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60 POINTERS TO LEAVE DIVISION

Units Start Education Programs

Hampered previously by mass transfers, unit and division level I & E schools this week began functioning. Classes, selected from a list of 133 possible courses, were under way in battalions and companies for their personnel. Courses in physics, chemistry, literacy, and radio also started with students drawn from all elements of the division. In addition, 30 men left on Tuesday for eight week courses at the Shrivensham American University in England.

The division level classes in physics and chemistry are being given in Osterhofen at the 308th Medical Bn. for a maximum enrollment of 48 men each. Three weeks in length, they will be intensive enough to meet the requirements for half a semester of college credit. The literacy and radio courses are being given in Vilsbøfen at the 83rd Reconnaissance Troop and the 83rd Signal Company, for men drawn from all over the Division. Other Division-wide classes are being planned in German, mathematics, mechanical drawing, bull dozer operation, and automotive subjects.

Quotas for training at civilian agencies in France, England, Scotland, and Wales have been filled through the Division I & E office. These men will be leaving within the next few weeks. A wide variety of subjects is covered in these courses, from French language and civilization or electrical engineering to such civilian occupations as police or fire department work, wholesale distribution, crane operation, auto mechanics, and electricity.

For attendance at Army or civilian universities, men with 56 points or more are being chosen at the present time. Those with more than 60 points are being asked to sign a statement that they will finish the course, unless their unit is alerted to go home. If they elect to complete their studies despite the unit's sailing date, they will be sent home through a replacement depot.

Doughs Heading Back to States Have Army Made, It Says Here

The following was written by Sgt. James I. Shute, PRO, 8th A. D., who is homeward bound with thousands of former 83rd Division men.

Camp Oklahoma City, Rheims, France — On the way at last! The first leg of the journey back to those well-remembered United States is past and the big jump close ahead.

The 8th Armored division, including 5,000 former members of the 83rd, was processed this week preparatory to hitting the train for home. The division was scheduled to move today to one of the so-called "cigarette" camps, just outside Le Havre. The cigarette camps, named after popular cigarette brands, are the staging areas where homeward bound units await ships. Within a few hours of notification that ships are ready, troops will be climbing aboard. Indications are that the outfit will sail next Tuesday but persistent rumors claim the division will go first to England to board one of the Queens or some other super liner.

In the meantime, the ex-Thunderbolts slept, ate, rested, attended post theaters, and took passes to Rheims and Paris. The camp runs a daily bus service to

Luftwaffe on Scrap Heap



Thousands of German planes that once had mastery of the skies over Europe are mere piles of rusting junk at the Pocking PW camp where the 1st Air Disarmament Wing has set up an enemy equipment collecting point. It is planned to melt down the planes in a plant constructed at Pocking by the Germans for that purpose.

Once Proud Masters of Skies Million Dollars Worth of Junk

The once proud glories of the Luftwaffe are ignominiously displayed in five acres of scrap metal at the Pocking PWE where are dumped remains of planes that once dominated the skies of Europe.

Several truck loads of tires, motors, and wreckage arrive at the camp daily to be unloaded by PWs under the guarding eyes and guns of 83rd doughs. More than 13,000 tires, ranging from tail wheels for cub type planes to mammoth rings of rubber for heavy bombers, are stored in the enclosure.

Current plans call for smelting the metal now being collected at Pocking. The Germans had planned to do the same thing. They had begun construction of a smelter adjacent to the present PW camp and they had collected some wreckage at this point. A large amount of aluminum ingots also are stored there. "There must be a million dollars worth in that

pile," said Pfc. Tom Garrity, Co. K, 331st, a PW guard.

Included in the wreckage are the fuselages of several of the six-motor "flying boxcars" which the Germans used unsuccessfully as tank transports in Africa. "A lot of ships could be assembled right here from the wreckage of all those planes," said T/Sgt. Harold Boillot of the First Air Disarmament Wing. "There are also a few American and British planes here," he added. "See, there's an American ship," he said, pointing to the silvery fuselage of a plane which had its landing gear retracted.

Families Get 329th Story

Copies of the 329th Regimental history are being sent to the families of the outfit's members killed in action. In a letter accompanying each book, Lt. Col. C. L. Bowen, Jr., 329th CO, writes, "We feel sure that you will be proud of this unit as you read through the pages of this history, proud to know that your loved one helped to make that record possible. It was through their courage and unselfish faithfulness that some of us are still able to enjoy the liberties for which we fought."

Machine Gun Fired From Hip Wins Sgt Posthumous DSC

Heroism displayed when he helped repulse two fierce enemy counterattacks despite fatal wounds won the posthumous Distinguished Service Cross award for S/Sgt. George Gaydush, Company D, 331st Infantry, it has been announced by Third Army Headquarters.

Sgt. Gaydush's heroic action took place near Tochheim, Germany, April 18, 1945.

According to the citation Sgt. Gaydush fired a light machine gun from the hip during the first counterattack until he was seriously wounded. However, he refused to be evacuated until other wounded men had been removed. When the enemy attacked again the intrepid soldier manned a machine gun to help repulse the enemy a second time. Although evacuated shortly thereafter, he later died of his wounds.

Men Will Transfer Out To Homeward Bound Outfits by October 31

Help Wanted

Wanted at once by THUNDERBOLT former professional newsmen or enlisted men having high school or college publication experience. Redeployment has depleted our Staff and we are sadly in need of writers, photographers and artists.

If your point score is 55 or below and you are interested please write us about your qualifications or phone for an interview appointment. Forward correspondence to the Public Relations Office at Division Headquarters via Message Center. Call Blackstone — 47 (Public Relations Office) for appointment.

