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## 65-69'RS MOVE OUT THIS WEEK

### Thousands In DP Camp Redeployed

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

Officials of the Pocking DP camp watched a train out of sight and then turned 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 approximately 125,000 Hungarians, Germans, Poles, Russians and other nationalities out of this area.

Backwash of the fortunes of war, the DPs currently form one of the principal jobs of the Division. Late in June, 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 Russian, Czech and Polish occupied zones, total 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 Hungarians 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 Hungarians were members of the Hungarian-German Army, the rest being members of their families. About 10,000 are registered 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 Vils-hofen 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 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 won't be going back home for a while, nor will 3,000 people of other DP na-

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### General Puts Himself On Spot

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 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 General 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 Commander." 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."

### 908th FA History Published Soon

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 publication date is October 7.

The idea of a Bn. History is not a new one in the 908th. Copious notes were kept on battalion activities all through combat and original plans called for a rather large work, along the lines of the Combat Team History. Circumstances made this impracticable and the final product is a booklet of 50 pages with 25 illustrations and an attractive cover, drawn in three colors by a local artist. Capt. Harry Fleming has general supervision of the project and Sgt. Bob Rowan is editor, with contributions by Capt. Howard Sweet and M/Sgt. Ollie Weismuller.

### Furlough Prize For Bond Drive

The incentive of furloughs and passes 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 bonds in the Division will have their choice of 7 day furloughs or leaves to the UK, the Riviera, or Switzerland, or a 3 day pass to Paris.

In deciding the high unit, all figures will be based on \$25.00 bonds. Thus, one \$100.00 bond will equal four \$25.00 bonds. The organization with the second highest total of purchases will be entitled to send half of their bond purchasers on leave or furlough, while the third highest outfit will be able to send one quarter of their purchasers off to the recreation areas mentioned above.

### 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 transfer 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 home-ward movement.

No definite unit has been selected for the men still in the Division, who have 60 to 64 points, but there is no indication to the contrary that they will not follow the higher pointers to other 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 to this huge transfer of men those men who find themselves in the 60 to 64 point bracket will only have to "sweat out" for a short time clarification of 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 farce, Rosalinda is a musical comedy that also contains a plot and good characters. 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.

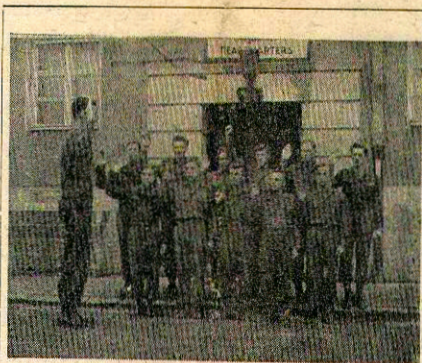
## REENLISTMENT DRIVE OPENS HERE

### Volunteers Given Furloughs Home

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

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 Regular Army on the spot.

Each man who enlists or re-enlists will be given an immediate furlough up to a maximum of 90 days based on his length of service. Furlough credit is given on the basis of 30 days per year or 2 1/2 days per month. Overseas service is counted double for this purpose. An enlistee with one year overseas and one year service in the States



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

would thus receive 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 countries or the United Kingdom provided that not less than 20 days of the total furlough is spent in the United States. Travel time to and from the enlistee's residence in the States does not count against the furlough time.

A cash bonus of fifty dollars for the first three grades and twenty five dol-

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### Lower Point Men Sign Up At 329th

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 to re-enlist goes to Pfc. Robert Kell, 19, of Wilmore, Kentucky who also "likes the Army." He has been a Thunderbolt for six months and possesses 16 points. Under a provision of the re-enlistment program he will be assigned to the Air Force and hopes to get air crew duty.

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# 83rd Thunderbolt

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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:



Time Magazine Photo

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.

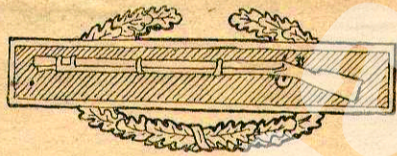
Why do things like that happen to the nice guys? That's what the guys asked when they brought Neppel back and found out how the war had ended for him. Sure, it was tough when any of the guys got hurt, but some guys don't seem to matter as much as others. Neppel was

five-foot ten, a good looking guy with a solid build and brown eyes that smiled in a way that made you enjoy talking to him and being one of his friends. He's got a girl back home, with him now, 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.

