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1,000 MEN LEAVE THIS MONTH

Civilians To Vote Soon In Austria

Political activity in Upper Austria became more intense with the presence in Linz and Wels last week-end of Dr. Karl Renner, State Chancellor of Austria.

Dr. Renner spoke before an overflow audience at the Landes Theater in Linz under the auspices of the Socialist Party. He later traveled by auto to Wels where he spoke informally with political leaders and addressed a large crowd of voters.

The presence of Renner in Upper Austria was in connection with the elections to be held on November 25th. At that time voters will go to the polls to elect both national and provincial leaders.

Elections will be held in all four zones under the supervision of the Allied Control Council. A total of 165 members will be designated for the National Council in Vienna. These Council members will come from the eight provinces of Austria on the basis of population.

In Upper Austria 48 members of the Landtag or States Government will be elected to replace the present nine-man administration of Dr. Heinrich Gleissner.

Dr. Renner's provisional government was originally appointed by the Russians when they first advanced into Austria. When France, Great Britain, and the U.S. were allotted zones and an Allied Control Council was set up in Vienna, 76-year-old Renner stayed on.

Governs All Austria

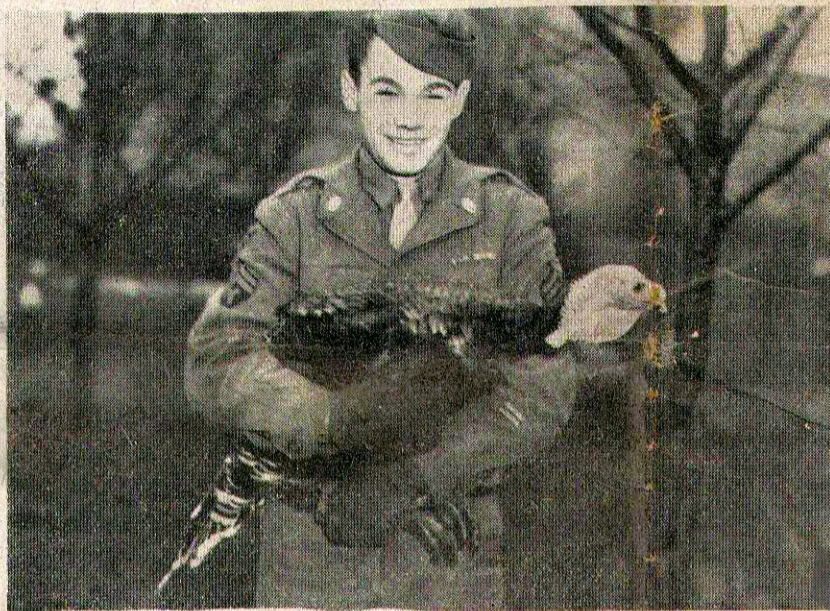
De facto recognition of the Renner government was given by the



TEMPORARY CHIEF — Dr. Karl Renner (above) is provisional head of the Austrian Government. He'll be one of the candidates when the civilians hold their first elections since pre-war days, on November 25.

four occupying powers when the Allied Control Council extended the regime's authority to all of Austria late in October. The Allies empowered Renner's government at that time to enact laws "applying to the whole of Austria provided that they shall first be submitted for approval to the Allied Control Council."

History is repeating itself for Dr. Renner in that he also headed the provisional government established in Austria after the first World War in 1918. A Doctor of Jurisprudence, Renner served in the Austrian Parliament during the first War.



OLE KING GOBBLER — That big smile on T/5 Stanley G. Pinckney's puss comes as he contemplates what a fine meal this turkey will make next Thursday. The gobbler doesn't know about the quaint American eating customs so he isn't excited. But he'll be sorry! Pinckney's home is in Colebrook, New Hampshire.

Getting The Bird Will Head Division's Schedule Thursday

The official notice on how Thanksgiving — presidentially designated as Thursday the 22d — will be observed in the division hasn't come down yet as we go to press, but it is assumed that only very essential duties will be performed and that otherwise the occasion will be feted appropriately.

Quartermaster has a bountiful feast planned, with the traditional "tokey" as the pivot man.

Special religious services will be held by all three denominations, Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic, and all are urged to attend on this first Thanksgiving since the war's end. Many of us have only to recall our position one year ago to find ample subject matter for our gratitude.

Others of us were still fighting the Battle of Manhattan or Beverly Hills at this time last year or trying with some difficulty to edge our way up to the snack bar for another turkey sandwich at the USO in Chicago's Union Station.

Late comers may think they have little to be thankful for as they prepare to sweat out six months more over here. Our only advice on this score is to go church, ... maybe the Chaplain can think of something.

THANKSGIVING MENU

1. Tomato juice cocktail.
 2. Roast turkey and giblet gravy.
 3. Cranberry sauce.
 4. Sweet potatoes and sage dressing.
 5. Asparagus, celery, and carrots.
 6. Hot rolls with butter.
 7. Pumpkin pie.
 8. Jam or jelly.
 9. Assorted fruits.
 10. Mixed nuts, hard candy, coffee.
- P.S.: Cut this list out and carry it to the mess hall Thursday so you can check the items off as you get them.

FLOWERS BY WIRE

It was announced by Quartermaster today that telegraphic floral service to the States will be available at the 83rd Division's main PX in Linz soon.

Approximately 24 hours after an order is placed here, it will be in the hands of a florist in the States.

Quota Should Take Care Of All From 59 Points Up

One thousand Thunderbolt Men will be a step closer to home before the month is out.

