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PASSAU RECITAL SUPERB

A soldier audience last Saturday heard a concert at the Passau Cathedral played on the largest church organ in Europe. Dr. Janos Laczkovich, former professor at the Hungarian Music Academy in Budapest, presented a program of classical organ music, assisted by T/5 Charles Tyrrell, bass baritone, and Sari Barabas, soprano of the Budapest Opera.

The Passau Cathedral organ, most modern in Europe, is famous throughout the world. Installed between 1922 and 1926, it is a combination of five instruments in one. On the central keyboard are 208 registers, which enable the organist to bring out the effects of a full symphony orchestra.

In mere statistics alone the Passau organ is impressive. Altogether there are 16,000 pipes, ranging in size from a fraction of an inch to one more than 12 yards long. Four of the five individual instruments are ranged along the sides of the cathedral. The fifth, known as the Echo organ, is placed in the high ceiling.

One of the strange effects caused by the size of the instrument is the timing of the sounds. Notes coming from the pipes on the flanks are heard by the musician at the keyboard out of their proper order. If he strikes a note from the organ at the left and follows it with one on the central organ, he hears the latter sound first, with the earlier one bringing up the rear.

Dr. Laczkovich, an authority on the world's great organs, reports that the largest is the Wanamaker organ in New York, with seven manuals. Other famous instruments are located in Breslau, Munich, and Switzerland.

Music by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, and other famous composers was included in the concert last week. Tyrrell, of the Division Chaplain's Office, sang two numbers, as did Miss Barabas.

Ten Man Tour Voted Success

"Three Men On a Horse" was an interesting Broadway play — 10 men in a truck was just as good entertainment. The men, from 1st Bn., 329th, returned last week after eight days of touring Germany and Austria.

Satisfaction with the tour was expressed by Pfc. Paul A. Gagel and Pfc. Orbie G. Rosenbaum, Co. A. Said Gagel: "Was just like a week-end trip back home and I didn't have my wife to bother me."

The tourists, with rations and gas, followed no pre-arranged route. They went first to Munich, then Stanberg, where Gagel visited his brother, and thence to Berchtesgaden where they viewed Hitler's hideout 9,000 feet above sea-level. "My big moment," said Sgt. S. R. Curtis, Co. B, "was when I signed my name in the register alongside General 'Ike's'."

After a trip of fishing, boating, horse-back riding, and leisurely sight-seeing, Cpl. William Moller, Cpl. Abraham Ravve, both Hq. Co., and Pfc. Louis Southland, Co. B, agreed they ate "some of the best meals in the army." Pfc. David Figman, Co. D, praised the service given by the Red Cross at Gumweiden where they visited the 26th Division rest center. Pfc.'s Earl Baxter and Guido A. Latizio, Co. C, reported entertainment there was "a wonderful experience."

Sgt. Willard Hulbert suggested that transient messes over the excursion area would be welcome.

Preview of Winter Fashion



COLD FACTS — It does get cold in this hyar country, as this photograph of a recent winter proves. Taken at the intersection of the Vils and Danube Rivers at Vilshofen, the ice and water have flooded the dwellings along the river bank.

Floods, Ice Coming Soon To Beautiful Blue Danube

The cold and rains aren't all, Jack. There's more to come. Floods and ice and more cold are considered inevitable products of the winter months along the Passau-Straubing stretch of the Danube.

As far back as the natives can remember, snow and rain have swelled the famous river to flood proportions between late October and March. Large chunks of ice float down the river until mid-winter when these masses freeze together. In previous years the river has been frozen to a depth of four to six feet.

Ice skating on the Danube is impossible because the surface is too rough. But on most of the tributaries of the Danube there is skating from November until the thaws in March. The Vils River, which joins the Danube at Vilshofen, freezes over for skating after two or three days of freezing temperatures.

Civilian construction to alleviate flood conditions is already under way. In the

Weather Report — Snow

The season's first snowfall has been reported by A Bat., 908th Field Artillery Battalion.

The frost-bitten cannoneers saw first flurries as early as Oct. 2, and nearby hills have been snow-topped for some time.

Abie is billeted at Breitenberg, high up in the mountains on the Austrian border. Running a horse-back patrol on the boundary line, they find the Russian Ivans on outpost there are equally unenthusiastic about the snow job.

Plattling area a crew of five hundred Germans is working on dams to control the rise from heavy rains and snow. In Vilshofen a bridge blown by retreating SS troops in May is being rebuilt. Ferry service across the river will cease sometime in November because of the danger from ice masses.

A key control point has been the dam at Passau. Before the dam was constructed in the 1920's the Danube flowed so swiftly there was never a total freeze. But heavy winter rains and spring thaws left much of the low lands inundated for miles.

Old timers in Vilsnoven can recall 1882 when the water rose 18 feet above

normal and swept up to the main street, now the Regensburg-Passau highway.

During the last years of the war there was insufficient power to operate the dam. The result was the water backed up and flooded most of the area back to Straubing. In the past two years Vilshofen has paid over 60 thousand dollars in flood damages to its residents.

Straubing and Plattling are the centers of most of the river-created havoc. The banks of the Danube here are lower than at any other point. Downstream between Vilshofen and Passau the river narrows and the swollen waters also overflow.

It is an unusual winter when at least the first floors of the houses bordering on the river are not inundated. The walls of the buildings close to the river are built broad at the bottom and tapering toward the top in order to withstand the force of the ice masses which sweep down.

One of the measures used to prevent floods is a fleet of ice-breaking ships. These ships work to prevent a total freeze and to keep the water moving down the proper channel.

Application Forms Are Available In Units For ET Civilian Jobs

All officers and enlisted men eligible for discharge in the ETO are urged to consider Federal employment as civilian personnel of the War Department or Military Government on the Continent, according to directives sent to 83rd Division Headquarters from Headquarters USFET.

Opportunities exist in the fields of economics, manpower, public utilities, transportation, public safety, military government, health, food and agriculture, forestry, communications, postal, finance, property control, displaced persons, welfare, government affairs, supply, legal, monuments, fine arts, education, religious affairs, history, executive, administrative and clerical activities.