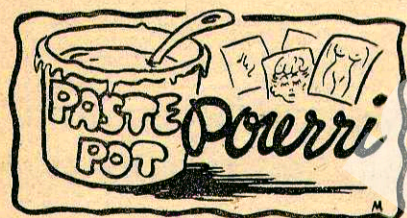
We want him to know that we haven't forgotten him.

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.



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 cigarettes. More than 1,000 packs of cigarettes were found on the premises.

British soldiers at Bad Oeynhausen are literally going to spank German youths who show disrespect to occupational troops or commit petty violations

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

The following ditty, composed 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 apparently going to remain bachelors for a long time according to a report made by the director of a private Munich marriage bureau. Husband-hunting women who visit the bureau stress non-party membership as a basic requirement for eligibility. Women outnumber men five to one in Munich.

## FOTO FACTS

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 photographed. However, that is far from the case here in the ETO.

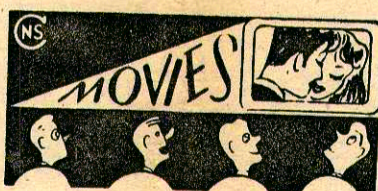
It is impossible to give the exact relative values of Din ratings compared to the G. E. and Weston ratings, but roughly they are as follows: 17/10, which compares to Verichrome—G.E., 48, and Weston, 32; 18/10—G.E., 64, and Weston, 40; 19/10—G.E., 75, and Weston, 50; 20/10, G.E., 100, and Weston, 64; 21/10—G.E., 125, and Weston, 80; 22/10—G.E., 150, and Weston, 100; 23/10—G.E., 200, and Weston, 125. 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 of 1/100th of a second with a diaphragm opening of f/16, then with 18/10 rated film the same picture could be taken at 1/200th of a second at the same diaphragm opening. Conversely, film rated at 16/10 would be twice as slow as that of 17/10 and the shutter speed for a relative picture would be 1/50th of a second.

Many GIs who have acquired German 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.



### AT PASSAU THEATER

- Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
"God is My Co-Pilot," Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey  
"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"

## 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

Membership in the Radio City Music Hall Glee Club at the age of 17 is the record of T/5 Charles P. Tyrrell, chaplain's assistant at Division Headquarters. Tyrrell appeared as soloist with the Division Band in a concert at Vils-hofen recently.

A member of the 8th Armored Division from his induction in March 1943 until he transferred to the 83rd, Tyrrell has made numerous singing appearances in uniform. He gave a concert in Klatovy, Czechoslovakia several months ago and another, date as yet undecided, is 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 recommendations were necessary before the young aspirant was given a hearing. Many things were taken into account in making the final choice: not only voice quality, but also volume, which is important in the wide open spaces of the Music Hall, and the singer's height. When those were found satisfactory, a check was made on Tyrrell's schooling and past history with as much thoroughness as though he were going into the diplomatic service.

When Tyrrell was chosen he took the place of another six footer and had to meet that size standard. Both the Glee Club and the world-famous Rockettes give the appearance from the audience 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 five-eight. On stage they are arranged in the form of a proscenium arch, with the tallest in the middle and the shorter 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 well-known peas in a pod. The same arrangement is used with the Glee 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 Richmond Hill, Long Island. He studied music at the local high school, at the Academy of Allied Arts in New York, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Some time was also spent with private

instructors. He sang for a short time at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn, N. J. before going to the Music Hall. His repertoire includes ballads, light opera of the "Rosalinda" type, and the semi-classics.



Occasional solos, for which the members of the Glee Club must enter competitive auditions, have marked his experience in the Music Hall. Dancing is also taught to the singers. In a "Stage Door Canteen" scene in one show, Tyrrell did a hot jitterbug number with one of the Rockettes that he recalls with pleasure. The performers are also taught to apply their own make-up.