Lt. Col. Bland West, G-1 of the 83rd Division, revealed this week that the 83rd has received from USFA a quota of 1,000 men to be transferred to units redeploying for the trip home.

Many 59-pointers, and perhaps some 58-point men, will catch this shipment. There are still quite a few "stragglers" in the 60-points-and-above bracket to be taken care of, however, so it is doubtful if the point score for this load will drop as low as 55.

Break For 55'ers Soon?

USFET has said it hopes to have all 60-and-above men on their way home before New Year's. This leads to the hope that 55-to-59 men will be leaving USFA in December and perhaps see salt water in January.

Another personnel development of major importance is the expected arrival in the 83rd Division area of the 4th Cavalry Group.

To Swell 83rd Ranks

The 4th Cavalry Group comprises the 4th Cavalry Squadron and the 24th Cavalry Squadron. The group is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Dunn and has been stationed in the Frankfurt area.

Addition of the Cavalrymen will swell the 83rd's ranks by another two or three thousand men. The 83rd already is well above strength, with 14,371 EM and 1,041 Officers as of November 12.

83rd Division Staff Is Listed

For the benefit of those who just came in from the 26th and 89th and other divisions the Thunderbolt presents the staff which is responsible for the organization of the 83rd Infantry Division.

The Commanding General of the Division is Major-General Robert C. Macon, Washington, D. C.; Assistant Commanding General is Brigadier General Gerald St. C. Mickle, Mobile, Alabama. General Macon, as CG of the 83rd Division, is also the Military Governor of all Upper Austria, and responsible to General Mark W. Clark's United States Forces in Austria. Having moved out of Germany, the 83rd is now out of the Third Army area and is a unit of the USFA.

In charge of the different sections in the division are Colonel Conrad Lewis Boyle, Chief of Staff, whose home in the States is San Antonio, Texas; G-1 of the Division is Lt. Colonel Bland West, formerly of

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WHERE DO YOU STAND?	
The 83rd Division point box score effective as of 10 November 1945:	
ENLISTED MEN	
0-44	5708
45-49	2219
50-54	2823
55-59	3165
60-69	246
70-79	61
80 & over	32
Unknown	114
OFFICERS	
0-74	832
75-84	18
85-99	11
100 & over	11
Unknown	19

Culture Confabs Between GI's, Austrians Due

A tentative program of informal social and cultural meetings between American troops and Linz civilians has been announced by Division I & E Office.

Beginning the week of November 27 five speakers from the Division will address groups of civilians at the Landhaus on various phases of American life.

The speakers and their subjects are Col. R. A. Snook, C.O., Linz M.G. Det., "The Individual's Role in America"; Lt. Col. Carlton W. Sargent, 83d Div Surgeon, "American Medicine at War"; Maj. J. W. Beigler, 83d Div Psychiatrist, "American Approach to Psychiatry"; Chaplain William D. Randolph, Acting Div. Chaplain, "Church and State"; Capt. Joseph W. Levy, Legal Section, Linz M.G., "Comparative Legal Systems."

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1st Bn Leads In Recruiting Race

Latest scoreboard figures from the Enlistment Office of the 329th Regt indicate that "maybe there's something in it, after all."

The regimental total of re-enlistments has passed the century mark, with 1st Battalion in the lead. Some 45 from this battalion have been enticed into taking an additional voluntary lease on a pair of dogtags and that "carefree existence."

Among the companies, Easy Company has the edge, with 17 eager beavers. King Company and Dog Company's Heavy Weapons Crewmen have a dozen apiece.

Re-Enlistment Score Continues To Climb; No More Stateside Trips For One-Year Volunteers

Re-enlistments in the Regular Army continued at a strong pace in the 83rd Infantry Division this week, despite the announcement that one-year enlistees no longer would go to the U.S. on their 30-day furloughs.

Under the new regulations, as explained by First Lt. Paul H. Bailey, Div Recruiting Officer, men who sign up for one year's service will get a 30-day furlough but must spend it in the ETO. Those who re-enlist for two or three years will get furloughs to the States.

There are plenty of attractive places in the ETO for the one-year signees to vacation at, Lieutenant Bailey pointed out. There's England, Scotland, Paris, the Riviera, etc. ... And re-enlisting GI's who spend their furloughs in the ETO will free that much shipping space for home-bound high-pointers.

Not Switzerland

Long furloughs cannot be taken in Switzerland, because of limited facilities for handling men there.

Men who re-enlist for the full three-year hitch may choose any theater of operations they wish except the United States itself. They may choose the Pacific, European or American (Panama, Alaska etc.). Theaters—or they can trust to luck and perhaps be assigned to some station in the U.S.

Other Inducements

Another advantage of the three-year sign-up is that one may pick any arm or service he desires.

Still other inducements offered all re-enlistees include a 50-dollar bonus for each year served prior to re-enlistment. The Division total of new recruits for the Regular Army already is halfway to the November goal of 1,000 men.

Thunderbolt Times

Vol 1 No 1 of the Thunderbolt Times, a daily paper featuring world wide news, rolled from the presses in Linz early Monday morning. Published by the Public Relations Section of the 83d Division, this new Thunderbolt is ready for distribution from Linz by nine every morning except Sunday.

Units are invited to call in entertainment notices to the PRO Office, Blackstone 25158, for publication in the "Times."

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Hubba Hubba Troupe Next To Play Here

The world-famous acrobatic and comedy troupe, the "Four Phillips," will be included in the line-up of the "Hubba-Hubba Show," coming to the Landes Theater in Linz tomorrow and lasting thru Wednesday the 21st.

