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ALKY RING SMASHED IN DP CAMP

A small distillery that operated on a big-time scale in the Hungarian DP camp near Osterhofen was raided early this week by Division MPs under the direction of 1st Lt. E. W. Paape. Approximately 200 gallons of liquor — which burned with a bright blue flame — and 2,000 gallons of barley mash were confiscated and destroyed.

Six inmates of the camp, including the camp commander who allegedly was the ringleader, were taken into custody following the raid. Two copper stills, the larger one having a 30 gallon capacity, were also confiscated along with other distilling equipment. They were turned over to the Division QM for salvage.

Hidden in Two Kitchens

Division MP officials, acting on a tip that liquor was being manufactured in the camp, conducted the raid early Monday afternoon. The equipment was found in two different kitchens in the camp; in each case the work rooms were partitioned off from the rest of the kitchen with blankets to conceal the equipment. The stills had been in operation about three weeks. The equipment was easily procured from civilians since German civilians were allowed to produce their own schnapps as long as they didn't sell the product.

Atomic Buzz Bomb Juice

Sole ingredient for the liquor produced was barley cooked into a mash and then distilled. One MP, after sniffing the finished product, exclaimed: "This is the stuff they put in the atomic bomb."

Operating on a big scale, the proprietors kept complete records of materials purchased and liquor sold. Some of the employees were paid on a percentage basis for sales they made while others drew straight salaries. No ceiling price was set on the liquor since most of the product was bartered for food and materials.

In addition to Lt. Paape other MP personnel who participated in the raid were: 2nd Lt. Harold J. Samuels, S/Sgt. Victor K. Emert; Sgts. Robert W. Freiss, Harry D. Hunt Jr., Ralph F. Berends, Raymond E. Jett; T/5 Clarence B. Kiesler; Pfc. Edward F. Spranke, Everett O. Knowlton, John D. Brennan, Floyd E. Matlock and Ranson W. Smith Jr.

Assault Boats Used To Provide Regular River Ferry Service

The 83rd has figuratively beat some of its weapons of war into plowshares and the assault boats that once carried fighting men across the Rhine and Elbe are now fulfilling a peacetime function on the Danube at Vilshofen. Comprising the 83rd's "navy", 10 of these boats form the keel of a 40 by 16 foot ferry that takes the place of the blown bridge across the river.

Operated by 10 EMs of A Company of the 308th Engineers the ferry operates from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. and has a capacity of two 6x6's and two jeeps. Two trucks and five wagons have also been hauled on the craft.

"Captain" of the 83rd's ferry service is Pvt. Robert R. Scott, Stillwell, Okla., formerly of the 11th Armored, who has been holding his present job for a little more than a month. Because of redeployment the turnover of boat operators has been very high. However, in the words of Pvt. Scott, "anyone who is interested in the job can learn to operate the ferry in a couple of days." Learning to operate the ferry consists mainly of

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Division To Go To Austria Soon After 60-Point Men Transferred

65 SHOPPING DAYS TILL XMAS



RUSH SEASON IS ON — Two members of the 83rd APO unit sort over a pile of Christmas parcels mailed "early" to avoid the "rush". The Stateside deadline for mailing parcels to members of the Armed Forces was October 15th . . . here are a few of the early arrivals.

Gen. Mickle Appointed Ass't Div. Commander

Brig. Gen. Gerald St. C. Mickle, newly appointed Assistant Division Commander of the 83rd has assumed temporary command of the Division during the absence of Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon, now temporary CG of the 26th Infantry Division at Linz, Austria. Gen. Mickle is presently conferring with Gen. Macon in Linz.

Gen. Mickle came to the 83rd from the 75th Infantry Division with which he served as Assistant Division Commander since Jan. 18, 1943. During this period he won the Legion of Merit Medal for outstanding services rendered during the 75th's drive through France and Germany; the Silver Star Medal for heroism during the Battle of Colmar Pocket, the Oak Leaf Cluster to this medal in the Ruhr Pocket; and the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service during the Battle of the Ardennes. He also holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, ETO ribbon with three stars, and an assortment of ribbons from World War I.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, where his wife resides, Gen. Mickle attended high school there and later studied at Marion Institute. He graduated from West Point on Nov. 1, 1918 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry. He served overseas with the AIF during 1919.

Gen. Mickle was appointed to his present rank March 19, 1943. His son, Lt. Gerald St. C. Mickle Jr., a graduate of West Point with the class of '44, served in the ETO during the recent war as an artillery officer.

Niederhaus Closes

The Niederhaus, Division officer's club, closed its doors for the winter season Saturday evening with a gala party under the direction of Lt. William Larsen, present supervisor of the club. Pending a future announcement, the club will not be reopened due to the present move to a new occupation area.

Will Occupy New Home First Week In November

The 83rd Thunderbolt Division is once again on the move . . . in the next few days advance elements of the 83rd Division will move into Austria to relieve corresponding units of the 26th Yankee Division which has been alerted for early redeployment to the United States. The entire move will be completed by the first week in November.

Rifle Shot Kills Woman

The Division Provost Marshal's Office has issued a warning urging all GIs to be extra careful in the handling of firearms while on legitimate hunting trips. The use of firearms at other times is forbidden.

It was pointed out that a civilian woman was recently killed in the Division area, from a rifle bullet. Rifles are forbidden for hunting except when specifically authorized by the Commanding General. At all other times only the carbine or shot guns may be used.

