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331st Wins Division Field Meet; Hume Takes Corps Tennis Crown

Trounces Opponent With Love Games in Finals

Sgt. Donald (Budge) Hume from Brooklyn, New York, swung his way to first place honors in the XII Corps tennis tourney last Thursday at Regensburg to win the championship for the Thunderbolt Division. Chosen to participate in the Corps meet on the basis of the eliminations which were held at Passau last week when he won the Division singles title, the recently-promoted 2nd Bn sergeant-major outplayed a star-studded-field, winning the finals with three sets out of five and taking three straight in the semi-finals, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0. He played five matches for the best out of three except in the finals where he was forced to play all five sets scoring 3-6, 6-3, 7-6, 3-6, 7-5.

Said Hume of the semi finals, "Tough match all the way through. I just pulled out of it."

Hume was a letter man at Brooklyn College where he played and captained the tennis team for four years. As a result of his skill he was chosen to represent New York City in inter-city matches.

Lt. Candler Wiselogle, of 2nd Bn. Staff, rated number three man in the Division doubles team will also represent Corp at the Army matches in the doubles. Wiselogle, though not winning in the Corp doubles, played up to the finals in a hard fought 3 set match that was nip and tuck all the way. From Corinth, Miss., Wiselogle played on the Univ. of Miss. team and has played many games around Memphis, Tenn.

3 EM 85ers Stay in Army

Three enlisted men of the 331st have volunteered to remain in the service until V-J Day even though they have well over the required point total of 85 for discharge. They are S/Sgt. John Simmons of Cannon Co., T/5 Garnett Marshall, Co. G rifleman, and 1/Sgt. Arthur Barnes, Service Co. top-kick.

Simmons has been in the armed services since 1938 enlisting in the horse-drawn artillery at Ft. Bragg, N. Car. He also attended the Ft. Sill horsemanship school and spent over a year in the pack-artillery at Ft. Hale, Colo. He joined the Division in '42. Simmons plans to make the army his career.

Marshall started his army career at Ft. Benning, Ga. He served with the field artillery in the Canal Zone for two years but now prefers the infantry. He is studying German from two recently acquired textbooks, hoping to stay in Germany as part of the Army of Occupation.

An army man for nine years, Barnes served one enlistment at Honolulu and another in California. He is indifferent about going to the CBI or remaining in the ETO.

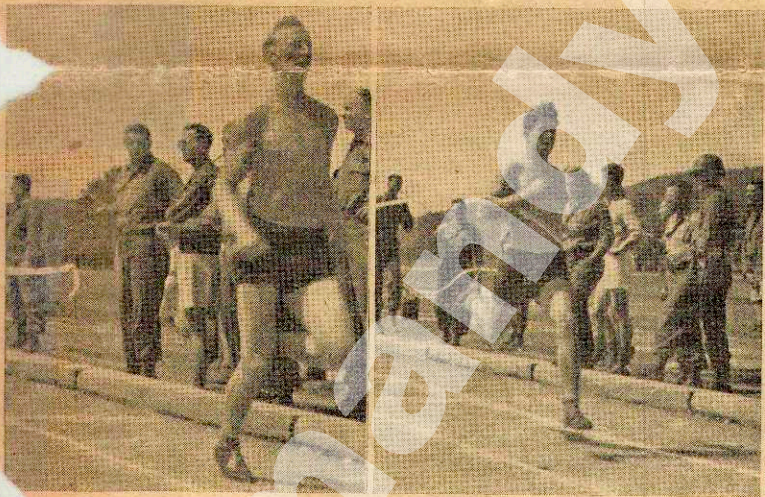
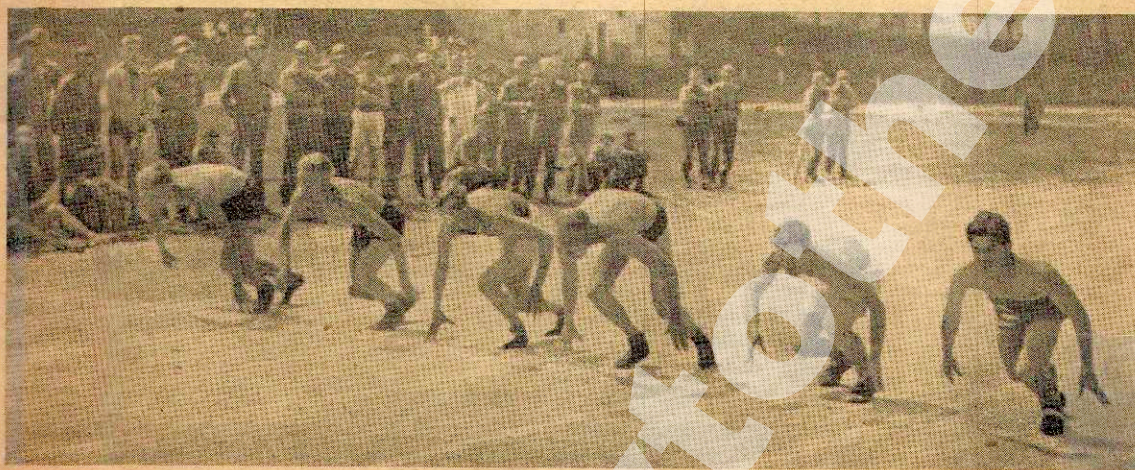
Realism Causes Panic As Fire Order is Given

Perhaps there is such a thing as too much realism in rear echelon training. At least that is the way it appeared to the men of Co. K's weapons platoon. They were going through the "by the numbers" SOP in the attic of their quarters when faint cries of alarm were heard from below. It seemed that the all too realistic fire orders given by veteran Sgt. Arnold A. Gibson, Henderson, Ky., caused the woman cleaning up the chambers below to believe they were preparing to blow the roof off the nearby Mass-crowded church. To her way of thinking they were trying to make the services go over with a bang.

A mercury-legged regimental track and field team stacked up 62 points to win first place and more than double the score of its closest rival in the division-wide tourney held at Vilshofen stadium on July 8th.

Annexing 8 first places, 4 seconds, 4 thirds and a host of fourth places in the 10 event program, the 331st unquestionably established itself as champion of the division. Members of the 331st field team will make up the greater part of the 83rd team at the XII Corps games to be held on July 24th, it was learned today.

At the Start and Finish Lines



From their crouched positions the men spring forward in the start of the 440; winner T/5 Kenneth Delaney, Co. K, 331st is on the extreme left. Delaney dashes home to win the 220 sprint in 24.2 seconds. Sprinting in far in advance of his opponents to break the tape is Pfc. Charlie Jones, Co. L, winning the final lap of the 440 relay for the 3rd Bn. of the 331st. At the halfway mark, Sam Orsick, Co. M, 331st, leads the pack in the grueling 2 mile sprint.

York says Farewell to Departing 85ers

"One good thing about war is that it brings some of the finest men in our country together," Col. Robert H. York, Regimental Commander, told 21 officers and 320 enlisted men just before they departed this week to another unit away from their trip to the States. They comprised nearly every officer and enlisted man in the regiment who had 85 or more points, the largest number to be transferred in one group from the 331st since its activation.

Col. York expressed his appreciation for their loyalty during trying moments of battle. He said he knew if the men felt they would really be needed to lick the Japs, they would stay. "But you have done your part and your job in this war and have done it well," he told them.

