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65-69'RS MOVE OUT THIS WEEK

Thousands In DP Camp Redeployed

BRITTANY.

Many Hungarians **Being Sent Home** From 83rd Area

Officials of the Pocking DP camp watched a train out of sight and then but to the job of ordering more DDT powder, rations and trains to take other DPs back home. By the time winter sets in many more of these trains, each carrying 1500 to 1800 DPs, are expected to evacuate approxima-tely 125,000 Hungarians, Germans, Poles, Russians and other nationalities

when the 83rd took over the job from the 102nd Inf. Div., there were 160,000 DPs in the area. Since that time many thousands have been sent back to their homelands, with additional thousands of new DPs coming into the area.

Many Hungarians

Hungarian DPs lead all other foreign nationalities in this area, accounting for 43,000 of the total. Volksdeutsch, German nationals who fled from Rus-sian, Czech and Polish occupied zones, 73,000. More than a score of nationalities are included in the "others" classification which covers nationalities with small numbers of DPs. Included are 9 "Americans", 1 "Mexican", 7 "Icelanders", 3 "Canadians". While other citizenship is claimed by these DPs it is contended by DP officials they are German nationals who find it more convenient at the moment not to be German.

Biggest problem facing the Division at the moment is transporting the Hun-garians back to Hungary. Since these people are ex-allies of the Germans and thus considered ex-PWs they are under compulsion to return home. The other nationalities are given a choice of returning home or staying here in Germany. If they elect the latter they do so at their own risk

13 Generals Included Approximately 20,000 of the Hunga-

In the official Daily Bulletin, number 111, of September 27, 1945 item one stated the following: "Men who have a desire to see the Division Commander for any reason, may do so at any time. They are especially invited to bring complaints or suggestions before him

General Puts Himself On Spot

at 1000 the first and third Mondays of each month." Accordingly, a staff writer from THUNDERBOLT was assigned the task of finding out why the General would put himself on the spot for his men. The direct question brought a direct answer when Ge-neral Macon said, "I thought that that's where I'd been all the time." The General made it plain that the motive behind this gesture was to accomplish the mission of the 83rd Division with the greatest amount of efficiency and esprit de corps.

Said General Macon, "In order that the men may bring their troubles and suggestions for improvements directly to the place where quickest action can be gotten, the men of the Division are not only invited, but urged to bring these things before the Division Com-mander." The General continued, "Frequently, the viewpoint of the men is helpful in producing the improvements desired. The only thing asked of those who present themselves with complaints or suggestions is that they have an honest and frank approach to a real problem."



There will shortly be another addition to the ever growing list of unit histories published by various elements of the Division. The 908th FA has written its memoirs and the copy is now in the hands of the printer. Tentative publica-tion date is October 7.

ges with 25 illustrations and an attrac-tive cover, drawn in three colors by a local artist. Capt. Harry Fleming bas general supervision of the project and will control the project and while the third highest outfit will be send half of their bond purchases on leave or furlough, cation while the third highest outfit will be guage.

has been added to the usual incentive of a sound investment in backing the 8th Victory Loan Drive. All bond purchasers in the Company, Battery, or Troop buying the greatest number of The idea of a Bn. History is not a new one in the 908th. Copious notes the UK, the Riviera, or Switzerland, or

REENLISTMENT DRIVE OPENS HERE

Bulk of High Pointers Go To 26th, 90th Divisions; 60-64 Have Short Delay

The redeployment shuffle reaches into the 83rd Division deck this week and draws a straight right off the top of the point deal by sending EM with point scores of 65 to 69 to the 90th "Tough Ombres" Infantry Division, now on temporary occupational duty in the Weiden area of Germany, but due to be alerted for shipment to the States at an early date. High point officers, meanwhile, will tranfer to the 26th "Yankee" Division which is currently in Linz, Austria.

Few 70 Pointers

Less than a hundred men who have not moved out of the 83rd, due to attendance at schools, on pass or furlough or other organizational reasons, who have more than 70 points will move on to the 79th Division which is about to begin processing for the homeward movement.

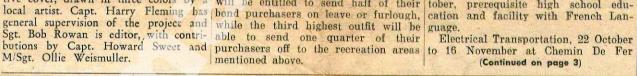
No definite unit has been selected for the men still in the Division, who have A quota of 53 officers and men to attend the Fall terms of I & E Schools set up within such civilian agencies and Army schools as Biarritz. Nancy and Sorbonne Universities; The Law outfits before the end of the month. As this movement of personnel will greatly deplete the strength of the 83rd Division an incoming movement of men is contemplated to coincide with the huge exodus from this point.

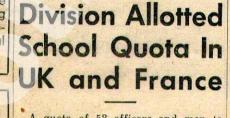
Fillers to 83rd

The enlisted men and officers coming to the 83rd will largely be EMs with point scores of 59 or less, and the officers of course will be either those who do not have enough points to make the officer critical score at this time, volunteers, or Regular Army Officers. Most of these officers and men will come from both the 26th and the 89th Divisions.

As far as could be determined by press time both the 26th and 90th Divisions are scheduled to reach the States in December. There is every indication pointing toward the fact that both of these Divisions will carry no men with under 60 points, which bears out the War Department statement that, once arriving in the States the men will be eligible for discharge.

