



# The 27th Division News



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## 7th Corps Staff Officers Named By Gen. Smith

Seventh Corps staff officers have been announced by the commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Fred-eric H. Smith, a recent visitor at Fort McClellan during a part of the Division training test period.

Lt. Col. John D. Higgins, recently promoted from major and formerly on active duty at Fort McClellan, and Maj. Drayton L. Robinson have been made aides-de-camp on Gen. Smith's personal staff.

Two others who will shortly report for duty are Lt. Col. John R. Embrick, chemical officer, and Lt. Col. Arthur H. Luse, ordnance officer, both of the special staff.

Others who have been assigned have moved to Birmingham and most of their families have established homes there. They include the following:

The general staff includes: Col. J. Lawton Collins, chief of staff; Lt. Col. Thomas H. Heavy, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel; Lt. Col. Andrew R. Reeves, assistant chief of staff in charge of intelligence and public relations; Lt. Col. John H. Hodge, assistant chief of staff in charge of training, and Lt. Col. John E. Hull, assistant chief of staff in charge of transportation and supplies.

The special staff includes the following who have reported: Lt. Col. Joseph J. Teter, adjutant general; Capt. Joseph D. Rosenberger Jr., assistant adjutant; Lt. Col. Carlos L. Reavis, air officer; Lt. Col. Gerald B. Robinson, anti-aircraft officer; Col. Robert F. Hay, artillery officer; Col. Raymond F. Fowler, engineer; Col. David McL. Crawford, signal officer; Col. Lloyd A. Kefauver, surgeon; Lt. Col. Edward L. Treet, chaplain; Lt. Col. Joseph S. Dougherty, inspector general; Maj. Holland S. Abrahams, assistant inspector general, and Lt. Col. Nathaniel L. Simmonds, quartermaster.

## And Do Your Folks Want To See You? Here's A Chance

Soldier, do your folks live near Buffalo?

If they do, and you think they might want to come down to see you, tell them Fred J. Pellien, 84 Westgate Road, Kenmore, N. Y., is the man to see.

Pellien has written to The 27th Division News asking announcement that he will bring a special excursion from Buffalo to Anniston, leaving Buffalo Thursday, Apr. 10, arriving Anniston the following morning, returning leaving Anniston Sunday night and reaching Buffalo Monday night.

Pellien says he will be delighted to give information to any who may inquire.

In his letter he says that his wife, who recently visited their son, of the 106th Infantry, came back home "very much enthused about the camp and also Anniston, and says that the people were very, very kind and courteous at all times there."

In a postscript he added—"We get The 27th Division News and find it very interesting."

## They are NOT Warming the Stove!



What a Sibley stove looks like to those who have often wondered! And getting the benefit of this wood or coal burning stove in a 106th F. A. tent are, left to right:

Pvt. Tommy Reitz (the photographer thinks), Corp. Joseph Cooper, Pfc. George Ruden, Pfc. James Countryman (cleaning equipment) and Benjamin Milley.—Photo by Pvt. Paul Thompson, D Battery, 106th F. A.

## G-2 Section Has Many Duties; Activities Given

Principal function of the G-2 Section is to further the training of the Military Intelligence personnel in the Division and to render every possible kind of assistance to the brigade, regimental and battalion Intelligence units in their work. A brief account of the activities of the Section might suggest to other units ways in which the G-2 Section could be of help to them.

Prior to the recent tests, the Assistant G-2 conducted field classes in panoramic sketching which were attended by about 50 officers and enlisted men from the units of the Division. At the two recent C. P. X's held by the

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## Mar. 31 Is Deadline Set For Completing Work At McClellan

Deadline for completion of work by contractor and engineer-architect firms on the cantonment at Fort McClellan has been set for Mar. 31, Maj. William H. Bell Jr., construction quartermaster announced on his return from Washington this week.

Only portions of the \$8,100,000 job remaining incomplete now are the sewage disposal plant, the cold storage plant and road paving. WPA will likely make up a project for paving roads, Maj. Bell indicated.

Work at Reilly Field has been held up until Washington authorities decide definitely what improvements will be made on run-ways and until the hanger location is selected, but materials have already been purchased for the hanger.

While in Washington, Maj. Bell learned that he will likely be transferred to St. Louis, Mo., for duty in a small munitions plant. Construction quartermaster work it was understood, will then be under supervision of Capt. Thomas H. Doyle.

## MARCHING WITH THE "WEARING OF THE GREEN"

There's a flower of tradition in the history of New York, And it comes to bloom on March the Seventeenth. Yes, the boys from Tipperary And from Galway, and from Cork Take the city with—"The Wearing of the Green."

There'll be mothers, sons and daughters Lined along Fifth Avenue, As they proudly watch a father with a gleam Of Irish martyr spirit In his eyes, as he parades In the glory of "The Wearing of the Green."

But alas, there's something missing. And the tears begin to flow, Through the happy throng comes sadness—for the scene Seems to lack the Irish laughter Of the "Fighting Sixty-Ninth," Proudly stepping with—"The Wearing of the Green."

Yes, the good old "Fighting Irish" Are a thousand miles away, With their flags and banners flying—Still it seems That each Irish soldier's spirit Stands uncovered for Saint Pat, Paying homage to "The Wearing of the Green."

Sure the Pats and Mikes of Ireland Will be always in New York, And the SIXTY-NINTH (though miles may stretch between) Will be in New York in spirit, Proudly showing all the world That their hearts are with "The Wearing of the Cross." Pvt. Dennis Connolly Service Company 165 Inf. (Old 69th)

## ENTERTAIN FOR P.-T. A.

Entertainment was provided by men of the 27th Division at a benefit sponsored by the Parents-Teachers Association of Alexander Community School for the purpose of purchasing steel folding chairs for the school auditorium. The benefit was held in the school auditorium at 7 p. m., Friday, Mar. 7.

## 104th Accepts Challenge Issued By 108th Band

Mr. Wallace A. Maciejewski Band Leader 108th Infantry, 27th Division Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Dear Friend:

In the last issue of The 27th Division News, I noticed your challenge, hurled at the dance bands in the Division, and while I have no doubt at all that you have an excellent band, knowing you as I do, yet we have a dance band that is pretty good ourselves.

Therefore, my dear friend, in the spirit of justice and with the idea always in mind of stimulating the interests in our bands, we accept your challenge to a battle of swing, as you might say.

The choice of the arena, time, weapons, etc., I will leave to you and our technical sergeant, Philip Vondersmith, who handles the dance band.

But when the time comes in spite of the fact that the Division calls me inactive, you will find me quite contrary to such ruling

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## Invitation To Use Library Brings Book From Brooklyn Man

From Brooklyn this week came a book donation to the Anniston Carnegie Library titled "Uncle Sam in the Eyes of His Family," by John Erskine.

A. C. Hall, a New York subscriber to your division paper who has shown much interest in The News since he learned about it several weeks ago, is the donor.

Hall read the letter from Miss Mildred Goodrich, librarian, inviting officers and men of Fort McClellan to use facilities of the Anniston library and decided to make a contribution.

He also sent a post card picture of the New York Public Library, 5th Ave. and 42nd St., which made one soldier most homesick, Miss Goodrich says.

## Division Moves To New Training Period Monday

With the objective of preparing to take the field, ready to function as an effective combat team and for subsequent corps and army training with its trainees fully assimilated, the 27th Division moves ahead, beginning next Monday, into a new combined training program which is scheduled to last through June 28.

The period will be devoted to progressive combined training

## FLASH!

Arthur Ramsey, heavy-weight, won his first fight Monday night in the Golden Glove Tournament being held in New York. Ramsey, 105th Infantry, defeated Ted Abreu, Virginia.

and additional-unit training, the primary purpose being to develop inter-unit teamwork. There are seven phases to the program.

First three weeks of the combined training period, Mar. 17 through Apr. 5, will take up regimental combat team training. The second phase, lasting one week, is reserved by the Division for battalion and regimental unit training, review of R. C. T. training and the first Division review.

## Unit Work For Selectees

The next week, Apr. 14-19 selectees get unit training. For two weeks following this there will be regimental combat team training.

After this period in regimental training the fifth phase of the combined program, lasting three weeks, will involve brigade combat team training.

Final periods in the training program will be devoted to division training, with a second review during the last of the period for combined training.

## Genral To Direct

Maj. Gen. Haskell, commanding the 27th Division, is to prepare and direct the brigade combat team series of exercises.

During the period of combined training 40 hours of actual instruction a week are required, and night hours of actual training (not merely bivouacs) will be equivalent to the same number of day hours.

Individuals excused from drill will be kept at a minimum and drills will not be held on Wednesday afternoons except in cases where it is impracticable to omit instruction on Wednesday afternoon and at the same time provide for the most economical adjustment of available hours for field exercises.

## Officers From 27th Go To Fort Benning

Almost a hundred officers from the 27th Division visited Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., last Thursday as observers of a battalion attack demonstration in which battalions of the 29th Infantry, now at Fort Benning, participated.

An artillery combat team took part in the demonstration, highlighted by smoke screens and actual range firing as part of the attack.

Twenty-Seventh Division officers left here Thursday morning in about 30 cars. After the demonstration they were invited to a special officers mess, and returned to Fort McClellan the same night.

CORRESPONDENT  
ST. SGT. EDWARD DONNELLY

# 105th Infantry News

TURN IN NEWS TO YOUR  
CORRESPONDENT

## Company F Men Have Complaint And Question

A representative group of the boys in Company F have, first, a complaint, and second, a question which, they feel, will receive better attention aired in The 27th Division News than held back within themselves.

The complaint concerns the Canteen, the only place in which they could buy the necessities of life during their first few weeks here. They contend, and offer proof, that the canteen is far too high priced for its location. Why should they pay 10 cents for one bar of soap, 40 cents for attractive writing paper, 50 cents to have a pair of pants shortened and 15 cents for one can of beer? They are just asking.

Also, they wonder why the Canteen, established to serve the soldiers, so they say, doesn't sell stamps. After all, they buy their writing paper, post cards, ink, etc., there. And what use are these things without stamps? They know that stamps could not be sold for a profit, but feel that the Canteen could render this one service without recompense.

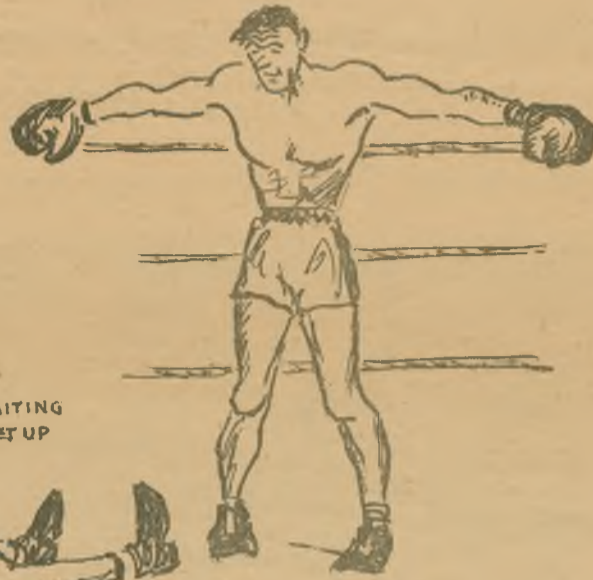
The question pertains to the post office: How can a soldier, who is finished with Retreat at 5:35, possibly ever mail a registered letter or attend to any business that demands his attention at the post office, when it takes him at least half hour to reach the office, which closes at 6 p. m.? There is but one answer, and that is against the soldier's business transaction

The Company Clerks of this regiment, surely went to town last week when they brought their service records up to date. Sgt. O'Brien of L Company even admits he never worked so hard. Must be he had done a great deal of bunk fatigue up to last week.

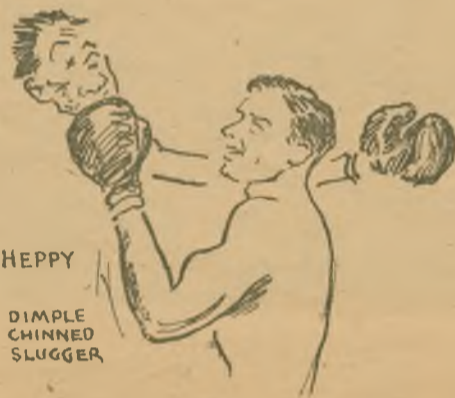
Corp. John Wood has just found out that a car will not run 20 miles without oil. He proved this fact the other day on his own car, and when the motor stopped, commented to Pvt. Joe Mattison, "I guess you were right."



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IN THE CLINCHES  
BUT AFTER - OH!

## Personals

"So ya know how to play ball in Brooklyn," said Sgt. Turk, leader of the Company F Cadre softball team, after it administered a 13 to 1 licking to the once-bragging Trainees "So look at all the fun we had," was the only answer by Pvt. Joe Reilly, who issued the challenge in behalf of the oppressed Trainees who were looking for means of revenge on the driving non-coms.

P. S. One Trainee offered a challenge in basketball immediately following the game as a means of diverting the heavy verbal barrage of the non-coms, but withdrew it when he discovered that the bosses had a team averaging well over six feet to defend their name on the boards.

