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55-POINTERS ALERTED TO LEAVE

Austrians Have Free Elections

Austrians, observing their first free elections in almost ten years, went to the polls Sunday and turned in a majority vote for the Volks-Partei (Peoples Party), giving them 85 of the 165 Assembly seats.

While the Austrian government, now an elected one instead of provisional, marks the first big step toward eventual self-government in Austria, supervisory control of this government still remains with the four-power Allied Control Council in Vienna.

Affect on MG

How these elections effect Military Government was explained by Colonel R. A. Snook, head of the MG in Linz, when he said that "the trend is toward civilian government and away from MG; we want the people to show what they can accomplish. After all, civilian government was in operation long before we came and will continue to be long after we've gone." He pointed, however, that at present there is no indication MG control at the state and national level in Austria will soon be withdrawn.

While this is true, Colonel Snook asserted, "Field Detachments (of MG), whose job it is to supervise county level governments and to act as liaison between them and the occupying forces, will presently be withdrawn. We almost accomplished it this month, but higher headquarters decided they should remain for a longer period of time." How much longer was not known.

According to Stars and Stripes, field detachments of the MG in Germany were to have withdrawn November 15.

MG units in Austria, believing that the United States State Department will eventually take over their supervisory jobs, are striving to keep all records in order so the transition can be an easy one, it was learned.

Philharmonic To Visit Linz After 10 Years

The world famous Vienna Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, under the able direction of Professor Fritz Sedlak, is coming Sunday evening, Dec. 6th., to present a concert of classical music at the Landes Theater in Linz.

The oldest symphony in Europe, and therefore probably the oldest in existence, the Vienna Philharmonic is celebrating the 104th anniversary of its foundation. It has played for audiences on every large continent in the world, and has had such renowned conductors as Bruno Walter, Arturo Toscanini, Serge Koussevitsky, Karl Kreuger, and Artur Rodzinsky.

As a matter of tradition, and because of its perennial excellence, the Philharmonic has for decades been the orchestra chosen to play for the Salzburg Mozart Festival, held annually in Vienna's sister city of Salzburg. Many music loving GI's attended the Festival this year, and were thrilled by the artistic mastery of the musical performance.

The orchestra had a pre-war strength of 100 pieces, but now has only about fifty members. This is to be their first Linz performance in 10 years.



AUSTRIAN CIVILIANS . . . reading or looking at American magazines in the ISB's "Prop Shop" in Linz. It is hoped that they will get a more graphic picture of American life through this medium than through Hollywood movies.

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Sees Double As Twins Rejoin Regulars Get 50

The Lieutenant yelled, "OK, turn 'em in here and we'll wrap them up for you." Fifty beautiful hunks of paper passed down the line and that was the end of Act I for these men of the 331 Regiment. Those hunks of paper were Honorable Discharges and no one was very much worried whether they'd be suitable for framing because these Joes were going home. Act II wasn't very far away either, for two days later (we've got the Lieutenant's word for it) they packed themselves up in their duffel bags and took off. Brother, these boys were heading Stateside.

That was Tuesday and the scene was the Division Finance Office where each of the men had a date with the pay-clerk and some of that famous do-re-mi. Uncle Samuel was doing these boys right and like Confucius says: money talks.

Now wait a minute. Who's the character trying to go through for seconds! Let's not carry a good thing too far. OOps! Twins. And members of that famous Fraternal Order of Privates First Class. Chester and Lester Hall, comrades in arms since those first days at Camp Croft. S. C. were signing up for another hitch. And according to Chester (or was it Lester) they had big plans for that furlough home. To put it bluntly: "We aren't going to do a damned thing." But what man, living in Pittsburgh, Pa., ever went there and didn't, do a damned thing!

And that guy who's waving his discharge (We've seen 'em and

Another 83rd Unit Wins Citation For Bridgehead Fight

Another unit has been added to the growing list of 83rd. outfits, cited for outstanding action in military conflict. The Third Battalion 331st. Regiment, for its noteworthy performance in capturing a vital railroad bridge over the Lippe River, and subsequent establishment of a bridgehead into Hamm, Germany last April, was cited by the

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'Men Will Quit 83rd In About 3 Weeks' - USFA

All 55-pointers and over can expect to leave the 83rd Division within three weeks for units slated to go home, although no definite dates for their departure have been set and the outfits to which they will be transferred are not now known. Lt. Col. Bland West, G-1 of the Division, revealed Thursday. Also to be included in the above group are men who have four years' service.

According to Colonel West, "We have received a warning order from USFA telling us that we would lose all 55-pointers and above within a short time. They weren't able to give us any definite dates for their departure but set it at anywhere from one to three weeks."

As of November 26, the Thunderbolt Division had a total of 2,717 men who would qualify for discharge with 55 or more points or because of the length-of-service factor.

Some 58-pointers Gone

Earlier this week, USFA sent a quota calling for 225 high-pointers. At that time only 125 59-pointers were available so the deficiency was met by including in that quota about 100 58-pointers. These men have been transferred to the 1277 Engineer Combat Battalion and will leave this division for the 84th Infantry Division on December 3.

All Thunderbolt units are now required to submit a daily report listing all enlisted and officer personnel in their command by ASR score and length of service. These reports are then consolidated and sent to USFA where shipping schedules can be arranged. By this means, it was pointed out, they can then call for all the 59 or 58 pointers, as the situation may demand, and know just how many men will be involved.

Stars and Stripes Verified

Recent directives arriving at 83rd Division Headquarters have verified the stories that appeared last week in the Stars and Stripes. A memorandum dated November 21 lists as eligible for discharge on December 1 all EM with 55 or more points, four years' service, or who have three or more children "under 18 years of age (and) dependent upon them for support" Men in the latter group must apply for discharge to become eligible and will qualify "irrespective of length of service or adjusted service rating score."

This memorandum defines length of service as "total active service (Commissioned plus Enlisted) since 16 September 1940" and declares that it will continue to accrue with the passage of time.

No man will be retained after he has become eligible for discharge because of "Military Necessity" unless his military occupation specialty appears on the list of scarce categories, the memorandum further states.

Memorandum Quoted

(Paragraphs 6, 7, and 8 of the above memorandum are quoted here for the guidance of Thunderbolt men.

6. "Officers who become eligible under this policy will be reported available for separation within 60 days of eligibility unless they have volunteered to remain in service for any additional period of time under existing regulations or instructions. Enlisted personnel must be declared available for separation immediately upon eligibility unless they have volunteered under provisions of change 2 of RR 1-1 or have enlisted in the Regular Army.

7. "ASR scores herein are computed as of 2 September 1945.

8. "Many cases have been reported to the War Department wherein enlisted men who are eligible for

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THE LINE-UP	
Following is a breakdown of Thunderbolt personnel by ASR scores as of November 26.	
Points	No. of Men
0-44	5,554
45	333
46	432
47	500
48	532
49	432
50	332
51	510
52	581
53	634
54	788
55	1,232
56	499
57	407
58	290
59	84
60 and over	183
Volunteers	17
Regular Army	21
Unknown	192
	13,717
Total Division Strength	

Put Down The Drool-Cup, Joe Ivan's Got Her Scent And Bed Too

By John G. Whalen

Directly across the street from the 329th Regimental CP in Eferding, there is a huge white building. It is the 700-year-old home of the Starhemberg family, one of the now decadent royal households of Upper Austria. The courtyard formed by the four wings of the edifice was until recently used as a motor pool by the 329th Hqs. Co. Although most of the building is closed, part of it is inhabited by Graf Ferdinand Starhemberg, brother of Prince Ernst Starhemberg, former powerful Austrian political leader who is the owner; he is now in Argentina.

During an interview, the Graf, a not-too-royal-looking bachelor of about 37 years, said that he had not heard from his brother for some years. When the fact was brought up that another well-known Austrian was now in the Argentine, Graf Starhemberg revealed an interesting point. The "other" Austrian is Fritz Mendl, former munitions magnate and the first husband of Hedy Lamaar, a name that seems to ring the bell of recognition in the memory of even the most advanced cases of "occupation fatigue."

Hedy Didn't Sleep Here

"Yes," said the Graf, "I knew him quite well, although my brother, Prince Ernst, knew him very well indeed — he and his charming wife, as well. They were very close friends of my brother."

The Graf then became quite nostalgic; the beet-colored touch of pigment on each cheek flushed more prominently, and he continued his tale with a faint light creeping into the translucency of his blue eyes.