The troupe has toured the U. S. under joint contract with Ringling Bros. and RKO, playing in such places as New York's Hippodrome, Madison Square Garden, Chicago's Soldier Field, and all the "big time" houses in other stateside metropoli.

Entertained Royalty

The Phillips also toured South Africa and Australia, and have played all over Europe, including several performances before royalty.

The Phillips went to England after leaving the U.S. the second time and were under contract to play in Leipzig when the war began. Their papers were seized by the German Government because they had applied for U. S. citizenship, and several Allied members of the troupe, including their harmonica player, were interned.

Ten in Troupe Now

At present there are ten people in the group, featuring singing, dancing, acrobatics, and other variety acts.

The time of the performances is 1930 each night and tickets are on sale at the Landes. The admission price is 3 shillings and the ticket office is open from 0900 to 1100, and from 1230 to 1700. Both civilians and GI's are welcome.



TRICKY DICKS — Above is but one of the many ticklish feats of juggling and acrobatics which are performed by members of the 4 Phillips troupe, which presents the "Hubba Hubba" show in Linz next week.

Indianapolis (CNS) — A local liquor store was held up twice within 2 hours here recently. The first thief cleaned out the joint and escaped. The second got only bottle tops—and was arrested while leaving.

Able Laborers Of SSO Keeping 329 Morale Up

The 329th Buckshot SSO is more of a madhouse than ever these days. Lt. Schoeninger, the Special Service Officer, and his able laborers, Pfc. Bill Byrne and Pfc. Sam Janover, are engaged in a mad series of activities designed to provide a maximum of entertainment for the men of the Regiment.

Janover, long famous in 329th circles as the vivid exponent of the "snow job," is handling all "live shows." He has made arrangements with Div SSO and the Landes Theatre in Linz to bring a weekly variety show to tour three battalions.

Byrne, formerly with the 104th Inf. SSO, brings his talents in the athletic and entertainment fields, and will handle movie schedules. It is hoped that two films will reach every man in the Regiment weekly, which is no small job considering the wide dispersal of various units.

Dance Step-up

Despite the fact that the Buckshots have the largest zone in the Thunderbolt area the prospects for dances look much better than at the former area. This is due to a step-up in the activities of the dance band, and also to the fact that more civilian orchestras are available here than at Deggendorf.

Athletics will be conducted entirely on battalion level within the 329th, but plans are being laid for active competition in basketball and boxing by the Bn. SS Offices. With the season's first snowfall, skiing (the Continental Touch) will get underway. A large number of fiends who are lucky enough to have procured a pair of barrel staves have been observed scanning the skies in hopeful anxiety, while others look forward to skating or perhaps (in a greater number of cases) some indoor activities designed to nullify the effects of the crisp Austrian winter.

Ping Pong and Records

It is hoped that it will be possible to furnish each company with a record-playing machine and a ping-pong table to hold down the Hep-Cats and the virtuosos of the evasive little pellet. Two men have been assigned to aid in establishing comfortable day rooms in every company. With unit cooperation the boys hope to insure something more than a long, cold, winter for those who wish their point scores looked a bit different.

'Doggies' Have New Howl Hall

Dog Company, 329th Regiment, crashed the social register last week with the opening of its own "2300" Club. This was the first attempt of its kind by the Doggies of 1st Bn, 329, and it was a howling success. Situated on the outskirts of the town of Wells, the "2300" Club is unique in that it is out of the downtown business and "night club" district. During their leisure moments—between tours of guard—the Doggies can bring their friends to this secluded rendezvous.

An Austrian combo from Linz furnishes the music.

Brooklyn (CNS) — A Brooklyn truck driver is convinced that this is a tough old world. He couldn't make a living with his truck, so he turned to bookmaking. He complained to an officer: "And now every player is beating me." Magistrate Ambrose J. Haddock in Gamblers Court took pity, gave the driver (and his pocketbook) a 15-day rest when he couldn't pay the \$75 fine.

New Rules Put Brakes On Joe's Cash Transfers

The currency control measures of the Army landed like an atomic bomb on the fiscal stability of the Thunderbolt Joes with the money order unit of APO 83 taking the brunt of the impact.

During the normal month of September, 293,896 dollars were sent home as money orders by 83rd men. October's figure was much higher at 468,561 dollars. But during the first ten days of this month alone the amount averaged about 70,000 to 80,000 dollars per day, a total of over 750,000 simoleons. If the deadline had been advanced a couple of days, the figure would have reached a million.

Mr. Anthony!

Typical of the problems facing many GIs as a result of the new policy is the case of a Joe who sold two pistols to a total stranger, receiving a money order as payment. The hitch was that the order was an old one made out to the buyer instead of the seller.

The poor Joe took his troubles to "Mr. Anthony," the Postal Officer. We don't know how he made out, but he wasn't worried about the money. . . . all he wanted was to have the amount credited to his book.

Black Market Squelched

This book deal just about squelches all the big time black market operators who can now sell their butts and bars for fabulous figures and then donate the money to Hq. Company men who need it to fill mattress covers. It's kind of a vicious cycle; if you sell your cigars, you have nothing to light with the bills, whereas if you don't sell, you have no bills with which to light your cigars, and therefore must be conventional and old fashioned, and light them with safety matches.

One imaginative lad with Christmas gifts on his mind thought of putting a few million in a box with an old pair of dice and sending it home for the kids to play "Monopoly" with.