Applications for any of the above-listed positions can be obtained at company unit levels and thereafter be processed through channels to Hq. USFET, APO 757; attention Assistant Chief of

63-69 Pointers To Move To 90th Infantry Division 60-62 To Smaller Units

General On Linz-Lease

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon left the Division last Thursday to take temporary command of the 26th Infantry Division, which is now located in Austria with headquarters at Linz. Gen. Macon will act as Commander of the "Yankee Division" until the return of the 26th's former CO, who at present is hospitalized.

Col. Edwin Crabill, Assistant Division Commander, will take over General Macon's duties during his absence from the 83rd Division.

General Macon, who has been Commanding General of the 83rd Division throughout combat, now has two famous Infantry Divisions under his command.

Thunderbolts having point scores of 65 to 69 this week-end become Tough Ombres as they join the 90th Infantry Division on their first move toward Stateside and return to civilian life. Over 2,500 enlisted men are taking part in this exodus from the 83rd. Meantime some 2,000 are expected to join the Division Monday from the 89th Division to partially fill the personnel gap.

And good news now can be released concerning men with 60 to 64. They will leave later this month; those having 63 and 64 points respectively will probably join the first transferees to the 90th, while those with 60, 61 and 62 will all be shipped out to smaller units also homeward bound.

All officers in the 83rd Division with point scores of 75 or above will ship out before the end of the month to the 26th Yankee Division, alerted for shipment to the States.

During the week promotions for officers and EM were frozen and later unfrozen while the Division's status was clarified by higher authorities. Word has come down that the 83rd is now in Category 1c, Temporary Occupation. Now, T/O vacancies in grade can hence more be filled by promotions.

Men with from 45-59 points were cheered considerably this week with the Stars and Stripes report that 135,000 men from the United States are being shipped overseas as replacements in the Army of Occupation. This "new blood" will allow earlier demobilization of men in the 45-59 point category, it was reported. Previously, Stripes had reported that men with 45-59 points would remain in the ETO until late Spring as a close-out force.

Hot Tip Brings Haul Of Hidden SS Papers From Burial Place

Acting on a "hot tip" received from undisclosed sources by T/5 Harold Karasick, a battalion intelligence section has found three bags of secret SS papers beneath five tons of burned animal flesh in the Division area.

The papers contained lists of names and ranks of SS members, and instructions on how to deal with captured Allied paratroopers.

Karasick's tip, relayed to Lt. James McCourley, a battalion intelligence officer, resulted in the employment of PWs to open a large hole filled with animal bodies. The bags containing the wet but valuable papers were found beneath the remains.

Colorful Meals

He is only a PFC, but he has ideas. Pfc. Clarence Thomas of C Company, 330th Infantry, doesn't believe in painting the town red; instead, he painted the mess hall a lustrous blue and decorated it with grotesque figures. Thomas states simply, "It takes the men's minds off those damn C rations".

Recruiting Drive Gathers Speed As More Sign Up

Convinced that there are no strings attached to the furlough and bonus offer for enlistment in the Regular Army, Thunderbolts last week began to beat a path to the offices of their unit recruiting officers. By Wednesday 105 had signed up.

In the drive to secure a 20 percent re-enlistment the 329th Infantry Regiment continued to lead other units with 35 enlisted and on their way home. Division Artillery has 26, the 331st 17, and the 330th 11.

Men can now request return to the 83rd after they have completed their furlough. In the 329th more than 75 percent of the applicants are requesting infantry service. Some are requesting duty in the Pacific because they want to "see some more of the world." One man asked for ordnance because he wants to attend the army diesel school.

Most applicants, of course, are interested primarily in the chance to get back to the States. One man, however, asked that 60 of his 90 furlough days be in Paris.

Recruiting officials have not yet received information on the one year enlistment regulation passed last week by Congress. It is not felt here that the furlough and bonus will be given for such short periods of service.

The 331s recruiting officer, Lt. Siegrist, reports: "The only obstacle preventing our Regiment's being first in this drive is the fact that we've lost all our clerks and can't get the papers typed up. We've got forty applicants waiting."

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Traffic Fatalities Soaring

IT'S YOUR LIFE, BUDDY!

Nothing is easier to ignore than the general truth. Tell a man that carelessness leads to catastrophe, excessive drinking to broken health and he will agree with you quite readily. But let his doctor warn him that if he continues to drink heavily he will not have long to live, and that particular truth comes home to him like a solid punch in the jaw.

The Army, which is merely a large collection of individuals, has told by statements of wide-sweeping, obvious fact the importance of careful driving to reduce both the loss of life and unnecessary suffering. Yet, there has been a sharp rise in serious vehicle accidents within our division in the last month, many of them resulting in injury or death.

When, for instance, a man reads there is a shortage of PX rations caused by the lack of shipping space, he shrugs his shoulders. But if a cut in his rations is announced for the next week, the news is greeted with a howl of protest and discontent.

This, you may say, is "just human nature." Perhaps it is, but in that case it has certainly become apparent that we must improve upon human nature in certain respects.

Why? The depressing fact that soldiers who have lived through the limitless dangers of combat and are now on the verge of returning home to their families and relatives are being injured and killed in automobile accidents is evidence enough that a compulsive stress must be placed upon removing our "careless nature".

You have been told the results of careless driving and excessive speed on slippery and narrow roads such as those found within the Division area. Stringent controls over motor traffic and speed limits have been rigidly enforced in an attempt to reduce deliberate carelessness. However, the real contribution must be made by you, as an individual, in safeguarding the lives of your fellow men as well as your own.

The pedestrians, the German people, are not "traffic conscious", therefore they are another serious hazard to the driver. A horse and wagon is usually found taking its share of the road out of the center, much to our dislike. Our wrangling over its position like two dogs over a bone offers no solution to our own problem. Until these people become aware of the serious danger the highway holds, you must take added precautions to insure yourself against the "unexpected", which occurs frequently in the Bavarian villages under our control.

