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Maneuvers End At Grafenwohr Area

83rd Assumes Passau Zone Of Control

At 1200 Wednesday, the 83rd Division became officially responsible for an occupation zone bounded on two sides by the Inn River and the Czechoslovakian border. Adding one kreis (or county) to the section previously under the control of the 102nd Division, the Thunderbolts occupy the same general region as they did on their entry into Bavaria in June. Since occupation is the prime mission of the Division at present, training will be kept to a minimum.

A large share of responsibility will rest on 83rd CIC personnel, under the supervision of Capt. Oliver A. Victor, charged with preventing underground activities. CIC will supervise the investigation of suspected persons and the handling of all arrests. Their work includes tracking down former Nazis Party members, Gestapo, SS, and German Army Intelligence personnel for interrogation and possible arrest. Two men, working as a team, will cover each one of the kreises in the 83rd area. During June and July, CIC made between 100 and 150 arrests weekly in an effort to apprehend dangerous nationals.

All routine civilian affairs will be handled by the permanent Military Government Detachment assigned to this particular area. They issue all civilian passes, control transportation, and listen to irate German housewives pour out endless troubles. The detachment is not an integral part of the Division, but is a separate unit, working on its own to govern the civilian populace.

As a police force, units of the Division will be placed at strategic points within the area. The Division Reconnaissance Troop will keep one platoon on a 24-hour alert as a mobile, trouble-shooting team.

Seventy Men Leave for States

Seventy high-point men left the 83rd Division area yesterday for direct shipment to the States as potential discharges. Ten officers and sixty enlisted men made up the group, scheduled to travel by train from Regensburg to Compiegne, France. From that point on, their orders were indefinite, but individual groups of this type ordinarily complete the journey by plane. If the men travel by plane, they will be in the States in about ten days. By boat the trip will require twenty days.

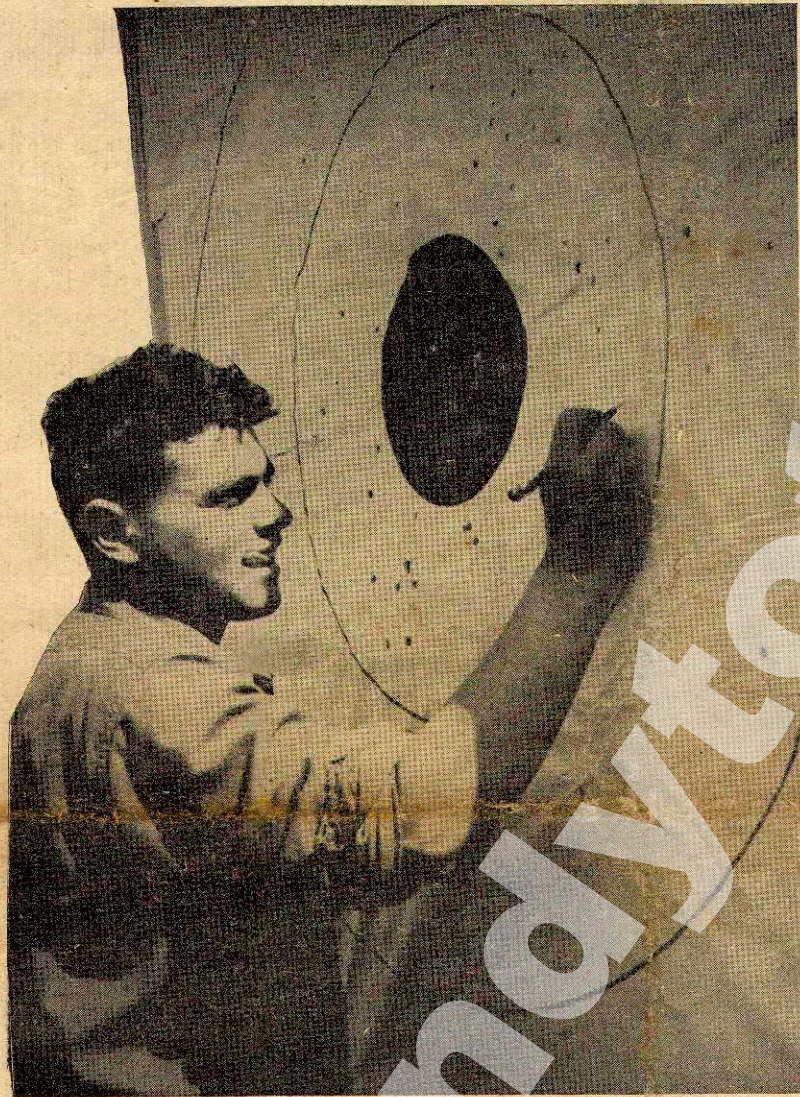
The all-important points of the sixty enlisted men ranged from 87 to 124, with T/4 William A. Sawyer, 331st Infantry, taking top honors. Maj. James C. Bagley, Division G-I, registered the highest score in the Division with 148 points. Lt. Col. Duke, Division G-3, was also in the quota of officers. Two medical specialists, slated for reassignment in the States, travelled with the group.

All men who left yesterday were high-point personnel who had not been transferred to the 99th Division because replacements for their positions were not available at the time. Unlucky men with MOS numbers of 405 and 213 (clerks and stenographers) were declared essential in the ETO, and will await deployment with their unit.

The day of the journey found the veterans as nervous as expectant grandfathers, rushing about in last

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No Maggie's Here



ADD THEM UP, TONY. — Now that the training is over and hostilities have ceased, points are the foremost thought in everybody's mind. In this picture, Pfc. Anthony Montano, veteran Infantryman, adds up his score on a rifle target as part of the recent training program at the Grafenwohr Area.

POP THUMBS TO "SPEND A FEW HOURS" WITH SON

After flying some nine hundred miles by plane from Rome to Munich, Major Anthony P. Nugent Jr. had to thumb his way to Freyung to see his son T/3 Anthony Nugent, Jr., who is stationed there with the 330th Infantry. "I wanted to squeeze in a few hours with my son, before starting work in Munich," said Major Nugent, "so I decided to hitch a ride up here."

This was the second time the two have met on foreign soil. Their first meeting took place in England about two weeks before D-Day. Since that meeting Sgt. Nugent has been through the Division's five campaigns and his father has gone through Africa and Italy with the 1st, 7th and 5th Armies.

"I have the points on Pop," exclaimed Sgt. Nugent. "With my 86 points I should be able to beat Pop home."

Major Nugent is assigned to the Chief Allied Commission in Rome and is on temporary duty in Germany with the Third Army. He served in the first World War with the American Forces in France.

Five For One

"It took me two wars to get my four campaign stars," proclaimed Major Nugent. "My son has five for one."

Now that the war is over the Nugents plan on going back to their home in Kansas City, Missouri and enjoy life. Nugent, Jr. hasn't quite decided what he wants to do, but he knows one thing... the army is not going to be his career.

Bolt Stars Receive XII Corps Awards

The XII Corps awarded 26 Thunderbolt Athletes with Certificates of Merit for their outstanding performances in the various Corps meets held at Regensburg this summer.

The swimming team was presented with a silver loving cup, and T/4 Donald Hume was given a silver platter for taking the Singles Championship in tennis.

The certificates were awarded to the following men in their respective sports:

TENNIS:

T/4 Donald Hume, 331st Regt., 83rd Inf. Div. XII Corps Tennis Champion (Singles).

TRACK AND FIELD:

Pfc. Fredrick Weaver, Jr., Hq, 83d Inf. Div. Arty XII Corps Track & Field (Continued on page 3)

BUCKSHOTS AND ARTILLERY VETERANS LEAVE AREA

Last Tuesday and Wednesday the 329th Infantry, Divarty, and parts of the 308th Engineers and 308th Medics, left the training area at Grafenwohr to return to their zones of occupation. Two days after Japan surrendered, orders were received in the division cancelling further maneuvers and setting a date for units to leave Grafenwohr. One company of the 308th Engineers was left to guard the area.

329th Infantrymen had plenty to say about the former German Army Training Area, and the problems which were encountered. T/Sgt. Charles W. Cook, platoon sergeant of I Company, claimed that the maneuvers were, "More realistic than anything I have seen in training, and rougher than combat. The weather, mud, live ammunition, and terrain, reminded me of a couple of our campaigns. It was real, even to the urge to dive for a hole when the artillery came in — it seemed so close." Pfc. Curtis Smith, red-haired rifleman of Company C, found the maneuvers to be a "repetition of other problems. It's a let-down to be firing like mad, and then having to hold your fire while moving in on the final objective." As he finished scraping the mud from his rifle-stock, he commented, "The darned terrain is just like the Hurtgen Forest."

"Happy Days Are Here Again"

When the word reached artillerymen in the area that training was cancelled and they would return to the Passau region, several of the fellows broke out with "Happy Days are Here Again". Most noticeable was the up-surge of morale. For Divarty men and foot-sloggers alike, it meant trading goey mud and water-soaked tents for sidewalks and comfortable quarters. S/Sgt. Clarence E. Rogerson of the 908th Field Artillery, saw moving out of the field as, "One more big step towards home." T/5 Lewis Levine, also of the 908th, expressed an almost universal opinion of grimy trainees when he said, "I'm happier about the ending of this training than the end of the war, because the training was so much more personal. At last we'll be able to get in out of the rain."