The new occupational zone covers a large portion of Austria bounded by the Danube River and the Russian occupation zone. Headquarters for the Division will be located in the city of Linz, which is on the western tip of the American occupation zone. The Division now leaves the command of Third Army, moving into the United States Forces Austria under the command of Gen. Mark Clark.

All enlisted men with critical scores of 59 or less will accompany the Division to the new Austrian occupation site. Men with point scores from 60-69 and over are headed for the Zone of Interior by way of the 80th, 94th and 90th Infantry Divisions. All personnel with point totals in the 60-69 category will leave the 83rd Division prior to the Division's move.

It's "kiss the boys good-bye" for some 3,000 high point Thunderbolts. The men having critical scores of 60, 61 and 62 will be shipped to the 80th and 94th Infantry Divisions, while men in the 63-69 category will continue their trek to the 90th "Tough 'Ombre" Division.

Officers having 75 or more points will accompany the 26th Infantry Division to the States.

An announcement from Division G-1 stated that shortly after the 83rd Division assumes its new occupational role in Austria, men having critical point scores in the 56-59 category will be shipped to other divisions.

Plane Invention Earns Sergeant Legion of Merit

Back in Greenfield, Indiana, the townspeople look upon George Zinsmeister's Legion of Merit and comment on the pretty color how well it looks on his combat jacket. But at the 323rd FA Battalion in Passau, some of his old friends remember the ability and initiative that earned this award for T/3 George Zinsmeister.

During combat the L-4 observation planes used by the 83rd Division artillery for spotting were causing a considerable amount of trouble due to an oil leak in the engine. On many occasions the oil refuse proved hazardous in flying and landing the aircraft. George went to work and discovered a nose seal which stopped this unusual oil leak. The new design was incorporated on all the planes in the 83rd Division and the manufacturers of this type of plane were notified of the success of the new adaptation.

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Engineers Lead As 200 Sign For More Army Duty

According to figures given out by the G-1 Section of the 83rd Infantry Division the appeal for the 'Old Army Game' is strong in the hearts of the Thunderbolts, who have not as yet been deployed. In the short space of less than a week on the Reenlistment Drive almost 200 men from all over the Division have signed up for another hitch in Uncle Sam's Army.

With the prospects of up to 90 days immediate furlough to the States, many men who otherwise would not get home for the Holidays are taking advantage of the opportunity to join the Army to learn new skills and rejuvenate their bodies under that old familiar slogan, "The Army Makes Men".

Such keen interest has been aroused that the individual units within the Division are vying with each other to have the record for the highest reenlistment for the Division. This rivalry in turn is serving to help the 83rd Division to attain its goal of being the Division having most volunteers.

Following is a break down of the percentage of quota attained by each unit of the 83rd Division thus far: 308th Engineer Battalion 10 per cent; 329th Infantry Regiment 9 per cent; Division Artillery 7 per cent; 331st Infantry Regiment 5 per cent; 330th Infantry Regiment 4 per cent; 308th Medical Battalion 4 per cent; Special Troops ½ per cent.

Sign To See Show - Wind Up Reenlisted

Ever wake up after a bout with the bottle and discover you've accumulated a wife? Then perhaps you'll know how the G Co., 329th, boys felt when they found themselves Regular Army prospects after signing a slip to see the Billy Rose show.

It was all part of an ingenious scheme designed by Lt. William Etchemendy and executed by his co-partner in crime, Maberry the "top-kick".

Just because the full instructions were in microscopic dimensions and hidden beneath another company announcement, who's to blame? Mistakes are the mark of mortals. So on Thursday morning, in single file and one by one, the "prospects" paraded into the CO's office to sweat it out on the carpet.

"But sir, we didn't know."

And what sort of talk is that? The Army wants signatures not explanations. (Was he kidding! But the face they saw was immobile and adamant; he was not kidding.)

Perhaps it was the humor in Maberry's eyes or loss of control on the part of Lt. Etchemendy that finally exploded the farce and sent the "prospects", badly shaken and in need of a brace, back to the recluse of their billets.

But the story doesn't end there, T/Sgt. Maberry, so enthralled with his own sales-talk, was last seen searching for (you guessed it!) the recruiting office.

New Fall Styles

Although no official word regarding the relaxing of the helmet liner regulation had been received



"Third Army, I presume"

by the Division P.M. at press time, the wearing of the overseas cap was OKed in instructions received by the MPs. Under the new regulation the liner need be worn only for guard and MP duty.

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FOTO FACTS

By Jim Shelhamer

Now that many foto fans are going home it is not amiss to give thought to the matter of including a few dollars for camera gadgets, in the budget for things to be purchased with the \$300 mustering out pay or other money that may have been saved while overseas. If one's bank account is unlimited little thought on the matter is necessary.

However, with a little thought and the outlay of a few dollars the average camera owner can have an accessory or two that will materially aid him in getting better pictures, no matter how cheap or expensive a camera he owns. For instance, a light meter should be a must for all camera owners who take foto making seriously. An extinction type meter, which gives fairly accurate results, can be had for a dollar or two. The photo electric cell type costs from \$12.50 up.