It might be wise to keep this thought in mind while driving: Take your time, by all means, but take it before it takes you.

Hilda und Matilda



He says he can get plenty of them in the PX!

Spirits At Arena Cold But Blithe; Show Goes On

By S. J. Buckles

A quarter inch of water covered the dressing room floor as the cast of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" prepared for a performance at Plattling.

As protection against glacial breezes, Alexander Kirkland, remembered as Norma Shearer's leading man in the movie "Strange Interlude," donned a Bavarian night-shirt, over which he pulled his evening clothes. Kirkland laughed at the thought of the girls in the cast trying red-flannels under their formal attire.

As the conversation idled over to production problems, Hershey remarked that lights were frequently a pain in the "u-no-where." "Remember Freyung?" he asked Kirkland. Kirkland did. "That was the night! We should have performed with phosphorescent paint on our faces. The stage was in complete darkness and we had to feel our way to the dressing rooms. Lights are always our biggest problem; without them it slows the play, and it slows the audience, too."

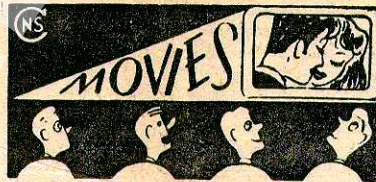
Two GI's were putting last minute touches on the stage as Ethel Intropidi ventured out, planted a kiss on the nearest Joe, and yelled for wood for a fire. Kirkland suggested she break up some more of the scenery.

Escape Strafing

Veteran Miss Intropidi has played the zany, seance-loving Madame Arcati both here in Europe and last winter in England for Allied troops. "Nothing we've seen here compares with the troubles we had in England. Of course, the war was on then. I remember one night when we were touring the air-bases. In the middle of the second act, the CO walked out on the stage and told the boys to leave. It was a crash-alarm, air-raid.

"Peggy Wood who was doing the scene wanted to continue. But he wouldn't hear of it. Too big a concentration of men. As we reached the door they headed us off. The landing strip was being strafed. A bit close, you know."

Now the cast was assembling: Helene Ambrose who last appeared in "The Eve of St. Mark," Ruth K. Hill fresh from a USO production of "Anything Goes," Florence Anderson, known to Pacific Coast radio listeners for her work in San Francisco, and Phyllis Adams who, on stage and off, is Kirkland's wife and was last seen on Broadway in "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Dunn yelled, "OK. Let's go." It was certain time.



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Sun — Mon — Tues
CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT
— with Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan
Plus: "Ski Whiz"
Wed — Thurs
THE CLIMAX — with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey
Plus: "Melody Parade"
Fri — Sat
JOHNNY ANGEL — with George Raft and Signe Hasso
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Maria Montez

"The Workmen's Compensation Law of New York requires coverage whenever one or more employees are engaged in any of the listed hazardous employments carried on for pecuniary gain."
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Life Is Boring, Rain Is Pouring; Redeployment Nix Enjoyment

The following is the third 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 — It's amazing how bored a man can become with nothing to do but eat and sleep and read and go to the movies.

Boredom has become as much a feature of daily life in this Assembly Area camp as cloudy weather and rain. The word now is that the 8th Armored Division will not pull out from Le Havre until Oct. 20, putting the date of our homecoming back about three weeks.

An advance billeting party left long ago for Camp Lucky Strike, a staging camp just outside the port. It seemed at the time that orders would send the rest of the 8th rolling after, but nothing happened. The bitterness over such delays is hardly extensive or deep-rooted. Most men by this time have become fully inured to the army "hurry up and wait" business. For consolation, there's always the thought that we're a hell of a lot better off than a lot of guys.

Paris Passes Popular

For several days now groups of men have been leaving on passes of up to 48 hours duration to Paris, Brussels and Luxembourg. Truck convoys pull out for the various destinations early each morning. The trips are popular, if only for escaping the scant routine of the camp. It is the usual thing for men to leave on a 48 hour pass and return four days later; no one knows or cares, apparently, although Paris is a mere three and a half hours away.

Processing — the physicals and shots and records checking — has been completed for some time. The French bonus of 850 francs was paid with the money that was exchanged at that time — now we're calculating the amount to be received for this month.

As something of an afterthought, lectures were given the entire division on government insurance, savings accounts and bond allotments. It was the same sort of affair as featured life in U. S. POE's way back when, with the same emphasis on safety of your money and the superior interest rate afford by the

government. Presumably now there will be speeches about the rest of it: sex morality, conduct of a soldier on pass, how to pitch a shelter half, etc., ad nauseum.

N. Y. Greeting Planned

Public Relations is arranging details for a greeting upon arrival in New York. The local officers assure us that the New York press will be out in force to greet the ship, along with a general celebration in the harbor. With that in mind, we've prepared copy on outstanding combat men now with the division, many of the be-medalled guys hailing of course from the 83rd. There will also be huge banners to be hung upon arrival in New York. The local officers assure us that the New York press will be out in force to greet the ship, along with a general celebration in the harbor. With that in mind, we've prepared copy on outstanding combat men now with the division, many of the be-medalled guys hailing of course from the 83rd. There will also be huge banners to be hung upon arrival in New York.

It now appears that arrival in the States will bring discharge as soon as the Army finds it possible to complete the processing. The 45-day furloughs home will not be given because we all have more than 70 points. Disquieting stories of how long it takes to escape the separation center are beginning to drift back; stories of discharges promised within 48 hours of beginning final processing, the catch being that the processing doesn't begin for as much a week after arrival at a separation center.

Even that seems remote now. It lies in our immediate future, to be sure, but first comes a 3,000-mile boat trip. We've got to worry about getting aboard ship.

It's a perfect life for gold-bricking — but who wants to gold-brick at this stage of the game, with civilian-hood lying so close ahead!

Warning Issued On Water

Some units are not drawing water from Division water points, an investigation of records has disclosed. The Surgeon's Office declared that "since no other water source for drinking or cooking purposes has been authorized, unit commanders will at once initiate action designed to guarantee adherence to the existing regulations."