Inside on the non-coms: Sgt. Ray Levesque has a name as the owner of a line in writing guaranteed to sway any and all fairer sex. It is the line that brought him a girl through the mails, so they say. . . Said line is so good that other Cadre members press Sgt. Ray's clothes in return for letters to their girls.

Weekly report: The third installment in the life of the Commodore details his adventure during his most recent two days in the field. . . His first recent meeting with a "To the Rear" command brought him face to face with five charging buddies. . . When, toward the end of the second day, he did execute a command properly ("route step" was the command), the Lieutenant in charge halted the Company and personally congratulated him.

The Quartermaster Corps sent megaphones to all the First Sergeants in the 105th last week, but left out Company F, figuring, according to a report, that they had, instead, Sgt. Birg. Bradt.

Pfc. Charles Baignosche left Saturday for the cook's training school at Fort Shelby, Miss. He will join Pfc. Frank Battaglia, who left for the same place about four weeks ago.

Men of Company F gave a fine

example of a "friend in need" only last week, when they voluntarily contributed \$42.32 to send Pvt. Joe LCurto home to attend the funeral of his father. Pvt. LCurto was grateful, and his fellow soldiers are ever so glad that they could do their small part in aiding a friend in such a distressing moment.

Moving a bit toward the humorous side is another account in the travels of Commodore Shelby, first assistant to the ebony Supply Sergeant to be known in this incident as the Saluting Demon. . . It seems that he was the only one home at the supply tent when the big inspection of last week took place. . . As the inspecting officer caught him alone and by surprise, he gave a hasty salute. . . The officer looked a bit puzzled, called him Sergeant, and asked him to salute again. . . He did, but was asked to repeat

the performance. After the third time, the officer proffered a few questions to find how long Commodore Shelby had been in the army, for, in his haste and because of his apparent lack of height, he brought his saluting hand far over the brim of his campaign hat. . . which explains why Shelby prefers to salute with his left hand.

Laughter was prominent in the lower ranks during the week as members of the Cadre were forced to the rear of the mess line to eat with their squads and platoons. . . It was a hard walk for the Non-Coms.

Pvt. Joe Reilly, the Maspeth Terror, issued a bold challenge in behalf of the Trainees and against the Cadre during the week. . . The met in a do-or-die softball game on Sunday. . . Corp. John De Blasia fought in Bir-

mingham Thursday night. . . Pvt. John Wolters has a new nick name because he bragged that he used to "Shoot the Shickens" back on his chicken farm.

Pvt. Ed Morini won the dance-with-the-girl contest Tuesday night in the Recreation Hall. His Jitterbugging did it. . . He's still waiting for the prize of a carton of cigarettes. . . Sgt. Joe Korowajczyk has acquired the title "Black Book Joe," because of his consistency in listing names for everything. . . Pvt. Sam Schulman's girl is probably the most widely publiced girl friends in the Company. . . You see, he tells everyone about her.

Acting 1st Sgt. Arthur Bradt put in a request for a Rifle with a butt shorter by at least six inches. . . Pvt. (Shorty) Viviano just can't reach the trigger. . . On the firing line the other day, he spent half an hour getting into one position, only to hear the bugle call for mess. . . He gave up after that. . . This Shorty, incidentally, has a system supreme for his spare time: he listens when the packages are distributed, and then visits the tent which received most packages.

The "yardbirds" of Company K are wondering why they add "Subject to Change" on the Companies' daily menus? Well, boys, or rather "yardbirds," it speaks for itself does it not?

Sgt. Brayton and Artificer Gray have taken over the duties of former Laundry Sgt. Sollohub.

Pvt. Peter Morgan of Service Company has been spending quite a lot of time in his tent lately. Pvt. Amos Robinson discovered that "Pete" has a new play toy to amuse himself with.

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# 102nd Medical News

CORRESPONDENT:  
PFC. WILLIAM EVANS

## Medic N. C. O. Club Has Weekly Bingo Party

The N. C. O. Club held its weekly Bingo party Friday night, Feb. 28, which proved to be quite a social success.

Among the prize winners were: Sgt. Cencora, Company C, case of beer; Sgt. Eich, Headquarters and Service Company, 2 cartons of cigarettes; Sgt. Stewart, Headquarters and Service Company, cigarette lighter and \$2.75 in cash; Sgt. Capalino, Company C, tea apron. The last mentioned was the super, super special prize of the evening and Sgt. Capalino intends to put it to good use in his mess hall.

Following is a list of members of the 1st three grades representing this Regiment at the N. C. O. Club:

Mr. Sgt. Oliver, Mr. Sgt. Harte, Mr. Sgt. Donnelly, all of Headquarters and Service Company; Tech. Sgt. Petrini, Company B; Tech. Sgt. Languirand, Company I.

Tech. Sgt. Daly, Tech. Sgt. Eich, Tech. Sgt. Fagan, all of Headquarters and Service Company; Tech. Sgt. Bermingham, Regimental Band; Tech. Sgt. Cencora, Company C; St. Sgt. Vaccaro, Company B; St. Sgt. Ginas, Company F.

St. Sgt. Moorhead, Company F; St. Sgt. Stewart, Headquarters and Service Company; St. Sgt. Dutcher, Regimental Band; St. Regimental Band; St. Sgt. Chap-

man, Company I, and St. Sgt. Mays, Headquarters 1st Battalion.

How about the other enlisted men of the first three grades who are not members of the N. C. O. Club? Let's carry on the traditions of this Regiment—100 per cent membership. For information in regards to membership please see Mr. Sgt. Oliver of Headquarters and Service Company.

!! LET'S GO !!

## Around Medical Center

Sgt. Walter Cencora, top kick of Company C, makes an unusual appearance each day around 11 a. m. when he enters the Administration Building with two blue barrack bags slung over his shoulder. The purpose of the two bags is to carry the mail back to the street.

We stopped the Sergeant as he was leaving the building loaded down with packages, bundles, letters and impedimenta. He told us that it isn't his usual practice to perform manual labor since he is being paid for his great mental power instead of physical efforts.

He confided that he expected one of the packages to contain some liquid refreshment and he wants to be on hand when the recipient opens the package and the contents.

Sergeant, there's a method to your madness...

Who was that certain Sergeant who donned a tea apron which he just won at the Bingo Party held at the N. C. O. Club last Friday night? The apron was presented to Annie, the future Mrs. Fagan.

The non-coms had a little party of their own after the Bingo party last Friday night in the Headquarters and Service Company latrine. Beer was served with the compliments of Sgt. Cencora and cigarettes with the compliments of Sgt. Eich. Both were quite lucky at the party, evidently.

What has happened to the Service Company lately? Understand they are trying to make soldiers out of them. One can see them every morning doing calisthenics and once a week marching with full packs.

Company D is going to lose their "Top Kick" Tech. Sgt. Charles Frey around Mar. 10, at which time his present enlistment will expire. Sgt. Frey is leaving for his home in Rochester, N. Y. It is with deepest sadness his company loses him although they have known him but a short time.

Don't forget, all you Non-Commissioned Officers, the dead-line for income taxes is Mar. 15. Just because you're in the Army doesn't excuse you from paying your taxes to the Government. Remember, it still costs money to run the Government.

## Father And Brother Of Medic Private Killed In Europe

With deepest regrets we are sorry to hear that the father and brother of Pvt. Peter Styczyszyn (Company C) were killed in action in the war now being waged somewhere in Europe. Pvt. Styczyszyn's father and brother are natives of Poland and were fighting in defense of their country.

The entire Company, 104 strong, turned out to attend Mass held by Father Byrne on Monday, Mar. 3, in memory of these two brave soldiers who died so valiantly on the field of honor.

## Slogan Adopted By Company F Of The Medics

Company F has adopted a slogan. It is "Where Logic Resigns Supreme." To become a member of their secret society one must have the qualifications:

A soldier must be able to kindle a fire, peel and wash potatoes, repeat the multiplication table and at least two thirds of the shorter catechism. Every member shall on short notice be ready to march 10 miles with full pack and soleless slippers, perform kitchen police with a willing smile.

A member is excused from the above duties only if an earthquake or some other calamity prevents the completion of said duties. And, of course, no soldier is expected to have a woman acquaintance unless they are returned missionaries or agents of benevolent societies.

Advice is available on all problems at the nominal cost of one can of Bruces orange juice. All problems are to be reported to Sgt. Conroy (Supreme Logicist), Corp. D' Amico (1st Advisor) or Pvt. Slutsky, alias Mr. Anthony (Humanist.)

Come on all you lovelorn, goldbricks and gripers, how about giving the boys some business? Also you will get a lot of things off your mind that have been bothering you since you have been down here.

## Medical Units Are Inspected By 2nd Army Commander

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, the Headquarters and Service Company, Regimental Band and the 1st Battalion were inspected by Lt. Gen. Lear, Commanding 2nd Army, to find out how well the troops have developed after the first 13-week period of training recently completed.

At 7:45 the men marched to the CMTC parade grounds and there gave a demonstration of "mass Calisthenics." After the exercise the group marched to the old Quartermaster Area, where they set up their "pup" tents and displayed personal articles for inspection.

During the inspection questions vital to correct functioning of each man's work were asked.

The order was then given to roll packs and the men marched back to their respective company streets to be dismissed.

In subsequent exercises the 2nd and 3rd Battalions underwent similar inspections.

## Daughter Born To Sgt. Mrs. Boltwood

In a recent issue of the "Rochester Democrat News" an article

and photo appeared in regards to the birth of a daughter to Sgt. and Mrs. Boltwood (Company A).

As yet Sgt. Boltwood hasn't seen his daughter but expects to be home on furlough around Easter at which time he will see his daughter for the first time. The photo shows Mrs. Boltwood pointing out to her daughter the proud daddy in a group photo taken of the Company before induction.

## A STAY AT THE POST HOSPITAL

By Sgt. J. Di Quinzio  
Pvt. Thomas Shea

Here I lie in my bed of white  
Moaning and groaning throughout the night,  
Beating my chest in pain severe,  
Occasionally shedding a lonely tear.  
I scream for a nurse but I scream in vain,  
For she's out with the major of an Artillery train.  
I yell for the doctor but he doesn't come,  
He's down in the cellar with a keg of rum.  
Oh! I may die but I'll never give up,  
I'll scream till they bring me a clean sputum cup;  
Still I'd rather be here with all it may lack,  
Than pounding the road with a 50-pound pack.

## Celebration Of Army Day Set For Apr. 7

The date of the Army Day celebration has been changed from Apr. 6 to Apr. 7, according to announcement made by the War Department. The change was made in order to have Army Day fall on a week day, thus permitting enlisted men to have the usual Sunday free.

The Secretary of War has urged that unit commanders use the day to promote a sympathetic understanding on the part of the public of what the Army is doing in its training program. Recommended were reviews, open house celebrations, ground exhibits and other features designed to acquaint the public with what is going on in the camps.

Carefully selected enlisted men will be honored in some units by being designated to act as honorary guides for visitors to the camp.

## New Commanding Officer Named For Medical Company

Headquarters and Service Company has a new Commanding Officer replacing Capt. Fred E. Hadermann, who has been transferred to the Finance Department, Headquarters, 27th Division, as Assistant Finance Officer. The C. O. is 1st Lt. Patrick H. Hoey, formerly assigned to Company H.

We are all sorry to lose Capt. Hadermann to the Finance Office where we know he will be well liked, and glad to have such a fine Officer as Lt. Hoey to replace him.

Also 1st Lt. William R. Duryee, formerly with Company G, has been appointed as Regimental Transportation Officer.

Congratulations and best wishes to these Officers on their new assignments.

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# 104th Field Artillery News

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## Trainees Like Their First Bit Of Army Life

Upon their completion of a month of basic training it was considered an excellent idea to interview the Selectees of the 104th F. A. to get their reaction to the transition from civilian to military life and discipline.

Knowing full well that the 104th had obtained, in addition to those who were inducted Oct. 15, a highly intelligent group of soldiers, it was assumed that interesting and amiable answer would be forthcoming.

Tent No. 14 in the 1st Battalion Training Battery has among its occupants Pvt. William C. Dunlap of Lake Placid, N. Y., who, while in civilian life, was a part owner and pilot of two seaplanes catering to hunting and fishing parties that wish to penetrate deep into the Adirondacks in pursuance of their sport.

### Quite A Change

Bill conceded that it is quite a

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change from his former mode of living, but a necessary procedure in this day and age. "I'd feel more at ease in the air corps though as I am exceedingly familiar with Aviation," quoted the air-minded Private.

In the same Battery, Pvt. Donald E. Parisian of Pottsdam, N. Y., graduate of Pottsdam State Teachers College, was a theatre doorman before arriving in camp. Don considers himself quite fortunate in being assigned to an artillery unit.

"It's the most interesting and absorbing branch of the service. My one peeve, however, is, why can't we leave our wet towels out to dry in the morning?"

### A Year Of Study

Also of the same battery is Pvt. Edward Taylor, a lawyer for seven years, practicing in New York. A general practitioner, his practice was quite active before he arrived here. With a twinkle in his legal eye, he stated that this one year of military service should be quite interesting, from the standpoint that a study of human nature is important in his profession and a grasp of it would be obtained while in the service. His peeve was "Why do they have to cremate the meat?"