House rules are quite strict. Every night at quitting time the dressing rooms are inspected by nurses from the building's own hospital. Dirty or untidy rooms give their occupants a gig on the daily report. Five gigs and the culprit must buy the other members of the Glee Club a man sized dinner, preferably after a hard day's work. Six gigs and the man is discharged. (War Dep't, please notice.)

Everything in the Music Hall is run on a grand scale. Music is written for the shows by the theater's own staff of composers and lyricists. A large symphony orchestra occupies the pit, and the music ranges from opera to popular tunes of the Tin Pan Alley variety. The world's largest theater organ is installed there. One man has a full time job checking the ten rooms filled with pipes ranging from penny whistle to boiler house size.

The building houses a cafeteria, library, hospital, gymnasium, Roof Garden for outdoor sports, and a small private movie theater.

When questioned on his post-war plans, Tyrrell's answer was immediate and direct: "To make a bee-line back to the Music Hall."



# "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, France — Sunny France isn't, according 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 Records, 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.

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 doesn't cripple a man permanently; it feels as though it might. It's one of the Army's superdelayed action shots, you 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 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 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 a dozen clerks will, in turn, go over various points of your papers. When you come out the far end of this mill, 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 erratic and subject to whim. The man who likes to read at night in his tent will do well to bring his own supply of candles.

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 rain. A German band imported from Speiglo furnished the music. A plentiful supply of wine added to the success of the occasion.

The doughs and newly arrived ex-tan- kers 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.

## Need 1 Man SSO? Ask And It's Dunn Say Blackdog GIs

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, refitted the Blackdog Playhouse, arranged for boat rides, booked a couple of civilian acts that were knocking around Passau, and generally tied enough loose ends together to put the town of Hauenberg back on the beam. The town is 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.

## Ask Applications For Civilian Jobs

Division G-1 officials are calling attention to the fact that applications for well-paying civilian jobs in the ETO with Military Government are still being received from military personnel eligible for a discharge here. Men in 78 occupational specialties are eligible to apply for these jobs. Salaries range up to \$6,085 a year. Majority of the jobs are in the clerk-typist field but many other job groups are available, including those of embalmers, public relations men, projectionists, laundry superintendent, surveyors and pharmacists.

Military personnel who desire employment under this civilian set-up may make application on Standard Form 57, "Application for Federal Employment". These forms are now available through AG civilian personnel, Hq. UFSET, and Hq. TSFET. In no instance will employment 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 Kreuzberg 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 trek began early in the morning with clergy leading the marchers in mass prayers and singing.



MAKING THE SPARKS FLY. — The 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 to continue welding.

## 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 Infantry Regiment offers Plane Trigonometry, English Grammar, Small Business, Technical Mathematics, German I, II. 329th Infantry Regiment offers Small Business, Business English, Bookkeeping and Accounting, Selling. 308th Medical Battalion offers Physics, Chemistry.

## 329th Men Seek Regular Service

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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 months. 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."

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 than he would otherwise. Also, "I think it's a pretty good deal."

Pfc. Wallace Deitz Jr., 19, of Barberton, Ohio, has never had a furlough and besides, "I don't mind the Army too much."

## 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

## Doughs Now Chow On Same Cooking As Top WD Brass

If T/5 John M. Buckman, new addition 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.

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 fellow-workers. The new Thunderbolt member recalls that at one military meeting 56 American generals were present. On other occasions 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.

## "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 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. William G. Sihock, Alliance, Ohio, and Pfc. James D. Hodge, Shawneetown, Ill., both 19. Sihock has 19 points and Hodge 32. Pfc. John L. White, 19, Rome, Ga., has a desire to see how other outfits in the Army work. He has 36 points and 18 months service, nine of it overseas with the 83rd.

## DP Camp Sends Many On Way

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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 DP 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 wanted to do this he frankly admitted that from Denmark he would seek admission 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 proceeded 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 of these homeless, but DP officials are confident it will be done on schedule. "Just give us enough DDT power for dusting these people before we ship them out, enough rations to keep them fed, and enough trains to transport them and the job will be done in no time," one official replied when asked how long the job would require.