HERE and THERE



G's Giants Cop Tilts

Three rousing exhibition basketball games caused followers to predict a tight race for the 2nd Bn., 329th, court crown.

In last week's exhibitions, G topped F Co. 53 to 21, while Hq. Co. edged Fox 66-64 and lost to the officers 28-29.

The game, which was the last exhibition before league play starts, turned into a scoring spree as opposing captains, Drake of Connecticut and "Rip" Connors of Providence, R. I., adopted the R. I. State type of play: one guard and four forwards.

With seconds to play and the score tied at 64 all, "Speed" Slater of Connecticut unleashed a high, one-hand shot that rimmed the basket, hit the backboard, rimmed the basket again and finally dropped in just as the timer raised his gun to end the game.

The Merriwell play gave Hq. Co. a hair-raising 66-64 victory over F Co.

G Company's towering basketball giants continued their classy playing, whipping F Co. 53-21.

"Red" Fennessey scored first to give Fox the lead, but two baskets by Zubber put G in front and they never again were threatened.

Led by their scoring ace, Lt. Morton Funk, the officers' basketball team nosed out the Headquarters quintet 29-28.

Calling All Basketeers

All personnel in the 83rd Division and attached units who have high school, college or professional cage experience and who desire to try-out for the THUNDERBOLTS, Division basketball team, contact Lt. Wilson at Division Special Service Office in writing, stating qualifications and teams with which they have been associated.

A tentative informal schedule has been arranged for exhibition games until such time as an Inter-Division Schedule is sent down by Corps. It is hoped that a full try-out squad can be retained until Army player lists are announced.

Park To Be Dedicated

Plans were being formulated today for dedication of a Soldiers' Field in memory of the dead of 2nd Bn., 329th Infantry Regiment.

Plaques which list the dead of each company are being prepared. They will be erected in a white picket-fence enclosure at Plattling. Provision will be made for care of the grounds after the Division leaves the area.

Inscribed on each plaque is: "Dedicated to the officers and men . . . who gave their lives so that you might have a better world to live in."

Wanna Fight, Huh?

Boasting two Division boxing champions in their line-up, the Second Battalion, 329th Infantry's fistic team offers a challenge to any boxing team in the Division to a grudge match either at their area or the Plattling ring. To arrange matches contact Lt. Cobley, SSO, 2nd Bn., 329th Inf.

Corps Contest Cancelled

The scheduled football game with the XXII Corps football team at Marienbad, Czechoslovakia Sunday has been postponed because of the general loss of talent in the THUNDERBOLT eleven resulting from the large personnel transfers to the 90th Infantry Division. It has not been disclosed whether or not the remainder of the regularly scheduled season in the Third Army loop will be played.

Bolts Battle Tankers To O-O Tie

Thundering Herd Tramples Over Cavalrymen 7-0

Thwarted for three quarters by a slippery, mud-bedecked field, Lt. Bob Clyde's 331st "Thundering Herd" took advantage of a blocked kick late in the fourth quarter to score a touchdown and convert the extra point, thus eating a 7 to 0 victory over the Second Cavalry last Sunday afternoon at Kotzing.

The "Herd's" tricky T formation was stymied throughout the contest by the hazardous footing which nullified any substantial marches. Harry Hurst, Herd right halfback, was the main cog in the 331st offensive machine, breaking away for consistent gains on four off-tackle slants.

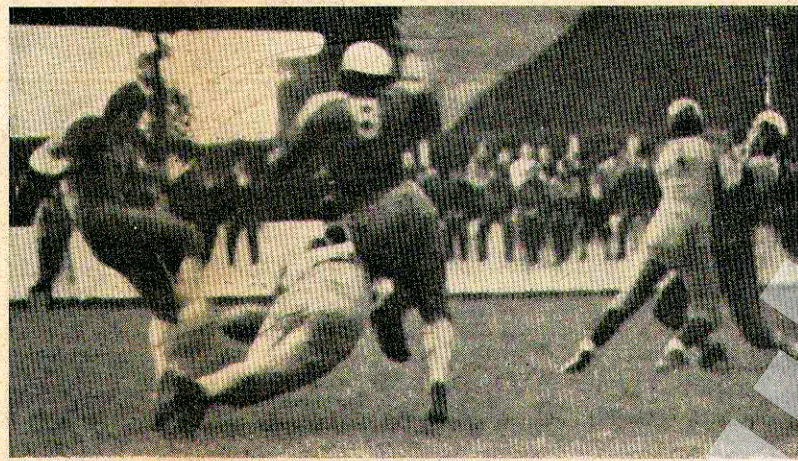
The game's only touchdown came late in the final period. Starting from mid-field, the Blackboy gridders, with Hurst reeling off most of the yardage, advanced the pigskin to the 12 yard line where the attack bogged down. Schwalbach attempted a field goal from the 12 yard line, which was partially blocked, and was finally recovered by the 2nd Cavalry on their own seven. With their backs in the shadow of the goal post, they decided to kick out of danger. But the kick never got away. The 331st forward wall surged forward to rush the kicker, and the boot was partially blocked by Dave Wheeler, reserve right end. The ball squirted into the air and into the waiting arms of Schwalbach on the Rough Riders 8 yard line, and without further ado he scampered the distance to the goal line, going over standing up.

The Thundering Herd's forward wall, led by center and captain Ed Westerland, kept the Horsemen's offense completely bottled up. The forward pass was the chief offensive weapon, as the muddy field slowed the running attack of both teams.

2nd Cavalry "Rough Riders" 0 0 0 0 - 0
331st Inf. "Thundering Herd" 0 7 0 0 - 7

Doughs Dine on Deer

Doughs of the 2nd Bn., 331st, are finding roast venison and pheasant a welcome change from the usual menus these days. The game is being provided by GI hunters who are taking to the woods with carbines, 22's, and shot guns (M-1's are verboten) with approval of company commanders, military government officers, and forestry officials. During the last week 15 deer and 14 pheasant were reported killed.