At this point it might be well to add a word of advice to those who use light meters. To take an accurate reading the meter should be pointed at the subject, and close enough so that a true reading is obtained. For example, if it is desired to photograph a man seated in the shade of a tree the reading should be made a few inches away from the individual. If it is made in the open, outside of the shade, the resulting photograph will be under-exposed since the light in the open area will be several times brighter than that in the shaded area. Care must also be taken when using a meter that the reading isn't taken from the sky—always brighter than objects on the ground—which will again result in an under-exposed negative.

Easily Operated

A light meter is very simple and easy to operate and probably more than any other foto accessory it will insure that the next picture will be a better one.

Another useful and necessary gadget is a sunshade. As the name implies, this will keep the sun out of the lens unless, of course, the camera is pointed directly at the sun. Filters are also an asset and will many times transform an ordinary scene into a good picture. This is especially true when cloud effects are desired. The most commonly used filter, a light yellow filter known as a K-2, can be had for a dollar or two.

Not the least of accessories that will insure consistently better pictures is a tripod. There are many camera users who scorn the use of a tripod on the ground that its use marks one as a sissy. The best photographers in the business use them every time they can. Every amateur should do likewise.

The number of other useful gadgets that can be purchased is unlimited and, of course, to do so the bankroll should also be unlimited. Those listed above are the cheaper and more necessary items. The need for others will be apparent as the amateur grows more proficient and devotes more time, effort and money to the hobby which can be turned into a profitable sideline. But more about that later.

A NAME ISN'T EVERYTHING!



We don't know her name, what she does, nor how her picture got in our files, but we would gladly give her a name or even a job or even . . . well, BROTHER!

What Is Your Post War Plan?

For many the idea of Formal School Training in a college or a university holds little or no incentive to use the facilities offered in the GI Bill of Rights or Public Law 16. Yet many men, now ready to return to civilian life, know that they will need training of one sort or another to get a job that they can be happy in, and one in which there will be the respect that is every man's aim. It is for this reason the Government has made available to the returning veteran a system of apprenticeship training with Government support.

Apprenticeship, as conducted in American industry under modern methods, is a system of training in which an employee is given thorough instruction and experience, both on the job and in the class room, in all practical and theoretical aspects of the work in a skilled trade. These apprenticeship programs are set up in accordance with certain basic standards, mutually agreed upon by employers and labor in the various skilled trades, which are recommended by the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship. This Committee, which is equally representative of management and labor, is the national policy-making body on apprenticeship training. Through this type of training, a veteran may acquire the skills needed to become an all-round skilled worker in any one of the skilled trades; such as a machinist, radio-technician, shipwright, draftsman and many others of a hundred or more fields.

One of the foremost advantages in the apprenticeship over that of a formal education is that a veteran, who is accepted for employment as an apprentice, earns as he learns. His wages increase as he advances from one step of his training to another. In addition to the wages he is paid as an apprentice, a veteran who qualifies receives a monthly subsistence allowance from the Government as provided for by the "GI Bill of Rights". These payments range from \$50 to \$75 a month, depending upon whether or not the veteran has dependents. The only stipulation is that the total amount received by the veteran, including his apprentice wage plus the Government payment under the "GI Bill", may not, at any time exceed the wage rate of the journeymen or skilled tradesman in that field and locality.

Although it varies with the trade, apprentice training lasts in most cases four years. But men who have had previous work experience in a skilled trade, either before entering military service, or while in the armed forces, may receive credit for that experience, and may be given advanced status as apprentices commensurate with their experience, thus enabling them to complete their training ahead of the regular schedule.

In addition to the on the job training, every apprentice receives related supplementary classroom instruction which is usually provided by local public vocational schools. Under most apprenticeship programs apprentices are required to spend at least four hours a week in these classes.

Upon completion of the term of apprenticeship, an apprentice becomes an all-round skilled worker. In recognition of his new status, he is awarded a Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship which is similar to a diploma awarded graduates of a school or college.

BEYOND THE BLUE

By Maury Renek

"Alky Alley"

Albert Alger, was brought up in the swirling swirl of poverty and prostitution. In a few short years he became the toast of the world by becoming the most colorful lightweight champion in boxing history. At the age of three Al, later to become known as Alley because of his technique d'amour, drank a can of Sterno his old man had left on the stove in their cold tenement flat and was baptized into the league of soft drinkers. Thinking that the Sterno was just another can of meat and beans young Alley became hypnotized, even a little cockeyed, on tasting his mistake.

Alky became an orphan at ten when some prankster slipped a drop of milk in his old man's morning appetizer. This had an immediate chemical reaction which made his blood turn into sodium bicarbonate right on the spot. In his own intimate circle of sopper-uppers Pop was known as a gentleman rummy. He had the unique habit and unwilling will-power of never having pinched a barfly on the bottom when he was loaded. Even his bourgeois friends, the chosen ones who had employment, referred to him as a gentleman scholar. Gentleman for the aforementioned reason; scholar because he could read the small type on whiskey labels.

Dat ole Debbil Likker

Alky's lightweight crown began to totter and when it became obvious that 'dat ole debbil likker' was the cause, advertisers of cereal and special processed baby foods took his name off their ads. The DABBS (Daughters of the Anti-Benzedrine and Benedictine Society) held the run-down alcoholic frame of Alky up to the world to show what liquor could do to a man. When it became apparent that Alky would topple from his throne in his next bout the Smokey mountain distillers surrendered en masse to the revenooers.