"She was very charming then, although she was still in her teens. They were married before she was 20, and they used to come to visit us often." He hesitated to make sure that his next statement would be "understood." "Of course, that was at some of our other estates — on the north bank of the Danube — they are — Ahem — in Russian hands now. Hedy never came to the house here in Eferding, as far as I can recall."

Near and Yet So Far

It's quite useless, therefore, for GI's stationed in the vicinity to invade the schloss in hopes of getting a small sniff of any violet scents

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MOVIE SCHEDULE

Central

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 2, 3: "Duffy's Tavern" with Ed Gardner and Marjorie Reynolds.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5: "Weekend at the Waldorf" with Walter Pidgeon and Ginger Rogers.
Thursday and Friday, Dec. 6, 7: "Johnny Angel" with George Raft and Claire Trevor.
Saturday, December 8: "Conflict" with Humphrey Bogart.

330th Infantry

Sunday Dec. 2: "Without Love" with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.
Monday and Tuesday, Dec 3, 4: "Between Two Women" with Van Johnson.
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5, 6: "Back to Bataan" with John Wayne.
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7, 8: "See Here Pvt. Hargrove" with Robert Walker.

308th Medics

Sunday, Dec. 2: "Between Two Women".
Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4: "The Big Sleep" with Humphrey Bogart.
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5, 6: "Nob Hill" with G. Raft, J. Bennett.
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7, 8: "Back to Bataan."

308th Engineers

Sunday, Dec. 2: "See Here Pvt. Hargrove."
Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4: "Without Love."
Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5, 6: "Don Juan Quillingen" with W. Bendix.
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7, 8: "Between Two Women."

Red Cross

Sunday, Dec. 2nd: "The Big Sleep."

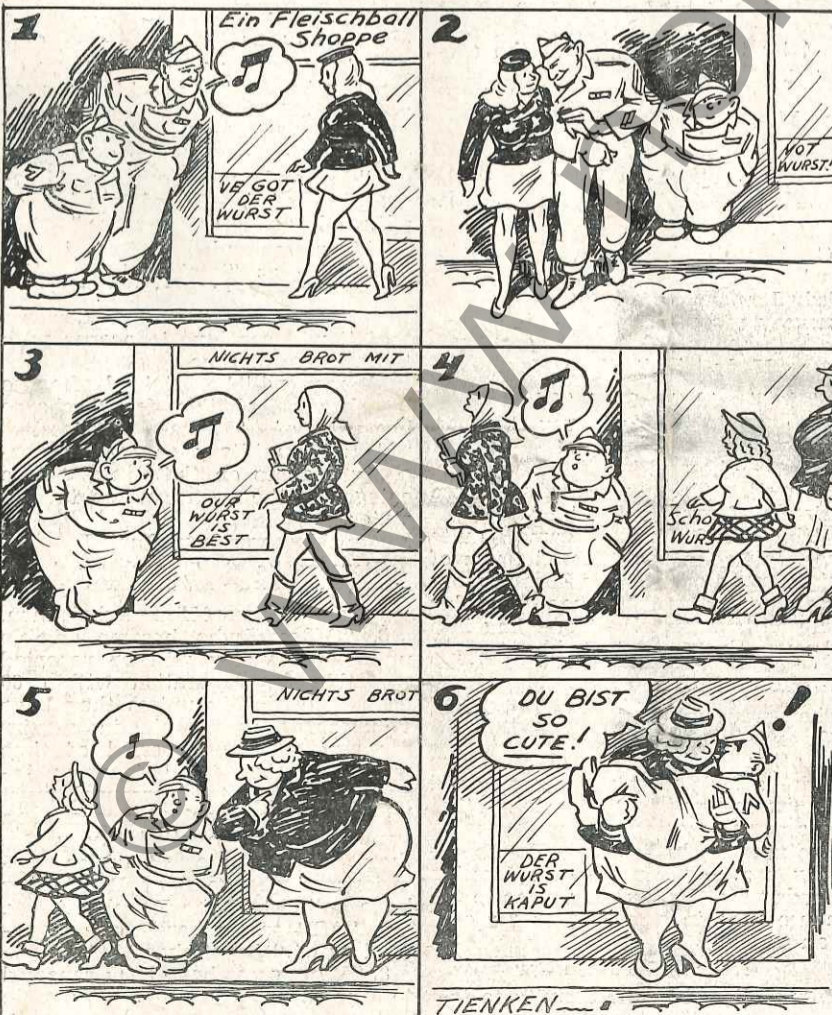
Fritz, the Prince and Hedy

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that might have been diffused by Hedy and been cached away behind some family portrait all these years. That is one thrill that will possibly fall to all the Russki Ivans who are stationed near the very grounds the luscious bit of "Ecstasy" used to invade in her dirndl days. Perhaps it's better that way; 329th lovers would spend a rough night if, for instance, they knew that their bed had once contained such a sublime being.

As we left, Graf Ferdinand made us promise to give his regards to her when we see her. We promised without concession.

POINTLESS PETE By Tienken



'Combat' Girls Open Ried Club

Those girls are here again, real live American girls, the same girls that were up Front when 88 meant more than just a number. They still have their Clubmobile too, and what's more they have opened a club in Ried. They have the coffee, the donuts, the records, and they sprechen English, in fact the only thing they lack is a name for the club.

As Mickey Finnegan said, "We don't want to call it the 'Donut Dugout' that is too common, let's get a good original name". Mickey hails from Chicago, Illinois and has 15 months overseas, most of which time she spent in Italy.

Janey Miller, from the Big City, (Westchester County), suggested, "Let's let the fellas name it, after all it's their club: And Franny Levin, who calls Harrisburgh, Pa., "Home", added "We'll have a contest, just let the fellas drop a name in the box as they come into the club." They intend to give some sort of a prize, as yet not decided upon, for the best name, but having three real American girls in Ried ought to be reward enough.

The club is located across from the EM Club in the former Band Room and will be open to GI's and Officers alike, from 1400 to 2230 daily, and in the morning on Sunday. Besides coffee, donuts, and cookies, there will be ping pong and writing rooms and a record player.

The girls intend to make the rounds in the "Donut Wagon" as often as possible and they want to serve as many GI's as they can within a radius of 25 miles from Ried.

This is an American Red Cross Clubmobile Unit operated by Americans for Americans and Allied soldiers. If you get to Ried, drop in and say "hello" to Franny, Janey, and Mickey, and see a real American smile again.

Embraceable You



A LOVELY SONG and a beautiful women. This is Lena Horne meditating about something. Maybe she has point problems, too.

MG ISB Means Europeans Will Get A Truer Picture Of Stateside Culture And Life

By Fred Weaver

Back in the black, black days of 1942, when sensible people still said "if we win," a group of thinking Americans decided that when and if we won the war, something should be done to counteract the effects of Joseph Goebbels' "lie factory," as to the kind of people we Americans really were. Goebbels had told anyone who would listen, that we were a lot of pistol packing, women raping, cultureless, barbarians, and while not too many people believed this, after a while, it was the only source of information many of them had, with the result that when the war ended, they either had a distorted idea of us, or none at all.

Much has been said to the credit of the "Great GI Ambassador," mostly by parlor strategists who had nothing else to do after they had "won" the war, but another "thinking" American perceived that the "GI" might not present the best and most complete picture of life in America. So, when the fighting stopped the INFORMATION SERVICE BUREAU was incorporated into the Military Government, to function as a counter-propaganda agency in an attempt to "project" America and the American way of life, into the empty or misinformed mind of the average European.

Movie Version of America

Not only did the ISB set up in the conquered countries of Germany, Italy, and Austria, if you place the latter in this category, but also in the liberated lands, such as France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, and Austria again if you prefer. Before the war Europe had another, though equally inaccurate source of information about us, namely imported American movies. These, in the final analysis, were more harmful than Herr Goebbels' blaa, because more people believed what they saw.

As a little survey will show, there was a preponderance of two types of films syndicated abroad by Hollywood. These were the lavish, musical extravaganzas, in which the characters invariably live in gilded penthouses, and drive Cadillacs; or the romantically involved murder mystery or gangster thriller, in which everyone packs a rod, drives a black Buick sedan and is in such hot pursuit of an extra "two hundred G's" that he doesn't have time to eat, sleep, or put in an honest days work. Very rarely if ever, did a good, down to earth story of the American people, come before the Continental movie-goer.

Nobody works, everyone's rich, all the women are glamour girls, there are no slums. Everybody dances and gings — or drinks, from morning till morning taking time out now and then to track down a bank-robbor or two, if they happen to be Easterners, and if they live Out West their diversion is found in Indian fights and rounding up cattle rustlers.