Pvt. John Vachy, a former manager of the estate of A. D. Rothman, of Rhineback, N. Y., a well-built and healthy appearing individual is proud of the fact of his doing a "hitch" in the service of his country. An inhabitant of the farmlands most of his life, he believes, and we're inclined to agree, that he is the only soldier in camp who doesn't mind that very early hour we arise in the morning. John is usually washed and shaved before the whistle blows. His comment on Army life was simply, "I wish I were a cook."

All were of the unanimous opinion that they were quite fortunate in their assignment to Fort McClellan in the balmy South.

## Semper Paratus On Parade

Sgt. L. B. White of regimental Headquarters very quaintly refers to the men in his battery as "MY CHICKENS". Next thing you know he'll want them to lay some eggs . . . Lt. Col. Yarwood left for New York by plane last Sunday. "Hurry back, Father," say the boys . . . Maj. Kay, the traveling Major, also left for New York. He is accompanying the 27th Division boxing team.

Luck Seven, Regimental Mascot and Sgt. J. Carson gave us our first inkling that spring is in the air. Sgt. Carson, covered with suds, could be observed last Sunday, with the fragrant and ambrosial odor or soap and powder surrounding him, giving Lucky her FIRST bath.

Overheard what Lieutenant and Captain are know as the "long and short" of what Staff? . . . Many happy returns to Corp. R. Manaco and Pfc. H. Hansen . . . A speedy recovery to Lt. C. J. LeLancey.

Pvt. A. Nunn is passing the time composing lyrics for the girl back home. It wouldn't surprise us any if Al's lyrics are commercialized some day. We are of the unanimous opinion that our Band could very well meet the requirement set forth in the challenge of the 108th Infantry, Band, why not taker them up on it fellows?

If any of you boys matriculated in Jamaica Vocational High it should be of some interest for you to know that J. Kiebler of the band composed the Alma Mater song. Horseshoe throwing is the favorite pastime in the band.

The boys in the Medics extend their sincerest sympathies to St. Sgt. Frank Hohle in his late bereavement . . . The Medics have decided to start a collection for Pvt. Pete Erikson's girl friend.

## New Infantry Chief



U. S. Army Signal Corps  
Gen. Courtney H. Hodges (above), commandant of the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., will become the U. S. Army's new chief of infantry when the four-year term of Major Gen. George A. Lynch expires this May, according to official Washington sources.

She refused Pete a date because she has no shoes to wear! Go see supply Sgt. Tarr, Pete . . . Luck and an auspicious transition is extended to Pfc. Pete Shneider on his return to the civilian mode of living . . . It seems that regimental Headquarters mess shack specially is "nutty" coffee, it's weak in the bean, according to the Medics.

1st Sgt. Shirley of A Battery had a rather hectic and tumultuous time last Thursday. The day began for the Sergeant in a serene and peaceful manner. Things were working out quite well in the battery and it was the sort of day that made a person feel as if the Easter Furloughs would go into effect. Sgt. Shirley, preparing for the overnight bivouac, which was on order for the even, was quite contentedly, in his expert fashion, rolling his pack. Very much absorbed in his task, he put his cigarette down, then completing the pack he sent it to the gun park to be placed on the truck.

"What did I do with the cigarette I was smoking," ejaculated Sgt. Shirley in a loud and resounding voice? "Did anyone see it around?" Answers in the negative were received from those present in the tent, the lost cigarette was nowhere to be found. The hunt started, first the bed was searched through, mattress was overturned, the foot locker which was opened at the time was inspected for traces of burning undershirts. Suddenly out of the clear sky the thought entered the Sergeant's mind that it might possibly be smoldering in the pack he had completed rolling only a few minutes before.

Clerk Corp. Bill Maher was dispatched to the gun park to retrieve the pack. Upon returning, the pack was unrolled but no "butt" was found. Another search was abandoned. Sgt. Shirley walked away dubiously wondering whether he did light a cigarette or not . . . If appearances confer any meaning, "bunk fatigue" is not the favorite sport in B battery. Simultaneously on

## 104th F. A. Softball Team Defeats 105th

Spring is in the air! but definitely. This was obvious last Sunday with the abundance of softball games played within the regimental area. Among the interesting and thrilling games was the contest between the 104th and 105th F. A.

The 105th team, out in front for the first seven innings, suffered a serious setback in the last of the seventh when Headquarters Battery, as if injected with the new life, overcame its handicap to trail by one run. The Frank Merriwell finish occurred in the last of the ninth when, with two out and one man on, Frank LaClair, deciding it was "now or never," spaced his feet, squared his shoulders, took a firm grip on the bat and swung at the next pitched ball.

Lo and behold the occurrence which we awaited with high hopes happened. Yep, it was a clean home run, bringing home Pvt. A. Nunn to make things even and Frank following behind cross the plate with the winning run.

that day there were being played a baseball game, volley ball game, football game and the new vogue . . . fencing.

The girls back in Syracuse will soon bid farewell to their lonesome evenings . . . Corps. Bernard Parsons and Raymond Hepfner, Pfc. Michael DeYelio, Arthur Couse, Herbert Hinkley, Frank Adler and Pvt. James Cullar's enlistment periods soon terminate. Many evenings will be filled with tales of the South as their topic of conversation.

The regiment certainly would be fortunate if those boys from the training battery can drill tantamount to the dancing exhibition they gave at the Recreation Hall last Monday night. "Right up their alley" was the Peabody, Lindy, La Conga and Waltz. The artists are Anthony Ciro Thomas Giordano and Mike Caruso. Pvts. all, from 2nd Battalion Training Battery.

Annual inspection of Fort McClellan will be next Monday, Mar. 17, instead of Mar. 11. There will be no change as to the dates all funds will be closed out.

## New Promotions Make 104th F. A. Soldiers Happy

The boys were wondering and awaiting with anxiety the new promotions to come through. Now that the order has arrived the Privates become Corporals and Corporals will obtain that stripe which means six extra and precious dollars a month.

The following men of the 104th will, or most assuredly have, taken the pen in hand and informed the folks at home of the exceedingly good fortune that has come their way.

### A Battery

Corporal to Sergeant: T. V. O'Conner, E. A. Model, F. B. Suboski. Private First Class to Corporal: R. C. Berry, M. P. Deter, R. F. Hepfner, R. F. Johns, R. S. Sehnurr, R. S. Younglove.

### B Battery

Corporal to Sergeant: N. D. Dickey, S. Marshall. Privates First Class to Corporal: P. S. Howard, L. A. Ficrelli, D. A. Dellurfeico.

### C Battery

Corporal to Sergeant: H. L. Hall, C. H. Harrison. Privates First Class to Corporal: L. G. Dugo, M. C. Miller, C. F. Webster.

### E Battery

Private to Corporal: W. R. Eurich, H. G. Maser, J. B. Verbil.

1st Battalion Headquarters  
Corporal P. L. Ceremeli to Sergeant.

2nd Battalion Headquarters  
Corporal Henry B. Klauser to 1st Sergeant.

### Band

Sgt. W. P. Murphy to Staff Sergeant, Corp. P. E. Mayer to Sergeant and Pvt. C. J. Wetterau to Corporals

### NON-COMS' CLUB PARTY

On Saturday, Mar. 8, the third dinner and dance was held by the Non-Coms' Club of A Battery. This club has a total membership of 24 non-coms and three honorary members who meet the first Saturday following pay-day of each month and travel to Birmingham to have a "heck of a swell time" as they emphatically put it.

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## Noted Art Critic Here Glances At New Service Club Paintings

(Reprinted from The Anniston Star)  
 By GERTRUDE L. SALTZMAN  
 Patron of the Arts is, to the best of my knowledge, a new function of federal government. The fine arts found their first sponsors in the Church, of course, later in the wealthy nobility, and finally in the Big Business Man. With the coming of the depression even high finance withdrew its support and the beginnings of a national artistic flowering appeared to be dying on the vine for lack of nourishment.

At this point a man with great vision, Edward Bruce, placed his dream of the government as patron of our artistic development before President Roosevelt and found sympathy and encouragement. After much stress the P. W. A. P. was born and eventually blossomed into the P. W. A. and the mural division under the guidance of Edward Rowan in the section of Fine Arts of the Treasury Department. These two agencies between them have stimulated American art in an unprecedented manner and tided the artist over a period when private patronage was virtually non-existent.

### Decoration Of Public Buildings

Part of the program envisaged by Mr. Bruce includes the decorations of government buildings with publicly owned works of art, and as a result we now have an interesting exhibit on view at the Service Club at Fort McClellan, including oils, water colors and black and whites. There are even some examples of the new silk screen process which gives promise of bringing the work of good artists within the price range of the general public.

Above the door as you enter the Service Club hang three oils of the illustrative or narrative type, all rich in color and very suitable for the large space they are required to fill. Between the windows hangs a series of black and whites—mostly lithographs—including the work of such well known artists as Minetta Good. Her "Summer Lunch" is particularly appealing with its delicately balanced composition and effective use of areas of black and white. Bendon Campbell has contributed two attractive genre scenes and one skillfully composed bit of New York life called "Subway Construction."

Having long deplored the tendency to morbidity and the complete lack of humor in art I was delighted with Mabel Dwight's "Museum Guard," reminiscent of Peggy Bacon in its satire of the bored attendant yawning while two visitors study a baroque overhung with angels who are leering slightly.

On the balcony there are water colors and gouaches and two oils. "Quarry Power House" by Moses Oley is well painted with nice large areas of clear color and a suggestion of Cezannes influence—which after all is so far reaching that it has penetrated to the furthestmost corners of the modern school—so that is in no sense a criticism.

### Great Variety In Watercolors

The watercolors show great variety, from the tight, stilted, conscious imitation of the primitive in Ferdinand Lo Pinto's houses to Hecht's easy, flowing use of wash in a street scene. Victor Laredo's "Spring" is reminiscent of the impressionists and Gott-

leib in "Power House," done by the silk screen process, achieves the effect of a Japanese print with his highly conventionalized forms of smoke and flame.

The constant necessity for drawing comparisons is rather disturbing for it shows that much contemporary art is derivative but in time these influences will be absorbed and by the sifting process the real leaders of the new movement will emerge.

For anyone who has watched the development of the government art project since its infancy this latest evidence of its achievements is interesting from several points of view. Firstly there is a generally lighter tone to the work and more diversity, both of subject and medium. Social consciousness no longer dominates the scene and landscape and genre subjects are becoming popular. This is not great art but much of it is fresh and original and if it is a fair sample of what our artists are doing under government sponsorship the program has justified its existence in helping to construct a solid foundation of American tradition in art.

## 104th Accepts

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 and very much active, as you will also find our band all working toward, if possible, giving your outfit a whale of a whopping as they say in the sunny South.

When all is said and done we have a great deal of respect for our musician friends of the 108th Infantry Band and won't take it any other way than in style if the results should go against us. Come up and see me some time.

William Lourrier, Band Leader, 104th Field Artillery, 27th Division, Fort McClellan, Ala.

## G-2 Section Has

(Continued from Page 1)  
 Division in the field, the Assistant G-2 gave a talk to the Headquarters Company on the proper use of camouflage, and has since been assisting the regimental S-2s on camouflage training. He also gave an illustrated lecture to all the recently-commissioned officers in the 53rd Infantry Brigade on "Map and Aerial Photograph Reading and Methods of Instruction."

G-2 recently gave a talk to the Intelligence personnel of the 105th Infantry on the kind of work they would be called upon to do in combat, emphasizing its importance to their own units and to the Division as a whole.

The Section has carried on a series of tactical walks in the new maneuver area, making a thorough reconnaissance of its roads and key terrain features. They have also worked on the construction of topographical maps from their field notes.

G-2 Section during the last few days has been honored by visits from Lt. Col. Robert B. McBride Jr., G-2, Second Army; Lt. Col. A. R. Reeves, G-2, VII Corps, and Lt. Col. Ross Diehl, G-2, 35th Division. All these officers devoted considerable time to examination of the work and records of the G-2 Section of the 27th Division. Lt. Col. Diehl also observed the installation and operation of an observation post by the 165th Infantry and commended

## Society News

### Mrs. Bastine Entertains For House Guest

Mrs. Wilfred Bastine entertained at a delightful luncheon and bridge party at the Officers' Club at Fort McClellan Friday at 1 o'clock in honor of Mrs. Mildred Haight, New York, house guest of Maj. and Mrs. Bastine of Leighton Ave.

Luncheon was served at 1:30 with two tables of bridge and one of games being played at the conclusion of the lunch. Attractive prizes were awarded to those having high score and also to the honor guest.

Among those present at the party were: Mrs. Joseph McDonough, Mrs. William Wakefield, Mrs. Robert Clark, Mrs. William Crum, Mrs. Robert V. Dunn, Mrs. Wilfred Bastine, Mrs. Mildred Haight, Mrs. Stebbins Hipple, Mrs. W. A. Gholson, Mrs. Robert Bailey and Mrs. Joseph Brown.

