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NEW GOV'T IN UPPER AUSTRIA

Re-enlistments May Hit 1,000 Mark In November

A thousand re-enlistments in the 83rd by the end of November!

That seems to be a terrific toll, but it may very well become a fact, says 1st Lt. Paul H. Bailey, Division Recruiting Officer.

Early this week Lieutenant Bailey said 350 re-enlistments had been approved and that 200 more applications were being worked on. Most of the GIs coming back for seconds are young men who are attracted by the generous provisions of the re-enlistment deal: the furlough to the States, the 5-cent-a-mile travel allowance between the reception center in the U.S. and home, etc.

829th Leads

Quite a number of the men signing up are eligible for discharge under the point system, the lieutenant stated. The 329th Inf Regiment leads all units in the Division with 108 re-enlistees as of November 5. In a sort of informal race with the 42nd Division to see who gets the most

recruits in USFA, the 83rd now is leading.

Furlough Provisions

Re-enlistments are authorized for one year, 18 months, two years or three years. Furloughs depend on the length of previous service. If you've been in OD's more than six months and less than 18 months, you get 30 days' furlough; 18 months to 30 months, 60 days' furlough; over 30 months of service, 90 days.

Alert Co 'L' Doughs Trap 2 High Nazis

Acting quickly on a tip given by a leading citizen of the town of Haidmuhle, Germany, three alert doughs of Company L, 330th Infantry, recently captured two Nazis long sought by both the CIC and the Czech government.

Both of these men were high-ranking Nazis. One was Dr. Richter who had been wanted in connection with atrocities at a concentration camp near Prague, and the other was a member of the Gestapo who gave his name as Kissinger.

CIC sent Company L information that a "Dr. Richter" was thought to be in the vicinity. Quickly the Burgomeister was sought and asked if he suspected anyone in the town to be the Richter personage. He told them of a man who had been a stranger to the town and had been living a secluded life.

S/Sgt. Arthur W. Woodall of Avoka, Iowa, Pfc. Emil F. Condel of Shiner, Texas, and Charles Hetterick of Moscow, Ohio, were sent out to the suspected house, where they trapped Richter and Kissinger. The Doctor, a veteran of a thousand Czech concentration-camp atrocities, readily disclosed his identity. At the same time the boys bagged Kissinger, whom they had not expected to find there. The two men were turned over to CIC for further questioning and investigation.

Two 83rd Units Win Citations

In General Orders that recalled the bitter fighting of last winter two units of the 83d Division were last week awarded Unit Citations for outstanding performances.

The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of the 329th Regiment received the award for its part in capturing 20,000 Germans attempting to escape from France to Germany. The citation notes that after word was received from French informants the I & R Platoon patrolled the entire group until arrangements could be made for their surrender.

Largest Mass Surrender

It was this Platoon which was charged with the task of moving the surrendering troops to surrender areas where they could be disarmed and imprisoned. This was the first and largest mass surrender of the war up to that time and is without parallel in the annals of military history.

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Major General Robert C. Macon, Commanding General of the 83rd, and Dr. Heinrich Gleissner, chief of the new Upper Austria government, shown as they conferred in the General's office at the Landhaus in Linz.

Gen. Macon Pledges Aid To Leaders

Another step toward the achievement of democratic self-government in Upper Austria has been successfully taken with the transition from an appointed civil government to a representative government.

In an impressive ceremony at the Landhaus in Linz on October 31st, a government headed by Dr. Heinrich Gleissner was formally installed.

"I shall do every thing in my power to assist Upper Austria to return to normal living conditions as soon as possible," Major General Robert C. Macon, Military Governor told the new government.

Colonel R. A. Snook who is Commander of the Military Government Detachments in Upper Austria, and Dr. Gleissner both expressed confidence in the ability of the Austrians to establish a democratic government.

This new government replaces the one appointed by the Military Government shortly after they entered the area with the first American troops. The Government established by the previous military administration. No political activities were permitted either within or outside of the government.

One of Pre-war States

Upper Austria corresponds to the area now occupied by the 83d Division. This was one of the eight states in pre-war Austria. The Land Government is the state administration.

In September the Allied Military Government for Austria authorized the formation and activity of three political parties — the Volkspartei, or People's Party, the Socialist Party and the Communists. On October 17 the leaders of these parties in Upper Austria were asked to submit nominations for a new Land Government to Military Government officials. These representatives were then appointed by Military Government on the 27th and formally installed on the 31st of October.

The present government is based on the 1929 Constitution and conforms to the current regulations of the National Government in Vienna.

General Election Set

A general election for Upper Austria is tentatively set for the 25th of November. The principal mission of the present administration is to prepare for this election. Meanwhile the normal governmental functions are in the hands of the civil government.

Military Government continues to act in an advisory position. Major General Robert C. Macon has the dual role of Commanding General of the 83d Division and Military Governor of Upper Austria.

Dr. Gleissner's administration is headed by nine men, five from the People's Party, three from the Socialist, and one from the Communist Party. This relative representation.

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TRIO'S TRIP TO BUDAPEST IS THRILLER

By Pfc Irving E. Shochet

The dusty trail of the "Thunderbolt Across Europe" gained more mileage when three members of the 330th Infantry traveled to Budapest, Hungary. The mission was to insure the safe arrival of 700 DP's by rail and the trip was well laden with surprise and excitement.

The men involved were 1st Lt. T/Sgt John Wolter of New York City, Mirabeau Cavellini of Passaic, N.J., and Pfc. Albert (Tiny) Martanian of Detroit, Mich.

A 3-week Odyssey

T/Sgt Wolter unfolded the tale: "We were ordered to deliver 700 DP's to Pilsen, Czecho-Slovakia." Little did he know that his trip would last three weeks, carry him through Munich, Regensburg, Landshut, Salzburg, and finally Linz, Vienna, and Budapest. Meanwhile they had absorbed 200 more DP's and changed engines no less than seven times.