ISB Mission to Correct Picture

This, slightly exaggerated, is the picture of American life to be derived from seeing too many second rate Hollywood productions, when they're only source of information. It is the mission of the Information Service Bureau to help in dispelling this fallacious picture. It's hard to imagine who the Europeans thought made all our automobiles and built all our skyscrapers, or who grew all the food that we're now feeding much of the world with, but whatever they thought, it's ISB's job to tell them the real story.

Last Monday evening, in the little blue-fronted shop on the corner of Promenade and Landstrasse, in Linz, an informal ceremony took place. It marked the opening of a new phase in the story of the ISB, and the inauguration of a new "media" for the attainment of better cultural understanding between the people of Linz specifically, and the American people in general.

Colonel Snook of Military Government, and Dr. Gleissner, Governor of the Province, both made brief and pointed speeches, after which a discussion was held in which ISB, MG, and 83rd Div. Officials, and dignitaries of the Austrian Civil Government took part. The program was broadcast by the Austrian Radio.

Library Comfortable and Well Equipped

Under the guiding hand of Mrs. Olga Law Plunder, Director of the Linz Project, the shop has been completely and artistically redecorated and fitted with modern lighting facilities. Now it is stocked with copies of 70 different American magazines, ranging from the popular pictorials, to technical and trade publications. Large tables and comfortable chairs have been provided and Austrians are invited to come there anytime of day or evening, to relax and thumb discerningly through the pages of LIFE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, METAL PROGRESS, or READERS DIGEST

Upstairs, in a larger room, are shelves of books on history, literature, art, science; books of general interest, novels books of statistics. All are by Americans or about America, and as a collection, are designed to present a cross-section of America.

Similar projects have been started in almost every large city in western Europe.



Excitement within the band was at a high peak this week with most of the spot-light falling on Eddie Erbs and his band. Wednesday night the band played at the Red Cross. For those hep-cats who were unable to be at the dance this fine music was broadcast from 2030 to 2100 over KOFA.

Many people were wondering who the fine vocalist was that was featured on the broadcast. He's Bill Collier of the 83d Band. Bill is considered one of the finest vocalists in the ETO by his fellow band members. Even the girls who don't understand English listen intently to his wonderful voice. Bill is starting a quartet which will make it's debut in the near future with the big dance band.

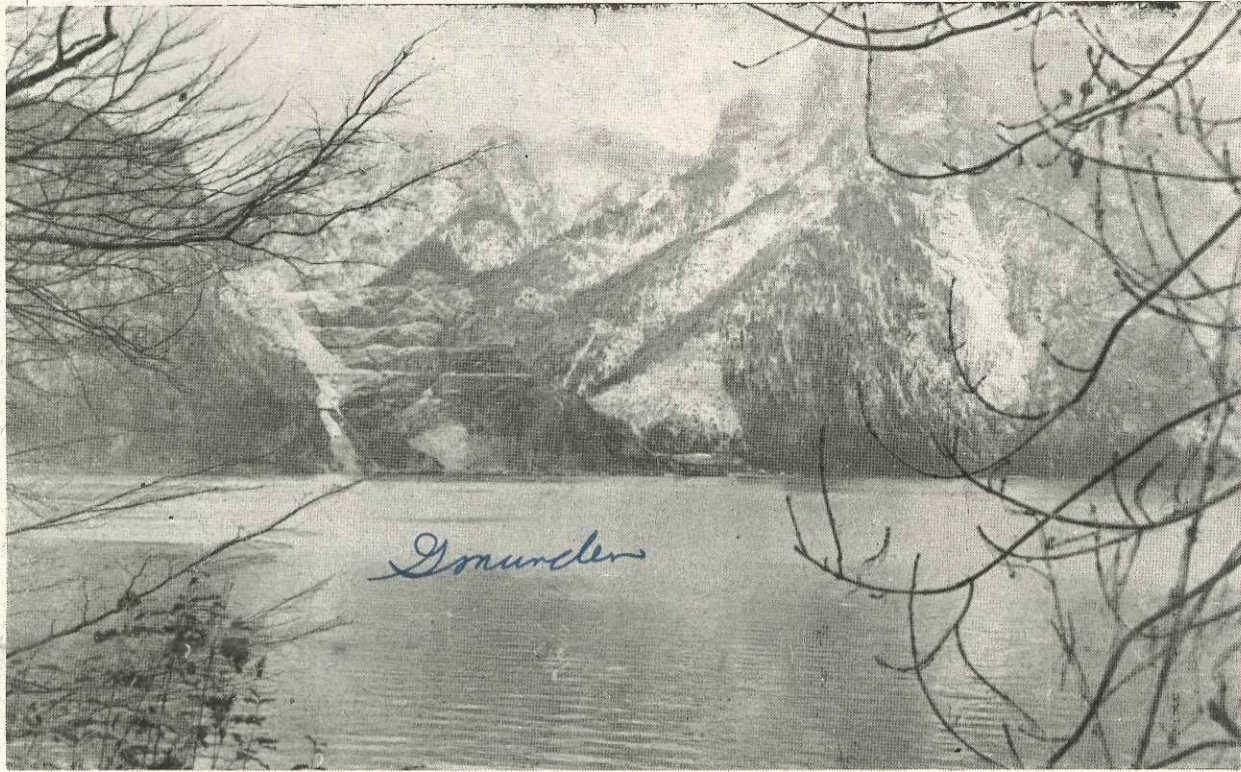
The big dance band concert was a huge success this week at the NCO club in Linz, and also the Headquarters dance Thursday night was a gala affair.

This month the band has been working at it's usual speed. Looking over our books we find that during this period of 30 days we have played 75 engagements.

Redeployment problems have hit the band just like all the other units. We are in need of piano men, drummers, and string bass players. If any of you are intested in joining the band we would appreciate it if you would call 22737. Mr. Larson, our C. O. will be glad to talk it over with you.

Band Concert Tomorrow-Linz

The 83rd Division Band will present a concert of the most popular military band music, at the Landes Theater tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. The admission is free and civilians are welcome to attend.



"Salzkammergut", Old Austrian Resort Center, Becomes Div Arty Winter Stamping Ground

Division Artillery Headquarters has consistently drawn good hands in the occupation deal. This time they've got themselves sprawled out in a row of fancy "Villas" on the shore of a beautiful mountain lake on the edge of the Chalk Alps. In peace time the spot was a kind of "poor man's Riviera," that is if you call "poor" a fitting adjective for Kings, Queens, Dukes, bluebloods, pseudo-bluebloods, and a host of famous artists, musicians, and movie stars.

The lake is called the Traunsee and is two thirds surrounded by snow-capped peaks, forming a 5,000 ft., blue-white setting for the jewel-like finger of water. At the open end of the lake lies the picturesque little resort town of Gmunden, where Div. Arty is set up. The whole district, for a 50 mile radius is called the "Salzkammergut," meaning "salt commerce good," so named because it is.

"Cure All" Baths

It seems that the area is literally honeycombed with salt mines, which were first operated by the ancient Celtic tribes, during the Hallstatt Period, 1000 years B. C. In addition to common salt, the mountain springs contain other valuable, healthful minerals, supposed to cure everything from hangnail to hangover in ten easy baths. So it is that the Continental highbrows have for centuries gathered here in the summer to wash away their lumbago and their bum-lego.

Having thoroughly cleansed and rejuvenated themselves for another year, the bluebloods go home in the fall and leave everything to the winter sportsmen. Long a mecca for skiers and mountain climbers, the Salzkammergut boasts one of the most elaborate systems of ski-tows and cable-cars in existence. The one at the Feuerkogel, at the southern end of the Traunsee is famed the world over and has served as a model for the construction of others, even in America. Also the system of mountain lodges and cabins is a great drawing card for people who like to toast their tootsies over a big fire in a cozy cabin after a hard day of skiing or climbing.

Has USFA Rest Center

Div. Arty. has access to all these conveniences, plus a fine Red Cross Club set up in a former high class, lakeside restaurant. The club features an assortment of outboard motorboats and a sightseeing launch. In addition, USFA has a rest center in one of the two Castles of Orth, just around the bay from Gmunden, which is the jumping-off place for several scenic tours, conducted by the same agency which has for years served the tourist trade of Austria. Hunting trips and horseback riding on mountain trails are also offered, and provide countless thrills for the restees.

Unfortunately the rivers are swift and the lake is 600 ft. deep and therefore rarely freezes over even in the severest of winters, as a result, skating is not popular. The lake takes all winter to get cold and all summer to warm up so the swimming isn't so good either, but outside of these drawbacks, it's a pretty terrific place.