Men of the 330th and 331st Regiments have been congratulating themselves that the end of the war brought a stop to maneuvers in time to cancel their two-week excursions as combat teams. T/Sgt. Viveo, 3rd Bn. Hq. Co., 330th Infantry, cracked, "The Japs must have heard that the 83rd was training again, and decided that further resistance would be useless." Another dough suggested sending a note to Hirohito, signed by men of both regiments, reading, "So sorry honorable Jap find Yanks play velly rough. Thankee you for courtesy in ending war to cancel velly strenuous training."

"Queen of Signal"

That title will be decided on the 25th of August, when a group of judges get together to pick the "Sweetheart of Signal Company" from the host of pictures that members of the unit are now submitting.

The contest has been going on now for over two weeks with interest and entries running high. The Company newspaper, the Musette Gazette, will publish the first and second prize winners in its weekly edition following the decision of the judges.

The first prize winner will receive a pass to the Riviera as his reward, while the second best will have to be satisfied with a Paris pass.

Col. Crabill Honored By Legion of Merit

Colonel Edwin B. Crabill, for "consistently displaying superior qualities of leadership and tactical skill", has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his part in the 83rd's drive to the Elbe in April 1945.

Details for the official presentation of the medal have not been announced. As Commander of the 329th Infantry Regiment, Col. Crabill brilliantly executed a maneuver in which his regiment moved across Germany for over two hundred miles with the speed of an armored unit. "Imbued with his (the Colonel's) aggressive spirit, the 329th vigorously exploited successes, forged eastward, . . . and climaxed its drive by crossing and establishing a firm bridgehead over the formidable Elbe River, only sixty miles from Berlin. The magnificent deeds of his regiment are a tribute to the ability and leadership of Col. Crabill. His tireless devotion to duty merits the highest praise."

Gives Credit to Men

The Virginia Colonel, hearing of the decoration, very simply turned the commendation over to the men of his unit by saying, "the award presented to me is a tribute to their audacity and driving courage. My job was merely to coordinate their thrusts."

Pointing up the opinion of the 329th Buckshot Regiment, T/Sgt. Morris Robinson of Hq. Co. stated, "I'm really glad to hear it. He deserves that and more."

Pfc. Robert J. Burns of the 329th I and R platoon, recalled an incident in the hedgerows that was "typical" of Col. Crabill. "One battalion had been partially cut off, was low on ammunition, food, and didn't have any direct-fire support. 'Pete' Crabill gathered a few tanks to act as relief party; then proceeded ahead on foot through fire to show them the way. They broke through to the hard-pressed battalion with enough strength to turn the tide. He always backed his men to the limit."

They Created Quite a Bang

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—(CNS)—Dr. K. H. Kingdon and Dr. H. C. Pollock were among the first scientists to isolate a relatively large sample of "Uranium 235", basic substance of the atomic bomb, our newest and most potent bomb. The bomb was a major factor in the defeat of Japan and the new atomic energy discovered will no doubt bring new benefits to civilization in the peace era.

Restless Joe

KANSAS CITY, Kansas—(CNS)—Joe Infield, a restless sleeper, got his head wedged between the bars of his bed. His wife, mother-in-law, a neighbor and two cops finally freed him with a hack saw.

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An Editorial So You're Going Home!

You're going home pretty soon to tell the greatest story this world has ever heard. The people back home that you know will be waiting eagerly, patiently, intently — — waiting for you to tell your story. It's a great responsibility and a hard task to carry out. It will only be "humaness" on your part to overdo your actions in this war. But, any man who knows anything about human nature will take it as a matter of course.

The people back home cannot be held responsible for not knowing what was going on here, because so many soldiers much closer to the war than they, had themselves only a vague idea and a dimmer knowledge. It's going to be up to you, as a man, to tell the people the deep significance of the Combat Infantryman. In the entire bulk of this Army every man has the utmost respect for the Infantryman. If the people back home can be made to feel the same devotion to our fighting men, then this war you have just fought will take on a value.

(Those hedgerows, those damn hedgerows, boxed in like a tomb. You can't see what's ahead of you — — what's behind that bush. That god-awful stink. Everything so cramped, so crowded, and the dirt feels as if it's crawling all over your body.)

Sure! Sure you need supplies, you need transportation, you need clerks, you need Joes who can do repair work, you need fellows who can type things, you need GIs to keep records and forms. But, you also needed a man with iron guts to go out there and meet the enemy. No doubt there must have been many a time that you had to stay up all night over a bunch of forms and numbers. Ten-to-one you griped like hell, but it's a hundred-to-one that you'll never trade your night duty for the work of an Infantryman.

It's no secret. There is no censorship, so let people know who won this war. It's no crime if you went through the war and never shot a German, but it will be a crime if you forget the men who did.

(Everything was sticky, everything was goeey, everything you touched became a smudge of mud. Every vehicle the Army ever had or ever dreamt of having was bogged down in the mud. You walked but you got no place. Everybody was your enemy. The mud was miserable, disgusting. The trees sprayed the shrapnel like a fine needle shower. It was like playing four-wall handball with a dozen hand grenades; you never knew what to expect.)

No matter how many big black headlines you read, no matter how many books are written, no matter how many stories are told, there's no glory in war. All you have to do is stick to the facts and people themselves will find out what an incredible job that fellow with the Combat Infantryman's Badge really did do. The job the Infantry did needs no coloring, no build up, the rawer the more realistic, because it stands by itself as an immortal story whereby other generations can read and profit!

(Those wet socks. The stinging cold hands. The frozen feet. That big overcoat, that heavy MI. The bulky, sloppy feeling that makes you feel like quitting.)

All the men in every organization played a most important part in this war. But, when you were driving down the road to Periers, in Normandy, towards Petit Langlir, in the Bulge, towards the Elbe, the American bodies you saw belonged to the Infantrymen who paid the price in blood, than which there is nothing more dear.

When you go home and tell your story, don't forget to tell the proud story of the Infantryman. Many of them won't be able to tell their wives, their parents; maybe you can tell their story for them. They made it possible for you to be home, you make it possible for them to be remembered. It's the surest way of preventing another war.

ENTERTAINMENT

This Saturday night, Aug. 25th, at seven-thirty, Eddie Klenc's famous "Club 83", in Vilshofen, will feature an all G.I. floor-show. A six piece company band will supply the musical background to specialty numbers sung by "Lancepole" Larson and "Solid" Sendek, which will include, "Honey Suckle Rose". A five minute playlet about the "Loves of a GI", and an expert juggler will round out the Signal Company's entertainment program.

The 783rd Ordnance Co. had a gala opening of their "EM Club" in Passau. Festivities were highlighted by a two hour vaudeville show put on by the Richte-Andrea troupe. Liquor and wine can be had by the EM nightly with dancing on week-ends to the accom-

paniment of a twelve piece Hungarian orchestra. The committee responsible for the tremendous success and ideas of this fine club are T/5 William Barr, T/5 Stephen Blasko, T/3 Frank Amodio, T/Sgt Harold Willey, and 1st/Sgt. John Pfeifer.

Every Saturday night at the Division's EM Rest Center in Passau, Bob "Leaf" Letke brings his "Riflemen" for beer and dancing. Featured with the Division band are Nunzi Bucali and Bob Halstead.

Any unit which is expecting or has already opened up a nightclub for the entertainment of the EM can forward its week's events to the Entertainment Editor in care of this newspaper. Schedules should be in not later than Wednesday if publication is to be made.

JENNIFER

Dear Charlie:

All the neighbors came to our fine celebration on V-J Day. Lester was at the party. The wounds he received at the Hurtgen Forest still haven't healed. Although he wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, he still doesn't look like he's been in the war as he only has two ribbons. Bobby was at the party and he really had an important job in the war. He was responsible for all those bombed cities in Germany. During the whole war he continually had to stay in London and help load bombs on the Flying Fortresses. He never even had the opportunities you had of seeing all of Europe.

Ruby said that in all his letters he kept his suffering to himself. He never wrote those dreadful letters like you used to send once in a while. He always wrote about all the Clubmobiles, the doughnuts, the USO shows, the dances and everything else.

Minnie is going to have her fourth wedding anniversary next month and she got so excited when I told her you might be there. I know you didn't tell me but from reading the newspapers and listening to the radio, I gather you will be home in a few weeks. The newspapers say that five million soldiers will come home soon. One announcer on the radio said that we shouldn't be surprised if the Army just burnt up all the records and made all the soldiers civilians.

Willie is having trouble. Now that the war is over I think they are going to draft him. He goes around complaining that everybody always wants something from him, and he doesn't want anything from anybody. (Willie! That's my thigh!)

Privately yours,
Jennifer

BEYOND THE BLUE

By Maury Renek

Artes Gratis Ars

If Sally Rand ever comes along to save another World's Fair and a Time Capsule is once again inserted into mother earth for future reference, then this era will undoubtedly be recorded as the "Age of Commercialism". There have been few things in the field of culture which have escaped this latest craze of commercialization. The idea apparently is to simplify all the Arts so that a greater number of people can have a better understanding of what is going on in that field of endeavor.