The men are veterans of five campaigns, many of them with Purple Hearts and clusters. Their gallantry and meritorious achievements in the battlefields are evidenced by their Silver Star and Bronze Star ribbons. A great number are fathers.

In the midst of all the handshaking, tears were apparent in the eyes of several. Hardened veterans of battle, they still found it hard to hide their emotions in leaving the men they had gone through hell with. But their thoughts and hearts were with the good old USA and that's all they could talk about. As for postwar plans, they had none. They were going home. That's all that mattered.

331st Mermen Will Compete In Army Meet

With a total of 152 points, their closest opponent having only 90, the 83rd Division Team captured the XII Corps Swimming Title with the aid of several "backlog" doughs who were chosen for the division team from individual showings in the inter-unit clash held at the regulation pool at Passau.

Contributing points was Pfc. Stanley Krawitz, SSO who took first place in the 1 meter diving event and a third place in the 3 meter class. Krawitz, who will represent Corps at the Nurnberg Army Meet at the Sports Platz, is a two-campaign man having served in Africa and Sicily and is leaving for the 1st Div. In order to represent the XII Corps on the 20 and 21 of July, he will be placed on detached service. Krawitz competed in the South Atlantic AAU swim meet in (Continued on page 4)

Boy Oh Boy!! Benny and Bergman

Jack Benny will play the fiddle while Passau burns with desire over Ingrid Bergman and Martha Tilton when these three play to 83rd doughs during two performances on July 18. This famed trio will flaunt their talents at afternoon and evening performances at the Passau Arena. No limit has been set on laughs, sighs and whistles.

Veteran to Transform Pill-box to Grill-box

Postwar plans for raking in the greenback dollars when he returns to civilian life have been revealed by Co. B's Sgt. Willie Burgess of Bentley, West Virginia. Burgess hopes to capitalize on his fighting experiences and set up a roadside "honky-tonk" off Rer's main thoroughfare which will be especially attractive to veterans who campaigned against the Germans.

The inn itself is to be a rectangular shaped, concrete affair with small windows to give it the appearance of an exaggerated pill-box. The entrance leading to the honky-tonk will be littered with dragon's teeth through which patrons will amusingly have to wend their way to get inside.

On either side of the tavern will be a hedgerow serving as an emphatic reminder of the Normandy days, while in the back there will be a thickly wooded area which will be a counterpart to the Ardennes forest where Burgess found the going rough and cold.

Across the front of the tavern blazing in neon lights will be the name "Willie B. Baxter Jr's Hedgerow Inn" lit up with an 88 on one side and a Jerry machine gun on the other setting up cross fire.

Burgess figures he has worked hard enough in the army so he will let his hired help do the bulk of the work. His spot will be at the cash register where he can chat about his fighting 331st days.

Burgess expects to win his patronage not so much on the quality of the beer as on the flavor of his narratives of World War II.

In a 100-yard dash final S/Sgt. Anthony Grinovich, of Co. L, streaked down the cinder path to break the tape in 10:2 seconds and annex first place honors, while Pfc. Arthur Parry and Pfc. Charlie Jones, Co. L, finished close upon his heels in the 2nd and 4th positions respectively. T/5 Kenneth Delaney, Co. K, proved himself king of the 220 yard event by placing first in 24:2 seconds while his team mate Parry, finished second. Later doubling in the 1/4-mile round, Delaney led the pack from start to finish and won in the good time of 56:7 on the slow field. Delaney has run this race in 52 seconds flat in practise sessions but was not pushed in the tourney. Another 331st teamster, Pfc. Louis Schlick, copped fourth place in the event.

In the 880 yard run, Sgt. James Martines, of Co. K, coasted home all the way to clip the tape at 2:13:5, while Wheeler running third throughout the event nosed out his opponent in a final stretch duel to capture second place honors for the Blackboy Harriers. Finishing in 2-3-4 order respectively, Pfc. Michael Vaccaro, 2nd Bn. Hq. Co., Pfc. Gordon Ziegenhagen, Co. K, and Pfc. Carl Van Dyke, Personnel Section, garnered a total of 6 points in the 1-mile run. Vaccaro crossed the finish line in 5:7:8 and probably would have won this event if he had let the winner set the pace and trailed the latter.

Meanwhile in the relays, a fleet-footed 440-yard team in the persons of Grinovich, Pfc. George Pastirik, of the 3rd Bn. Hq. Co., Pfc. David O'Keefe, Co. M, and Jones, combined some fancy stick-passing with fast sprinting to capture another first place in the tourney. (Continued on page 4)

Joes Have a Dinner With Colonel to See What Officers Eat

Said the Colonel to the GIs "Would you like to have dinner with me?"

It all started when Lt. Col. Frederick J. Bailey Jr., 3rd Bn. commander remarked aloud that he wondered what he was having for supper. Sgt. Huston P. Gedrites, Co. I assistant squad leader from Dayton, Ohio, nearby, commented that he too, would like to know. At this remark the Colonel asked Gedrites whether he believed officers received betterchow than the EM. Of course, the sergeant was embarrassed by this question but he answered in the affirmative. Col. Bailey invited Gedrites to dine with him that evening.

Receiving permission to have a friend accompany him, Gedrites arrived with Pfc. Herb N. Levin of Phila., Pa. Both were cordially greeted by the colonel who offered them drinks. "This is surely a good brand of shnaps," Gedrites remarked.

Later, supper was served. The GIs ate at the head of the table with the colonel. When the food was set on the table, they were surprised to see that it was the same that they had eaten at dinner. There was chicken, potatoes, peas, etc. It was really a new experience for the boys.

After the meal, both GIs thanked the colonel and returned to their company to tell their buddies all about it. When asked what their impression of the event was, each answered in turn. Gedrites said that the food itself was the same as "ours", but the fact that it was served to you at the table and also that shnaps was part of the meal made everything seem so different. Herb thought that the officers had a keen sense of humor after all for they were laughing and joking all through supper.

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Welcome to the 331st . . .

Last week we bid our 85ers a bon voyage and good luck. Today, we say welcome new men. You've joined a swell outfit, one of the best in the ETO. You come to us, not as replacements and greenhorns, but as old timers who have been through the mill as much as we have and, like ourselves, are destined to see this thing through until complete victory is won.

We're not going to give you any advice, for most combat men are able to acclimate themselves readily enough to any changing condition. While you may have had some regrets in leaving old friends in your old outfits, you'll find, before many days go by, that you'll have a great many here.