The Congressional souped-up Redeployment Schedule has caught up with the 83rd Division and word has just been received from the G-1 office that all men having 60 points or more will be transferred out of the Division by October 31, 1945. All men with V-J point totals of 60 to 69 points will be sent to Category IV Units which are scheduled for shipment to the States in the very near future.

Approximately 5,000 are affected by this latest personnel shift. The first men of this group to leave are being processed and readied for movement. Thus far, 69 and 68 pointers are starting to move out and it is expected that within the next two weeks the list will have been worked down to include 65 pointers.

Division Still Category II

As for the Division itself, there has been no radical change in the former plans. The 83rd Division still remains in its Category II classification. According to AFN news reports the 83rd Infantry Division is listed by USFET officials as being on Temporary Occupational Duty. In effect G-1 interprets that information as implying that the mission of the Division will be very likely an integral part of the close out force.

In that connection men still with the Division having less than 60 may look forward to remaining with the Division for the time being. For those men having 50 to 59 points present indications point to a reshuffling of that group in November.

This latest information applies only to the movement of enlisted men. As far as could be determined by press time the officer status remains stagnant, with 75 being still the critical score.

APO Formerly Just Post Office; Now Bureau of Missing Persons

Have you notified your correspondents of your change in address? If not your letters will be a few days late but odds are they'll catch up with you eventually, no matter how many times you have changed outfits.

The boys at APO 83 have had considerable experience the last two months playing Sherlock Holmes to letters for soldiers who aren't here. A total of 25,000 pieces of mail were given directory service during August, of which 95 percent were routed to their proper destination. The remaining five percent were sent to a central directory unit in France where master file locator cards aided in forwarding most of them to proper parties.

Increased Personnel

The current turnover in Division personnel has given the APO here an unprecedented workload and has necessitated a large increase in personnel. Where one man formerly handled the directory service at least five men are now required for the job.

Without the added burden of forwarding a large percentage of mail, the APO is still a busy place. The August report shows that approximately 1,149,000 let-

ters were received plus 2,034 sacks of parcels. Outgoing mail totalled approximately 1,011,000 letters and 854 sacks. Money orders totalled 4,954, valued at \$323,444.76.

The money order business is showing a slight decrease this month. APO officials expressed belief that many soldiers are holding on to their money so they can take it home personally.

More Packages

Another barometer that many are leaving the Division is the increased business in the parcel post section — an average of 325 packages a day.

The long and widely publicized campaign to encourage the use of V-mail has hit a snag. Section Chief S/Sgt. James A. Fritz reported that APO 83 has been unable to draw any forms for three months, resulting in a 50 percent cut in outgoing V-mail. This doesn't bother Pfc. Eugene Smith, 2nd Bn., 331st, who said "As far as I'm concerned V-mail is dehydrated."

Peering out over the top of a newly arrived load of mail, Sgt. Fritz cheerfully averred: "We have the situation well under control. Now all we have to sweat out is Christmas."

83rd Thunderbolt

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Cosmopolitan 83rd

MORE DIVISIONS REPRESENTED

As redeployment continues within the Division, new faces constantly appear in every unit and the old familiar faces that have so long been a part of the Division move out to start the journey home or take up residence with occupational units. Within recent weeks several thousand members of the 4th and 11th Armored Divisions joined the 83rd — merging together an outstanding infantry and two equally famous armored divisions of World War II.

4th Armored Division

The 4th Armored was activated April 15, 1941 at Pine Camp, N. Y., and in the intervening years, until it landed in England late in 1943, the division trained at Pine Camp, Ibis, Calif., and Camp Bowie, Texas, in addition to Tennessee Maneuvers.

Entering combat July 17—18 north of Periers, France, the 4th Armored soon received its baptism of fire in a drive that won Cerences and Avranches. On August 28 the Marne river was crossed, an advance of more than 700 miles since the break-through in Normandy. Throughout the drive the tankers had continually led the fight of the leading Corps in the Third Army.

Early in December the Division was in action east of the Saar River, a continuation of an attack made late in November. Dec. 19th started a 160 mile march to help stem the German counter-offensive at Bastogne. All three Combat Commands of the Division attacked toward Bastogne on the 22nd, but enemy resistance was fierce and there were numerous counterattacks. A shift of Reserve Command from the Division right flank to the left flank proved to be the deciding factor in the relief of the 101st Airborne Division, as Reserve Command drove through to open up a supply route on the 26th.

Following the reduction of the "Bulge" the 4th Armored crossed the Moselle, in the vicinity of Mudon, on March 15th. On the 20th the tankers attacked toward Worms to seize a bridge over the Rhine. The Rhine was crossed at Oppenheim on March 24th and soon the division was striking out toward Gotha and the communications center of Ohrdruf.

The 4th Armored received the Presidential Citation for its achievements from Dec. 22, 1944 to March 27, 1945. The only other division to receive this award was the 101st Airborne Division.

11th Armored Division

The 83rd Division area is not strange territory to men of the 11th Armored Division who are now Thunderbolts. During the latter stage of the war the 11th Armored fought through the Passau area and captured many of the towns now occupied by the 83rd.

The 11th was activated at Camp Polk, La. on August 15, 1942 by a cadre from the 8th Division, then stationed at Fort Knox. Basic training was conducted at Polk during December, January and February, followed by bivouacs and field problems in the bayou country of Louisiana. Full scale maneuvers in the same locale took place between June 22 and Sept. 12. The division then moved to Camp Barkley, Texas, where it was streamlined in accordance with a new plan for armored warfare.