BLOCK THAT KICK — Thunderbolt gridders are shown storming a 4th Armored punter late in the final period of Sunday's game at Lands-hut. The game ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

Bolt Gridders Wreck Two Armored Drives To Pierce Goal Line

A revamped 83rd Division Football Team redeemed itself in the eyes of its followers last Sunday by holding the 4th Armored Division to a scoreless tie on the Panzer's home field at Landshut, Germany. The contest was witnessed by several thousand spectators including a good percentage of Thunderbolt men who have now been authorized transportation by Gen. Macon to attend these events.

Morning brought in a cloudless sky which lasted until game time when an overcast set in, blocking out the sunlight for the major portion of the afternoon but keeping the temperature at perfect football standards. Both sides utilized this factor in keeping the ball in the air a great deal of the time calling for passes when the ground attack bogged down. This was true more so of the 4th Armored team who found holes opened in the line being filled by Hyche the 83rd Center. His unerring passes from center and superior job of filling up gaps in the line along with his ability to break up and intercept his opponents' aerial attack made him the featured performer of the afternoon.

Mention might be made at this point of Sambartaro of the 83rd team who played a brilliant game throughout the first quarter until an unfortunate accident made it necessary to carry him to a waiting ambulance. Later X-rays disclosed a fracture of his ankle.

Few Threats

Both teams followed the ball closely and kept the ball game seesawing back and forth between the 30-yard lines. The furthest advance was made by the home team coming down to the 83rd's 5-yard line when the ball once again changed hands. Two passes made by the Panzers were the only scoring threats, and of those one was knocked down 30 yards from the passer in the end zone. The other was caught over the goal line also, but was ruled out of bounds.

Late in the 4th quarter another referee's decision had the fans on their feet. On 3rd down quick kick, a much used part of the 83rd strategy, the ball was booted by the 83rd from their own 35-yard line to their opponent's 35, at which point a fast moving Thunderbolt end was present to catch and ground the ball. The theory of grounding the ball was disregarded as the referee decided on a 15 yard penalty for interference with the receiver. When Miller, the 83rd Quarterback complained, he was banished from the game and the 4th Armored official continued on his travels for another 15 yards, this time a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. This brought the ball back to its original point of play, but the determined Thunderbolts held and soon had the ball back in their hands once again.

Repeated complaints from the players and bench of the 83rd against illegal use of the hands by the 4th Armored line brought only a cautioning to Capt. McCloskey, their 235-pound tackle, who appeared to reject any such suggestion.

drive. Merriam claims, with justifiable pride, after Neuhauser won the fourth game of the series, that if he is used in the seventh game he will win that and the series for Detroit. (Quite a prophet.) "Hank Greenberg", almost reverently spoke Bob, "is a baseball player's ball player. And the way that guy came back after an enforced lay-off due to Army duty is a credit to himself and the Army for the good shape in which he was returned to civilian life."

Without a doubt, as in the past, every World Series produces a hero and a goat. Merriam thinks Greenberg will wear the laurel of the 1945 Series. For the hard luck boys Merriam nominates both Pafco and Mayo to earn the goat title of the Series.

Asked as to the effect on baseball during the war years, Merriam avowed that the American League had suffered more due to the fact that the players were for the most part younger than the Nationals. However, he expected the American League to pick up rapidly during the reconversion period.

Reeder's Raiders Polish Brass 55-18 At Arena

The slow floor of the Passau Arena was the scene of a fast clipping basketball game Monday night when Reeder's Raiders, a pick-up quintet from the 83rd Division Special Service Office, trounced the highly-touted 2nd Bn., 329th Infantry Regiment, officer combo by a score of 55 to 18.

The "Brass" basketweavers featured a line up of ex-college stars such as Cobley of the University of Washington, Funk from Syracuse, Etchemendy of Nevada, Blamey from Minnesota and Hastings of Texas A & M. But what the Raiders lacked in color and background, they had in hoop savvy. Cunningham, the outstanding player on the floor, was a former Detroit "Pro." He was ably supported by Atkinson, a Wyoming freshman star, along with Wilson, a former Indiana hoopster, and a couple of high schoolers, whose floor work and accurate shooting soon zoomed the score to a lopsided figure.

Cunningham was the high scorer of the evening with 8 buckets followed closely by his teammate Atkinson, who swished 6 through the hoop. Blamey played a heady floor game for the losers but was held to one field goal and a foul shot to total 3 of his team's 18 points.

The sparse crowd, which was outnumbered by the players in uniform, was treated to a fast-moving game vigorously refereed by Lt. Frye, whose decisions though unquestioned, kept

players and spectators in a hilarious dither due to his eccentric execution of them.

Reeder's Raiders

	FG	F	TF	Pts.
Fritz(f)	1	0	3	2
Atkinson(f)	6	0	2	12
Cunningham(c)	8	0	1	16
Wilson(g)	4	0	0	8
Czernick(g)	3	0	2	6
Jensen(f)	4	0	1	8
Saab(c)	0	0	1	0
Myers(f)	0	0	0	0
Taylor(g)	1	1	2	3
Nikopolis(g)	0	0	0	0

329th Officers (2nd Bn.)	FG	F	TF	Pts.
Funk(f)	2	1	1	5
Etchemendy(f)	2	2	0	6
Blamey(c)	1	1	1	3
McGourley(g)	0	0	0	0
Cobley(g)	1	2	0	4
Hastings(c)	0	0	0	0
Keeler(g)	0	0	0	0
	6	6	2	18

Tiger Infielder Finds Baseball His Real Love

"The Tigers in seven games." Thus spoke Pfc. Bob Merriam, signal man with the 83rd Signal Co., in an interview before the end of the sixth game of the 1945 World Series, thus putting himself squarely out on the limb. (P. S. — The limb didn't break.)