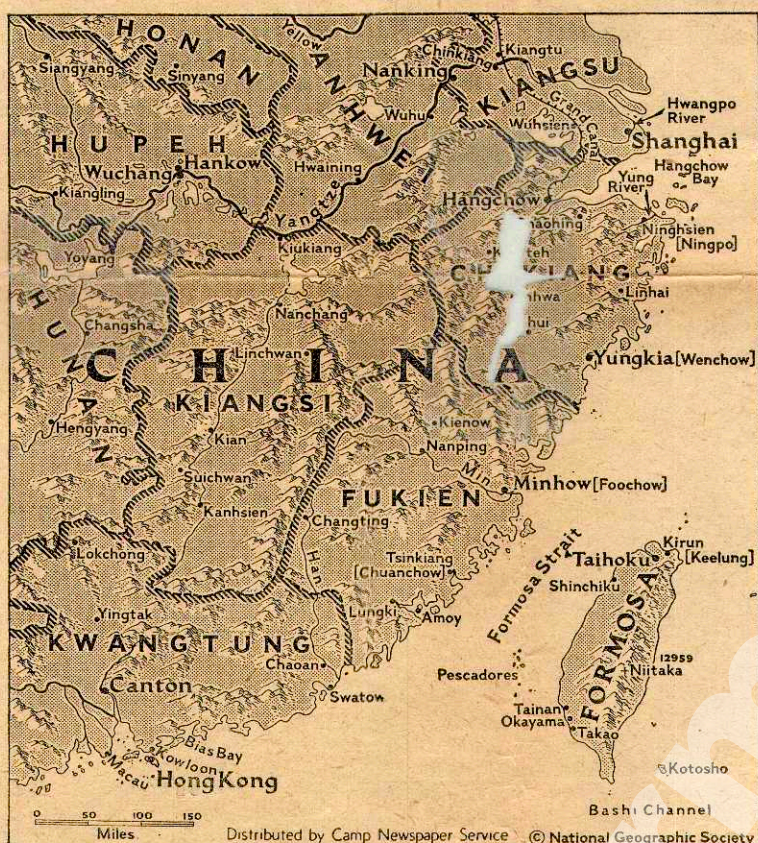
The TTF is your newspaper through which you may learn about your new fellow soldiers, your new leaders and the background of the outfit. If we can make your readjustment easier by supplying any information you want or answering any question you have in mind, don't hesitate to call on us. A note through Message Center to the Editor, TTF will do the trick.

The Pacific Picture . . .

Quoting Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, veteran air commander, the Stars and Stripes recently stated that "air power alone will bring the Japanese to their knees."

Twining asserted that he would apply the same techniques in aerial bombing against Japan as he used against the Germans. "First the oil fields, the airfields, factories and always communications lines," he said.

Meanwhile in San Francisco where he assumed command of the 4th AF, Maj. Gen. William Hale expressed the belief that air power would contribute more to Japan's defeat than it did to Germany's because the Japs were not as well prepared against aerial assaults.



Along the 1000 miles sweep of coast which extends from Canton northward to Shanghai are several ports of world importance, now under enemy control. But Japanese penetration is only skin deep, extending no farther inland than the waning power of the Nipponese Navy. A few miles from the port garrisons the Chinese retain control. Some sizeable reaches of the coast between ports are free of the invader. The coast, however, is broken up by thousands of islands. Typhoons often range and monsoons blow all year. Hong Kong lies about the same latitude as Havana, and Shanghai is no further north than Savannah, Ga.

308th Engineers Train TTF With Paper's Own Edge

On strips of paper only slightly wider than ticker tape the following message was received in the office of the TTF.

"Sirs: This paper is just the trimmings off the TTF. Couldn't you use a little of it to say a few words about the Engineers in the next issue? We of Co. C, 308 Engineer Bn. have been with the 331st since Normandy to the Elbe River. How about a little writeup once in a while. The wire fence and the platforms that you sit on were there when you got there, but for your explanation they were put up by us 'the forgotten Engineers'. Oh yes, I am speaking of the Peking P W Camp. Now your last two copies of the TTF had some lengthy articles about the said P W camp, and with all the work that we put into building the camp prior to the coming of the prisoners and the 331st Inf. who guard those supermen, not one word of mention had been given us.

The TTF also featured some pictures of the camp, one in particular of the shop where the prisoners were making their own beds. Again for your information, that shop had been set up by the Engineers and most of the work there had to be supervised by us.

Now don't get the idea that we're complaining. We're just sending along a little reminder. After all we belong to the same combat team. An Engineer and thirty others.

Easy Co. Pets a Goose and 4 Dogs

For the last three months E Co. has been collecting all kinds of pets. The oldest and most extraordinary mascot is Four Charge, a gray and white goose which was found on the Elbe Bridgehead when the fowl was just a few days out of its shell. This extraordinary goose does not like water, will not associate with its feathered friends and is quite attached to the fellows in the company.

It never learned to fear humans therefore will eat out of its feeder's hands and although it is allowed to run loose the goose never wanders far from the kitchen members who have taken care of it all these months.

There are also four small pups in E Co., Thunderbolt, BAR, Silver and Blacky. One pup belongs to each platoon and they know which platoon. It is impossible to tell exactly the breed of any of them. Thunderbolt and Blackie were gotten in Seesen as two week old pups while Silver and BAR were attached to the company at the present area.

Not Laughing Now The Medics Say

Today the medics feel the shoe is on the other foot and the laugh is on them for the doughfoots are the ones who have the points now. Back in the States when "The 83d will never go overseas." was an oft quoted, hopeful statement that still had the ring of a question in it, the pill-rollers were the ones who were laughing because they had the points — the points on the small end of a hypodermic needle.

Now while laughing doughs are on the way out, the medics are sweating it out. About one fourth of them from private on up, most original men, some who were stationed in England or Iceland for two or three years, have 80 points or more but they are not at all certain how that affects medics getting home.

They want it known that while they are wishing good luck to the fellows on the way out, they are still thinking it might be a good idea for them to return to civilian life too in order to doctor the returning veterans who find life out of uniform too great a strain on their equilibrium.

ETO Vets Ready To Tackle Japs, Stilwell Says

Okinawa (CNS) — ETO vets won't need much in the way of retraining for their chores in the Pacific, Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, Army Ground Forces, thinks. He made this statement after looking over the battleground on this island and Luzon. Stilwell is responsible for the training of all ground force personnel prior to departure overseas.

"War is pretty much the same all over," he told correspondents. "Troops coming from Europe could pick up this cave-and-lomb warfare in a week. No extensive training will be necessary. They won't have to change their tactics very much.

"The end of the war in Europe already has made itself felt in a freshening stream of replacements coming to the Pacific. Division commanders are very much pleased with the quality of these replacements. We are getting the best soldier material you can find anywhere. "Ask any commander what he wants and he'll tell you—a good physical specimen, well disciplined and with some idea of squad and platoon tactics. He can readily teach him the specialties."

Gen Stilwell predicted that when our GIs take on the main Jap forces, they may meet an enemy who does not hole up in caves and fortifications as he has done in the Marianas, Iwo, and Okinawa.

Here is the Dough With Fewest Points

A concerted hunt through personnel files produced the lowest pointed man in the regiment, Pfc. Frank Masters, Fox Co. rifleman who had been in the army only 7 months up to R-Day, May 12th, and has the same number of points.

Masters is resigned to the "inevitable" fact that he will see action in the CBI, but hopes to be transferred to the engineers where he would be able to use his civilian acumens, acquired from years of construction work, to better advantage.

The 24-year old dough, who is also single, is not a bit perturbed by the tales of his veteran comrades on the rigors of modern warfare. He calmly weighs the facts in his mind as presented and tries to picture the action that preceded his arrival.

Presently employed as a file clerk at the Peking PW enclosure, the lowest-pointed-man in the regiment thought that the point system was "pretty fair".

Seems everyone who is on pins and needles these days wants to get stuck with the point.

