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## 30 'CHAMPS' IN 4 CORPS SPORTS

### TOP STARS OF STAGE, RADIO, AND MOVIES HERE ON 18 TH

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#### Bergman, Tilton, Benny, and Adler In Featured Spots

About 10,000 men of the 83rd Division will see a star-studded U. S. O. show next Wednesday, July 18, when Ingrid Bergman, Martha Tilton, David Le Winter, Larry Adler, and Jack Benny bring their variety acts to the arena in Passau for an afternoon and evening performance. These artists have recently started an eight-week tour that will take them to occupation areas, redeployment camps, and staging areas in the E.T.O.

It is reported that each of these performers has made an appearance before soldier audiences prior to starting this present tour. Jack Benny is probably the veteran performer for soldiers overseas as he first played for Allied troops in North Africa in 1943. Last year he toured the fighting fronts of the Pacific.

Martha Tilton, featured vocalist with the troupe, used to sing with Benny Goodman's band. Her first singing appearances were made several years ago in Los Angeles, when she sang for dances held at Fairfax High school.

Swedish-born Ingrid Bergman won the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Science's "Oscar" this year for her performance in "Gas Light." Her latest, un-released picture is "The Bells of St. Marys" in which she co-stars with Bing Crosby.

No information could be obtained about David Le Winter, other than he is an "accomplished pianist."

Larry Adler is said to be the world's most talented harmonica player. Raised in New York, Adler got his start to fame at Grauman's Chinese theater in Hollywood. He has also played the Paramount in New York City and has starred in several London stage successes. For the past couple of years he has toured night clubs and theaters in the States with dancer Paul Draper.

### 35 mm. Movies On Three-A-Day Schedule Now

The 35mm movies being shown in the Div. Arty's Promenade theater in Passau are proving to be quite an attraction for the troops in that area. Three shows a day are being run on the regular theater projectors, which are of the same type as those used in the theaters at Camp Breckenridge and in those in your home towns. The theater is open to any 83rd Div. man who happens to be in Passau.

The Div. Arty Theater is one in a large chain of movie houses, which have been organized according to the same systems used by the larger theater circuits in the States. The central booking office for this area in Regensburg. Some days Pfc. Calvin D. Kelly must drive the 54 miles to Regensburg for film, and on other days he goes to other theaters in

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BERGMAN



### ARMY BAND IN PIT FOR ARENA SHOW

The American Jamboree Orchestra, headliners in the U.S.O.'s Marlene Dietrich tour and Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe Review, will open next Wednesday with the Jack Benny Show at the arena in Passau.

Leader of the Orchestra is S/Sgt. Henry Smith, a former member of the string-bass section of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

The sax section is composed of Al Parten, Vincent Sneeberg, Raymond Goroletz (former concert pianist), and Edward Mazurowski (ex-Vaughn Monroe sax-man).

Brass fanfares are by Maurice Willis, Leslie Ott, Joe Volpe, and Bob McChesney, (trombonist with Jack Teagarden). Ray Werner is the man behind the traps, Ralph Fredrico is their pianist, and Anthony Rotella's electric guitar speaks for itself. Pittsburgh radio stations are well acquainted with the voice of Alvin Guthridge, featured vocalist with the American Jamboree Orchestra.

### WINS IN SWIMMING, GOLF, TENNIS, AND HORSESHOES QUALIFY 83rd FOR ARMY MEET

### Rest Center 'OK' Say EM Present Opening Week

The Oberhaus, 83rd Division rest center at Passau, was officially opened last Saturday, July 7th. Men from every unit in the division were sent for the first three-day rest period.

The center features fine food, prepared in a decidedly "different" manner by one of Europe's finest chefs, and served by civilian waitresses. Breakfast is served from eight 'til ten in the morning.

Recreation includes swimming, tennis, archery, riding, ping pong, and boating. Three movies are shown daily at the "Little Theatre", a matinee in the afternoon and two showings nightly.

The "Terrace Bar", overlooking Passau and the Danube, offers beer and snacks. Music is furnished by recordings of American and foreign hit tunes. Probably one of the most picturesque spots on the grounds, the "Terrace Bar" has become a favorite spot to spend the evening.

The Oberhaus, situated high above the Danube, is a "photographer's paradise" with its many gates and arches, combined with the towering walls and bluffs. The medieval atmosphere together with the wandering paths and flag-stone steps enhance the beauty of the grounds.

The rest center is a "GI's dream", with "Off Limits to Officers" and "No Saluting" signs. There is no special uniform required to be worn while on the grounds.

Transportation is provided regularly for those desiring to visit Passau and its historic landmarks. For those who take pictures during their stay, a forty-eight hour film processing service is available.

Thirty athletes from the 83rd Division walked off with top honors in four different sports at tournaments held under the auspices of XII Corps this week. The sports in which the 83rd had team and individual winners were swimming, tennis, horseshoe pitching and golf.

The Thunderbolt Swimming Team, which last week annexed the 83rd Division Championship, amassed a total of 152 points out of a possible 322 to become the XII Corps title holder. T/4 Donald Hume won the Singles Tennis Toga by besting Lt. Robert Hill of the 136 Truck Co. in the finals which went the full five-set route. The score by sets was as follows: 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5. Cpl. Harry H. Woodward by virtue of having stayed in the tournament to the semi-finals only to lose to Hill, one of the finalists, is thereby seeded No. 3 singles on the XII Corps Tennis Team.

T/5 Earl N. Green also repeated his winning style of horse shoe pitching to in that event after easily winning the in that event after easily winning the Division Championship last week. Three Professional and six Amateur golfers were chosen by Corps, on the basis of their written and verified qualifications, to represent XII Corps in the Third Army medal-match play at Narienbag, Czechoslovakia.

The 83rd Division Swimming Team, now representing XII Corps, composed of mainly 83rd Div. Arty, men is paced by the high-scoring Individual Champion, Cpl. Gary L. Searls and led by Capt. Herbert D. Glass runner-up to the individual scoring honors. These men and six other individual title winners and a supporting team of seven other placers in the Corps Meet, will swim against the champion teams of the XX, XXII, and XXV Corps in the Third Army Swimming Meet to be held in Nürnberg on July 20th and 21st. The winning team in this meet will then carry the banner of the Third Army into the ETO Championships to be held at Paris later this summer.

No time or place has yet been set for the Third Army competitions in tennis or horseshoe pitching but from reports thus far received the Nürnberg area is indicated for the early part of August for both Army tournaments. Meanwhile the golfers are currently playing the elimination rounds to determine which "pro" and amateur talent will represent Third Army in the ETO Matches to be held in Paris the latter part of August.

Without further thought the men left the horses; went to chow; bragged a little to their buddies about the shrewd business deal they had consummated; and then went to bed, no doubt to dream.

Next morning Borscik and Laret were off to the stables, full of the heavy responsibilities of grooming, currying, and the other attentions they intended to shower on their horses.

When they got to the stables they found that it had been taken over by the Regiment . . . and that the horses for which they had parted with 600 Reichsmarks, had belonged to the stable in the first place.

This horse trading incident is closed, so far as Laret and Borscik are concerned.

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### Tall In the Saddle

When two hep characters meet two "live" ones something usually happens. Such a meeting took place recently near Freyung, in the 330th Inf. area. Here is what happened.

Shortly after the Regiment moved in Sgt. William Laret of Co. C and Pfc. Steve Borscik of Co. H took off to case the environs. They had walked just beyond the edge of town when they met two soldiers on horseback.

"Where'd you get the nags?," asked Laret.

"Oh, they belong to us," the riders replied.

Laret and Borscik got their heads together and quickly came to a decision regarding their future in Freyung and the desirability of having two horses for their exclusive use. They could feel that Opportunity was rubbing the skin off of her knuckles with knocking.

Always a great one to come to the

point without delay, Borscik said, "Boy, we'd sure like to have those two horses."

The soldiers in the saddle, realizing that their outfit was moving out that night and that they would have no further use for the horses, agreed to sell them for thirty dollars each.

Laret, knowing a good deal when he sees one, quickly clinched matters by saying, "We'll take them!"

Laret and Borscik spent the rest of the afternoon riding around the countryside on their newly-purchased mounts. They almost missed evening chow they were having such a good time.

But with night coming on they decided to leave their horses at the local stable. When they reached the stable the caretaker rushed out to greet them. His manner was a little more than exuberant.

"Happy, for some reason or other, isn't he?," said Laret.



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## THE PACIFIC WAR

The surprise air attack on Tokio this week by carrier planes from Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet seems to have caught the Japs with their planes down, for not one enemy aircraft rose in defense of the capitol. This has been attributed partly to the fact that the unexpected raid came before dawn, and partly because the "carrier pigeons" were preceded by 500 Superforts that blasted the area and pinned down the opposition several hours earlier.

Tokio claims that some 4,500,000 citizens have been left homeless because of the steady onslaught by American air power. And Tokio, contrary to a widespread belief, is not a city of cardboard houses or match-box buildings. It is as modern a metropolis as any large American city, with its skyscrapers and street cars, its automobiles and factories, and its broad streets. Aachen, Berlin, Munich, Nuremberg and Dusseldorf were once thriving cities too.