From information received relative Lower Point Men to this huge transfer of men those men who find themselves in the 60 to 64 Sign Up At 329th point bracket will only have to "sweat





A quota of 53 officers and men to

cooperating civilian agencies. All classes are scheduled to start in October. Applications must be filed with the Division I & E office at speci-fied times for each of the courses during the week of 9 to 16 October, 1945. were kept on battalion activities all the UK, the fuviera, or Switzerland, or through combat and original plans cal-led for a rather large work, along the lines of the Combat Team History. Cir-cumstances made this impracticable and the final product is a booklet of 52 paquota 2 men, application date 16 October, prerequisite high school edu-cation and facility with French Lan-

The incentive of furloughs and passes and Library Societies of London, Eng-land; French and English Civil Services and an English Wholesale Distribution Center has been received by the Division from XII Corps. Fifteen different courses are being offered at various

rians were members of the Hungarian-German Army, the rest being members of their families. About 10,000 are re-gistered at the Pocking Hungarian DP camp while the others live on farms and in small camps throughout the area. Control of these people-has been vested in a Hungarian Control Council comprised mainly of high ranking Hungarian Army officials. Of the more than 2,000 officers numbered among the DPs, 13 are generals. In the Vilshofen area the responsible Control Council official not only has a list of names and addresses of all fellow-countrymen but also maps showing their exact locations.

Majority of the Hungarians came into this area via wagon train after the war to escape from the Russians. Now they are attempting to form a 3,000 horse wagon train and return the way Regular Army on the spot. they came. If this can be done before winter snows block the Alpine highways the Division will have been relieved of a big job. If not, train transportation must be provided.

However, 3,000 of the Hungarians

Those Post Office recruiting posters that once urged Stateside civilians to let the Army "make men out of them" are eing re-written in connection with the ecruiting drive now in full swing in the Division. Immediate furloughs and ash bonuses are being offered to all nen who apply for immediate discharge for the purpose of enlisting or re-enlisting in the Regular Army.

Volunteers Given

Furloughs Home

Under the provisions of the War Department recruiting regulations any man now serving honorably in the Army may apply for immediate discharge for the purpose of enlisting or re-enlisting in the Regular Army. No physical examination is necessary. Every applicant will be discharged at his present station and sworn into the

Each man who enlists or re-enlists ries or the United Kingdom provided will be given an immediate furlough up to a maximum of 90 days based on year or 21/2 days per month. Overseas against the furlough time. won't be going back home for a while, nor will 3,000 people of other DP na-nor will 3,000 people of other DP naseas and one year service in the States



Volunteers from the 329th photographed as they were sworn into the Regular Army.

would thus recieve a full ninety days furlough immediately. This furlough will not be counted against regular furlough time.

Part of this furlough may be spent in any section of the liberated count-

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Immediate furloughs home look pretty good to low point men in the Division — so good that many of them are willing to spend the next three years, if necessary, in the ETO for a furlough home at this time. A desire to remain in the service and increase their education or learn a trade is also prompting many Thunderbolts to sign up for the Regular Army during the current reenlistment drive.

Present incentives, with a distinct possibility that many more will be offered by Congress shortly, are winning many recruits for a post-war army career. Several Thunderbolt enlistees in the Regular Army like Pfc. Norris Spencer, of Hagerstown, Md., and the 329th Inf., have discovered that The Army's not so bad after all."

Honor of being the first Thunderbolt that not less than 20 days of the total to re-enlist goes to Pfc. Robert Kell, 19, furlough is spent in the United States, of Wilmore, Kentucky who also "likes his length of service. Furlough credit Travel time to and from the enlistee's the Army." He has been a Thunderbolt is given on the basis of 30 days per residence in the States does not count for six months and possesses 16 points.

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their redeployment status. However those men under that score, as far as can be determined now, will remain with the 83rd Division

Musical "Rosalinda" **Booked for Division**

Rosalinda, a full length light operetta adapted from Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus will be presented for the entertainment of the 83rd Division at the Passau Arena from October 10th through the 15th. This USO production, boasting a cast of 64 and tons of scenery, will bring to the men of the Division one of Strauss' outstanding works.

In some respects akin to a French that also contains a plot and good charac-ters. It deals with the amorous escapades of a married woman, the society life of the nobility of gay old Vienna, plus the usual romantic touches of the love of a man for a woman.

The operetta is scheduled to commence each evening at 8 o'clock.

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TRIBUTE TO AN INFANTRYMAN

When President Truman placed the Congressional Medal of Honor around the neck of Sgt. Ralph G. Neppel the former 83rd Division soldier received the highest award for heroism a grateful nation could bestow. However, Cpl. John P. Shaughnessy, who served with Sgt. Neppel in M Company of the 329th Infantry Regiment, bestows an even greater honor in the following communication to THUNDERBOLT:



Neppel was a swell guy. Just ask any of the old men that are still with M Company. They say 'was" because he's not in the Company any more - or in the army either. He's home now. Back working his dad's farm. There's nothing out of the ordinary with that, except that he left a down payment on the war in Germany. That could have made it a little harder if he had let it. But Neppel isn't that kind of guy. He just wasn't lucky enough to get himself home and his legs too.

Why do things like that happen to the nice guys? That's what the guys asked when they brought Neppel back and found out how the war had ended for him. Sure, it was tough when any of the guys got hurt, but some Time Magazine Photo guys don't seem to matter as

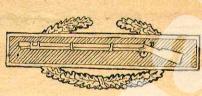
much as others. Neppel was

five-foot ten, a good looking guy with a solid build and brown eyes that smiled in a way than made you enjoy talking to him and being one of his friends. He's got a girl back home, with him new, that will stand up with any of them. It won't make much difference to her, though, that he was injured like that. His eyes are still smiling and he still jokes and laughs and runs his fingers over his temples where his steel helmet pushed his hair back.