Walt Disney's "Fantasia" brought to the screen great music with color superimposed, to enable the maldroit listener to have a visual connection with what he was hearing. In this manner, it gave him a clearer understanding of at least the tonal qualities that were involved. (If this continues, movies will become three dimensional, with sound, color and smell. Charles Lamb's "Disertation on Roast Pig," will be playing soon at your neighborhood theatre.)

Plato Goes Proletariat

Nothing in the field of culture has escaped the wrath of simplification. The Bibles of all religions have felt this educational blow of clarity. A comic book called, "Stories from the Bible," is now being sold at all news stands which haven't a large supply of "The Little Green Sheet". The cloistral domain of opera was raided when Billy Rose put out his own version of "Carmen" and folksily called it "Carmen Jones". Our greatest works of art have been caricatured by everyone from WPA artists to advertisers for a new three minute, miracle noodle soup. Even

the great philosophical works of Plato are now being translated into basic English.

Naturally, with these new and sometimes pseudo-interpretations, history is bound to take a bad beating. That field is so ripe for distortion that one can imagine nothing but the greatest tragedy.

If history books fall in line with this latest fad, then twicetold tales will at once become originals. Take the case (and he usually did) of Ulysses S. Grant, whose liquid habits have been extolled in song and story. When the kids at school read that old Ulysses could down his "Old Crow" straight, there will be a mass exodus to the nearest brass rail. If you happen to be



one of those stubborn Milquetoasts who insist, "It can't happen here," then, look what Miss Winsor did to the royal courts of a bygone era. Where once it was sufficient for Bette Davis or Norma Shearer to portray a woman of jeweled, be-knighted courts, now, with the public's mind sufficiently moulded by "Forever Amber", the people will expect nothing short of a revitalized Clara Bow making heavy chin music with Errol Flynn. (During this turnover the Court of St. James will probably turn into a bowling alley.)

I Call My Sugar Candy

What our new-type romantic historians will do to the life of Mahatma Gandhi, is anybody's wild guess. But, it is comparatively safe to assume that a 21st Century Winsorian writer will link up Mahatma with Margie Hart. The legend will go on that the reason Gandhi (his sugars call him candy) wore his abbreviated, talonless toga was that he was carrying a torch for Margie. The only way he could show his grief was to pay homage to the G-string. The great cause for which Mahatma (not to be confused with the bangtail who was a fair mudder around Jamaica or Pimlico) fought and starved, will be eclipsed by his beaucoup affairs d'amour.

Time alone will tell. Therefore, let them pour gallons of ink into history they know little about. You and I know, that real white-heated stories won't be told until some fortunate nosebody comes along and digs up the hectic amours made during the D-bar dynasty. When that time comes, "Gone With the Wind" and "Forever Amber" will then take their places on the shelf with Mother Goose.

From our CHAPLAIN

Chaplain H. J. Schwartz
2nd Bn, 329th Infantry Regiment

Are You Prepared For Peace?

The war is over Thank God. It has given us another definite and positive proof that man is more than an animal; that he is a reasoning, thinking being. World War II has been a milestone in the development of man's ingenuity and ability. Numberless are these few short years. Disregarding the invention of the atomic bomb, V-1 and V-2, and other life-destroyers, there have surely been many forward steps for the improvement of humanity. The field of aeronautics has developed by leaps and bounds. Planes are better, their range is longer, cargo capacity is greater and safety devices have been perfected. Civil aviation is the winner. On land and sea, transportation problems have been improved or eliminated entirely so the produce of the world can be exchanged faster and more economically. Radio and telephone communications can now form a web around the globe, and all peoples everywhere can know how the other half lives. We should be thankful for all these physical and scientific developments.

Unfortunately there were debits that more than counter-balance the credits of war. I refer not to the millions and billions of dollars, but to the broken homes, broken bodies and broken hearts. It is impossible to estimate the cost of war. There is no price tag on a mother's tears or a wife's worry. Soldiers cannot be paid for sleeping in fox holes, facing enemy fire, or bearing the pain inflicted by shell or shrapnel.

Have You Overstepped Your Bounds?

There are some who have overstepped the ordinary bounds of decency. Their code of decency has been changed, and such have tried to convince themselves that the war caused it. They forget that they have a free will. Such are going to have a rude awakening when they return to the States. Europe is not America, thank God. What some have gotten away with in the past, will not be permitted in the future. There are such things as morals, there are decent people who observe them. Those who don't are considered indecent.

Surely you have met soldiers who were most inconsiderate of others. No

one else has troubles; everyone else gets mail; only he gets hungry, or tired; the officers and non-coms are always picking on him. This type will surely be a square peg in a round hole unless he gets a true picture of himself.

The war is over and we are going home. The next few months can mean much for the years to come. Soldier, what do you want or expect from life? Now is the time to prepare for a fruitful, helpful life. This war should have taught us something. We should have learned that greed and selfishness, force and irreligion bring terrible consequences. Now is the time for self-inspection, and if we want an honorable, decent and respectable future, now is the time to rectify the past and build for the future.

The Wolf by Sansone



"No! This is not Lambie-Pie!"

CONN TROUPE THRILLS SPORT FANS AT PASSAU EXHIBITIONS

Before an impressed and impressive audience of 83rd and 102nd Division Sports Fans, Capt. Horton Smith's Athletic Troupe put on a two-day demonstration of six popular sports this week at the Oberhaus and the Arena in Passau.

Although there was some disappointment in Billy Conn's failure to accompany the Troupe, the spectators quickly forgot his absence when they witnessed the smooth performances of the professionals and top-ranking amateurs who delighted them with their skill.

Taking advantage of the clear weather Tuesday afternoon, Capt. Smith, and his Ryder Cup team-mate, winner of the ETO Pro Golf Tournament, Cpl. Loyd Mangrum, showed the crowd why they are rated so highly in their field. Mangrum demonstrated the proper grip, stance and approach to the ball, with a running commentary by Capt. Smith. With several "dry-runs" Mangrum showed how the club should be held. "Always grip it with your fingers, not your whole hand; this allows more freedom of wrist action," he explained. "Then, using the driver, he slapped a long poke straight and true for about 235 yards.

After about a quarter of an hour, Smith took over while Mangrum grabbed the mike. The latter claims that Smith is considered "the best man 50 yards in, that has ever held a club." He left no doubt in the audience's mind when, with perfect coordination, timing and skill, he hit the ball to wherever he aimed.

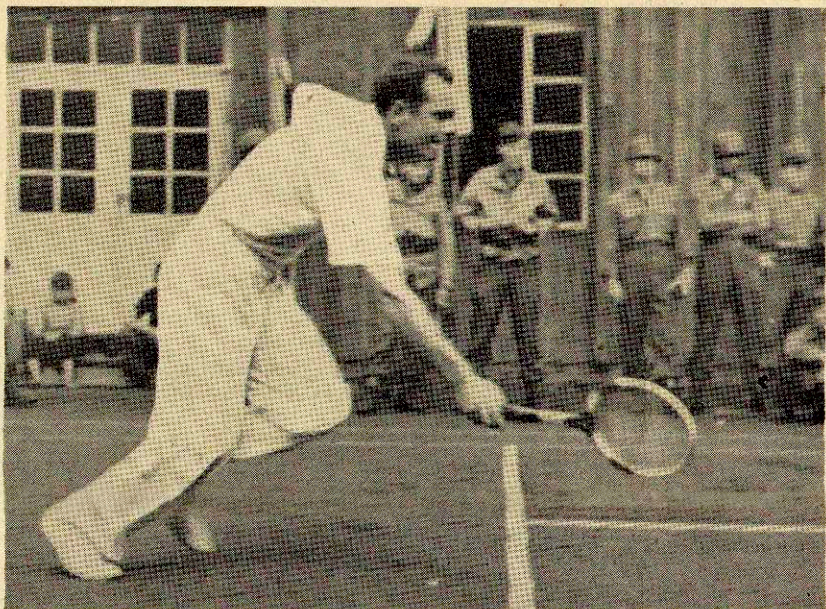
Loerezel Delights Fans

From the driving range, the crowd walked over to the horse-shoe court where T/4 Leonard Loerezel, ETO Singles Champ, delighted the fans with his amazing acumen. While he performed, T/4 Leland Mortenson, former director of National Horseshoe pitching championships, explained the finer points of tossing. Loerezel demonstrated his coolness and ability by pitching the shoes between Mortenson's legs for ringers. Then the climax of the show came when Mortenson and another GI held a blanket in front of the peg, preventing Loerezel from seeing the target, while the ETO Champ threw 2 ringers out of 4 tries over the blanket. A 102nd man accepted a challenge to play, and, as was to be expected, lost 26 to 2.

Two more champions took the spotlight when T/4s Sol Schiff and John Somael put on a Table-Tennis match. Schiff, four times U.S. Champion, played in tournaments all over the world before the war, but calls the Bronx home. Somael, a Brooklyn boy, was runner-up in the singles championships, but shares the doubles crown. He was playing in Italy when he was called to join this troupe. Both men take this once indoor past-time and make a scientific sport out of it. As with the horse-shoes, Schiff invited players from the crowd to stand up against him, and although he gave his opponents a 15 point handicap, beat both men.