The same strategy used against Germany seems to be in force in the Pacific. The long months of strategic bombardment against Japanese industries and airfields are reminiscent of the continuous poundings given the European continent before D day. In this week's raid Scandai, ten miles north of Tokio, was hit. So far this is the northernmost city to be attacked.

The Chinese High Command claims that three towns in the western Kwangsi province have been captured. If this report is correct it means that the Chinese have thrust a corridor to the China Sea, isolating the Jap forces in Indo China, and establishing a link between Chungking and the South China coast. Also, it is the location of the fourth American air base to return to Allied hands in recent months.

Following the recent air and sea shelling, Dutch East Indies troops have made two new amphibious landings in Balikpapan Bay, while Australian forces took some of the largest oil refineries in Borneo.

The Jap answer to American air and sea might is the "baka" bomb. A "suicide" plane charged with explosives, the "baka" bomb has been called the "perfect weapon" by scientists. There is nothing left to chance, as with the various "V" and "buzz" bombs used by the Germans. No wind can deflect their course, nor can radio waves jam their power. Since they are piloted by a man who is sealed into the cockpit, it merely takes a twist of the steering apparatus to aim the bomb at a ship. Although many have been brought down by accurate anti-aircraft fire, it is reported that some still manage to get through and explode on the target.

## THIS WEEK around the 83rd . . .

Co. E of the 331st Inf. has gone on a pet collecting spree during the past three months. In that time they have acquired one goose, gray and white, and four puppies of assorted colors. The goose was picked up at the Elbe when it was just a few days out of the shell. Answering to the name of "Four Charge" and described as an "extraordinary" mascot, the goose will not go near water. The pups are named "Thunderbolt", "BAR", "Silver" and "Blackie."

Freedom looks down on the men of Co. I, 331st Inf. during their chow periods. Cpl. Louis Sugar has recently completed a huge mural of the Statue of Liberty on the walls of the mess hall. "As long as I can remember I have had the desire to paint and sketch," Sugar says. "It is both a hobby and a profession." He has attended several art schools in Denver, and received a scholarship in one of them when he won a war bond poster contest.

His buddies say he is the "best fisherman this side of the Rhine river." To prove it Pfc. Arthur Olsen of Hq. Co., 330th Inf. has spent about every afternoon for the past four weeks fishing in the nearby stream. "At first I didn't do so good because of the type bait I was using. Then I learned that these German trout go for the plain old worm," says Olsen. His biggest catch weighed five pounds and measured fifteen and a half inches from snout to tail.

Pfc. Frank Rose of Hq. Co. 1st B'n. and his brother, T/5 William Rose of the 166th Combat Engineers had not seen each other for more than two years. They were brought together through a mutual friendship with "Foxhole Nathan" who played here recently with the Glenn Miller band.

Due to a razor blade shortage in Co. K, 330th Inf. "Balboa's Clip Joint" has been doing a rip-clipping business on hair, beard, and pocket. The barber shop, operated by Pfc. Roland A. "Balboa" Pontbriand, is reported as doing "a swell job in keeping K Co. men from looking as though they belonged to the House of David, or were refugees from Jack Benny's violin."

A very appropriate reminder to the Germans that they have lost the war appears in the public square of the village of Hengersburg, Headquarters of the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry. It's Old Glory atop a fifty foot flagpole directly in front of a First World War statue of a German soldier. Upon the base of the statue are engraved the words "Nie Vergessen!", meaning "Don't Forget!"

"What the hell are you doing so far back?" was the greeting M/Stg. Oscar Burger had for his brother-in-law when they met recently after not having seen each other for four years. Burger is attached to Service Co. of the 330th Inf. and his brother-in-law, Cpl. Charles Lucas, is with the 1153 Eng. B'n. Both men are from Paradise, Kan.

## From Our CHAPLAIN

by Lt. Col. A. P. Donnelly, Division Chaplain

### "ON GROWING UP"

The most important job for any man is to be a real person and to make something out of himself. That of course demands real effort, initiative, responsibility and, at times, self-sacrifice. By nature we all possess the ingredients out of which personality can be made. All of us at birth are presented with the makings of personal life, consciousness, memory, intelligence, emotions, and innate tendencies, etc. The successful organization of these ingredients into a unified and successful personality is one of the most difficult, yet most essential tasks in human experience. It involves effort and sense of personal responsibility to develop and grow into a worthwhile, well-rounded personality.

### Intellectual Maturity

Let us ask ourselves if we are really grown-up. Are we really the men we think we are? Are we really mature? A man may be full-grown physically with complete muscular development and yet have the intelligence of a child. Further, we know that we need both nourishment and exercise if we are to maintain our physical health and strength. Most of us can pass the test of physical maturity. Now let us ask ourselves if we are intellectually mature. What are the tests of intellectual maturity? The mature mind is one that can think independently and formulate its own opinions. Further, it is a mind that is improving itself by acquiring new knowledge and widening its horizon. A child is naive and gullible, believing everything that it is told. A mature mind is critical and objective, strating to see things as they are rather than as one wishes them to be. Here again we develop intellectually by nourishment and by exercise. We nourish our minds by the best books that have been written, by best ideas that have been thought, and by the best discoveries that have been made. We exercise our minds by study, concentration, and thinking. By so doing we grow, and our minds become intellectually mature.

### Emotional Balance

Have we developed our characters? Are we emotionally mature? Children pout or cry for what they want when they want it. They have not yet learned self-discipline, self-restraint and self-control. It is essential to learn the art of self-discipline and self-control if we are to possess a well-rounded life. The real test of manhood and maturity is self-discipline and self-control. As we grow up, we should also develop mature attitudes. We should be learning how to get along with people, how to co-operate, how to think of others and be considerate. Selfishness is a sign of immaturity, — that we have not yet learned to think beyond the narrow confines of our little self. Furthermore, when we grow up we develop a mature scale of values and learn to put first things first. We learn what is important and what really matters most — honesty, integrity and loyalty to the best that we know. We grow morally and spiritually by nourishing our hearts and minds through faith, meditation and prayer, and by exercising our wills through self-control and self-discipline in our daily lives.

### Is Your Reaction Positive?

A man may not be responsible for his heredity, nor for the control of much of his environment, but he is responsible for the personal response he makes to life. A man is not responsible so much for what happens to him as the way he responds to what happens to him. Every man has this capacity for making a personal response to life. Our chief responsibility is — what are we going to make out of ourselves? Each of us has been entrusted with the elements which make up a personality. To make the most out of it is our primary concern. Our chief business in life is to become a real person and to be a mature personality. That is our personal responsibility. Have we grown up?



This coming week at the Promenade Theater in Passau - Shows at 2:30 6 and 8 pm

Today

THE CORN IS GREEN

with Bette Davis and John Dall.  
short subject- "Six Hits and a Miss"

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday

MY PAL WOLF

with Sharyn Mossett and Jill Esmond

two short subjects- "Saddle Starlet" and "West Point"

Wednesday-Thursday

EARL CARROLL'S VANITIES

with Constance Moore and Dennis O'Keefe

short subject- "Rough and Tumble"

Friday-Saturday

KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY

with Lana Turner, Laraine Day, and Susan Peters

short subject- Army Screen Magazine No. 54.

### Out the Division Circuit

GOING MY WAY

with Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald

WITHOUT LOVE

and with KATHERINE HEPBURN, also Spencer Tracy

GIRL RUSH

with Francis Langford and Wally Brown

HANGOVER SQUARE

with Laird Cregar and George Sanders

CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT

with Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan

## POETRY

### "MY WEDDING BAND"

As I gaze upon my hand,  
A pretty sight I see,  
My simple little wedding band,  
The one you gave to me.  
It's value I am told  
Is worth it's weight in gold,  
Never to be pawned Dear,  
Nor never to be sold.  
The happiness it brought me,  
In words I can not say,  
For it lies deep down within my heart,  
With a love that grows each day.  
by Pfc. Robert F. Dukes  
Hq. Co. 1st. Bn. 330th Inf.

### COMBAT INFANTRY MAN

I give you the combat infantry man,  
The guy who finished what others began;  
His tight-set lips and his steel-hard eye  
Have the look of a man who has seen  
men die.  
His title was earned as he nodded at  
Death  
When he stood to the blistering, searing  
breath  
Of whistling bullets and screaming shells  
In a thousand thundering, stinking  
hells.  
His rifle of silver on field of blue  
Is the badge of a man who has fought  
for you,  
Who doesn't waver, or falter, or flinch,  
When Death goes by within fraction  
of inch.  
When they've gone the limit with  
tanks and planes,  
This is the slugger who makes the gains;  
He goes in to finish what others began—  
I give you the Combat Infantry Man!  
Origin Unknown —

After listening to German excuses day after day on guard, Pfc. Ted Brzezicki of 2nd Bn Hq Co, 329th Inf. says he can now tell in advance just about how the recitation will go:

"Mine sohn var keine SS mann,  
Alles mine familie var gut;  
Vir nimmer lieben Adolf Hitler,  
Und Deutchland ist kaput.  
Vir immer sagen Roosevelt ist gut,  
Und Amerika ist OK;  
Aber vir garnich sprechen so laut,  
Fur vass vould der Gestapo say?  
Und yetz der krieg var so lang,  
Vir glad der Amerikaner ist here;  
Vir denken if vir behaving schoen,  
It giffs mitt pretzels und beer.  
Der Amerikaner soldaten ist sehr gut,  
Und auch sehr rich;  
Sie sagen er gebt 65 dollars  
Fur sprechen mitt en Nazi . . ."