Yea, Neppel was one of the best. And still is because his life is a long way from being over. Right now he's driving his dad's tractor on the farm in Iowa. It'd take a lot more than losing a couple of legs to get a guy like Nepple down.

We want him to know that we haven't forgotten him.

During recent weeks it has been noted that some men who are not authorized to wear the badge, have "dressed up" their blouses with combat infantryman's badges. Not only is this against regulations but it is a gross injustice to the doughs who earned the right to wear this precious insignia.



We can well appreciate that many of the men in non-infantry outfits also did their share toward fighting the war, and we sincerely regret they couldn't have been honored with a distinctive emblem. However, the Combat Infantryman's Badge was issued for the exclusive benefit and distinction of the doughboy. We are sure no combat soldier will deny the right of the doughboy to be so honored. But, the honor will be empty and meaningless if the badge is permitted to be worn promiscuously.



by Jim Shelhamer

Back in the States the average amateur photo fan shrugged his shoulder when asked what kind of film he wanted. "Verichrome," the clerk would suggest, and "Yeah, that's O. K." the reply. Here in the ETO, where Din ratings are used instead of General Electric and Weston ratings, the G. I. photo fan is even more at a loss when film speeds are mentioned.

First, the average camera toter hasn't the faintest idea what is meant by film speed or what part it plays in the taking of a picture. Roughly it deals with the sensitivity of the film to light and plays a very important part in the taking of good pictures.

Back in the Verichrome days the average cameraman could point his little black box most anywhere, in most any kind of light and at most any time of the day and come back from the photo finishers with a reasonable if not excellent facsimile of the subject photogra-phed. However, that is far from the case here in the ETO.

It is impossible to give the exact relative values of Din ratings compared to the G. E. and Weston ratings, but the G. E. and Weston ratings, but roughly they are as follows: 17/10, which compares to Verichrome – G.E., 48, and Weston, 32; 18/10–G.E., 64, and We-ston, 40; 19/10–G.E., 75, and Weston, 50; 20/10, G.E., 100, and Weston, 64; 21/10–G.E., 125, and Weston, 80; 22/10– G.E., 150, and Weston, 100; 23/10– G.E., 200, and Weston, 125 Dip ratings G.E., 200, and Weston, 125. Din ratings higher or lower than those listed above would have relative G. E. and Weston values on the basis of the above values.

Shows Film Speed

The higher the din rating, and for that matter the higher the G.E. or Weston rating in the States, the faster the film. Film with a rating of 18/10 is twice as fast as film rated at 17/10. Thus, for example, if the 17/10 rated film could be normally exposed at a shutter speed be normally exposed at a shutter speed the Division Band in a concert at vis-of rooth of a second with a diaphragm opening of $f/\tau 6$, then with $\tau 8/\tau 0$ rated T/200th of a second at the same dia-phragm opening. Conversely, film rated has made numerous singing appearanat 16/10 would be twice as slow as that of 17/10 and the shutter speed for a Klatovy. Czechoslovakia several months relative picture would be 1/50th of a ago and another, date as yet undecided, second

Many GIs who have acquired Ger-man exposure meters have been wondering what they will do with the meters when they return to the States, since these meters are based on Din and Scheiner film values. Conversion tables can be secured very easily from most film manufacturers which convert the G.E. and Weston ratings supplied with the film to Din and Scheiner ratings.

Camera fans who do not own light meters and who come to this department for advice on exposure, speed etc. are given a standard bit of advice that is repeated here: When in doubt as to proper exposure for certain types of film take a roll and test shoot it with paper and pencil in one hand. After each shot make a note of the light conditions, shutter speed and diaphragm opening. Then when the prints are made the notes will serve as a basis for correcting any errors that may have been made.



Hilda und Matilda

These American Soldiers Are Very Kind. So WILLING To Give Away Their Chocolate.

Singer Gives Back Stage Lore Of N.Y. Radio City Music Hall

by Al Komishane

ces in uniform. He gave a concert in being planned for the near future in Pilsen.

The six foot, one inch bass-baritone has numerous anecdotes of back stage life in the world's largest theater, the 8,000 seat Music Hall. When he went to work there he was handed a map of the building to enable him to get around. Instances of travellers lost in the maze of corridors have been recorded. Unfortunately, no Saint Bernard dogs patrol the area with casks of rum around their necks, for the rules forbid liquor in the building.

Entrance Difficult

Getting an audition for admittance into the Glee Club was a feat of major proportions in itself. Three recommen-dations were necessary before the petitive auditions, have marked his exyoung aspirant was given a hearing. Many things were taken into account also taught to the singers. In a "Stage in making the final choice: not only Door Canteen" scene in one show, voice quality, but also volume, which Tyrrell did a hot jitterbug number with

instructors. He sang for a short time Membership in the Radio City Music Hall Glee Club at the age of 17 is the record of T/5 Charles P. Tyrrell, chap-lain's assistant at Division Headquar-ters. Tyrrell appeared as soloist with the Division Band in a concert at Vils-



Occasional solos, for which the memperience in the Music Hall. Dancing is voice quanty, but also volume, which is important in the wide open spaces of the Music Hall, and the singer's height. When those were found satis-



The 4th Armored Div. CIC seized a schnapps-producing still that was operating in a Ukrainian DP camp at Landshut without the knowledge of most of the DPs living there. The schnapps, manufactured from denatured alcohol and sugar, with a liberal seasoning of flies and other filth that was abundant in the room, was sold for 200 marks a pint — or four packs of ei-garettes. More than 1,000 packs of

are literally going to spank German non- party membership as a basic reyouths who show disrespect to occupa-tional troops or commit petty violations number men five to one in Munich.

of law, it was announced in a letter from British authorities to unit commanders

> The following ditty, com-posed by an 84th Div. soldier, expresses the feeling of many a Thunderbolt, to wit:

> "I wish I were a porcupine For just a week or two, For then I would have points enough

To come back home to you."