Desert maneuvers followed late in the year and continued until Feb. 8, 1944. Camp Cook, next home of the 11th, was the staging area and on Sept. 29 the division left Camp Kilmer, N. J. for the ETO. Preparation and training continued in England, in the vicinity of Salisbury, and on Dec. 16th the Division sailed for Cherbourg.

Upon landing on the Continent the division immediately started a forced march toward Bastogne, 550 miles away, to assist the 4th Armored Division in relieving the trapped 101st Airborne Division and to halt and push back von Rundstedt's counter-offensive.

Attached to Third Army throughout most of the German campaign the 11th crossed the Rhine near Frankfurt-am-Main. Among the many cities captured were Coburg and Bayreuth. From Germany the tankers cut through Austria and were near Linz when the war ended.

JENNIFER

Dear Charlie:

Honey, what are you doing with sixty nine points? I thought by this time you would have close to a hundred points what with your five campaign stars and purple heart and all your months overseas. Too bad you never got a Bronze star.

Sweetie, if you want to see a marvelous picture go see, "This War Full of Glory." It is all about the amusing things that happen to a combat Infantryman. How come you never told me the funny things that happened to you while you were in combat? My friends told me that there were a lot of cameras in Germany that could be gotten very cheaply. If I send you ten dollars for Ruth's brother could you pick him up a good camera? He said that if you needed two or three more dollars to get him a real good one to go ahead and he would pay the difference.

All the soldiers I know are coming

every day dear. If you don't come home by Xmas I think you really don't want to come home. How come everybody else could get home? I guess you aren't even trying. Our school had their first football game this week and what do you know we really have a good team this year. The men are all big and husky and they're not 4Fs either as most of them were in the Army and got discharged for some reason.

An old friend of Willie's moved in across from us and I'm embarrassed to tell you that he's a Peeping Tom. The other night I teased him for a long time just for good measure. His name is Leo. Willie has spent his first month in the Army and he wrote his father that if he don't get him out soon he's going to cut off his left leg. (Leo, how'd you get in here.)

Privately yours,
Jennifer.

PHOTO FACTS

By Jerry Manter

It's getting so a man whose camera doesn't have at least an f/3.5 lens has an inferiority complex — just like a guy peering into an officers' club watching 'em play the slot-machines. Well, here's a word of solace to such misfortunates.

The f/ rating of a lens reveals only one thing — the speed. It doesn't tell whether it's of high quality or just a hunk of glass. Therefore, before buying a camera it's important that you consider other factors.

You've gotta be careful about this. Unfortunately there are many cheap cameras on the market with high speed lenses which are so poorly ground that they're useless unless stopped down. It's much better to have a good f/6.3 lens, such as a Kodak anastigmat, than a poor fast one — and often the better one will be less expensive.

Use a Test Chart

It's a good idea to photograph a test chart before buying a camera. The simplest kind is a sheet of printed matter which covers the entire field of the camera. A better chart is several sets of concentric circles one set at the center of the field, and one at each corner. A straight line should be drawn entirely across the chart. If this line is curved on your negative, your lens distorts. If the circles are blurred near the edges of the chart, the lens suffers from curvature of the field. Blurring of parts of each of the circles near the edges reveals astigmatism.

In addition to noting whether the lens yields sharp definition all over you should see if it gives uniform illumination. It is much more difficult and expensive to grind a lens for a large field. Therefore, a cheap lens may not cover the film size for which it is intended.

Care must be taken in photographing such a chart or the results will be misleading. The chart must be exactly parallel to the film and perpendicular to the axis of the lens. Exposure, of course, must be made with diaphragm wide open.

Corrected for Color

Another factor which can louse up a lens is chromatic aberration, caused by the fact that some colors bend more than others when passing through the glass (that's what makes spectrums and rainbows). This means that an uncorrected lens focused for blue light (which bends most) will be blurred for objects of red (which bends the least). Good cameras are corrected for this with two lenses, one converging and one diverging, which neutralize each other.

Other defects in lenses are easier to spot than these optical ones. If the elements are scratched or have become uncemented, the image will be blurred. Yellowing by age cuts down on transmission of the light to which films are most sensitive, making the f/ rating inaccurate.

A course in physics is necessary to understand all the intricacies of lenses, but it should be evident by this time that you need to know more than the f/ rating to be sure of a good buy.



AT PASSAU THEATER

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
"Duffy's Tavern" Ed Gardner, Marjorie Reynolds
Wednesday, Thursday
"Wilson" Alexander Knox
Friday, Saturday
"Along Came Jones" Gary Cooper, Loretta Young

DEGGENDORF THEATER

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday
"Twice Blessed" Lee and Lynn Wilde, James Craig. Also "Hollywood Scout" and "Musical Masterpieces"
Wednesday, Thursday
"Week-End at the Waldorf" Ginger Rogers, Lana Turner.
Friday, Saturday
"Brazil" Tito Guizar, Virginia Bruce.

Hilda and Matilda



"But, Matilda, a gal's gotta play safe now the tankers have moved in — bless their hearts!"

BEYOND THE BLUE

BY MAURY RENEK

"LA CHANTE D'EXILE"

Anyone who has taken French art by the hand has found him or herself reluctant to break the handshake. The French now are making their culture even more enticing by introducing abstract art into the cinema. Though hampered in production by the lack of expensive sets and elegant costumes they are moulding a new and exciting art.

One has but to go and see the French-speaking, "Chante D'Exile" (Song of Exile). Starring in this picture of song and white hot amour is Toni Rossi, the Frank Sinatra of battered Europe. Long before the title of the picture is flashed on the screen you hear the romantic sotto voiced chanting of Toni—"la la lala la." The women in the audience don't know whether to cry or leave for the Dames. The movie begins and Toni comes into focus still singing—"la la lala la." Some women leave for the Dames; the braver ones sit and cry.