## BEYOND the BLUE

by Pvt. Maury Renek

In case any of you dear readers were wondering what happened to me in the last few weeks (and I know you don't give a Tinker's damn, and Tinker doesn't either) I was not in the process of being redeployed (or unemployed, for that matter) because with fifty-eight points I need two more wars and a miracle to get me out. Figuring this out in blood and bonus money it adds up to, two more offsprings at twelve points a head and a "brown nose" star. I almost thought I was going out the back door of the Army but a Capt. Gross (he also hasn't enough points) broke Medical Corps tradition when he restored my health without the aid of those all-purpose pills that are no doubt guaranteed to cure everything from delirium tremens to an itchy scalp. All this experience was like taking a pre-med course at a Pro-station

This all very clumsily brings us to the thought that now that planning in economy is going full blast it would not be foolhardy for the manufacturers of products to take careful heed to the trend taste of returning soldiers. Heading the list of this all-soldier, anti-calorie list are Crosse and Blackwell, the makers of orange marmalade. Day by day those names keep sounding more like Jekyll and Hyde. The only advice a GI can give to the fiends who flooded the market with marmalade (and woe to the world if they unite and from a cartel) is to go the stewed lobster profession or any other gastronomical delight that will disassociate their name from the original product . . . whether it be by price or smell. (Not now, honey. The MG officer is watching.)

Another item high on the "non-edible" list is the whole "dehydrated" industry. You'd think that with scientists forever trying to visualize what the coming world will be like they could have at least chosen the most obvious one . . . a dehydrated world.

Cartel or no cartel, the tycoons of the "dehydrated" firms should invest their money in canned succotash or open a chain of gymnasiums specializing in the re-dehydration of overseas soldiers. A humanitarian plan like that wouldn't put him in the pin-up class but at least it would insure him a decent burial.

When a man thinks of what would go with the most miserable meal he has ever eaten he will run his tongue along his row of chipped teeth and think of those dog biscuits. Of all man's friends (and that includes women too), a man's best friend is his dog. That's a fact. But irregardless of this fact they shouldn't have overdone our homo sapien-canine relationship. Even at this late date of open international forums why dog biscuits were put in rations still remains a mystery. The only counsel to offer these firms is to keep the plants rolling and change their labels to read what they are best suited for. The gourmets of the K-9 Corps may get wise, but this should fool the great mass of pooches who are not up on their label reading.

If any man was hoarding the idea of commercializing K rations for post-war use let me add that first, his sanity (or complete lack of it) will be questioned by over eleven million GIs. Second, all a GI wants is some good American food to go along with the good American dishes. (The "dishes" referred to in this case is meant to exemplify pluckitude rather than proteins.) In summing up, all I can add is that if the shortest way to a man's heart is his stomach, then somebody is taking an awful lot of detours.



# Doughs Drink and Dream at Top Hat, EMs Cafe Society

"Just close your eyes and dream of your last date at New York's Club Zanzibar or Chicago's Chez Paree or Hollywood's Cinegrill," says Pfc. Frank Kenny in describing the recently opened Top Hat club in Deggendorf. Kenny is manager of the G.I. night club that caters exclusively to the enlisted men of the 329th Inf., 308th Medics, and the 308th Engineers. Lt. Col. Claude L. Bowen, Jr., Regimental Commander of the 329th, officially opened the club on June 27.

It took GI's present at the opening a while to absorb the hometown atmosphere. Finally they settled down to enjoy the soft music, modernistic surroundings, indirect lighting, and ice cold beer.

## Ansel's Idea

Credit for the idea of an Enlisted Men's Club and the success of the finished product should be given primarily to Cpl. Julius Ansel of Boston, Massachusetts, 329th Special Service non-com. Said Cpl. Ansel, "Nothing's too good for the boys."

Lt. Daniel P. O'Connor of Omaha, Nebraska, Special Service Officer of the 329th, remarked upon the enthusiasm displayed by members of the newly-formed regimental dance band in providing nightly entertainment. The band has been named the Buckshots in honor of the Assistant Division Commander, Col. Edwin B. (Buckshot) Crabill of Galax, Virginia, former Commanding Officer of the 329th Infantry.

Bartender at the Top Hat is Pfc. "Jim" Stauffill of Flint, Michigan. His reaction to the club was, "What a set-up! What I couldn't do with a place like this back home."

An anonymous Joe found sitting in the corner with a sad-looking face said, "Only one thing's missing. — Women!"

## BUCKSHOT RHYTHM

Music in the Top Hat is provided by the Buckshots, a six-piece combination that somehow manages to get lilting American jazz out of ancient German instruments. Someone, possibly hanging from the eaves, picked up the following conversation between Pfc. Albert Biro, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Pfc. Ben Rosenthal of San Diego, California, as they were discussing the band.

After two beers had been downed, Al licked his lips, leaned back in his chair and said, "It beats me how they play those broken-down horns at all, much less make it sound good. And Ansel, our Special Service non-com, tells me the vocalist sang over station KGB on the west coast. — Say, that drummer's really beating it out!"

"Yeah," agreed Ben. "He's Elliot Harris, and he played traps for Charley Spivak's orchestra."

## BIRO CHORTLES REPLY

"Man, listen to that rolling boogie!" chortled Biro. Some guy told me the pianist is Chicago's Andy Volini of WLS fame."

"Heck," aid Ben, "as long as we've mentioned drummer and pianist we've got to complete the rhythm section. That little fellow behind the big bass fiddle is Howard Horn from Brooklyn."

Biro nodded his head thoughtfully for a minute—then said, "It seems to me I've seen that sax-man before the war. His style of playing is distinctive, but that cue-ball hair cut is a fooler."

Ben laughed. "You might know him. He's from Flint, Michigan, and played as well as arranged for several bands touring the midwest. His name's Thibodeau, and

listen for his arrangement of "Talk of the Town."

"Sure will," promised Biro. "Say, since you seem to know so much about the band you might know something about the rest of the fellows?"

"Well, maybe," Ben admitted. "Dick Le-wellen, cornetist, is from Rome, Georgia, Hooper acquired his technique on the trombone while he was barnstorming in practically every state of the Union. Sam Janover had beaucoup experience as master of ceremonies in the hot spots of Manhattan."

"Say, who are you?" asked Biro, as he blew the foam from another beer.

"Who, me?" sparred Ben. "Oh, I'm the crooner of this outfit."

# AERIAL CABLE HOISTED OVER RAGING RIVER

Come hell, high water, or the raging currents of the Danube 83rd Signal's eight-man construction squad under M/Sgt. Fred Fenton and Sgt. Joseph Fiori come through to install and service their vital telephone and telegraph communications. With the bridge down and wires out the crew took paddle in hand to string an aerial cable across the swift-flowing Danube at Vilshofen, connecting the Division CP with the existing underground cable.

The section now has thousands of miles of open circuit wire and underground cable available for Division use, along with every operational civilian communication system. Signal has been required to install its own switchboards at trunk terminals formerly used by German cities and towns. It was a difficult accomplishment but proved to be highly successful when put into actual operation.

"This Kraut equipment is pretty lousy," complained S/Sgt. John Delaney. "Things seem to go haywire with them all the while. Just have to junk the stuff and start from scratch."

Since "V-E Day" construction teams under communication Sgt's George McCabe, Nicholas Posey, and Joseph P. Schaefer have been working to maintain and install the telephone communications within the Division area. Their task is "trouble shooting" the line, keeping the vital "T & T" communications functioning without undue interruptions.

## ANSEL ...



# 329th Men Say "Horsemen of the Alps"

Ansel's leaving, men. Yep, the "Profile" has 98 points. And his bags are packed, including those under his eyes.

Those of you in the other outfits may not know him so well, but the doughboys of the 329th Infantry recognize Cpl. Julius Ansel from Dorchester, Mass., their entertainment director. They remember the movies and impromptu shows he used to bring them when they had a breathing spell. They remember those top performers that he swung their way, the open air shows. And his latest innovation, probably his piece de resistance, the GI night club, TOP HAT. But most of all they remember how they used to clamor for his news reports back in combat days. They knew he didn't know anymore than they did, but they liked to hear him say, "The news is great today, men. The Russians are advancing on all points, and that dog, Hitler, has his tail between his legs. So sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself, for tomorrow's another lousy day!"

Ansel is an old timer with the 83rd. He was with it when it first organized back in '42. In those days he was a rifleman with G Company. Fortune, circumstance, and the Regimental C.O. Smiled on him, nad he was given the 'ask of keeping the boys entertained. The men of the 329th Inf. say he's done his job well, often without proper equipment and under difficult situations.

The men of the "Buckshot" Regiment all know and have a strong affection for him. They like to make fun of his nose, and kid him about his mother-in-law. They also know that he means it when he says, "Nothing too good for the boys."

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

On July 4th the men of Co. H, 330th Inf. gathered in their Company area near Waldkirchen to pay tribute to their fallen comrades. As the entire Company stood at attention Capt. William L. Bennett, the Commanding Officer, placed a huge floral wreath at the base of a cross. Then a 30-gun salute was fired and taps were sounded by the bugler.