Two other noble features, the Salzkammergut has to offer, are gorgeous women and beaucoup VD of the MT variety. The moral of that story is to get yourself so fagged out from skiing, hunting, boating, climbing, and horseback riding that you have no interest in such things. Ask any Div. Arty. man and they'll tell you how it works.

SET FOR A SPIN . . . Whitey Neff, permanent party at the rest center, opens the gas line on a powerful outboard motor, in preparation for a spin around the lake.

(Below)

TRAUNSEE AND SETTING . . . of jagged young peaks. On the higher reaches, the "timberline" is about two-thirds of the way up. The lake is long, (about 9 miles) and narrow, (2 miles wide) like one of New York's famous Finger Lakes.

THE CABLE CAR . . . starts in Ebensee, at the base of the Feuerkogel, and swings several thousand feet up the side of the mountain. A masterpiece of engineering, this cable has the greatest distance between supports of any in the world, yet has never had an accident.

(Right)



THE SALT MINING TOWN . . . of Ebensee stretches out in a narrow valley, which contains one of the largest and most modern salt refineries in the world. Ebensee is the starting point for the skiing parties, and has several rustic Hotel Lodges on its outskirts.

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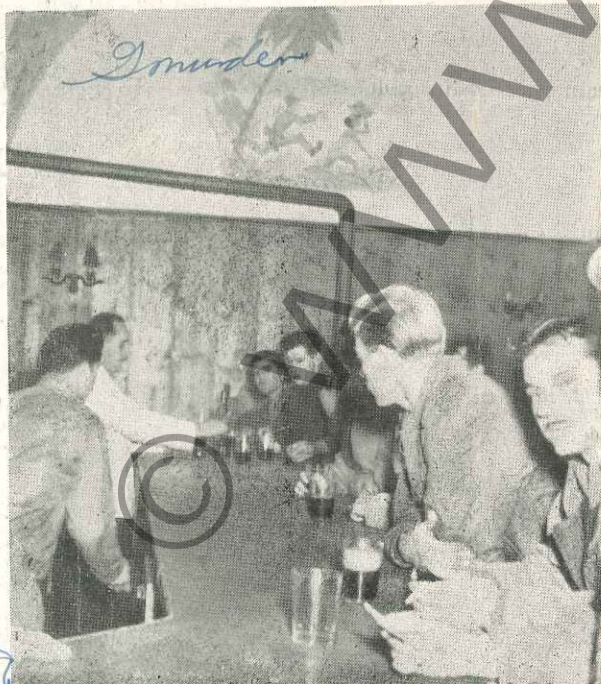


COGNAC AND COKE, . . . chilled and refreshing, really adds the finishing touch to a thrill-packed day of skiing, hunting or horseback riding.

(Lower Left)

YOUTHFUL YODLERS . . . perform for four WAC restees at the Orth Castle, USFA Rest Center. The card-sharp at left looks more perturbed than pleased at the interruption of the game. The grandois "Castles of Orth" date back to the eleventh century, and have always captivated the tourist trade of Gmunden.

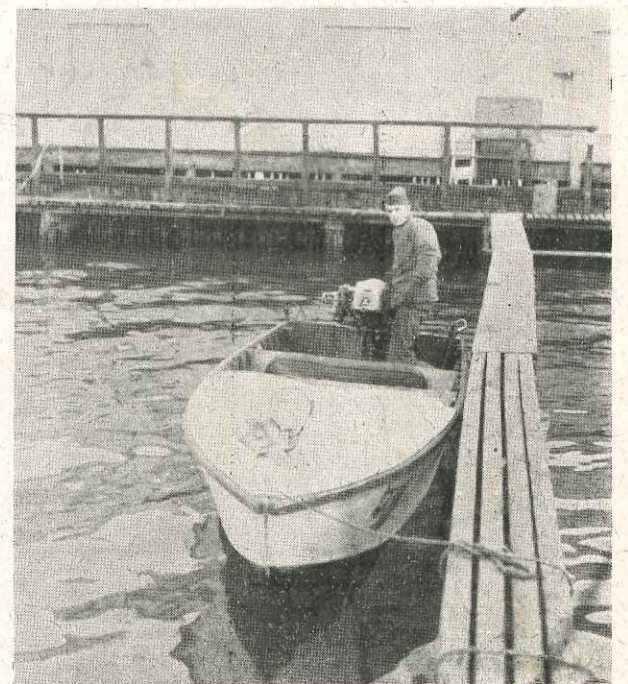
(Below)



Oh here we drink



Gmunden



Gmunden

Engineers Too Busy, Infantry Builds Bridge

PW Labor Helps Lt. Mike's Plans

There'll be supplies and rations rolling into the occupational area of Baker Company, 331st Infantry Regiment, this winter because an infantry officer applied his civilian engineering experience.

With one bridge collapsing and sinking daily and now condemned, the traffic concentrated on an old German bridge built to bear the strain of the horse and buggy days of 1897. One day recently, a ton truck winding its way over the dusty, bumpy road from Ebelsberg to Lager's Haid crashed through the floor of the bridge.

Supply Bottleneck

Threatened with a supply bottleneck, Lt. Daniel F. Micherdzinski, a Baker Company officer, volunteered to rebuild the bridge and received his company commander's permission for the project.

When the engineers said they were too busy to do the job, "Lt. Mike," as he is known throughout Baker Company, prevailed upon them for some lumber and a compressor.

Calling on the stalag in which Baker Company contains 1,700 SS-troopers, Lt. "Mike" received 82 men to begin construction on the bridge. Relying on his three years of civilian experience under his father in Buffalo, New York, and one year of college engineering, Lt. "Mike" drew the plans for a steel bridge.

Wood Substituted

However, his plans for a steel bridge did not materialize as the Krauts possessed no knowledge of steel bridging and wood had to be substituted. Securing treated timbers from nearby St. Florian, the Doughboy turned engineer and drove



Lt. "Mike" shows his SS foreman the proper position that the next timber goes in the infantry-built bridge over the Kremns River.

his SS Company through day and night labor to complete the structure.

Six and eight meter poles were used and driven one and one-half meters into the ground, and 35x40 cm. timbers were used as structures to support the 4x4 flooring.

The infantry built bridge was completed last Wednesday after only two weeks of work and as much as a 25-ton load can cross the Kremns River thanks to an infantry-engineer.

Dance Time Changed

Beginning this week the American Red Cross Club of Linz will hold its weekly dance every Wednesday evening from 1930 to 2200 instead of on Saturday nights as formerly. The next dance will be Wednesday, December 5th.

Page Bob Ripley: 85'er Still Here

Charlie Company, 330, has one of the rare wonders of the world.

The wonder is S/Sgt Walter Woronecke who has 85 points and is still with Charlie Company. Woronecke was attending school in England when a group of high pointers left for the 8th Armored. Walter tried several times to get on the shipping list, even trying to get a court-martial, but to no avail.

All Woronecke can mutter is, "Imagine being a civilian and home for Christmas."

Famous Last Words: "But Sir, these girls are only in my room to pick up laundry!"

Night Riders Say "Easy Does It" Stork Club Made From Kraut Shack

Nightly escapades consisting of hair-raising thrills and episodes are the dish of four doughs of the 330th Infantry.

Beginning at the stroke of 12, they work tenaciously until dawn, then return to the company, a little wiser and a great deal more tired.

The men involved are Pfc John R. Welter of New Haven, Conn., Pfc Wallace Wirgau of Rodgers City, Mich., Pfc Richard (Pop) Drury of Smithfield, Va, and Merle F. Ransom of So. Haven, Mich.

Topsy-Turvy Schedule

All have lived a thousand years since they began going on patrols 10 weeks ago. During these weeks they have worked by night and slept by day, living in a topsy-turvy world similar to that of defense workers on a graveyard shift.

When questioned as to their most harrowing experience a heated debate arose.

Pfc Welter began the fireworks by insisting that their roughest deal was when the civilian police notified them of the shooting of a woman. They investigated and got all the particulars and proceeded to capture the guilty ones, weapons, loot, and all.

Took 7 Terrorists

Welter had hardly finished when Pfc Wirgau began telling how they captured seven men, all heavily armed, who had been terrorizing the community.

"What about the time we were fired upon by the police, who thought we were someone else, prowling about in the night?" shouted Pop Drury, the jeep driver. This was enough for the reporter who interviewed them and whose blood pressure began to rise at the thought of such ordeals.