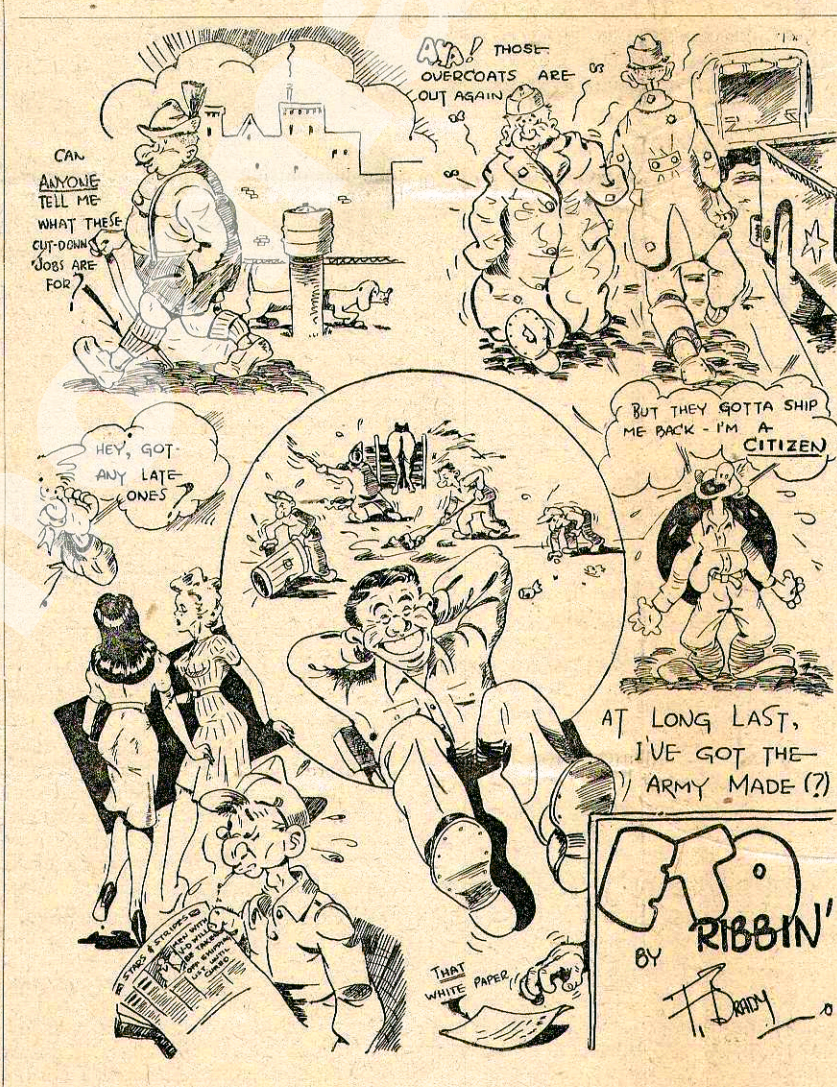
Merriam, married and a resident of Pasadena, Cal., was a baseball find of Marty Krug's while playing 3rd base for the Pasadena Junior College team which was nick-named the Detroit Juniors.

When he speaks of the Detroit Tigers, he speaks as one of them, having been with the American League team as a third sacker in 1940. He was farmed out to Beaumont of the Texas League on a 24-hour recall basis, where he finished the season and his professional baseball career.

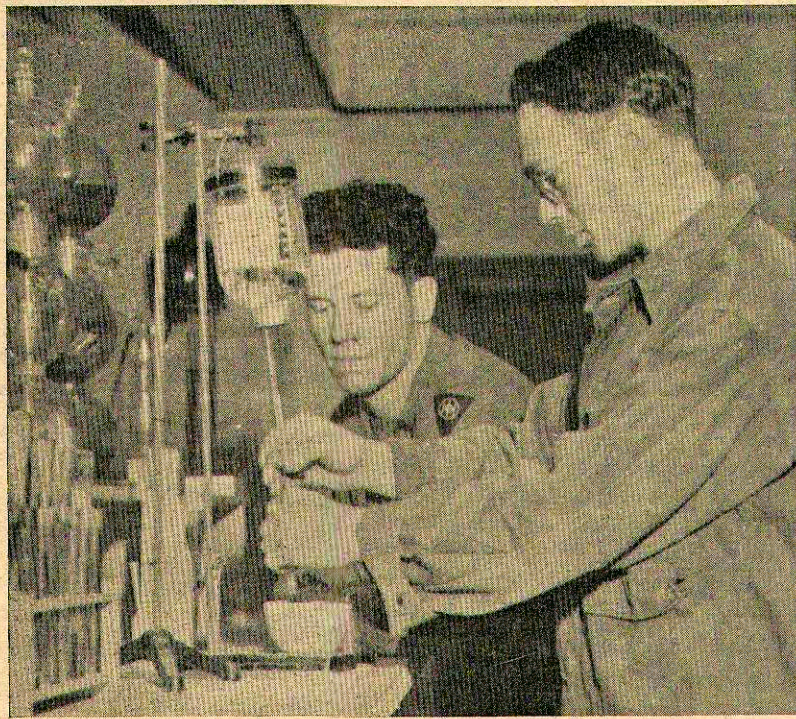
"Baseball will never take the place of marriage," continued the 26-year old occupier with a point score to match his age. But he also admitted that he has not entirely deserted his first love. He can't forget his breaking-in days with guys like Neuhauser and Trout. And such contemporaries as Tommy Bridges, Schoolboy Rowe, Higgins, Gehringer, and York fill him with an occasional nostalgia for the 'ole ball game'.

Merriam after coming to the 83rd Division first joined the 331st Regiment, where after hostilities ceased, he acted as Athletic Director. In between he sandwiched enough baseball to cover that familiar 3rd sack for both the Regimental and the Division baseball teams. His Regiment won the Division Championship and he was the leading hitter of the League, batting a hot .500.

But getting back to the subject of his former paid-to-play buddies, he contended that Neuhauser lost his stuff as a result of too much work in the pennant



Chemistry Lab In Action



FLIPPIN' THE FLASKS — Pfc. Donald M. Newell, 308th Med. Bn. and Pfc. Anthony Laus are shown in the chemistry laboratory of Blueberry Prep working on a chemistry experiment, a part of their super-vised I and E course.