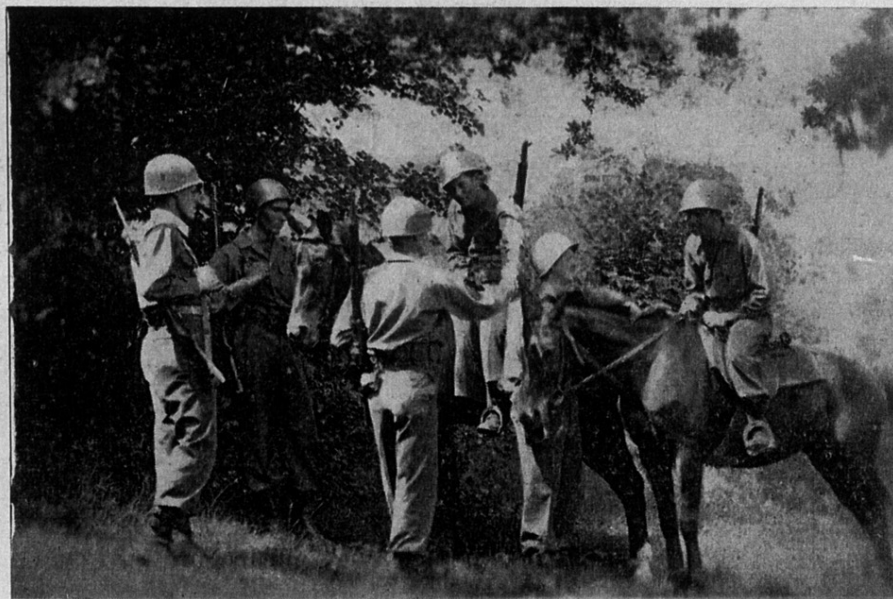
Later, three veterans of the Hedgrows were awarded Bronze Stars by Col. Robert T. Foster, Commanding Officer of the 330th Inf. The men who received the awards were S/Sgt. Howard Channel, Sgt. William J. Bane, and Sgt. Charles Nevius.

## Saddle Tale

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They have another deal cooking, though. They are looking for an man named Bailey who is said to own a couple of bridges in the area. So far all they have been able to find out is that this man lives in Washington, D. C. and that he seems to be somewhat of an eccentric. He wears blue and white striped pants, a swallow-tail coat and a top hat with stars around the band. When Borscik and Laret contact this man they are going to offer him a reasonable sum for one of his bridges. Figure they can make a fortune in tolls.

# "Horsemen of the Alps"



A mounted patrol of Co. A meets a foot patrol of Co. B in the Bavarian Alps where the 1st Battalion of the 330th Inf. maintains a guard at the Czech-German border. Above, S/Sgt. Leif Anderson gives a message to Pfc. James Thayer. Others in the picture, from left to right on the ground are, Pfc. Ulysses Stookfbury, Cpl. D. V. Davidson. The men on the horses are, left to right, Pfc. Clarence Gillilan and Pfc. Harold Standford.

# Foot, Jeep And Horse To Patrol Czech Frontier.

The peak-climbing 1st Battalion of the 330th Infantry has become a Bavarian Alpine Guard. Their mission is to prevent unauthorized persons from crossing the Czech-German frontier. In carrying out this assignment, the doughboys encounter ragged terrain and mountainous regions which are too much for even a jeep. To operate in this terrain, the outfit has used several types of transportation that aren't mentioned in the T.O. of an Infantry outfit.

Now jeeps cover parts of the trails, contacting horse patrols, who carry on until they in turn can go no further. In the worst sections the long-suffering doughboy struggles along the trails to complete the mission. Says Pfc. John B. Bailey, "We've been thinking seriously of requisitioning mountain goats to patrol some of this area."

Several times the patrols have spotted Heinies trying to sneak across the frontier by some obscure mountain pass. Pfc. Gordon Braum, comments, "By the time we could get across the valley they had run back into the dense woods and it was almost impossible to find them. Field glasses are a great help in this type of work, but on many days clouds hovering lower than the hill-top trails interfere with a clear view of the valleys."

Able, Baker, and Charlie Companies are split into horsemen and mountain climbers to take over the roughest regions while D Company handles the jeep-navigible sections. Pfc. Fleet B. Sexton, jeep-jockey, says, "A steer would have to have a super-charger to travel where our jeeps have gone." All supplies for A Company must be packed in by horse over a two mile trail to their mountain hideout, and is in S/Sgt. Kermit Rockhill's words, "One hell of a trip." For the men of the ankle express, Sgt. Harley C. Adams explains, "The combination of practically impassible terrain and the thin mountain air really makes it a tough job." Pfc. Anthony C. Shiripa's view is

"With all this beautiful country, Hitler still yelled for 'living room'. I can't understand it."

## 35mm. Movies

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the chain to trade pictures, depending on how the schedule was made out.

This central film agency is a civilian operated organization with its main office in Hollywood. The headquarters of the agency in the ETO is working with the Com Z entertainment office. These civilians book the theaters in their circuits with pictures two weeks in advance of the date they are to be shown. As much as possible they to give the men the newest and best pictures available.

There are no more ten minute breaks while the operator changes the reel, because the second projector automatically takes over when the first one runs out of film. The projectors are operated by the same civilian operators who worked in the theater before the Army took it over.

The Army pays three cents admission for each person who goes to the movies, so an accurate count of attendance is kept for each show. To get these 35mm shows a theater must have a minimum of 500 seats, otherwise the expense of bringing the film all the way from the States to show to only a small audience would be prohibitive.

## Male Call

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

## Critical Point



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Three weeks ago we made a promise, maybe it was because it was the month of June. But promises in that month have caused a lot of guys a headache in times past; and it hasn't necessarily been about baseball. Well we've done it before and we'll probably do it again, here goes.

This is the way **THE MAJORS STACK UP** . . . . . according to the sporting gentry. Says Al Abrams of the Pittsburgh-Gazette, "You'd be surprised at the number of experts who lean towards the **CARDINALS TO COP THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT PENNANT** . . in fact Bill Kehnle, Frankie Frisch and Charley Grimm think the Red Birds are going to be the toughest of all. Mel Ott fears the **PIRATES** more."

"Roger Hornsby's theory about Billy Southworth's outfit capsules the Card success formula: — "they play so hard and so desperately, that you have to lots better than they are just to keep even with them."

In the **AMERICAN LEAGUE** . . . with the return of Hank Greenberg to the **TIGERS'** lair and Hal Newhouser's effectiveness, along with that of Dizzy Trout's, the **MOTOR CITY** people are beginning to **CLAMOR FOR THE PENNANT**. Steve O'Neill, **DETROIT** pilot, puts a new twist in the old crying towel act by soft soaping the opposition.

Comments Neill, "This kid Ferriss

is a gem. He's got no nerves and we haven't been able to ruffle him. For a rookie he's a wonder, and the other **BOSTON** rookie, Jim Wilson, will bear watching, too. Then they have a couple of dangerous clouters in George Metkovich and the veteran Bob Johnson with a fairly well-balanced club to go along with the others."

"**THE YANKEES** . . . . . are a tough club to figure this year," O'Neill continued. "They've been hot and cold. I figure they'll get tougher as the season grows older; Red Ruffing's return to their line-up will sure help McCarthy."

In the City of Brotherly Love the "A's and the **PHILLIES** . . . have their own version of "**THE PHILADELPHIA STORY**". Neither one can seem to get out of the cellar. Can't be "incoming mail" over there so it must be something else that's interesting down there. Let's go down, we might be able to pick up a quick one."

**THE POLO GROUNDS** in New York was the scene of an historic occasion the other day, a former ball player from the sticks of the Kansas State League was roundly applauded by those hard-to-awe stickers from the Majors. It seems they'd heard he'd had a terrific batting average in the ETO League. Who is this guy? The number one Gl . . . . . **GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER**.

# HUME STROKES WAY TO CORPS TENNIS CROWN

## Green Continues Win Streak

T/4 Donald Hume, of the 331st Infantry, the smooth stroking racquet wielder who outclassed all the competition in the 83rd Division Tennis Tournament last week carried on in his same indefatigable, flawless form to capture the XII Corps crown at Regensburg on Wednesday, July 11.

While his team mates, Cpl. Harry H. Woodward of the 308th Medics, T/Sgt. Alfred H. Norton of the 736 Tankers, Lt. Chandler Wiselogle of the 331st Infantry and Pfc. Ephraim E. Fritz of Div. Arty fell in the preceeding rounds Hume carried on to win the Singles Championship of the XII Corps. Woodward stayed in the matches until the semi-final round to be beaten by Lt. Robera Hill of the 136th Truck Co. Thus Woodward earned the number 3 Singles berth on the Corps team.

After both Hill and Hume had survived the semi-final round they met in a climatic 5-set match which see-sawed through 53 torrid games on a soggy court which was intermittently lashed by cold rain squalls. Hume finally emerged the winner after five grueling sets. The score by sets were as follows: 3-6; 6-4; 7-5; 4-6; 7-5.

