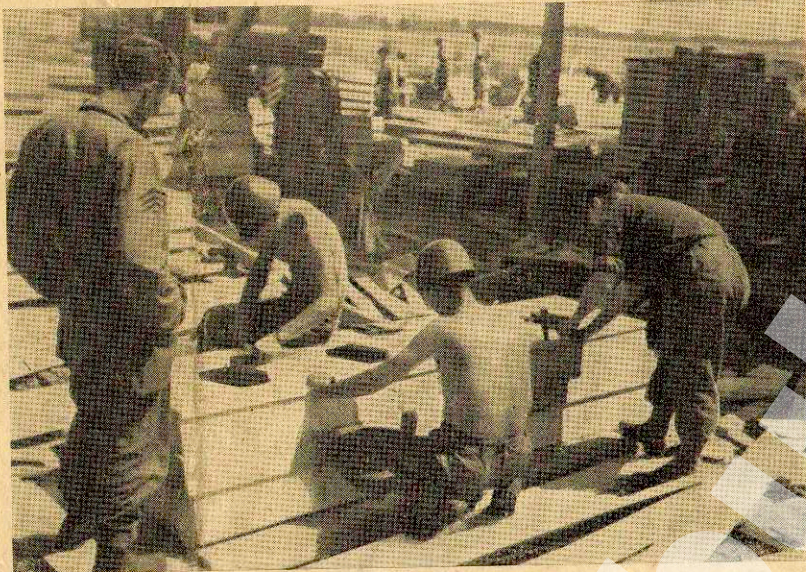
It was a delicate situation for a lieutenant to be in. He must arrange for the surrender but he must avoid making any commitments beyond the range of his authority.

Working directly with the enlisted men of the I. and R. Platoon under his command Lt. Magill established direct liaison with the German commander and arranged a conference which led to the surrender of the general and the 20,000 troops he commanded. On September 17, 1944 Gen. Macon accepted the pistol of the German general, signifying surrender, and the 20,000 troops were marched to a PW enclosure. It was the largest mass surrender of the war.

Lt. Magill has since been transferred to the 99th Division under the Army's deployment plan. But the men of the original I. and R. Platoon who are still with the 83rd remember those days of "20,000 at Beaugency." Cpl. Harry Goodson said, when he was told of Lt. Magill's award, "It's about time. Lt. Magill deserves everything he received. I remember very well those days last September when we first heard the rumor that Gen. Elster would surrender to the 99th Division under the Army's stic that no one would believe it. 20,000 German troops and their general surrendering at one fell swoop? Impossible! But it's history now that they did surrender."

Terry Flies to London

PLATTLING, Germany. — Pfc. Duncan Niles Terry, 329th Inf., will leave by plane this week for London, England where he will exhibit his art work at the Rainbow Corner's Red Cross Club. Terry will take with him 36 pieces that he was done in England, Holland and Germany. This is Terry's second exhibition in London.



THE OUTDOOR LIFE WITH REFINEMENTS has been the aim of the 308th Engineers during the past two weeks when they have been getting the maneuver area ready for 83rd Doughs. On the construction job above are Pfc. Rudolph Rehyanski, Pvt. Robert Rothwell, Pvt. Nelson Lawson, and T/4 Donald Snell, company engineer.

DIV. ARTY. FIRST TO TRAIN AT 83rd MANEUVER AREA

The Division's Artillery units moved the 125 miles from their hotels and apartments in the Passau area to the tent cities on the grounds of the Grafenwohr firing range near Vilseck last Wednesday. Although the convoys did not resemble the "rag-tag circuits", there was much excess equipment being carried because of the lack of facilities in the new area.

Due to the shortage of housing in the camp, the 308th Engineers were sent up in advance of the Artillery to set up tent cities. These cities were made up of large German squad tents. Because of these arrangements, the previous plans calling for the transporting of pyramidal tents were cancelled. There is no electricity available for lighting these tents, however, so all units are taking along generators.

England Recalled

The same type box latrines and wooden wash stands that were used in the Aston Park Artillery Camp in England will be used here. There is plenty of wood available in the new area, so no transportation or procurement problem had to be met on this account.

Gasoline Problem

Gasoline proved to be the biggest problem standing in the way of the move. Artillery had been allowed a daily ration of 1,000 gallons of gas, but they were allotted an additional 10,000 gallons for the move to the range.

Other Units Going Too

The set-up will be somewhat the same as it was when the Artillery moved up to the Roer river while the rest of the Division remained in Holland. There was a small group along from the APO, another from Quartermaster, and another from Ordnance. The Quartermaster contingent will bring food and gas from the nearest supply dumps and make a breakdown at a central point. Each unit, however, carried a two-day supply of A rations for the trip.

No Teletype Connection

A plan for setting up a teletype line from Division to Div. Arty. was discussed, but because of the distance involved the line would probably have to pass through a relay board in Regensburg.

Jap Combat Stressed

The types of training to be stressed show the influence of the Japanese style of fighting, and the terrain of the CBI. Time fire and high angle fire of the howitzers, because of the great effect of this type of firing in the jungles, will be emphasized on the tests which will mark the end of the training period. Japanese tactics and protection of the Battery areas against infiltration will also draw high priority on the training schedules.

You Scream, We Scream But Ice Cream Freezers Are Unsolved Problem

Although we are all screaming for ice cream these days, much to the discomfort of the Mess Sgt., the situation remains very frigid on that front. With the absence of the proper freezing facilities in the Division area, the manufacture of this much desired delicacy remains an acute problem.

The only large factory capable of producing any quantity of ice cream is located in the city of Passau. This concern, a civilian bakery, has been turning out a small amount of cream for those units bringing the ready mixed ingredients to the plant.

ENGINEERS IN TWO-WEEK WORK DETAIL

"Are we going to live in this place? Why, I don't even see a bird out here," was the first remark of T/5 Louis W. Tidd when he saw the area near Grafenwohr where the 83rd Div. is scheduled to go on maneuvers. Tidd had accompanied the 308th Engineer Bn. when that outfit moved out two weeks ago to prepare the area for the maneuver period. The Engineers probably haven't rounded up any birds, but they have done a lot of work to make the area more habitable for 83rd men.

