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## DIVISION RETAINS 56-69 POINTERS

### G-1 Stevedores Clear Barges In Record Time

DEGGENDORF, Germany. — Long-shoremen, muleskinners, or whatever you care to call them — the versatile Doughs of 329th's three battalions are doing a bang-up job of rushing the unloading of Danube River barges before the river freezes.

For the last three months, the river barges have been towed to this vicinity from all parts of the Danube. When the Russians were putting the squeeze on Hitler's Reich, the Krauts loaded the barges with everything from silk stockings to airplanes and headed for home waters at full steam. However, the Krauts burned their bridges behind them and most of the boats were stranded at various points along the river. Then they were assembled here at Deggenndorf, ready to be unloaded.

The call went out for help in unloading the barges. The response was heavy. Each man that volunteered was given a crew of prisoners of war to assist in the manual labor.

Pfc. Fred Langsam of the 329th's Second Battalion was one of the first to volunteer. "Beats guard, better than drilling, and I'm boss", states Fred, who seems more than pleased with his work. The barges are unloaded at the docks at Deggenndorf and all of the equipment is then reloaded on railroad cars. From the cars it is taken to warehouses where it is being stored for army use.

### 83rd Sharpshooters Take Second Place At XII Corps Meet

Thunderbolt men took two firsts, two seconds and a third at the XII Corps rifle, pistol and carbine matches, run off at Regensburg on the fourth, fifth, and sixth of September.

83rd men appeared to favor the carbine, winning both the team and individual championships with that weapon. Captain Daniel O. Gust, of Divarty, shot 384 out of a possible 450 points to edge out his 90th Division runner-up by one point. The 83rd carbine team acquired 3759 markers, 54 more than a second place Texas-Oklahoma team.

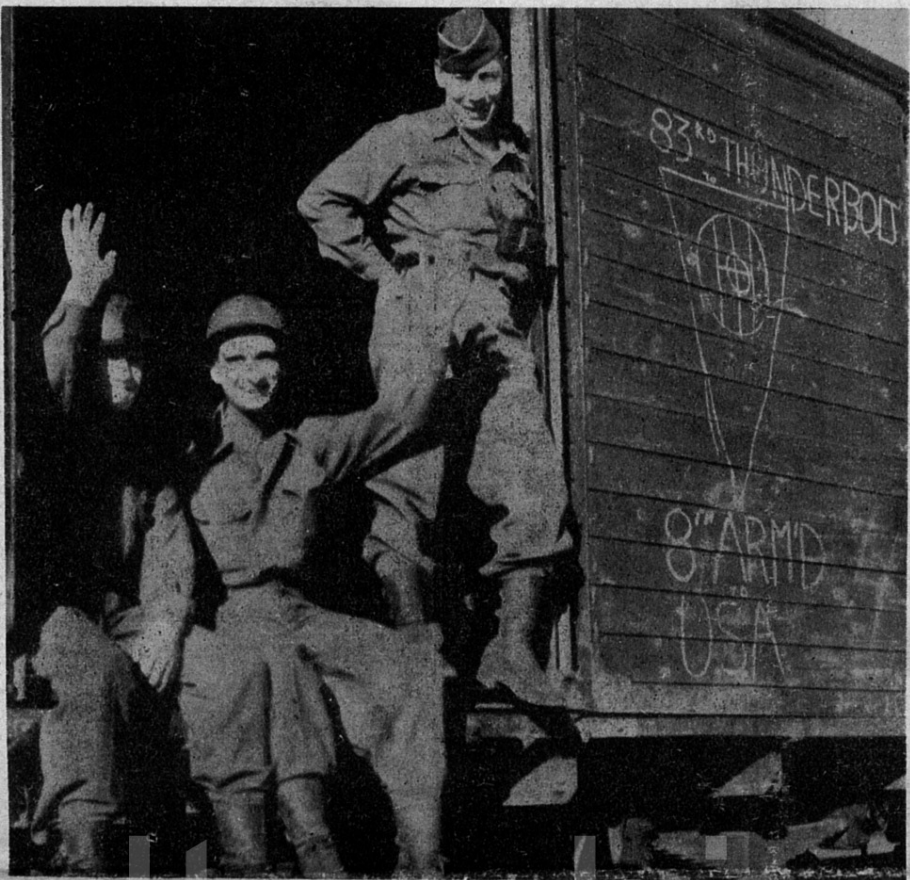
In the individual pistol championships, 83rd's CWO James E. Morrison, showing form and steadiness, fired a second place 270 to trail Lt. Col. Prince of the 4th Armored Division by two all-important points. Racking up a third position 1191, the Thunderbolt pistol team needed 61 to tie the winning 4th Armored team.

Three 4th Armored men made a clean sweep of the individual rifle contest. The tankers also placed first as a team to top the 83rd representatives by sixty-four markers.

### German Army Helmets Now Used As Cooking Pots

BERLIN, Germany. — Hundreds of steel German army helmets are being converted into cooking pots in an improvised factory here, where a variety of metal products for home and farm are being made.

Leather lining strips inside the helmets are being used for children's shoes. The rim of the helmet then is cut away evenly and the remainder of the helmet is placed into a press which stamps out a sturdy cooking utensil.



HOMEWARD BOUND — T/4 James Davis, T/5 Melenko Tomich and Pfc. Charles Shilson, all of the 83rd Signal Company, wave farewell before leaving the Passau station for the 8th Armored Division at Pilsen.

### 40 or 8's Haul Cramped Vets To Pilsen on First Lap Home

Many moods were evidenced by the train-loads of Thunderbolt vets starting the tedious ride to Pilsen, but predominant was the feeling, "We'll gripe at the long rides and the irksome rations but we can grin and mean it because we're going home. Yes, sir, stateside bound. Doggone, many a time we doubted if we'd ever make it, but sure nuff, we're on our way!"