Jacky Conn shows power

From Table-Tennis, the attention was drawn to clay-court tennis, and there were two of the best players in the business to demonstrate it. S/Sgt. Robert Harmon, fifth ranking US Singles player in 1941, and T/4 George Lott, Davis Cup Team member and winner of the Wimbledon Mixed Doubles Champion-



BOMBSHELL BOB. — S/Sgt. Robert Harmon, fifth ranking US singles player in 1941, races to the net in an exhibition match with a Thunderbolt netman played at the Passau courts last Wednesday.

ship, batted the ball back and forth with a know-how that left tennis fans with nothing to be desired.

On Wednesday night, Jacky Conn showed that he needed no help from his brother, Bill, when it came to the manly art of self-defense. For, despite his seeming corpulence, Jacky is light on his feet and fast as a Thunderbolt. After his exhibition, Jack doubled as the third man in the ring by refereeing the bouts put on by the 83rd.

Best Bet Yet

"It was without doubt the best thing that has come our way since VE-Day," said Sgt. Kenneth Page, a 330th Doughboy.

"Yes, and it's just the kind of thing we need to keep the Athletic Program alive. You can learn more from watching one of those men in fifteen minutes than you can get out of a volume of books," chimed in Pfc. Frank Marciano, of the same outfit.

Capt. Fred Frankhouse, former pitcher in the National League with St. Louis, Boston and Brooklyn, took a trip out to the 329th ball team to give a few tips on baseball. "I've seen some mighty fine players throughout the continent in my tour," he said, "and I think we have some of tomorrow's stars right here in this country."

Atomic Mortarmen

Firm believers that the mortar will some day take the place of the rocket and atomic bomb, Company D of the 330th Infantry tried to prove its theory with some fine lobbing last week.

The second and third mortar sections both whipped up a near perfect score of 98 per cent, while the first section tallied 71 per cent of perfect. Their combined scores enabled them to take the Regimental title.

"I could lay one in your back pocket," claims S/Sgt. Alex Hulaytor, mortar section leader, and who are we to question his judgment.

Division Sends More Men To ETO Colleges

The largest single quota of men ever to attend an USFET I and E school left this week for Ober-Ammergau, Germany to enroll in Information-Education and Instructor-Training Schools. A total of 58 officers and enlisted men representing nearly every unit in the Division will take a week's course at the former Paris I and E School and then return to the 83rd to play a prominent part in the re-activated I and E program.

Because of the large turnover of men within the Division during the past several weeks, I and E personnel are lacking in many of the units. Lending full co-operation to the 83rd program, higher headquarters gave virtually the entire Third Army quota to the Thunderbolt Division. This enables a maximum number of men to take advantage of the liberal quota. Smaller quotas for next week have also been allocated to designated units in order to bring every organization within the Division up to full strength in trained I and E personnel.

In addition to the I and E and I-T schools being held at Ober-Ammergau, three day courses in On-The-Job-Training, Literacy Training and Educational Advise are also being taught there. Thirty-nine representatives of the Division are also in attendance at these courses.

Quotas have also been allocated to the Division for courses in Instructor Training and Literacy Training to be given at XII Corps Headquarters in Regensburg. These classes will be of three days duration and cover two separate periods. The first course will run from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 and the second from Sept. 3 to Sept. 5.

The Division I and E Office also filled its largest number of On-The-Job-Training courses this week. Twenty-five men will leave the Division later on in the month for the 15 separate courses which are being taught. This is a part of the program which is being conducted at Warton, England. These classes will last about eight weeks.

- Pfc Stanley Krawitz, 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (3rd place, fancy diving, 1 meter)
- Capt. Dustin H. Starbuck, 323d FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (2d place, fancy diving, 1 meter)
- Pfc Stanley Krawitz, 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (2d place, fancy diving, 3 meter)
- T/5 Thomas J. Anders, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (300 meter relay, medley)
- Capt. Herbert D. Glass, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (300 meter relay, medley)
- Cpl. Bill H. McAnalley, 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (800 meter relay)
- Capt. Herbert D. Glass, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (800 meter relay)
- Pfc Stanley Ramiacka, 324th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (800 meter relay)
- Lt. James R. Sanders, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (800 meter relay)
- T/5 Peter H. Overs, 323d FA Bn, 83d Div. (3rd place, 100 meter back stroke)

CANVAS CITY BECOMES A GHOST TOWN

The end of training this week at the Grafenwohr Area spelled doom for the huge tent city which had been constructed to house veteran Thunderbolt Infantrymen during their six week training period. The orderly rows of tents in each of the Regimental areas will now be dismantled and stored, as they are no longer of use in their present state.

Development of the city was started on July 20th by the 308th Engineer Battalion. The Engineers laid out the entire city, constructed roads and bridges, and brought the needed utilities, such as electric power, communications, drainage and a water supply, to the area.

In accomplishing this gigantic task the 308th Engineers erected 1060 squad tents, 75 pyramidal tents, pounded 93,641 stakes, built 432 tent floors, 215 box latrines, 998 mess tables, dug 277 latrine pits, posted 217 signs and constructed three class 40 bridges in addition to the numerous small jobs that they were required to perform. The Engineers commandeered every lumber mill in the vicinity and put it on a ten hour, seven day a week basis. To assist in the work two hundred Hungarian PWs were acquired to aid in the construction.

Although continual bad weather hampered construction, the construction work was finished on schedule. Long hours and a great deal of hard work were needed to keep the roads traversable during the training period. Now the unit is faced with the problem of removing the tents and installations that will no longer be used. Although the tents have been abandoned, there is still plenty of work to be done before the Engineers can call their job finished.

AWARDS

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Champion (High Jump)

Pfc Arthur W. Parry, Jr., 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Track & Field Meet, (2d place, 200 meter dash)

T/5 Kenneth J. Deiaay, 331st Regt., 83d Inf. Div. XII Corps Track & Field Meet, (2d place, 400 meter run)

Pfc Arthur W. Parry, Jr., 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Track & Field Champion (100 meter dash)

Pfc Fredrich Weaver, Jr., Hq, 83d Div. Arty XII Corps & Field Meet (2d place 110 meter high hurdles)

Pfc Edwin V. Garber, 331st Regt., 83d Inf. Div. XII Corps Track & Field Champion (200 meter low hurdles)

S/Sgt Donald K. Renz, 323d FA Bn, 83d Inf. Div. XII Corps Track & Field Meet (2d place, 200 meter low hurdles)

Lt. Stuart G. Gullickson, 330th Regt., 83d Inf. Div. XII Corps Track & Field Meet (3rd place, 1500 meter run)

SWIMMING:

Lt. Col. George W. Irvine, 324th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (3rd place, 200 meter breast stroke)

Lt. James R. Sanders, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (400 meter free style)

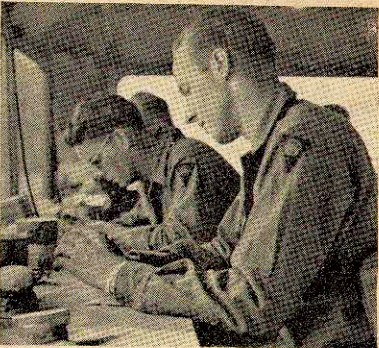
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Lt. Col. George W. Irvine, 324th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (2d place, 400 meter breast stroke)

T/5 Thomas J. Anders, 908th FA Bn, 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Champion (200 meter breast stroke)

Pfc Stanley Kawitz, 331 Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (3rd place, high dive)

Pfc Richard A. Schafer, 331st Inf., 83d Div. XII Corps Swimming Meet (2d place 1500 meter free style)



Molar Makers at Work

70 MEN

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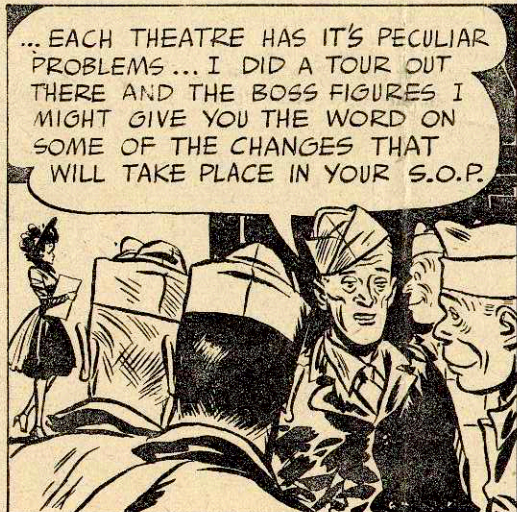
minute preparations. Farewells were sketchy — there didn't seem to be much to say. At the last minute, a fellow blurted out, "See you in Florida," and a hasty "Good luck, fellows. Hope you come soon!" Another combat man, his arms loaded with war trophies, and his mind burdened by memories, trudged in silence the last few yards to the waiting trucks.