Tent Billets

The first few nights in the area the Engineers spent in "pup" tents, while in the daytime they surveyed and measured the terrain. Then the erection of 16' by 32' tents started. During the past week the Engineers piled up a lot of man hours repairing roads; building bridges, mess tables, box latrines, and tent floors, besides erecting the tents, latrines, and field mess halls.

Div. Arty. Arrives

83rd Div. Artillery arrived in the area this week, to be the first unit into the field; while the first combat team is expected to hit the woods in mid-August. The Engineers intend to erect enough tents to accommodate two full Infantry regiments, Division Artillery, and supporting medical and service battalions.

Social Activities:

Recreation hasn't been forgotten. The Engineers have scouted out the best swimming holes, policed them up, and built diving boards and rafts. Asked about other social activities Sgt. Charles Adams of A Co. said, "I guess there just won't be much. The stock I've seen around here I wouldn't wish on a Com Z man."

Take In Brass Monkeys

Pfc. Hubert Peek of H. and S. said this about the "Boy Scout" life, "It's alright in the day time but tell those boys who are still enjoying city life not to throw away their sleeping bags. I damned near froze my 'toes' last night!"

The Grafenwohr area is said to be better for maneuvers than the Tennessee area since completed plans call for running water, electricity, and all the other "comforts of home." But the Engineers add the warning that the maneuvers shouldn't be planned as an outing because the schedule calls for some rugged training.

Never Say Die

When the gas shortage in this area de-adlined just about every vehicle in the company, the men of Co. C, 803TD, didn't care too much for they all figured they'd fall back on a few horses they had at their disposal. All went well until one night they found a sign on the "hayburners" door saying the horses could not be ridden. Seems like their oat's delivery got snafued in some way and old Dobbin was going without his feed!

Male Call

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



Global Strategy"—So Round; So Firm . . ."

HERE and THERE



Cannon's Explode

The Cannoneers exploded with five straight wins to take a commanding lead in the 330th Regimental Softball League. Big Glen Vahue has wielded a big stick in leading the league's hitters with a fat .473 average. Service Co. is still dwelling in the cellar with 1 win and 3 losses.

Tank Busters Open League

The 803rd TD Softball League got under way this week as Hq. Co. whipped C Company in the opener. A homer by T/5 Aubry Hannock with two mates aboard gave the winners an early lead. T/4 Nathan Anthony, former C Company twirler, hand-cuffed his former mates all the way.

"Baker" Company cooked up a three-run rally in the sixth frame to break a one-run tie and down A Co. 4 to 1. Cpl. Louis Sweat relieved Wright on the mound and pitched hitless ball for four innings, getting credit for the win.

Joels Open Cage Play

A huge gymnasium complete with basketball court, and gymnastic apparatus has been improvised in the 3rd Bn, 329th area. When the rains come, a program of indoor sports take over the athletic activities. A basketball schedule is now being arranged and team play will soon get underway. T/5 Irving Malkin has been largely responsible for this new program and athletic equipment.

Rockets Take Crown

PLATTLING, Germany. — The "H" Company "Rockets" annexed the Second Battalion Softball Championship this week and went on to whip the best teams in the 329th's other two Battalions.

The "Rockets" easily over-ran B Company, 1st Bn Champions, to the tune of 6 to 0. They repeated the performance latter in the week, downing a picked Third Bn. team 1 to 0.

The slugging of Sgt. Paul Armbrust and Pfc. Virgil D. Klassey have given pitcher Bill Bowman plenty of support. Bowman chalked up his fifteenth win of the season and upped his strikeouts to 91 for the season.

The Price of Defeat

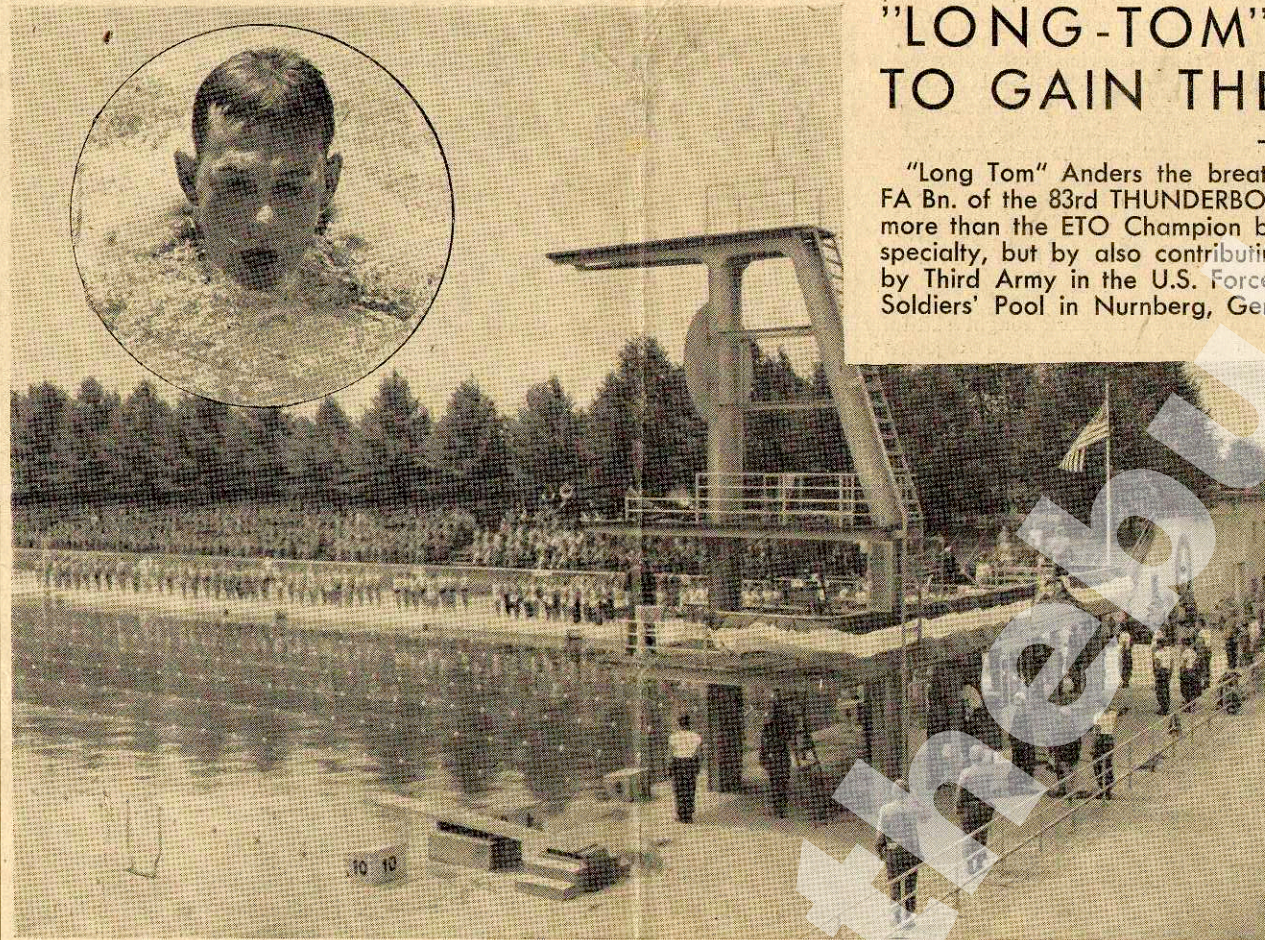
As the penalty for losing a softball game to enlisted men this week two officers were forcibly thrown into the Co. I, 329th Inf. swimming pool. The two officers were Lts. Rufus McCue and Walter Miller. A third officer, Capt. Earl Hoover, managed to get his clothes off within the allotted time and was allowed to throw himself into the pool. The score of the game was not recorded.