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### Visiting In Natchez

Mrs. Gerard J. Brinkman and daughter, Barbara, and Mrs. John Kersch are spending the week visiting at Natchez, Miss., and other Southern historical points of interest. Lt. Brinkman and Lt. Kersch are members of the 105th Field Artillery stationed at Fort McClellan.

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### 102nd Quartermaster To Entertain With Regimental Dance Saturday

Members of the 102nd Quartermaster Regiment will entertain with a dance at the Post Gymnasium Saturday evening, Mar. 15, from 8 until 11:30 o'clock. Miss Sybil Creen, official hostess, will preside at the dance.

Sponsors for the evening will include the following Annistonians: Mrs. A. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Howard Cater, Mrs. J. R. Godwin, Mrs. Marie C. Strong, Mrs. George Leyden and Miss Lelia Carrington.

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### 165th Infantry Officers And Wives To Entertain At St. Patrick's Party

Officers of the 165th Infantry and their wives will entertain with a buffet supper and dance at the American Legion Clubhouse in Rocky Hollow Road Saturday evening, Mar. 15, at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Joseph Hart, Mrs. Louise Doan and Lt. Edward Strong are on the committee in charge of arrangements for the entertainment, which will be in keeping with the history and customs of the historic "Fighting 69th," now the 165th Infantry of the 27th Division.

About 200 guests are expected to attend the party which will be limited to officers of the 165th and their wives.

The regimental orchestra will furnish the music for the evening's entertainment.

### HUMOR OF THE WEEK

An old colored preacher who was baptizing members of his flock by immersion noticed one man who seemed to hold back. "Is you been baptised, brother?" he asked.

"Yes, I se been baptised."

"An' who baptised you?"

"Why, de Episcopal done baptised me."

"Why brother," exclaimed he preacher, "that wasn't no baptizm—dat was just dry cleanin'."

### REALLY

"What are you doing walking around outside the Waldorf-Astoria?"

"I live there."

"Where?"

Why, outside the Waldorf-Astoria."

the work highly.

On the lighter side, the G-2 bowling team consisting of Mr. Sgt. Neumann, Sgt. Charles Lee and Pvts. William Pfeiffer and Donald Foster, are now leading the Division Headquarters Bowling League with 11 victories to one defeat.

## 27th Division Stage News

### BY WALLACE ROONEY, DIRECTOR

With the magnificent support of Wally Mojeska's 108TH INFANTRY ORCHESTRA, actors of that regiment presented a variety show on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, in the regimental recreation hall.

The bill included: "Alibi," a black-out skit featuring Pvts. Bill Stone and Bern O'Horo; Pvt. Max Sittenfield, violinist; Pvt. Tom Palarine, juggler; Pvts. Bern O'Horo, Max Sittenfield, Wilfred Boshaine, Bob Alan and Sergeant John Hannon were featured in a one-act play, "The Still Alarm."

MINSTREL SHOW... B Battery of the 105TH FIELD ARTILLERY is rehearsing a minstrel show under the direction of Sgt. Siegenger. It will be presented late in March... ONE ACT PLAYS... Lt. Kennedy, Recreation Officer of the 105TH INFANTRY, reports that he is assembling casts for three one-act plays to be presented by his regiment. The plays are "The Game of Chess," "No Curtain Calls" and "Moonshine."

The 102ND MEDICS are rehearsing two one-act plays under the direction of Pvts. Jess Thomassen and Harold Wolfurt

....Three one-act plays will shortly be placed in rehearsal by the 102ND ENGINEERS. They are already busy on their regimental show which comes off Mar. 19 in the Tent Theatre.

MORE NEWS ON THE 108TH... Three one-act plays have been cast and rehearsals will start immediately. Among the principals are Bern O'Horo, George Gundell, John Hannon, Martin Denman, Frank Bennett, Wilfred Boshaine, Carl Dasch, William Stone, and Alfred Ventura.

From the 106TH INFANTRY comes word that two one-act plays are in rehearsal with the following men in the casts:

Sidney Rosin, Jack Cortessi, Charles Goldberg, Melvin Brown, George Hoffman and Albert Pelle.

To these one-act plays will be added a variety show of specialty acts for presentation on Mar. 25 in the regimental recreation hall.

## Are You A Bridge Fan? Telephone 126

Men of Fort McClellan interested in duplicate bridge have been invited to take part in the weekly tournaments sponsored by the Downtown Bridge Club of Anniston.

Tournaments are held each Tuesday night at the home of Joe Griffis, 507 Leighton. Those who wish to join in the tournaments should telephone 126.



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# 105th Field Artillery News

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## New Armory Destroyed By Fire; Regiment Undergoes Reorganization

(Regimental history—continued from last week.)

The new armory in which the battery was quartered was destroyed by fire on Washington's Birthday, 1902; and on Oct. 25 of the same year, the battery moved to temporary quarters at 1891 Bathgate Ave., Bronx.

On Feb. 23, 1908, the Second Battery combined with the First and Third Batteries of the Guard and became known as the Second Field Artillery of the New York National Guard. In 1910 the "Second" moved into its quarters at 1122 Franklin Ave., Bronx, N. Y.

In 1913, after several reorganizations, the 2nd Field Artillery, under the command of Col. George A. Wingate, consisted of the following: Batteries A, C, E and F, all organized in 1913; Battery B,

organized Aug. 15, 1864, as Company A, 1st Battalion, Light Artillery, and Battery D, the history of which was described last week.

### Housed In Brooklyn

Batteries A, B and C, constituting the First Battalion, were housed at 171 Clermont Ave. Brooklyn, N. Y., while the remainder of the regiment was quartered at the Bronx Armory.

In 1915 the Second was sent to the Army Field Artillery School at Tobyhanna, Pa., and in 1916 was called out by President Wilson with the National Guard of the States for service on the Mexican Border. The regiment arrived at McAllen, Tex., on July 15 and 16 of that year, and during its six months' service, was given hard and intensive training under the supervision of regular army officers.

The men had to contend with tropical rains, hurricanes, intense heat and choking dust, alternated with occasional cold Northerners, inadequate water supply and other hardships. (Makes McClellan sound like a picnic, eh?) Returning to New York on Dec. 30, 1916, the Second was mustered out of the Army Jan. 12, 1917, at which time it resumed its place in the National Guard.

### Regiment To S. C.

After the declaration of war against Germany the regiment was called out for training, the First Battalion being sent to Fort Niagara and the Second Battalion, to Madison Barracks, N. Y. On Oct. 7, 1917, the regiment was sent to Camp Wadsworth, S. C., and became part of the 27th Division commanded by Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan.

When the Second was mustered into the Army it was redesignated the 105th Field Artillery and was made part of the 52nd Field Artillery Brigade. Command of the 105th was assumed by Col. DeWitt C. Weld Jr. on Jan. 1, 1918.

It is interesting to note that because they were being sent to South Carolina, the men of the regiment had looked forward to being in the "Sunny South" away from the cold and snow of New York. Instead, as in our own

## Personally Speaking

The Mail orderlies of the 105th have complained about the increased volume of D Battery's Sgt. Al Johnson's mail. Investigation revealed that he'd met a certain corporal's sister during Christmas furlough. Right, C. F. J?

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Uncle Sam's "Modern Mercury's" also report that Sgt. John Lauro has been receiving pale blue, perfumed envelopes from a little Birmingham waitress. Personally speaking, we'll wager that the waitress serves hamburgers—just plain!

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Maj. Wylie's one of the most conscientious gentlemen we've ever met. A hard worker, and a friendly one, he has probably given away more stamps, stationery and cigarettes than you or your reporter will ever buy. With a look of surprise that you mention it, and a shrug of his shoulders, he'll tell you it's only part of the job of being an Army Chaplain!

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We observed Pvt. Johnny Schneider, fugitive from the Adjutant's Office, letting the avoirdupois just roll off'n him during the P. T. period the other day. It's O. K., John, now they'll make a soldier out of you.

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Did you know you can play Badminton at the 105th Recreation Hall on Sunday afternoons, if you get in touch with Corp. Vito Dziekonski, 2nd Battalion Service Battery? Vito has been "batting the cock" with Pvt. Justin J. Dundon, a newly arrived trainee, who was formerly a star on the Y M C A team in Brooklyn. They'd like some competition.

Are Corps. Colasuonno and Juliano really cutting in on Sgt. Meyers' lady-friend? Our G-2 tells us they receive more mail from the girl than he does.

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The pill-rolling-temperature-taking "Medics" have a new top-kick in the person of Sgt. Frank E. Marano. At least he ought to know what to do for the inevitable "headache" of being a first sergeant!

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That man-about-town, Corp. "Goldylocks" Goldner, took a trip to Birmingham and hasn't been the same since. It's kinda hard isn't it, Goldy, to concentrate?

case, they encountered temperatures as low as 10 degrees below zero and a great deal of snow.

(The regiments service overseas will be told next week.)

## Prospects Bright For Glee Club In 105th F. A.

The latrine orderlies of the regiment have reported so many fine "bath-tub-baritones," and the P. T. Officers have noted the large number of melodic voices among the "in-cadence-exercises," that the 105th has decided it's time to consolidate its talent.

The result we hope will be the best regimental glee club in the Division. With this in mind, Pvt. Thomas O'Brian of Service Battery 2nd Battalion; Pvt. Webster McClellan of 1st Battalion Service, and Sgt. William Barlow of Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, are interested in learning your attitude toward such a glee club.

We don't expect to put on any operas at McClellan, but we'd like to have all of you get together with us to sing some of the best of your old favorites—the songs everybody knows and likes to sing.

It wouldn't surprise us to have Col. Andrews lend his resonant baritone to the cause once in awhile, either, for like most of us, he enjoys a good songfest, too.

Watch your battery bulletin-board for announcement of the specific whys-and-wherefores—and we'll be seeing you around a piano over a couple of bars of "Sweet Adeoocline!" Soon!

## The Score Board

The Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, boys have really been hitting that ball in the Parade Ground League, having defeated A, B and C Batteries, and having scored 81 points in five games, winning all.

With spectacular playing on the part of Corp. "Jacko" Heany and Pvt. "Peter Rabbit" Bergin, and

with the rest of the team not far behind, the boys were forced by both C Battery a week ago, and B Battery last week to come up from behind.

Final scores, 24-12 and 16-14, show, however, that once the boys "got hep" to their opponents they finished them off with typical scoring sprees.

The team, consisting of Lavern, Hogan, Heany, Bergin, Dart, Wright, Wosleger, Gebhardt, Fitzpatrick, Tyrcha and Quinlan are uttering the heady boasts of victory, and are still looking for "lambs for the slaughter." How about having the manager of your nine contact Corp. Heany? Maybe you can crack this winning streak.

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# 108th Infantry News

TURN IN NEWS TO YOUR

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## Oh, Sod-Buster, Excuses! Come, Some Action!

Open letter to the 54th Infantry Brigade.  
Dear Freddie:

Those guys your team happened to lick were some of our fellows who were going on Sick Call that day and unfortunately went in the wrong direction, winding up on your football field. (The fellow who scored the touchdown intended to have a cast put on his broken leg just before he was detained by you slickers. He didn't think the game would last as long as it did.)

Say, by the way, I understand you fellows play basketball too. Or wasn't that your team that our junior squad trimmed to the tune of 41 to 14?

We would be glad to give you boys another struggle, this time sending over some healthy hay-seeds instead of poor, anaemic, invalids. So, if you will get in touch with our Athletic Officer, Lt. Keller, he might find a place in our schedule—to give you a few pointers after our practice game with Notre Dame.

Yours,  
Sod Buster

P. S. The man with the broken leg is OK now, so he will play too.

## Gas Attack

If maternal strength hadn't been victorious, Sgt. Edwin Barnhardt's new baby might have been named "National Defense." The little girl, born Feb. 23, to the young wife of Company G's non-com, weighed in at 7½ pounds and the proud father immediately thought the patriotic monicker the proper name. Mother won, however, and the baby is—Mary Ann.

The speech on sanitation that Corp. Milton Gerew has been trying to deliver is probably a masterpiece of oratory but until the time his audience becomes more receptive, G Company will have to remain in the status of the uninformed.

Sgt. Fitzharris, Company G, prescribes wood-hauling as a mild form of exercise for those who complain of going stale. Since coal-burning has been discontinued in Company G there has been an increase in the number of men devoted to this type of exercise.

Pfc. Clyde Randall of Headquarters Company is the latest of the recruits to the Culinary Police force of the Headquarters kitchen. His duty will be with the potato peeling squad.

2nd L. Tomas Low Tibbs is acting company commander of Company L in the absence of Capt. John C. Mosier who is attending Infantry School for Staff Officers at Fort Benning, Ga.

Flash. It ain't true that the Regimental Headquarters Staff workers are doing some overtime practicing on the Post Bowling Alleys in preparation for a challenge from the Canteen Waitress' Team. The boys claim they don't need practice to beat them dames.

Probably the most surprised soldier in camp this past month was St. Sgt. John Carnicelli of the Band who walked into his tent a short time ago and discovered a dirty mongrel pup snoozing on his bunk, clad in John's new flashy pajamas. The work of a prankster, no doubt.