There were just as many grunts and just as much sweat involved in throwing around the duffel bags — loaded with you know what — but underneath the surface actions was always that tingling idea that the old familiar places were beckoning, that soon you would be where you "belong".

T/4 Robert A. Alvey, Los Angeles bound, told a buddy, "Well, Fink, when you get tired of the mid-west, and want some sunshine, hitch out to my place." Chet Finkhausen, of Payne, Ohio, retorted, "Mr. Finkhausen to you, and since when did it stop raining in California?" (Editor's note: This is where we came in.) Mike Demeter mused out loud, "You know, it's going to seem funny not to hear old "Brush-face" give that chow call, 'Biro-o, Marino-o Glasgow, and Demeter.' But, breakfast in bed! Oh, boy!" Bob Roller, from down Virginia way, wandered up singing, "Way back in the hills, as a boy I once wandered."

With Roller wandering in the hills — he also wandered a bit from the tune — Al Williams, of 329 Hq. Co., asked a recently arrived 8th Armored man if he knew when the 8th was scheduled to move out. The tanker's reply was cut off by the train whistle and the immediate rush to catch that train of all trains, the Victory Limited.

### "Hot Stuff" on Inn River Guarded By 331st Fox-men

A dough may be called on to do almost anything — so the members of F Company, 331st Infantry, are doing a little "coast" guarding on a so-called "secret" mission.

The doughs are furnishing security for the huge dam and powerhouse

which span the Inn River near the village of Eggling. The dam is, in part, a bridge which connects Germany and Austria and therefore the Doughs are required to be on the alert for smugglers and 26th Division men "visiting" Germany from their Austrian occupation zone.

The dam, one of the largest in this area, provides power for almost the entire Passau landkreis, having a capacity of approximately 100,000 volts.

### Divarty "Serenade"

PASSAU, Germany. — Serenade, a fifty page history, is now available to the men of Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery. The book, published by S/Sgt. Jim Mellman with the cooperation of Sgt. Homer D. Hubbard, Sgt. John M. Noe, Sgt. Charles Roth, and T/5 Robert W. Krueger, covers the trials and tribulations of Headquarters Battery from its activation at Camp Atterbury to its present status of occupation at Passau.

The book contains the name of every man in Headquarters Battery along with a short biographical sketch.

### Two Rags Hit Street

PASSAU, Germany. — One battalion and one company paper hit the street this week for the first time, giving live news coverage to the 783rd Ord. Co. and the 908th FA Bn.

The artillery sheet is called the "Howitzter" and the ordnance rag the "Deadline". The former is edited by Sgt. Frank Rowan and the latter by Pvt. James Graham. Both are being published on a weekly basis.

### V-J Score Is Now Basis For New Point Brackets

Latest official word that has sifted down through channels states that all Thunderbolt men having a V-J score from 56 to 69 inclusive will remain with the 83rd Division.

### "Take It Easy"

The G-1 section is rapidly becoming the most popular office in Division headquarters. With a large portion of the Division transferring to the other units, everybody is making a guess on redeployment, deactivation, and any other popular subject. Major Mayer, in charge of the G-1 section, states, "There is no use turning grey. Everybody will get home and nobody ahead of his time."

### Division Relieved By 4th Amored In One Landkrejs

On or about the 18th, it is planned that the 4th Armored Division will relieve the 83rd Division in the control of the Eggenfelden landkreis, one of the ten kreises now under 83rd supervision. Elements of the 8th Armored Battalion will relieve Anti-Tank Company of the 331st Infantry. The 150 odd men of Anti-Tank Company will move to the Vilshofen landkreis to assist the 803 TD Battalion in its occupation duties. Eggenfelden kreis is the far south-western "county" in the Thunderbolt area, and borders the area now controlled by the 4th Armored Division.

In line with that order, the recomputing of scores to include points acquired between May 12 and September 9 started Thursday, and is expected to be completed within three or four days. The task of interviewing every man, to verify his final ASR score, will fall to unit personnel sections. Their reports will be turned in to division personnel, and all transfers will be based on those tabulations.

Men with less than 56 points will gradually be replaced by soldiers in the 56-69 bracket.

All persons who have 70 or over after the recomputation can look forward to being transferred to Category IV units scheduled for early shipment home. From 400 to 500 men in the division will be affected by this ruling, and they will leave in the near future.

Approximately 200 men with point scores of 62-65 (V-E) have left to join the 8th Armored Division for shipment home. Some were former 8th Armored men recalled and the rest were 83rd men needed to fill the TO for shipment to the States. The 83rd personnel section anticipates calls for more men.

Last Tuesday, more than 125 officers were transferred from all units of the 83rd to 15 various Category IV outfits. Those units have all been alerted and are scheduled to begin their trek home within a week.

All enlisted men 35 years old with two years service to their credit, and all men over thirty-eight, will leave the division not later than the first week in October.

### Herbert Hoover's Cousin Appreciates Free Speech

Just an hour's walk from the 329th Regiment's CP in Deggenndorf, in the tiny village of Metten, resides the cousin of the only living ex-president of the United States.

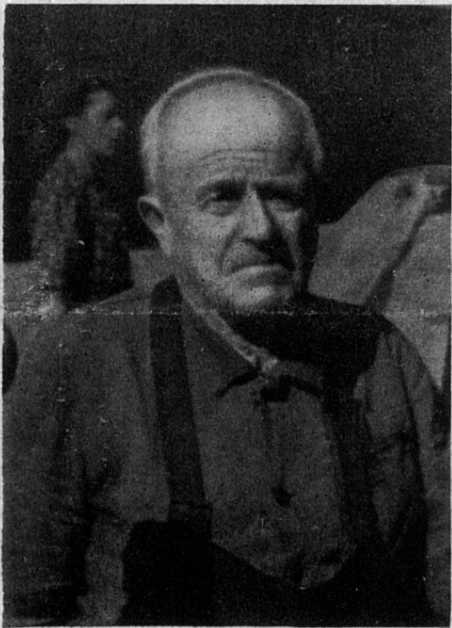


Photo by Townsend

HERR HUBER — cousin of ex-president Hoover, takes a minute from his blacksmith trade to offer his opinions on Germany's future.