Buckshots Drop Fray

DEGGENDORF, Germany. — The 330th "Bolts" pounded out a 10 to 3 victory over the hapless 329 "Buckshot" nine here Wednesday afternoon. Left-fielder Finnerty snared a beautiful catch off the left field wall with the bases loaded to bud a "Buckshot" rally in the sixth inning. Wilson, star 329 twirler, relieved Deusso in the sixth and hurled beautiful ball the remaining three innings. The "Buckshots" showed fine fielding ability in making two twin-killings.

The "Bolts" made 10 runs on 14 hits and two errors — while the "Buckshots" garnered 3 runs off 9 hits and made 4 boots. Roland, Watson and Collier was the battery for 330, while Wilson, Deusso and Liberatore did the chores for 329. Roland was the winning pitcher, Deusso the loser.

Tommy Anders New Swim King



"LONG-TOM" SINKS RIVALS TO GAIN THEATRE CROWN

"Long Tom" Anders the breath-taking breast stroker from the 908th FA Bn. of the 83rd THUNDERBOLT Division proved himself to be more than the ETO Champion by not only annexing the crown in his specialty, but by also contributing 20.66 out of the 32 points gained by Third Army in the U.S. Forces Swimming Championships held in Soldiers' Pool in Nurnberg, Germany on July 28 and 29.

Anders, a comparative unknown in the swimming world in the space of three weeks captured the 83rd Division, the XII Corps, the Third Army and finally the ETO Championship in the 200-meter breast stroke event. While the time for the event was not record breaking it was none the less sensational at 3:06. In the short space of three weeks Anders cut his time for this distance by more than 10 seconds, after being out of competition for more than 4 years.

Anders loses heart-braker

Besides scoring this terrific win, Anders also placed second in the 400-meter breast stroke event losing only by a scant 5-meters to Pfc. William Palmer of the 7th Army. In the 300-meter medley relay Anders teamed up with Roessler of the II Corps and Leitt of the XXII Corps of the Third Army to place second in this event. Popich also of the II Corps scored a third in the 3-meter diving to end the scoring of the Third Army which placed a poor fifth in the meet.

The 7th Army, the ETO Team Champion edged out the USTAF Team by 3 points gaining 84½ points to 81½ for USTAF. Third place honors went to the combined USFET-GFRC forces with 64 and Com Z closely following with 56 points. The Third Army faded to fifth with 32 while XVI Corps eked out 9 and Navy, who brought the smallest team to the meet failed to score in all 12 events.

Competition tough

Capt. Herbert Glass, another 908th FA swimmer, swam his heart out in four events but failed to place in any of them. He deserves great credit however as he was one of the oldest competitors in the meet. Cpl. Gary L. Searls, of the 736th Tankers, the only other qualifier for the ETO Championships from the THUNDERBOLT Division also found the diving talent way out of his class and was eliminated in the trials.

Goes to Paris

As an individual and team winner Anders was presented trophies by Maj. General Andrus of the 1st Division and, according to Col. Kenny Fields, ETO athletic officer, will probably form a team that will take on 5th Army and other MTO swimmers in a giant GI Olympics late in August. Following the meet Anders and his new ETO teammates were flown to Paris where they will be further honored and then begin training to overcome all competition from the American Forces overseas and also any competition that can be arranged among the Allied Forces.

SOLDIER'S POOL, Nurnberg was the site for "Long Tom" Anders' (Inset) sensational swimming performance. Anders compiled 20.66 out of Third Army's 32 points before a record crowd of 5000 spectators. The swimming title-fest launched the ETO Sports Championships, familiarly known as the "GI Olympics", in the newly-christened Soldier's Field pool.

BLACKBOYS STRETCH STREAK TO SIX

Doc's get booby-prize

Flushed with victory the 331st Baseball team made it six in a row over a 308th Medic "Nine", the only team to defeat them this season, to the tune of 6 to 4 this week at the losers' field.