Personnel Officer



Capt. Karl N. Smith

A former Field Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, Capt. Karl N. Smith, Personnel Officer of the Regiment, has been an administrator and a leader since his boyhood days. Upon graduation from Louisiana State College in 1937, he became a second lieutenant in the Organized Reserve Corps. In December, 1941, he entered active service at Ft. McClellan, Alabama training recruits at the IRTC.

Capt. Smith came to the 83rd

Division in a cadre in July, 1942 and was assigned to the 331st Infantry as liaison officer. Three months later, he was promoted to a first lieutenant and his present assignment which he has held continuously. He earned his double bars in March, 1943.

Capt. Smith is married, has one boy, is 29 years and a native of New Orleans, La. Like most Yanks in uniform, sports are tops in his hobbies with baseball, tennis and swimming heading the list.

Just Who's Lousy at L'Amour GIs Ask Paris Mademoiselles

GIs may be "Lousy at L'Amour" in the opinion of the French girls as reported by Stars and Stripes, but the GIs don't exactly consider the mademoiselles the last word in perfection. Almost without exception they chose the American girl for love. Testimonies came from GIs who have lounged in the lap of Paris and are quite as qualified to judge for the side as are members of the back-to-front Folies Bergere girls who took the stand for the opposition. Deliberately overlooked was the fact that the French have a decidedly broader approach to love, but not forgotten was the accusation made that GIs were "Insolent to French girls".

"In France," said S/Sgt. Alvin Love from Fairfield, Conn., Hq. 3rd Bn., "Love is more a profession than a passion. However I heard and had no complaints from French girls — I think they just want to get their name in the paper."

"As far as love is concerned — they can't love like the American women," said Sgt. Willis Burgess, Beckley, W. Va., Co. B. "Passionate, yes, but real love — nothing but the American women. Yeah, the French babes are goodlooking but its so damn artificial — tons of mascara, eye brows drawn way down, shiny blue eyeshadow and plenty of other heavy makeup caked on. No wonder they call the GIs insolent. The way they swarm over every soldier like a bunch of bees you can't tell the nice ones from the bad."

Pfc. Daniel Friend from Knoxville, Tenn., 1st Bn. Hq., was a bit kinder. He said, "The French girls are swell to look at when you're in Paris — but there's something the American girl has got that no other has and when it comes time to go home — those French girls will be forgotten plenty fast."

"American girls are 100% better than French girls," declared 1st Sgt. Clarence

Gerling from Versailles, Ohio, Co. D. "Though the French are attractive and well dressed. They don't seem as mature, or serious: About being lousy lovers, the trouble there is that we probably don't play up to them enough — our ideas are different." He laughed. "Something you don't see at home which I saw on a Paris subway was a couple going to town making love before everyone."

"I don't see how they can talk about us being lousy at love when they aren't nearly as friendly as American girls and all of them are in Paris for a purpose — money or the equivalent. Give me American girls every time for fun. Thus said T/Sgt. Wioder Mathena from Greenfield, Ohio, Co. K.

There was one dissenting opinion in the group from S/Sgt. Paul Pacheco, Roswell, New Mexico, Co. C and probably arose from the fact that he is obsessed with both France and learning the French language. He prefers the French girl finding her warmer and more mature. "The reason GIs appear lousy lovers to the French," he said, "is because they take too much for granted and use no build up."

Speaking of the GIs being insolent, S/Sgt. Walter Carmichael from Charlotte, N. C., Co. M said, "I wonder what French women would think if GIs paid no attention to them? GIs haven't seen girls so long they can't help being friendly. And besides the approach of the French woman is often definitely on the insolent side itself. American girls are sweeter and more affectionate.

"As for being lousy lovers, all I know is both a friend of mine and I were told by French girls they liked the Americans best. "The Frenchman," they said, "Are content with love once a week, but the Americans — they want love all the time."

Foxhole Interviews



QUESTION: Now that even higher-ups are denouncing Non-Fraternization, what has been your honest opinion all along and how does it compare with the way you felt in combat?

Pfc. Howard H. Sword from Rosedale, Virginia, 3rd Bn. Hq.



"Fraternization is OK! Not marrying and that, but going with the German women. But the men — I still don't think we should have anything to do with them — they're not for me. This is the way I felt in combat and my ideas haven't changed."

Pfc. Harold L. Waskin from Berkley, Michigan, Co. K.

"In combat I thought we should get close to a German only when we wanted to kill him. Now though, when we're not fighting, I see them on the streets and I feel they are human and should be treated as such. I don't think marriage or any involved association should be carried on but I think having the Germans at dances and parties and talking to them is alright."

S/Sgt. Albert E. Cromer from Cleveland, Ohio, Co. M.



"During combat days I had a poisonous feeling toward all Germans and though it may have slackened a little bit, it hasn't changed. Man will satisfy his desires if it is true, but I think for a soldier to be seen on the street associating with a German girl is a disgrace to the American uniform."

Pfc. Robert B. Mullins from Mendenhall, Mississippi, Co. I.

"This Non-Fraternization? I'll tell you exactly how I feel about it. I believed in non-Fraternization both in and out of combat. It seemed like a good thing to me, but no one saw fit to enforce it and so I said phooey to it."

Cpl. Franklin Shippen from Detroit, Michigan, Co. L.



"I am thoroughly opposed to the non-Fraternization policy and always have been. It has never been clear cut nor defined sufficiently for us to know just what is right and wrong under it. For example some officers will tell you it means you can't even speak to the Germans while another will say no it doesn't go that far. I'll probably get jumped on by everybody but I still believe the German people weren't as much to blame for this war as we are inclined to believe. They have definitely been misled and our talking and associating with them is the best way I know of to get them untangled."

Musicians, Instruments Wanted for Orchestra

To give that special spark of Yank music to dances, show and other company entertainment, an all out effort is being made by the regimental recreational office to form an orchestra from regimental talent.

Both musicians and instruments are needed and thus far few have answered the call according to Lt. Mann, recreational officer. "I would like all men interested to contact the recreation office for an interview. Also anyone who knows where trombones, saxophones, clarinets and trumpets might be obtained from civilians please let this office know."

Master Dark room for 1st Bn. Photographers

Men of the 331st have become avid camera addicts and with this photographic step has come the need for adequate developing and printing facilities within the bounds of convenient time and distance. The old method of waiting months for negative and prints to return is no longer satisfactory. At first the men solved this problem by setting up their individual darkrooms within the companies from piecemeal equipment.

Now, however, when the men are developing camera techniques, the amateur, haphazard method of developing and printing is no longer satisfactory and master darkrooms are needed. Setting an example is that of the 1st Bn.

Under the direction of Pfc. Steve Schultz of St. Louis Missouri, Bn. Hq., a regular photographic establishment in Simbach has been rented and turned to the effort of meeting the constant flood of undeveloped film flowing in. Schultz, who had a chemical business supplying photographic concerns throughout the States in his civilian days, said he and his four associates completely turn out an average of 85 rolls a day or about 500 a week. This includes developing and printing.

"We try to give two day service," said Pfc. Walter Waite of Portland, Oregon, A Co., who followed photography as a hobby in civilian life. "And we have done pretty well on that score although the rolls are coming in mighty fast and regular."

The price is ten cents a roll for one print of each negative. Additional prints can be obtained for two cents a piece. Enlargements also are handled though not to any great extent.