Foto Facts

by Fritz Weaver

Taking up the discussion of the composition where we left off last week, it is assumed that the average reader-photographer has his films developed and printed by photo shops, and therefore has little control over the framing pattern after the shot is taken. This being so, some care and thought must be applied before the plunger is rammed home.

Center of Interest

Surprisingly enough, the center of the frame is not the most pleasing spot for the point of principal interest of a picture. It renders the average picture too stiff and formal. For the most favorable artistic and psychological effect, the center of interest should be situated at one of the four points formed by the junction of the diagonals with four perpendicular lines drawn from opposite corners.

In simple terms your viewfinder should be aimed so that the subject is on one of the diagonals, a little above or below, and to the right or left of center. When photographing a farm or a distant mountain for instance, you wouldn't place the house and barn or the peak, right in the center, or even on the center line. Similarly, in a close-up of your buddy, you would try to have him doing something or looking at something so that he isn't placed stiffly and squarely in the middle.

About Tone

The third division of composition is "tone," by which is meant the different degrees of blackness and whiteness of a picture, in a word, contrast. Again, very little is within the control of the cameraman, and even that is largely a matter of common sense. Suffice to say that dark subjects show up best against light background and vice versa. Also, in shadows, light subjects stand out better than dark.

I'm in the Mood for Love . . .



AN OLD FAVORITE is our Hit Tune this week. And Kay Williams is our new favorite, posing prettily in a filmy whatcha-may-call-it.

Guila Bustabo Stage Feature

One of the brightest stars on the musical horizon, Miss Guila Bustabo, concert violinist, is coming to the Landes Theater in Linz Saturday, November 24th, to present an hour-long recital of the best in classical violin music.

Wisconsin born, Miss Bustabo has been acclaimed by such renowned musical personages as Jan Sibelius, Fritz Kreisler, and Arturo Toscanini. Said Mr. Sibelius, "She is the brightest young star of today; a musical wonder," and Mr. Kreisler, "she will become the greatest violinist of our time," which is indeed a mouthful from a man of Kreisler's stature.

Early Appearance

At the ripe old age of four, Guila Bustabo appeared with the Chicago Symphony, and at nine years, began guest appearances with the New York Philharmonic Society, the Philadelphia and Chicago orchestras, the National Orchestral Association, and in recitals, under the guiding hand of Louis Persinger, teacher of Yehudi Menuhin.

Following this, she made her European debut and was showered with tributes throughout the Continent and England. She met with the predicted success in appearances with the London Philharmonic under Sir Thomas Beecham, the Berlin Philharmonic under Herman Abendroth, and with the orchestras of Budapest, Vienna, Paris, Bucharest, and Stockholm.

Australian Tour

Between return trips to America came a tour of Australia, and since, Miss Bustabo has devoted much of her time to composition while in residence on the Continent.

Her program here in Linz is especially designed for the pleasure of GI listeners and will include the Paganini Concerto, Carmen Fantasy, Sonatas of Mozart, and the standing favorites of Bach, Beethoven, and Kreisler. Obviously this is to be strictly a classical affair, and only those interested in same are urged to attend.

New Commandant Assumes Duties

Lt. Col. Henry J. Benson Jr. is the new acting Headquarters Commandant, taking over the spot left vacant by Lt. Col. Frederick J. Bailey Jr., who has gone home on furlough.

Colonel Benson is a former battalion commander in the 354th Infantry, 89th Division. Colonel Bailey had 148 points but volunteered for the Regular Army. He will return to duty after his furlough.

Item CP Lives Where Royalty Once Shacked

To say the Charlie Peter of Company I, 329th Regiment, is not lacking in the "deluxest of high-class fixin's" is putting it mildly. The building over in Aschach which houses the Item Co boys and their Hq is the ancient Harriach Castle, which dates back to the 17th Century.

The castle was built on the bank of the Danube by an Austrian nobleman, an army officer who was the ancestor of the present-day owners.

Royalty Met Here

Intended as a wedding present for the peer's daughter, the beautiful halls became a famous meeting-place for European royalty. It is located midway between Linz and Passau, and thus was a handy spot to spend the night's stop-over in what was then a two-day journey.

Thunderbolt men who now occupy the spacious rooms can no doubt appreciate the portraits and elaborate tapestries bedecking the walls. Two of the portraits are valued at many thousands of dollars apiece; no attempt has been made to place a price on the tapestries.

Longest Linden Lane

The woods surrounding the castle surpass even the majestic beauty of the Wiener Wald, and the path leading through the trees to the main gate is flanked by what is supposed to be the longest rows of linden trees in the world, all planted centuries ago.

"We'll still take any old shack that's on the 'right' side of the Atlantic," say the current occupants.

Monday To Be 'S' Day For Men of 83rd

November 19th is "S" Day in the 83rd Division; for on that day hundreds of Thunderbolts will head back to school.

Each of the regiments has a centralized school for the men from their battalions and attached units in their areas.

The Division-level schools will also open on that day, with Thunderbolt Tech at Bad Schallerbach, Willow Run in Steyr and Linz Fine Arts. The school at Bad Schallerbach presents a "campus town" appearance, with back-to-school living, civilian instructors and civilian household staffs.

The facilities of the Division schools are limited only by the billeting situation, so units in close proximity to the schools are requested to send men back and forth daily so that the billets will be reserved for men from more distant units.

The separate companies and battalions have not opened schools and their personnel will be absorbed in the Division and major unit schools. However, they made a splendid contribution in the way of equipment and instructors — the Engineers stamped out drawing triangles, made drawing boards and T-Squares; Ordnance Company sent down its ace men for instructors — so did Signal Company; the QM Co, with the help of G-4, cut through red tape to get transportation and mess equipment for the schools.