The Medics started the "Pill" rolling in their part of the 1st when Cecil got hold of the initial pitch, sending a screaming-meemie out into deep right field, and scored when Curtis slipped one past second for a safety. The "Doughs" struck back hard, grabbing a 3 to 1 lead with Clyde's hard hit liner through short. Miller got on through an error, and Hemming followed later with a scorcher that netted him three bases, scoring on a bingle past second by Merriam.

Hemming chokes rally

After a heated "discussion" in the first half of the 3rd, "Lippy" Litviak came up to the plate to take his cut and polled one out into Center Field for a double, sending Pociask across "pay dirt" after he had reached second on Miller's error. Litviak then scored when Miller dropped a looping fly ball from Canterbury. With the game deadlocked, Hemming tightened the noose and choked off the rally.

Both teams went scoreless in the 4th frame, but in the 5th the "Docs" assessed one more run to take the lead. In the 6th the TTF boys came back with three more plate crossings to give Hughes, who had relieved Hemming of his mound duties, a substantial two tally margin, which they held to the end.

Pociask led the home team with two safeties, while Merriam, Clyde, Kribs, and Hemming shared honors for the "foot sloggers" with two each. Both teams had more than their share of booby-prizes with seven boots to four. Foertschbeck pitched good ball, but was out-pointed by Hemming in that he issued three free passes to none, miscues, but the Medics copped the while Hughes allowed two walks in the three innings he worked for the visitors.

Due to a schedule mix-up the game was played on 331's Field with the "Doughs" acting as the visiting team.

331 Infantry Regt.

Player	Position	AB	R	H	E
Merriam	3B	6	1	2	0
Jellich	1B	6	0	0	0
Russo	CF	4	0	0	2
Clyde	C	4	1	2	0
Miller	RF	5	1	0	2
Kribs	SS	4	1	2	0
Socha	LF	5	0	0	0
Hemming	P	3	2	2	0
Hughes	P	1	0	0	0
Totals		38	6	8	4

308 Medical Battalion

Player	Position	AB	R	H	E
Monis	LF	4	0	0	1
Cecil	C	5	1	1	0
Curtis	2B	4	0	1	3
Pociask	CF	4	2	2	0
Litviak	SS	4	1	1	1
Canterbury	1B	4	0	0	1
Votta	RF	4	0	0	0
Dunlop	3B	4	0	1	1
Foerts'b'k	P	4	0	1	1
Totals		37	4	7	7

	R	H	E
331st Inf.	0	3	0
308th Medics	1	0	2

Green Rings In

NURNBERG, Germany — T/5 Earl Green, 736th Tankers, representing the 83rd THUNDERBOLT Division and XII Corps, will endeavor to continue his win streak at the 3rd Army Horse-shoe Championships being held at Soldier's Field this week.

Green won both the Division and Corps titles in his past two performances with little trouble, but the opposition is expected to be much stiffer at Army in the singles competition.

Philadelphia — Philadelphia's pigeons, condemned to death as disease carriers, have been given a stay of execution. The reason: It's mating season.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

THUNDERBOLT LEAGUE

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCCT	G.B.
308th "Pill Rollers"	5	1	.833	—
331st "Blackboys"	5	1	.833	—
330th "Bolts"	4	3	.555	1½
329th "Buckshots"	2	5	.285	3½

Games Scheduled

Sunday	308th "Pill Rollers"	at	329th
	331st "Blackboys"	at	330th
Wednesday	329th "Buckshots"	at	308th
Saturday	330th "Bolts"	at	308th

Doc's Dop Tight Fray In First Place Tie

The 308th Medics put themselves right on top the baseball heap along side the 331st when they nosed out the 330th Infantry 6 to 5 in a nine inning thriller at Freyung this week.

Wasting no time, the Medics let it be known whose game it was, when they banged out four big runs in the first inning. The Infantrymen came back in their half of the first, with one tally, and scored once more in the third.

For two innings both teams were blanked, but in the 6th they each picked up another run. The Stretch inning provided the MDs with their final marker, while the Doughboys pushed across two. Both pitchers tightened up, and the traffic cop on the home plate was superfluous from then on.

Pociask keeps hits scattered

Although 330th got 13 hits to the Medics nine, pitcher Pociack kept them scattered enough to eke out his one run margin. Watson was charged with the loss.

Center Fielder, Whitman, of the home team, stole several extra-base hits from the victors by making two circus catches out in no-man's land. One time he leaped high in the air to snare a ball marked for a long trip, and another time, he ran way in behind second base to pick one off the grass tops.

Third Baseman, Bankhead, hot-cornerman for the "Doughs" put the lumber to the leather, and with one man on slammed, a four-bagger that was labeled for Czechoslovakia. Oddly enough, Bankhead, is an Aidman.

Line-Up:	Pos	308th Medics	Pos.
330th Inf	SS	Monis	LF
Sparzynski	2B	Cecil	C
Prince	3B	Curtis	2B
Bankhead	CF	Pociask	CF
Whitman	1B	Litviak	SS
Vartanian	RF	Canterbury	1B
Harbinn	LF	Votta	RF
Finnerty	C	Dunlop	3B
Collier	P	Foertschbeck	P
Watson			
Medics	4	0	0
330th	1	0	1

St. Louis — Page St. Patrick. A trolleyman made 3 unscheduled stops, killing a snake each time, and knocked off a 4th one at the end of the line.