Last of the Red Hot Mammams

There is half-baldish, more than middle aged Rossi, riding a donkey cart through a pleasant little peasant town. All is well. The sun is shining, there are no bullet holes in the houses and not a GI is in sight. His gal, a sort of Corsican version of Janet Gaynor, on hearing his non-nicotine chant gets a good case of the DTs. By the time Toni arrives on the scene the girl is shaking like a seismograph chart during the last days of Pompeii. Instead of pouring her a shot of Old Crow, Tino just has to sing and she falls in line with Sophie Tucker as being the last of the real red hot mammals.

Leaving her to finish her household drudgery and perhaps win her wrestling match with the French Fuller brush man, Toni the brave, Toni the pure, goes off to have a few short ones at the local bistro. Still carrying on like a hoarse-throated banshee, he arrives at a Ville de Whistlestop, where the whole town is out to greet him. The women are enraptured and the men probably ruptured from carrying Toni on their shoulders. Here at last he stops singing just long enough to wet his tonsils and before the drink hits bottom he's at it again.

Sitting besides him is a broad-beamed broad dressed up in her best Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. She has that old exchequer look in her eyes as she listens with an hypnotic stare (partly because she's a little tight) to the poor man's Russ Columbo. At this part of the film the director, no doubt a lover of abstract art, has the camera focused on a group of sheep grazing in the field. A nonpatron of the arts would be befuddled by this lightning-like change from hypnotic eyes to potentialities of lamb stew. But, to the connoisseur of

abstract art a moral message is now being flashed on the screen to tip off the "abstract clique" that she's not pulling any wool over Toni's eyes.

Panties With a Silver Lining

Besides the abstract angle the French cinema themselves are so rich in drama, passion and humor it would be a shame to overlook it. This picture is an outstanding example of it all.

In swift sequences Toni gets in a fight, kills a man, and the local gentry sends him off before the flatfoots arrive on the scene. After serving a short stretch with the outside world in the army Toni is seen coming back just as old "exchequer look" is about to take a last tug at her panties and kick the bucket. But, her panties must have had a silver lining because no sooner does she place her hand on them when the all too familiar — "la la lala la," comes through the window. He manages to stay by the mauvais character's door just long enough to get decorated with a few medals, get his discharge papers and in dripping words of love tell her: "It's no dice."

Jumping into a truck Toni leaves her with a broken but wise heart and in typical French she mourns, "Voila." If she would have said, "Bye bye baldy," "So long sucker," or just "Good riddance to bad rubbish," you could see some logic. Imagine Linda Darnell saying: "Voila" (meaning "there is, or there are") as Tyrone Power steps out the door forever. Why, in the next scene Linda would be shown doing a fast samba with Caesar Romero.

It seems Toni must have traded the truck and all its occupants, as the next sequence shows him riding down the canyon again in his old donkey cart.

"The Jackass Serenade"

It's the same old "la la lala la," as the camera sweeps the horizon to show there's not a living thing in sight for at least fifty miles. Yet, there's his true love starting to get the DTs again as she hears his voice. Lifting her nose in the air like a hound going to a coon hunt, she steps out of the house to eagerly await the sight of her man. Another sweep of the camera shows her man a mere speck on the horizon and at least twenty five miles away as the crow flies. Undaunted by the distance the gal wipes her windshield and takes off at a fast gallop. During the entire run the camera is focused on her face and a latecomer to this movie would have a hard time wondering whether she was having labor pains or just making Seabiscuit look sick at the mile and a quarter. Finally, when it looks like even money whether she will embrace the jackass or Toni, Toni steps forward at the last minute. No sooner is she in his arms when the old boy starts his vocal gargling again.



THE G. O. GUY is the feminine version of a regular Joe as far as most of us ETO GIs (5-69 pointers) are concerned. In a recent sports poll conducted by Esquire Magazine, to which the luscious lovelies were admitted, they voted the "Good Ordinary" FAR AND ABOVE MR. ATHLETE OR HALSEY HEPPLEWAITE HAIRBREATH, the handsome hero of the cinema.

All polls have a tendency to go askew as Gallup and pollsters on Demobilization can attest; so here is what was said by some flouncing females before all the returns came in . . . LOUISE FLYNN, Journal-Tribune, Sioux City, Iowa — "My major objection to your poll is the fact that most of your questions concern the part of sports that appeal to a woman's eye, not to her intelligence." . . . IRENE FRENCH, St. Cloud, Minnesota — "If your current sports poll is an intellectual one, it fails entirely; if humorous, you should have tried harder. The questions themselves are an insult to the intelligence of most modern women and they are worded in a manner that implies that all women think alike."

But when the returns did start to roll Esquire said that WOMEN ARE NOT DISPOSED TO PULL ANY PUNCHES IN COMMENT. The dear girls made precise remarks. An athlete — or having been one — they think, makes a man a little easier to live with, but they say nothing of his being able to be a good loser. They also figured that a movie or stage star or sports headliner is inclined to be so deeply in love with himself and become so self-centered that he wants a yes-woman, an audience or a cheer leader instead of a team mate.

WHAT MEN'S SPORT IS MOST THRILLING TO WOMEN? . . . Football was selected by 54 per cent, baseball received 14 per cent and basketball was about 12 per cent . . . RUTH EDGAR, Chester, (Pennsylvania) Times — "Men are the No. 1 extra-curricular activity for all normal women between the ages of 6 to 106. Football makes them look brutal but charming; baseball nobby but nice. It's in a clinch though that you can tell a good man from a so-so . . . NORINE CLARK, Rochester, New York — "Women find most thrilling the sport their men are most enthusiastic about."