Nazi bachelors in Munich are appacigarettes were found on the premises. long time according to a report made by the director of a private Munich marriage bureau. Husband-hunting British soldiers at Bad Oeynhausen women who visit the bureau stress

AT PASSAU THEATER

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday "Gruesome Twosome"

Wednesday and Thursday "I'll Tell the World" Lee Tracy and Brenda Joyce "Variety Views and Swing Serenade"

Friday and Saturday

"Don Juan Quilligan" William Bendix and Joan Blondell "Climbing the Peak" "What it Takes to Make a Star" and "Along That Texas Range" factory, a check was made on Tyrrell's

place of another six footer and had to gig on the daily report. Five gigs and meet that size standard. Both the Glee the culprit must buy the other members Club and the world-famous Rockettes of the Glee Club a man sized dinner, give the appearance from the audience preferably after a hard day's work of being perfectly matched in height. Actually, that is a carefully planned optical illusion. The girls, for instance, range from about five feet, one inch to on a grand scale. Music is written for "God is My Co-Pilot," Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey in the form of a proscenium arch, with "Organ and Raymond Massey in the form of a proscenium arch, with the tallest in the middle and the shows by the theater's own staff of composers and lyricists. A large symin the form of a proscenium arch, with composers and lyricists. A large sym-the tallest in the middle and the shorter phony orchestra occupies the pit, and dancers spread out on both ends in decreasing order of height. From the audience they give the appearance of being as perfectly alike as thirty of the unit the music ranges from opera to popu-lar tunes of the Tin Pan Alley variety. The world's largest theater organ is installed there. One man has a full time well-known peas in a pod. The same arrangement is used with the Glee pipes ranging from penny whistle to Club, and Tyrrell was fortunate enough to be a six-footer at 17, in addition to his other qualifications.

The GI singer is a native of Rich-mond Hill, Long Island. He studied private movie theater. music at the local high school, at the Academy of Allied Arts in New York, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. and direct: "To make a bee-line back Some time was also spent with private to the Music Hall."

schooling and past history with as much thoroughness as though he were going into the diplomatic service. House rules are quite strict. Every When Tyrrell was chosen he took the untidy rooms give their occupants a

Everything in the Music Hall is run

The building houses a cafeteria, library, hospital, gymnasium, Roof Gar-

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Tragic Story of Fawn Is Revealed at Div Arty

Hollywood would advertise this as thoroughly upset fawn. Mickey leaped

Mickey was found by Spangler when the animal was only a few days old. Tender care (Mickey was bottle fed on the best milk obtainable from Czechowned cows) and the fawn became a devoted pet, following his master about like a well behaved dog. When the ser-geant moved to Passau from the 8th Armored, he brought Mickey along.

Our part of the story begins on an action packed day last week. Spangler and Mickey were outside the Div Arty billet, the Eisenbahn Hotel in Passau, getting a breath of fresh air. The deer was frisking about, kicking up his heels, when suddenly he stiffened, every muscle tensed, looked up at Spangler and then darted away. Spangler followed the fawn's upward glance and side stepped just in time to miss possible injury from a falling pole which had been felled by a passing truck.

The narrow escape made the four month old animal nervous and excitable. He ran around in circles, trembling. To quiet him, Spangler took his pet up to his room in the hotel..

Jealousy Rises

There, the second phase of the story begins. Spangler's roommate, T/s George Graf, also an animal lover, had a pet, too, a roly-poly puppy. The deer and the pup never saw eye to eye and a state of undeclared war existed between them. Spangler decided to patch things up between the two. He petted the puppy and called Mickey over to join the party. Mickey came, with fire in his eyes and jealousy in his heart. He lunged at the hapless pup, drove him into a corner and pummeled him with his forefeet un-til the sergeant pulled him away. The pup was removed from the scene of sent combat and Spangler left the deer alone rank. in the room while he went off about his duties.

her vousness and excitement had forgotten the lessons he had previously been taught about being a nice, clean, housebroken pet. The floor had been used for a function ordinarily reserved for the "Herren" room, Graf clapped his hands and stamped his feet to show disapproval. The guilty pet, aware of his misdeed

"A Story of Love, Loyalty, Jealousy, and Heartbreak." It is the tale of a GI and his devoted pet, of T/4 Donald Spang-ler, recently a member of Hqs Btry, Div Arty, and his pet deer, Mickey Fawn. Mickey Fawn. Mickey leaped with the stairs and into the attic. In the dark it was a hopeless effort to try to catch the pet, who ordinarily came wil-lingly when called. After some minutes of fruitless chase, the men decided to catch the pet, who ordinarily came wil-lingly when called. After some minutes of fruitless chase, the men decided to give up the hunt until morning. when the deer would have gotten over his excitement. They closed the attic door and went back to their room, to bed.