Find Evacuation Hospital Like Civilian Institution

Like most other GI outfits in the ETO life has changed a lot for the 125th Evacuation Hospital since the Krauts threw in the sponge and "How many ya got?" became the all-important question.

No longer is the hospital overcrowded with patients maimed or broken in body by enemy weapons. Today it is just like a civilian hospital back home — a fine, modern building in Passau with many of the patients victims of auto accidents, bootleggers and prostitutes.

Taking over the duties of the redeployed 110th Evac, which followed the 83rd from Normandy to the Elbe, the 125th is an old outfit with a lot of new faces. During combat it was attached to the 94th Inf. Div. Prior to V-J Day it was staged at Marseilles and was ready to sail direct to the CBI when the end of the war changed the plans.

Although the 125th has a capacity of 400 beds the present patient-load is about 125, of which 80 percent are Thunderbolts. Medical and surgical patients are pretty evenly divided. Approximately 25 of the medical cases are VD victims. Auto accidents result in at least one new admission a day.

Col. Ralph G. Ball, Manhattan, Kansas, CO of the 125th, relates that the present VD rate is not as high as it was immediately after the victory celebrations of VE Day but it is "plenty high". Gonorrhea patients who are treated during the early stages of the infection are generally hospitalized about five days. Syphilis patients are sent to general hospitals where they may remain for several months.

Liquor Causes Death

In a recent case, drinking liquor purchased from civilians sent four soldiers to the 125th. One died, and the others were in danger of losing their eyesight from the effects of methyl poisoning. Hospital authorities warn all soldiers against dealing with civilian "bootleggers".

To the soldier-patients in the 125th life is quite a bit different from that experienced in hospitals during combat and, for that matter, in civilian hospitals. "There are more pretty nurses than you can do anything with . . . I was operated on in the States and the nurses weren't like this," related Pfc. Larry Key, 3rd Bn. of the 330th Inf. who is recuperating from a severe cut on the hand. Pfc. Louis G. Cristan-fello, also of the 330th, laid up with a broken shoulder, is quite enthusiastic about the food and Special Service features. He saw three movies in two days and had all the magazines and books he could read.

Col. Ball is also enthusiastic about the Red Cross and Special Service program at the hospital. He pointed out that during combat a bed with clean

sheets and a few comforts and conveniences were sufficient to prevent a dough from becoming bored. Now that such comforts are more commonplace it is necessary to provide other diversions. Movies are shown frequently in the hospital theater and all ambulatory patients are encouraged to attend.

See Nurses Often

S/Sgt. Kazimier Gorczynski, Cn. Co. of the 329th, finds that being hospitalized now is quite a bit different than it was during combat. Despite the fact he has a broken ankle he finds life rather pleasant. "The nurses have more time to spend with the patients now. In combat you didn't see the nurses often when you were in the hospital." He also related that when he entered the hospital he had no cigarettes but the Red Cross distributed some.

Lt. Ruth Grunlund, Iron Mountain, Mich., finds nursing chores vary a bit from the days during combat. "Now we have more leisure time. And, now we get civilian-type cases, not battle casualties."

Like all other GIs the nurses and doctors of the 125th spend a goodly part of their leisure time talking about the points they have or lack. Lt. Rose Teplitsky, Chicago, Ill., is a bit dubious at times that she is in Germany, what with the 50 points she had at the time she was being staged at Marseilles. The "hot poop" at the time was that nurses with 35 or more points wouldn't be sent back into Germany. "Go along to Munich for the plane ride," she was told. Now she is "sweatin' out" that plane back.

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cent overseas allowance. The incomes are broken down as follows: Executive 5,000 to 10,000 dollars; specialist and professional 3,700 to 9,000 dollars; administrative 3,700 to 7,800 dollars; technical 2,000 to 3,300 dollars; clerical 1,900 to 3,300 dollars. These figures include the 25 percent overseas allowance and 5 percent is deducted for social security benefits.

3. At this time billets are being obtained at the rate of 15 dollars per month and meals are obtainable at specific messes at the rate of 25 cents per meal. In addition, medical and dental services as well as hospitalization are furnished without charge. PX and Quartermaster sales stores privileges are provided.

4. Upon expiration of duty and subsequent return to the States, Civil Service status will have been attained and eligibility will have been established for priority on further Civil Service consideration.

Professors Give I & E Instruction For Division GIs

Preparation for civilian life, both in subject matter and in surroundings, is the keynote of the Division school, Blueberry Prep, at Osterhofen. Classes are currently operating in physics, chemistry, mathematics, French and German. The school is a self contained unit with its own staff, administration, and recreation program.

Although the initial courses are only three weeks in length they cover a tremendous amount of material. Former German college professors are members of the teaching staff. Chemistry and physics labs have been set up to augment the class room instruction in these subjects.

Teaching physics is Professor Wiesent, of the University of Munich, who has also taught in Passau. Professor Schone, who teaches chemistry in the Division school, comes from Berlin. Professor Gudat the French and German instructor, is a rounded linguist who has also taught English in Germany. The feminine touch is added to the school by the mathematics teacher, Frau Waltraut Kurdzel, a graduate of the University of Hanover.

Chief advisor of Blueberry Prep is Capt. Francis Renzulli, I and E officer of the 308th Medical Bn. who sponsored the idea of a centralized Division I and E school. In organizing the school, he made use of air transportation, flying around Bavaria collecting equipment and signing up the instructors.

Satisfaction with the set-up has been expressed by a number of the students. Said Nicholas Saba, of Hqs Co, Div Arty, "I think it's remarkable and amazing the way our professor puts physics across to us." Edward Zbezinski of Co L, 331st Infantry Regiment, remarked, "This is one of the best refresher courses I've ever taken and the lab, is one of the best I've ever seen."

He'll Blow It Out

The Bugler Boy of Company B is suffering nervous indigestion because of C rations — but not from eating them.