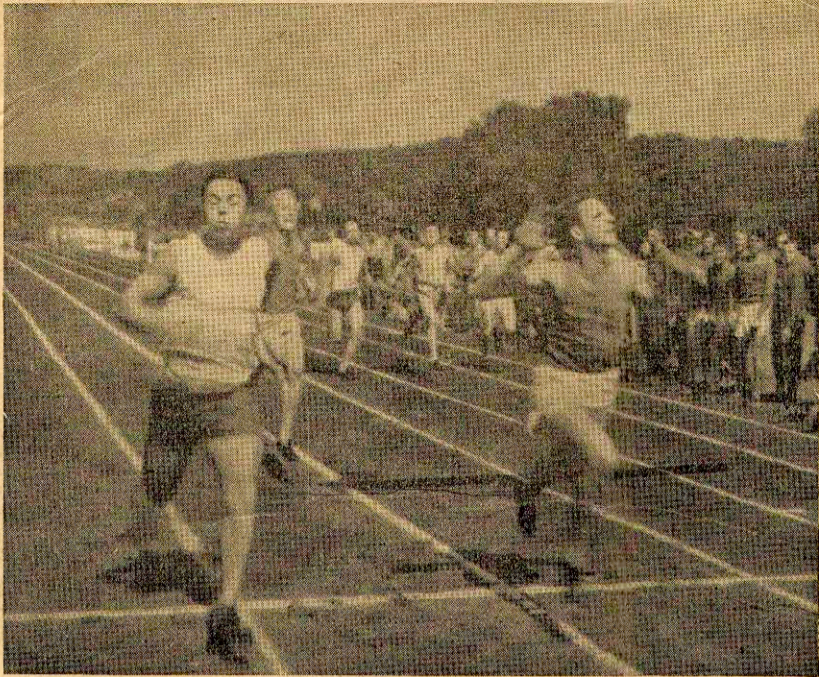
Tennis Stars In Trim Hume, Woodward Set

SOLDIER'S FIELD, Nurnberg. — Don Humes, 331st Inf., will make his bid for the Third Army tennis crown this week when he teams up with Harry Woodward, 308th Med., to represent the XII Corps in the singles competition.

Humes, the THUNDERBOLT Division's singles star, is expected to meet stiff opposition from the top-notch amateur and collegiate racquetiers. Having starred at Brooklyn College before the war, Hume is classed as one of the nation's most promising amateur racquet welders. Woodruff, No. 4 man on the Corps team, will be the Division's other hope in the tourney. Combining a strong back-hand with fine form, Woodruff is likely to be a dangerous man in the Army tournament.

Washington — The Navy's latest Corsair can hit 425 mph when you open her up, the Navy Department has announced. Marine pilots have been the first to fly the new ship.

Blow a Little Harder Parry



THE BLOWFISH has nothing on speedster Art Parry, shown taking the 100-meter dash honors at the XII Corps meet recently. Parry will be a featured performer representing XII Corps and the 83rd Division in the 100 and 200 meter dash events.

330th FISTICS PROVIDE THRILLS

Sluggers Match Brawn In Second Show

More than 400 khaki-clad rooters turned out to see "Dog" Co. pin down the boxers of Regimental Hq. in their meeting on July 26. It was the 330th Regiment's second boxing show of the season. In nine different bouts the leather slingers matched brawn and skill as they provided a thrilled crowd with unsets, knockdowns, and spectacular fighting.

Lt. Arthur Fried, Reg. Hq. Co. CO, the announcer got things under way in good Jacobs Beach style when he started the first go between Pfc. Bill Stocker, "D" Co. and Pfc. Sid Barnett, Reg. Hq. Barnett bobbed and weaved his way to a decision in the opener, hardly letting Stocker lay a glove on him during the entire three rounds.

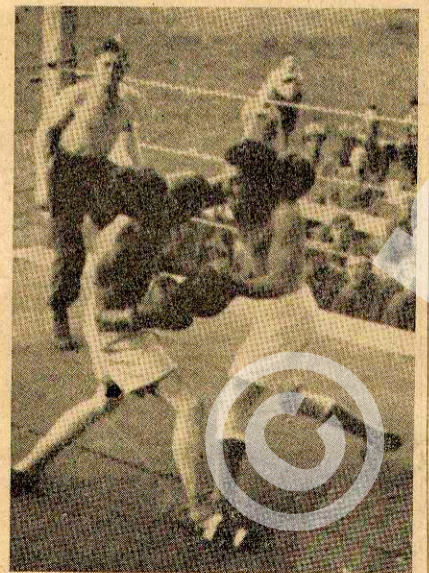
Fighting Irish win

Pfc. Carroll McDonnough gave D Co. a comfortable lead by polishing off Pfc. Lawrence Capria, the Preist River, Idaho slugger. Both boys threw plenty of punches in a whirlwind fight. Pfc. Joe Downey, Reg. Hq., countered by getting the nod over Pfc. Floyd Terry in another fast and furious fight.

In the next two bouts "D" Co. put the match on ice as Johnny McNammarra pounded out a decision over rugged Ed. Vorheese, Reg. Hq., and Sgt. Norm Simons whipped Pfc. Joe Applegate in three torrid rounds.

"Two-Gun" levels foe

In the toughest and most spectacular bout of the evening, "Two-Gun" Jack Ledford, Headquarters, outpointed Pfc. Carrol Burris. Burris outweighed Ledford by 6 pounds, but Ledford's skill and smooth left more than equalled



CAPRIA CONNECTS with a marker during his three round go with Johnny McNammarra at the 330th Regimental Boxing Bouts, while the ref looks 'em over closely.

the weight advantage, as "Two-Gun" shot plenty of good lefts into his opponent to cop a close decision.

The last bout of the evening was abbreviated by an unfortunate accident to Pfc. Gordon Myers, Reg. Hq., in his bout with scrappy Ray Keen. Although Keen was leading after having scored a knockdown in the first round, the bout had to be stopped at the end of the second because Keen unintentionally fouled Myers after scoring a second knockdown by tripping over Myers tottering form. Because it was ruled that Keen would have lost the round on the foul, regardless of how committed, the referee and judges decided that it should be a "no decision" contest. Myers recovered shortly and was led from the ring, none the worse from the loss of breathe, as the crowd beat a hasty retreat to cover to avoid a downpour of rain.

The 406th Regiment Band of the 102nd Division furnished the music between rounds, while an ample amount of Bavarian beer was available to soothe the parched throats of those who yelled themselves hoarse in support of their favorites.