Male Call

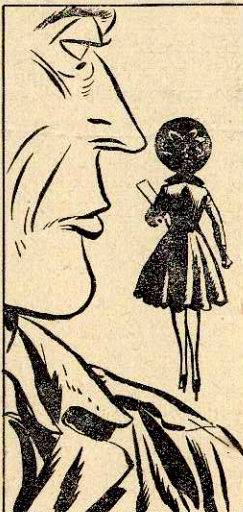
by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



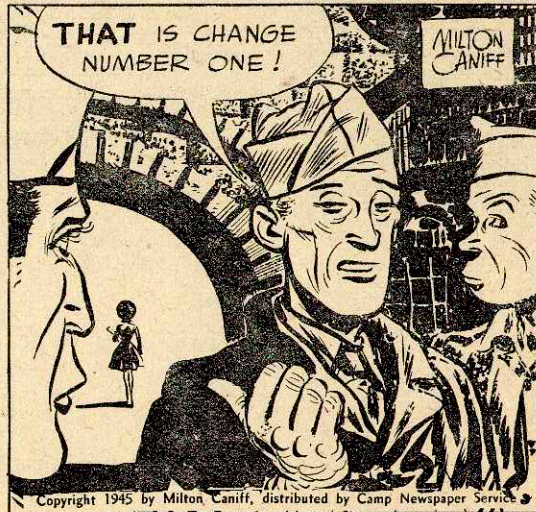
YOU E.T.O. MEN WHO HAVE BEEN RE-ASSIGNED TO THE PACIFIC ARE VETERANS — AND YOU WANT NO CHICKENS FROM ME ON HOW TO FIGHT A WAR ... HOWEVER,



... EACH THEATRE HAS IT'S PECULIAR PROBLEMS ... I DID A TOUR OUT THERE AND THE BOSS FIGURES I MIGHT GIVE YOU THE WORD ON SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN YOUR S.O.P.



Can't Ship See Rations



THAT IS CHANGE NUMBER ONE!

THE CAMERA EYE

Upper Left

FORE! — Capt. Horton Smith, former Ryder Cup Player, lays one on the line in an exhibition match at Passau.

Upper Right

MACHINE GUN COMING UP. — Although the camera failed to stop this 329th Dough, his training stopped this week at the Grafenwohr Training Area.

Left Center

FILL 'ER UP — — — was the byword at the opening of the new Division Hq. and Hq. Club last week. Shown in the picture from l. to r. are: T/5 Hoilo, Division Mess; Capt. Holland, Special Plt. CO; T/Sgt. William R. Rowe, Club President; Lt. Ray, Hq. Company CO.

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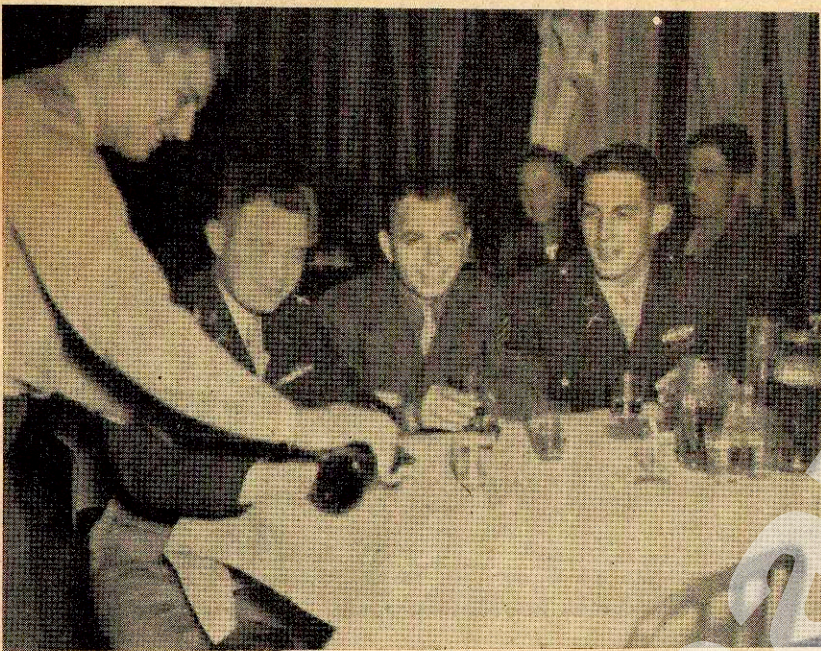
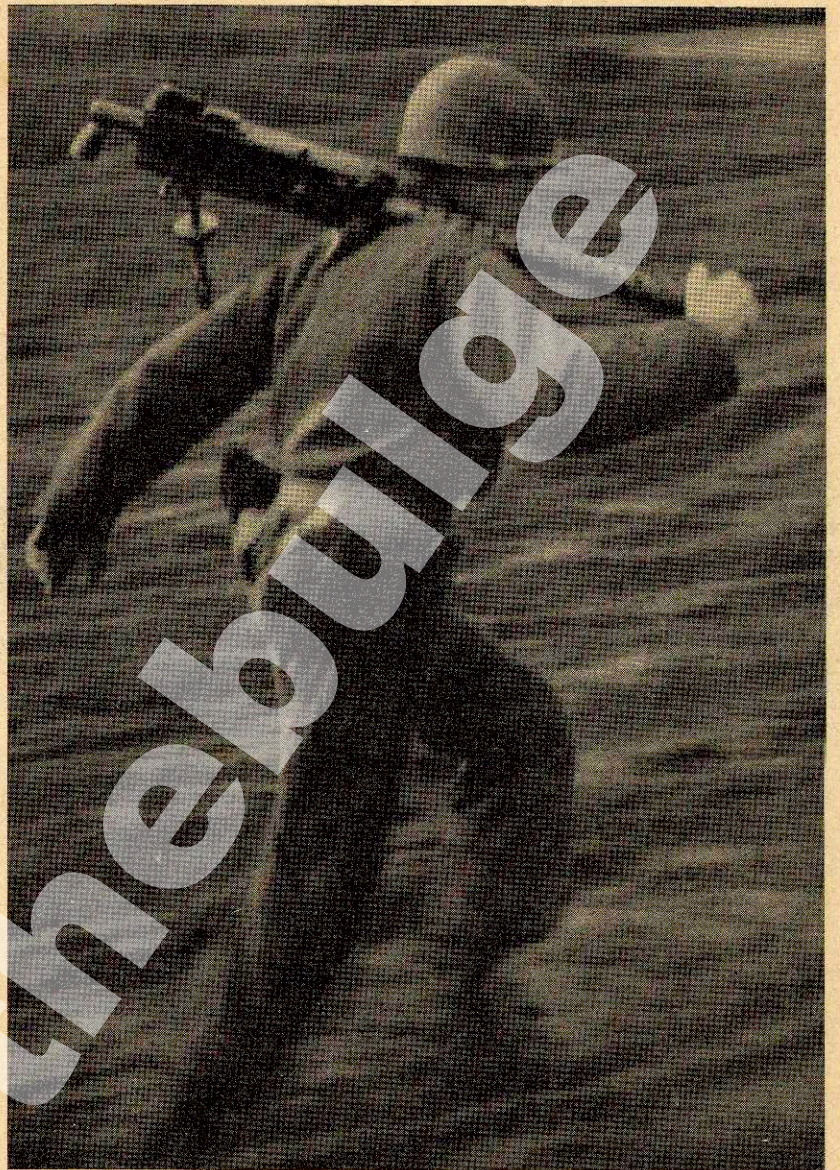
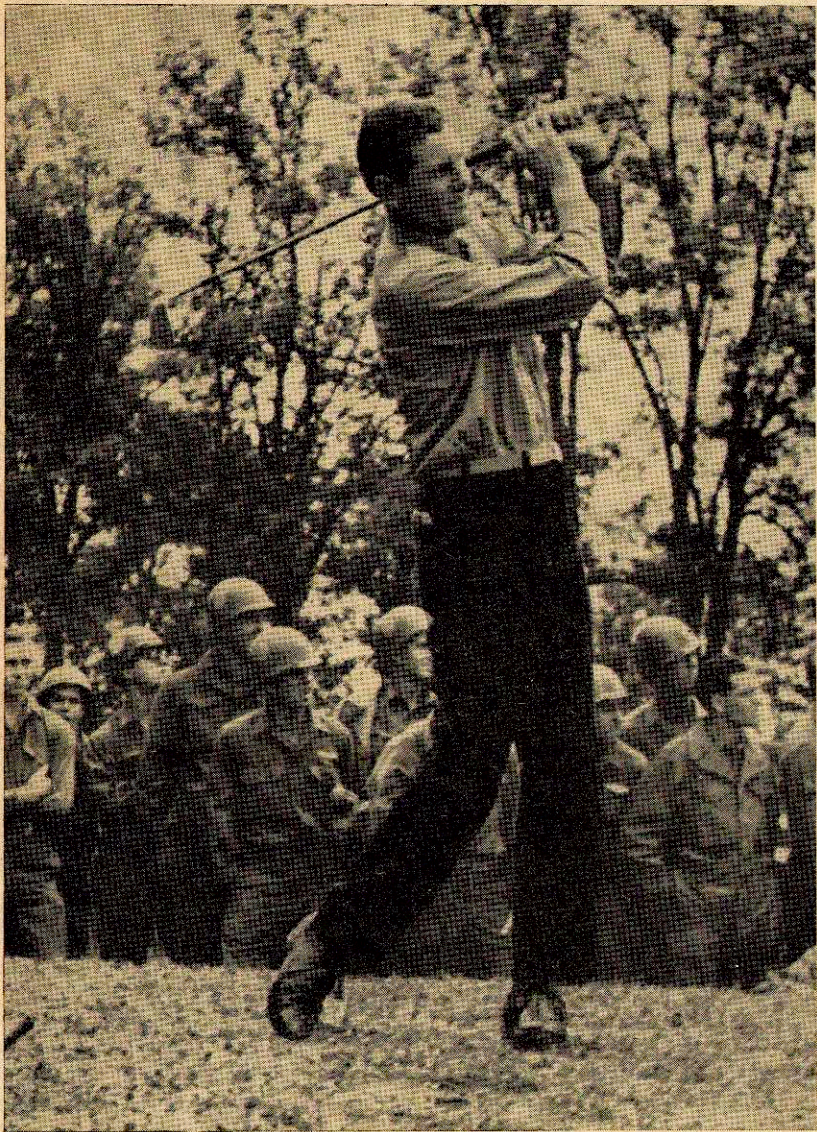
DOUBLE TROUBLE. — Two ping pong veterans battle it out. Facing the camera is T/4 Sol Schiff, four times US Champion and T/4 John Somael, 1944 singles and doubles champion.