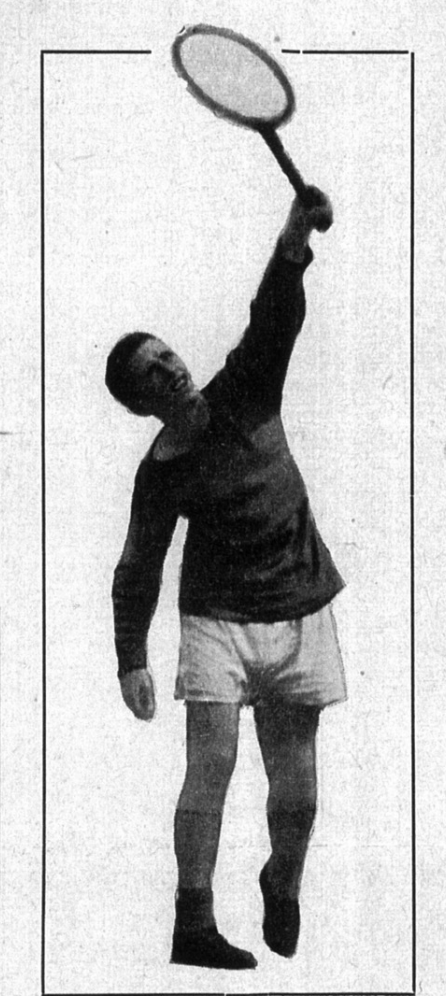
Hume comes by his wealth of experience at the net game due to long sessions on the public courts of New York City as well as being the star of his high school team. While attending Brooklyn College he played on the varsity tennis team and was entered in top-notch collegiate competition. Later he participated in many exhibition matches with many well know ranking amateur stars and perennial pros. He has never relinquished his amateur standing.

T/5 Earl N. Green, "A" Co. cook of the 736th Tank Battalion, representing the 83rd THUNDERBOLT Division, won the singles Horseshoe Pitching Championship at the XII Corps Tournament held Friday, 6 July in Regensburg.

Green, the Division Champion, met stiffer opposition than he encountered in the Division-wide meet while engaged in the Corps tourney. Also with the games lengthened to 50 points instead of the 21 as played here the feat called for more endurance and accuracy than he exhibi-

ted on the Passau courts. Then, too, in the Corps play it was necessary to win 3 out of 5 of the elongated games to eliminate the rival he competed against in each bracket.

As Corps Champion Green will be called upon later this month or the first part of August to represent XII Corps in the Army Championships in the Nurnberg area. From his civilian record and his Army competition to date he is conceded a good chance to repeat his past two excellent performances.



T/4 Donald Hume

# DIV ARTY FINMEN SWAMP DIV. AT PASSAU SWIMMING MEET



Up and Over — Cpl. Gary L. Searls of the 736th Tks. executes the tricky pike gaynor.

## 83rd Mermen Cop XII Corps Crown

On July 10 the 83rd Division Swimming Team won the XII Corps Swimming Meet held at Regensburg. This team composed of 83rd Division Individual Champions and placers in the Division Elimination Meet held at Passau last Saturday will now compete for XII Corps to attempt to win the Third Army Championship at Nurnberg on Friday and Saturday July 20th and 21st.

Listed below are the men who gained 152 points out of a 322 possible to gain first honors at Corp while besting the 90th Division with 90 points and the XII Corps Artillery with 52 points.

**Free Stylers** — Capt. Herbert D. Glass, XII Corps 50-meter free style champion and member of both the 300-meter medley relay and 800-meter relay free style championship combinations which secured the Corps crown in each of these events, from the 908 FA Bn.; Lt. James R. Sanders, XII Corps 400-meter free style champion and member of the 800-meter relay free style championship combination which secured the Corps crown in this event, from the 908 FA Bn.; Pfc. Stanley Kameika, member of the 800-meter relay free style championship combination, from the 324 FA Bn.; Cpl. William McAnalley, member of the 800-meter relay free style championship combination, from the 331st Infantry Regiment; Pfc. David Sterling from the 331st Infantry Regiment; Pfc. Richard Schaefer from the 331st; and Lt. Roger M. Foster from "C" Btry. of the 323 FA Bn.

**Back Stokers** — Cpl. Robert Hall, XII Corps 100-meter back stroke champion from the 736th Tankers; T/5 Peter H. Ovens from "B" Btry. of the 323 FA Bn.; and Pvt. Aaron Beckerman, member of the 500-meter medley relay championship combination.

**Breast Stokers** — T/5 Thomas J. Anders, XII Corps 200-meter breast stroke champion and member of the 300-meter medley relay championship combination, from the 908 FA Bn.; and Lt. Col. George W. Irvine, Battalion Commander of the 324 FA Bn.

**Divers** — Cpl. Gary L. Searls, XII Corps 1-meter and 3-meter spring board diving champion and 15-meter platform diving champion from the 736th Tankers; Pfc. Stanley Kravitz of the 331st Infantry Regiment; and Capt. Duston H. Starbuck from the 323 FA Bn.

**Gls Beat Brass**

Div Arty won its 5th softball game, and S/Sgt. Gene Presley pitched his fourth victory, when the team beat the 323 FA officer's team to retain their hold on the league's first place. The score was 4 to 2 against them, but with Gen. Montague lending moral support from the cheering section, the Divarty boys scored three runs in the 6th inning to win by a margin of 5 to 4.

## Repeat to Annex Corps Crown

The 83rd Division Artillery Swimming Team swamped the rest of the Division and it's attached units in the Elimination Swimming Meet held at the Passau Pool last Saturday amassing 52 out of a possible 91 points to be recognized as the present 83rd Division Swimming Champions. The 331st Infantry was a poor second with 23 points and the 736th Tankers splashed to third place with a mere 10 point team total. Both the 329 and the 330th Infantry Regiment eked out but 3 points each to tie for fourth.

Div. Arty. placed men in first or second spot in every event but the diving. Even in that they captured the third and fourth place honors. The outstanding stylists of the day were T/5 Thomas J. Anders of the 908th FA Bn. and Capt. Herbert D. Glass also from the 908th FA in the breast stroke and free style sprints respectively. Cpl. Gary L. Searl of the 736th Tankers exhibited very good form in the 3-meter diving event.

Anders, who swam in the 200-meter breast stroke also swam the 100-meter breast stroke in the 300-meter medley with the Div. Arty. team. When pressed he is an exponent of the "Butter fly" adaptation of that swimming style.

Anders picked up this difficult technique when he swam 4 years on the Sandusky, Ohio High School Team and also while on the Freshman Team of Ohio State University. Capt. Glass, who also has a collegiate background having swum for the New York University Team in 1935-6-7 and being Captain of the team in his last year made the free-style dashes look like he was attempting to shame spawning tuna. His competitors looked like human outboard motor boats as he skimmed through his lane like a PT boat in action.

Searl's diving showed rare earlyseason form in that he earned 9 out of a possible 10 points for 2 of his

required dives and 1 of his optionals. He was closely pressed however by Pfc. Stanley Kravitz of the 331st Infantry, however. Incidentally Kravitz proved himself to be the work horse of the small 331st squad, swimming in 3 events besides carrying on with superb diving.

The summaries:

400-meter free style — Won by Lt. James R. Sanders (908th FA); second, Cpl. William McAnalley (331); third, Pfc. Herbert Ringer (Div. Arty.); fourth, no finishers. Time 8:0.

50-meter free style — Won by T/Sgt. William E. Jacobs (324 FA); second, Lt. Roger M. Foster (322 FA "C" Btry.); third, Pfc. David Sterling (331); fourth, Pfc. Stanley J. Kameika (324 FA). Time :29.8.

100-meter back stroke — Won by T/5 Peter H. Ovens (323 FA "B" Btry.); second, Lt. Aaron Beckerman (736 Tks.); third, Pfc. James F. Denniston (330); fourth, Pfc. Stanley Kravitz (331). Time 1:39.2.

200-meter breast stroke — Won by T/5 Thomas J. Anders (908 FA); second, Lt. Col. George W. Irvine (Bn CO 324 FA); third, Pfc. David Sterling (331); fourth, Pfc. Warner M. Emmrich (330). Time 3:36.9.

Diving 3-meter board — Won by Cpl. Gary L. Searls (736 Tks.); second, Pfc. Stanley Kravitz (331); third, Capt. Duston H. Starbuck (323 FA); fourth, T/Sgt. William E. Jacobs (324 FA). Point breakdown: 109.1; 88.6; 78.6.