DO YOU THINK A GIRL'S PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS REDUCES HER ATTRACTIVENESS TO MEN? . . . By 71 per cent vote, women voted "No." There were quite a few exceptions in the case of women wrestlers . . . DOLORES RIELLY, Rock Island, Illinois — "It isn't the sport, it's the girl that determines attractiveness" . . . MRS. DORIS LOCKERMAN, Atlanta (Georgia) Journal — "Golf, tennis, swimming and badminton have a social value and certainly promote pleasant associations with what Ring Lardner called the 'opposite sex' but sister, don't get too good at any one of them. Sun and wind do things to face and hands, and muscles are less attractive than curves."

To the next two pertinent questions, WOULD YOU RATHER MARRY A SPORTS STAR, A MOVIE HEADLINER OR JUST A GOOD, ORDINARY GUY? and DO YOU BELIEVE THAT BEING AN ATHLETE HELPS MAKE A MAN EASIER TO GET ALONG WITH AS A HUSBAND? the G. O. GUY ran a

great first by 94 per cent in the former and over half of the divergent darlings voted "Yes." to the latter.

MRS. FRANK LONGHAM, widow of the famed Michigan back who later coached Notre Dame, said of her husband: "His tenderness and kindness have given me memories that make life now alone so much easier. He was a born gentleman, but I believe his football training helped make him an understanding man." . . . ADELINE W. KERR, Galesburg, Illinois — "An athlete should be easier to get along with as a husband if he carries his teachings of good sportsmanship into his married life." . . . JANEY SULLIVAN, Montana Standard (Butte) Montana — "No, doubled and redoubled. I live in a household jammed to the rafters with ex-prize fighters, utterly insane golf enthusiasts, gleeful fishermen and grim hunters."

The girls seemed to have missed the boat somewhat as they hardly mentioned the plastic profiles. That was probably because they were quite overcome by the faint aroma of dirty sweat socks while thinking of their more brutal brethren . . . HOWEVER THE PAY-OFF in answering the last two questions goes to MARY KATHERINE GHDDEN, "Maybe you haven't been around lately, but it's common knowledge that we are taking anything we can catch these days, and training them after we catch them."

Any questions? LET'S MOVE OUT FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING.

NEW THUNDERBOLT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 30 - 71st Inf. - Division at Augsburg.

Oct. 7 - 4th A. D. at home.

Oct. 14 - 22nd Corps at Marianbad, Czechoslovakia.

Oct. 21 - 94th Infantry Division at Straconice.

Oct. 28 - 9th Inf. Div. at Muhldorf.

Nov. 4 - 1st Int. Div. at Nurnberg.



330th Grid Team Loses Opener To 104th Reg. of the 26th Div.

by Ed J. Kudalis

Ried, Austria — The Thunderbolt football season was launched here Saturday when the 330th grid team was edged out by a 26th Infantry eleven, 0-8.

The 330th was able to field only 18 men in uniform, two of whom couldn't play because of injuries. The home aggregation, from the 2nd Bn., 104th Regt., had nearly three full teams. Despite being outmanned, the Thunderbolts, whose starting team averaged only 173 pounds, gave a good account of themselves.

The 104th drew blood in the first quarter when they punted deep inside the 330th's territory and then tackled quarterback Johnson behind his goal-line.

The Thunderbolts got into hot water in the second period which cost them the game. A Vartanian punt was blocked and recovered by Smith of the 330th on his own 16. They pulled out of that hot spot, and then staved off another threat when left-halfback Quinn, who coaches the team, intercepted an enemy pass.

104th Scores

The 330th fumbled on their own 25 yard line, and the 104th quarterback Smith scooped up the errant pigskin, carting it to within three yards of the promised land. Scenting blood, the 104th punched through the line for two and one-half yards. The 330th line stiffened on the next play, allowing not an inch, but on the fourth down Smith knifed through for a touchdown. A bad center toss doomed their attempt at conversion.

Seemingly refreshed after "taking 10," the 330th kept punching hard in the third stanza. Vartanian, 195-pound fullback, one of the stand-

out performers of the game, ripped off two first downs, planting the ball mid-field. Quinn, I. H., one of the squad's lightest members, alternated with Vartanian in more short gains. Vartanian's punt was fumbled and covered by Blacksten, substitute back. Two short ground gains were made, but a pass lost eight yards, forcing Vartanian to kick to the opponents' 12 yard line.

Receiving an enemy punt in mid-field, the 330th again started driving for pay dirt. Vartanian ripped off two more first downs. As the Thunderbolts entered the fourth period they were still going strong despite lack of replacements.

Passes Fail

As the clock ticked off the last minutes, the 330th tried a double reverse play which failed to click and lost the ball on downs. Regaining possession of the ball on a punt, the 330th resorted to passes in an attempt to snatch the game out of the fire. The first one was intercepted, but there was an off-side on the play. The second one also was intercepted, but this time the enemy was charged with clipping, making it first and 10. A third aerial likewise fell into enemy arms, killing all hopes for victory.

330th	Line-up	104th
Bridwell	l. e.	Lotz
Mortenson	l. t.	Kennedy
Liederman	l. g.	Johnson
Jackson	c.	Rubin
Hyche	r. g.	Shadid
Donner	r. t.	Ellenson
Djarlias	r. e.	Maughan
Johnson	q.	Smith
Nolan	r. h.	Fitzsimmons
Vartanian	f.	Roberts
Quinn	l. h.	Ward
Substitutes, 330th: Blacksten, b. Billing, t. Shaw, b. Murray, t. Keyes, t. Zaccheo, b. and Harrison, e.		