'Gator-Chaser To Stick Around

A mighty mite from Florida who once specialized in capturing man-eating alligators alive is one of an intrepid trio of high-point transferees from the 26th Division who are stationed with 1st Battalion, 329th Regiment, awaiting discharges here so they can enter Civil Service jobs in the ETO.

First Sgt. Leo (Tiny) Ryan of Jacksonville is but 5 feet 2 inches tall but used to pursue the warty brutes in the Okifnokee Swamps of Florida. Asked how he managed the toothy tornadoes of the swamps, he replied, "I come from a long line of 'gator hunters!'"

4 Years of German

Now Leo has been overpowered himself by the lure of gelt and adventure in the ETO. He believes that four years of German study at the University of Florida will help him in his work.

Lt. George H. Reardon, former football and golf star at Roanoke College, Virginia, has 80 points but is staying in the ETO to work. He hails from Rural Retreat, Va., and recalls that the last time he was a civilian was in June, 1941.

Beaucoup Openings

Pfc Bob M. Gee of Donora, Pa., has 73 points and says there are "beaucoup openings in all fields over here."

All three are with Charlie Company, 1st Bn, 329th Regt., stationed in Wels.

Cultural Confab

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These meetings are intended only for Austrian civilians.

Poetry Group Planned

A poetry group to which both GI's and civilians will be invited is planned. Lt. William Randolph of Headquarters, 329th Inf will read selected American poems to this group at a date to be announced.

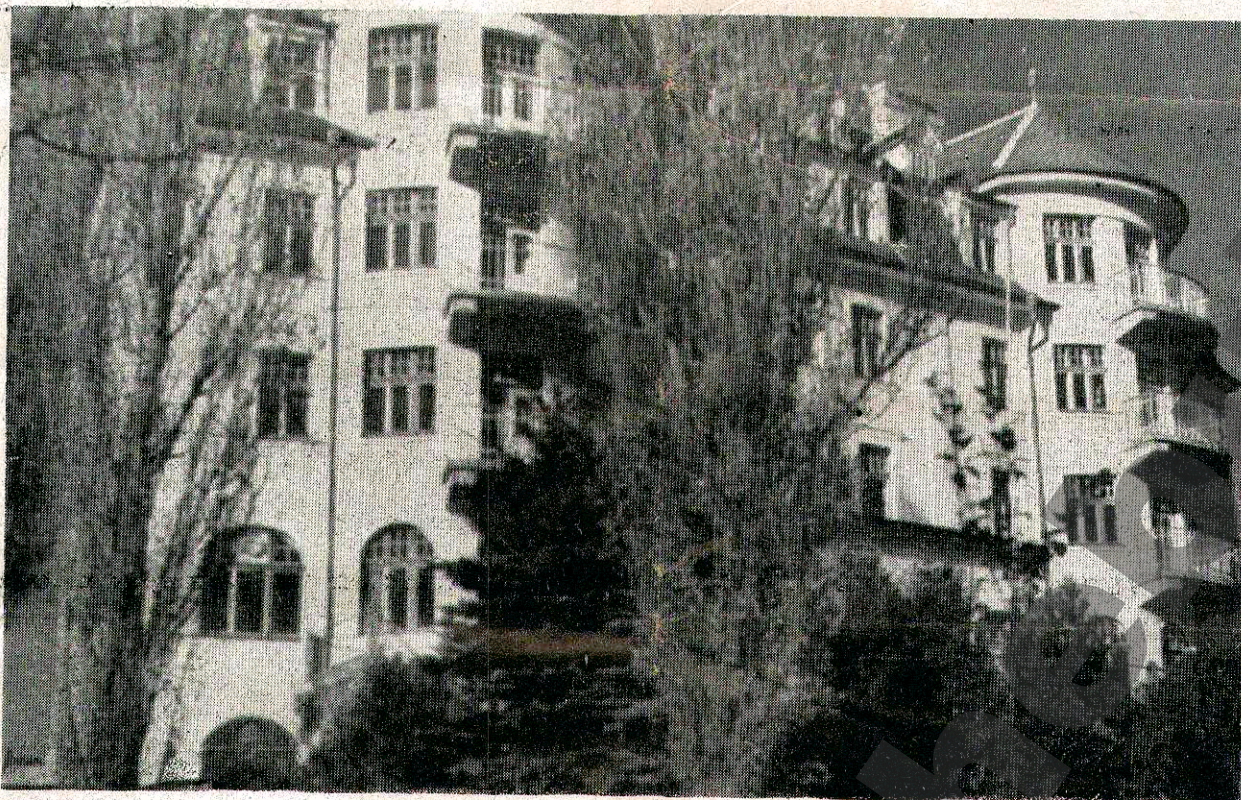
A third phase of this cultural relation program will bring together civilians and officers and men who have a common interest in such subjects as Law, Medicine, Art, Theater, or Literature.

Call Division I and E

The time and place of these meetings will be arranged after requests have been received from interested personnel. Officers and men are asked to write or call Division Information and Education Office, Blackstone 25186, to leave their name and field of interest.

EVEN ASTP WAS NEVER LIKE THIS

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Bad Schallerbach Is Far Cry From Lil' Red Schoolhouse



CASTLE OF LEARNING — Comparing favorably with some of the most beautiful schools in America is this structure, which houses the 329th I and E school at Bad Schallerbach

By John G. Whalen

On Monday morning, November 12th, the 329th Regimental Education Center officially opened the doors of its lecture halls. The facilities and location of the I and E School were inherited from the Yankee Division's 104th Regiment, which ran a school at Bad Schallerbach, the health-resort village which now houses the Buckshot Institution.