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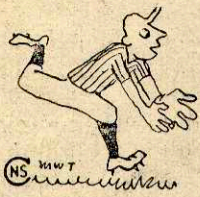
THE 83rd TAKES OVER. — Pfc. John B. Bull of the 83rd's MP Platoon takes over Pfc. H. Robert's, 102d MP, duties at Vilshofen on Tuesday.

Lower Right

COME ON, PUT 'EM OVER! — S/Sgt. Francis Coyne (left) and Pfc. Joseph Carr of the Second Battalion 331st Infantry teach these German lads a few of the tricks of baseball.



In The
BULLPEN



with Bob La Vine

We aren't trying to start any rumors, so don't you. But should the 83rd be kept here for any length of time, there will be plenty of activity to keep you warm in the cold months ahead — — — we're speaking of OUTDOOR sports.

First of all comes the news that football equipment will be available in the near future, and enough of it to equip Regimental teams. There should also be footballs to keep the touch-players occupied. There are about 9000 footballs for the Third Army, which won't exactly give one to each man, but chances are that if we are here long enough there should be enough to have a touch-football league among the Battalions.

Besides the pigskin promises comes notice that Third Army is getting ready for other winter sport activities. Around the Garmisch-Partenkirchen area of the Alps, skiing and skating facilities are being set up. Not only will these be used for organized competition, but the stress will be on mass participation. In other words, everyone who is interested in chasing around in the snow without an MI should get a chance at beating himself up on the ski runs, or eating off the mantle after a pleasant day's ups and downs on the frozen aqua.

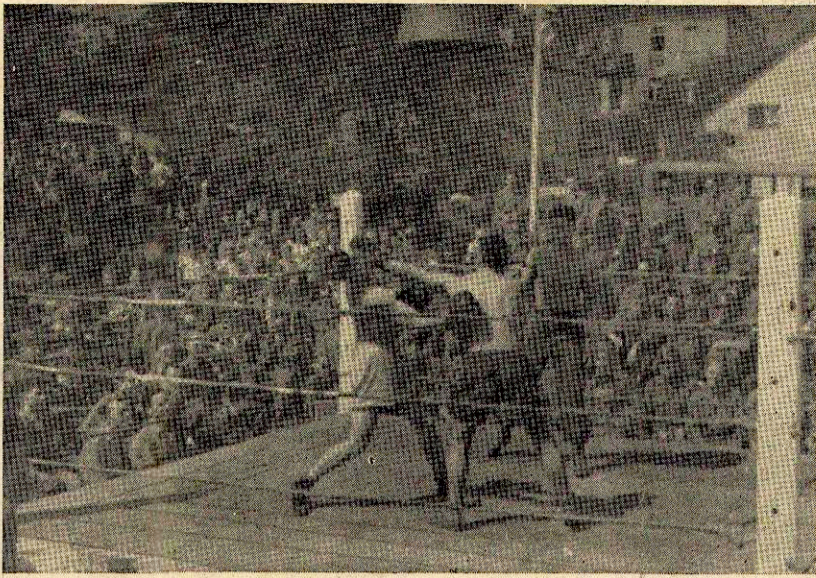
If you find that that kind of punishment intrigues you, and you are interested in the finer points of self-destruction, worry not my lads, for when it comes to ski experts, Sam's gottem! Since this area was the sight of the 1936 Olympics, it is hoped that some sort of GI matches can be run off. For the doughboy who can't see walking anymore than he has to, a cog railway has been liberated.

Before the weather starts making the country look like the Ardennes, and you think you "was robbed" out of the Golf Tournaments, USFET has promised to send six sets of clubs to each Division in the Third Army in its next month's allotment. Also there will be sufficient pills to bat around. It is hoped that Divisions which do not have courses, can set up driving ranges, or approaching courses, and putting greens to give the men at least a chance to practice.

An important man in any athletic event is the official, and evidently the men up in the front office feel that the extra man on the field has often been rusty on his rules, and a little slow on perception. So they are setting up a Coaches Clinic in Munich on football, boxing, and basketball. The school will be staffed by men who are experts in their field, and it should be well worth the time of the most experienced athletes and coaches that the units can uncover.

That goes for men who want to try out for the teams too. Let's not have a repetition of our baseball situation. Let's have some good Regimental teams, and certainly we ought to have an excellent Division team. It's up to you players who were high school, college, sand-lot, and professional gridironmen to go out and at least try for a position on a squad. It's easy to sit back and bellyache about a sports program like this, but if you want to see a successful one carried through, and you want to see your teams represented in inter-divisional, corps, army, and theatre tilts . . . get out there and show that you still have the spirit that flashed the Thunderbolt across Europe!

Rock-a-Bye Baby



WHAM! — Pfc. Sam Cervantes bounces a beautiful left off the jaw of Pfc. Charles Duck in one of the 330th's weekly bouts. An enthusiastic crowd of GIs is always on hand to provide plenty of noise.

Blackfish Glovemen Throw Leather In 330th Matches

In preparation for the Division boxing tournaments the 330th held its second fistic card at Freyung this week to determine its entries for the big show at Passau.

The first bout between Pfc. Petre Arllano, H Co., and Pfc. Carroll McDonough, D Co., was a fast one with Mac shoving his left hand in Arllano's face so often that he thought it was tattooed on him.

In a slug-fest that was the most looked-forward to fight of the evening T/5 Joe Makara, Hq. Co. out-lasted Pfc. Ed Cantrell, C Co. contender.

Pfc. Carnice Waggener, Co. A., and Pfc. Rocco Piccinino, Co. H pounded each other with rights to the body while trying to catch the other against the ropes. Piccinino's fast stepping gave him the decision.

Hard and Fast

For fast punching with a sting to it, the 4th bout featured Pfc. Rocky Catalfamo, C Co. against Pfc. Archie Burnett, Co. H. Starting from the first bell both men went to work on each other until Burnett worked his man into the ropes. Catalfamo slammed his way out and tied up his opponent. Burnett shot in two lefts to the body while hammering down Catalfamo's guard. Although Catalfamo was able to hold his own, Burnett's speed and quick thinking were a little too much for him.

Probably the best event of the evening was the match between Sgt. Bill Seevey, C Co., and Pvt. Paul Lemons, A Co. It started out as a waltz, but once the tempo got hot there were more fists in the air than a battle-royal. Seevey started pounding rights into Lemons' jaw, while Lemons countered with his own body punches. However he couldn't stop the driving force of Seevey who took the fight with a smile on his face.

Pitchers can Hit

Pfc. Elroy Collins, D Co., proved he can hit as well as pitch when he beat Pfc. Joe Vinas, of A Co.

Getting in more punches than Pfc. Al

Ledford, Hdq. Co., Pfc. Carroll Burris, D Co. took the 7th bout.

The 8th match was a fast affair from beginning to end with Pfc. Audrey Sexton, Co. H, taking a slight lead over Pfc. Joe Biever, of Co. A.

Although Pfc. Charles Duck had to often, he managed to just beat out Pfc. Sam Cervantes, of H Co.

Blackjack Softball

GRAFENWOHR, Germany—The 329th took advantage of a rainless day last week in Grafenwohr to continue the intra-Battalion softball games.

Third Battalion's L Company fell to the superb pitching of "Rubber Arms" Bogianno of E Company 4 to 2. The Blue Battalion All-Stars avenged that defeat by whipping the Second Battalion 2 to 1.

Washington — Farms today are fewer in number than before the war, but are larger in size, reports the Census Bureau. In 1000 counties studied, the number of farms fell 2.5% from 1940 to 1945 — from 1,823,016 to 1,777,446, but acreage was upped 7.1% during the same period — from 315,577,091 to 337,859,536 acres.

Division May Get Football Togs For Six Full Grid Teams

Complete football equipment for six full 25 man squads within the Division will be on hand by the first week of September according to information received by the Athletic Office from Third Army this week.

However, this equipment will only be available to outfits not scheduled to leave before October 1st.

"We expect to have Regimental teams, but may find it a bit difficult to allot the material to the Special Units", said Lt. Frye, a Division Athletic Officer.

Intra-divisional competition will begin as soon as possible after the equipment has been distributed and the teams organized. For competition with other divisions, the Athletic Office will retain 25 uniforms for an All-Star Team to represent the 83rd in the inter-division league.

Plans throughout the Third Army call for several such leagues, and the winners will play for the Army Championship sometime late in the season.

No Theatre tilts are planned because of the early winter and heavy snow falls expected in this part of Germany. However, it is probable that post-season challenges between the top teams will result in a series of bowl games when weather permits.