Baseball Team Wins

The 83rd Division baseball team swamped the 250th Station Hospital team at Regensburg last Saturday by the score 23-3. The battery for the 83rd was Lt. Johnson and Hambric.

Touch Football

The 308th Medical Bn. opened its football season with D Company defeating A Company 12-2 in a well played game that featured spectacular passing and kicking by Klimo of D Company and Kline of A Company.

A Company made its lone score early in the second quarter with a safety. Smith then scored a touchdown for D Company. The third quarter found both teams plugging away with incomplete passes and short runs. Duffy scored the second touchdown for D Company when he intercepted a pass thrown by Kline of A Company.

SEEK MARRIAGE PERMISSION

Increasing numbers of American troops are applying for official permission to marry German women, an official of the Army Welfare Department has revealed.

To date, all such matrimonial efforts have been in vain, but there is a possibility that regulations forbidding American troops to wed in Germany may be relaxed in the future, the announcement added. However, it will probably take a year before such weddings are permitted.

Policy advisers on General Eisenhower's staff are studying the question of what to do about children resulting from the officially forbidden romances.

Plans Made For Winter Sports Here

If 83rd soldiers remain in the ETO for several more months they need not worry about lack of sports entertainment and equipment, promises the athletic office of Third Army Special Service. Elaborate plans have been made for athletic programs both on an army and divisional scale, some of which are now under way.

The 1945 Inter-Theater Operation Golf Championship matches will be staged at Biarritz, France, Oct. 11-14. There are still openings for 20 players.

The Third Army Cross Country Championship will be held Nov. 10 at Soldier's Field Stadium, Nürnberg. Basketball, boxing and wrestling championships will be determined early in February.

The 83rd SSO announced that should the Division remain here during the winter months there will be plenty of skis available. At the present time Third Army has 1,000 pairs of skates for distribution. Boxing and basketball equipment is expected to arrive in the Division soon. Ping pong equipment is reported to be plentiful. Efforts will be made to secure fishing tackle.

Owners of tennis rackets can have them restrung at Third Army. Individuals or units desiring this work must submit it through SSO.

Two Basketball Games Played

The officers basketball team of the 2nd Bn., 329th Inf. made a comeback in their second game of the season by defeating F Company at the Plattling Arena, 25-12. Previously G Company of the 2nd Bn. defeated the officers 42-31 in the opening game of the season.

Lt. Ray Cobley, former U. of Washington ace, accounted for 19 of his teams points. Lt. Page scored six for the losers.

The riflemen opened the scoring in the first period when "Red" Fennessee took a long pass from "Rip" Connors and scored a goal. Shortly before the period ended Lt. Cobley made good a foul throw.

During the second period Lts. Chlad, Funk and Cobley found the range of the basket. Lt. Page made one score for F Company with the period ending 9-4.

The third period was dominated by Lt. Cobley's high looping shots that dropped through the strings without touching the backboard. He scored all ten of the officers' points while Drake and Lt. Page scored for the company team. Score at the end of the quarter was 19-10.

The final quarter opened with a goal by Lt. Echemendy followed by two scores by Lt. Cobley. Lt. Page scored once for the company.

Lts. McGourlez and Hastings, the latter a former Texas A and M player, showed good defensive form, and "Mallet" Head was the defensive cog for F Company.

Division Athletes Took Many Firsts In Summer Sports

Division athletes gave good accounts of themselves in inter-divisional sports this past summer, a recapitulation showed today. They copped team honors in swimming and carbine marksmanship in addition to winning 10 individual corps championships.

Best showing was made in swimming where six out of nine events were taken by Thunderbolts. Capt. H. D. Glass won the 50 meter free style, Cpl. R. T. Hall took the 100 meter back stroke, T/5 T. H. Anders finished first in the 200 meter breast stroke, Cpl. G. Searl garnered the honors in both fancy and high diving, and Lt. J. R. Sanders was best in the 400 meter free style.

Pfc. A. W. Parry outran all competition in the 100 meter dash, and Pfc. E. V. Garber took the 200 meter low hurdles. Tennis champ was T/5 Hume, while Capt. D. O. Gust out-bulled everyone with carbine.



Heat's On, Or Will Be; Coal Is In

"Woodman cut that tree" and "Miner dig that coal" could appropriately be called the current civilian and GI theme songs these days, as the chill winds that send thermometers downwards presage the fact winter is just around the corner.

The division already has enough coal in storage to meet military needs for some time to come, it was announced by Lt. Harry Barnhizer, Division Solid Fuels Officer. He revealed that 4558 tons of coal, mined in the Ruhr Valley, have been unloaded in this area by Hungarian laborers. More will be received later.

In addition to the coal, 1000 cords of wood have been allocated to the division. The 102nd Inf. Div. contributed 950 cords to the Division wood pile when it was redeployed from this area. However, Lt. Barnhizer said the wood would be sufficient only for fire starting purpose.

Civilian requirements in the Division area are roughly estimated at 620,000 cubic meters or 248,000 (short) tons of wood. No coal will be available to the civilians this winter. An additional 21,200 tons of wood will be needed for PW and DP camps in the area.

Computation of the amount of fuel necessary for the civilians is based on heat requirements of four pounds of coal per man per day for October, six for November and December, and eight for January and February. Since wood is only fifty percent as efficient as coal the figures are doubled and the result is what the civilians get in the form of wood.

Division policy calls for the civilians to secure and transport their fuel with little or no military assistance. Thus far the only assistance given has been in the form of fuel for civilian trucks transporting the wood. GI trucks haul the wood for the PW and DP camps. Some of the wood is being cut by PWs while in other cases the work is being done by the civilians themselves.