The people were fed UNRRA rations consisting of dried milk, cheese fish and crackers. The three Americans did everything from supervise the feeding to repairing the engine when it broke down. A major problem arose when the engine was stolen and it took almost a day to get another one. To add to the novelty and excitement already mentioned, a baby was born en route. The blessed event was followed by a mad search for cotton and other baby supplies.

Welcome In Budapest

When they finally reached their goal, which had now become Budapest, they found a charming city and were welcomed with open arms by the populace. They were lodged in a hotel where all modern conveniences were available and found the girls in the city to be extremely attractive.

When questioned as to whether he would like to make the trip again Pfc. Vartanian promptly remarked, "Yes, via airplane."

88 Late, But Troupers Wait

In Wels last week, a small group of "Buckshot" GI's really found out how swell American folks can be even though they do wear civilian clothes rather than Olive Drab. On Friday, Nov. 2nd, Billy Rose's "Diamond Horseshoe Revue" played to a packed house in the City Auditorium. Due to a misunderstanding a few truckloads of soldiers thought there would be a second performance that evening. The Joes entered the hall to find the cast just leaving and, no doubt, eager to flop in their not-too-elaborate billets.

The guys and gals from back home, realizing that the men had traveled many uncomfortable miles in "Six By's", and not wanting to disappoint them, decided that something could be done to rectify the SNAFU. And they went right ahead and did it, with no hesitation. Within a few minutes they had changed into their costumes once again, the house lights went on, and the curtain opened as the band smashed into the overture. Yes, every single member of the troupe cooperated in putting on a full-length, unabridged show—just so that 88 boys in uniform wouldn't be left out.

The Good Earth

NEWARK, N.J.—A letter received at the Office of Dependency Benefits explained that the writer's check was lost while her husband was plowing.

"We have dug tons of dirt, but the check still remains planted. Please inform me if anything can be done about it," the letter said. A postscript added: "If it comes up and bears I won't need any allotment."

Rose Finale Tonight

Final performance of the Billy Rose Diamond Horseshoe Revue is scheduled at Steyr tonight.

Feature performers of the USO version of the Broadway production who have performed in the Division area for nine days are: Tony Farar, comedian; Irene O'Conner, ballerina, Lew Baker, Harmonica virtuoso; Art Barry and Marion Bradle, singers; Wilfried Gregory Trio; and Pansy, the Horse.

'Luxury Train' To Oberhaus

Already a luxurious set-up, the system of passes to the Oberhaus, the Division Rest Center at Passau, has been further enhanced by the establishment of a daily train service.

Thunderbolt men going to the Oberhaus for a three-day pass now may travel both ways in luxurious comfort, according to Lt. Merritt Kufferman, Division Entertainment Officer.

Meals In Diner

"The Oberhaus Leave Train," says Lt. Kufferman, "is one of the finest and most comfortable trains on the Continent." Meals are served in the dining car, which is a touch of home 83rd GI's haven't had since they left New York or Boston or Norfolk.

The train carrying Oberhaus-bound men leave Linz at 10 o'clock forenoon, and arrives at Spitzkehre, near the Oberhaus, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Stops are made along the way at Wels, Lambach, Attnang, Ried and Scharding. Returning, the train leaves Spitzkehre at 4 o'clock and reaches Linz at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Daily Quotas

There is a daily quota of 110 men from the Division. Each unit has its quota.

Features of the Oberhaus already are known to most 83rd men. They include fine meals, luxurious sleeping quarters, dancing and entertainment every night, good beer, etc. And for three days the total cost to the individual GI is only 5 schillings, half a buck.

"HUBBA HUBBA" TICKETS

Tickets for the performances of "Hubba, Hubba," featuring the acrobatic and juggling Four Phillips, former Ringling Brothers Circus performers, will go on sale at the Box Office of the Landes Theatre Wednesday, November 14. The Box Office is open from 0900-1100 and 1230-1700 daily. Admission is five schillings and GIs may bring dates to the show which will play on the nights of November 18, 19, 20 and 21.

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83rd's Movie Schedule

Central

1400-1845-2045

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Nov. 10, 11, 12: "The Story of G.I. Joe"
Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13, 14: "The Affairs of Susan"
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15, 16: "Barbary Coast"
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17, 18: "A Thousand and One Nights"

330th Infantry

Sunday and Monday, Nov. 10, 11: "Wonder Man"
Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13, 14: "Vanities"
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15, 16: "Week End at the Waldorf"
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17, 18: "To Have and To Have Not"

Red Cross

Sunday, Nov. 11: "The Great John L."
Sunday, Nov. 18: "Blond Fever"

308th Medics

Sunday and Monday, Nov. 11, 12: "Conspirators"
Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13, 14: "Wonder Man"
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15, 16: "Vanities"
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17, 18: "Week End at the Waldorf"

308th Engineers

Sunday and Monday, Nov. 11, 12: "Vanities"
Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13, 14: "Week End at the Waldorf"
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15, 16: "To Have and To Have Not"
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17, 18: "The Conspirators"

DivArty: Nov. 11-20.

"The Corn is Green," "Don Juan Quilligan," "Brewster's Millions," "Affairs of Susan," "Our Vine's Have Tender Grapes."

329th Infantry: Nov. 11-20.

"Nobody Lives Forever," "Between Two Women," "Without Love," "Big Sleep," "Back to Bataan."

331st Infantry: Nov. 11-20.

"Beside Manner," "The Southerner," "The Story of G. I. Joe," "Captain Kidd," "Body Snatcher."

329's Swing It On Wels Floor

The First Battalion, 329th Infantry, held a sparkling all-company dance Tuesday at the Wels Auditorium in the town of Wels. Playing for the crowd was the 329th Regt. dance band featuring Andy Volini with Skip Bennett on the vocals. Said Pfc "Bud" Budris of Waterbury, Conn., "Cheez, that's solid — listen to that alto sax give out!"