The K.O. of Joe Beans

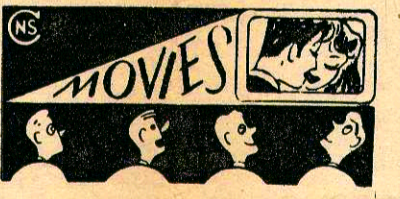
Weaned on a bottle of homogenized scotch, the closest Alky ever came to was at a party where they played spinning-the-bottle. He never had a kind word for his illegitimate mother because she ran away with a demonstrative featherbed salesman three months before he was born. When Al finally arrived she mailed him to the old man C.O.D.

At the age of sixteen Al entered the ring as a professional. His first fight with KO Joe Beans was a bloomer. KO J. Beans hit Al's liquor lined stomach and fractured everything in his arm but his cuticles. The round ended in a TKO victory for Alky when he blew his breath into the ref's face and kicked Beans in the groin. It was in his dressing room right after this fight that Al earned his nickname of Alky. He beat his trainer to a pulp for wasting all the good drinkable rubbing alcohol on his back. This incident put his picture on every sports page and made him a

Hilda und Matilda



— — "Still having censor trouble, I see!" By Marti



PROMENADE THEATER PASSAU

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Wed — Thurs
BEWITCHED starring Phyllis Thaxter and Edmund Gwenn
Plus: Fall Guy, It Looks Like Rain

Fri — Sat
BELL FOR ADANO with Gene Tierney and John Hodiak
Plus: Mother Goose Nightmare

8th Armored Split In Two In Redeployment Shuffle

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

Camp Oklahoma City, Rheims, France — The 8th Armored division, which had waited in enforced idleness for two weeks for its ship to come in, was ordered last week to be split in half. Some 5,000 men will go home with the 8th, while another 5,000 rot longer in France, lacking both 80 points and football prowess. Processing for the trip home long had been completed and letters had been dispatched advising family and friends of our imminent arrival.

No one in the division had under 70 points, and everyone therefore was eligible for discharge this month, but the 5,000 men in the 70 to 80 point bracket were slated to be railroaded to battalions that doubtless will become "lost" as far as prospects of getting home for Christmas go. The division was to be brought up to strength with men from other AAC camps and station complements. It is supposed to ship after two more weeks of processing.

The brass hats announced by way of consolation that even those who leave the division now will be home probably within two weeks of the time the 8th lands.

We had devoted much of recent idle weeks to planning for a long vacation trip, a sort of second honeymoon, when we finally escaped the Army yoke. Planning a trip for November was difficult because of the chilly weather to be expected. But at present rates of progress, the weather will be ideal for swimming.

We had also devoted a lot of time to our first outfits of civilian clothes. The planning had been abetted by several copies of Esquire that appeared in the post libraries — and quickly disappeared. Brown will still be worn this fall.

Posthumous DSC Awarded 331st Combat Veteran

The posthumous award of a Distinguished Service Cross to Pfc. Rex Anderson, Company F, 331st Infantry Regiment has been announced by Third Army Headquarters.

The award was made for the high degree of gallantry displayed by Pfc. Anderson at Kameritz, Germany, April 15. At the time Anderson's platoon was halted by withering enemy machine gun fire from prepared defensive positions. But despite this concentrated stream of murderous fire Anderson advanced to the head of the attacking force of which he was a member, firing his machine gun with devastating effect as he moved forward. He continued to operate his weapon until he was killed.

The heroic, self-sacrificing action displayed by Pfc. Anderson inspired his comrades to move forward and overrun the enemy. This action was cited as being an outstanding example of indomitable fighting spirit and supreme devotion to duty that is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

INVENTION

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Although the efficiency of the plane was improved, George was not completely satisfied. It was still necessary to remove the top of the engine every 30 hours for a complete overhaul when 80-octane gasoline was used. He reasoned that the overhaul was due to the gumming of the valve stems at the point where they entered the valve guide. To eliminate this, Zinsmeister enlarged the valve guide to allow the gases to blow the gum deposited through the recess, permitting free valve movement. Tests showed that the engine so altered ran 150 hours with 80-octane gas without the need for a check-up. There was no sign of gumming.

For his expert handling of a mechanical difficulty, Zinsmeister, now successfully redeployed, was awarded the Legion of Merit on October 4, 1945.

Rush Furloughs Home Expedited

A TWX received by the 83rd Division Headquarters from the American Red Cross Field Supervisor indicates that a more efficient means has now been found to return enlisted personnel to the States when an emergency arises.

According to Paragraph 14, War Department Circular Number 277, 1945 a major change in handling Home Service reports verifying emergencies in cases involving request for furlough reassignment in the United States for overseas army personnel has been made.

To be effective immediately all verifications intended for furlough consideration, whether initiated by Chapters at the request of the family, or in reply to inquiries initiated by Field Directors, will be referred to the Adjutant General's Office Washington, for immediate consideration and decision regarding furlough.

If, in the judgment of the Adjutant General's Office, the circumstances warrant furlough, that office will radio the proper Theater. Serviceman shall be returned home if he desires, provided there is no military reason to the contrary. It is assured that the Adjutant General's Office will act immediately advising the American Red Cross of its decisions.