The first and second platoons of Easy Company (331 Inf.), working with "eager beaver" frenzy, are in the process of dismantling a German pre-fabricated barrack, with plans to later erect it as a company dayroom and clubhouse. Pfc John Yadvovsky, acting as construction engineer, believes the club can be finished and ready for business within two weeks.

Sgt. W. O. Overcash, who is to be manager of the club, has launched a publicity campaign that rates the club as nothing short of New York's Stork Club (with a few limitations). Plans call for a bar to be located at the right of the entrance and separated from the main dance floor by a partition. Tables, covered with white cloths, will encircle the dance floor, and a brick fireplace has been proposed for the right wall of the building's main room.

The far end of the night-spot will hold a small stage for an orchestra, scheduled to play nightly, and two dressing rooms. The club, as yet unnamed, will be decorated with pine and other natural materials.

Ebensee Red Cross

Another Red Cross Club is now entertaining the men of the Thunderbolt Division.

The latest club is located at Ebensee and had a gala opening Thanksgiving Day with music furnished by the DivArty Band.

The club has the old standby, the Coffee and Doughnut Bar, a fine Ebensee Ensemble, an attractive reading and writing room and a lounging room resplendent with comfortable chairs.

Club hours are: 1000-1200; 1330-1700 and 1830-2300. Everyone is welcome.

Solid "Buckshot" Combo Features Former Name Band Artists

'Mellow Jivers' Also Play Sweet

Not many 329-ers can be found around the platoon crap table, or indulging in a bit of bunk fatigue in their billets, when the "Buckshots" come to town. The weekly visit of this musical gang is a treat comparable to a visit by a name band in civilian days. Not that the "Buckshots" aren't a name band, they are more than that in the estimation of the entire 329th contingent — 3,000 loyal fans make a pretty fair percentage, because there aren't any more than that number in the regiment. The boys of the 83rd Division's lowest-numbered Infantry outfit are solidly behind a solid musical aggregation, which makes for extreme solidity, any way you look at it.

The fact that the outfit is composed of 16 accomplished gentlemen of music has but little to do with the overwhelming popularity of the organization, however. It takes in a bit more than that — quite a bit more.

Hard Work

Perhaps the best way to look at it is from a GI angle. On the records, the "Buckshots" are termed the "official dance band of the 329th Infantry Regiment." Behind the dynamic drive of the rhythm section, those sparkling brass ensembles, and the flawless phrasing that welds the quartet of reeds into extraordinarily blended unity, there are months of hard work and endless rehearsing. Like any army outfit, training, discipline, and morale are three all-important elements; they are the things not easily gained, but when once achieved, are seldom forfeited.

The end of hostilities in the ETO brought about a program within the theatre designed to provide the troops with the maximum in the entertainment and relaxation fields. The "Buckshots" uttered their first birth-yell as a direct result of this policy. It was Deggendorf and the GI's were getting that stale, occupation-happy feeling. The opening of the "Top Hat" in June provided the men with a club, but also



THE "BUCKSHOTS," 329th's Regimental Dance Band which made its radio debut last week was the first 83d Band to play over the airways of station KOFA, Linz. Since this picture was taken, the guitar and alto players have been redeployed.

brought about a need for music. A Joe named Andy Volini had an accordion, and he was largely responsible for getting together a small combination which played nightly at the club. Musical scores were hard to get, and instruments were "impossible" to obtain, but by an intensive campaign of "beg, borrow, and requisition" there came to light two saxes, a bass viol, a piano, a European musical miscarriage called the flugelhorn, and one mournful, battered snare drum.

Growing Pains Pass

At this point, the boys stuck their fingers into the ordnance and recruiting fields, and before long there were many periodical improvements and additions. The growing pains were endured, though the fellows still wonder how they ever survived the numerous trials and tribulations of the infant organization.

Slowly the 329th men began to realize that they were stockholders in a pretty promising enterprise. The August maneuvers rolled along, and SSO wired the entire tent area and set up a public address system. It was through this medium that the "Buckshots" really began to demonstrate their abilities to the GI public. Each morning a six man jam combo gave out from 10 to

11, in the afternoon Volini would usually be featured with some smooth accordions, and at 5 o'clock the entire combination played a hour-length "Blackjack Variety" show.

Redeployment hit the "Buckshots" as hard as any other unit, as three key men were transferred to 3rd Army. — But, by the time the 329th left the former area, the band was already starting to play dates for the separate companies and battalions. With arrival in Austria, the band had developed into a full-grown, polished affair — less than five months after its birth.

Maulinized Characters

The sixteen fellows who currently make up the "Buckshots" are, for the most part, the same sixteen Maulinized characters who were making music with M1's and Browning Automatics a few months ago. The majority were formerly riflemen and line-company basics. The credit for what the orchestra has accomplished goes chiefly to PFC Andy Volini, a Chicagoan. Besides taking care of rehearsals and the thousand-and-one other details, both major and minor, he is the general "whip." When there are sixteen Tempermental "artistes" to coordinate, someone has to take a lot

of initiative in laying down the law. Volini fronts the combination, while, at the same time, backing up each instrumental arrangement with a unique brand of forceful and expressive mauling of the squeeze box. Andy knows what goes, and the other fifteen respond in a sort of subconscious understanding that makes for a ravishing and pleasing style.

Colossal, Stupendous

The "Buckshot" rhythm section is nothing short of "super." Beating out a compelling drive that hits every bone, fiber, and nerve of the listener are five of the most "reet" hepsters that ever made a fraulein forget "Ach, Der liebe Augustin." Sparked by the over-all backing of leader Volini, a quartet of PFC's combines to provide an unvarying tempo, correctly designed to put over each individual number, fast or slow, with a solid and condensed beat that pleases both dancers and those who have come merely to dig the virtues of the band.

Bob Meyerhoff, Corona, N. Y., is the skinbeater. He was playing with the great Red Norvo-Mildred Bailey duo when he got his "Greetings" in 1942. Howard Horn, Brooklyn, plucks the strings of the bass; Bob Taylor, Cambridge, Mass., is on guitar; and

Dan Camacho, Hudson, Mass., massages the ivories. Camacho put in some civilian time with "Solid Sam" Donahue, while Taylor, who is an alumnus of Ruby Newman's band combines with the hammerer in rendering accented chordal patterns and full harmonies that make Camacho's Steinway a miniature orchestra in itself. The whole section furnishes marvelous support in inspiring the sidemen during periods of improvisation.

Three trumpets and three trombones give the 329th jive artists a full quota of driving brass. The trio of PFC trumpeters are Dick Lewellen, Atlanta, Georgia; Ralph Gallaso, Long Island, N. Y.; and Damon Wilburn, Coffeerville Kansas. Included in the slyphorn division are PFC Manus Henegar, Malbourne, La.; PFC Charles Hooper, Gastonia, N. C.; and Sgt. Ross Bergantz, San Francisco, Calif. Hooper gets off on nice rides as does Bergantz, who came in recently from the 26th Div., where he fronted the dance band of the 104th Regiment. The Californian is well known to ex-YDmen for his torrid treatment of both sweet and swing numbers.

Terrific Sax Appeal

The saxes show a good deal of hard work behind them in perfecting beautiful vibrato and phrasing habits which are pleasing without the stereotyped quality that marks many reed sections. Louis Quentere, Chicago, takes the alto lead; PFC Clayton Schneck, Lebanon, Penn., handles the tenor solos; while PFC's Frank Kenny, Brooklyn, and Joe Host, Chicago, fill in the third and fourth chairs. Quentere, formerly with the popular Boyd Raeburn band, is the guy that rides the beam on those terrific alto solos. He also assumes responsibility in piloting the luxurious bus that takes the band around the regimental circuit.

South Philadelphia's PFC Skip Bennett, the male vocalist, thinks he needs a feminine partner to hold down the honors, but no one agrees with him. It is doubtful if the 329th T/O includes any dogtagged damsels, anyway. Bennett, a baritone, sang at the Swan Club in Philly before he got snarled up with the gears of the military.

All band bookings are handled by PFC Sam Janover of the 329th Special Service Office.

Pfc's Earn Daily Pint Of Cognac For Guarding Linz Plant

330 Duo Are Old Hands At Duty; Job Line Forms Behind Them

By Irving Shochet

Pity poor Pfc's Richard Johnson and Willis Saunders who have the wonderful task of guarding one of the Eder & Holzer establishment. Located in down-town Linz, it is well laden with over 500,000 liters

The two lads, both hailing from North Carolina, are old hands at guarding this European brand of moonshine.