USO SHOW By Tienken



G-TWOING

With The Editor

On the advice of a friend we stopped in the other morning at the office of the American sponsored lending-library for the civilians of Linz. A couple of English speaking frauleins made the visit painless and interesting.

If you've been in Linz you probably remember the streamlined store front with the blue and grey front. Pictures of prominent American statesmen and military leaders are prominently displayed in the windows.

At present the library is functioning on the second floor in a room large enough to turn around in at least twice. But we were told that the store is being remodeled and will soon house the library.

Both translations and English text are in heavy demand by the local residents. While we were there a well-dressed Austrian returned a copy of the Penguin Book "Island Victory."

Books Scarce

Another visitor to the library, a Doctor from Vienna who also spoke English, told us that all types of reading material were in great demand. Magazines and books that formerly sold as waste paper now bring higher prices than the original cost. The public libraries have mostly old technical books and old novels.

The Doctor also said that between the Germans and the Russian troops that liberated Vienna his personal library had been neatly done away with. The Germans forced him to contribute books for the Wehrmacht.

The Russians destroyed everything that looked like it might have some connection with Nazism. He mentioned one book in particular which was a violent attack against Nazism written by a Jesuit priest. A swastika was printed in the title. The non-German speaking Russian troops destroyed it.

The Thunderbolt office is thinking of moving out into the suburbs and carrying on an ascetic existence in some secluded air raid shelter.

As our name implies, we have relations with the public, but—here's what went on in the course of a recent afternoon:

What? No Food?

At 1 o'clock three Yugoslavs dropped in and in their most polished Croatian asked us for their Red Cross food packages. Seconds after they left a polyglot, ex-Mauthausen prison camp inmate requested us to edit the English version of his quadri-lingual biography.

No sooner had we dug our way out of SS cremation procedure than a Parisian UNRRA woman bobbed in, looking for Station KOFA.

Next came an unusual-looking Pfc with an unintelligible speech. We laughed him off, not knowing he was a Rumanian Major General, and read through another atrocity story before two real Pfc's filed in. The first wanted to know where to set up the new winterized water point. The second wondered "if I marry a German national, can she stay here in Austria?"

As the Pfc's sailed out they landed

One Meat Ball



This tune rates in the first ten on our own Hit-Parade. Marilyn Maxwell, shown taking a swing at one ball, is far up the list on our Pin-up Parade.

on a timid DP, who was only going to ask us for a permit to buy a ton coal.

We started to barricade the door when a smooth blonde with a broken "Oxford" accent waltzed in, wanting a passport to her home in Capetown, U.S.A. (Union of South Africa) no kidding!

Jazz Bandits Steal 330th Spotlight

Special Service of the 330th Inf Regiment has unveiled its latest sensation, something new in entertainment — the Jazz Bandits.

Moulded around Tiny Tuck, whose hot trumpet gained renown at the Waldorf-Astoria, the thieves of rhythm are currently playing the various companies on the 330th circuit. Also featured are Harry Bills of Georgia Network fame on the drums, Mike Santy who plays a sweet sax, and Tom Martin, the Kingpin of the keyboard.

The Jazz-Bandits have an extra special arrangement of "Lady of Spain" and "Dreams" but the levers of jive are treated to such hep numbers as "One O'Clock Jump."

MORT G. STRAINS PEEPERS

Goober King Has Bad Start, Good Finish

Pfc. Morton Q. Goobergrabber was walking on his lower lip the other day. He saw his name on a promotion memorandum and rushed to the supply room to get a set of Tech-Sergeant stripes. "At last," he thought, "they have realized my rue worth."

The supply sergeant brought Mort back to earth. He looked at the order and reminded Mort that he "T.S." opposite Mort's name on the sheet did NOT stand for Tech Sergeant.

So the former Carolina Goober King was indeed sad. Something had to be done. "Mort," said the editor, "go cover that Billy Rose show. It'll take your mind off your troubles."

It took his mind off his troubles all right. Mort looked at those six foot-plus dollies in the chorus and his eyes are still sticking out like

a Louisiana bullfrog. His neck has a 60-degree upward tilt.

"Yes, those tomatoes were indeed choice," says Mort dreamily. "And did you get those Pepsodent smiles? And those—uh—EYES?"

Yes, yes, Mort, but what about the other acts? "What other acts?" says he, "Oh yeah, you mean Pansy the Horse and all them. To tell the truth, I didn't pay much attention to 'em, except when one guy sang, I Got Plenty of Nothin. He sure wasn't lying."

There's no truth to the rumor that an usher had to pry the field glasses off Mort's eyeballs when the show ended. On the other hand, the Editor has decided to cover this week's Variety Show himself.

Mort was telling us about the baseball fan who asked another fan, "Are you a Dodger fan?" "No," replied the other, "I'm an Athletic Supporter." Don't shoot!

Digging The Band

by James Beadling

A solid note was sounded last week in the Division Band with the arrival of our new commanding officer, CWO Paul Larson. Accompanying him were a crew of 27 fine musicians from the 83rd Division, with these new men and the few who were left behind by the 26th and 83rd Div., we hope to really keep this burg jumpin' like ma' for all you local cats.

The 354th Regiment dance band is now a part of the 83rd Div Band, a group of terrific jazz men who will be playing especially for the boys out at the regiments and companies. This band is under the capable leadership of Al Lisi, formerly with Vaughn Monroe.

Eddie Erbs is Solid

One of our great "ma' jazz men is S/Sgt Eddie Erbs. He was formerly with Stan Kenton before entering the Army. We know all you fellows will become acquainted with Eddie shortly because of his fine personality and good musicianship. He is leader of our big dance band and also one of our small combos. The big band will keep you jumpin' all the time, and plays about three nights a week here in Lnz.

Eddie's small combo, with Karl Bogosch on trumpet, Russ Stadheim tenor, Al Anderson bass, Dick Chagnon drums, Vince Salerno piano and Eddie on the alto sax, are a fine jazz band and alternate nights between the Red Cross and the Officers Club. They also are playing afternoon engagements and working some of the EM clubs. Don't fail to hear this reet outfit.