Summaries:

Pfc. Sid Barnett, 128, Reg. Hq. outpointed Pfc. Bill Stocker, 134, D. Co.
Pfc. Elmer Vanderward, 135, D. Co. decisioned Pfc. Edward Link, 137, Regimental Hq.
Pfc. Carroll McDonnough, 130, D. Co. got the nod over Pfc. Lawrence Capria, 130, Reg. Hq.
Pfc. Joe Downey, 151, Reg. Hq. decisioned Pfc. Floyd Terry, 147, D. Co.
Pfc. John McNammarra, 147, D. Co. defeated Pfc. Ed Vorheese, 147, Reg. Hq.
Sgt. Norman Simons, 158, D. Co. outpointed Pfc. Joe Applegate, 158, Reg. Hq.
Pfc. Charles Slavic, 159, decisioned Pfc. Paul Chandler, 151, Reg. Hq.
Pfc. Albert Ledford, 161, Reg. Hq. defeated Pfc. Carrol Burris, 167, D. Co.
Pfc. Ray Keen, 173, D. Co. vs Pfc. Gordon Myers, 169, Reg. Hq. No Decision.

GOLF

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haus as team managers to accompany the players to the Paris tourneys.

Cross top man

Cross had the best record of the amateur qualifiers finally ending up as number four man on the 25-man squad. In the 72 hole medal match play he had four 18 hole rounds under 80. They were 76, 77, and two 78's. Meanwhile Nathan lost his chance to compete by going one over par on the last hole of the last round.

The 83rd "Pro" contingent while containing no known name stars are still rated a possible chance to gain honors in their flight of the tourney. They do play with the favorite of the tourney, Lloyd Mangrum, the 3rd Army's well known pro.

The array of talent in both the professional and amateur brackets is good enough to make the 3rd Army teams the favorites to win the ETO cup and if they are successful it will be in a large measure due to the efforts of the 83rd THUNDERBOLT men in the line-ups

Stars May Topple Records At 3rd Army Cinder Meet

Infantry Badge In Glass For Men 330th's Co. B

Replicas in glass of the Combat Infantryman's Badge will be given to each man in Co. B of the 330th Inf. The badge will carry an inscription of the man's name, rank and the campaigns he fought through. This is being made possible through arrangements made by Lt. James E. Zoll with a large glass factory in Spiegelau, Germany.

A tour of the glass factory is conducted by Pfc. Walter Burill who worked in a glass factory in the States. Burill explains each worker's job to the soldiers as he conducts them through the various phases of the glass making process. Before the war the factory manufactured fine cut glass. During the war it made periscope lenses for tanks. The Infantry Badge replicas are made from prisms that would have been used in the periscope lenses.

Dogs Make News, Dont Bite Man

This week's news from Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 330th Inf. seems to be centered around dogs. There is Ida, a German shepherd from somewhere in the Harz mountains. Ida owned by Maj. Robert W. Stewart, has furnished mascots for two other sections of the company. T/5 Maurice Lindley's Message Center takes care of "Chief" and T/4 Arthur Moore provides room and board for "Lady".

Oldest member of the group is "Toto", who attached herself for rations and quarters back in Normandy. She watches over the Anti-Tank Platoon and T/Sgt. James H. Prather. Her pup, "Dammitt" makes his headquarters in the switchboard room with Pfc. Hosea Chancy.

Wire Services Revised, 67 Cents to New York

Radiogram and cablegram services, using the sender's own words, are now available to the men of the Division. With a revised system and form a 10 word message can be sent to New York City for 67 cents. A message of the same length can be sent anywhere within the continental limits of the United States for 87 cents. Each additional word over the ten word minimum will be 8²/₃ cents.

The revised system does not do away with the standard text messages which are still available in over one hundred different forms for a fee of fifty cents. The new message forms will permit messages of the sender's own composition to be transmitted as rapidly as the conventional Western Union telegram.

To take advantage of this service it is only necessary to contact the Company or Battalion Expeditionary Forces Message (EFM) officer for the required forms.

"88" on Sick Call

After twelve months without going to the aid station "88", canine mascot of Company "M" 330th Infantry had to go on sick call.

Evidently the animal population of Germany doesn't know that the war is over. This battle was between "88", and a horse. What the fighting was over has not been found out as yet but it is being looked into. The fight was short lived, and ended when the horse stomped on "88's" foot, causing him to be evacuated.

Ft. Thomas, Ky. — Cpl. P. A. Testa and Pfc. Joseph Maiuro, who work in the typewriter repair shop at the AAF Convalescent Hospital here both had 90 points, but because of the hospital's quota for discharges, only one could go. They flipped a coin, and Maiuro won. Testa kept the coin; he wanted it as a souvenir.

A sampling of what has happened to the "cream of the crop" in the sports world will be evinced at the Third Army Track and Field Championships taking place this weekend at Soldier's Field, Nurnberg. Some of the brightest stars in the track world will be on hand to match their brawn and technique for the right to represent Third Army in the forthcoming ETO Championships to be held in Nurnberg on August 10 and 11.

Representing the THUNDERBOLT Division and XII Corps will be some of the 83rd's star performers. Pfc. Frederick Weaver, Hq. Batty, Div. Arty, University of Michigan star, will be on hand to carry the XII Corps banner in the high jump event. Currently suffering from a foot infection, Weaver will be jumping under a terrific handicap. Special penicillin terrific handicap. Special penicillin him in the hope that he might get in shape for the meet.

Barham broke both legs

Sgt. Francis Barham, 330th Inf., will be the leading contender in the broad jump event. Sliding over the take off board on two occasions, Barham was required to jump a foot and a half behind the board to make 19'6"; however he measured 24'6" at the Division Eliminations. Barham suffered two broken arms and legs on his first day of combat, yet he is still able to perform exceptionally well in the high and broad jumps as well as the dashes.

Just fooling around in the XII Corps Meet, T/5 Kenneth Delaney, 331st Inf., won the 400-meter title. From 1940 he was Michigan State High School runner-up. In the Army Meet Delaney will be running in the 200-meter event.

Parry in three events

Indiana State College Champ, Pfc. Arthur Parry, Jr. is entered in three events. Parry will run the 100 and 200 meter dashes as well as be anchor man in the 800-meter relay. An outstanding performer, Parry ran the 100 yd dash in 9.9 while attending DePauw University in 1941-43.