"Most of the subject matter is scenery," said Pfc. Robert Horning, Rochester, N. Y., Co. B, who continues his civilian pursuit where he worked for Eastman Kodak in the optical lens department. "The men want to be certain their memories don't fail them when it comes to German background."

Pfc. Irving Lee from Maplewood, N. J., Bn. Hq. who has only taken photography up since his army days, looked a little disgusted as he sorted and recorded rolls and payment. "I like the photographic end of it but this is one part of it I don't go for."

The four rooms which the establishment occupies are quite small but satisfy the demands. The equipment," Schultz said, "is so far surpassed by our American material it is pitiful, but it is alright and satisfies our needs adequately so that we are able to turn out A-1 work. And that, after all, is what we are interested in."

Oh, Merry Old Organ Broke Down

Charlie Co.'s Frank Sinatra, in the person of T/Sgt. Mervin Newberry of Ramen, Va., has another talent that was recently discovered quite by accident. It seems that "Frankie" suddenly took a liking to the organ and necessarily practised as often as he could upon the black and white ivories. He was pumping so hard, one day that both foot pedal straps broke with a resounding pop that was easily comparable to the familiar crumple of a bursting 88 mm. shell. Newberry is now seeking an organ repairman.

Doughs Begin Barracks Life in Luftwaffe Field

A recent survey of activities among the 2nd Bn. life men who are presently concentrated at the spacious 500-acre, almost perfectly flat, Pocking Air Base showed that the veterans of five campaigns who had beaten back the cream of Hitler's armies, were busy at work performing such menial tasks as building double-decker bunks, procuring straw tick mattresses, and cleaning the numerous windows that line the barracks which often extend to 150 feet and more. Living in barracks, many which are camouflaged, that formerly housed the officers and enlisted men of Goering's ill-fated Luftwaffe, the doughsloggers can also be seen walking semi-formal guard tours around military installations that include valuable radar equipment, and important road junctions on or near the vicinity of the field.

Others were yet occupied with squad firing problems, and extensive company problems, while numerous individuals were sharpening up their "shooting eyes" on firing ranges, specially built. All these things take up the counterpart to and resemble the garrison life that is so familiar to military training reservations.

The Easy company barracks which is situated close to the How Co. Hanger is by far the most complete of the housing facilities on the Pocking Post. Here the men are housed in an almost S-shaped wooden structure that has approximately 400 feet of corridors, a huge dayroom where men may relax in a laybriath of literature that is strewn about the room, or play a fast game of ping-pong.

Processing of PWs Continues



PWs are being screened with a fine tooth comb at the Pocking Camp where SS and other war criminals are being held while members of the Wehrmacht are processed for discharge. Questionnaires are filled out by each PW up for discharge with the help of German civilians and then the prisoner appears before the interrogation board.

Medals for Valor Still Hail Doughboys' Battlefield Deeds

Past deeds in the battlefields of Europe haven't gone unrecognized as 685 officers and men of the 331st Infantry have been awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star Medals and Oak Leaf Clusters since April. Twenty-eight officers and 52 men were presented with the Silver Star while 37 men received Oak Leaf Clusters for their Bronze Stars. The following are recipients of the Silver Star.

Lt. Col. Henry Neilson, Major Harold Brown, Pfc. Charles Cambras, Lt. John Maiden, Lt. Phil Williams, Lt. Donald Johnson, Capt. George French, T/Sgt. Robert Morris, Pvt. John Pierce, Major William White, T/4 William Freshwater, S/Sgt. Thomas Rothschild, S/Sgt. Isadore Rider, Sgt. John Monroe, Sgt. Meyer Fagelman, S/Sgt. Vernon Bickley, Lt. Parkman Tyner, Lt. Joseph Lynch, T/Sgt. Clarence Ables, S/Sgt. Neville Brand, T/Sgt. Albert Bartos, S/Sgt. Clarence Weck, Lt. John Capararis, Pfc. Wasco Pawuk, Pfc. Harry Harding, T/Sgt. Francis Powell, S/Sgt. Roberto Robles, Sgt. Joseph Tenuto, Lt. Patrick Murphy, Lt. James Ritchie, Pfc. Haran Martin, Pfc. Henry Decker, Lt. Lester Schwadron, Capt. Patrick Murphy, Sgt. James Bullington, Capt. Harold Woodson, S/Sgt. Norman Schuster, Sgt. Joseph DeMore, Capt. Harry Fleming, Capt. Chester Freudentorf, Pfc. John Patson, T/Sgt. Leary Dalton, Pfc. Carl James, Lt. Caddie Hennage, Pfc. Darwin Fifield, Lt. Irving Drucker, Sgt. William Oliver, Pfc. La Verne Leque, S/Sgt. Grant Johnson, T/5 Bernal Hanks, T/Sgt. Everett Singleton, Pvt. Harold Scott, T/Sgt. Leroy Titus, Cpl. Joseph Macaluso, S/Sgt. George White, Capt. Chester Freudentorf, Pfc. Robert Cole, Lt. William Medford, Pfc. Richard Winslow, T/Sgt. John McAbee, S/Sgt. Isaac Leedy, Sgt. Paul Lancaster, S/Sgt. Alvaro Garza, Lt. Col. Frederick Bailey Jr., Lt. Col. Robert Cheal, Pfc. Kenneth Andres, Pfc. Levin Willey, Capt. Walter Ashmore, T/Sgt. Frederick Walker, Lt. Sylvester Smith, S/Sgt. Clifford Kirkman, Cpl. Edward Azevedo, T/5 Curtiss Kimball, T/Sgt. Henry Gray, Lt. Vernon Fever, S/Sgt. Robert Trago, Lt. Arthur Ungren, Lt. Byron Smith, Sgt. Edgar Stamper.

Co. C 308 Medics Bid CO Farewell

Capt. Robert J. Lavoie, Commanding Officer of Company C, 308 Medics Bn. is leaving the combat team, with the hope of becoming a civilian again soon. His men through Sgt. Phil. Annis, sent The TTF this departing note.

"We of Co. C regret to see Capt. Lavoie leave. He has been with us during training and every minute of combat. You men of the 331st who have entered Medical Channels remember some of the many duties of Capt. Lavoie's Collecting Company. Our litter bearers perhaps evacuated you from the front lines. Our ambulances brought you to our station where we dressed your wounds, gave you plasma, applied splints and in general tried to make you more comfortable as well as save your life. And finally our ambulances evacuated you to the Division Clearing Station. All this was the responsibility of our most efficient Company Commander."

"From Normandy to the Elbe, Capt. Lavoie was alert to see that our company was in the best possible position to aid fighting men of the 331st. Perhaps it can be justly said that this alone saved the lives of many men."

"As Capt. Lavoie bids us 'So long' we are sure that you men of the 331st join us of Company C in wishing him luck and happiness for the future and thanking him for a job well done. Come what may, we shall always regard Capt. Lavoie as the finest C. O. Company C has ever had."

"The men of Company C say, 'Good luck Capt. It has been a pleasure to serve under your command'."

Painter Reminds Boys of America

The first glimpse of America to a long time was had by the men of Co. C recently when they saw the huge mural of the Statue of Liberty on the walls of their mess hall. This inspiring piece of art was painted by Cpl. Louis Sugar of Denver, Colorado.