Officers Dance Nightly

For the benefit of officers who like jazz, we have a band in the Officers' Club every night and Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Full credit for nightly dancing to good American music goes to the club manager, Lt. Barber.

Don't forget: Stick to jazz and leave the long-hair stuff to the long-hairs. Till next week, watch the bulletin boards to see where the bands are playing.

International Talent Will Appear In Variety Show

A two-hour, eleven-act variety show straight from a successful Vienna run has been booked for the Landes Theater in Linz for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 11, 12, 13 and 14 November.

International in talent, the cast includes some of the best acts from all over the world. A four man acrobatic team from China, an African fire-eater, an Oriental Dancer, and dancers, comedians, and jugglers from Central Europe compare favorably with the best vaudeville talent now playing in the States.

Admission Charge

An admission price of five shillings will be charged. Tickets may be secured in advance at the booth in the lobby of the Landes Theater from 0900-1100 and 1230-1730 daily. The advance sale began Wednesday, but some seats are still available.

Arrangements to secure the show for Regimental appearances are under the direction of the Regimental Special Services. This is not a USO show and admission charges must be made to defray the cost.

If the complete show is not booked for appearances in Wels and Steyr, individual acts may be secured through the Division Special Service Booking Agency at the Landes Theater.

Eleven Acts

The eleven acts include Lerite, a toe dancer; Bingo and Company, comedians and musicians; Lazzar Sisters, acrobatic dance team; Bery Roberts, Oriental Dancer; Ballint, a foot juggler; Dorit and Lereita, tango

dancers; Mac Turc and Company, comedians and jugglers; Ali, the African fire-eater; Vera Smirnoff, a Mississippi Fantasy; Lisa Turc, acrobat; and the Four Asia Boys, a tumbling act.

A five piece band provides the accompanying music. The entire show is under the direction of Luigi Silvestre, a Vienna producer.



Bery Roberts is Austria's version of Little Egypt. She appears in the Variety Show here tomorrow.

Furloughs In Europe For Civilian Jobs

Thirty-day leaves in Europe may now be granted Army personnel being discharged to accept governmental positions, according to an announcement by USFET.

The minimum period of employment for U. S. citizens will be for the duration of their job or for one year, whichever is shortest, with one exception. Those who do not go home for the 30-day leave period may sign up for six months of civilian work, even though the job might be of longer duration. Persons who sign up for six months and do not return to the U. S. on leave may still take their 30-days rest in Europe, the USFET announcement said.

Information concerning civilian employment for those eligible for discharge can be obtained from unit personnel officers. Jobs range in pay from 2,769 dollars annually for Laboratory Helper, Dental Assistant, and telephone and teletype operators, to 6,085 dollars for architectural, civil and landscape engineers and German-speaking trial lawyers.

There is a scarcity of application forms despite efforts to obtain them from higher headquarters.

329'ers Hiss - - But 'Two Doors' Is Hit

A well-received stand of the USO show, "Two Doors," a five act mystery, featured the entertainment at Wels for the doughboys of the 329th's First Battalion at Wels Auditorium during the past week.

The Billy Rose Diamond Horseshoe Revue played for two nights but the heroine-villain combine of the mystery thriller was more roundly applauded. Good-humored hissing met the villain, played by Hilda Vaughan.

The heroine, Peggy Lyons, broke the grip that threatened her happiness and was rescued from a hidden vault where she had been left to perish. Other members of the cast were: Nolon Luxford, Dan Lonseberry, John Stetten, Frank Anton, Alice Turner, Francis Beck, Mel Tyler, and George Bleasdale.

Wanted: Announcers

Radio Station KOFA, Linz, needs radio announcers. All men with radio-announcing experience are urged to telephone, write, or apply in person to the Division Special Service Officer at once.

MANY 331ST MEN DECIDE ON SECONDS

If you want to see an office in action just go to the Reenlistment room of the Personnel Office of the 331st Infantry Regiment. The office is filled from morning till night with soldiers who want more of Army life.

Four enlisted men, Pfc. Richard A. McFall, Russell C Heater, Thomas A Hannon, and John D. Stewart, working under the direction of 2nd Lt. Donald H. Pickett, the regimental recruiting officer, are attempting to rush the applicants to the States for their furloughs.

The office handles from ten to forty applicants each day. Some of the men desiring to reenlist go to their battalion recruiting officer, but most come directly to the Regiment.

The first day the applicant fills out his application, signs a discharge, and is fingerprinted. In approximately a week's time the applicant is given his mustering-out pay, gets his reenlistment allowance and is sworn into the Army again. About ten days after the soldier applies for reenlistment he is on his way to a Reinforcement Depot and on his way home.

Of the soldiers that go through the Enlistment Room, about 99 % are Pfc's, the majority are low-pointers, and most fellows sign up for the one-year term.

Widow Crashes, Driver Dashes For PRO Scoop

Pfc. Norman E. Taylor, the new driver for the Public Relations office is a very adaptable fellow; he learns fast.

He was given the extra-curricular mission of delivering Capt. Paul of Div. Arty. and an unidentified Lieutenant to the R. 87 landing strip outside of Linz. He proceeded to scoop all the local Zeitungen on the crash of a Black Widow night fighter.

As they were coming within sight of the strip, Taylor's party was soundly buzzed by a hitherto unseen and unheard plane. The ship came into view and manifested one dead motor. It seemed to be acting not too sanely, causing experienced plane-watcher Taylor to exclaim, "that job's going to crash." The Captain disagreed, declaring, "no he'll set that down alright." Norman E., insistently "no sir, he's going to crash right over there." The Captain, confidently, "no I'm sure he isn't." Taylor, emphatically, as the plane went into a stall, "the hell he aint... sir!, and we're going to be there when he does." Whereupon the press jeep took off over a plowed field... against the grain.