He is Siegfried Huber, village blacksmith, and a first cousin of Herbert Hoover. The seventy-four year old gentleman has carried on his trade as blacksmith for sixty years, through two wars. Now that he has seen his country through the greatest of wars, he plans to turn his shop over to a son, only sticking around to acquaint his forty-five year old youngster with the people of the village. When this is accomplished to his satisfaction, he plans on retiring to a small store, selling hammers, nails, and other necessities.

Yes, the stout little man's hair is almost gone and he needs thick glasses, but he still swings a hefty hammer. He glanced up and saw visitors in his shop, then returned to his job of shoeing.

The girl interpreter remarked, "He's always busy, and always mad." We both smiled at his perpetual expression — frowning as though he were obsessed by a weighty problem.

When he had finished, he came toward us, flushed with his exertions. "Yes, I'm the cousin of Herbert Hoover. My father was his uncle. Herbert's

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CIVILIANS IN UNIFORM!

(Those of you who are "sot in your ways" to the point of refusing to recognize a change and to adjust yourselves to that change need not read further. This article will not alter your reasoning processes, therefore will waste your time and possibly strain your eyes.)

A constant source of pride for Americans has been their down-to-earth neighborliness. "Hospitality" is a word naturally associated with the South, but Dixie soldiers stationed in "Yank" territory found that no one section had a corner on friendliness.

American sports have ever stressed teamwork and fair-play. Cornell University gained many admiring friends by conceding to Dartmouth a football game won on a fifth down. The fellow who hits below the belt is booed just as the underdog basketball team or racing crew often receives the backing of the audience.

When war came, it was dirty. It hit below the belt, pulled no punches and played for keeps. Americans were taught strange, gruesome tricks that maimed or killed. They learned to ambush whenever possible; to surprise and to give no quarter. It was hard to forget rules of sportsmanship, but when a person faces death, he learns to fight with anything and everything.

Yes, Americans learned, and won. With cunning, well-executed power, the free people of the world struck, sliced and smashed the aggressor.

Then, dreams of civilian life gradually materialized and centered around the word "redeployment". As the shifting of personnel was accelerated, new faces replaced comrades, and the old outfit began to look like a repple-depple.

That brings us to the present. Now comes the challenge. Can you throw off the chains of hair-trigger nerves, fiery temper, and an independent reticence — the lone wolf attitude? Can you take your place as a member of a community, ready to give and take, to think of your neighbor's welfare? Or have war experiences shackled you?

Undoubtedly, all but a few die-hards will make the adaptation. But, all those who do change, will do so by stages, not overnight. How fast the switch is made depends on the effort expended, on the will to change. The role of citizen will require practice.

An opportunity to practice those qualities of "friendliness" and "cooperation" is at hand. During the last week, veterans of the 8th Armored Division have arrived in this area to join the Thunderbolt Division. Their reception can be lukewarm or genial, depending on you.

The final decision rests with you alone to demonstrate that we are really "civilians in uniform", able to take up the responsibilities of civic life.

The Wolf

by Sansone

Room for just one more!

Letter From

JENNIFER

Dear Charlie:

You told me you had a new friend who used to be a tanker. I didn't know they let fellows from the merchant marine join the Infantry. Sometimes you don't make any sense. You say these tankers are a nice bunch of smart fellows. Well, if they are so smart, how did they ever lose their good jobs with the merchant marine?

Bobby was rejected as a member of the permanent air force. He's thinking of going into the dry goods business the first night Shapiro leaves his store open. Tommy, who served five months combat time in the ETO and was sent home, asked me to go steady with him. I told him that I already had a Combat Infantryman who served longer than he had, but he convinced me to go with him, because he told me of the swell, clean life you are living in Bavaria. He said that the women are just like the French-shapely, smart and know how to wear clothes. Is this true, hon? You never told me anything about the beauty of Bavarian women.

You say that your friend in another battalion received a unit citation. Is that anything like the service wreath other combat men wear? (Tommy, oohhhh, your Combat Badge is sooo cold!)

Very Privately yours,  
Jennifer

MOVIES

(These are 35mm films now playing at the Promenade Theatre in Passau. Following their showing there, they will be shown at the 329th's theatre in Deggen-dorf.)

Sun—Mon  
**HITCHHIKE TO HAPPINESS** With Al Pierce and Dale Evans  
Plus: Screen Snapshot: No Doubt

**NAUGHTY NINETY** With Bud Abbott and Lou Costello  
Plus: Wingmen of Tomorrow and Rockabye Rhythm

Fri—Sat  
**THE SUSPECT** With Charles Laughton and Ella Raines  
Plus: Jive Busters — Harry Dunham and Orchestra

Sun—Mon  
**TWICE BLESSED** With Lee and Lynne Wilde and James Craig  
Plus: Hollywood Scout and Musical Masterpiece

(These movies are currently playing in the Division area.)

**IT'S IN THE BAG** With Fred Allen, Jack Benny and Jerry Colonna

**A BELL FOR ADANO** With John Hodiak and Jean Tierney

**THE GREAT JOHN L.** Starring Linda Darnell

**HERE COME THE COEDS** With Martha O'Driscoll, Peggy Ryan and Lon Chaney

**THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY** Starring George Sanders

Are You Troubled?

Are you worried about the future? Do civilian clothes irritate you? Is your point set-up bankrupt? Yes? Well then, the army has not exactly forgotten about you; you may now enlist in the "regular army".

The regular peacetime army is accepting applications from enlisted men as well as officers. However, the size and composition of the regular army has not been revealed. The army anticipates many changes to make it both beneficial and attractive as a career.