Capt. Howard J. Billings finally rid himself of the plaster cast

STRAINEES

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## Last Battle Very Costly To 108th; Commander Sends Commendations

On Oct. 17 the regiment received an order to return to the back areas for rest. The fight at the LaSelle River had been costly; we had suffered heavily. Between Oct. 12 and 19 the casualties in the regiment were as follows: 26 killed, 299 wounded and 17 missing.

But, the advance was carried out, the battle won and the 108th had captured 17 German officers, 1059 German soldiers, 103 Machine guns and 35 artillery pieces.

After the engagement at the LaSelle Rive, Gen. O'Ryan wrote to Col. Jennings, the Commanding Officer of the 108th, as follows:

"The valor of the officers and men of the 108th Infantry has at all times been exceptional. In spite of the greatest hardships and the continued strain, they have maintained the highest standards of discipline and cheerful determination. The record made by the 108th during the battle of the LaSelle River would

he has been toting around for the past month. He walks with a very slight limp now but believes he will be as fit as a fiddle in about a week.

1st Sgt. Don Carleton, Co-A, is the owner of the greatest head-ache maker in the 27th Division if his company clerk's word can be taken. The job of copying Don's service record, which dates back to 1910 and consists of over 300 words is a two-hour job.

The regimental boxing team, named by Nick Massarotto, Bil Manzano, Emil Sposito, Pete Ruggiearo, Tony Montone and Robert Smith, has commenced training under the guidance of Pfc. Louis Colozzi as trainer and Joe Bovenzi as manager. Most of the boys are members of Service Company with Headquarters and C Company represented.

Question of the week: Who will act the part of the Mosquito in the forthcoming play, "Yellow Jack?" Pvts. William Stone and John Holihan of the Medics both insist the other is best suited for the role.

Mr. Sgt. Eugene Beebe of Service Company is back on the job again after a tussle with a cold bug. His blond (?) countenance was sorely missed by the commissary group, especially a certain rascal. Staff Sergeant by the name of Clyde.

indeed be hard to equal."

### Armistice Signed

The rest area was near Amiens and the regiment was about to return to the front when news of the Armistice came and within a few weeks the 108th was on its way to the LeMans area, 100 miles south of Paris. The War was over.

However, it was not until late in Feb. 1919, that the regiment started for America, arriving in Hoboken for a tremendous reception and a triumphant return to home stations at the end of Mar., 1919. While in France a number of decorations for bravery in battle were given.

There were several men of this regiment who received the Congressional Medal of Honor and many who received the Distinguished Service Cross, the British Military Medal and the French Croix de Guerre and a number were presented citations by the Division Commander for bravery.

Since the World War the 108th Infantry has continued as part of the 27th Division. Col. Jennings remained Commander of the regiment for several years after the War and was subsequently succeeded by Col. John S. Thompson and Col. Samuel H. Merrill, both of whom had been Company Commanders in the 108th when the War began.

### Present Commander

The present Commander, Col. Charles N. Morgan, was also a company commander in this Division and all of the present battalion commanders served during the World War. Col. Arthur T. Smith, Executive Officer of the regiment, commanded what is now Company E.

This regiment has a long history service, and the regimental motto, "Virtue non Verbis" (Deeds not Words), set forth the ideal of the 108th of doing one's duty without complaint or boast.

The Insignia shows by the blue background that the 108th is an Infantry Regiment—blue being the Infantry color; the fasces, symbol of France, in the center of the shield, represents the service in France, while the British Lion on the right and Belgium Lion on the left indicate service with those countries. The regimental colors carry three battle streamers from France: the Somme offensive, the Ypress-Lys offensive and Flanders. Men of the 108th can well be proud of the glorious record established by their regiment.

## Private Life Of A Private

Dear Myrtle:

I got the letter asking for more dough, honey but I can't figger out how I am going to send you any even though we did just get paid. Don't forget I aint out of the 21 a month class and when I tell you about the dough I didn't get this month you will understand. Here is the dope:

Laundry and Dry Cleaning	\$1.98
Canteen Checks	13.00
Broken window in Canteen	2.00
Theater tickets	1.50
Insurance	4.63
Owed from last month on photo I sent you	1.98
	\$25.09

So, baby, you see when I subtract that much dough from 21 bucks I owe the government 4 dollars and nine cents. How am I going to send anything out of that. This won't last long cause I am going to ask our Colonel for a raise the next time I see him. Will let you know how I make out later.

Do you remember the test they gave us boys about a month ago which I told you about? Well I just found out how I made out in it. They call it an intelijence test or IQ any way I got 14 in it which makes the IQ stand for "I quit," I guess.

I am all done going into town to get hotdogs and sandwiches and stuff just to show you I ain't thinking about that classy waitress who works in the joint in town. And I ain't doing it on account of Lent either cause I am giving up snuff for that. This goes to show you how much I am in love with you.

You will note a little item of two smackers in the above list for busted window in Canteen.

## Tom! What's This All About? Are You Holding Out On Us?

Inasmuch as he is the correspondent for the 54th Brigade, his pals sent this little item over to the 108th by carrier pigeon, for publication on the Brigade page.

Quote, Your leather cleaned in a jiffy at 54th Brigade Headquarters by our own St. Sgt. Tom Curtin—or is it only for officers? What are you looking for, Sergeant Major stripes? . . . and how about those perfumed letters from Eileen in New York, Tom, YOo HOo . . . Unquote.

This was really an accident. Here I am standing up at the counter ordering a hotdog from one of the new waitresses who work there and minding my own business when this bird with all the stripes walks up to me and says to quit holding hands with my girl or I shall slap you down. I sez, Oh Yeah and then I got up off the floor and heaves the hotdog at him and he ducks leaving it go right throught the window the sissy. You may wonder how a little old hot dog could break a window but when it has a plate under it at the time it becomes tough. Everything is jake now except the place on my chin where I punched at his first with my face.

The company I am in has company clerk who takes care all the books and stuff which important business. He is the sick list and I have been the job of making out the roll for next month until better. I am going to get off until next week.

Love,  
JOE.

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# Special Troops News

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CORRESPONDENT

## Special Troops Softball Team Wins Two Games

A star-studded aggregation of athletes from the Special Troops met the team of the 102nd Observation Squadron in two softball games on Wednesday afternoon, Mar. 5, at the latter's diamond.

The two teams were originally scheduled to play touch football as part of the 27th Division League, but the contest was forfeited by the Observation Squadron for some unknown reason.

Not to call the afternoon a loss, the "four letter" men of the Special Troops challenged the Observation Squadron to a softball game, which was accepted, and the first of the two gruelling games began. The roster of the Special Troops squad consisted of: Angelo, Bellizzi and Provenza—Ordnance Company; Floyd and Chambers—Signal Company; Manley, Sullivan and Ederle—Medical Detachment; Hawke—MP Company; Bizzari—Headquarters Detachment. On the mound in the first game was Elio "Drop Curve" Bizzari and twirling in the nightcap, William "Bean Ball" Ederle.

Both ends of the unscheduled double-header were victories for the Special Troops, by scores of 6 to 3 and 11 to 7. The Special Troops amassed a total of 21 hits in the afternoon while the Observation Squadron hit safely 14 times. The star of the first game was pitcher Elio Bizzari, who gave only three scattered hits.

The Special Troops will meet the 165th Infantry in the touch football game for the 27th Division League.

The organization wishing to join the Special Troops in soft- or touch football can do so by contacting Lt. William J. Baxter, Recreation Officer, at Special Troops Headquarters.

## Maj. Barth Is New Special Troops CO

Maj. George B. Barth, formerly of the 27th F. A. Brigade, assumed command of the Special Troops, 27th Division, last week, succeeding Maj. Harold S. Gould who was appointed Post Exchange Officer.

Maj. Barth was affiliated with the Special Troops training company in the early stages of the basic training as physical instructor. The new commandant will also act as Provost Marshal, 27th Division.

Biz Bizzari's pay stock took a certain dive on Thursday when he rejoined the ranks of the yard-birds.

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## HQ Rumors

St. Sgt. Griswold B. Daniell has been heard lately singing "Every little breeze seems to whisper Louise."

Disappointment of the week: The Beaver Patrol has not been marching to work as is their custom. Come, come, gentlemen, don't give up that easily.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Pvt. Henry McCaffery who split his lip in his endeavor to be a successful bugler.

St. Sgt. Robert (Apron Strings) Oppenheimer's tent-mates have suggested to him a novel garage in which to store his beloved jalopy.

A "tea party" was held in Tent 2 recently in honor of Mr. Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Pedersen, Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Phillip Fitzpatrick and St. Sgt. and Mrs. William Maher. Sundry uninvited teanebrates were also present.

Pfc. Stephen Burns claims he is now going to pour his beer directly into the sink because he is tired of being a middleman.

Pfc. George Meyer is the only postman who doesn't even ring once.

Pfc. Ernst Jahnke celebrated his almost manhood birthday recently. For the occasion a party was literally thrown for him in Tent 5. A floor show was provided by Pfc. Steve Burns who did a stunt on the floor.

The long face of Mr. Sgt. Ollie Ritter results from the shortness of his recent trip to New York. The trip was so short that he didn't start.

## Competition Keen In Special Troops Units For Best Area

Keen competition has developed among the Companies of the Special Troops in their vieing for top honors for the best area, to include Mess Halls, Kitchens, Streets and cleanliness and uniformity of tents.

Last week the Military Police Company lead the league with a .916 average and from the standings shown below maintain their lead. Headquarters Company has moved into second place while the 102nd Ordnance Company has remained in third place, putting the Signal Company in the cellar position.

Standings as of week ending Mar. 7th are as follows:

	Last Week	Gain
MP	.991	1 .055
HQ	.944	4 .100
Ordnance	.928	3 .066
Signal	.881	2 .015

## Discharges Plentiful In Signal Company

Three more signalmen were on their way back to Yonkers last week after being honorably discharged from the 27th Signal Company.

Discharged on expiration of term of service were Pfc. John J. Hart and Joseph A. Mazza. Pvt. Charles F. Stahl was discharged on recommendation of a medical board after serving in the Signal unit for four months.

Also scheduled to leave this month are Pfc. Joseph L. Cichocki, supply clerk and Pfc. John H. Donohue and Anthony T. Vavra.

## VISITORS FROM NORTH

Corp. Bernard B. Levine of the Ordnance unit was pleasantly surprised last week to find his sister and brother-in-law in the Fort McClellan areas.

## Wonco Club Asks Non-Members To Attend In March

At a special meeting of the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers Club held last Tuesday evening a resolution was passed declaring each Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the month of March as open house for all Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned officers of the first three grades of the 27th Division.

This invitation is in connection with a membership drive being conducted during this month and it is hoped that all men of the division who are eligible for membership will take advantage of the opportunity afforded to be a guest of the Club and familiarize themselves with the advantages of membership.

## Shrapnel

St. Sgt. Doppio and Corp. Angelo teamed up last week to emulate strong arm men in an Ordnance clean-up campaign. Both are endeavoring to bring up Ordnance inspection marks, which are tops at present in S. T. Several of the Ordnance men, including a few non-plussed non-coms, lost pass privileges as the result of the campaign.

Two minutes after being paid for February, Stinky Bink of the M. P. Company was asking the company clerk for some canteen books.

Mr. Sgt. Steve Boyle and 1st Sgt. Bill Graves, Ordnance, comedy cut-ups, sneaked into Sgt. Barnett's tent one night last week and snipped off Barney's cute little mustache. Heartbroken for a while, Nat is watering his upper lip daily in his efforts to raise a new facial adornment. Simonetti is now the sole possessor of a mustache in the Ordnance Company, but he's not so happy about his status; he's now a marked man.

How did the Special Troops get in the finals of the Division touch football league when they haven't played a game yet? There's skullduggery afoot.

Pvt. Lee Allen of the Signal Company claims he has inside information that a certain foreign government has placed an order with an American auto maker for several thousand trucks. Unusual feature of the vehicles is that they have 18 reverse speeds.

Somebody put the slug on a certain non-com last week in the Ordnance area and his name is "Slugger" (10 per cent) Langer. Slugger doesn't mind policing the company streets but he dislikes back seat driving, so he silenced his tormenter with a well aimed left hook.

What two M. P.s from the motor section are bitterly contesting for the affections of that dark haired waitress in the main PX? The two potato peelers intend to have it out on the stage during the Special Troops show, or on St. Paddy's Day.

Corp. Maura lost 10 years of his life during the recent illness of his girl friend while he was waiting for the mail to find out how she was.

The worried faces of the Ordnance men took on smiles last week when 1st Sgt. Bill Graves re-enlisted—they'd hate to lose the popular sergeant.

The cycle of promotions and demotions is starting to go full

## Leave To Be Given Men Of Jewish Faith For Passover Friday

In compliance with W. D. Circular 33, Feb. 28, officers and enlisted men of Jewish faith of Fort McClellan will be granted leaves of absence and furloughs which will permit them to go to Anniston, Birmingham and other nearby communities for the observance of Passover Friday, Apr. 11, until midnight of Sunday, Apr. 13.