Over 200 men representing every company in the Regiment began courses covering a wide range of subjects in both commercial and academic fields. Limited technical training is also offered, and a course in Machine-Shop is being taught in a branch of the Center at Grieskirchen. The most complete school on a Regimental basis in the Austrian Occupation Zone, it is under the supervision of 1st Lt. Daniel P. O'Connor, the 329th Information and Education Officer. Lt. David Nathans acts as the administrative head.

Applications were given a careful screening and the students at the school have been selected on the basis of their previous education, their civilian needs, and their closeness to civilian status.

One-month Terms

In the initial one-month term, 17 courses are being offered including American Government, Elementary Algebra, Small Business, Bookkeeping and Accounting, Psychology and Life, Plane Geometry, Salesmanship, Business Law, Public Speaking, Plane Trigonometry, Business Arithmetic, Advertising, Radio (Theory and Practical Study), Photography, Auto Mechanics, and Business English.

The instructors are, for the most part, picked from those men in the 329th whose civilian occupations or training qualifies them to teach. The students are formed into a provisional I and E unit. There are no formations, no details, and the only things required are that the student looks and acts in a soldierly manner, and that he maintains a satisfactory grade. A failure to adhere to these two simple rules will, it is guaranteed, promptly entitle him to a free trip to his unit where he can get his schooling "two on and four off."

Study and Play

In the morning each GI attends his three classes, and study in the quarters is required three afternoons a week. On the "off" days and in the evening, he allots his time to study and recreation according to his own judgment. Each of the two modern hotels housing the dormitory and classroom facilities has its own library, and 500 books of all types are on hand provided by Special Service.

It didn't take the new arrivals long to discover that time won't drag, even though Bad Schallerbach is rather small. The usual movies, dances, and shows are provided, and the men have no problem, even if they don't choose to take advantage of these offerings.

The living quarters alone are enough to make most fellows content to stick pretty close to home. "Prima won't even describe my room," one dough was heard to say. Each room accommodates from one to four men, and there are sheets



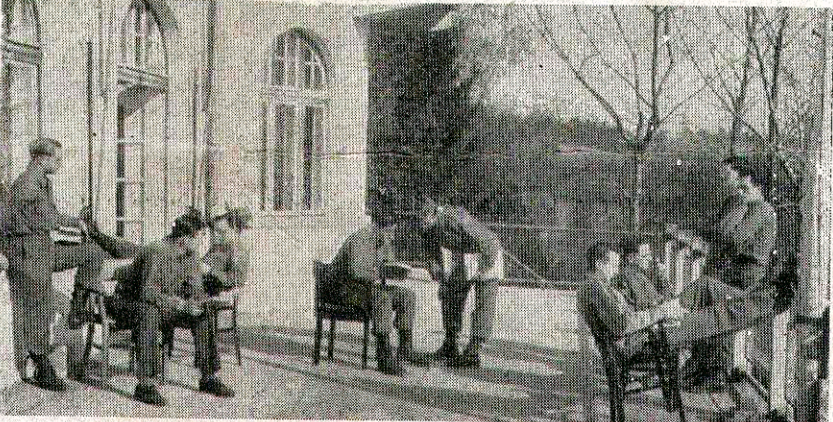
Relaxing in "smooth" quarters ...



... Strolling on the "campus" ...

on the comfortable beds. The sunny dining room boasts white table cloths, professional waitresses, and there is no jangling of mess gear to disturb the eager intellectuals. Silverware and china add to the luxurious atmosphere.

Several former ASTP-men claim that the 329th has beat anything they've ever seen from an OD vantage point. It is a safe bet that the most commonly-heard phrases heard around the Sulfur Spring Baths in town these days are "beautiful set-up" and "smooth deal." And there's no freshman hazing either!



PORCH SITERS — Students at the Bad Schallerbach school sit and read, compare notes or just relax on the front porch.

331st GI's To Hit The Books At Bad Enns

Enns Prep, I & E school for the 331st Regiment, will open its doors this coming Monday. Among the subjects to be offered are: Business English, Bookkeeping and Accounting, Small Business Management, and Radio for Beginners.

General education courses to be given are: English Composition and Grammar, American Government, American History, American Economic Problems, American Political and Social History, Psychology, Algebra and Basic Mathematics.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch

Like to be able to talk with the natives? Spoken German and Spoken French will be offered. Soldier students will be able to choose two subjects apiece.

Recreational facilities will be numerous. Motion pictures will be shown at the Enns Theatre each night and passes to Linz will be available.

At the school, students will find a library and reading room, a recreation hall with ping pong tables and accompanying games. There's a gymnasium, basketball court and swimming pool. The ever-sought coffee and doughnuts will be found in a nearby Red Cross Donut Dugout.

Lt. Boyd To Be CO

Enns Prep will be in a provisional company under the command of 1st Lt. Donald M. Boyd. Executive officer will be 1st Lt. John DeRocco. School commandant is 2nd Lt. John Beccari.

Men who complete successfully two or more weeks in any one subject may apply for the credit toward their high school diploma or college degree. Courses will vary from two weeks to four months in length. Those going home or going on furlough before completing their courses will be given credit for the work completed.

'Ein Fleisch Ball' 331st Club Theme

"The Meat Ball Club" featuring the music of the "Merry Meat Balls" opened for a sell-out crowd last week at the Third Battalion, 331st Inf at Steyr.