Pfc. Edwin Garber and Sgt. Donald Renz will carry the load in the low and high hurdles. Garber will run the 200-meter low hurdles while Renz will run in both the low and high.

The distance runners will include Lt. Stuart G. Gullickson, 331st Inf., and Pfc. John T. Ryan, also of the 331st. Gullickson, a member of the Univ. of Wisconsin Track team in 1942, has fine form and should make a good showing in the mile event. Ryan, former track and football star at West Virginia, has a good driving finish and will be a threat in the mile event.

Rounding out the team will be S/Sgt. Anthony Grineovitch, 331st Inf., who will run in the relays. Mettler, from the 90th Division, representing XII Corps will be a favorite to cop honors in the distance runs. Mettler ran a 4:28 mile and later the same day ran a 9:50 two-mile at Corps.

Sounds Like A Whopper

S/Sgts. Howard Channel and Jessie Copen of Co. H, 330th Inf. landed the catch of the season this week when they returned after an afternoon of fishing with about 45 pounds of fish. A couple of 4 and 5 pound fish caught when they first went out got them off to a good start. "With that warm up we decided that we were having a little fun for once and that we would get all we could that afternoon," said Channel. When it was time for the men to return to the company they found that they had to have some help in carrying their catch back.

Buckets of Mud

Things were quiet for a while yesterday in 330th Infantry's Regimental Headquarter's kitchen so Pfc. Vito Lascari sat down and did some figuring. Since he came with the company on July 19, 1944 in Normandy Lascari has been making the coffex and serving it in the mess hall. He figured that up to yesterday he had made 42,000 gallons of coffee. He knows this figure must be just about correct as he has kept a daily record.

Miami — Strong man Bernarr Mac fadden, 76-year old spinach-eating publisher, has filed a divorce complaint against his wife. His charge: She let her figure get out of hand "when I wanted her to be an example of my work and a credit to me."



JOLTIN' JIM Weaver goes a little out of his specialty in getting tuned up for the Army Track and Field Championships. Weaver is expected to cop high jump honors.

Hungarian Show With Cast of 60 Tours Division

"Artists and Models of 1945", an all-Hungarian show booked for the 83rd Div. by the Special Service office, opened this week with performances in Vilshofen, Passau, and in the 330th Inf. area. The sixty performers in the cast have been described as "the most formidable array of talent to be seen on any stage in Europe." Stars of the show include Miklos Hajmassy, said to be pre-war Hungary's most famous film star; Sari Barabas, young coloratura soprano formerly with the Opera Budapest; Eva Eroika, premier ballerina of the Hungarian Royal Ballet; and a symphony orchestra under the direction of Fritz Friedl, former conductor of the Budapest Philharmonic.

How the show happens to be playing for the 83rd was explained by Hajmassy, who said, "After the Special Service office asked Col. Somlo, commander of the Hungarian Field Theater, to organize a stage troupe to entertain the 83rd Division, he and I conducted a tour throughout the Danube area for our national artists. From several small companies we selected the most talented singers, dancers, actors and musicians. Many of them we knew had been well-known in the Continental theater world.

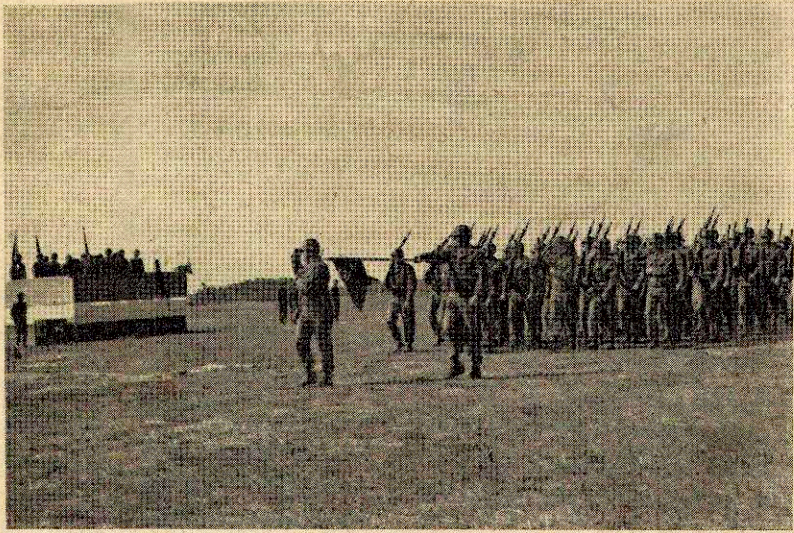
"We brought these people together and spent three weeks perfecting the show. Our aim, primarily, is to maintain the Hungarian flavor, but we also borrow several themes from the Americans, mainly in the field of popular songs, which we like very much."

"Artists" has started an extended tour of the Division, and it is the intention that the show will play for each battalion wherever possible.

BEER PARLOR OPENS

A beer parlor for the men of Hq. Co., 1st Bn. of the 330th Inf. was opened this week in Grafenau. The club was organized by 1st Sgt. John Le Colst, who located the best cafe in town and then worked with T/5 Daniel Joyce in getting the place fixed up. A loudspeaker system was installed by T/4's Raymond Probst and Walter Faszewski. All of the attractions made Pfc. Dudley Rinehart remark that he felt "Right at home."

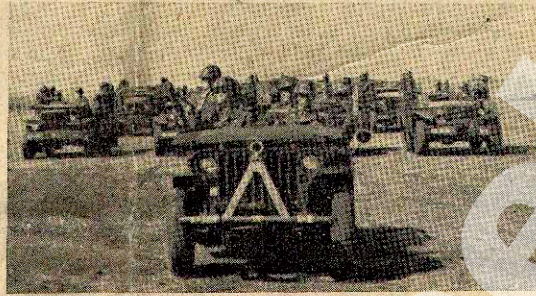
General Patton's Revue In Pictures



WITH COLORS DIPPED AND EYES RIGHT troops of the 83rd Division pass in review before the stand with Gen. Patton, Maj. Gen. Macon, and other high-ranking officers of the representing the 83rd Division, XII Corps, and Third Army. Gen. Patton was high in his praise of the 83rd Division and its men.