"How you riding back there Lieutenant?" queried Taylor, as the vehicle turned two front flips and landed upright. "Pretty rough, pretty rough," replied the oscillating officer. Taylor rolled to a three point landing at the spot he figured the errant Widow would make a not so perfect one pointer. Seconds later there was a terrific splatt!, concerning which Capt. Paul had this to say, "By gosh she did pile up, didn't she?" The blood besmeared, badly banged-up pilot climbed out of the flaming mass that was his airplane, and was helped into an ambulance which arrived on the scene a few seconds hence.

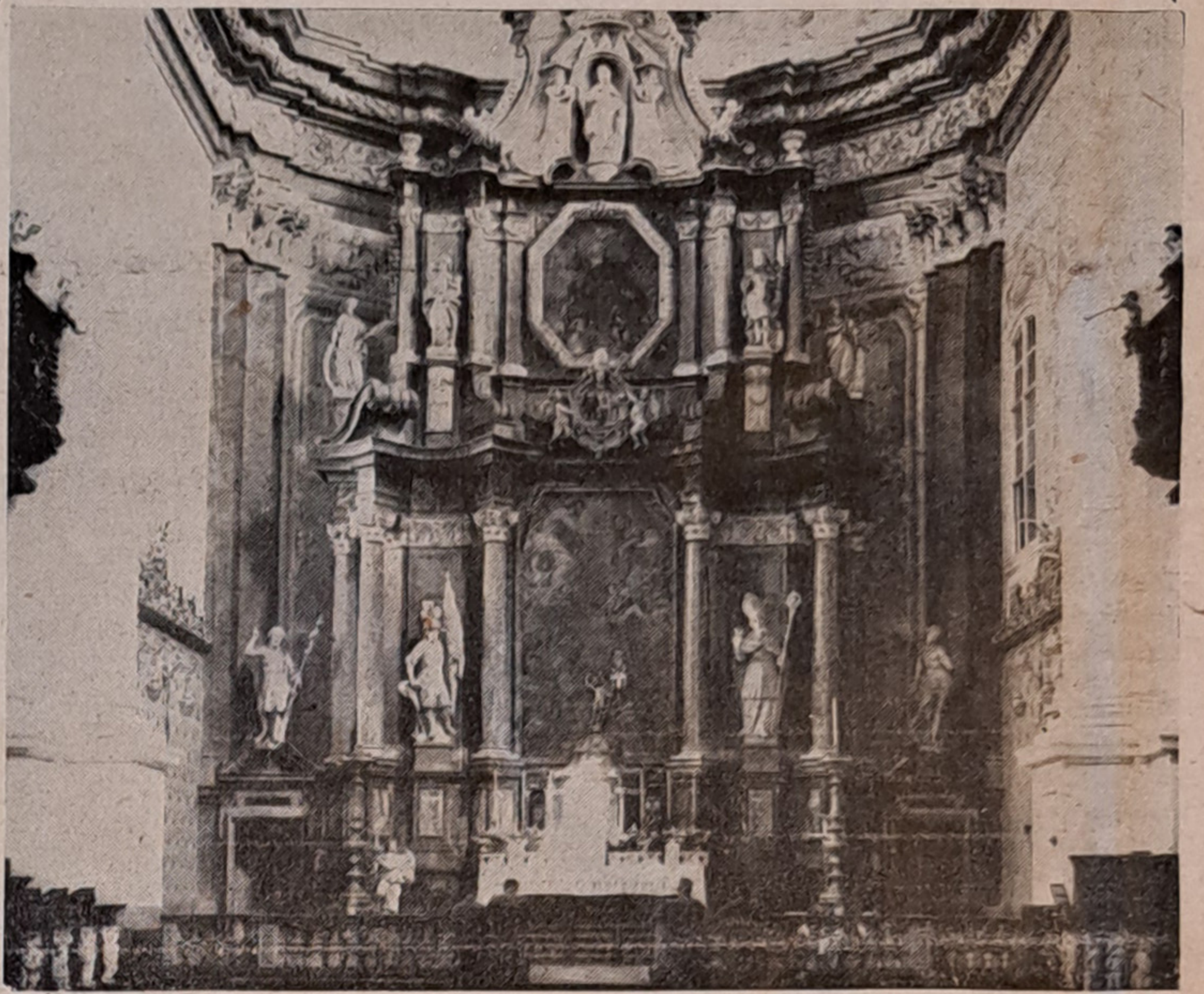
An officer at the field, who saw the whole incident, raced to the spot, and arrived shortly after the crash. He was heard to say, "Boy, that press is on the ball, I was sure I'd be the first one here but when I did arrive, their jeep is sittin' there like it was tipped off about this."

Passes Up Payrolls

MARCH FIELD, Calif.—Thirty-four months in the Army without ever meeting a pay call is the record of one GI here. He is S/Sgt M. H. Brantner of Portland, Or., who said: "I've put all my pay into War Bonds."

Brantner said he accumulated about 3,500 dollars in War Bonds during his Army time.

Region's Colorful Past Revealed In Visit To St. Florian Monastery



THE MONASTERY'S FAMOUS ALTAR.

By Frederick E. Weaver

High on a hill overlooking the peaceful little village of Markt St. Florian stands one of the most ancient and historic landmarks in central Europe, The Abbey of St. Florian. As a religious shrine, the monastery dates back to 304 A. D., when a devout Christian called Valeria recovered the body of Florianus from the Enns River, after the soldier had been martyred and thrown there for failing to denounce his Christian faith.

Valeria buried Florianus at the site of the Abbey and was later buried there himself, when the legend began that veneration to St Florianus would be rewarded by miracles.

Scene of Many Battles

Down through the ages, numerous and bitter religious wars have been fought over the shrine and in one of these the body of Florianus was lost. That of Valeria, however, still lies in the crypt below the high altar. Also due to the destruction wrought by the wars, the Abbey has been rebuilt and enlarged many times, and in several different architectural styles.