If there is anyone interested, he may get further details from his CO or Regimental Adjutant.

COMBAT VET WITH A REAR ECHELON JOB LEAVES NEWS STAFF

**BOB LAVINE — Out of the "Bull Pen" to civilian life.**

Pfc. Bob LaVine, former Sports Editor for the Thunderbolt, has left the 83rd, with other high point men, for the 8th Armored Division. Holding the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Second Battalion, 329th's, unit citation, LaVine was a front line soldier before becoming rear echelon. Although boisterous at times, he was hardly annoying. His humor was keen and farsighted. Civilian to the last, it is still doubtful whether LaVine knew one army order besides "fall out" and "rest".

His main ambition in the sports field was to name his sports column the "Grape-LaVine". An unappreciative editor slew the idea before it could emerge from its cradle. His father's position in civilian life made fertile ground for the innumerable jibes LaVine junior had to take at the expense of his old man. Incidentally, the expense usually amounted to a wad of dough from Pop's home-made mint. His father, God bless him, worked for Monogram Picture Studios.

On the asset side of LaVine's (only people that wanted something from him called him Bob) personality was the fact that he was perhaps the only man who was "over hep" and came on like a "five alarm" fire. He loves liquor

knew no bounds; he could do a pretty good imitation of a girl with a Jersey accent. His biggest regret in life was that he only witnessed one burlesque show and that was at the famous Old Howard in Boston.

His greatest insult in life came when 1st. Sgt. Burns of the 329th's L Company accused the author of "Beyond the Blue" as being the writer of LaVine's popular "In the Bull Pen" column. This mistaken identity so rattled LaVine, he was never himself from that day on. His energetic personality and make-up made him a natural and forceful writer, always on the go.

ENTERTAINMENT

THOSSINI. — A hypnotic magician and company. This unit will start a tour of the regiments on the 17th with a one week stand at the 330th.

KAMMERHOFER CARNIVAL. — At the Sports Arena in Passau. Featuring an amusement park, midway, side shows and rides daily.

83rd SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE

**FLYING HIGH**

BROADWAY MUSICAL  
with a BROADWAY CAST!  
plus  
13-PIECE G.I. BAND

THE PASSAU ARSNA

FOTO ACTS

**By Mike Vaccaro**

How do I operate my camera?

Good pictures are the result of proper camera operation. In order to obtain "camera coordination" there are several vital steps which must be followed, of which, distance, opening and time are the most important. By simply remembering the word DOT and checking these operations before clicking the shutter, you will no doubt obtain better photographic results.

Of course, the correct adjustments must be made in each of these three steps. First, the distance must be adjusted to render a sharp image on the ground glass or film. When focusing the camera, you must accurately judge the distance from the subject to the camera. When the lens is wide open, the depth of field (range of sharpness) is much less than when the lens is closed down. When photographing a group of people, it is wise to remember to focus one-third of the way into the group, thereby having complete sharpness.

The second and most important step is the correct exposure, or opening, of the lens. The first step is to obtain a fixed exposure for an average day. This might be f/11 in normal sunlight. From this basic exposure you will be able to adjust the lens to compensate for dull or dark days. With the normal setting at f/11, an exposure of f/8 on a hazy day and f/5.6 on a dull day should be sufficient. Under very adverse conditions, f/4.5 might be used, providing your camera has that opening.

The last step is the time or shutter speed, which varies as to the type of subject photographed. In photographing still objects, 1/50 second is sufficient, while a moving object would require a speed of 1/100 or 1/200, depending upon the speed and angle photographed.

The exposure and time must be coordinated, as a slight variation in either will cause an increase or decrease in the amount of light reaching the film. With the basic opening set at f/11 and the basic shutter speed set at 1/50, you must increase the shutter speed to allow for a greater opening, or decrease represent one full stop on the lens. The speeds 1/25, 1/50, 1/100 and 1/200 all represent one full stop on the shutter. Therefore, to allow the amount of light reaching the lens to remain constant, you must increase or decrease these two values in the same ratio. If these steps are followed, the resultant negatives should be of even density throughout.

Solid Comfort

For those Thunderbolt citizens who enjoy solid comfort during the winter months, we strike a note of warmth.

Whether the Division remains here for the winter sports season or not, the fuel situation is already being taken care of in almost every regimental area.

Fuel is expected to be scarce in the coal and gas varieties this year, therefore large quantities of wood are being sought. At present, local civilian labor is being enlisted to cut wood from neighboring forests to fill the division fuel bin. The wood is cut by the civilians and brought to the battalion and company areas by truck. Already, there is a huge stock pile of fuel ready for winter use — just in case!



# Pigskin Pounders Primed



Capt. Daniel Gust, Div. Arty Hq., took the carbine championship at the XII Corps meet last week with 384 points.

## Five Grid Teams Will Compete In Division League

The 83rd Division football season is scheduled to start before the end of September. Besides a Division team, there will also be regularly outfitted and coached teams at regimental level. Together with the 329, 330 and 331, Div-Arty and a fifth team made up of Special Units will compete in intra-Divisional play.

With the recent shift of personnel, it was not possible to get either coaches or players, but with new blood added to the Division from the 8th Armored and several coaching prospects coming to the fore, the interest is picking up rapidly in the All-American fall sport.

A tentative schedule is being drawn up to include divisions such as the 1st, 3rd, and 94th, and many others. Unfortunately the first game, which was to have been played on September 23, had to be postponed until later in the season due to the afore-mentioned personnel shift.

Estimates from the Athletic Office, based on the strength of the division as a whole and that of each individual unit, place the possible number of candidates for the division team at 250 men and for the units themselves at between 75 to 125 men. A check of the personnel records has revealed that there are plenty of men available with high school, semi-pro and college experience in the gridiron sport.

The records have also been perused for coaching material. As yet no name coaches have been uncovered but there are several good prospective candidates in the field who have had high school and semi-pro teams. An announcement is expected shortly as to the Division coaching staff.