The next morning, tragedy greeted them. When Spangler awoke, his first thought was of Mickey. Up he went to the attic, but the deer was nowhere about. Voices in the yard, five floors below, brought him to the window. There, on the ground, lay the battered body of Mickey, a suicide. Mickey was buried by his master in a

simple ceremony. Hollywood would call it "A Story of Love, Loyalty, Jealousy and Heartbreak".

331ST GAME

The 331st Regimental team will play the 2nd Cavalry team in a Class B league tilt tomorrow afternoon at Kotzting. The game will start at Kotzting. 2:30 P. M.

For Reenlistment

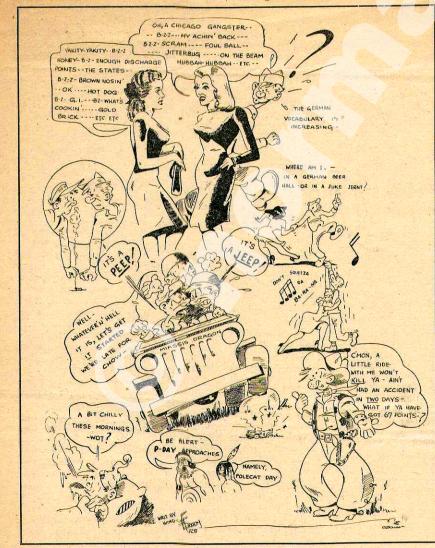
(from page 1) lars for other grades will be paid for each year of service in the past enlistment period. This allowance is in addition to any bonus which Congress may prescribe

Select Theater

All enlistees will be permitted to select the overseas theater and the arm or service that they desire to enter upon the completion of their furlough. Men who elect the arm or service they are now serving in will hold their present rank including the same date of

The present Division recruiting duties. Some time later, Graf came up to the room to discover that Mickey, in his July of 1946. Recruiting Officers have nervousness and excitement had forgotten been appointed down to Battalion level.

The guilty pet, aware of his misdeed, took off through the open door and bounded down the hallway. Then began a "Western Thriller" chase 331st Infantry Regiment has six appliup and down the corridors of the hotel. Graf, now joined by Spangler, dashed about trying to catch and soothe the





Pfc. James Riley stymied by rangy T/Sgt. Richard Mayberry. Both men are from the 329th.

Close Game Won By Basketeers at 329 th

The 329th Inf., 2nd Bn., G Company basketball team chalked up its second victory of the year at Plattling when they defeated Bn. Hqs. 35-29 in an ex-

hibition contest. The steadiness and ti-mely shooting of G Company throughout the game provided the margin of victory. The victors led 11-8 at the end of the first period but the half ended in a 15 lead in the third period G Company maintained a lead through the final quarter.

Freburge was high scorer for G Company, accounting for six baskets and two foul shots, a total of 14 points. Mayberry, giant center who assisted Fre-burge in making several of his shots, scored nine points. Rip Connors, recent transfer from F Company, led the losers with 12 points and Riley, tall rangy center, scored seven.



prerequisite practical or collegiate Electrical Engineering and facility with French Language.

degree in Chemistry and facility with French Language.

Library Science, 22 October to 17 November at the Library Association, London, England; quota 1, application date 9 October, prerequisite at least 3 years college, advanced student in library science or equivalent practical experience. experience.

prerequisite Member of the Bar Asso- cost \$20 to \$30 per day pre-war. ciation.

Division Football Team Suffers 68-0 Defeat In First League Game

By Gerald R. Shapiro

The 83rd Division opened the Third Army football league last Sunday in Shields Stadium, Augsburg, by receiving a thorough trouncing at the hands of the 71st Division Red Circle team, 68–0. The game was played before a capacity crowd of 4,000 under an overcast sky that carried a constant threat of rain throughout the contest. This fact, combined with the chill in the air may account for the unusual mishandling of the ball that caused the 83rd men to fumble no less than 13 times to their opponents 4.

Hope For Grid Win **Over 4th Armored** Held by Coaches

High hopes that the Thunderbolt football team will avenge its shellacking at the hands of the 71st Inf. Div. last Sunday when it meets the 4th Armored tomorrow are held by team coaches line. Lt. Jack Drake and Lt. Quinn. The game will be played at Landshut commencing at 2:30 P. M.

Long practice during the past week has welded the players into a superior team over that which played at Augsburg last week. A number of promising new players have also been added to the team roster, giving the Thunderbolts an abundance of reserve power.

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, CG of the 83rd, has authorized units to provide transportation to the game for indivi-duals who desire to attend.

They'll Fly Thru The Snow With which point he went over. The control sion was good as were 8 out of 10 tries attempted. **Greatest** of Skis

Those troops that are still in Bavaria when the snow begins to deepen toward the end of November will have offered to them an extensive program of outdoor winter sports to help them pass the time and get outdoor exercise, according to information which the 83rd Athletic Office has received from Third Army.