Highlights of the evening were the dedication speeches by Major Seller, Battalion Commander, Chaplain Werner, and the Company Commanders. All of the short speeches emphasized that the main purpose of the club was to provide a place for the men to have a good time.

The "Merry Meat Balls," built around three "L" Company members feature strictly American-style dance music. Their rendition of "One Meat Ball" is famous throughout the battalion.

Decorations of crepe paper, tinsel, and streamers for the opening night were prepared under the decoration of Chief Scroungers William Newmeister, Edward Johnson, and Davis O'Keefe.

Honored guests were two Red Cross hostesses of Clubmobile Corner, Ann Maker and Margaret Finnigan. Miss Finnigan created a real night club atmosphere when she sang a number of songs accompanied by the "Meat Balls".

Here's-Hoping Dept — Cooking School Started

A division Cooking School and a Mess Management Conference began operation in the Division area Monday.

Classes at the Cooking School are being held at the Linz Casual Company for a fourteen-day period. A new class will be enrolled every other Monday.

Conducted by Division Quartermaster, these classes are intended to train kitchen personnel with less than 45 points.

The Mess Management Conference is under the direction of a trained team from USFET. One-day conferences on proper mess administration have been held since Wednesday.

Beginning next week this team will circulate among all the division units.

Do Your Feet Get Tired? I & E Will Ease Your Aches

The I and E Department of the 330th Regiment recently sent out a questionnaire to see how many GI's were interested in going to school. The prize answer among the many received was the following (mercifully, we leave out the man's name):

- Q. Tell what subjects you liked best in high school.
- A. None.
- Q. Main army job (tell exactly what your duties are).
- A. Guard.
- Q. How many months' experience in this job?
- A. Three months.
- Q. Tell exactly what you did and for how long.
- A. I walks just about all the time.

SPORTS SCHNAPP- SHOTS

by Vince O'Keefe

We don't care if you ever went to school; if you think you are good enough to make the Division team, come on out.

That, in a few short words, sums up the Athletic Office's policy with regard to candidates for the Division basketball, boxing, volleyball and other teams.

Seems like some Bolt athletes misconstrued a recent bulletin seeking athletes for Div teams. The bulletin mentioned "men with collegiate or pro experience," but by no means restricted the turnouts to men in this category. What was meant was that the competition is expected to be as stiff as the college variety.

So don't let lack of a sheepskin or a big-name record hold you back. If you've got the stuff, Thunderbolt teams need you.

There seems to be beaucoup bird and deer hunting in these parts, and Special Service is cooperating with GIs who want to take advantage of same.

DON'T shoot at just anything that moves. Make sure you know what you're banging away at. That kind face may not belong to a deer at all, but to some lost Red Cross Commando. That furry front may just be some Ranger running around with his shirt off.

Most of the trigger-happy hunters are still in the States. Let's not start any chapters of the Plug-Your-Buddy-for-a-Rabbit Club over here.

Forget-we-ever-mentioned-it department:

That must have been an old Ben Franklin Almanack and Football Schedule we read last week. We had Washington's Huskies idle and bound for the Rose Bowl. Instead, they were scheduled to play Oregon State. They played Oregon State. And (sob!) they lost to Oregon State, 7-6, and most likely will NOT be around at Rose Bowl time.

'Ski Heil' to be Winter Playground, Rest Center For Doughfeet from 329

Ski-Heil, the mountain ski and rest center for men of the 2nd Bn, 329th Regiment, is nearing readiness and will open in about two weeks pending snow conditions, it was learned from 2nd Lt. David McCandless, assistant ski officer.

Located on Feuerkogel (Fireball Mountain) above Ebensee, the lodge will accommodate between 50 and 75 men and will allow experienced skiers to polish their technique and provide instruction for beginners. Quotas will be allotted equally to companies.

Cable Car For Climbing

Major Harry G. Benion, who is endorsing the program, has delegated Lt. Benjamin F. Almand to make Ski Heil the favorite spot of the 2nd Bn. All work is under the supervision of Lt. Almand, who has acquired the necessary facilities, including use of the cable car to carry skiers up the mountain.

A staff of enlisted men and civilians will operate the buildings. Work is being completed on billets for the men, mess facilities and a supply room for the loaning of equipment.

Ski-Heil, comprising several mountain cottages, rests near the top of Fireball Mountain, and provides a vantage point from which to see the Tyrolean Alps. Four thousand feet below lies Traun See, famous boating site for summer tourists. Here, within a radius of 10 miles, is the one-time resort center of Austria.

Ski Champ To Instruct

Franz Schone, Austrian ski champ with an extensive record of skiing and mountain climbing, has been engaged as ski-master. He was formerly employed by Third Army.

Herd Wins, 14-0; 2 New Aces Star

A couple of new stars popped up for the 331st Infantry as the Thundering Herd defeated the 242nd Infantry of the 42nd Rainbow Division in a muddy Armistice Day football game at Peale Field, Steyr, by a score of 14-0.

It was the 331st's fourth victory against one defeat. Tomorrow the Herd goes after No. 5, playing the 242nd in a return battle on the Rainbow outfit's home field in Salzburg.

Left Halfback Mel Singer of Johnstown, Pa., opened the scoring against the 242nd by dodging through 27 yards of sloppy turf in the first period. Reliable Dave Donnellan, captain of the Herd, kicked the point.

In the third period it was End Joe Russo's turn to shine. Joe caught a spectacular forward pass from Bob MacMillan and raced the remaining 30 yards to the goal line. Sergeant Donnellan again kicked the point.