"As long as I can remember, I have had the desire and knack for art, painting and sketching," Sugar remarked as he dipped his brush into the paint. "It has been a hobby and a profession. The pencil and paint brush talk for me."

All posters, signs and murals in the company have been painted by Sugar. His masterpiece thus far, however, is the huge mural of the Statue of Liberty illuminating the mess hall and casting an American air to the setting.

Sugar has attended several art schools in Denver receiving a scholarship to one of them by winning a War Bond Poster Contest. Aside from drawing pin-up girls, he likes best to paint patriotic advertising posters. He wants to draw the picture of the American soldier.

Back in civilian life, Sugar was an interior decorator and a poster painter. After the war he expects to attend an art university and start an art business of his own.

85ers Given Farewell Party

1st Bn. Hq. Co. dined, drank and danced in a farewell party to 16 members of the company who were being transferred to another unit preparatory to being discharged.

Ample stocks of Champagne, Cognac, Armanac, wine and beer kept things fluid throughout the evening. T/Sgt. Charles Blackman of Kansas City, head purveyor of beverages, assisted by Oral Cleveland of St. Joseph, Mo., T. A. Woronick of Warden, Conn., and Sgt. Teddy Purchwick of Mt. Rainer, Md., manned the bar.

From out of the blue, Mess Sgt. Oscar King produced enough ingredients to make over 300 sandwiches. Cpl. George Hunt at Seattle, Washington, stayed up all night before, baking the buns for them.

Head of all arrangements, 1st Sgt. Fred Fowler, Louisville, Ky., kept things running smoothly all evening.

A half hour of special entertainment crowned the glory of the party. Co. C spunged on for the first time in the Barbarian part of Germany. While refreshments floated the feelings of all concerned, S/Sgt. John Lee, Chicago, Ill. acted as master of ceremonies introducing Miss Sgt. Waldo Odum, Bagalusa, La., as the woman in the opening act with Pfc. John Muzyka, Carterett N. J., as her able escort. Wearing Garbage No 5 perfume, Lady Castoria cosmetics and a gown designed by the underground, Miss Sgt. Odum's appearances were deceiving.

Pfc. Haran Martin, Winston Salem, N. C., the Hill Billies gift to civilization, played the guitar and sang his own words to "Paper Doll" which for obvious reasons will never replace the original lyrics. Accordion music wrapped in the strains of familiar favorites was rendered by Pfc. Joseph Denard, Pa. Bringing the entertainment portion of the party to a close was S/Sgt. Norman Bouyea, Springfield, Mass., who played the Hungarian number "Czardas".

Bavarian Customs Spring From Old Time Superstitions

In the Bavarian villages there are to be found many customs that draw their origins from the earliest centuries of German history. These customs come from the pagan times and later on were given a new interpretation by the Christian Church.

Especially in Lower Bavaria, you may find on the walls of large farm-houses heads of horses cut in wood. This custom has its origin in the worship of the German God Wodan who rode on his eight footed horse over the country side. The farmers of Lower Bavaria, always great horse-breeders, wished by this sign of worship to lend their own horses some of the ghostly velocity of the divine horse.

Another custom, coming, too, from those early centuries, is the belief in the goddess of the corn, originally the charitable Ceres. In former times people brought sacrifices to pay her homage. The Church could not permit this pagan custom, and she changed the person of the goddess into an envious witch who goes over the fields at night and cuts with a sickle bound to her ankle, a great part of the corn not yet ripe. To prevent her bad deeds, at harvest-time in Bavaria the first sheaf to be cut is sprinkled with holy water. In the surroundings of Passau, people put sharp smelling bouquets of juniper on the field to dispel the witch.

Not a Ghost of a Chance For Spirit Wedded G I

(Not a news item. Ed.)

We're not trying to be lawyers for the defense but a question and answer column in the Camp Newspaper Service had an item that got us boiling hot. (It was during a rainy day and the heat kept us from freezing). The question was, "Can a widow of a GI who remarries continue to collect via his GI insurance?" and the answer was "She sure can. Marital status has nothing to do with it." The way we figure it, a woman who claimed to be "a widow of a GI who remarries" would have snooped around and found that the ghost of her husband was remarried. Can Ghosts have no privacy? But what we are so hot up about is how this GI ghost is going to support his new wife who is probably a ghost herself. He is no longer working and a ghost certainly has no visible means of support so what will he and his ghostly, or ghostly wife do? They'll have to go on wearing the same old ectoplasm year after year, they'll have no radio because they won't be able to afford a ghost to ghost hookup, they won't be able to play host to other ghosts, they won't be able to afford any spirits which every decent ghost has, there'll be no milk of amnesia for the baby and in generally life will be just like death itself. That's why we are so angry. If the "widow of a GI who remarries" can't find some way of getting along without haunting poor ghosts to death for their money then some steps should be taken to see that someone starts coffin up some cash.

It's not that some of us have flat feet but — are your toes and heels supposed to curl up!

Blackboy 9 Shuts Out Div Arty, 5-0 in Opener

Among Athletes

Now That T/Sgt. Pete Winters who did a bang up job of organizing the 3rd Bn. baseball team, before he left for the States with 126 points is gone, Sgt. Rube Frankling from Co. K has been elected the new coach and is giving the boys plenty of practice. There seems to be little doubt that the team will come through in good shape, when they find someone to play.

From talk heard around the field, it can be gathered that all the players but one are former A. A., (Anti-Aircraft), stars. The exception, S/Sgt. Dean Brannham, is a former Tri-County ace.

Division Special Units defeated the 331st team in a closely contested game by a score of 5-3 last Monday. The 331st, with Hemming pitching the first six innings, replaced by Johnson in the seventh and Hughes in the ninth and Clyde and Socka catching, ended up with 3 runs, 10 hits and 3 errors. Div. Spec. Units with Pociak pitching and Cecil catching rang up a final score of 5 runs, 9 hits and 3 errors. Leading batters for the 331st were McGee — 3 hits, Merriam — 2 hits, and Socha — 2 hits. For Div. Spec. Units the batting lead was taken by Curtis, Pociak and Fortachbeck.

A fighting first platoon of Fox Co. pulled a few old tricks out of the bag, to open up the intra-company tourney and squeezed out a 5-4 victory over a Hqs. platoon ball team. In the first inning the winning nine eaked out the five runs that were enough to win the game. The bespectacled Shelly Farr, a native of Wyoming, hurled the assault platoon to its victory, and successfully beat back each rallying attempt. Dick House started for the Hqs. nine, and

17 331st Men to Enter Corps Meet

For their outstanding performance at the Passau track and field meet, 17 were selected from the 331st Infantry, to represent the 83rd Division, at the XII Corps games to be held on July 24th, the Division Athletic Office announced.

Those chosen from the Blackboy team were: Pfc. Michael Vaccaro, 1-mile run; Pfc. Gordon Ziegenhagen, 1-mile run; T/S Kenneth Delany, 220 and 440 yd. runs; Pfc. Louis Schlick, sprints, S/Sgt. Anthony Grinovich, 100-yard dash; Pfc. Arthur Parry, 100 and 200 yd. dashes; Pfc. Bruce Jones, 100 and 200 yd. dashes; Sgt. James Martinis, 880-yd. run; Pfc. David Wheeler, 880-yd. run, 1 mile relay; Pfc. Edward Garber, shot-put, discus, javelin; Cpl. William Lillenthal, discus; S/Sgt. Kenneth Reynolds, high jump; Cpl. Bernard Jovans, shot-put, discus; Pfc. David O'Keefe, 1/4 and 1/2 mile relay events; Pfc. Patrick Kane, 1-mile relay; Pfc. Walter Overton, and Pfc. Edward Dean, 880 yd. run, javelin.