They handled the job for quite a number of weeks successfully against the numerous attackers who like their vitamins in the liquid form. These "vegetarians" are constantly trying to indulge in some of this nourishment.

A Royal Delicacy

The factory consists of large stills and barrels ranging from 17,000 to 56,000 liters in size and contain both wine and cognac. This delicacy, which for years has served the royalty of Europe, is made from red and white wine. The wine first is aged, distilled and processed, and re-aged again. It is hoped that in the future Italian wine will be also added to the stock of French wine already on hand.

This cognac plant is controlled by a joint stock company which has similar installations all over the world. Many of the larger branches are located in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Palestine, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, and our own New York City.

Bombs Splattered

Feeling the results of Allied air might, the factory shows the many scars and wounds inflicted by the bombs which destroyed a few of the large 56,000 liter containers. Fortunately all were empty at the time.

"Have It Made" At Enns Prep

Out at Enns Prep, 331st Inf. I and E School, a hundred and twenty students enrolled in fourteen subjects insist that they "have it made."

At present 14 subjects are taught in 18 classes. In approximately two weeks' time 12 additional courses will be in operation covering such subjects as blueprint reading, History of the USSR, trigonometry, plane geometry, and three classes in religion.

For extra-curricular activities an off-duty model airplane, ship and cabinet furniture club is being formed. A photography club with complete dark room equipment is also in the formative stage.

Enns Prep has already published the first issue of its school newspaper, "Take Ten," featuring school activities, columns, articles contributed by students, news flashes of the world and recreational and movie schedules.

Tonight the 331st Prep breaks out in revelry with the opening of its own night club. Called the "Golden Ox", this combination beer hall and dancing palace, located in the heart of down-town Enns, will feature live music, barmaids and refreshments.

With 1,335 hours of instruction per week, an up-to-date news and information center, a vocational advisement team, accreditation service for courses taken at the school, and recreational facilities, Enns Prep anticipates an increased enrollment.

RED CROSS RULES

The American Red Cross in Linz requests that GIs be familiar with the rules of their club:

1. Hats will be removed in the dining rooms and reading rooms, also at dances.
2. Coffee and doughnuts will not be taken from the dining room.
3. Civilian girls who are to accompany GIs to dances at the Club must first be interviewed by one of the staff members. Interviews can be arranged daily between 1400 and 1600 and also on Monday and Friday nights, 1930-2100.

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fortunately all were empty at the time. It is expected that in a few months production will return to its peace-level of 5,000 bottles per week.

Johnson and Saunders are not overlooked for the part they play in guarding this installation, nor is anyone else who helps out. The reward is a daily ration of one pint of Cognac. Want the job fellows? The line forms after the Carolinians.

DPs Get Taste Of Reppo' Depots

The Reppo' Depot, long a nemesis for many GI's who became entangled in the Army's intricate replacement system, has now returned to haunt the German DPs.

Members of King Company, 330th Infantry are now operating a lager which is not a beverage but an establishment similar to our own replacement depot. DP's arrive there daily from numerous camps throughout Austria. They are fed, registered and clothed when necessary.

Administration is handled by the GI's who secure rations, fuel, and other needs. Other duties range from delousing beds to repairing a 300 gallon boiler. The part of the lager which was formally an army barracks is now used as the office. It is well furnished and is complete with two attractive typists.

After a stay of three to ten days the DP's are shipped to Wels, where rail transportation is arranged for their shipment to Germany. Their future may not be too favorable but is far brighter than that which awaited the hard fought who left the confines of the Reppo' Depot for the front lines last year at this time.

Home-Bound ...

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discharge because of age are being unduly delayed in their return to the United States for discharge. It is directed that all commanders give this matter their personal attention to insure that enlisted men eligible for discharge for age be given an equal priority for return as men eligible because of points and that they not be held for 90 days authorized in regulations unless there is an important requirement for them."

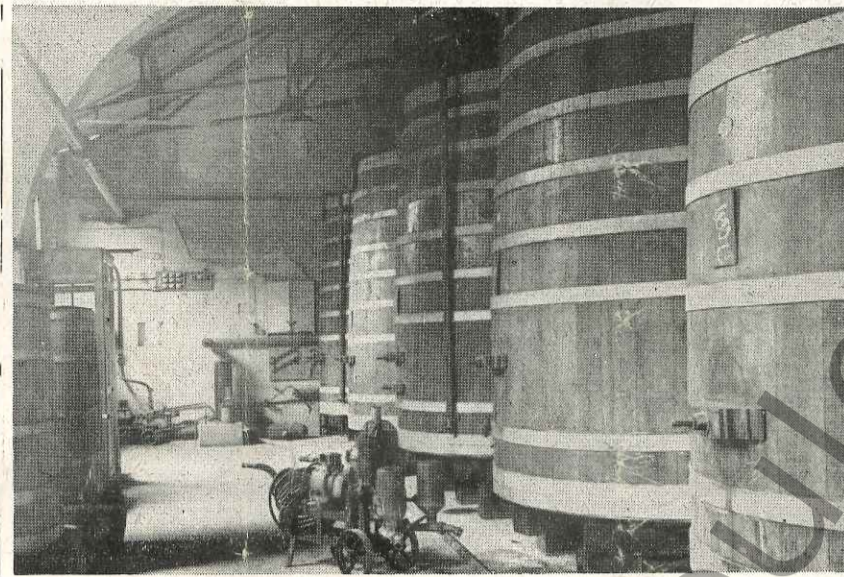
Buckshots To Sport New Insignia

The 329th Regimental motto "Nous Gardons" (We Guard) will soon be displayed by every Buckshot in Austria. The motto appears on a scroll at the bottom of the Regimental Shields, which will be issued to each man in the outfit in the near future.

According to an announcement by 1st Lt. Robert S. Kendall, 329th Adjutant, of San Francisco, Calif., the shields are now being completed. They will not be given out until it is possible for each member of the 329th to have a full set of three. The preliminary stamping of the metal was done in Czechoslovakia, and the final buffing and finishing is being completed in a shop in Linz.

The insignia is finished in white enamel, and it still follows the basic design of the original World War I escutcheon. Superimposed on the white field, representing honor, is a black triangle, its base coinciding with the top edge of the shield, to indicate that the 329th is a unit of the 83rd Infantry Division. On the black, there is a golden fleur-de-lis which shows the regiment's participation in the First World War. The scroll at the bottom is also finished in black and is emblazoned with the "Nous Gardons" motto. The borders of the triangle and the scroll, as well as the entire badge, are gold like the two words.

It is one of the most attractive heraldic devices yet seen in the Division.



STILL LIFE in a Cognac Factory. These are just a few of the 56,000 liter barrels at the Eder and Holzer plant in Linz. Photograph by Warsyk.

Hot Jazz For Steyr Dances

Down Steyr way, the dances that are held with increasing frequency feature a hot ten that give out with the solid jive.

The ten are known around the 331st Infantry Regiment as the "Caledonians". They are under the able direction of their bass player, Bob Belonger, of Oshkosh, Wis. The man on the piano is Joe Hall of K.C., Mo. Those responsible in the trumpet wing are Nat Brenner from Elyria, Ohio, William Charboneau of Providence, R.I., and Bob Roske also from Providence. Nat Brenner is the star vocalist for the Caledonians.

The lead Sax man, Keith Thorson of Crookston, Minn., is practically an all around man, doubling on the clarinet and doing a large part of the arranging for the band. The excellent ride man on the Sax is Leon Tasseiko of Stamford, Conn. The third jivey Saxophonist is William Wenk of Los Angeles, Calif.

The one and only trombonist is Harry Caldwell of Hornell, N.Y. From Van Nuys, Calif. comes Tom Lommel who handles the hot drums. Lommel also turns out some of the fine arrangements.

The Caledonians play on the average of five nights a week at different companies in the Regiment. It is planned that GI's will be able to hear them each Saturday night at "Danceland" at the Steyr-works in Steyr.

8th A.D. Histories Available at PRO

Former 8th Armored Division men may secure a copy of the Division's combat history by giving their name to their unit correspondent. All correspondents are requested to compile these names and submit them through PRO to the Public Relations Office, 83d Division.

Citation ...

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Commanding General, Third U.S. Army and Eastern Military District.

After relieving units of the Second Armored Division, the Third Bn. 331st. was assigned the mission of "seizing crossings of the Lippe River, intact." As they fought their way to the North bank, the leading elements witnessed the enemy's destruction of the highway bridge, so the alert and intrepid doughs, in a brilliantly executed maneuver, smashed their way to the fire swept railroad bridge and cut the demolition wires before the Krauts had time to blow it.