Capt. Quentin Pease, Division Artillery Fuels Officer, estimated that 200 unskilled laborers would require 90 days to cut sufficient wood to supply the needs of the civilians in the artillery area. This area includes parts of two Landkreise and the City of Passau, the largest in population in the Division area. Some of the wood for the artillery area is being hauled 37 kilometers. Requirements for the City of Passau will total 8400 tons.

11th Armd Men Who Captured Dam Now Back With 83rd To Guard It



It is perfectly natural that the guard detail for the Kacklet hydro-electric plant near Passau should fall to the lot of C Battery, 324th Field Artillery Bn. A large percentage of the present personnel of C Battery were members of the 11th Armored Division's CCA which captured the dam and power plant.

Pfc. James Hoke, who hails from Milwaukee, well remembers the day they drove up the Passau-Vilshofen road under a hail of shells from the SS on the other side of the dam. "Any moment we expected to see the place blown up, but it wasn't," he recalls.

Military Government records reveal the reason the plant is still delivering electricity to the Passau area as well as to points in Austria and Czecho-

Colonel Decorated



Photo by Vaccaro

Presentation of the Legion of Merit medal was made recently to Col. Robert T. Foster, CO of the 330th Inf. Reg., by Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon during a ceremony at regimental headquarters. The award was made in recognition of meritorious services as CO of the 330th on the part of Col. Foster. Because of his exceptional acumen in accomplishing difficult missions in the Rhineland and Harz Mountain area Col. Foster's troops quickly adapted themselves to the situation and overcame the enemy without a break in the impetus of their attack.

Col. Foster's leadership also resulted in the release of other elements of the division and materially contributed to the successful Elbe River bridgehead operations. He entered the military service from Louisiana.

Old Veterans Hold Last Get-Together

Headquarters Company of the 329th Inf. Reg. had a long-to-be-remembered party last week on the eve of the departure of men being redeployed to other outfits. In addition, a number of former members of the company, now members of the 8th Armored, were in attendance, marking the last meeting of a lot of the "Old Veterans".

The "old time" Buckshot dance band played for the affair and presented a full evening of solid music. Liquid refreshments rounded out the program.

Flash! War On! Oberhaus Hit by Niederhaus

News bulletin! Niederhaus opens fire on Oberhaus. War declared!

No, the officers aren't attempting to take over the enlisted men's haven; this "news" broke in 1367. It was revealed this week in a translation made of a history of Niederhaus, the officers' section of the Division rest center at Passau.

The manuscript stated that Niederhaus has served as a lunatic asylum, criminal workhouse, pilgrim's refuge, and Napoleon's far-eastern outpost for his intended jump-off toward Russia.

Excerpts of the manuscript, exactly as translated by a civilian at the rest center, follow:

"There are doubts about its origin. Erhard mentioned it already in the year 737, when Duke Odilo gave it nuns as their lodgings. The Diet also held there meetings. In an ancient letter the big cellar is told to be used as a lodging for poor pilgrims.

Shoot at Oberhaus

"In the year 1367 the civilians of Passau took possession in a war against their bishop of Niederhaus and shot from here with guns at the Oberhaus. In the war between the both bishops Rupert and George the Niederhaus was a refuge for the Chapter.

"Bishop Leonhard was very often in this castle and decorated it princely with arched rooms, halls and precious beds. So tells a letter in 1414. In 1434 the Niederhaus with the western tower was nearly destroyed by fire. Some years later the bishop rebuilt it. His coat of arms is still to be seen on the southern outside.

"About 1435 when this castle was occupied by Canonesses, their convent only belonged to the Nobility, an unhappy nun threw herself down on the northern rock. Today a big cross on this rock marks the scene of this accident.

Place Bombarded

"In 1482 the civilians bombarded the Niederhaus with very big shells, made out of stone, and damaged it very much. But without capturing it.

"Princebishop Josef Maria Count of Thun made a workhouse for criminals out of Niederhouse. In those times the eastern tower had nine floors. In 1809 this tower was pulled down till his present height.

"From 1805 till 1809 Niederhaus was a lunatic asylum, then it was a camp for military prisoners. Before the main entrance there was still 1862 a draw bridge.

"In the year 1890 a professor Wagner bought the castle. He was a very good painter. Still today many pictures remember at him."

Warning Is Issued On Misusing Mails

Military personnel are being cautioned against transmitting through Army Postal channels messages from persons not authorized to use those facilities, especially in the occupied countries where serious security violations may result from this practice.

It has been discovered that in some cases military personnel have transmitted, as their personal communications, letters of civilians whose correspondents have been closely associated with known enemy agents or other persons of counter-intelligence interest. USFET headquarters reports serious consequences may befall personnel found guilty of violating this postal regulation.