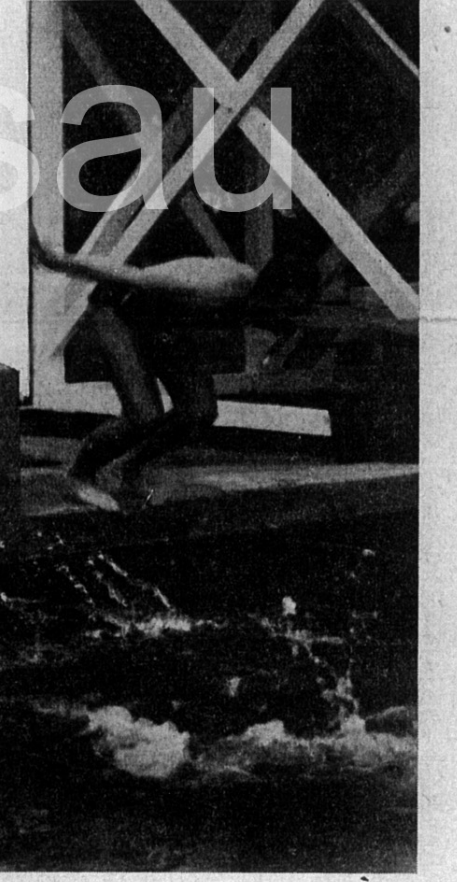
## Touch and Go — Div. Arty Free Style Relay Team. and T/Sgt. William E. Jacobs of Lt. Roger M. Foster

## Div. Golfers Tee off at Third Army Match

The golf entries submitted to XII Corp listing a roster of the professional and amateur talent in the 83rd Division was accepted almost to the man according to word received by the Division Athletic Office on Thursday morning, July 2. Therefore on Friday, July 13 the 83rd Golf Teams composed of 3 professional and 6 amateurs took off for Narienbag, Czechoslovakia, where the Third Army Eliminations will be held during the week. Individual winners in both brackets will later entrain for Paris to compete in the ETO Championships to be held later this Summer.

The Pros are head by Pfc. William Ferguson, PGA Tournament player who has 16 years professional experience throughout the States. He is presently stationed with the 908th FA Bn. Another Div. Arty. golfer from the 323rd FA Bn. is Pvt. Fred Christian who as a civilian was half of the golfing partnership of Bobby Cruickshank and Christian which operated Richmond Country Club of Virginia and the Gulf Stream Country Club at Delray Beach, Fla. Also included with the 'pro's is Pfc. Harry E. Snavely of the 330th Infantry Regiment.

The Amateurs are headed by Pfc. James Monore of the 308th Medics, Amateur Golf Champion of Salisbury, N. C. for the years 1932, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43. Salisbury is one of the hottest



400-meter breast stroke — Won by Lt. Col. George W. Irvine (Bn CO 324 FA); second, Pfc. Stanley Kravitz (331); no points allowed for third and fourth place — no entries. Time 8:52.9.

100-meter free style — Won by Capt. Herbert B. Glass (908 FA); second, Pfc. Richard Schaefer (331); third, Cpl. William McAnalley (331); fourth, Pfc. Daniel Baker (329). Time 1:17.8.

300-meter medley relay — Won by (Div. Arty.) T/5 Peter H. Ovens — back-stroke, T/5 Thomas J. Anders — breast stroke, Capt. Herbert D. Glass — free style; second, (331) Pfc. David Sterling — back stroke, Pfc. Frederick Riedel — breast stroke, Pfc. Richard Schaefer — free style; third, (736 Tks.) Cpl. Robert Hill — back stroke, Cpl. Robert Deer — breast stroke, Pvt. Aaron Beckerman — free style. Time 4:38.

200-meter free style relay — Won by (Div. Arty.) Lt. Roger M. Foster, T/Sgt. William E. Jacobs, Lt. James R. Sanders, Capt. Herbert D. Glass; second, Cpl. William McAnalley, Pfc. Richard Schaefer, Pfc. Frederick Riedel, Pfc. Stanley Kravitz; no points allowed for third or fourth — no entries. Time 2:72.

golfing communities in the States. Teaming up with Monore is Lt. Harold Cross with the 803rd TDs. Cross has been the Philadelphia Amateur Champion several times in the last few years. Three times he was runner-up in the Pennsylvania States Amateur Finals.

Also supporting the amateur roster are Capt. Fred Haseman of the 308th Medics, Pfc. Alfred Nathan of the 83rd Division MPs, Capt. Clarence Forsythe of the 908th FA Bn. and Lt. Andrew J. Koza, Chemical Warfare Service currently Steward of the Neiderhaus, the officers Rest Center.



Ardennes Baptism of Fire  
For "Checkerboard" Div.

TIMID OR BOLD,  
"GILBERT" WAS  
HERO TO 83rd

Treks 3,500 Miles In Search  
For Army's Essential Supplies

The 99th "Checkerboard" Division was activated on November 16, 1942 at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., under the command of Maj. Gen. Thompson Lawrence. On August 2, 1943, prior to the division's departure for Europe, Brig. Gen. Walter E. Lauer came to the 99th as Commanding General, bringing with him experience gained at the participation in the landing of American forces at Casablanca.

Embarking from Boston in September of '44, the 99th arrived in England in early October. From England the division crossed the English Channel on November 2, 1944 and arrived at Le Havre, France. From there the division moved through France and into Belgium to take up a defensive position on November 12th in the vicinity of Monschau, Belgium.

The 99th received its baptism of fire in the most bitterly-contested battle fought on the European continent . . . the "Bulge". On the 16th of December came the big German counterattack, striking the "green" lines with overwhelming power. Von Rundstedt's plan was simple . . . behind the 99th lay the highway to Eupen . . . paratroopers were to be dropped there in strength. The Panzers would follow up the SS troops, join with the paratroopers, and strike for Liege before the Americans could shift enough force to oppose them.

The brunt of the attack fell on the 393rd Infantry, holding the center of the line. The first blow was repulsed but the Germans attacked again and again, and each successive thrust was beaten off until finally a relief consisting of cooks, clerks, and KP's was sent out to break the German ring of steel. The attacks spread but the "green" division still held. Cut off and surrounded the 99th rookies fought like veterans. The German plan had gone wrong.

In the next few days the 99th moved back and formed a defensive line east of Elsenborn. The Germans kept up their terrific artillery spree, but the new line held fast, and the dwindling Jerries began to count the cost of their futile effort.

Two months later the 99th passed from the V Corps to the VII Corps, going back to the offensive late in January. Pushing through waist-deep snow in the Monschau Forest, the division succeeded in pushing the Jerries back and recovering all the ground lost during the Battle of the Bulge.

Late in February the 99th joined the First Army's push through the Siegfried Line, clearing and mopping up behind the 3rd Armored Division, across the Erft Canal and on to the Rhine, becoming the first infantry division in the First Army to reach the Rhine River. Soon after, the 99th joined in expanding the bridgehead across the Rhine in the famed Ludendorff Bridge area, pushing the Germans out of sight of the Bridge. They gained momentum fast and by dawn of March 23rd were high-tailing it for the Autobahn.

Easter week the 99th was suddenly halted in its drive eastward and given the important job of helping liquidate the Ruhr Pocket. After encountering some stiff resistance the "Battle Babies" caved in the stubborn German line. The daily PW take soared from the usual 500 to 2,315 then to the amazing total of 23,884. In four days the 99th had corraled and processed 37,453 Germans . . . the equivalent of 11 Nazi Divisions.

At the end of the Battle of the Ruhr, the 99th transferred from the first Army to the Third and moved south to Bavaria. They re-entered the line on April 21st along the north bank of the Danube River near Regensburg. The Isar was crossed and the rush was on for the Inn River and the Austrian border . . . and then came the "Halt Order" . . . and soon peace!

Someone said the other day that Gilbert had left the Division. For the record let it be said here for all time that it isn't true. Gilbert will always be a part of the 83rd. There won't be any new Gilbert cartoons because T/4 Nicholas Firfires has left the 83rd. But he left the legacy of Gilbert behind.

At one time or another Gilbert's life was the life of every man in the Thunderbolt Division. Gilbert was the realist. He stood in the mud and rain with the other 83rd Doughs. He faced KP with almost the same dismay that he faced shell bursts. He thought the girl with the well-developed bosom should have two Valentines. And while the United Nations were celebrating VE Day Gilbert was reading a book on how to fight the Japs.

Gilbert was a dreamer too. He placed himself in the leading role of all those little dramas that men think about when they are alone and facing a future that is uncertain, and terribly imminent. He is judge of a bathing beauty contest. He is folled by a group of reporters, busily taking notes on his every move. And Gilbert looks sternly ahead as he passes a German house where the "good Germans" are standing in the doorway, smiling a welcome to the men who are "conquerors but not oppressors." He remembers Poland and Holland and Czechoslovakia. He remembers the concentration camps; and when April never came to Paris.

Gilbert was the sometimes-timid flauter of the "strictly GI". He seemed to have the lion's boldness. It was always a vincer. Gilbert was never really bold. But he was never a coward, either. His was the attitude of the men he soldiered with. He could string along with the Army so long as the Army needed him. But he would be glad as hell to have it over and done with.

No, Gilbert's not gone. And it would be a sad day for the 83rd, and for all soldiers everywhere, if the spirit of Gilbert were crased. He stood for patience, tolerance and the big and little things the GIs around the world believe they are fighting for.

Traveling 3,500 miles on an assignment, or getting a rush call for rope to be used in clearing paths through minefields, or hunting down a head-gasket for an obsolete Renault is just another way of earning ninety-six dollars a month to Sgt. Walter K. Sudlett. Sudlett's job is to obtain from civilian sources articles that cannot be secured through regular supply channels. Now assigned to the Purchasing and Contracting Section of Division Quartermaster, Sgt. Sudlett managed a Woolworth store in Detroit as a civilian.