THE DIVISION BAND shows off its new uniforms for the first time.



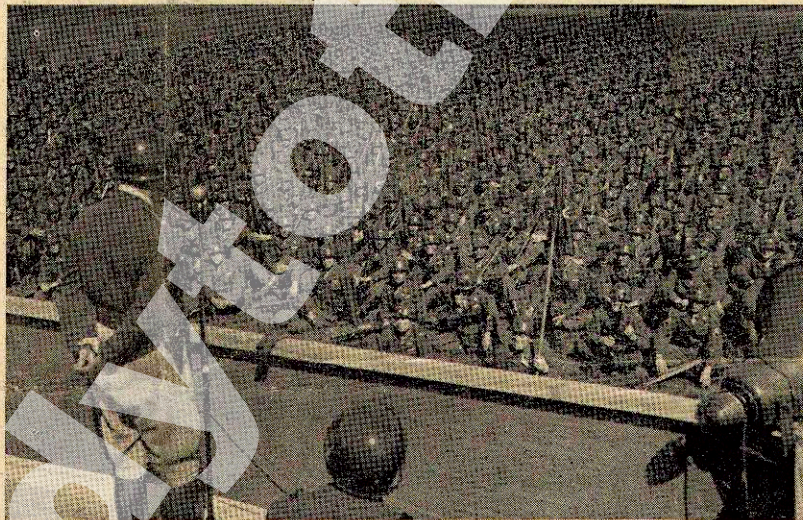
ELEMENTS OF THE 323rd FIELD ARTILLERY Battalion pass in review.



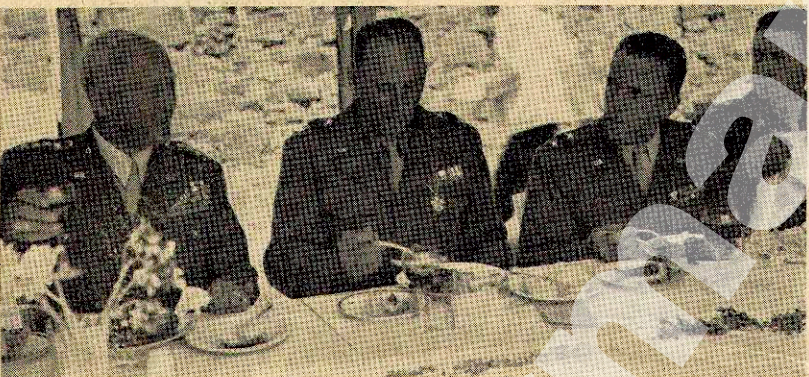
GEN. MACON DISCUSSES A PROBLEM OF TACTICS WITH GEN. PATTON. On Gen. Macon's left is Gen. Irwin, Commanding General of XII Corps.



GEN. PATTON (WITH FIELD GLASSES), GEN. MACON AND OTHER OFFICERS LOOK PAST A SMOKE SCREEN to observe an assault wave of Infantrymen as they storm their objective.



"SIT DOWN IF YOU WANT TO" SAID GEN. PATTON as he addressed the troops of the 83rd Division last Monday at the Pocking airport in the 331st area. He told the men of his belief that preparedness would have saved the world from the present conflict, and also from World War I and America's Civil War.



GEN. PATTON, GEN. MACON, GEN. KEATING (102nd C.G.), and GEN. MADDOX (3rd Army G-3) chat and dine at the Terrace Bar in the 83rd Division's Enlisted Men's Rest Center.

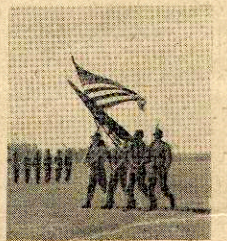


GEE WHIZ! EIGHTEEN COATS OF LAQUER. Pfc. Albert R. Horan of 83rd Division Headquarters Co. takes a look at the five stars on Gen. Patton's helmet liner.



COVERING FIRE FROM MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS manned in the above picture, from left to right, by Cpl. Dennis Lamos, Pfc. John Grimes, S/Sgt. Grady Williams, and Cpl. Legare Jackson of M Co., 311st Inf. These men gave "protection" to Infantrymen of K Co. as they advanced over rolling terrain in the problem staged for Gen. Patton last Monday. Patton said the men showed "dash and enthusiasm."

PATTON SAYS...



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man to a group of young men." He then continued to his main theme, future preparedness. From his study of war and its causes, the General drew the conclusion that the Civil War, the first World War, and the present conflict could have been avoided by preparedness. He compared national forthrightness to the discipline of school fire drills. "Children have been trained in time of an emergency, to file from the burning building by twos. Some people say that preparedness invites wars. If that were the case, by the same token, every school in America would have burned.

"In school no one picks a fight with big boy, because they know he can back up what he says. On the other hand, everybody jumps on the loud-mouthed weakling.

"Before this war a lot of young men signed slips saying they would never fight. We, as Americans, never believed them; but the Japs did. Since then Hirohito found that he was wrong."

"We who have been in wars, don't want war. My firm belief is that preparedness will prevent another war."

At the conclusion of his speech, Gen. Patton was escorted by the Division Reconnaissance Troop to a training area. There he saw the 331st Infantry's K Company attack over rolling, partially wooded terrain, under M Company's covering mortar and machine gun fire. To Colonel York, 331st Commanding Officer, Gen. Patton commented, "A very good problem. The men show dash and enthusiasm." The General also remarked upon the amount of firepower laid down by such a small unit.

The party then proceeded to Hotel Passauer Wolf in the city of Passau for a gathering with officers of the General and Special staffs of the 83rd Div. In a surprise ceremony, he presented Gen. Robert C. Macon, 83rd Division Commander, with the Legion of Merit. The cavalcade then rolled to the Oberhaus for a banquet in the best American style, complete with dinner music.