Each 25-man squad will receive shoes, pants, shoulder pads, colored jerseys, and socks along with helmets. The squad will also get two blocking dummies.

Blackfishmen Win Pennant

In three games played this week the 330th Hdqs. softball team won two and lost a third in an extra inning tussle. The Blackfishmen, who won the Special Units Pennant in the first half of the season, defeated 102nd's 327th Medics, 4 to 1. The second game was lost to the 1st Bn. Hdqs. Co. Team after a see-saw battle, 3 to 6, then, several nights later, came back to beat a 308th Medic squad 4 to 2.

Buckshot Boxers Stage Colorful Bouts In Arena

With the cancellation of the inter-Divisional boxing bouts by the 102nd Div., the 83rd staged its own impromptu affair in the Sports Arena at Passau Wednesday night before a fair-sized crowd which had assembled to witness the added attraction of Jack Conn and his troupe of boxers plus a Table-Tennis exhibition by Sgt. Sol Schiff and Sgt. John Somael.

Four bouts were on the card including two exhibition matches, judged by Captains Horton Smith and Fred Frankhouse.

The evening started off with two 329th boys, William Otis and Norman Papinau weighing 143 and 142, respectively. Papinau showed from the beginning that he had a swift pair of mitts, and both let it be known that they had stepped out of the neophyte sluggers class by demonstrating some snappy boxing. Papinau kept taking the fight to Otis, always pushing, until the final bell gave him the decision.

Lombardo tags O'Keefe

Two more boys who demonstrated their maturity in the ring were John Lombardo, of 329th, weighing 145 lbs., and Micheal O'Keefe, of the same Regiment, who weighed in at 142 lbs. They were a couple of cozy fighters in the beginning, bobbing and weaving under each other's blows, until "Lum" charged "Mike" against the ropes. With his Irish dander up, O'Keefe came smashing back and the air was full of flying fists. Although he looked a little tired at the end of the 2nd round, Lombardo answered the bell like a "suped" up electric fan while O'Keefe did well defending himself. Although it was a close one all the way through, there were no dissenting comments when Lombardo was given the nod.

The fifth man on the 329th boxing team, Allen Hope, 165 lbs. took on Russ Baxter, an ex-Ack-Ack man, who is with the Conn troupe. Baxter is considered 4th man in the Middle-Weight Class back in the States. Although Hope outweighed him by five pounds, Baxter had the reach, height and training on his opponent. Baxter seemed to be able to hit Hope at will in the beginning, but the 83rd man kept shaking them off, and refused several opportunities to get in some off-color blows. By the last round Hope seemed to be getting the big boy's range and style, and was able to push plenty of glove in his face.

Heavy but fast

The final bout was another exhibition match, this time between Jacky Conn, formerly with the 13th Airborne, and holder of the 1939 Golden Gloves Title, and Rudy Zurich, of the 71st Div., Conn's sparring partner Conn out-weighted him 190 to 180 lbs. Both men danced around a lot in the beginning, but showed how a great many hard blows can fall harmlessly if rolled off correctly. Then they began to mix it up a little, and Conn surprised the crowd, who considered him fat, by exhibiting some of the fastest arm and footwork seen around this side of the Atlantic in a long time. He got a laugh by holding water in his mouth when he came to the center of the ring for the 3rd round and squirting it into Zurich's kisser with the first blow.

329th Hands TTF First Setback In Pennant Drive

Taking what must have been good advice from Capt. Fred Frankhouse, baseball expert in the Horton Smith Athletic Troupe, the 329th Bucks defeated the 331st Blackboys 3 to 2 at the loser's home field Wednesday afternoon.

It was a tie ball game going in to the ninth inning, when the Bucks broke out with the extra run that was needed to take the game. Then Wilson and catcher, Liberatore held the home-team in its half of the ninth, and the game went to the 329th, putting them a half game behind the leading Blackboy team, and handing the losers their first defeat since the league started.

Both teams went scoreless until the 6th frame. The TTF, team slipped a run by but the Bucks saw that bid, and raised them one. In their half of the stretch inning, 331st countered with another tally, and that's the way it stood till the visitors shoved across the winning run.

Although Sabine was knocked out of

BOLTS TOPPLE BUCKSHOTS IN EXTRA FRAME

It took twelve innings of nip and tuck ball for the 330th "Bolts" to defeat the 329th "Bucks", 3 to 2, at Sonndorf Field Sunday.

Pfc. Al Watson, of E Co., went the route, scattering 8 hits over the distance. Johnson, 329th hurler, was just as good, allowing but five hits before giving way to Wilson in the 10th inning.

In the second inning for the Bolts, Whitman singled sharply over 1st base. Prince slammed a long hard triple to left field, scoring Whitman. Collier followed with a hit to center, scoring Prince. Both pitchers then matched pitch for pitch, with neither side threatening, until the top of the eighth inning. Aleman, leading off, bunted safely, stole second, and scored as Zuber doubled to center.

In the top of the ninth, Sparr fumbled Leary's grounder allowing him to make first. A double play ball hit to Bankhead was dropped by Prince, second baseman for the Bolts, making both runners safe. Szymanski then singled to right scoring Leary. Watson pitched himself out of this hole superbly.

Wins own game

In the last of the ninth, the Bolts loaded the bases, with but one out. Excellent defensive playing by the 329th prevented a score. Wilson, 329th hurler, relieved Johnson in the 10th inning. He and Watson mowed down the hitters during the extra innings, until Watson himself approached the plate in the last of the twelfth inning. With the count 3 and 2 he pounded a basehit to left field. Aleman coming in fast to retrieve the ball was not prepared for the huge hop the ball made. It rose over his head, with Watson circling the bases. His throw to Zuber, got away from the third baseman, allowing Watson to score and win his own game.

The Lineups:

329th	330th
King, 2b	Cavallini, RF
Aleman LF	Finnerty, LF
Liberatore, C	Bankhead, 3b
Zuber, 3b	Whitman, CF
Castro, RF	Prince, 2b
Champion, CF	Collier, C
Leary, SS	Vartanian, 1b
Szymanski, 1b	Sparr, SS
Johnson, P	Watson P
Wilson, P (Losing Pitcher)	

The Score:

		R	H	E
329th	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0	2	8	2
330th	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3	6	3

the box in the 7th, Maiden was charged with the loss, and both men were handled by Clyde. The hit and run department was even for all the way around. Each made six hits and one blunder.

		R	H	E
329th	— 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1	3	6	1
331st	— 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	2	6	1

LEAGUE STANDINGS

This Week's Results:

Aug. 15th	329th — 26	22nd	303th — 10
	Medics 8		Medics 0
19th	330th — 3		329th — 3
	329th — 2		331st — 2

THUNDERBOLT LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	G.B.
331st	3	1	.750	
330th	3	2	.600	1/2
329th	4	3	.571	1/2
Medics	1	5	.167	3

Games Scheduled

Saturday, Aug., 25th — Medics at 330th

Eight Nazis Arrested For Sabotage Attempt

VILSHOFEN, Germany — Eight indoctrinated Nazi youths were picked up here last week on charges of suspected sabotage in connection with the stringing of a piano wire across the main street in the middle of this city. The suspects were brought to MP headquarters and jailed following an investigation by the 83rd's CIC Detachment.

A cruising MP patrol jeep ran into the wire on a routine run, but luckily nobody was injured as the steel bars supporting the windshield of the jeep proved stronger than the wire. Later that evening, the same MPs found several Germans prowling around the area and immediately put them under arrest in connection with the incident.

The youths admitted stringing the wire and upon further questioning it was disclosed that they had been responsible for terrorizing several German girls in the Vilshofen area.

Two of the youths, both discharged Artillerymen, admitted that several nights previous they had crept up behind two unsuspecting GIs seated in the park area near the Danube and hit them over the heads with clubs. However, the incident had not been reported to authorities. The reason for the assault was undisclosed.

The prisoners are now interned at Munich. To date there have been no re-occurrences of any types of sabotage or intimidations of the populace.

Anxious Veterans Chain-Smoke to Ease Tension

Twenty men gathered tensely around the cot. Little was said. Cigarette upon cigarette was smoked.

Her time had come, and the men leaned forward expectantly, with their hearts somewhere around their throats. "I hope it's a girl." "A boy for my money." "I hope she has twenty of them so we can each have one."

She didn't have twenty of them, though, only four. Four of the cutest little puppies you've ever seen. A pure white one, a tan one, and two black ones. One of the black ones, the runt, is a female, and the other three are all males.

"Mek Mek" surprised all of the fellows for she had gone on a hike with the battery the day before, and had merely lived her daily life. She gave no hint that the big day had arrived.

The mother is the mascot of Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, where she spends her time with the Metro Section. The section acted as internes during the delivery of the litter. Her name, "Mek Mek", is the code name of the Metro Section.

Since the pups were born before V-J Day, "Mek Mek" will, if the point totals are readjusted, have 72 points.

Mission Completed

The final artillery round fired at Grafenwohr, and what may well prove to be the last round fired before de-activation, crashed from a 105 mm howitzer manned by men of A Battery, 323rd Field Artillery. Pfc. Homer G. Boone, "number one" man of the squad, pulled the lanyard to send the shell "on its way".