New Tasks Keep 330th 'On Ball'

With the virtual completion of shipment of troops into the Linz area, the 330th Regiment has taken over its duties.

Occupational tasks, although not new to these veteran Thunderbolts, who carried out similar jobs in Germany, are numerous.

Responsible for the maintenance of guard and order in the Linz area, the 330th has charge of the administration and care of more than 17,000 DP's.

The DP's are housed in 17 camps scattered around the outskirts of Linz. Food and clothing are supplied by UNRRA and trains leave daily bearing the DP's back toward their homelands. Doughboys assigned to these trains find themselves acting as guardians, mothers and nursemaids to hundreds of people. The usual GI philosophy holds, however: "It's all in a day's work, anyhow."

POINTLESS PETE... By Tienken



RULES FOR HUNTSMEN

Would-be deer and bird hunters in the 83rd's area are urged to follow the USFA hunting regulations closely. Here are the regulations, as ordered and approved by General Mark Clark, USFA Commander:

1. Hunting will not be permitted during closed seasons. (Local burgermeisters will acquaint hunters with the season dates).
2. Any person desiring to hunt will secure a permit from his Special Service Officer.
3. Foresters or jägers will accompany all hunting parties. These men may be contacted through the local burgermeister.
4. Every effort will be made to kill wounded animals.
5. No carcass will be left in the woods, but shall be used either in an Army mess or turned over to civilian authorities.
6. No more than two rounds will be loaded in magazines or clips of automatic or semi-automatic weapons.
7. All normal safety precautions will be observed concerning human life, domestic animals, and fire hazards.
8. Hunting will be restricted to the daylight hours.
9. Only personnel familiar with handling of firearms will be permitted to hunt.

Babat's Parents Appeal For Help

The following notice was clipped from a New York newspaper and sent to Hq, 1st Battalion, 329th Regiment. Perhaps some Thunderbolt reader will know what forgotten redeployment camp has swallowed this man up:

"Dear Editor: Mrs Dave Babat, 829 Park Avenue Brooklyn, will appreciate word from any soldier as to the whereabouts of her son, Sgt. Milton Babat, Hq Co, 3rd Bn., 329th Inf., APO 83, c/o PM, N.Y.

"We have not heard from him since August 25. Please get in touch with us at the above address.

MR. & MRS. DAVE BABAT."

Four-F Pooches

WASHINGTON—The Surgeon General said 70 out of 176 dogs called for "induction" were 4-F.

330TH HAS BUSY SLATE

Basketball and boxing will be the top sports in the indoor program being set up for the 330th Regiment by Lieutenant Cavallini, athletic officer.

A round-robin tournament among the companies will determine the regiment's company champion. A regimental team also is being planned.

Rocky Piccinnio, former professional from Philadelphia, is coach of the regimental boxing team.

The regiment also will start workouts for a swimming team in the near future.

One gymnasium already is available for the 330's and another is being constructed.

Farms Fewer, Larger

Farms in the U.S. today are fewer in number but larger in size, according to the Census Bureau.

LT. CAREY NEW CAGE DIRECTOR

Meet the Thunderbolt Division's new basketball coach!

He's Lt. Norman F. Carey, from M Company, 331st Infantry. The Division Athletic Office put his name on the dotted line Wednesday, he scanned the turnout list Thursday, and Friday had a score of the best sharpshooters in the Division out on the floor, running through drills.

The new coach formerly played at Oregon State College and also was an assistant coach there in his last season before entering the service.

Busy Hoop Week

Appointment of Lieutenant Carey climaxed a busy week of basketball preparation. The Division gymnasium in Linz, near the Casual Company mess, is cleaned up, new lines laid, baskets reinforced and seats put in for 1,000 spectators.

The floor is the regulation 84x50 feet and more than one of the team candidates was puffing after a few minutes of running up and down the big court yesterday.

There's still room on the Thunderbolt squad for several more players. Anyone interested in turning out for the Division team should contact Lt. Beam, Athletic Officer, at Rear CP, or Lt. Carey at the gymnasium.

Regiments Busy

Battalions and regiments also are buzzing with hoop activity. Teams are being organized on company level and the companies then will battle for their respective regimental titles. Company play is expected to end about February 20. Then the regimental champs will mix it for the Division title in a playoff lasting from February 25 to March 10. Tentative plans for exhibition contests, both in Linz and at the regiments, also are being made.

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the 26th Div. Lt. Col. James H. Skinner handles Intelligence or G-2. He was formerly G-3 for the 83rd and his home is Nashville, Tennessee; G-3 is headed by Lt. Colonel John L. Pauley, who was in charge of the same department for the 26th and who hails from sunny Santa Monica, California; Lt. Colonel Arthur C. Tillson, formerly of the 26th and Newton, Iowa, is the G-4.

These men are the competent directors of the 83rd here in Austria. They are the ones who see that all of the needs that a Dough away from home can have are filled.



NIMROD WINS BET—Lt. Arlie G. Sterling Jr. (left, above), of Cannon Co, 329, considered himself a marksman. Lt. Russell E. Currier of the same outfit considered himself a shrewd gambling gent. So he made Lt. Sterling a wager that Sterling wouldn't come back from a recent hunting jaunt with six birds in his bag. The results are shown above, with Lt. Schoningger (right) of the 329th SSO helping Lt. Sterling spread the birds for the cameraman. (Only five birds in the picture? That's right. No. 6 went to an Austrian hausfrau to be cooked.)