T/5 Glen M. Seigel needs a tooter with which to perform his fiendish duties. His mates in the 308th Engrs. want him to get one, too; they think it'll be less jolting than the first sergeant's whistle. So, the wheels of requisition whirred. Telephone lines hummed and message centers bustled. Finally word was received that Seigel could start horning in on his buddies' sleep very soon. B-Day was imminent.

The nervous delay was caused by the fact that most bugle plants in the States have been making C-ration cans.

Touch Football

Notice has come from the Division Athletic Office that touch football is contemplated at Company level. The only equipment needed are the footballs, which will be distributed shortly, a fairly level plot of ground 100 yards long and 50 yards wide, a brace of two by four goal posts, and anywhere from 6 to 10 players per side.

To serve to standardize the game, a skeleton set of rules have been laid down as follows:

1. The field will be eighty (80) yards long and forty (40) yards wide. Note the dimensions given above (100 by 50) are to allow for an out-of-bounds area sufficient to protect the players from injuries due to obstacles.
2. The offensive team must have at least three (3) men on the line.
3. Every man on the offensive team is eligible to receive a pass.
4. A pass is legal from any point behind the line of scrimmage.

Col Cook Takes The Cake

Five birthday cakes were presented to Lt. Col. Tim O. Cook as officers of the 1st Bn., 329th, observed the CO's natal day with a party. The six-piece Division band provided music.

Neon, Ky (CNS) — F.M. Ferguson, 71, went on a hunger strike "because there's no law and order in this town and I ain't gonna eat until we get it."

Liquor Causes Death

One soldier is dead and three others were in danger of losing their eyesight after drinking liquor purchased from civilians which caused methyl poisoning.

Men are warned by Col. C. L. Boyle, chief-of-staff, against drinking liquor from unauthorized sources, pointing out bluntly that "it may result in permanent blindness or death."

Col. Ralph G. Ball, CO of the 125th Evacuation Hospital, advised: "Don't drink any liquor that isn't issued by the Army."

Sonndorf Prisoners Receive Transfers When Camp Closes

The Sonndorf PWE operated by the 330th Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division has been redeployed en masse. However, the redeployment of over 1500 men does not have the same implication as the GI redeployment program.

Due to a Theater policy of consolidating all prisoner of war installations for the purpose of easier control and winterization of the barracks the Sonndorf installation was closed because it was not winterized. But the point system did not prevail in this instance as all the PWs merely moved to the Plattling enclosure under the direction of the 329th Regiment.

Pot Pourri

Time Magazine reports that a Manhattan Doctor thinks the amoeba may be the real trouble in many unexplained cases of lack of ambition, short-term diarrhea, aching legs, poor memory, and "irritable" or jumpy pulse. No mention is made of Redeployment.

Frostburg, Md (CNS) — Irked by Kibitzers in a crowd watching them extinguish a blaze, this town's firemen quelled all remarks from the spectators by turning the hose on them. Result: 40 drenched onlookers, one injured fireman (he was hit by a rock).

DSC to Ex-4th Armored Man



FOR FEARLESS ACTION — at Monschien, Germany last March, Pfc. William H. Steen is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Maj. Gen. Robert Macon. The action occurred while Pfc. Steen was a member of the 4th Armored Division.

Outstanding Action Wins Award For Pfc

Gallantry in action by Pfc. William H. Steen, Co. E, 331st Infantry Regiment, was rewarded Monday when he was given the Distinguished Service Cross by Major General Robert C. Macon in a ceremony at Pfaarkirchen.

Steen, a 33-year-old native of Shreveport, La., received the decoration for his "courageous and fearless action" in connection with an attack on Monschien, Germany, March 20. His citation describes how he eliminated sniper fire holding up an infantry advance. After wiping out the sniper, Steen entered an enemy-held building, captured two SS officers and enabled his platoon to establish a machine-gun in an advantageous position.

During this action Steen was a mortar gunner with the 51st Armored Infantry Battalion of the 4th Armored Division.

Furlough Home But Not To U.S.

Big, blonde, Joseph Kish, a T/4 from the AT Co of the 329th Infantry Regiment is on his way "home" for a fifteen day furlough. Kish didn't sign for three years nor has he enough points to catch a boat for the States. His furlough home will be on his parents' farm in Hungary.

Back in 1935 Kish's father, a resident of Roston, New York, persuaded his mother that the family should return to Hungary and farm the land they left in 1922. Joe went along and for four years worked on his father's farm.

By 1940 Hitler had marched into Poland and it was beginning to be "rough in the ETO." Kish recalls the thousands of Poles who fled into Hungary and Rumania. Joe, who was born in Illinois, decided that it was time for him to move out.

After six months of sweating out a passport and transportation through Trieste, Lisbon, and Gibraltar, Joe finally reached the States. His parents were unable to follow him.

Kish's furlough paper carries this address: Bodrog Szentes, Haz 16, U.P. Kiraly Helme, Hungary. When the family returned in 1936 this was part of Czechoslovakia. In 1938 Hungary moved in and annexed that section where the Kish family was living.

It was only a month ago that Kish learned that his mother and father were alive and well. Relatives in the States received a letter from them and passed the information on to Joe.

Before he was drafted in 1942 Kish lived with relatives and worked at various jobs in Dutton, New Jersey, and Logan, West Virginia.

Cooperation Pays

The Air Force is providing the films and the 331st theatre, so airmen and infantrymen alike are enjoying movies in Pocking these nights. Air Force personnel stationed at the Pocking collection center are supplied with the latest 35 mm. films by their special service but they had no place to show them. The 2nd Bn. had the building.

Posthumous DSC Awarded Captain For Gallant Action

A posthumous Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded Capt. Patrick F. Murphy, formerly of Co. C, 331st Infantry Regiment.

Last April near Walternienburg Capt. Murphy forced the surrender of two enemy snipers in a foxhole with accurate rifle fire. Then, the citation states, "When his company was pinned down by a vicious crossfire from snipers and machine guns, this intrepid officer mounted a tank, manned a machine gun and directed the tank towards the first enemy strongpoint. Although mortally wounded he continued to direct his company until they had cleared the enemy strongpoint and captured a large number of prisoners."

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