There will be two phases to the program; one a series of passes and leaves to the great Continental winter sports area at Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Bavarian Alps; the other a plan to set up winter sports facilities right in each battalion and even company area so that men can have access to them every

When all arrangements are completed Law Course, 22 October to 17 No-vember at The Law Society, England; quota 1, application date 9 October, area, including some luxury hotels that

Snow Heaven

Facing a vastly superior team, that boasted at least two former newspaper poll "All-Americans", the men from the 83rd fielded two separate and uncoordinated teams. Shown by the fact that while the first or opening team used a "T" formation, breaking into a Notre Dame box, the second team broke from the initial "T" to a single wing to the right or left. Both teams at times played straight from the "T", but this was also ineffective against the hard charging and over-powering Red Circle

Outcome Certain

The hand writing was on the wall from the first few minutes of play after the 83rd kicked off for the first and only time in the ball game. A fumble, recovered by Regan after a 30 yard run, was nullified by an illegal lateral pass penalty of 15 yards and gave the ball to the 83rd. The Thunderbolts immediately proceeded to return the ball to its original owners on a fumble recovered by Maston, the 71st Division tackle.

This was the signal for the first score on a 4 yard line buck by Gafford, left half back of the Red Circle team, after he had taken the ball for a 21 yard run and a 5 yard off-tackle smash from

Touchdown Called Back

A fumble on the second kick-off gave the ball to the 71st, which ended in a touchdown called back for holding and costing 15 yards. That was overcome by three runs by half back Long for the necessary 38 yards and another tally. Again the kick was good. That ended the scoring for the first quarter, 14-0.

The other three quarters were similar with the Crimson Avalanche bearing down for 13 points in the 2nd quarter, 27 in the third, and the remaining 14 points in the last period.

Steam rolling over the line and romping through and away from the secondary the 83rd's 6-2-2-1 defense couldn't hold at any point the 71st's single wing formations as they played with mounting fury down to the last gun. This effort caused the 71st seven men carried from the field. The 83rd, playing with more caution, did not sustain a single injury or score.

Checker Fan Seeks Skilled Opposition

Wholesale Distribution Course, 22 Oc-tober to 11 November at Biscuit Deli-very Pool, LTD., England; quota 1, application date 11 October, no prerequisites required.

Fire Fighting Class, 29 October to 17 November at National Fire Service October, prerequisite, civilian experience.

Eight courses have been set up at Biarritz, France, with varying quotas for each course. Howewer, the deadline for application for these courses has not as yet been determined. Unit I & E officers will be informed as to the exact date during the week. The prerequisite for all of these courses is a high school education.

Courses and quotas offered are: Agriculture, 3; commerce, 12; education, 3; fine arts, 7; engineering, 3; journalism, 1; liberal arts, 9; science, 7.

According to regulations governing the operations of these varied schools, quotas from each unit are limited to 10 per cent enrollment on the part of are discouraged from taking them.

For ski enthusiasts there are any number of ski trails and at least three ski tows are now being repaired or installed. There are two breath-taking ski jumps which were used for Olympic HQ., England; quota 1, application date competition in 1936 with a stadium 16 October, prerequisite, civilian below for spectators. The Olympic ice stadium, a huge structure, is only one

of six good scating and hockey rinks in Garmisch. Engineer troops are now supervising the repair of the mile-aminute bobsled run.

Right in the area occupied by the 83rd winter sport plans will be equally complete. Throughout Bavaria and Austria there is sufficient snow from December 1 on to allow considerable skiing. Battalions and even companies can arrange their own ski slopes on convenient hills and can use trucks as motive power to take men up hill again. Ponds, lakes, and streams will provide skating areas.

Third Army Athletic Office has alofficers. Thus the preference for ready received some 2,500 pairs of skis enlisted men is automatically establi- which means that at least a few pair shed. Each course lasts approximately should be available to each company. two months. Applicants unwilling to Other winter sports equipment is on the finish the courses due to redeployment way and will be ready for distribution before the 1st of December.

Hailed as the checker board champ of F. Company 331st Infantry, Sgt. Otto Stager, is accepting challenges from other checker fans throughout the Division. Although he confesses to no known type of tactics Sgt. Stager's checker abi-lity wreaks havoc with all his opponents.

He relates that his skill is based on experiences gained among the "Terbaccy Squirtin'" gentry in the nightly checker board activities in the little town of Pine Grove, Pa. However, his backers claim he puts the same study and thought into the game as he did combat tactics, for which his well planned attacks won him the Bronze Star. He also possesses the Purple Heart with cluster.

New York. - Mrs Mary Moloney, 82, was lonely, so she turned in a false alarm. Said she: "I hope I get 90 days for this; then I'll have company." Next day she passed up the opportunity to make new friends and paid the fine.

Boise, Ida. - "I have reformed," wrote State Prison inmate Verdy McWilliams in an application for par-don, "but in case I haven't, you'll get me back."

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"Hook" Shot Puts Men Ahead On Journey Home

The following is the second in a series of articles written by Sgt. James I. Shute, PRO, 8th A. D., who is homeward bound with thousands of former 83rd Division men

Camp Oklahoma City, Rheims, rance — Sunny France isn't, accor-France ding to the latest galluping poll of 8th Armored Division men arriving at this wind-swept way station.

With the entire division now here, the processing already underway is entering the final stages. Long lines of men file through the huge hangar daily for complete checks of Service Pecords, Form 20's, ASR's, immunization registers, paybooks and dog tags. And, as happens all too often in the army even in these days of bright future, the lines wind up with the "hook". It seems the always - considerate Army wants to protect the poor, defenseless Joe a little more — so there's a delightful little injection for influenza.

doesn't cripple a man permanently; it Passau, and generally tied enough loose feels as though it might. It's one of the Army's superdelayed action shots, you zenberg back on the beam. The town is know: "Why, that shot didn't hurt a bit", and then Bang.