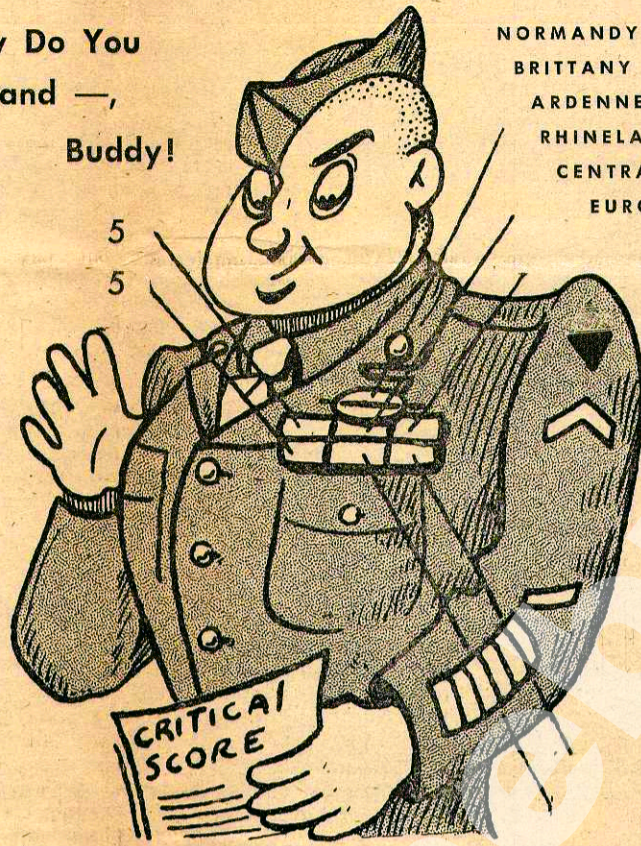
Therefore, in cases initiated in the United States, when the furlough is approved, messages will not be forwarded to the Field Director for delivery to servicemen. In most cases men affected will be enroute home before the message could be delivered.

However when the furlough is denied, a message will be forwarded for delivery to servicemen, if the family requests. Only exceptions to this procedure will be reports for discharging officers or other special reports at requests of military in which servicemen are not informed by American Red Cross.

Birmingham, Ala. — GIs returned from overseas have found these changes in local gals since they went away, according to a survey: (1) they're thinner, (2) they're blonder, (3) they seem more beautiful.

Division Point Breakdown

How Do You Stand — Buddy!



NORMANDY
BRITTANY
ARDENNES
RHINELAND
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EUROPE

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|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|------|
| Critical Score | Enlisted Men | | |
| 70 and over | 45 | 36 to 39 | 517 |
| 66 to 69 | 177 | 30 to 35 | 222 |
| 60 to 65 | 2787 | 20 to 30 | 140 |
| 56 to 59 | 1447 | 15 to 19 | 26 |
| 50 to 55 | 1370 | Under 15 | None |
| 46 to 49 | 285 | Unknown | 77 |
| 40 to 45 | 480 | Volunteers | 39 |
| | | Regular Army | 40 |
| | | Totals | 7795 |

They Just Wind Dog Up And Politely Go To Bed

An answer to the alarm clock shortage has been found by King Co., 330th Regt. Every morning shortly before 6 the CQ is definitely and sometimes rudely awakened by the company's half-grown German Shepherd pup "Freda".

Bouncing Bavarians Of "Ruptured Five" Keep Doughs Happy

Entertainment every night of the week is the boast of Regt. Hq. Co. of the 331st.

Four of seven nights are enlivened by music played by the "Ruptured Five", a group of Bavarians which the company soberly claims is comprised of the Griesbach bourgmeister, forestmeister, firemeister, brewmeister and sheismeister.

S/Sgt. Jules "Mischa" Lockfeld, a former Broadway comic, is chef of staff of "Club Sandwich" which actually does serve sandwiches two nights a week. "Next week," says Lockfeld "we'll have some real American western sandwiches — the wide open spaces between two slices of bread." T/4 Cris Tatman, bartender provides what his title implies.

Two movies and a show round out the week's entertainment.

Freda, an ardent disciple of the early to bed and early to rise school, deems it her duty to see that everyone enjoys the gloomy dampness of these fall mornings. She eagerly precedes the CQ on his morning rounds, and jumps onto each bed, pawing and pulling at the covers as though a large bone were buried there.

In some rooms she is met with a poorly aimed boor and some abusive language but since the throwers' aim is always poor and her knowledge of English is limited, she accepts it all as part of the risk of serving in the Infantry.

Men in the outfit claim she has definite democratic leanings, with no respect for military tradition — she tramples on the CO, Lt. Warren W. Witt, too.

She Was a Lady

SEATTLE — When a sailor fell into the harbor, a woman passerby rushed to his rescue. She pulled him out, then discovered he was wearing no pants. So she pushed him back in again and walked away.

329th DOUGHS TREAT KIDS TO CANDY FEAST

Near Metten, some 100 DP children wait daily for the rides that will start them home and learn meanwhile to occupy themselves with the monotony of camp life. Many are Hungarians. These are the kids who found themselves scattered over Europe in a war that they could only look at with questioning eyes and try hopelessly to understand.

Even now, perhaps, they are not sure what peace has brought except that now they can go home, and not even the wisest can say what that will mean. But surely the rides will come, and somehow the time passes. Three regular meals a day and a place to sleep offer more of security than they have known for a long time.

But on Sunday, the kids had a special treat when 106 of them received a special ration of gum and candy, compliments of 2nd B., 329th, men.