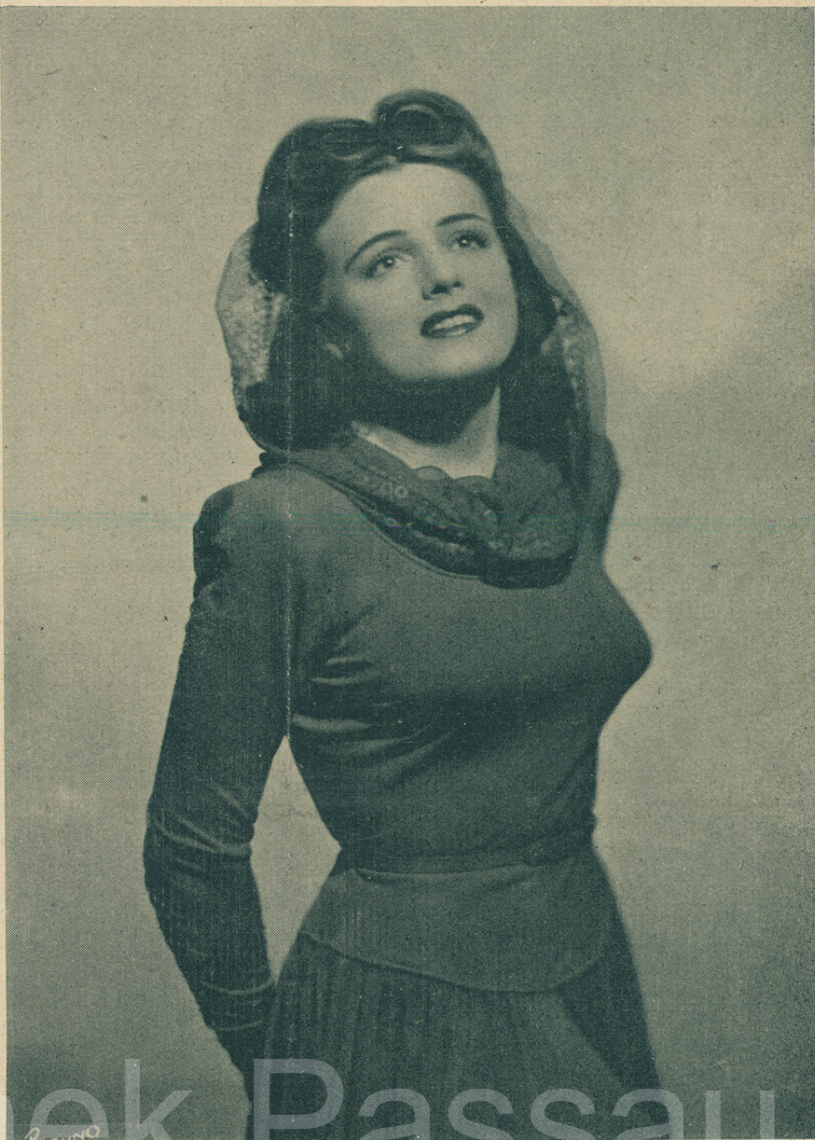
Black Market Drive

A warning against black market activities was issued to division members this week by USFET, which said the problem "Constitutes a distinct menace to the U.S. control of the German economy, promotes inflation and encourages theft and robbery."

GI's are forbidden to sell, barter or exchange for services all PX materials. It is also forbidden to buy civilian rationed goods, such as restaurant meals, food, clothing, textiles, soap and fuel.

USFET stressed the importance of paying no more than legal prices for non-rationed goods, emphasizing that the mark is worth several times as much to the German as to the soldier.

ON THE GRIDIRON



Eugenie Baird

"Markers shall be placed at the four intersections of the goal lines and side lines. Flags with flexible staffs are recommended."

1944 Official Football Rules.

PASTE POT-Pourri

A council of privates meets weekly at the 26th Infantry division to air their gripes in what is described as "the stepping stone between the autocracy of the army and the democracy of civilian life." The regimental commander who sponsors and attends the sessions encourages the doughs to get it off their chests, although not necessarily guaranteeing satisfaction. Each week the colonel visits a gripe-ridden company, clearing up problems which he would never have heard about through channels.

Yes, the rank of private is an honorable one in the 26th, so honorable in fact that Pvt. Jacob Waskelewicz refused to give it up. In recognition of his outstanding work in the Bulge Waskelewicz was made Pfc. This made him very unhappy; he wanted neither the glamour, the responsibilities nor the extra salary. After months of refusing to accept his boosted pay, Waskelewicz was successful in his debucking; a new CO, recognizing the heroic quality of his fight, restored him to stripeless bliss.

Quote from Hitler's dietician, Maria Exner, who's in a PW cage: "Adolph ate beans."

Krauts haven't changed much in 350 years, as evidenced by this ditty dated 1580:

When the Hun has seized the rod
He smites his fellowmen and God;
But when the Hun is poor and down
He's the meekest man in town.

If you want to make the Danube cough up some fish, try Pfc. Harwell R. Spleen's method, with which he swears he caught a monster. His bait was cognac. "Yes sir, I fed a bottle to a T/3 who was fishing with me. He fell in the water and the fish swallowed him whole, fishline."



cognac and all. Then I grabbed his line and hauled the whole mess ashore. Yes sir, some fish!"

Authoress Gertrude Stein claims GIs are worried because "their minds are being deadened. They lack spiritual courage. They lack interest in home politics except locally. They don't believe anything is true. It is kind of a dark picture. They haven't any religion anymore. You don't see any Bibles around like you did after the first war. They worship efficiency and only efficiency. And maybe subconsciously they're puzzled because Germany, which was the most efficient country in Europe, has gone west."

A newly discharged soldier can be expected to spend an average of \$60 for new clothing upon joining the multi parade. That's not the cost of a complete outfit, by any means — just an estimated average on the vet's first clothing purchases.

A befuddled ex-artilleryman warns would-be mufi-donners to be wary of sleeping on guard at home. After being left by his wife to watch the fire and baby while she went to the store, the former GI dozed off. Back came mother to find the stove nearly kaput. "Fire," she called. The ex-art man leaped to the stove, threw the baby in the oven, closed the door, yanked on the damper, and snarled, "On the way!"

The Army has received many inquiries from civilians anxious to sample K-rations and spam. The gourmands are informed that these delicacies are still reserved for servicemen.