All week long, convoys and trains have been rolling in, so that the last elements pulled in late last night. It's still known as the 8th Armored, but perhaps it should be the 83rd or 94th Infantry Division — the 83rd sent 6200 Thunderbolts along for the ride, and the 94th contributed 3000 uninhibited Pilgrims. The 8th itself furnished barely over 1,000 men, and the 26th and 90th Infantry, 2nd, 4th and 11th Armored sont the root. Pict and Armored sent the rest. But we'll go home as the 8th, because who could keep track of things otherwise?

Mass Production

The processing includes a great variety of details - physical scanning, money conversion, records checking and a brief lecture, clothing checks and equipment turn-in. Biggest business these days, of course, is the records checking. The work is being done on the spot by nearly 200 clerks, and an it is the spot by nearly 200 clerks, and an the spot by nearly spot by nearly the spot by near entire combat command can be sent through the lines in a couple of hours. You walk into this hangar on the hill here, pick up your service records and allied papers at one of the several battalion tables. They'll start you through one of the 18 lines, where as many as your papers are again in apple-pie order.

Camp Oklahoma City has been winterized - for a California-like climate. The tents have cement floors and tarpaper sidewalls. This keeps the dampness inside. It has rained much of the past several days, and the rain seems to have strayed from an extended tour of the Greenland icecap. Late at night, however, the moon, nearly full these days, comes out. This is fortunate because the French power supply is still cause the French power supply is still erratic and subject to whim. The man who likes to read at night in his tent will de wall to bring his own supply of rayers and singing. will do well to bring his own supply of



When the whistle blew and the smoke cleared Dunn stood alone. And where were the other eight? They were sewing Armored Force patches on their sleeves and wondering how they could sneak that extra P-38 through POE. Dunn and his piano were all that was left of the Blackdog Band, of Blackdog Special Service, and of Blackdog Movie Projection Association. The Special Service Officer, the other

members of the band, and the projectionist had all left for America, but there was still a battalion of men who wanted to dance and see movies and shows. So Sgt. Johnny Dunn took over, organized another band, found a projectionist, This is the first time most of us have run into this flu shot, and the hope is unanimous that it will be the last. It civilian acts that were knocking around civilian acts that were knocking around jumping again and a 908th Joe can see a show and buy a 12 per cent beer just about any night he wants to.

Dunn plans to continue the program of entertainment as long as there is anyone around to entertain and he has some ideas about expanding the band beyond its present six pieces.

For Civilian Jobs

Division G-1 officials are calling

WINTER FASHIONS READY AT SUPPLY

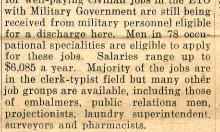
The latest "winter fashions for 1946" have arrived in 330th Reg. supply rooms and were being distributed during the last week to men in need of additions to their winter wardrobes. Included in the new issue of clothing are overcoats, sweaters, heavy wool socks, gloves and "long-Johns". Shoepacks and utility scarves are expected to be issued later.

Unit Schools Give **Popular Courses In Many Subjects**

Unit I & E schools are now in operation throughout the Division with classes being held at Regimental level on a daily basis. The courses listed below, and going on at the present time, will be continued after the Division takes up its duties in its new area.

After arrival in the new area the courses will also be expanded to comply with any demand that may arise. If this demand becomes apparent in this area the expansion will go into effect immediately. Right now you can put your time to advantage while sweating out "points" furloughs and even "Dick Tracy" at the following schools:

83rd Division School at Vilshofen offers classes in Literacy Training and Radio for Beginners. 331st Infantry Regiment offers Spoken German, Auto Mechanics I, Electricity for Beginners, Small Business Management. 330th Small Business Management. South Infantry Regiment offers Plane Tri-gonometry, English Grammar, Small Business, Technical Mathematics, Ger-man I, II. 329th Infantry Regiment offers Small Business, Business Eng-lish Backbaching, and Accounting attention to the fact that applications lish, Bookkeeping and Accounting, for well-paying civilian jobs in the ETO Selling. 308th Medical Battalion offers with Military Government are still being Physics, Chemistry,



Military personnel who desire em-ployment under this civilian set-up may make application on Standard Form 57 "Application for Federal Employment" a dozen clerks will, in turn, go over various points of your papers. When you come out the far end of this mill, Hq. TSFET. In no instance will em-These forms are now available through AG civilian personnel, Hq. UFSET, and ployment exceed one year. In addition, before discharge, applicants will be given furloughs home at Army expense.

OFFER THANKS

German civilians from nearby towns, some ten miles away, walked to the Kreuzherg Church in Schwandorf to give thanks that their homes were spared and offer thanksgiving that the war is finished. The custom is a yearly one and is a self-imposed penance. The

DoughsNow Chow On Same Cooking As Top WD Brass

If T/5 John M. Buckman, new addi-tion to the 331st Infantry's F Company, were a singer his unanimous solo choice would be, "Stars In My Eyes". And, with good reason. The former 8th A.D. cook has undoubtedly seen more stars and brass in the army than any other man in the division. man in the division.

For 18 months before coming overseas Buckman was a member of a staff of six men who served as cooks and waiters for the Secretary of War and his guests in the Pentagon Building. During this period all of the American and many of the other Allied military leaders were fed and served by Buckman and his fel-

can generals were present. On other occa-sions Lord Louis Mountbatten and his staff. and ex-Prime Minister Churchill and his entourage, were dinner guests of ex-Secretary of War Stimson. The men of F Company are currently

sampling the same tasty dishes formerly served to the world's "brass" and without paying the 50 cent fee the generals were charged.