In 1060 a Bishop from Passau invited the Augustinian Canons to take it over and renovate it. They accepted, and started to build a great Roman Church, but in the 13th century the plans were changed and Gothic architecture was chosen.

After Christendom's great victory over the Turkish hordes in the 17th century, tremendous fortunes were appropriated to rebuild and enlarge the monastery in Baroque design. Carlone, a renowned Italian architect, devoted his entire life to the task of creating the splendid and intricately ornate chapel as it stands today. After Carlone's death, a Tyrolean named Prandtauer finished the job with the completion of the library and several wings.

Paintings Are Brilliant

The halls are hung with brilliant and vivid paintings of historic religious figures, all done by the Family of Altomonte, father and son. The library's hand-carved shelves contain more than 125,000 books and documents, some modern, some ancient.

Also preserved in the bibliotheca are priceless, jeweled crucifixes and rings donated by Europe's ancient royalty and worn by the Abbots of the past.

The Abbot is the head of the monastery, and 14 of them are buried below the nave of the church.

Anton Bruckner, the famous composer and pupil of Beethoven, is buried beneath the gigantic organ, from which he is said to have received the inspiration for much of his work. Born at Ansfelden, between St. Florian and Enns, Bruckner sang and taught at the monastery and, near the end of his life, in Vienna, he requested to be buried there. To this day, the children of Markt St. Florian gather in the chapel to sing his Te Deum and parts of his Masses.

The Lighter Side

Incidentally, Dog Company of the 331st is quartered in one of the wings, so if visitors seek a momentary diversion from the solemnity of the atmosphere, they can join a touch football game in the main courtyard, or drop in for a boilermaker at the Yankee Doodle Club, the company beer hall.



THE SPACIOUS LIBRARY AT ST. FLORIAN ABBEY.



"Bingo" is the ace comic of the forthcoming Variety Show.

Ried EM Now In 'Cafe Society'

Men of the 2nd Battalion of the 329th Inf have broken into cafe society with the opening of the EM Club in Ried. The opening night gathered momentum with the advent of 11% brew to this former hot-spot of the Yankee Division, which until now has been laboring under spiritless 2.5.

With the inauguration of night life in Ried also came Fine Arts in the form of 35 mm film. 2nd Lt. Morton Funk and T/5 Harold Karasick, informed that these "hills" had never known a 35 mm circuit, decided it was time for a new order.

After a pilgrimage to Regensburg and a "snow-job" that will go down in annals as unprecedented, the go-getters returned with the goods. Three nights later, Tallulah Bankhead was proving to her men that "Catherine Was Great" from the screen of Theatre Number 1.

Makes Own Grenades

SANTA ANA AAF, Calif.—Cpl Carmen Roccia helped manufacture hand grenades at Dunkirk, N.Y., before entering the service. He used the same missiles against the Japs in the Pacific, where he was wounded.

For Crying Drinkers

TOLEDO, Ohio—A local glass manufacturing concern has announced that it has perfected a tear-shaped beer bottle.

SPORTS SCHNAPP- SHOTS

by Vince O'Keefe

Lt. Bob Clyde's Thundering Herd, down at the 331st Regiment, would have been one of the top regimental football teams in the Third Army this year, if we hadn't moved from Third Army to USFA in mid-season.

With Harry Hurst, John Schwalbach and Stew McMillan alternating at ball-carrying, the Herd has developed a smooth running attack. Hurst won one recent game and cinched another with long jack-rabbit runs right through the opponents' secondary late in the game.

Hurst, Schwalbach and Tackle Dave Donnellan of the 331st would have been strong candidates for the All-Third Army eleven. Watch 'em today against the 242nd Regiment (42nd Division) at Steyr and see for yourself.

Due to circumstances beyond our control (notice how those big words fill up a column quick?), we can only shadow-box about basketball news this week.

Benny Montcalm, Div athletic NCO, and his gang are busy fixing up the big gymnasium in Linz, however, and it'll be ready for use next week.

Not many GIs realize that the Germans and Austrians are not a basketball-playing people. As a result, there are few gymnasiums, and those invariably are filled with rings, horses, etc., for gymnastics, a favorite Teutonic sport.