Boone has been with the Division since November of 1942, when he received his first taste of the "Cannoner's Hop" as the men call their gun drill. He's been through all five campaigns with the Division, and has come to the conclusion that, "It's about time we quit this basic training and started for home."

Well! Well! White Sheets!

FREYUNG, Germany—Top kick William Sagall of Company K, 330th Infantry is a staunch believer in solid comfort. Sagall requested a package of white sheets from home when he heard he could depend on a long stay in this Bavarian town.

KAY REJOICES OVER THE CUT IN TRAINING

It's pretty hard for most of the G. I.'s to realize that the great day has finally come, the end of "sweating it out", no more fighting to be done and consequently no more combat training. The reaction of the doughs in a typical company of the 83rd (K Co. of the 329 th), after the initial realization that all problems were over, seemed to be varied.

A good number of the men were interested in a chance to do some studying through the I and E program. Typical of these was Pfc. Joe Saiz, "I've always wanted a chance to get in a little high school training and now it looks like I've got my opportunity to do so". Many of the G. I.'s commented on the fact that athletics would probably be stressed. K Company's star pitcher, Pfc. Warren W. Hedger had this to say, "Now perhaps we can schedule many more games. I'm getting the old soup bone warmed up right now".

With the 83rd back in occupation status again, taking over the area from the 102nd, there will be guard duty on road blocks and patrols as there were before. But as Pfc. Juan Martinez, a mortarman, said, "It's better then running up and down hills with a mortar on my back and maybe having to do it someday under the Japanese version of an '88'."

But the big thing with all, was this one question, "When do we go home?" Sgt. Henry B. Mosley summed it up this way. "I & E is interesting and informative, athletics are a good way to pass the time, beerhalls and such don't lower anyone's morale, but the main thing I'm interested in (and who isn't) is placing these number 9s on good old United States soil."

Monstrous Gun Awes Sightseers

"Here's one cannon I'm glad the Jerries never put into action against us," said Pfc. Gerard LaChance of Division Artillery, upon viewing the world's largest artillery piece at Metzendorf.

The big field piece is located on the northern boundary of the Grafenwohr Range. According to reports the huge gun was used against the Russians at Stalingrad and brought back for use on the Western Front against the British and Americans. The gun was manufactured by the Krupp Works in 1941. On its trip west, the huge piece got no farther than its present location due to the big push on Berlin.

The gun has an 820 mm bore and a barrel that extends 95 feet, as compared with 12 feet for our 155 howitzer. It requires twenty-five railway cars to transport its total weight of 2,150,000 pounds. It is said that the gun is capable of lobbing a projectile, weighing eight tons, twenty-five miles.

Pink Panties, Sir?

DETROIT, Mich.—(CNS)—Men's shorts are so hard to get in Detroit that male customers are buying ladies panties at department stores.

SERGEANT AND BULLETS BOTH MAKE TROUBLE

In case your saving up a yarn to pass on to the girl friend when you get home you'll have to go a long way to beat the story that Pfc. John A. Waters of Company G, 330th Infantry is saving for the occasion.

John tried to turn his steel helmet into supply the other day and was met with a scowl from the Supply Sgt. . . . it seems that the helmet had several holes in it. Dear Ole Sarg didn't waste any time in bringing forth the good old statement of charges but John squirmed out of the situation with a story.

Ever since Neuss, Waters has been carrying this beat up lid as a souvenir of a close shave he had with two enemy machine guns. While on the Rhine, he had the misfortune of getting in the way of several stray bullets but luckily they passed through his helmet and grazed his head. "Yes", says John, "This statement of charges makes the second close shave I have had with this helmet."

Molar Makers Give Service on Wheels

The "molar makers" of the 308th Medical Battalion are now giving "super chopper" service to the men of the Division needing dentures made or repaired. With modernized Dental Trailers at their disposal, two officers and four enlisted men are giving "round the Division" service to Joes needing urgent dental repair.

Each trailer used by these men is equipped with the most modern dental equipment ably manned by trained technicians. The trailers are under the supervision of Capt. Nelson H. O'dell, Division Dental Surgeon and are operated by Capt. E. A. Aijala, Capt. Gerald Rubin, Cpl. John D. Bennett, Sgt. Murray Therber, Sgt. Claude D. Elliss, and Harvey Lackey.

At present one of the units is in the 330th area at Freyung and the other is with the 329th Infantry and Division Artillery at the Grafenwohr Training Area. After completion of all necessary work in the 330th area, one unit will move on to the 331st area in Griesbach.

In case you haven't seen your dentist twice this year and that large wisdom tooth is creating an undeclared war, it might be wise to contact your dental officer and find out when this service will be available in your outfit. Every effort should be made to have necessary dental repairs made before departure to the assembly area.

Who's Got Troubles

Two Marines were lying in adjoining beds in a Guadalcanal hospital. Each one received a letter in the mail.

After reading his, the first threw it on the floor. "It's from my girl," he explained glumly. "She tells me she's marrying another fellow."

"You're sore," comes from the other bed. "This is from my draft board. They rejected me."

How Things Rate in the Forty-Eight

If your mail clerk isn't ringing the bell for you at least once a day and your needin' some readin' we suggest that you pick up a paper and start getting used to the trials and tribulations of the civilians back in the States.

When Uncle Sam hands you that little white paper, chances are your troubles will begin. Since the Japanese surrender, over 400,000 workers have been laid off, and another 1,378,000 are expected to lose their jobs shortly. This isn't to discourage you but it does mean that jobs will be a little harder to find than they were previous to your joining the Army. However, Gen Omar Bradley, the new Veterans Administrator, stated that, "Most veterans are better prepared for civilian life now than they were when they entered the service. My policy will be to see that the soldiers find jobs they want once they get back into civilian life."

And even the American woman is re-paring for the GI reconversion. Miss Jeanette Smits, New York beauty expert says, "American women will be more beautiful than ever before. Their legs will be sheathed in stockings unsurpassed for sheerness and beauty undreamed of . . . even in prewar days." Need we say more.

The reconversion of industry to the peacetime level will undoubtedly have an effect upon your living standard. According to those who know, a 50 per cent advance in the living standard is foreseen once all the materials needed for civilian goods are available in abundance. Actually, the materials will be running out of industry's ears, but it will require some time to get industry running fast enough to use them.

American haberdasherys are looking ahead to the day you'll choose that new

Proposed Equipment For GIs



Alexis Smith

"The zipper on the sleeping bag is being redesigned so that it is longer and easier to open."

Combat Men Use Baseball To De-Nazify Hitler Youth

A great many ideas have been presented on the de-Nazification of Germany and German youth, but at the Second Battalion of the 331st Infantry, a couple of Doughs have done more than talk about it. The two men, Pfc. Joseph Carr of E Company and S/Sgt. Francis Coyne of Battalion Headquarters, have adopted a plan of Americanization which incorporates our good old American sport of baseball.

It all started when the kids in the neighborhood of Pocking started watching the Doughs play softball they watched the game, liked it, and wanted to play; but they just didn't know how. Carr, who formerly played baseball in the Philadelphia Industrial League, and Coyne, a former scoutmaster at Minooka, Pa., decided to give the boys a break and teach them the rules and the tricks of our fine American game. Interest became so intense that they soon had enough members for two teams representing the East and the West Sides of Pocking.

"Might as well teach them the right sports," remarked Carr.

The kids range in age from eight to thirteen. Coyne teaches them a little English along with the game so it's not unusual to hear them say, "Okay, Let's go!" or "Get on the ball!". Their parents

are often in attendance, watching them play "Slugging", as they call it. The parents like the idea as they always know where the boys are at the ball diamond.

The kids like the Americans (and their chocolates) and they're not as war-minded as some would think. Many of them have never participated in any sports and take this opportunity as a way of becoming acquainted with the Doughs and their favorite pastime.

Quiet Holiday

The official holiday prescribed for the cessation of Japanese hostility, Friday, August 17th, was celebrated throughout the Division with very little excitement. The day closely followed the Division's Re-activation holiday on Wednesday, therefore there were no programs scheduled in commemoration of the day.

To the average Dough it meant just another day to catch up on some sleep or write a few letters home. As T/4 Manuel Silva, 308th Engineers stated, "From today on I'll start sweating out that discharge. I'll do my celebrating when I get home."

From Benny to Jenny

Published in the August 3 issue of Variety magazine was this V-mail from Passau, Germany, written by Jack Benny — "Greetings from this 13th Century castle. The officer's quarters are 7th Century but then God, some 20th Century plumbers and electricians were turned loose on these joints. Passau is near enough Austria for us to be flown over to a camp across the border to play for a large bunch of American GIs. And, incidentally, tell Jeanette MacDonald we saw the Blue Danube which is still green."

pin stripe suit and bow tie. With clothing restrictions lifted, manufacturers are now able to give you gentlemen the works. The fate of the "zoot suit" is not known, but undoubtedly it will still be around as an ornament of prewar masculinity.

With Uncle Sam's going away present in your pocket, you might decide to invest in a sport coupe or sedan to get rid of your "jeep jumps". Civilian car output will attain tremendous heights this year and next. It is believed that the industry will be the major source for peacetime jobs along with the manufacture of domestic appliances.

And though your not exactly home yet, you'll agree with those boys who say, "Brother, it's nice work if you can get it".