THE LAND-IS GREEN



Carole Landis

"Spring comes early to Mississippi. While golfers in the North are snow-bound, young grass carpets the greens of Mississippi's courses and "Mid-winter" tournaments attract special trainloads of players." P. 401, 1944 World Almanac

DP Camp Sends Many On Way

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tionalities. They are patients in hospitals in this area, most of them facing death from the effects of malnutrition and disease that in many instances resulted from imprisonment in concentration camps.

Responsibility for the supervision and evacuation of these DPs poses questions of international law as well as need for the wisdom of a Solomon on the part of the Division DF office. An example of one of the countless questions received by Capt. Clarence Jack and his staff every day was that of a Hungarian native of Budapest, who asked: "Can I drop my citizenship and become stateless and then take up Danish citizenship?" Asked why he low-workers. The new Thunderbolt member recalls wanted to do this he frank's admitted that at one military meeting 56 Ameri-that at one military meeting 56 Amerithat from Denmark he would seek ad-mission to the U.S. where he has an aunt.

Political Confusion

An international political question that has caused friction in some of the camps involves the Yugoslav followers of King Peter and those of Marshal Tito. The backers of Peter want to stay here until their King returns also, while Tito's men want to return immediately. However, to date the administration of the 20 large and innumerable small camps in the area has pro-ceeded without any serious incidents. Assistance in evacuating some of the DPs is given by Russian and Polish liaison officers attached to the division. The officers interview those who claim Russian or Polish citizenship and if it is determined they wish to return home, transportation is provided by the Division to an exchange point on the U.S.-Russian border at Budweiss, Czechoslovakia. Similarly all Austrians in the Russian occupied zone who wish to return home are accorded the same treatment. Thus far 10,000 Russians and Poles have been returned home via Budweiss. Greek citizens, a minority group in this and other areas, are flown home from an assembly area at Munich. A big job has been done and much remains to be done in clearing the area confident it will be done on schedule. "Just give us enough DDT power for dusting these people before we ship how long the job would require.

329th Men Seek **Regular Service**

Day after Kell was sworn into the Regular Army by Lt. Robert B. Shaw, 329th Recruiting Officer, 11 more men from the regiment were re-enlisted in a mass ceremony. Only two of these men were in the 50 point bracket. The others had less than 50.

Two Lawrence, Mass. soldiers who knew each other "back home" and who soldiered together in Co. B, 1st Bn. of the 329th were among those signing up for three-years. They are: Pfc. Paul Pelletier and Pfc. Lionel A. Blanchette, both 19. Pelletier, who has 32 points, wants to join the Air Force so he can become a mechanic. He has been in the army a year and nine months, and overseas eight monhts. Blanchette figures "I'll be in the Army a while so I want to see how some other outfit works. And, since I have only eight years schooling maybe I can get in on the I & E program and better my education."

The advance party has left for Camp Lucky Strike, just outside Le Havre and the division will follow very shortly. New York is just over the next wave, and just over the first hill from New York is home. And at home is.

Rain and Wine Flow As Company Dances

D Company of the 330th Reg. staged a dance in the company area that was a success despite the drenching rin. A Ger-man band imported from Spegilo fur-nished the music. A plentiful supply of wine added to the success of the occasion.

The doughs and newly arrived ex-tankers of the company were treated to coffee and doughnuts the other afternoon when the Red Cross Clubmobile arrived from Passau.

During the last week T/4 Wilfred T. Miller and T/5 Elmer Sperbeck formerly of the 8th A.D., left to attend school in England.



MAKING THE SPARKS FLY. - The to continue welding.

Pfc. Joseph S. Morin, 21,, had the most unusual reason for re-enlisting. He related that his grandmother, who lives in Canada, is currently visiting the home of his parents in Nashua, N. H., and by re-enlisting he is assured of a furlough home to see his grandmother. He has 46 points, accumulated during two and one-half years service, ten months of it overseas.

Army Better Job

Pvt. Robert-M. Allbee, of Sioux City, Iowa, not only "likes the Army" but he also figures a job in the Army is better than his civilian occupation of working in a poultry packing plant. He also is a bit leary of the chances of getting a civilian job. "They are probably lined up four and five deep back there for jobs, Huh?" he opined to fellow enlistees.

Pfc. Douglas Ward, 19, Spokane, Wash., figures that with his 46 points he will go home quicker by re-enlisting too much."

"Hansel and Gretel" **To Play Three Days**

Humperdink's well known operetta "Hansel and Gretel" will be presented at the Half Crown Theater. Regensburg, Oct, 7, 8 and 9 under the auspices of XII Corps. Given in its original score the cast will include the Regensburg Cathedral Choir which toured America prior to the war A co piece or better prior to the war. A 50 piece orchestra has been selected from the Munich Philharmonic and will be directed by Dr. Theol. Schrems. The production will be presented free of charge to troops on October 7th. The production commences each evening at 7 o'clock.

Two other 329th Infantrymen who want to get into the Air Force are Pvt. of these homeless, but DP officials are William G. Sihock, Alliance, Ohio, and Pfc. James D. Hodge, Shawneetown, man carrying the torch in this picture is T/4 Andrew Klaus of the 783rd Ord Co. His daily work fits in nearly with post-war plans, for he intends of it overseas with the 83rd.