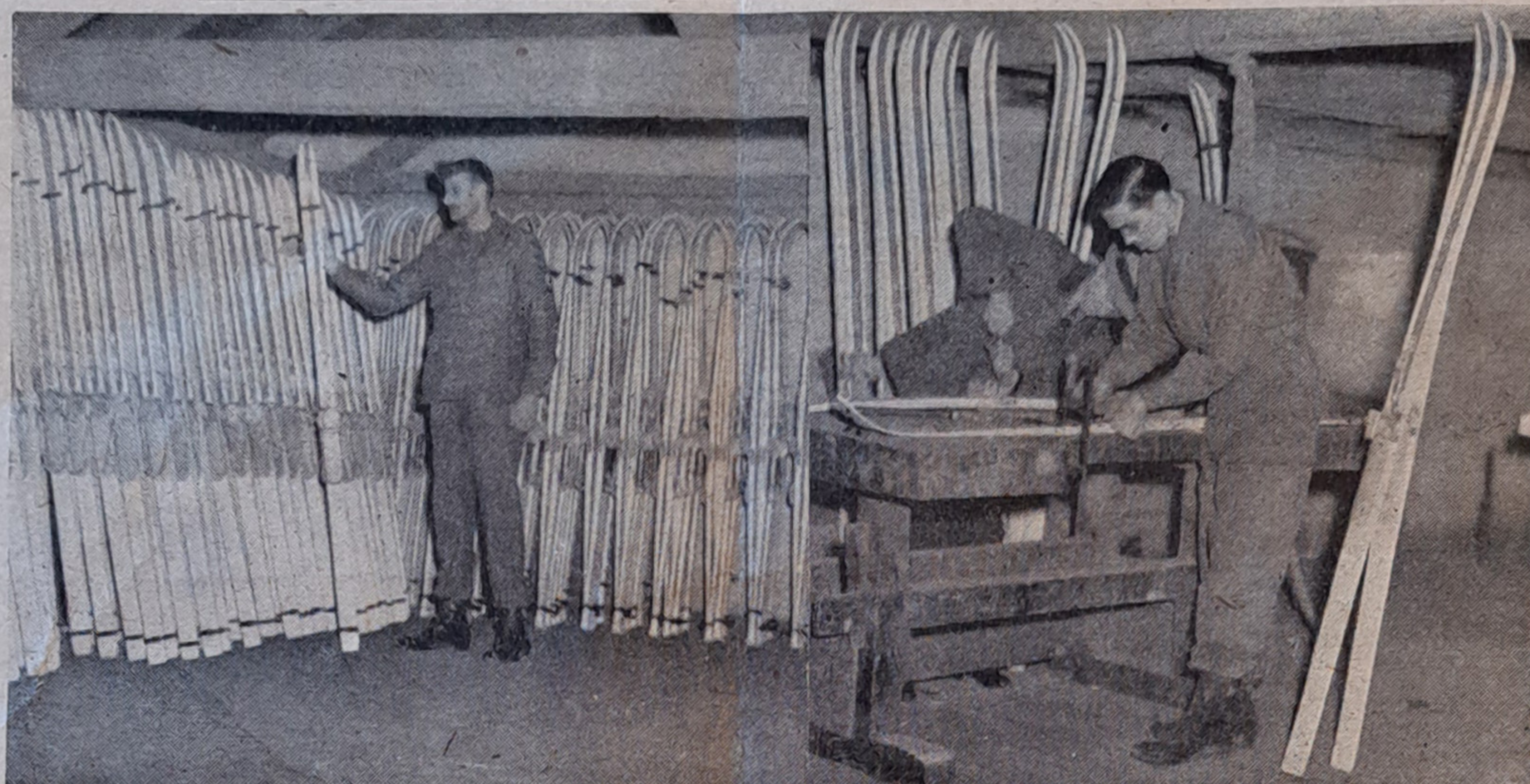
Stars and Stripes relates how the 102nd Division has had to reconvert old dance halls, airplane hangars, etc., for its hoop practices. Looks like we may have to follow suit.

When you get to skiing—now there's something these people down here know about. Some of the greatest names in the skiing world—Schroll, Pfeiffer and others too numerous to mention—came from this section.

If the Division's ambitious skiing program is carried through, the 83rd should lead any division in the ETO in slalom sharpies before the winter's out.

Gather 'round those radio sets tonight, men—it's Army vs Notre Dame . . . Washington and Alabama, still the leading contenders for the Rose Bowl nomination, are both idle today . . . If Washington does go to the Bowl, one man who should be admitted free and given a gold-plated TS ticket will be Jimmy Phelan; Jimmy was bounced as Washington's coach three years ago; now he's coaching St. Mary's, which has the best record on the Coast this fall but can't go to the Rose Bowl because the Western bid always goes to the Pacific Coast Conference champion . . . St. Mary's, like Santa Clara, is not in the Conference.

331st Gridders Play Tomorrow



GETTING THE STAVES READY — Hundreds of pairs of skis are being renovated and equipped with bindings by Div Special Service. Left — Cpl Del (Shorty) McCall of Clinton, Iowa, in charge of the ski workshop, looks over some of the "boards." Right — one of the ten Austrian experts at work repairing the skis.

Mike Co Gridders Win Touch Crown

With the move out of the mountains of Bavaria to the city life of Linz, the 3rd Battalion, 330th, called finis to a month, long touch football tournament. When the smoke had cleared it showed Mike Company on top with six wins and two losses for a .750 average.

Six, man teams, representing all companies in the battalion, had been battling it out each afternoon for the championship of the Third Battalion. Competition was keen throughout the season, with teams evenly matched. Hq Co ran a close second to Mike.

The final standings:

	Won	Lost	Tied
Mike	6	2	0
Hq	4	2	2
Item	3	3	2
Love	3	4	1
King	1	6	1

Pfc Paul Proves Ping Pong Peer

Winners of the recent ping pong and horseshoe tournaments in the Third Battalion of the 330th Inf Regiment have been awarded with first chance on pass and furlough privileges.

The winner and champion paddler is Pfc Paul S Ward of K Co. Each company sent winners of platoon contests to the Battalion meet. The steady eye and hand of Ward proved too much for the rest of the field.

In the horseshoe tossing, both singles and double tournaments were held. Item Company holds undisputed championship. S/Sgt Clarence Hilsbeck defeated T/4 Patrick Odato of Headquarters to take the singles contest. Hilsbeck teamed with S/Sgt O'Brien to win the doubles meet.

Division Has 5 Good Tennis Courts in Linz

The Div Athletic Office reminds tennis players of the 83rd that five good courts are available here in Linz, and that there seems to be plenty of time to play, while the unusually mild weather holds out. The courts are located on the Coulin Strasse, just a couple of blocks from the end of the main streetcar line. There are civilian operators and instructors on duty at the courts.

Fruit Salad Note: 3 New Ribbons Due

Eligible soldiers may add as many as three new ribbons to their left tunic following authorization of the American Theatre, Victory and post-Pearl Harbor Medals and accompanying ribbons. However, no additional points go with the awards.

Not yet available in the ETO, the Victory and post-Pearl Harbor awards will be presented to all members of the armed forces who have served honorably at any time since December 7, 1941, in the United States or any other theatre of operations.

The American Theatre medal and accompanying ribbon will be awarded to any soldier who has performed twelve months of honorable service in the United States. The service does not have to be continuous and temporary duty in the U.S. may be counted as time towards the award.

Coin Flip for Discharge

FORT THOMAS, Ky.—Cpl P. A. Testa and Pfc Joseph Maiuro both had 90 points but because of their outfit's quota for discharges only one could go. So they flipped a coin. Maiuro won. Testa kept the coin for a souvenir.

New Government

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sentation was agreed to by the party leaders themselves.