Hi Yank To Play GI Circuit Here

The "Hi Yank" show, a variety troupe, featuring music, dancing, acrobatics, comedy, and a chorus of Landes Lovelies, will begin a four day run at the Landes Theater, on Sunday the 9th. of December.

The outstanding attraction of the show is the acrobatic foursome, The Medines. Other performers are "Collo" the musical clown, Dody, the rubber doll, Tapavita Carr and Irene, dancers, Wanda, acrobat, Olson and Son, tap dancers, and Sissy Paul, the singer.

Elaborate scenery and staging effects are now being prepared by the performers themselves, and Collo is arranging the musical score.

Tickets go on sale at the Landes box office Thursday afternoon.

331 Bond Buyers Lead Division

Leading all other Regiments in the number of bond sales in the 83rd Division by more than 20,000 dollars is the 331st.

According to the Regimental Bond Officer, 1st Lt. Carson Diefenderfer, Company C is the top company in the Regiment, having sold well over 4,400 dollars worth of bonds to the men in the company.

The Regiment is expected to sell several thousand dollars worth between now and when the Bond Drive closes on the seventh of December.

LIBRARIANS

Men interested in becoming Librarians for Division libraries contact Division SSO. Call Sgt. Secor, Linz 25137.

Boone Seeks Old Frontier

Dan'l Boone has gone home to his former stomping grounds. But only for a leave and then he'll be back. Because this Daniel Boone is a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Army and chances are he'll return to 2nd Battalion of the 329th when his "holiday" is over.

The young Dan'l, whose full moniker reads: 2nd Lt. Daniel H. Boone, is a direct descendant of the original huntsman, now famous as one of the great American frontiersmen.

The 329th officer enlisted in the Army 9 years ago and served with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, which was commanded by his grandfather, Lt. Col. Daniel Nathen Boone, during its service in Florida and Louisiana in 1843. In 1942 the younger Boone was assigned to the 11th Armored Division when it was activated. He subsequently became top-kick of one of its medium tank companies.

All of his combat service has been with the 11th Armd. He picked up the Bronze Star during his European exploits, and was field commissioned in June of this year. When the 11th was deactivated, the descendant of the founder of Boonesboro, Ky., joined the Yankee Division, and he came to the 83rd upon that unit's departure.

It seems perfectly natural that he should be a member of the "Bucksnot" Regiment, but in a pleasing southern drawl he affirms that he is more of a fisherman than a hunter. He is, however, an accomplished horseman, having put in his Cavalry time when the Stable Sgt. was in his "hay-day."

Tired Of Chasing Women? MPs Are

"It's all in a day's work." That's what one of the local law enforcing clan, known to all as the MP, had to say about picking up women in a heart-to-heart talk with the Thunderbolt last week.

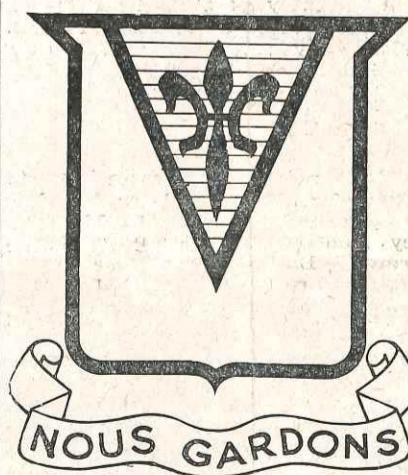
Fulling ten hours of duty daily, Joe Law walks his beat with an eagle eye for uniform violations and women. One tired MP who had just come off duty swears that he stood on a corner so long that the Austrians thought he was a statute erected to commemorate the occupation of Austria by US forces.

Perhaps the hardest task of all befalls the two "foot-men" who have the sole job of picking up VD suspects. They claim that eight out of ten frauleins they arrest have VD. "Just like the poster in the Orderly Room," they say. "Fraulien chasing used to be fun but when you make a business of it eight hours a day, it gets rather tiresome."

In conclusion, the smiling, polite and well dressed guardian of the Division CP asks that the next time he approaches you with the irritable remark, "Button up that jacket, soldier," that you obey him and keep out of trouble.

Wood Shoes Roll Out

The wooden shoe factory which recently reopened in Friedrichswalde, district of Angermunde, has just delivered the first 1,000 pairs of shoes on an order for 5,000 pairs. Doors



Here is the design of the 329th's new Regimental Insignia, which is to be engraved on a metal shield and worn on the "Ike" jacket lapel.

No Yule in Wein Church

Reconstruction of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna will take 10 years and cost more than 7,000,000 shillings, Cardinal Innitzer has announced. It will not be possible, he said, to hold Christmas Services there this year.

SPORTS SCHNAPP- SHOTS

By Baldy

The quietness that reigns over the night shift at the Public Relations Office was broken late Sunday night when the original Schnapps Shot man himself, our good friend Vincent O'Keefe, dropped in to bid us adieu as he headed for the Zone of the Interior.

Ordinarily a trip to the US is room for gaiety and enjoyment but in O'Keefe's case the trip was in the form of an emergency furlough as his father is dangerously ill. Our best wishes are with Vince on his homeward trip and we hope that all goes well back in Seattle and that his 55 points will enable him to return to his job with the Seattle Times "schnell." His services on the Thunderbolt and around the PRO office will be sorely missed.

Congratulations are due for Capt. Daniel Gust one of the best shots in the ETO. The Milwaukee sharpshooter travelled to Marseille recently as a member of the USFA Rifle Team to participate in the ETO championships and after three days of firing in the face of a 25 MPH wind and unfavorable weather, the Captain came off with top laurels in the Carbine with a 350 out of a possible 380 and the M-1 with a 365 out of 390. He was the only Thunderbolter to fire for USFA. The Captain apologized for not equalling his Third Army record where he hit the bull 52 straight times with his carbine to chalk up a 372 total out of a possible 380.

If anyone has a basket-ball schedule for this year please send it in. Our 1945 football schedule must have been printed during a blackout as we inadvertently omit a game every week. Saturday, Alabama surprised us by playing Pennac at Naval Base. It wasn't with the same disastrous results that befell our Rose Bowl nominee, the Washington Huskies, a few weeks back. The Huskies were upset but the Crimson Tide joined the Army Cadets in the "foregone conclusion" class with a terrific 55-6 victory.

Today's big game of course is the Army-Navy classic in Philadelphia. 98,000 fans will pack the Stadium to see how great the Cadets are. There probably aren't many fans who would rightly forecast an Annapolis win but Navy has a fair team and that Notre Dame shaking up was what the doctor ordered. Blanchard and Davis will romp today but the Cadets will know they had a good workout when the final gun cracks.

Alabama should have little trouble with Miss. State and will be anxiously eyeing the UCLA-USC outcome. The Trojans have lost only one conference match while the Uclans have been bested twice—recently in a 6-0 upset loss to California last Saturday.

Among the other contests today are: Tennessee-Vanderbilt, Virginia-No. Carolina, Oregon-Oregon State, California-St. Mary's, Ga.-Ga. Tech, Notre-Dame-Great Lakes, TCU-SMU and Rice-Baylor.

Lt. Norm Carey's Thunderbolt cage squad is scheduled to open its 1945-46 season on the road next week. The squad should be gone about a week and will play several strong opponents. No word has been received as to their local debut. Good swishing, cagers.

Fast Cage Action In Linz League

Linz cage enthusiasts can see some fast action in the Special Troops League which plays two nights a week. Three 83rd teams are in the league: QM, Signal Company and Headquarters Company. Other league members who perform in the league are 735th ROB, 117 Evacuation Hospital 1347th Engineers, and the 25th Reg. Station.

George Company, 330th, has started basketball practice and promises a strong team ready for all-comers.

Division Cagers Open Season With 4-Game Trip

Bamberg Is Site Of Dec. 6 Game With 17th Repl. Depot

The 1945 edition of the Thunderbolt basketball team will open its cage season Thursday, December 6, against the 17th Replacement Depot at Bamberg.

107 YD. RUN GIVES HERD VIENNA WIN

Hurry-up Harry Hurst, the speed merchant that has lead the Thundering Herd of the 331st Infantry to several football victories with his spectacular runs, has done it again.

In last Sunday's see-saw battle against the 250th Engineers in Vienna, the Herd was deep in the shadows of its own end zone as the 250th drove to the 2-yard line in the fading seconds of the first half. Attempting to pass for a touchdown proved the Engineers' undoing.