## SEEKS FOOTBALL GAMES

With a view toward securing suitable competition Pfc. Seymour Fried of the 102nd Ordnance Company announces that his softball team is available for booking. Pfc. Fried can be contacted in the Ordnance Company street.

blast again in the 27th Military Police Company. And the Signal Company is making headaches for the company clerks; revising the ratings and promoting activities were begun on Wednesday. Corp. Frank Esposito is rapidly gaining back the stripes he lost during the winter maneuvers at Camp Smith (doesn't that bring nostalgia?) Espy is now a sergeant. Joe Paris was also advanced to sergeant, filling the shoes of recently promoted Eddie Kuley. In the ratings, Cy Priddle and Bob Rollinson came out on top with third class.

"Question Mark" Matarese, the mathematical wizzard, is now a kitchen mechanic, serving hashed up insults daily as dessert for the signalmen when they get those infamous hot dogs and beans.

## Air Corps Officers To Receive Spanish Lessons At Camps

In view of the increased travel by Army Air Corps officers in the Western Hemisphere, the War Department has announced that all Air Corps officers, including those of the Federalized National Guard, should receive instruction in the Spanish language. The War Department instructions state:

"To this end, schedules of instruction in troop schools at all Air Corps activities should be arranged to include this subject. It is probable that at a later date limited funds may be made available for the purchase of texts, phonograph records, etc. Funds for the hire of instructors cannot, however, be made available. Information as to the availability of funds will be published at a later date. Pending availability of funds, it is desired that every effort be made to provide such instruction by improvised methods if necessary."

## Touch Football Tilts Scheduled Saturday

Three teams are scheduled to play Saturday in the Division Touch Football League. All games are slated for 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The 106th Infantry will meet the 106th F. A. on the Post Athletic Field. The 102nd QM Regiment is to play Special Troops at the CMTC Parade Ground in front of Division Headquarters.

Winner in the playoff between the 165th and the 108th Infantry will tie up with the 102nd Engineers Saturday afternoon at an as yet undetermined place.

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The Chief of Staff holds the temporary rank of general while in office. The chiefs of most arms, services, bureaus and War Department General Staff divisions are major generals or brigadier generals.

### General Headquarters

The nucleus of such an organization was created by order of the Secretary of War on July 26, 1940. It is established at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. with Maj. Gen. Lesley J. McNair as Chief of Staff.

Its function is to decentralize the activities of the War Department by assisting the Chief of Staff in his dual capacity as Chief of Staff of the Army and as Commanding General of the Field Forces. Working in cooperation with all War Department agencies, the GHQ directs and supervises the training of all troops located in the continental United States, including mobile and harbor defense troops, the GHQ Air Force and the newly created Armored Force.

### The National Guard Bureau

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is the head of that Bureau of the War Department which is charged with the administration of approved War Department policies for the National Guard not in the service of the United States, and with general administrative control of all War Department activities incident to the relationship established by law and custom between such National Guard and the Federal Government, except when the Secretary of War definitely assigns such activities elsewhere. His primary aim is the development of the National Guard to a state of high efficiency, ready for immediate induction into the Army of the United States upon the occurrence of an emergency requiring it.

The National Guard Bureau is the part of the War Department through which the Secretary of War keeps in constant touch with the whole National Guard. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is an officer of the National Guard appointed by the President to active duty for four years with the rank of major general. As his assistants he has 30 officers of various arms and services from the Regular Army and the National Guard.

The National Guard Bureau keeps records dealing with the National Guard in time of peace. It estimates the amount of money needed each year for Guard expenses. It recommends to the Secretary of War how the total of National Guard appropriations should be divided among the States and Territories, and the District of Columbia. It also explains the policies and plans of the War Department to the National Guard, and it prepares regulations and makes suggestions of many kinds looking toward National Guard improvement and development.

On Jan. 30, 1940, Maj. Gen. John F. Williams (Missouri National Guard), took office as the Chief of the National Guard Bureau. Gen. Williams had completed

just prior to his appointment as Chief of The National Guard Bureau a tour of active duty in the Bureau as Chief of the Personnel Division.

### Nature Notes

By Lt. E. C. Edgar

Wahoo or Winged Elm (*Ulmus alata*)

One of the most peculiar trees of the Southern states is the Wahoo. It is one of the smallest trees of the Elm family, rarely exceeding a height of 40 feet. In the lowlands of the post it is the predominate hardwood. Its favorite soil is of a clayey or gravelly nature. Its bark is the principal clue to the identification of it. In the second year the twigs develop a cork like fin that is often mistaken for a fungus disease. On some of the older trees this fin is as much as one inch long. It gets its name from these wings, i.e. Winged Elm.

The leaves are small, one and one-quarter to two and one-half inches long, often quite narrow, sharp pointed, rather thick, deep olive-green and smooth or nearly so above, lighter and downy beneath.

The flowers are on drooping pedicels (the stalk of a flower in a compound inflorescence) in a short few flowered fascicle (a cluster or bundle); Calyx (the flower cup) glabrous (smooth) and divided nearly to the middle of the Calyx into five parts. The flowers appear before the leaves in February or March.

The fruit ripens before or with the coming of the leaves, downy when young, developing at intervals of two or three years. The fruit is a thin, oblong, a chene about one-half inch in length, contracted at the base into a long, slender stalk, gradually narrowed and tipped at the apex with long incurved awns (a bristle shaped appendage).

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, MAR. 16, 1941

**POST CHAPEL**  
Mass, Episcopal (Chaplain Stuart) 7 a. m.  
Roman Catholic Mass (Chaplain Bellamy) 7:45 a. m.  
Sunday School 8:40 a. m.  
Confessions (Chaplain Bellamy) Saturdays 7:30 p. m.  
Sundays 9:10 a. m.

Roman Catholic Mass (Chaplain Bellamy) 9:30 a. m.  
Protestant Service (Chaplain Wylie) 10:45 a. m.  
Christian Science 2:30 p. m.

### 27th DIVISION AREA

#### Regimental Services For Men of All Faiths In Recreation Halls

105th F. A. (Chaplain Wylie) 9:30 a. m.  
106th F. A. (Chaplain Nuwer) 9:30 a. m.  
105th Inf. (Chaplain Titus) 9:30 a. m.  
106th Inf. (Chaplain Stuart) 9:30 a. m.  
108th Inf. (Chaplain Gannett) 9:45 a. m.

#### Roman Catholic Masses Recreation Hall

104th F. A. 105th Inf. 7 a. m.  
106th Inf. 108th Inf. 7 a. m.  
102nd Eng. 102nd Med., 102nd QM. 7 a. m.  
104th F. A., 106th F. A., 106th Inf., 102nd Eng. 8:30 a. m.  
105th Inf., 108th Inf. 9:00 a. m.  
165th Inf., 102nd Med. 102nd QM. 9 a. m.

#### Episcopal Church Masses

106th Inf. 7:45 a. m.  
105th Inf. 8 a. m.

Jewish Services will be held in Hutchinson Hall (Post Theatre) at 10 a. m. every Sunday and at Temple Bethel, 13th and Quintard, Anniston, at 8 p. m. every Friday.

## After The Critique



Shown above are the Generals who took part in the critique that climaxed the 27th Division's training tests. Left to right, they are: Lt. Gen. Ben H. Lear, commanding Second Army; Maj. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, Chief of Staff, GHQ, Washington, D. C.; Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell, commanding the 27th Division, and Maj. Gen. Frederic H. Smith, Birmingham, commanding the Seventh Corps.

At right is Maj. Gen. Smith, commanding General Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Ga. This picture, with the Generals shown above, completes a pictorial illustration of the actual chain of command linking our Division with Headquarters in Washington



## Between The Book Ends

It is never pleasant to find yourself out of step with the entire regiment. Consequently, I have tried to look at Ernest Hemingway's best seller, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," in a different light. No one likes to be wrong, and our eminent critics fell all over themselves in singing the praises of this latest opus.

Perhaps I'm just in a bad temper because Hemingway has never appealed to me—except for a few of the short stories in "The Sun Also Rises." That he has the gift of conveying his pictures in the sharp bold strokes of an etching no one will deny. The picture just doesn't happen to please me.

"For Whom the Bell Tells" is concerned with a few days in the Spanish War, and the theme around which the story is woven is an attempt of the nationalists to blow up a strategic bridge. The demolition of a bridge, as any engineer knows, is a nice piece of work and can be made into a very dramatic incident.

For example, Lawrence of Arabia describes his solitary treks across the desert with such artistry that you are spellbound—the Arabian campaign comes to life and unfolds before your eyes; every detail of the derailment is vivid. I never did quite understand the Spanish War, though, and Hemingway did nothing to clarify it in my mind. Maybe that's just the Spanish atmosphere.

Curiously enough, the first thing that most people think of when Hemingway is mentioned is realism. He's realistic, all right—so much so that the description of the capture of a town and the slaughter of its Fascists is enough to make one ill. Goya's magnificent etchings of the "Horror of War" series would be suitable illustrations for that chapter. However, the characters seem unconvincing—like ham actors who merely go through the motions, and though their emotions are described in painstaking detail, nevertheless they

have an impersonal quality which leaves me indifferent to their fates.

It can't be the use of plain Anglo Saxon words that puts me off, after all, nothing could be much more realistic than Rabelais or Tolstoi, but just because a book or picture is realistic does not necessarily imply that it is great art.

The masters of realism used it as a means to an end, not as an end in itself. Too many contemporary artists fall back on an attempt to startle the public into a reaction of some kind. With my fingers crossed, I'm wondering whether Hemingway may not fall into that category. And yet, since I'm in the minority and don't like to be too stubborn, I am magnanimously willing to admit that I may just possibly be wrong!

—G. S.

## A Lenten Thought

"...when Solomon had made an end of praying...he arose from kneeling." I Kings 8:54-61.

There was last summer—it may be gone now—a sign before a London Church in a region much subject to bombing: "If your knees knock together, kneel on them." That simple sentence carries far; kneeling steadies both the knees and the soul.

There is abject kneeling, of course, but there is also a kneeling which lifts us to the level of that which we adore; a kneeling of which no one ought to be ashamed, to surrender pride and to receive strength. Prayer is a sanctuary no terror can invade. There weakness commits itself to Divine support, fault to mercy, need to understanding love. There the weary find their rest and courage, reconsecrated, rise from their knees equal to any challenge. The forces of evil, winged and heartless, would better take account of those who rise from their knees to face them.

## Witlings

denny kenny

(Service Co., 165th Inf.)

"It's a great day for the Irish"

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on Mar. 17 in every corner of the World and in many of the side streets.

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Americans who are not of Irish ancestry can observe the day by celebrating the fact that Mar. 15, Income Tax Day, has passed.

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Some historians claim St. Patrick was born in France. Some say he was born in Scotland. However, his name for centuries now has been borne predominantly by the Irish.

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The Irish have produced some mighty big men for a country that still believes in the "wee people."

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St. Patrick's childhood was spent as a slave in a pagan tribe in Ireland. He worked an eight-hour shift, three times a day.

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At that time the people of Ireland were pagans. The clothes they wore were all last year's models. And they wore their hair longer than a landlord's look when the rent is unpaid.

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Then in Ireland everyone was rough and ready. This means rough and ever-ready to get rougher. The mildest thing on the Island was the Irish wolfhound and even this cute little pet could cut a boarding house steak in two with one bite.

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The wolfhounds got along right with St. Patrick, but didn't care for snakes. He used some under his heel and the boot to others—chasing them out of Ireland.

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Today if an Irishman is stubborn enough to desire a snake bite he has to travel to another country for it. However, most Irishmen are familiar with the cure.

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St. Patrick would have made a mighty fine tent mate. One time he merely waved his hands and started a fire that lasted for months.

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When St. Patrick was brought for trial before a pagan king of the Druids in Ireland—he started talking. Before he had finished he had converted the whole court, the whole country and many of the Druids had even embarked on their way to Christianize other countries.

### MUST BUY CHECKS

Lest ye forget, officers and men, you will have to purchase Cashier's checks if you have no canteen checks. No cash sales are permitted in any of the 27th Division exchanges or cafeterias. Get your checks at exchange entrances.

### FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS

The 106th Infantry has been designated to relieve the 106th F. A. as Post forest fire fighting regiment, under the provisions of General Orders No. 17, 27th Division Headquarters.

## Notice! Bulletin

The War Department announces that there is no authority whatever for the statement which appeared in the Washington Post Mar. 7, which quoted an authorized Army spokesman as stating that the War Department will request legislation to extend by six to 12 months the active duty training of the National Guard.

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# 106th Infantry News

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## Stage Hopefuls Of 106th Meet With Rooney

Wallace Rooney, entertainment director for the 27th Division, issued first call for actors, entertainers, musicians and technical men to the personnel of the 106th Infantry Wednesday, Mar. 5.

Wednesday evening found the 106th's Recreation Hall crowded with potential George M. Cohans and Barrymores. Rooney, talented young director and producer, then welcomed all the men and explained that this enterprise was entirely voluntary but extremely worth while.

He went on to tell the embryonic thespians that the future program would include well-known one-act plays, musical comedies, vaudeville skits and variety acts written especially for the entertainers.