All player and coach candidates interested in football are requested to file their applications either with the unit athletic officers or with the Division Athletic Office.

## Division All-Stars Play First Baseball Game Against 94th Division

A newly reorganized Division baseball team, bristling with former professional and semi-pro players, is all primed for action this week. The team, which is billeted with the 1st Bn., 329th Inf., is slated to play its initial game this weekend with the 94th Infantry Division.

Sparking the nine is Jimmy Wilson, 19 year-old high school pitcher, who was rated most valuable player in the Thunderbolt league. Playing manager Bill Douglas predicts a great future for the portsider, who has professional aspirations.

Leading the batting order is "Ridge-runner" King, a former North Carolina diamond star, who holds down the number two sack. Pedro Aleman, left fielder, has had high school and semi-pro experience in Texas. "Libby" Liberator, catcher, had a similar career in Ohio.

Cleanup man is Eddie Zuber, a big blonde from Chicago, who also hopes for a crack at the big leagues. Zuber, who handles the hot corner, boasts a .475 average. Another "Windy City" man, "Chass" Castro, roams in right field. He has seen service in both sandlot and high school outfits.

Most experienced member of the club is its manager, Bill Douglas, who holds down first base. He has had fifteen years in baseball, including seven with pro clubs. "Champ" Champion, center fielder, played Sunday ball. Lloyd Leary, who had both high school and semi-pro experience, rounds out the line-up.

## 330th Football Squad Stages First Work-out

FREYUNG, Germany. — The 330th pigskin eleven conducted its first work-outs this week at Blackfish Field. Mentor Lt. Bob Quinn has plenty of fine material to choose from, and the prospects for a winning season look good.



## PUNTS AND PASSES IN THE PIGSKIN PARADE

PEOPLE STATESIDE ARE STILL GROGGY over the fast developing end of hostilities in Japan and the fast end-around play that sucked a lot of them outside on the reconversion play... With time on their hands and money in their pockets the sports turnstiles are beginning to rattle like machine guns... Baseball is winding up a hectic season and the ivy and paid-to-play moguls are unpacking the moleskins for what promises to be an equally hectic football season.

RANDOM NOTES FIND Tulane's Green Wave ready to roll against its hardest football schedule in 52 years... It has a nine game roster including Notre Dame which it meets on November 24.

Meanwhile the Stateside Service teams like the GALVESTON ARMY AIR FIELD and the OTTUMWA, IOWA, NAVAL CADETS are forced to cancel their entire schedules as redeployment will set most of their prospects free to give that old college try or stop at the box office for their cut in the professional ranks.

MANY NAME COACHES are also divesting themselves of brass and gold braid and making personal shifts that make the old Rockne gyrations look like the staid Rugby Union Rules style of play which was in vogue in 1876... WALLACE WADE IS BACK AT DUKE and now the tobacco

auctioneers mumble jumble may end up with a "hyke" and a one-two... BIG ED MCKEEVER has changed from the wearin'-o-the-green of THE FIGHTING IRISH to the BIG RED OF CORNELL which erudite put a real spark in the THE STAGG LINE still carries the ball at the College of the Pacific with the grand old man of football, Amos Alonzo, 71 YEARS AS PLAYER AND COACH.

The love of the game also is capturing some unspent energies of returning GIs, even those WHO

ARE NOT ALL IN ONE PIECE... One such is Jack Sanders, U. S. Marine lieutenant who left part of an arm at Iwo Jima... He is working out with the Philadelphia Eagles even though he has not as yet been released from the Philadelphia Naval Hospital... Previous to going into Service he played for Southern Methodist and later with the Pittsburgh Steelers... And from Tulsa, ONE-ARMED Ellis Jones, a Green Bay Packer, played against the college All-Stars... Ironically, last year when Ellis played with the All-Stars, he was on the losing side even though HE HAD TWO ARMS with which to compete... This year as a "Pro" he was on the long end with the Packers winning 19-7.

With the early feeler games having been played, this week end will be the actual CURTAIN RAISER all over the country both in the college and professional ranks. But as in all previous years, until the World Series is over, the rank and file will not make the fall changeover from pop bottles to the MORE FIERY FLASK.

## Third Army Sponsored Coaching Clinic Opens This Week In Munich

A potent boost to fall and winter athletic programs is in the making with the opening of a three-week coaches' and officials' clinic at Third Army Headquarters in Munich. Subjects to be covered are football, basketball and boxing. The clinic, originally scheduled to start September 1, had been postponed until redeployment plans were worked out.

Staff for the clinic comes from USFET Hq. in Paris and is headed by Captain J. Newton Cox, former U. of Maryland and pro boxer. At present it includes five men who are experts in their own fields. Units remaining in the ETO will send their most experienced athletic personnel to attend the clinic and be brought up to date on new methods and new rules.

## Division Boxing Tourney To Be Re-Staged at Passau Arena

Due to the influx of new men into the 83rd Division and the impending XII Corps Boxing Championships it has been decided to hold another Division-wide boxing tournament starting October 15 and running through October 21, 1945.

Several innovations and improvements over the tournament recently held will be introduced at this meet, which will be available, the units entering teams will be the 329th, 330th and 331st Infantry Regiments; Div. Arty; 308th Engineers; and a Special Units Team. The Special Units Team will consist of qualifiers from the 308th Medics, 83rd QMs, 83rd Recons, 83rd Signal Co., 783rd Ordnance Co., 83rd MPs and the 83rd Hq. and Hq. Co.

Each unit team will consist of eight (8) fighters and two (2) managers. The boxers will be represented by the eight regular weight classes, and only one fighter for each weight class will be allowed to enter from each participating unit team. After the eliminations are run off, championships for both individual and team honors may be claimed only if won in actual competition.