Wednesday was PX day here. At the suggestion of 2nd Lt. John Ramsburg (Co. F, 329) who has charge of the DP camp, receiving stations were set up in each of the companies and collections made on a voluntary basis. Indications are that these men have not forgotten the lure of a candy-counter or the meaning of sweets to kids. Or maybe, as in G Co., it was the promise of the "top-kick" that brought results . . . a promise to award with kisses, anyone who donated all of his rations.

Whatever the reason, on Sunday Oct. 14 the DP kids had candy.

Homeless Germans Provide Big Problem To Frontier Guards

Guarding the Czech frontier, a task begun in mid-June, continues to be the principle activity of Co. L, 330th.

The area involved, which is part of Sudetenland, contains an estimated, 4,000 Germans who desire to return to their fatherland but who lack proper credentials. On one occasion a train bearing 300 various European nationals was held up for three days while waiting for clearance from higher headquarters. The boys really had their hands full.

Currently things are pretty quiet. Occasionally the Czech police participate in bull sessions concerning occupational problems and other topics of international interest. Men pull 24 hours of guard every other day now that redeployment has thinned the ranks.

Travel Tunes Keynote

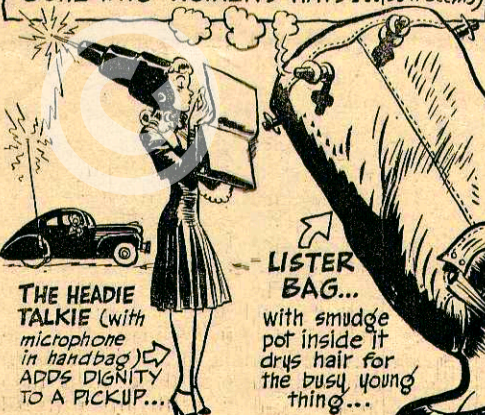
"Sentimental Journey" flared forth from the 329th's Buckshot Band as Hq. and B Cos. gave an unofficial send-off to the 65-69ers at a party last week. Other tunes played forecasting imminent travel were "The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe," and "Pompton Turnpike."

If He Only Knew!

WASHINGTON — Discussing a volunteer enlistment bill, Rep Barden (D, N. C.) proposed furloughing large numbers of soldiers for 30 or 40 days because "many of them would get lonesome for the Army and go back."

Male Call

IF YOU WERE WONDERING WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WITH SURPLUS WAR EQUIPMENT—SOME OF IT HAS GONE INTO WOMEN'S HATS... (so it seems)



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

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Lid Kid

DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU TOO MUCH — there are plenty of chicks who believe it's better with your hat off!

HERE and THERE
IN SPORTS

Raiders Down QM 52-25

Reeder's Raiders made it two straight this week, defeating a picked Quartermaster quintet 52 to 25 Tuesday evening at the Passau sports arena. After a torrid first quarter which ended with the Raider's on the long end of a 16 to 12 score, Reeder's boys went on a scoring spree and were never halted until the final whistle. Beck, QM forward, was high man for the losers garnering 20 points. Cunningham, Raider forward, led the winners attack with 15 points while Wilson and Atkinson tallied 12 each.

Bronc Busters Wanted

Lt. Guy Harrison has the call out for additional Bronc Busters to bolster his small fifteen man football squad. Anyone having either High School or College experience is asked to contact Lt. Harrison at the 330th Regimental Athletic Office.

Bavarian Winter Tip

If you expect to bivouac in Bavaria this coming winter, we offer a bit of a suggestion in the way of winter recreation. Although the Danube is too rough for skating when frozen, there are many small rivers and ponds which will offer many hours of thrills and spills for the skating fan. However, the Army has just related that the supply of ice skates is nil — not frozen — so those of you who enjoy your skates on ice should mail home "snell" for a pair. Skates that are sent from the States within the next few weeks should arrive for the ice-forming weather in early December.

I Wins In 329th League

In the final softball game of the 3rd Battalion league last week, I Company copped the Battalion crown by defeating K Company 12 to 0 on K Company's home diamond. A cold October wind chilled both of K Company's attempts to score in the second and sixth innings.

K Cops Pigskin Crown

King Company of the 330th Infantry has been crowned 3rd Bn. touch football champs after their 12 to 0 defeat of M Company last week. Scoring early in the first half on an end-zone fumble, the Royal eleven never was threatened. Pfc. "Bugs" Buckley intercepted an M Co. pass late in the final period and ran 50 yards for the final touchdown.

331st League Play Stalls

Hq. Co of the 2nd Bn. is awaiting new personnel in the company so the touch football team can be reorganized. In the opening game the team defeated F Co. 17-7.