Baker Defeats Dog With an 8-6 Score

D Co. gifted Co. B with a softball game by the score of 8 to 6. Svitak of Heavy Weapons started pitching as if he meant business, but as early as the second inning lost his control and started a parade of walks that resulted in seven unearned runs. The Baker Bombshells with 13 base on balls needed only five hits to score eight runs, whereas the Weapons boys made nine hits good for only six runs.

Bakers big inning came in the fifth when three hits coupled with three walks and two errors brought five runs across the rubber. Nafz opened the inning with a walk working his way around to third on a steal and sacrifice bunt. He then scored on a play at home plate on a ground ball hit by Haile, when the catcher dropped the throw to home. Clark then singled Haile home for the second round, and after Lockhardt walked, putting two men on, Ed Agnew lined a single to tally two more runs. The final mark of the inning came in when Barney Marshalls single followed by two walks forced a run in.

Nafz pitching for the victors was hit a little more freely, than usual, but his teammates behind him delivered in great style, to keep him out in front. The sparkplug of the Baker team was "Andy" Anderson whose constant chatter behind the plate rattled opposing batters and kept his teammates in there pitching.

Love Wins Again

Evidently Capt. Alexander Kathapea's Co. L has the keynote to a successful mess hall for their kitchen under S/Sgt. Luther Kanter, Wapakoneta, Ohio, has won the TTF certificate for the cleanest kitchen for the 2nd straight week.

pitched the fatal 1st inning. He was relieved by Lt. Duncan, Co. F C. O., who allowed but three hits thereafter. "Lanky" Fitch, Graham, and Jones secured the three hits in the first inning; these were soon mixed with several balls fielding errors that spelled disaster for the Headquarter team. "DB" Turner, Charles Graham, Dan DeMarro and "Hungry" Gregory starred in the infield while, "Husky" Carter, "Lally" Jones, "Row" Thomas, and Zip Czapluk, roamed the outfield.

Playing their last game before heading home, two 85ers, Mike Chaney pitching and "Seabiscuit" Barry catching, contributed to Easy Co. winning its first game in the second round by a score of 9-8, showing How (Co.) to do it.

Barry caught in his usually fine style and contributed two hits while Chaney pitched steady ball and also delivered the winning hit. Team captain "Ghost" Serpe, third baseman "Arm" Bosshart were leading hitters, both getting three for three.

The 3rd Bn. Hq. Co. softball team got off to a strong start in the second half of the Battalion league, by defeating the Love Co. boys in two games.

Pfc. Emmet Yeager, with strong team support, was the winning pitcher in both games, allowing only four hits and one walk in sixteen innings of play.

331st Wins Meet

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Two teams wearing the Blackboy colors jockeyed into the first and fourth positions early in the 880-yard relay event to finish in that order. Winning time for the first place quartet composed of Grinovich, Pfc. Robert Winttrode Co. I, Pfc. David O'Keefe, and Pfc. Patrick Kane, Co. M, and anchor leg, was 1:47 seconds flat. The second team which placed fourth in this event consisted of Schlick, Pvt. Joe McCaughey, 3rd Bn. Hq. Co. Pfc. Kenneth Osborne and Pfc. George Pastirik, who in vain attempted to close the gap that had been built up by his teammates. The 1-mile relay event was scratched from the card as the 331st was the only unit on the bill to offer a team, while Pfc. Sam Orsich of Co. M, placed fourth in the Grueling 2-mile run after lagging at the half way mark.

The 331st monopolized the entire discus-throwing event, capturing all four places. Winner of the event was Cpl. William Lillenthal, Co. D who tossed the disk 111 feet and 1 inch. Close behind him with good throws were Pfc. Edward Dean, Co. B, Pfc. Ed Garber also of Co. B, and Lt. Daniel Little, Co. K. The above finished in the specified order respectively, while Cpl. Bernard Jovans, Co. F giant and former NYU star fouled out with a potential winning throw of 125 feet which was the first time he had thrown the plate in open competition.

Jovans, however, threw the 16 lb. shot put for a distance of 40 feet, 1 inch to annex top honors in that event. S/Sgt. Arthur Kennedy, Co. M, placed third with a 33 foot 9 inch heave and Horman, captured fourth place with a throw just 8 inches less than the third place winner. To complete the field events, Sgt. Kenneth Reynolds wound up in a three way tie for third place in the high jump, skipping over the bar at 5 feet, 6 inches.

331st Second In Swim Meet

Handicapped with only five entrants, the 331st swimming team surprised a star-studded field in the Division tourney held at Passau, July 7th, by taking second place honors amassing a total of 25 points. A highly talented Div. Arty team placed first in the inter-unit swim meet with a team total of 57 points.

The 331st splashers captured 6 second places, 3 third places, and a fourth place setting an early pace for the Divarty team. Pfc. Stanley Krawitz, Baltimore merman, and team captain, starred for the 331st in annexing second place honors in the diving event, 400 meter breast stroke race, and anchoring the 400 meter free-style special. Krawitz also placed fourth in the 100 meter back stroke contest.

Sharing the spotlight with Krawitz were Cpl. William McAnally of Co. M, and Pfc. David Sterling, Reg'l M.P. McAnally won second place in the 400 meter free style finals completing 8 laps of the regulation size 50 meter Olympic pool in 9:49:5 while Sterling took third place honors with the 50 meter free-style finals in a thrilling nip and tuck contest. Winning time of the event which went to T/Sgt. Jacobs, of Divarty, was 29:8 seconds flat. On the basis of time performance in the trials, Sterling should have taken second place in the event. McAnally placed third behind his team mate, Pfc. Richard Schaeffer, who captured second in the 100 meter free-style event. Sterling annexed third place in the 200 meter breast stroke race.

Krawitz, scored a total of 101.1 points just 8.3 tenths point behind the winner. The Olympic point system was used in scoring the contestants who each made several optional dives besides the five standard dives. Three impartial judges including a German professional swimmer, scored the relative merits of each entrant.

Meanwhile in the relays, the Blackboy Quintet took second place in both the 300 medley relay and 400 special free-style relay. The latter event was substituted in lieu of the 800-yard relay event. Fred Reidl, David Sterling, and Dick Schaeffer, represented the 331st in the 300 medley race, while McAnally, Reidl, Schaeffer and Krawitz teamed up for the four-man four-laps per, 400 meter special.

Mermen in Army Meet

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1937 and was a medalist in the tourney. In the 1938 Eastern Seaboard diving contest, while competing against leading college material, he placed third. He starred on his high school and YMHA teams and as a junior won the annual Evening Sun sponsored meet at Baltimore. Others on the team to represent Corps at Nurnberg and expected to win and swim in the Paris ETO meet on July 8 are Cpt. Bill McAnally, Co. M, and Pfc. Richard Schaeffer, Reg'l Hq. Co., who teamed up with two other 83rd men to annex third place in the 880-yard free style relay event. Schaeffer later doubled in the 1500 meter free-style stamina contest to place second. Pfc. David Sterling, Reg'l Hq. Co., former New York Club star, copped a third place in the 100-yard free style sprint.