To insure that no fighter has to fight on consecutive nights, the schedule is so arranged that the bouts leading up to the finals will be fought every other night beginning with the first bouts on the 15th of October. This system of spacing the fights will allow sufficient rest between bouts so that each contestant who advances to the finals on October 21 will have the same advantage of rest time as his contender in each weight class.

Entries, by units, are to be submitted to the Division Athletic Office not later than October 6, so that all men entered in the tournament may be billeted at the 83rd Division Rest Center in the Oberhaus at Passau.

## Overdyke May Coach Division Grid Squad; Former Tulane Star

Captain "Doc" Overdyke has been chosen head ref for the forthcoming 329th touch-football league. His name has also been mentioned in connection with coaching the Division All-Star aggregation, once that unit has been formed.

"Doc" has an impressive record both as a player and coach, having played with Tulane's "Green Wave" for two years while in college. "Doc" is one of

the best sports in the game and would make a well-liked mentor for the Division grid team.

## Season Now Open On all Wild Game

The Bavarian hunting season is now open. Deer and small game hunting is on. Third Army announced this week.

The only requirement regarding hunting will be a permit issued by the commander of the area in which the hunting is to be done.

All edible game killed will become the property of the hunter.

At present there is a good supply of 12-gauge shotgun shells available for hunting. The Sprengstoff factory at Furth, Germany, near Nurnberg, is under government control and units or individuals may requisition shells merely by contacting Special Service.

The Hunting rules are:

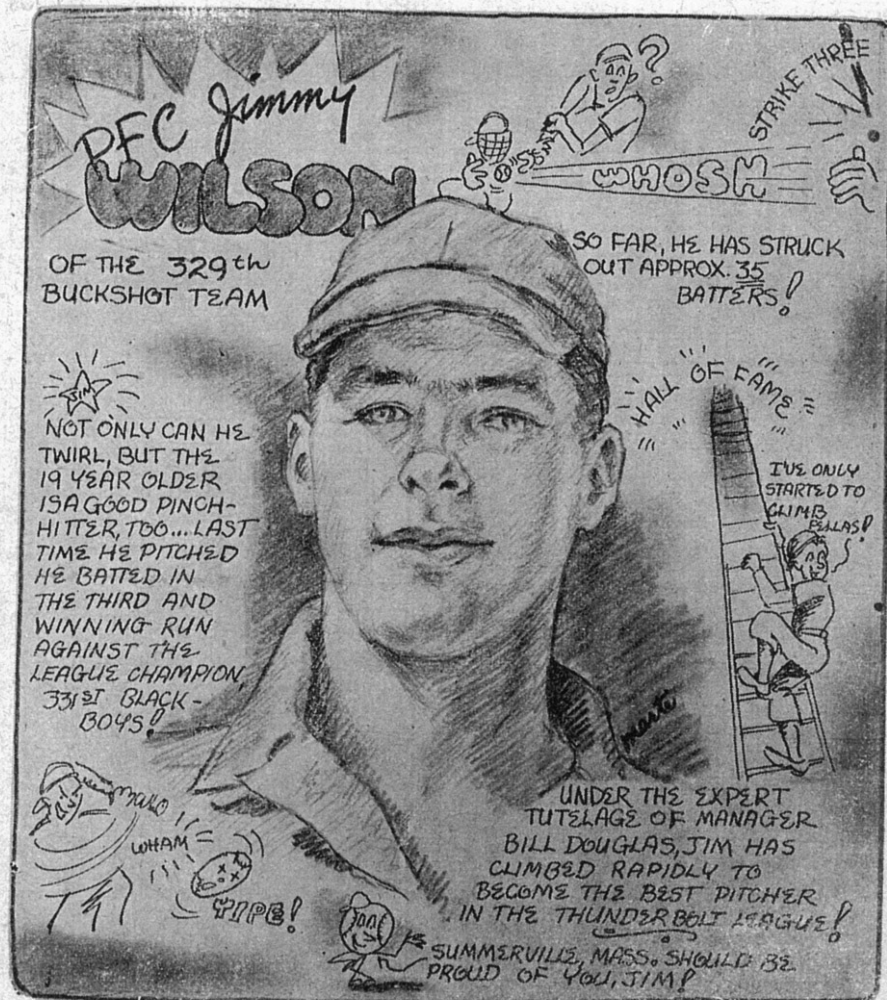
1. All game killed will be reported to the commander of the area who issued the hunting permit.
2. Wild fowl will be taken only by shotgun.
3. All big game will be taken by rifle, not smaller than .25 cal. The .30 cal. M-1 will not be used.
4. Because of the danger involved in firing modern loads, shotguns with Damascus steel or twist steel will not be used. No automatic weapon will be used. (The carbine is not automatic.)
5. Game will not be trapped.
6. High explosives will not be used to secure game.
7. All hunting personnel will take precaution against possibility of injuring other US personnel, livestock etc.
8. No game not listed on the chart of hunting seasons will be shot.
9. Utmost attention will be paid towards retrieving wounded game.
10. Game will not be thrown away or wasted.
11. Bag limits must be observed to avoid depletion of game.

## More Equipment Allotted For Fall Sports Program

Another large shipment of athletic equipment is moving down through channels, including 750 baseballs, 350 bats, 113 bases, and 100 sets of horseshoes per Division for use in the Fall sports program. It was disclosed by Third Army that there would also be a large number of badminton and archery sets, plus a quantity of soccer and volley balls.

## Sport Spot

By Marti





# Schalding PW Camp Gets White-Wash Job

If nobody else has done anything about cleaning up the PW situation — and even if they have — the Doughs of the 323rd FA Bn deserve a lot of credit.

In the past few weeks the Schalding PW enclosure has undergone the influence of paint, brush, and manual labor. The men have organized the PWs into sections and have given each of them a specific job in the white-wash campaign. Practically all of the buildings in the camp have been repaired and painted, and the interiors of kitchens and barracks have been cleaned and rearranged.