The King of Sports

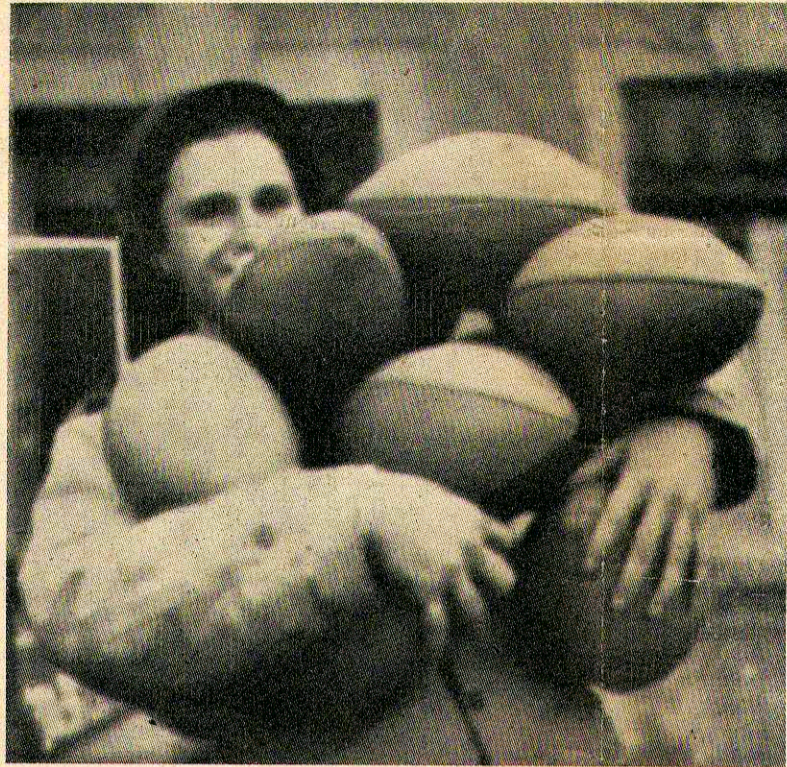
With the recruiting drive in full swing, members of the 330th Regiment have turned their attention to a pin-up campaign with "no strings" attached.

The contest is open to all contestants regardless of age, point score, rank or intelligence — officers, however, may enter upon the approval of the judges — and the beauties picked must be both beautiful and buxomous with an ample amount of clothing attached.

S/Sgt. Salvadore Bones, ardent admirer of the Grable type, states figuratively, "We are making a great contribution to the I and E program by bringing the men face to face with the problems of life which face them now and in the world they are about to enter."

The actual date for the end of the contest has not been decided, but the wide variety of beauties has led many to believe that it might last till "groom's day".

Misplays Put Grid Skids on 331st



MOLESKIN MANAGER — Pfc. Bob Snavelly, 330th Infantry Regiment, brings out an armful of footballs for an afternoon practice session. Snavelly is manager of the 330th "Bronc Busters."

Year's Top Grid Contest To Feature 330th - 331st

Division football fans will get the treat of the pigskin season this Sunday afternoon when the 331st Thundering Herd locks horns with the 330th Bronc Busters for the Division grid title at the Moore Field stadium in Birnbach.

Two evenly-matched grid organizations will take the field to decide the 83rd Division grid title in what looms to be the best game of the season for either team. The 331st aggregation, boasting a season record of one win and one loss, is slightly favored over the heavier 330th eleven. However, coach Guy Harrison of the Broncs has this to say about the out come, "We should win by 36 points. They'll never know what hit them after it's over."

Lt. Bob Clyde, whose charges took a 20 to 6 beating at the hands of the 232nd Infantry last Sunday, states briefly in reply, "My boys are out for sweet revenge after our defeat last Sunday. It's rather unfortunate for the 330th team that we have to take it out on them."

The Bronc Busters from the hills of western Germany have a well-balanced team, a hard-hitting line and a string of fast, hard charging backs. Leading the attack will be S/Sgt. Paul Hyehe, right guard and captain of the team, who is expected to give the Herd plenty of trouble up front. Gene Miller, left half, is a deceptive, fast running back who should prove to be the star of the afternoon in the 330th backfield.

The Thundering Herd, however, is pinning its hopes on its three fast stepping backs, Hurst, Schwalbach and Rhodes, working aggressively from a modified T formation. This combination more than proved itself last Sunday afternoon by piling up eleven first downs to the opposition's four. The forward wall, known as the "Dividing Line," includes such stalwarts as West, Miller, Donnellan, Westerlund and Reagan, all of whom should prove stumbling blocks in the path of any 330th drives for pay dirt.

Transportation to this contest must be provided by each unit desiring to witness the game. Transportation will leave the Oberhaus in Passau at 1 p.m.

Probable starting line-ups:

| 330th Inf. Regt. | | 331st Inf. Regt. |
|------------------|----|------------------|
| Desjarlias | LE | Miller |
| Donner | LT | Smith |
| Morterson | LG | Reagan |
| Witt | C | Westerlund |
| Hyehe | RG | Nesb |
| Key | RT | Donnellan |
| Page | RE | Carrig |
| Harrison | QB | Rhodes |
| Miller | LH | Lingruen |
| Blackstone | RH | Hurst |
| Quinn | FB | Schwalbach |

Kickoff time: 2:30 pm
Place: Moore Field, Birnbach

Intercepted Passes, Fumble Cost Doughs First Defeat 20-6

Three hundred shivering spectators braved a cold October wind to witness a powerful 232nd Infantry grid combo trample a hitherto undefeated 331st Infantry eleven 20 to 6 at Moore Field last Sunday afternoon. Capitalizing on two pass interceptions and a fumble, the 42nd Division "Rainbowmen" powered their way to three touchdowns, scoring in the first, second and fourth stanzas.

Towering Giants Get 104-35 Win In Court League

G Company's "Towering Giants" scored their second straight win of the week at Plattling Arena in a smashing 104-35 victory over 2nd Bn. officers. The Rifleman were easily leading the 329th league and it seemed doubtful if any team could wrest the pennant from them now.