From 1920 until Hitler's invasion of Austria, Dr. Gleissner served in the Land Government. From 1934 until the Anschluss in March 1938, Gleissner was Governor of Upper Austria.

He was arrested immediately after the Hitler proclamation of "Greater Germany" and imprisoned in Dachau and Buchenwald until early in 1940. At this time Gleissner was released and sent to work in the war industries in Berlin.

During the fight for Berlin, Gleissner escaped and made his way into Austria. In the first government established by MG after the entry of American troops into Austria, Dr. Gleissner served as Secretary of Agriculture.

Skiing Program To Be Big One

Thunderbolts will have skiing on a big-time scale this winter. Special Service announces that a program of 3-day passes to several of the foremost skiing centers in Germany and Austria will be inaugurated in the last week of November and continue through the winter.

Under the supervision of Lt. Merritt Kufferman and Corporal Shorty McCall, a crew of ten Austrian experts has been busy for two weeks assembling and renovating hundreds of pairs of skis. These will be made available both at the skiing resorts and at the various unit Special Service offices who might have separate skiing plans of their own.

There will be regular train trips to the skiing centers, similar to the Oberhaus Leave Train. The three-day skiing passes will combine all the features of the Oberhaus leaves, plus the thrill and enjoyment of riding the boards, which is a pastime that's hard to beat, especially in this area, which ranks with Norway and Sweden as a breeding ground for some of the world's greatest skiers.

Civilian instructors will be on hand at all skiing grounds, and there will be enough of them to handle all men wishing help.

Further details on the location of the ski resorts and train schedules will be announced soon, according to Special Service.

Buckshot Boys Well Scattered

The "Thunderbolt's" 329th Regiment is now settling down and beginning to take advantage of some of the opportunities offered by its new occupation area in Upper Austria. The first unit to move down from Germany, the "Buckshots" relieved the Yankee Division's 104th Infantry in taking over the largest area in the 83rd's zone.

The companies find themselves more or less spread out in looking at the map, which shows that Regimental Headquarters is in Eferding, 1st Bn. at Wels, the 2nd at Ried, while the 3rd's Headquarters is in Scharding. This gives Message Center peeps a lot of gas to burn and no time to waste, as the Regimental area takes in a few hundred square miles.

Special Service at Bad Schallerbach is laying plans for an all-out entertainment schedule for the various outfits, while the Regimental I and E Section will soon open a University, M-1, 1945, in the same town.

All in all, things don't look too rough and many of the fellows are finding definite advantages in the fact that Austria is considered to be a liberated nation, and not a conquered one. Whether it's Deutschland or Österreich, they still go for Amerikanische Zigaretten and Schokolade.

DIV CHAMPS SCORE OVER RAINBOW U.

After taking Rainbow University into camp, 12-0, last week at Zell-Am-Zaa, the 331st Infantry football team will play the 242nd Infantry of the 42nd Div at Peale Field in Steyr tomorrow afternoon at 1400.

Led by its captain, Sgt Dave Donnellan, former University of Wisconsin ace, the 331st's Thundering Herd will sport a record of three victories and one defeat when it lines up for the kickoff.

The Herd already holds the 83rd Div crown by virtue of its victory over the 330th a few weeks ago.

Tomorrow's Line-up

The probable line-up for the home eleven will have Clarence Lossin and Joe Russo at ends, Donnellan and George Sullivan at tackles, Jim Regan and Bill Nese at guards. Al Musuraca at center, Stewart McMillan at quarter, Mel Singer and Harry Hurst at halves and John Schwalbach at full.

Blocked from payoff dirt twice in the first half by the Rainbow U. boys—another 42nd Div outfit—the 331st cashed in on two touchdowns runs in the second half. Schwalbach climaxed a 45-yard drive by dashing off his own right tackle for 17 yards and the first tally. Passes had helped set up the score.

Hurst Scampers

Hurst, a speed merchant from Little Chute, Wis., ran 65 yards for the second touchdown, scooting off tackle and then eluding the secondary. The conversions on both scores were snafu'd.

Regan, Russo and Donnellan played outstanding games for the winners, and are expected to spark the Herd's line in tomorrow's first "home-town" appearance. The scoring punch will probably be furnished by Hurst and Schwalbach, the latter a bone-crusher who specializes on stabs through the line.

Doughnut Dugout Set Up In Passau

When two women decide on something, that's news . . . but when six of them get together and come to an agreement, well brother, you can throw away the good book.

Misses Ruth Nicholson, Harriet Robinson, Dottie Fargo, Andy Anderson, Barbara Simonds and Peggy Long decided that their Clubmobiles had reached the end of the line and something had to be done. Putting their heads together, they came to the conclusion that it was gihg time they put their doughnuts and coffee on solid "terra firma".

The new American Red Cross rendezvous is located in the center of the city of Passau in the modern Cafe Stadt Wien.

"When the boys put their rifles away, we decided to park our doughnut wagons and give the boys the benefit of better service, especially those who sleep a little too late for breakfast", stated Miss Andy Anderson of Kansas City, in charge of the new club.

Behind de huge pile of doughnuts are two I Company, 329th Infantry Doughs who are largely responsible for the five thousand ovals produced here everyday. Sgt. Chet Spears of St. Louis, Mo. is in charge of six frauleins who make the coffee and assist in the operation of the two doughnut machines. Pfc. John Barker of Odessa, Mo. takes care of the doughnut distribution for the division in this area.

2 Units Win Citations

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Charged with holding the right flank of the 83d Division, the First Battalion of the 330th Regiment fought through the severe cold from 9 January 1945 to 11 January 1945 against intense enemy opposition. Exposed terrain and fanatical resistance by the enemy made the position of the First Regiment unusually difficult.



APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP — Phosgene and Lewi-site, two hounds owned by Pfc. Irving Davis, 330th Infantry, are shown prior to their trip back to the States as part of Irv's "loot." They'll probably have to go by freight, though.