"As fast as it can be done," Sgt. Paul Schmidt, Camp interpreter, said, "The PWs are discharged into their old occupations. The men who are most essential are discharged first. If there is a definite need for a skilled worker within our area, we try to place him in that position. But, while the men are here, we want them to live in clean quarters."

At present, authorities at the Schalding enclosure are discharging about one hundred men a day. Following their discharge, the men must find their own transportation to their homes, as none is provided by the government.

## Signalmen Select Site For Post-War Get-Together

The high point men of the 83rd Signal Company got off to an early start with their post-war planning. Before leaving the division for the 8th Armored, a committee of eight men was selected to plan a gala reunion after the boys become civilians.

The committee selected the location and entertainment for the reunion and will notify each member of the date. Each member will "foot" a share of the bill. T/4 Eddie Klenck, former MC of Club 83, is in charge of refreshments and entertainment for the reunion and so a "hot time" is anticipated.

Following the initial affair, the reunion will be held each year in a different city. The idea sounds noteworthy and offers a suggestion to those units that would like to get together sometime in the post-war world and "bat the breeze" about those army days.

## Buffalo Gal Most American

FREYUNG, Germany. — It took two hours of solid deliberation to decide the American girl "Most American" from entries submitted by members of Regimental Headquarters of the 330th Infantry.

Miss Jean Jordon of Buffalo, N. Y., just a "very dear friend" of MP Gilbert Hoe'lerich, was chosen over all others for her very "astute" frame.

## "SIGNAL SWEETHEARTS"



WINNER of the 83rd Signal Company's "Most Beautiful Wife or Sweetheart" contest was Mrs. Abbie Dee Adams (left), wife of Cpl. Albert R. Adams of Bentonla, Miss. The second prize beauty is Mrs. Sybil Jacobson (right), wife of Pfc. Paul Jacobson of Brooklyn, New York.

# Army Announces Requirements For Fall Voting

Information has been received from USFET on the requirements of military personnel for voting in the 1945 elections.

The soldier may use a postal application supplied by the Army in making requests for State absentee ballots. The following elections will take place this year:

Illinois: Representative in Congress, 24th Congressional District (including the Counties of Clay, Edwards, Hardin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Saline, Wayne, and White). The soldier's absentee ballot must be returned to state officials by November 6th.

New Jersey: Members of the General Assembly and various county and local officials, in all counties; State senators, in certain counties. Ballots must be returned by November 6th.

New York: Justices of the Supreme Court, mayors of cities, and county and town officials throughout the state. The deadline for returning absentee ballots is November 5th.

Ohio: City, village, and township officials, including members of boards of education. Ballots must be returned by November 6th.

Pennsylvania: Two Judges of the Supreme Court; municipal and county officers. Final absentee returns must be in by November 16th.

Virginia: Governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, members of the House of Delegates and certain local officials. Ballots must be returned by November 3rd.

## INDISPENSABLE MAN GIVES 329th INF. FIRST NEWSPAPER

Marshall Field has nothing on Major William Beacham, the editor, assistant editor, photographer, and what have you on the 329th's regimental newspaper.

About three weeks ago the 329th Infantry decided to publish a weekly newspaper. A tentative staff was picked and things were just about ready to roll when along came redeployment. Major Bill Beacham was left holding down the staff by himself.

Not to be dismayed by this sudden development, Major Beacham decided to have a regimental paper, even if he had to put it out himself. He wrote the news stories, took the pictures, drew the cartoons and illustrations, and laid out the paper. This week the presses rolled and on Monday the first issue of the 329th's one-man "poop sheet" hit the street. It listed the editor as "wanted" (Pfc.), the assistant editor as "open" (another Pfc.), and the art editor as ("vacancy").

## Medical Badges Given 83rd Division Medics

VILSHOFEN, Germany. — The Combat Medical Badge has been awarded to all members of the 308th Medical Battalion and medics attached to the infantry regiments for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions.

The Medical Badge, unlike the Combat Infantryman's Badge, does not warrant an increase in pay. Any member of these organizations who has been awarded both medals may only wear one.