Rooney then called the first rehearsal for Friday, Mar. 7, at 8:30 p. m. All those having the urge to act or direct were told to attend. The well-liked director holds high hopes for a successful season for the 106th entertainers.

Among those in attendance were: Actors—Lt. E. A. Thomas, Company I; Jack Cortersi; Company A; Tom Romano, Company I; Sydney Rosen, Company I; Albert Pelle, Company M; Louis Truccio, Company M; David Kloth, Medical Detachment; Alex Haft, Company I; Charles Goldberg, Company C; Art Ke Howler, Medical Detachment; Ben Feinberg, Medical Detachment; George Ferris, Company M.

Directors—Leon Bodet, Company C; Ben Scoffer, Company D; Ben Lipton, Company F.

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Sunday-Monday

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Brenda MARSHALL in  
"SOUTH OF SUEZ"

## CAMEO

153 Before 6 PM  
204 After 6 PM

## Regiment Receives 39 More Trainees

On Wednesday, Mar. 5, this regiment received an additional 39 trainees to complete our assignment for the present time.

The strength of the regiment is now 2,671, 11 men over the authorized strength of 2,660. A few men are due to be discharged soon and it is believed that these extra men will take the place of those discharged.

Company K received one trainee, Carmen A. Cerio, who is from Syracuse, N. Y., and is the cousin of 1st Sgt. John A. Cerio.

## Personals

### SERVICE COMPANY

What Staff Sgt. in Service Company, commonly known as the "Hot Tip Kid," made quite an error on a "Column Left" in the Regimental Parade last week? Naturally the blame was put on Corp. "B," who is said to have nudged him at the improper time, but to anyone who was behind "Hot Tip" in said parade will no doubt surmise that his Rhumba-like waddle got out of control and took a turn for the worst—or maybe he heard a Mess Call.

What dapper Service Company Staff Sgt., who possesses a glamorous mustache is said to have been caught tip-toeing from a hotel in a nearby town at an hour considered past his bed time? Don't blush so much, Sergeant; the intense heat may singe your glamour, then what would you do?

Everybody is wondering what happened to the feud between "The Horrible One" and "The Nose." What's the matter, boys, did the cause of the battle decide to make it a 50-50 proposition or did you lose your poetic touch?

One of our prominent Master Sergeants is advertising for a cape to go along with his Spanish style hat. Since he throws the verbal Ferdinand quite a bit, he thinks he should dress the part.

If anyone in Service Company



BUT DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE RUSHING THEM  
A LITTLE TO FAST?

## Your Attention, Men Of The 106th

Men, this paper is yours and it will be just as interesting as you make it.

Each week we try to give you all the latest news and gossip but there is plenty of news that we miss. You men out in the field, when there is something unusual going on, write a few notes and send them up to your reporter by your company clerk.

After you have read your issue of the paper, if you have no further use of it, give it to one of your tentmates to read and have them pass it on. This will let everyone know just what the paper is like and how interesting it can be.

wants to bum a cigarette, see Sgt. G. G. P., and after reading the cover on the pack, you will probably buy your own. If perchance you do smoke one of his weeds and get a funny taste in your mouth, don't say we didn't warn you.

### BAND

Flash—The boys in the band are sure getting the low down on Stan Piwunica's girls. It seems that he goes out but once with the gals, and that is the end to his romance. What is the matter, Stan?

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Everybody is wondering why a George Coahn goes to Anniston week ends. Is she nice, George.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Pfc. Winters must have had a good time in town last Sunday. According to him she was fine. Won't you give us her name, just for future reference, "Scotty?"

\*\*\*\*\*  
We have been informed that Al Keator, Corp. Gotha and Charles Wilbur spent the day last Sunday in Anniston due to the fact that they had to escort a certain "Grandma" Jack Pritchard, so he wouldn't get lost.

We forgot to welcome Sgt. George Haupt back to duty last week after his short stay in the hospital. Hope you're feeling better, Sergeant.

AFTER The HIKE  
See  
DR. D. L. EVANS  
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## Chaplain Killion Conducts 106th Quiz Program

On Wednesday evening, Mar. 5, a very interesting religious program was conducted by Chaplain Killion of the 106th Infantry. It seems that our "Padre" had in his possession a limited number of religious plaques which he wished to distribute among the men of his faith.

In an attempt to make it an impartial distribution, he hit upon the idea of conducting a "Quiz Program" on matters of Catholic doctrines. Questions concerning various matters of Catholic religion and liturgy were peppered at the men and the first one to give a correct answer was awarded one of the prizes. In some cases there was a wide variety of answers and others a remarkable unanimity of opinion as for example when the chaplain asked:

"What Saint of the Catholic Church is honored on Mar. 17?" the hands that went up and the chorus of voices that replied in

answer to the query made it extremely difficult to award any prize for the reason that they were all winners! The result could not have been any better if the same questing were asked in a company mess hall of the 165th Infantry.

One of the questions must have been a stickler, because the only one able to give the correct answer was the Chaplain himself, who, thereby, considered himself the winner and pocketed the prize.

At various times during the course of the program the Chaplain assured the men that they were not compelled to remain, but could leave at any time. It is noteworthy that every member of the audience stuck to his seat like a burr to a mule's tail. All remained until the meeting was over and the lucky winners had "bought home the bacon."

It was a very gratifying evidence of the interest the men take in religious matters and their assurance that the evening was well spent leads us to hope that there will be more of these "Quiz Programs" in the near future. Which goes to prove that there are some people with whom one can spend an evening and others with whom you invest it.

We are trying to find out how the sleeping beauty of the band is. If anyone has any information as to whom it might be, please inform us—although we have an idea who it is.



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# Brigade News

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## Whoa, There! The Answer Is On The 108th's Page

In view of the fact that 1st Sgt. Fred Getty hasn't received any reply to the open letter addressed to 'Sod Buster' of the 108th Infantry that appeared in last week's issue of The News, we feel that perhaps we had better drop the subject.

After the rather stunning defeats suffered by both the 108th and the 165th the good Sergeant feels that any further mention of the games played (and won) would only embarrass the Regiments all the more.

All this does not mean, however, that the athletic endeavors of the 54th Brigade must come to a standstill. On the contrary we hope to have the pleasure of playing the Regiments in softball. Our manager, Joe Russo (the Quitter JR), extends an invitation to any team in the Division that would like to play the 54th in softball.

A certain Pvt. Walter Watkins, Company K, 165th Infantry, stated on a visit to the Brigade that the Irish were pretty fair players. Well, Walt, we hope so. Why not contact The Quitter and arrange a game? All this is for your information too, Sod Buster.

Now that we have Wednesday afternoons off, perhaps a game could be played next Wednesday, or, if that is a bit too soon for you, how about the Wednesday after that? Your reactions to this invitation will be eagerly awaited by our team.

The strength of the 53rd Headquarters Company was increased last week by the addition of 11 new Trainees.

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## Veterans, Rookies Swap Experiences

Many things have happened to the boys since they have left home for Fort McClellan, but Pizzuco, Dutch Schultz, Mariano, Moccia, Fragale, Boletta, Bollela and Marrazzo had the pleasure of meeting about seven of the old gang from home who are now selectees situated in the various regiments throughout the camp.

The smiles exhibited by these fellows as they talked over old times and replayed those crap games was a revealing sight. Each of the fellows was eager to share the things he had on his mind with the other fellow; selectees to tell of things at home and the men of the 52nd to tell the other fellows just how things were down here. These sights are familiar throughout the entire camp area and have become an old story and a pleasant one to experience.

## Personals

Having had so much success with parties so far, O'Keefe is now extending his invitation to the whole Division. . . . For a nominal sum he guarantees to throw the wildest party you ever saw. Somebody took him up on it last week, and believe you me, it was some party.

Sgt. Lansdown wants to know if an article would be printed about your reporter. He says he's tired of seeing his name in the paper week after week. . . . All that can be said is "Go Ahead." You write it, Sarge, and we'll print it.

Often wondered what fellows like Stemper (The Great White Chief) and Newell, and all those boys did when they go on a weekend pass. We know what Dolan and the likes of him do, but these others intrigue us.

Gene Hetzer took a tip from the rest of the boys and sent home for a picture of "the girl back home." From what we hear it's one of those perpetual motion affairs. . . . Nice looking girl, though.

## Personals

Mar. 3 was the first time all of the artillery at Fort McClellan participated in a Review to the Commanding General, 52nd F. A. Brigade. The boys of Headquarters Battery, 52nd F. A. Brigade, looked very well as did the entire Brigade. Their smart appearance while standing inspection, and the perfection of their lines as they passed in Review occasioned many comments from the onlookers that they would make the Infantry look to its laurels.

Corp. Hrostoski's "Eyes Right" was deemed to be the best in the Brigade until it was discovered that it was caused by the crick in his neck which he developed last week in Gadsden.

Sgt. Costello and Corp. Bauernfeind, Holy Name representatives

## Names Are News, That's Why They Are Printed Here

Your reporter recently received a rather dunning letter from a certain party in New York exploring the fact that the same old names were being mentioned in the Personal column week after week. Our reply to this form of constructive criticism is simple and direct.

The reason these same names appear in the column is because they seem to be the only people things are happening to down here. At least they are the only ones news has been turned in about.

No matter how many times your reporter has told the men of the Headquarters Company of the 54th Brigade that this is THEIR paper and that THEY are expected to contribute to it the men have continued to ignore pleas for news. This paper will print ANY news submitted to it. It doesn't have to be done up in the King's English or on fancy paper or even typewritten. Your reporter, frankly, is being paid to attend to such details.

All you are expected to do is furnish the basic facts for the story. The same applies to pictures. A picture of the wire gang at work, or Joe Russo at the switchboard, or Kiernan putting on his leggings. . . . all these are considered newsworthy and will be printed.

Once again, the co-operation of each and every member of the Company is what will make the "54th" section of the "Brigade News" something to read about. All this particularly applies to you new men. It makes no difference whether you come from Hoboken or Watertown. Your efforts toward making the paper a success will be appreciated by all.

of the 52nd F. A. Brigade, expect to make their big "push" for a 100 per cent Brigade representation on the next Holy Name Sunday for this Brigade. We're right behind you, fellows.

Congratulations to Sgt. Kasold on his advancement to Technical Sergeant. Nice going, Ed. We shall expect to hear more of this boy from the 52nd soon.

Corp. Embleton of the 52nd F. A. Brigade had a peculiar experience. The other evening at the 105th Canteen Walter bought a bag of peanuts in which there was a slip which read "Sorry, try again." The first bag tasted very good so "Short Stuff" purchased another bag of peanuts. The "Night Club Corporal" was given a free bag of peanuts, and this bag much to the chagrin of the House contained a slip which also read "This entitles you to a free bag of peanuts." You can readily see that the House was becoming very anxious about this nutty business, so that when the second free bag of peanuts read the same as the other, our Walter received a third free bag of peanuts and a hearty "Nuts to you."

Here is a poetic novelty on a part of camp life which is submitted by the poet of the 52nd F. A. Brigade, Corp. Tom Bauernfeind.

**IF I HAD MY WAY**  
I do not mind the life I live  
Of soldiering each day,  
But I could make a change or two  
If I could have my way;

First I'd do away with  
This thing they called K. P.  
To wash the pots and scrub the floor,  
Oh, no! that's not for me;

And then to leave a nice warm bed  
And walk around the street,

## Personals

Sgt. Diehl vows if Frankie James doesn't take better care of the Company's two mascots he'll demote him from Tent No. 15 technical advisor to 2nd broom.

With an awe inspiring array of patent medicines absolutely guaranteed to raise hair on the well known billard ball, Mercury Brown is doing his best to match Sgt. VanBenschoten's luxurious lip foliage. Note to the Vigilantes—Wait till it matures, boys.

Things we'd like to see department:  
VanDenburg and Monfred parading alongside each other.  
Sgt. VanBenschoten refusing a pass on his nights off duty.

Sgt. Surdam when he wasn't trying to move six trucks with only four drivers.  
Al Cwakiel saying, "Nope—no seconds; I'm not hungry tonight."

"Mother" Dooley when he wasn't explaining that you don't make a mess in the Army, you eat it.

There's something to be thankful for anyway boys—Next year this time we won't have made enough to have to pay income tax.

Some theme songs:  
Sgt. Smith—"High on a Windy Hill."  
Spiegler—"Did You Ever See A

I don't see why they need a guard  
When everyone's asleep;

But till I become a General,  
I'll do the things they say,  
There'll be a day when I'm the boss  
Then I will have my way.

The privates made good use of the Wednesday afternoon off given them by trouncing the non-commissioned officers of the 52nd F. A. Brigade in a double-header softball session.

You've heard the expression "Flying Down to Rio." Well, that certain blue sedan certainly covered ground when Capt. MacLennan and Lts. McDonnell and MacLennan of the 52nd F. A. Brigade flew to Birmingham last week.

Dream Walking."  
O'Connor—"It's a Great Day For the Irish."

VanBenschoten — "Tea For Two."  
Farley and Nerf—"You Forget About Me."

Jenkins—"Do You Know Why."  
Sgt. Drake — "Five O'Clock Whistle."