In the course of his work he has purchased items ranging from screws and nails to cement and a sixty liter crock for mixing acid. Sudlett pays cash in the currency of the country for any item valued at less than twenty dollars. Any purchase of over twenty dollars is paid by requisition, which in the case of France or Belgium is credited as reverse lend-lease.

One assignment took him to a little Belgian town called Malmedy in search of plywood for the construction of mobile living quarters. Sudlett and a barrage of shells entered the village from opposite ends. It seems that the Jerries were attempting a winter offensive in that area. Needless to say, Walt made tracks elsewhere to find the plywood.

During the 83rd's fall drive to clear all of Luxembourg, an attack was halted by thickly sown mine fields. Rope was needed for a speedy clearing of a route of advance. Two hours after Sgt. Sudlett received the emergency call, the rope was on its way to the front.

Another behind the scenes triumph took place when the Thunderbolts were powering through the Hurtgen forest to the Roer. Hard-pressed doughs sent back a call for grenade-launchers that could be attached to carbines. Walt made tracks for Luxembourg City, contacted officials, manufacturers; located the necessary raw materials.

talked himself around scads of red tape, — and came back with the launchers.

Not all of his accomplishments had battle-winning significance. At times his assignments have been cases of persistence over long periods of time. A job he is working on at present has led him over 3500 miles of European landscape in search of whitened leather and black and gold braid.

No Soap at PX?  
Try the Red Cross

Toilet articles that are sometimes unobtainable thru the regular P-X rations may be obtained from the Field Directors of the American Red Cross. Each field director carries a limited stock of such items as razors, blades, tooth brushes, tooth paste, combs, shaving cream, cigarettes, pipe tobacco, playing cards and writing paper. Men of the division who are unable to secure such items thru their local P-X may obtain them from the Red Cross field director located nearest their unit. A note thru Message Center will do it. The addresses for the field directors are, 331st Inf. at Griesbach, Mr. Eugene B. French; 330th Inf. at Freyung, Mr. Gordon DeMent; and 329th Inf. at Deggendorf, Mr. Harvey Pauley.

331 ANNEXES DIV. TRACK TITLE  
Garners 69 Pts. Barham Stars With 11

The 83rd Division Elimination Track and Field Meet which was rained out on July 4 was held at the Vilshofen Stadium on Sunday, July 6 before a highly partian GI crowd that witnessed the 331st Infantry Regiment Team garner 69 out of a possible 130 points to far out-shadow the field.

In the 12-event meet the 331st tracksters gained 8 first place points and 5 second place points plus a goodly splattering of third and fourth place markers to make an impressive bid to become the recognized Division Champions when the THUNDERBOLT OLYMPIAD is staged in early September.

S/Sgt. Anthony Grinevitch's time of :10.2 in the 100 yard dash was one of the most surprising displays of form for the day.

Probably the most spectacular performance of the day was the hard-earned victory of Pfc. Fred Yeaman of the 329th Infantry over WO Roy L. Carlson of the 330th Infantry in the 2-mile run. Although the time of 14:5.2 was comparatively slow Yeaman managed to throw off Carlson's spirited bid at the far turn on the last lap and came steaming in from there to win by 5 yards.

Perry came back again as runner-up in the 220 yard dash, this time trailing another team mate T/5 Kenneth J. Delaney of 331, who stepped off the good time of :24.2. Not to be overshadowed Cpl. Bernard Jovans starred in the field events for the 331 by heaving the shot 40'1" to win that event. In the discus he was disqualified for fouling out on 4 tries. But again a team mate Pfc. Kenneth Dean came through to win with a toss of 117'6". Jovans had never handled a discus before the meet.

Sgt. Francis Barham of the 330th Infantry won the broad jump event with a lunge of 24'6" to best a good field in that event. His feat is remarkable in that Barham in his first combat experience in Normandy suffered two broken legs and an arm when a shell exploded near him.

Another GI who's track career was interrupted by the war, but not as painfully as Barham's is Pfc. Frederick Weaver who leaped 6'4" to first place in the high jump. Weaver is with the Hq. Btty. of Div. Arty. Prior to being 'selected' he had been a freshman member of the University of Michigan Track Team.

Another Big Ten trackster that year, also a freshman from Wisconsin, was

Stuart G. Gullickson now Platoon Leader Lt. Gullickson of the 330th Regiment. Gullickson won the mile winner in the slow time of 5:7.4

Lt. James L. Fish, the Division Athletic Officer who conducted the meet as Clerk of Course, and who is scheduled to coach the 83rd Team in the XII Corps Championships to be held at Regensburg July 24 was highly gratified with the talent developed thus far. However in order to assure the Division of the best possible representation at the Corps Meet, additional time trials will be held at the Vilshofen track on July 18

Summary of events:

One Mile Run — Lt. Stuart G. Gullickson (330th); second Pfc. Michael Vaccaro (331st); third, Pfc. Gordon Ziegenhagen



Hitting the tape 880 yd relay anchor man Pfc. Patrick E. Kane, 3rd. Bn. 331st Inf.

(331st); fourth, Pfc. Earl VanDyke (331st). Time 5:7.4.

440-yard dash — won by T/5 Kenneth Delaney (331st); second, Pfc. John T. Ryan (330th); third, T/Sgt. Rudolph Lungreen (329th); fourth, Pfc. Louis Schlick (331st). Time :56.7.

100-yard dash — won by S/Sgt. Anthony Grinevitch (331st); second, Pfc. Arthur W. Perry (331st); third, Sgt. Francis Barham (330th); fourth, Pfc. Bruce T. Jones (331st). Time :10.2.

Two Mile Run — won by Pfc. Fred Yeaman (329th); second, WO Roy L. Carlson (330th); third, Pfc. Edward Torres (329th); fourth, no finishers. Time 14:5.2.

220-yard dash — won by T/5 Kenneth J. Delaney (331st); second, Pfc. Arthur W. Perry (331st); third, Pfc. Ernest Frisky (329th); fourth, Pfc. Charles Bersford (329th). Time :24.2.

440-yard relay — won by (331st) S/Sgt. Grinevitch, Pfc. George Pastarick, Pfc. David F. O'Keefe and Pfc. Charlie E. Jones; second, (329th) T/Sgt. Rudolph Lungreen, Pfc. Wright Cotter, Pfc. William Brenner and Pfc. Frank Tucci; third, (330th) Pfc. Frank Morgan and Sgt. LeRoy Shane, Pfc. John Ryan and Sgt. Francis Barham; fourth, no team entered. Time :51.2.

880-yard run — won by Sgt. James Martanes (331st); second, Pfc. David Wheeler (331st); third, Lt. Stuart G. Gullickson (330th); fourth, Pfc. Walter Overton (331st). Time 2:13.5.

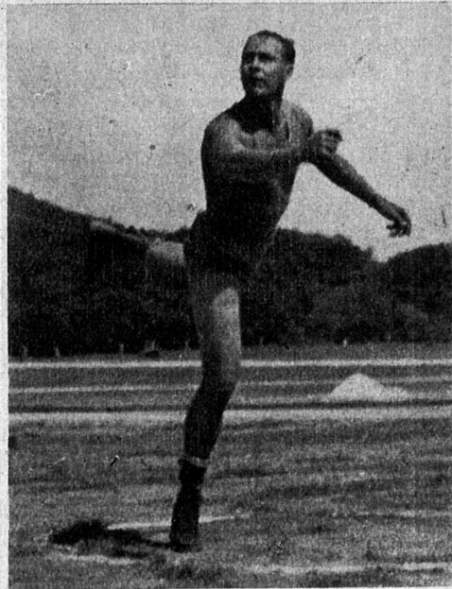
880-yard relay — won by (331st) 3rd. Bn. Team composed of S/Sgt. Anthony Grinevitch, Pfc. Robert A. Wintrose, Pfc. David F. O'Keefe and Pfc. Patrick E. Kane; second, (329th) Pfc. Charles Bersford, Pfc. Ernest Frisky, Pfc. William Brenner and Pfc. Frank Tucci; third, (330th) Pfc. John T. Ryan, Pfc. LeRoy Shane, Pfc. Frank Morgan and Sgt. Francis Barham; fourth (331st) 2nd Team composed of Pfc. Louis Schlick, Pfc. Joe McCoughey, Pfc. Donald Osborne and Pfc. George Pastarick. Time 1:47.

Shot Put — won by Cpl. Bernard Jovans (331st) 40'1"; second, 2Lt. Gerald D. Griffin (330th) 37'6 1/4"; third, S/Sgt. Arthur W. Kennedy (331st) 33'9"; fourth, Pfc. Robert Harmon (331st) 33'1".

Discus Throw — won by Pfc. Kenneth Dean (331st) 117'6"; second, Cpl. William Lillenthal (331st) 111'; third Pfc. John Garber (331st) 103'3"; fourth, 1Lt. Daniel H. Little (331st) 102'6". Cpl. Bernard Jovans' throw of 120' was disqualified for unintentional fouling.

Broad Jump — won by Sgt. Francis Barham (330th) 24'6"; second, Sgt. Donald Renz (323 FA) 20'4"; third, Pfc. Walter Emmrich (330th) 19'6 1/4"; fourth, Sgt. James V. Brown 19' 5 1/2".