## Unit Plaque To QM

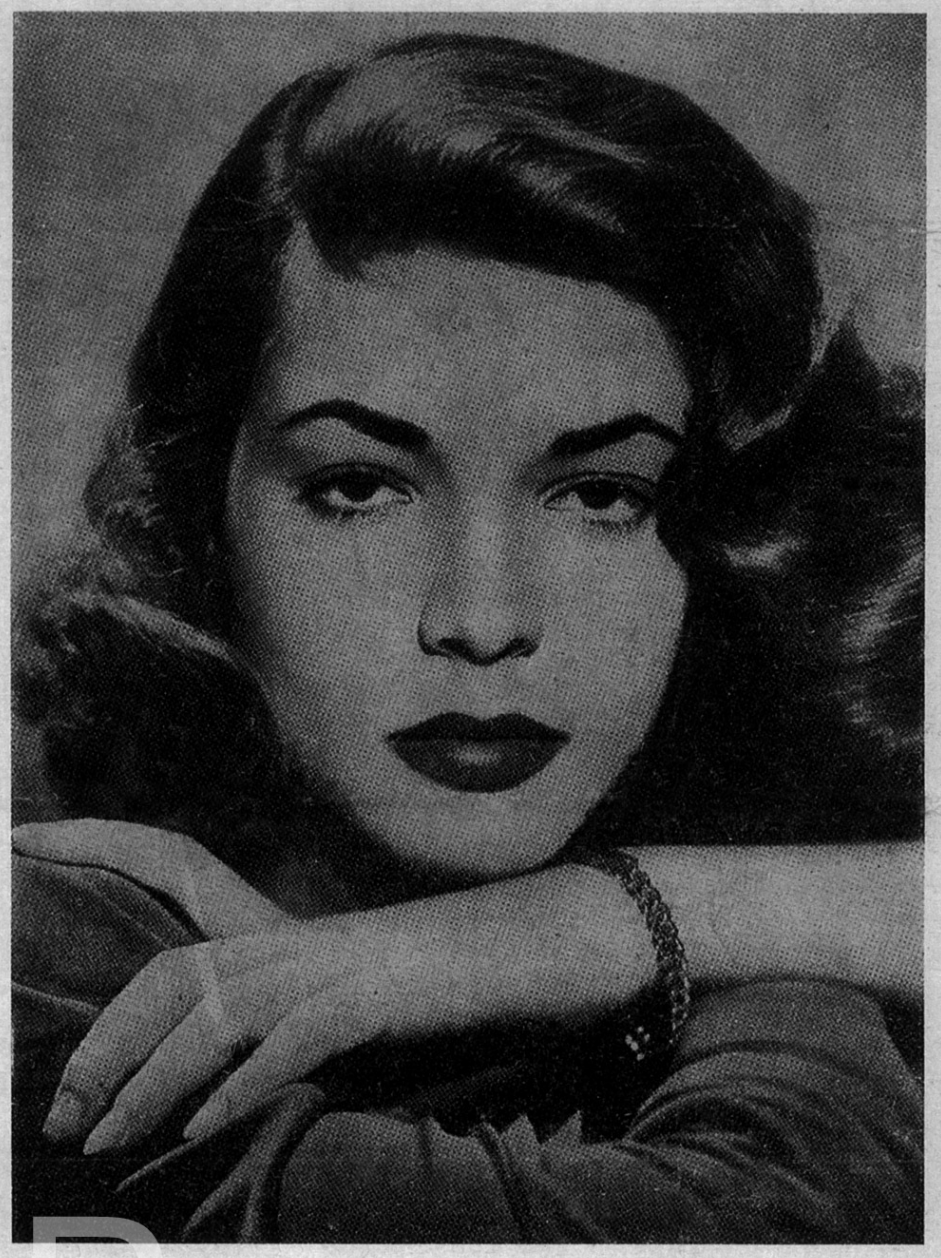
The 83rd Quartermaster Company has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding duty rendered the Division during the period from January 1, 1945, to June 30, 1945.

Although often hampered by exceptionally difficult problems in supply and maintenance, the company gave constant support to the division during the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns.

## 102nd Leaves Area

Units of the 102nd Infantry Division completed their move from the 83rd Division area to their new area near Bayreuth this week. Complete relief of the 102nd Occupation Zone was effected about three weeks ago.

## OPEN FOR COMPETITION . . . . .



Lauren Bacall  
... "There is a universal appeal to any boy in his desire to match his ability against his comrades! We owe it to the youth of America to provide as much of this competition as we can."  
Chairman, NCAA, Track and Field Committee.

## Vagabond Furloughs Meet Little Response From Army and Doughs

### HOOVER . . . . . (from page 1)

family lived in Dingelfing, near Lands-hut, Germany."

Herr Huber received the news that his cousin is advising on the feeding of Europe with, "Ah, zo!" Huber seemed willing to relate his duties during both World Wars. Forty-four years old, and a well-established tradesman at the beginning of World War I, he assumed charge of 42 blacksmiths scattered around the region, making regular trips to gather and sell their products to the German army. During this war, his son, Franz, was a physician in the army, and his other son, a blacksmith, worked in a factory in Freising.

Of present conditions in Germany, Huber commented, "Now we can talk freely. Before, if we voiced an unpopular belief, we were put in concentration camps. In 1933, the Nazis held me prisoner for 14 days for speaking indiscreetly. I hope that Hitler, Himmler, and his kind are killed. They drove Germany to her present position."

Just then the monastery bells presaged mid-day. Huber hastily untied his smith's apron, saying, "My daughter will be waiting for me. Tell Herbert we will have need of his wisdom to feed Europe. Auf Wiedersehn!"

## Bathtub Tenor "Prima"

Take Vallee, Hope, Sinatra, Crosby, and the "Mad" Russian — mix well — and you might well have Love Company's Pfc. Bob Voelkner, the bathtub virtuoso.

Bob is the one-man floor show at the Company's (331st Infantry) local night club. His most famous pantomime is a bathtub number called, "No Privacy in the Bathtub, Or is There." Bob simulates a tired day. Never mincing a step, Bob usually brings down the house, as the apparel flies and the doughs shriek.

So far there has been little response to the Army's generous vagabond furlough offer.

The plan was introduced to give the men a feeling of temporary independence and freedom from military life, a feeling that conducted tours to leave centers cannot completely provide.

The ideal equipment for a small group desiring to take seven days of freedom is a truck and trailer, equipped with pyramidal tent, gasoline, personal equipment and rations for one week. The only requirements are the necessary furlough papers and a non-com in charge.

The scenic beauty of Bavaria is easily accessible from the division area, and tours can be made throughout Austria almost to the Italian border. However, the wandering Dough will be required to stay within the American Zone.

The necessary furlough forms and applications can be obtained through the S-1 section of your organization.

## US Reduced Jap Fleet From 283 Ships To 55

GUAM, S. P. — (CNS) — Question: What happened to the Jap Fleet? Answer: We sunk it.

Admiral Nimitz announced that the American air and sea power knocked all but 55 combat ships of Japan's 382-ship navy out of the war and cut her merchant fleet to ribbons.

Here's what is left of the Jap navy, once the 3rd largest in the world: The battleship Nagato, crewless and listing at harbor at Yokosuka; the aircraft carriers Hayataka and Katsuragi, both heavily damaged; 2 light cruisers, last of a fleet of 8; 2 heavy cruisers, last of a fleet of 19; 26 destroyers, last of a fleet of 165; and 22 submarines of a fleet of 140, including six German U-boats.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — (CNS) — Three thin ladies made a "clean" break from a local women's prison by disrobing, soaping their bodies and slithering through the bars to freedom.