Behind the airtight four hit twirling of Lefty Joe Maiden, the Blackboy nine inaugurated its 1945 campaign with a 5 run shutout over an outclassed and outhit Div Arty team. Played at Moore Field, Birnbach on July 7th, the game was the first of the inter-unit tilts to be scheduled on the current baseball agenda.

Out at Third



Pfc. Bernie McGee is tagged out at third base during the heatedly close game with Div. Special Units Nine last week.

2nd Bn. Softball Schedule Resumes Stride in Top Form

The second battalion played a string of softball games this week while resuming their schedule of the second half after a ten-day lay-off caused by old' Jupe Fluvius.

Fox Co. romped off with a 5-1 victory over How Co. at the latter's diamond on July 5th, making it two wins out of three games played in the second half. Lloyd Jones, F. Co. right-handed hurler, gave up only one hit to the heavy weapons crew.

The next day, a revitalized H Co. team smashed back at the Medics swabbing the latter 8-2. How Co. men ragged out ten base hits and the Medics contributed seven errors. Ernie Pinola was the winning pitcher and marked up his second straight triumph. The only aidman at game, Pinola any trouble was from a sore leg, medic right fielder, who stepped right and later a home run to the right center in three trips to the plate.

Easy Co. entered the victory column for their initial win of the second half when they downed Hq. 9-8 on July 9th. The Easyites were paced by Seipe, short fielder, who had a perfect day at the plate with three for three, while Bosshart, third baseman, slugged out two doubles and a single to make it three out of four. Cheny was the winning pitcher for E Co. bringing the latter up to a 500 percentage.

The biggest upset of the current half, occurred on July 9th at George Co.'s field when a scrappy Hqs. Co. nine whipped the home team 4-3. In winning, the Hqs. team defeated Big Beau Titus, ace right-hander to deal him his first defeat of the season. It was an especially bitter pill for Titus to swallow as he was twirling his last game for George Co. before leaving the Division. Although the "85 pointer" fanned 10 men, the Hqs. crew made their six hits count. Bill Goldberg, 2nd Bn. Hq. hurler kept the G Co. batters off balance by mixing his pitches. Goldberg held the former League leaders to five hits and won his own game by driving in the winning run in the first half of the sixth with a clean single to right field.

Triple Play Colors Anti-tank, Sv. Co. Game

Anti-tank Co. finally succeeded in bringing Service Co. to their knees after a ten inning game which turned out to be one of the season's most colorful.

Service Co. threatened maliciously in the seventh inning of the game when they had men placed on 1st and 2nd with no outs and the heavy erd of the batting coming up. The ball was hard hit to James Shrewsbury, Anti-tank's third baseman, who stepped on third, the ball to William McFadden on first who put the batter out and in turn pivoted, threw to Antone Silvia on second catching the runner just in time. This completed a triple play thus far unduplicated in the 331st league.

Anti-tank's only scoring run was made in the first of the tenth when Daniel Granger pounded out a double to center field. The fielder's peg was wild enabling Branger to start for third. Service Co's 1st baseman fielded the wild throw nicely, throwing the ball to third attempting to catch the runner. His speedy peg was also wild and Granger scored.

Whittaker, Service Co's pitcher yielded but four hits in a nicely pitched game while MacLaughlin of Anti-tank gave up seven to the hard hitting Service Co.

The 331st nine wasted little time wrapping the old ball game up. A four hit, four run, first inning provided the hurler, Lt. John Maiden with a lead that he was never in danger of relinquishing.

Leadoff man, Bob Merriam, former Detroit utility infielder, opened the proceedings with a sharp single over third. Manager Kribs, next batter, was hit by a pitched ball moving Merriam to second. Lanky Bernie McGee advanced both runners with a neatly laid sacrifice. Power hitter Joe Russo smashed to third and Merriam was nipped at the plate on a good fielding play. Brown to Kowalewski. With two out and two on, Lt. Bob Clyde, Philadelphia catcher wrapped one of pitcher Craner's inside curves to the far confines of right field scoring Kribs and Russo, while reaching third base himself. Little Joey Egan kept the fire hot by beating out a roller to second, Clyde scoring on the play. Egan promptly pilfered second and hit pay dirt on Howie Miller's timely single to left. Socha's strikeout ended the big inning.

For the balance of the game it was merely a pitching problem of protecting the lead, a feat which the cool-headed Maiden accomplished with dispatch and thoroughness. He was never in trouble and struck out six hostile batters in the seven innings as he went the whole distance. Furthermore he gave up only two passed balls and allowed only three men to reach second base, while four hits chalked up against him by the DivArty sandlotters were well scattered.

Third sacker, Merriam paced the Regimental sluggers with three out of four, and two runs batted in, together with the keystone tender Egan who had a brace of hits and figured prominently as stickmen. Kribs, McGee and Russo, ordinarily a trio of sluggers, went hitless, indicating that plenty of fur will fly when their big bats start bombarding. The infield quartet consisting of McGee, Egan, Kribs and Merriam worked smoothly as a combination and gave twirler Maiden solid support.

Did You Get Your PX Supplies?

The conversation, familiar to most of the company PXs scattered throughout the regiment, might vary a little in words but the idea is the same and goes something like this.

"What junk you got this time to rob me of my hard earned marks?"

"Same thing as last week, same thing as tomorrow, in other words the same thing."

"Jeez, why don't they get something different in? Ok give me the works — though I doubt if I can carry it all."

"You want everything? What a chow hound? OK. Two luscious candy bars laboring under the name Ping, one roll of those imitation fruitdrops masquerading as candy, six — count them — packs of your favorite brand of cigs, at least one should be for no two are alike, a roll of film which you'll no doubt waste on that pasty mug of yours, couple razor blades for sharpening pencils — with that fuzz you certainly aren't going to shave, and a bottle of colored water with a coke complex. Either drink the coke here or rustle your bones and get the bottle back by Thursday. They're bitching again 'cause some of the bottles are missing — some one must have thought they were loaf and stuck them in their barracks bag."

"Oh I'll drink the damn thing here."

"That'll be six and a half marks. Let's see your ration card and some money — we're not just giving this stuff away you know."

"Hey, how 'bout getting a can of juice?"

"You got juice last week and you know it. What do you do with the stuff, bathe in it?"

"You jerk. Whata you hiding under the counter?"

"Not a thing, Shylock. If you're hunting for a black market seek, elsewhere."

"I see some fountain pens came in. I want one."

"They did not. Only one came in and you-know-who got that."

"Where'd you get that one sticking out of your pocket?"

"That was a gift from my poor, gray-haired mother back yonder when."

"Well, what about watches?"

"We have two though they're now on display at Tiffanys. If you want, you can sign your name on that list for a try at em."

"Might as well — though I won't win."

"Hell, I'm not begging you to try. Besides I have nothing to do with it. Leaving, eh? Hey, you forgot your ration card."

"Oh thanks. Guess I beffa keep the damn thing. Say, what's the chances of slipping me another pack of camels for these Raleighs?"

"No. Get the hell outa here."

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