Alert, Hurst grabbed the ball seven yards in the end zone and out-sprinted the opposition to gallop 107 yards for 7-0 Herd victory. Full-back Johnny Schwalback calmly converted from placement for the extra point. Coach Bill Lavoie called Hurst's run "the longest he's seen in the ETO."

The Herd concentrated on keeping the Engineers scoreless in the second half and won their sixth victory of the season against one loss.

Indoor Program For Wels Athletes

A future sports schedule which promises much activity in indoor contests has been outlined by Lt. Jack L. Dinkel, Athletic Officer of the 1st Bn., 329th Infantry.

A six team basketball league will battle for the Battalion championship in the Wels Auditorium. Each Bn. company will be represented as well as the MP platoon stationed in Wels. The teams will play two rounds of ten games and the winner of each round will play in the finals. The League will play games twice a week and one night will be devoted to games between Officers and EM teams.

The Wels auditorium is being renovated under the supervision of S/Sgt Frank Leone and now boasts showers, a freshly painted gym floor and new backboards for the cage contests.

A volley ball schedule and a desire to conduct boxing tournaments are part of the athletic program according to Lt. Dinkle.

Fox Athletes Ready For All Comers

Fox Company, 331st Infantry, is sponsoring an all-round winter sports program at Windischgarsten and is issuing challenges to all comers in basketball, volleyball or table tennis.

Applying some Yankee ingenuity and a feeling of esprit de corps, the Foxmen converted an old school-house into the Norman Erickson Gymnasium. A modern sports arena, it was named in honor of a former doughboy.

Inter-platoon contests and tournaments have been held in volley ball, table tennis, horseshoe pitching and badminton and a strong basketball league is now in progress.

How EM Win 22-0 In Turkey Bowl

How Company, 330th Infantry, worked up an appetite for a hearty Thanksgiving Dinner by holding an Officers-EM Turkey Bowl Game.

The peppy pre-game warmup by the Officers failed to impress the EM who came away with a 22-0 win. The Officers did come out best in one department: Black-Eyes, score: 2-1. 1st Sgt. William Madden is now recovering from his dimmed blinker from the anything-goes classic.



Pfc. Rocco "Rocky" Piccinino of 330th Infantry boxing team demonstrates how to slide off a right cross. Rocco was a top notch contender for the featherweight crown before the war interrupted his brilliant career. Also pictured is Lt. Col. Menard, Commanding Officer of the 1st Bn. who is a great boxing enthusiast, and who also has thrown a little leather in his day.

PRO BATTLER Rest Camp Calls TO INSTRUCT Ski Enthusiasts 330 BOXERS

Lt. Mirabeau Cavallini, Special Service Officer of the 330th Infantry, announced Wednesday that a regimental boxing team will be formed under the guidance of a seasoned pugilist, Pfc. Rocco A. Piccinino, of Philadelphia.

Just a short while before he entered the army, Rocky, as his friends call him, was one of America's leading contenders for the Featherweight Title. He began boxing back in 1935, and as an amateur, won over 85 bouts and copped three crowns, the Silver Gloves, the Golden Gloves, and the Philadelphia Inquirer, AAU tournament.

In 1938 he turned professional and went to "the big city," where he won his first 11 fights consecutively.

The highlight of his career was when he K.O.'d Johnny "Skipper" Allen in one round, before a tremendous crowd in Madison Square Garden. All during his professional career he lost but four bouts, while amassing a win total of 43.

Piccinino is now on hand to lend the experience he has gained through years in the ring, to all members of the 330th boxing team. He expects to produce an unbeatable combo, which will take on all comers.

Bn. Cage League In Fifth Week

Featuring the potent Giants of G Company, the 2nd Battalion of 329th enters the fifth week of its Battalion Cage contest.

Biggest upset of the young season was the win by How Company over the Bn. Officers, 30-26, at Ried. The schedule for the remainder of First Round follows: Dec. 3- Hq-Med, G-H; Dec. 5- Officers-F, H-Med; Dec. 7- F-H, Hq-Med; Dec. 10- Officers-H, G-F; Dec. 14- Hq-F, G-Officers; Dec. 17- Hq-H, F-Med; Dec. 19- G-Hq, Officers-F; Dec. 21- H-Med, Officers- Hq; Dec. 24- G-Med, F-H.

Ski enthusiasts of the Division have a winter haven awaiting them at several of USFA's beautiful Winter sports lodges in the immediate area.

Daily quotas effective Dec. 3, to send men and officers for seven days of TDY, to the Sports areas are allotted by the Division Special Service Office, to each Unit SSO and winter sports lovers can leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a frolic in the Austrian snow.

A temporary transportation expedient in the form of organizational trucks will be used at the present time with plans for a ski train in the near future according to Lt. Merritt M. Kufferman, of the Division SSO. For men reporting to the Ski centers in the Salzburg area, the Cafe Glockenspiel in the Mozartplatz is the assembly point and skiers are to report there at 1200 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The only equipment required for these men will be one blanket, toilet articles and Class "A" uniforms.

For enthusiasts reporting to Gmunden, Feuerkogel, or Mondsee and for officers going to Mondsee, the Gmunden EM Rest Center is the reporting point at 1200.

The weekly quota for the Division as announced by Lt. Kufferman is: Salzburg 40; Feuerkogel 25; Grundl See 15; Obertroun 58; Bad Gastine 15; and Gmunden 85. Quotas for Officers follows: Mondsee 15; Weisenegg 13; and Kitzbuehl 18. At the present time, the Kitzbuehl center is closed until further notice, because of the failure of the ski tow.

Ski equipment will be furnished at the Rest Centers as well as some additional ski clothing which will be worn over the Class "A" uniform. And as Lt. Kufferman points out, these ski jaunts do not count against furlough or leave time—a man is on TDY while he enjoys himself.

Gestapo Gets Spicy Jobs

Enough spices to supply all Bavaria are now being grown on a plantation at Dachau, tended by Storm Trooper war prisoners.

The Bamberg game is the first on the Division's four game road trip which will also pit the Thunderbolt cagers against the XV Corps, the 4th Armored Division and the 9th Infantry Division.

The 15 man squad under the direction of its coach, Lt. Norm Carey will leave Linz December 5 and make the tour in a bus returning to the Linz area on December 14.

Names of the traveling squad were not available at press time. The official local appearance of the team will be announced next week.

The schedule for the road trip announced late Wednesday by Lt. Homer E. Beam, Division Athletic Officer, follows:

Dec. 6—17th Repl. Depot at Bamberg.

Dec. 8—XV Corps at Bamberg.

Dec. 11—4th Armored at Regensburg.

Dec. 13—9th Inf. Div. at Ingolstadt.

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*Ski Expert Gives
Novice Advice*

Editor's Note: This is the second of three articles on skiing by K. Nadler, an Austrian ski expert serving with the Division SSO. The final article will appear next week.)

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The binding must be adapted to fit the skiboot and not the skis to fit the boots. The correct waxing of the ski is one of greatest importance for ascending or descending mountains on skis.

For dry, cold snow hard wax is thinly applied and a thick coat of soft wax is applicable for soft snow. Some kinds of wax can be used either as ascending or gliding wax. In this case, the method of application is important. For climbing, the wax must be put on thick and not symmetrical, but before gliding down, the wax must be rubbed in the ski with the thumb or with a piece of cork.

Fundamentals

When moving on level grounds the ski is not lifted as it is when you are walking but is brought forward in a dragging manner without leaving the snow. The poles are held wide in front and support the movement of the body.

The skier must know how to help himself because the length of the skis does not allow a change of direction by themselves. Steep places can be overcome with "Side-steps" (stair-steps) or the "Herringbone" (fishbone-step). The learning of the "Kick-Turn" on a level spot helps zigzagging up a slope very well.

In going down hill, the body must not be stiff and upright, but be limp and elastic. The descending position calls for the upper part of the body to be bent forward and the whole figure especially, the knees, is elastic. This position is known as the "Hocke." The depth of the Hocke or squatting position depends on the condition of the ground.

Snow Plow Position

If the descension is too rapid, the snow plow position should be applied and not the Herringbone. By shifting the weight of the body from one foot to the other, the direction of the run can be changed. This is known as the "Stemturn." A combination of the left or right stemturns give a run in swings, which indicates some perfection of the art.

These fundamental functions are learned during practice under the guidance of the ski-instructor and are often exercised. The advanced pupils can now undertake short excursions where he can apply his early lessons to practice. The pupil now gets a feeling of security in the mastery of the "boards" and can make long or short excursions in the Austrian Alps.