High Jump — won by Pfc. Frederick Weaver (Div. Arty) Hq. Btty. 6'4";



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second, Sgt. Francis Barham (330th) 6'0"; third, Sgt. Kenneth Reynold (331st), Sgt. James Keller (736th Tkrs.) and Sgt. Donald Renz (323 FA) three-way tie at 5'6".

Officials — Clerk of Course, Lt. James L. Fish; Starter Lt. Andrew J. Koza; Announcer Lt. Arthur C. Fried; Timer, Lts. Flahaven, Fish, Long; Judges, by agreement of competing units.

THUNDERBOLT LEAGUE

Games Today	329th Inf. vs 331st Inf.
	330th Inf. vs Div. Arty
736—7 Tkrs. vs Sp. Units (308th Medics)	
	W L Pct.
329th Inf.	2 0 1.000
330th Inf.	1 0 1.000
Sp. Units	1 0 1.000
331st Inf.	1 1 .500
736—7 Tkrs.	0 2 .000
Div. Arty.	0 2 .000

Special Troops Soft Ball League Standings

	W L Pct.
Sig. Co.	6 2 .750
Ord. Co.	6 2 .750
MP Plt.	6 3 .667
Ren. Trp.	4 3 .571
Div. Hq.	4 4 .500
Hq. Co.	4 5 .444
Div. Off.	1 6 .145
QM	0 6 .000



# The Ober-



Overlooking the roofs of Passau and the hills of Austria are: 1. to r. — Sgt. Clyde Puckett, Co. F, 329; Sgt. Joseph Howard, Hq. Co, 330; Pvt. Elmo T. Owens, Co. A, 330.



Sipping beer at the "Terrace Bar", overlooking the junction of the Inn and Danube Rivers, are: 1. to r. — T/5 Earl E. Miller, Co. A, 308th Eng; Pfc. William B. Barrett, Co. A, 308th Eng.; Pfc. John R. Meaney, Co. A, 308th Eng.



Approaching the Main Gate of the Oberhaus are: left to right — T/4 Paulie Reynolds, 737 Tankers; Pfc. Clifford Goodlock, Co. G, 329; Pfc. Clifton Thornton, Co. B, 329; Pfc. Bertram Ruoff, Co. B, 329.



The Rest Center's "Terrace Bar", offering light lunches throughout the day, is an ever-popular feature to vacationing Thunderbolts.

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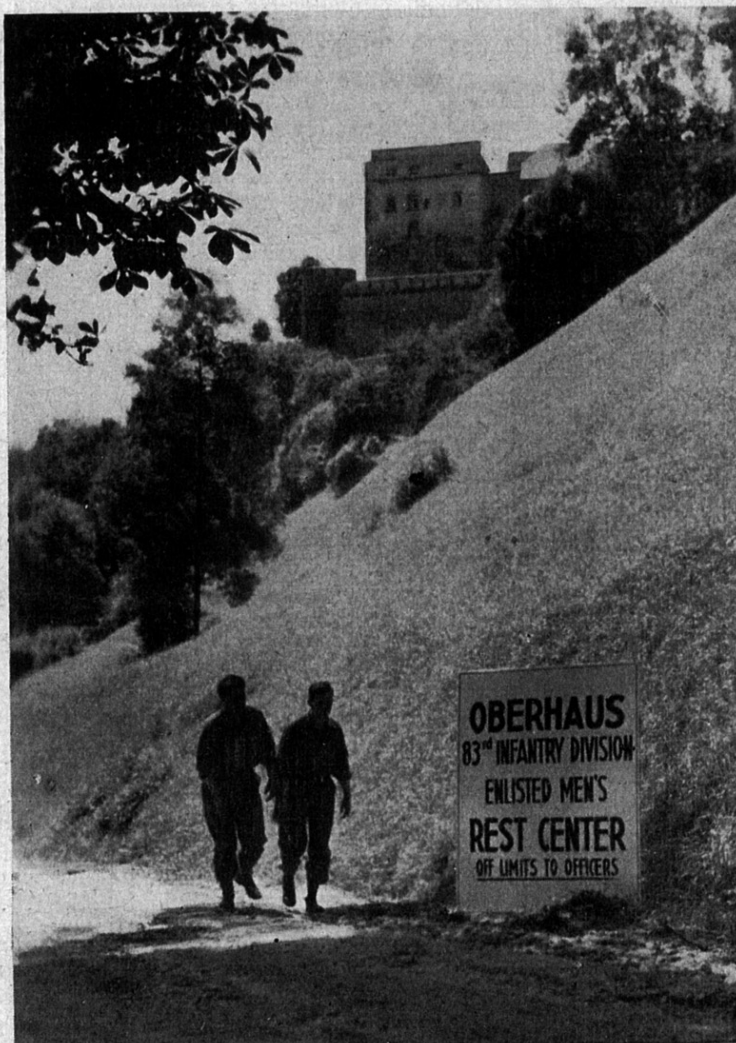
# REST CENTER

The "Oberhaus", which was opened to the men of the 83rd on July 7th, has become an "Infantryman's dream". With its spacious rooms and beautiful surroundings the old castle high above the Danube is a favorite resort for Thunderbolt men.

The castle, whose history dates back to 407 A.D., has weathered the storm of many wars and uprisings. In 991, the first date known concerning the castle, a Bishop used it as a headquarters to rule the city of Passau. During succeeding centuries the castle underwent many changes and additions. In 1809 the castle was used by Napoleon as one of his stronger fortresses. The castle was reconditioned in 1944 as a summer resort for use by Hitler and his henchmen.

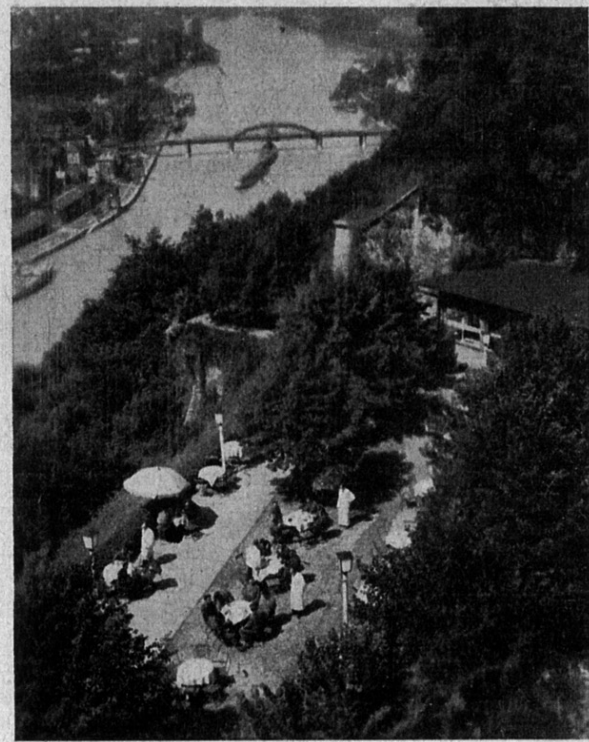
Today 83rd men are taking advantage of Hitler's fine foresight. The Oberhaus' fine housing facilities, swimming pool, tennis courts, and Terrace Bar will give Thunderbolt Doughboys many pleasant times.

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There it is, men, at the top of the hill — the OBERHAUS. Pfc. Leonard Sitorgia, Co. A, 330; Pfc. Virgil L. Smithson, Co. A, 308th Eng; enter an enlisted man's domain.

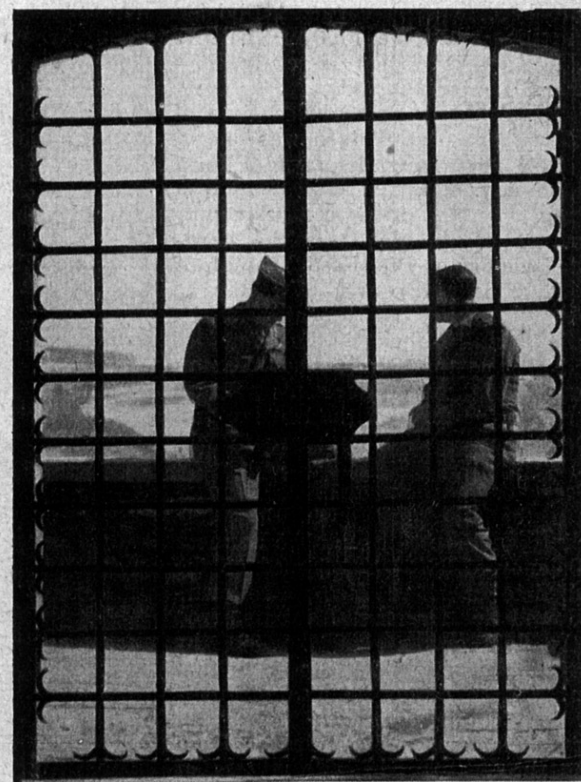
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In the foreground spreads the "Terrace Bar" and Pavilion, The background shows Passau and the highway bridge spanning the Danube River.



The Boss and his man Friday — Maj. Carl C. Anderson, seated and M/Sgt. Richard A. Hatfield, standing.



Viewed through one of the rest center's many grilled gates are: Left to right — Pfc. Edison Ghost, Co. K, 329; Pfc. Nicholas Rotunno, Co. A, 330.