The scoring got off to a rapid start at the opening whistle when the Rifleman nonchalantly eased their way to the officers' basket and gave Ed Zuber a chance to chalk up the first two points. At the end of the quarter, the "Giants" had tallied 29 points to the officers 11. Agile teamwork, speed, and height (Gilmur 6 feet 5 inches, Maberry 6 feet 4 inches, Zuber 6 feet 3 inches) accounted for 30 more points in the second quarter and left the officers dazed and far behind with only 16 points.

Lt. Ray Cobley found the range of the basket in the third quarter and managed with the help of Lts. Bill Etchemendy and Morton Funk to save face for the losers. The score, by now, stood at 80-26.

But it was G Company's game all the way. Maberry, coupling versatile shooting with his advantage of height, racked up 23 points for the Rifleman and was paced by "Chuck" Gilmur's 25 points, Ed Zuber's 35, and Lorenz Sutton's 16.

Gilmur, who was varsity center for three years on the U. of Washington team and anchored that team in '42 for the Pacific Coast Championship over Southern Cal., gave plenty of indication of still having his form. It was Gilmur in the fourth quarter who made the century shot and then went on to a final score of 104-35.

Earlier in the week, the "Towering Giants" had smashed the Hqs. Co. offense with an 82-39 win.

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the know-how in steering the 32 horsepower regular marine power boat that pushes the assault-boat ferry across the river in the face of a current that at times reaches 10 and 15 mile proportions.

Ordinarily the trip across the river is uneventful and only requires three or four minutes time. However, sometimes the engine stops for some reason or other, then the craft drifts downstream until it can be steered into the river bank. Although the craft has drifted down stream several times, once almost a mile at night, the boat and its operators have an accident free record.

Red Ruffling, 232nd left half, skirted around his own right end and through the entire Thundering Herd secondary on a dazzling 45-yard run for the 232nd's first score late in the first period, following a 331st drive which ended with Goodenow's fumble on the 47-yard line.

The 331st Thundering Herd made a desperate attempt to get back into the ball game early in the second period, when Schwalbach and Hurst led a 32-yard drive from their own 18 to the mid-field stripe. Schwalbach's attempted pass to Miller in the flat was intercepted beautifully by Brown, 232nd left guard, who scampered 28 yards for the second Rainbow touchdown of the fray. Ruffling booted the extra point to make the score 13 to 0.

Miller Scores Herd Touchdown

Following the kick-off at the half, the Thundering Herd regained their stride and started a sustained drive from their own 29-yard line which carried them to the Rainbow one yard line. Hurst, Schwalbach and McMillan reeled off sizable gains on several well-executed off-tackle smashes, piling up four first downs. With a first down on the Rainbow one-yard line, the Herd drive stalled for three downs. On fourth down quarterback Rhodes faded back and tossed a short heave to Miller in the end zone for the first and only 331st score of the game. Donnellan's attempted conversion was blocked and the score remained 13 to 6.

Fourth Period Drive Falls

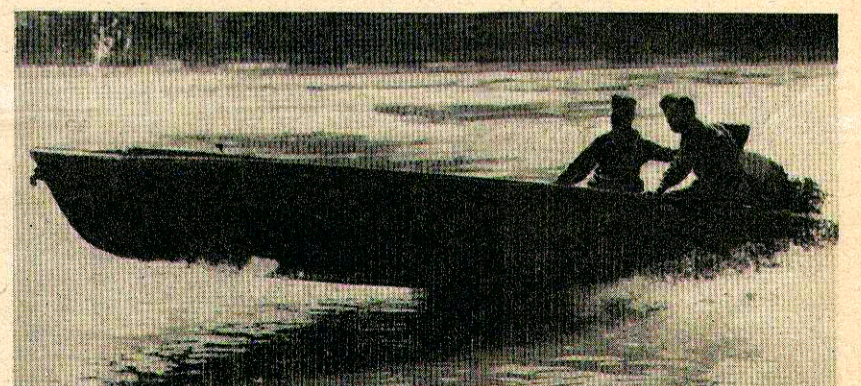
The Thundering Herd with the absence of Hurst, Rhodes and Lingruen, who were injured during the period, took to the air for a final fling at victory in the dying minutes of the game. Goodenow tossed two quick passes to Angarus and Miller for short gains, but the effort was nullified when the Herd lost the vital possession of the ball on Angarus' fumble.

The 331st outplayed the Rainbowmen throughout the game in the statistics department, but their numerous fumbles and pass interceptions proved too costly. The Thundering Herd rolled up eleven first downs to their visitors four. Two of the 331st first downs were netted through the air while the 232nd made one first down via the airways.

Starting Line-ups:

| 232nd Inf. Regt. | Pos. | 331st Inf. Regt. |
|------------------|------|------------------|
| Pataky | LE | Miller |
| Williams | LT | Smith |
| Brown | LG | Reagan |
| Mrotek | C | Westerlund |
| Marchiand | RG | Nesb |
| Grebh | RT | Donnellan |
| Lewis | RE | Carrig |
| Johnson | QB | Rhodes |
| Ruffling | LH | Lingruen |
| Carlson | RH | Hurst |
| Lake | FB | Schwalbach |

232nd Regt. Rainbowmen 6 7 0 7 - 20
331st Regt. Thundering Herd 0 0 6 0 - 6



HOLD 'ER NEWT — A German assault boat gives T/4 Glen Neff and Pfc. Homer Wyman, of Division Artillery, a touch of the old bucking bronco technique on the Danube.