Hein—"My Piggy Bank is Jing-a-Ling Again."

Wands — "Ring, Telephone, Ring."  
DeMarco—"A Dream Dropped In."

All of us—"There Must Be an Easier Way to Make a Living."

Col. Toole, Capt. VanAntwerp and Lt. Herzog attended a demonstration at Fort Benning, Ga., last week, on a reinforced Battalion in attack.

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# 165th Infantry News

CORRESPONDENT  
CORP. J. A. REILLY

## Company C Wins Compliments For Combat Abilities

Company C won the compliments of a committee of Regular Army officers assigned to test the unit's combat capabilities in connection with the training tests recently conducted. One platoon, commanded by Lt. Joseph V. Bongiorno, was given a fire problem which involved map work, compass, reconnaissance, going into position and technique of fire.

The problem was as follows: The platoon was to move about 300 or 400 yards on a given azimuth, when it would come under hostile fire from a hill to its front. The mission was to take the hilly. Lt. Bongiorno led the platoon in the designated direction a few hundred yards, then halted it while he went forward on a personal reconnaissance.

After completing his reconnaissance the Lieutenant moved the platoon forward, sending one squad under Sgt. Raymond Dougherty to a position on another hill which dominated the enemy's position and afforded oblique fire.

At this stage the umpire ruled Lt. Bongiorno out of action and his second in command, Sgt. Martin Hannon, took over and gave the fire order. The entire platoon then delivered an accurate and well-distributed fire on the targets representing the enemy. The seizure of the flanking position on the hill was considered particularly adroit and received high praise from the inspecting officers.

### TOAST TO THE 165TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

By H. A. McConville  
(Company F, 69th Regiment, 1898-1899)

Here's to the Hundred and Sixty-Fifth from little old New York

With its men from Dublin, Armagh and Donegal and Cork,

From Kerry, Limerick and Clare, Kilkenny and Kildare;

Sure every Irish bailiwick is represented there.

'Tis yours to uphold the heritage of glory and of fame

Wrought through our Nation's history, for though they've changed the name,

The traditions of the Sixty-Ninth you must ever carry on,

To keep untarnished through the years the laurels they have won.

So let's raise our flagons high and make the welkin ring

As the pawns and the praises of the Sixty-Ninth we sing.

**LT. WEEKS TAKES OVER**  
1st Lt. Caleb C. Weeks took command of Company C upon the departure of Capt. James H. Mahoney for the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

The 165th Field Artillery, formerly of the New Jersey National Guard, is a component of the 69th Field Artillery Brigade.

## Witlings

denney kenney  
(Service Co. 165th Inf. (R)  
"MAKE MINE PABST"

Into the canteen strode Private McHope,

For writing paper, some razor blades and soap,

Now he deserves a great big rousing cheer

For throughout his visit he didn't have ONE beer.

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The tendency of some soldiers to boast that they can drink others "under the table" is curbed somewhat by the fact that there are no tables in the canteen.

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There are no chairs either, but then they are not needed. For oftentimes one cannot determine how much drink he can stand if he does his drinking sitting down.

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The canteen has no "free lunch" counter, but it has a "free hunch" counter. There is always someone holding forth on the subject of the destination we are bound for next.

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So one trip to the canteen, if you keep your ears open to absorb the names of far-off places, is equivalent to a six-months' jaunt around the world.

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A smart soldier is one who opens his mouth only in the canteen and then strictly for the purpose of pouring beer therein.

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The tallest stories seem always to come from the lips of the shortest men.

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A soldier will kick if he has to spend an hour or two on the garbage detail. Yet he will spend night after night in the canteen and cheerfully empty cans.

It is not known exactly how many soldiers go to the canteen every night to drink beer, but sometimes their figures are staggering.

One or two times there has been a few mild complaints that the beer was warm. The customers who want something cold may now be surprised to learn that the canteen also has for sale—ice cream.

There are some soldiers, though, who buy ice cream instead of beer. These are usually the ones who have just had their tonsils out.

## Privates' Lives

Jim Myler likes to go out on the rifle range because he says he has a garand time. But when noon mess was served in the field one day on the range he did not do so well. The KP handing out the bread gave him two heels, and when he objected the KP told him they were good for his soul and shooed him away.

Another American success story will be completed when John Torpey returns from the Cooks and Bakers School at Fort Shelby, Miss. He first entered the kitchen as a volunteer KP not so long ago, but will soon be a full-fledged autocrat of the breakfast table.

## Spanish War Vet Of Old 69th Lives In Alabama 42 Years

This correspondent recently received a letter from H. A. McConville, a Spanish War veteran of the 69th Regiment, who has been living in Montgomery, Ala., since the Regiment was mustered out of Federal service in 1899. He was a member of Company F under Capt. A. J. Griffin, who later served many years in Congress.

McConville's interest in the Regiment has never slackened in all those 42 years of separation from the 69th and he still takes a keen interest in the affairs of his old outfit. No better proof of this could be provided than the "Toast To The 165th Infantry Regiment" published elsewhere on this page, which he wrote in a reminiscent moment.

He is a member of the Will T. Sheehan Camp No. 3, United Spanish War Veterans, Montgomery, and also holds a life membership in the old 69th Regiment Veterans Corps and looks forward to seeing his old Regiment soon. Col. Conroy has invited McConville to visit the Regiment on St. Patrick's Day.

### EXPECTED ORDER NO. 1

You are welcomed here with open arms,

You were helped and met with smiles,

We who lived here know the hardships

Of a trip of many miles.

We shall always lend a helping hand

For pleasures aren't many.

There's only one thing that we ask:

DON'T EVER GET LIKE KENNY.

There's only one of them around

And one's enough I swear,

If you have one around you

He'll be getting in your hair.

So try to be like soldier's boys,

Don't wetnurse every penny.

For Mick, or Jew, or Chink or Greek,

They'll always call you Kenny.

Don't play a banjo in your tent

and keep the boys awake,

In short, don't be like that Ken-

ny gent,

A chronic BELLY ACHE.

Don't hold a weekly voodoo howl

Of eerie sounds and shrieks,

Don't hold your face like an old owl

That hasn't slept in weeks.

So, to be a real soldier, lad,

Don't do these things, not any,

For if you do, you'll be as bad

As that guy: Denny Kenny.

Don't wear your denims inside

out,

Don't try to crack a joke,

Don't flash a dollar on the street

When everybody's broke.

Don't try to write a column

When of wit you haven't any,

Or steal another guy's wise crack

Or, boy, we'll call you KEN-

NY.

## Independent Cage Tournament To Be Held In Pell City

Pell City High School is sponsoring a basketball tournament for independent amateur teams Mar. 13, 14 and 15. Ten-men teams have been entered by the 102nd Quartermaster Regiment, 102nd Medical Regiment and 102nd Engineers.

The tournament is being run under the supervision of J. Rogers Moore, principal, Pell City Schools, and the games will be held in the Pell City High School Gymnasium Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday afternoon and evening.

## 102nd Observation Squadron News

PVT. WILLIAM H. LEIZ, Correspondent

### The Windsock

#### NORTH SUCCUMBS TO SOUTH

An opinion that was expressed the other day about many of the boys forming permanent attachments during their year's stay down South came true last week when that raconteur of the Medical Section, Sgt. James Farrell, became engaged to Miss Clara Logan of Birmingham. Upon questioning, the good Sergeant admitted that unless our boss saw fit to raise his salary and position, his chances of marriage before the Squadron is returned to civil life are pretty slim. However, since Jimmy expects to go to school very shortly, perhaps we'll see a change in plans. Can't you see those orange blossoms and hear the wedding bells? If you can't, just ask Sgt. Farrell. He can hear the bells just as plain as day.

#### ANOTHER BIG BABY

That huge gas truck that came roaring into camp with Sgt. Gunther and Pvt. Conroy at the controls is certainly some bruiser. It holds 2,000 gallons of gas in each tank, which is plenty of gasoline, in case you're interested. The only sad note in the whole story is that the "train" is U. S. Air Corps property, thereby relieving the Transportation section of quite a job.

Some of the boys were pretty sad about not being able to take care of that baby, but still they are pretty much on the go as it is, what with being on duty 24 hours a day. The transportation section had visions of being able to put a caboose and a brakeman on the end of the trailer. Wouldn't be a bad idea at that. However, Pvt. Conroy will take adequate care of the buggy.

#### FLASH

Just a note to let you know that Sidney Breese C., was not appre-

hended by the local gendarmes this week. Isn't that some sort of record?

#### EASY DOES IT

That boxing ring, donated by the fathers and mothers of the boys of the Squadron, is being shipped this Saturday, we understand. Hereafter, watch your words, fellows, or else the other guy will say, "OK, Chum, I'll meet ya in the ring in 10 minutes." It is Pvt. Kelly's observation that he has seen some of the non-coms patronizing our local tattoo artists to have their stripes permanently engraved in preparation for the coming boxing matches. Look out for that left, Kelly.

#### ARMORERS ALL

The armament section seems very quiet these days since the majority of the section left for the Air Corps Tech School. The remaining members are going to be very busy doing all the work, when we go on maneuvers. The boys weren't given much notice, as usual.

## 27th Group Singing Will Be Continued

Continuing the group singing in the 27th Division started by Hugh Ross and started again last week by Robert Crawford, the "flying baritone," Homer Rodenheaver is scheduled to be here the remainder of this week to assist further the regiments and other units in organized group singing.

These singing leaders have been sent to the 27th Division by the New York Friends of Soldiers and Sailors. Chaplains and recreation officers have been requested to give as much help as possible in carrying forward this group singing.



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### Local Table Tennis Tournery Attracts Attention At Fort

The Table Tennis Tournament, which is being held at the Sportsman's Supply on East 13th St., in the Jefferson Davis Hotel Building, is attracting a great deal of attention among table tennis enthusiasts at Fort McClellan as well as in Anniston.

The tournament, which began Saturday, Mar. 8, has already caused a number of upsets among favorite players.

In the men's division, Rudolph Puseck won over Harold Stanley, 21-17 and 21-14, and Charles Stanek won over Stuart Reynolds of Anniston in a close match, 21-

### THIS WEEK

#### Schedule For Shows

<b>27th Division Tent Theatre</b>	<b>Hutchinson Hall</b>	<b>Open Air</b>
<b>1st Show 5:30 p. m.</b>	<b>1st Show 6:15</b>	<b>Theatre</b>
<b>2nd Show 7:45 p. m.</b>	<b>2nd Show 8:30</b>	<b>One Show</b>
		<b>7 p. m.</b>

**MATINEES:** Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, Hutchinson Hall, 3 p. m. (Sunday only) 2 p. m. 27th Division Tent Theatre  
Dancing at the Officers' Club Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

#### Wednesday, Mar. 12

Informal games at Anniston Army YMCA, 112 East 12th St., at 7:30

Purin Festival party at Elks Hall, 13th and Wilmer, by Jewish Welfare Board at 7:30.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: Basketball tournament among company champions, 1 to 10 p. m. Games are as follows: 104th F. A. vs. 105th F. A., 1 to 3:15 p. m.; 106th F. A. vs. Special Troops, 3:15 to 5:30; 102nd Medics vs. 102nd Engineers, 5:30 to 7:45; 102nd Observation Squadron vs. 102nd Quartermasters, 7:45 to 10 p. m.

Band concert by 102nd Medical Band from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. at the northwest end of the Post Parade Ground, adjacent to the Post Hospital building.

**HIRED WIFE** Rosalind Russell  
Mrs. Lady Bug Cartoon  
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#### Thursday, Mar. 13

Bull session at Anniston Army YMCA at 7:30.

Hospitality and informal games at Jewish Welfare Board, 12 East 11th St.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: 102nd Quartermaster, 5 to 7 p. m.; 108th Infantry, 7 to 10 p. m.

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#### Friday, Mar. 14

The regular meeting of the Red Cross, conducted by Mrs. William N. Haskell, will be held this morning. Wives of enlisted men are cordially invited to attend.

Informal party and dance at the Anniston Army YMCA at 7:30. Ladies by invitation.

Jewish Welfare Board has services at 8 p. m. at 13th and Quintard.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: 106th F. A., 5 to 7 p. m.; 105th F. A. 7 to 10 p. m.

**SCATTERBRAIN** Judy Canova  
Hunting Wild Deer  
School Boy Dreams  
Bar Buckaroos

#### Saturday, Mar. 15

Regimental Dance—102nd Quartermaster at Post Gym.

Tea Dance at Anniston Army YMCA at 4 p. m. Ladies by invitation.

Jewish Welfare Board will be open at 2 p. m. and on into the evening. Hospitality and informal games.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: 104th F. A., 1 to 3 p. m. 105th Infantry, 3 to 6 p. m.

**THE MUMMY'S HAND** Dick Foran, Wallace Ford  
**I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now** Dennis O'Keffe

#### Sunday, Mar. 16

Band Concerts and Parades.

108th Infantry, band concert, Division Parade Ground, 3:15 to 4:15; parade, regimental, 5 to 5:30 p. m.

102nd Medical Regiment, band concert, Post Parade Ground, 3:15 to 4:15; parade, Battalion and Headquarters Company, 5 to 5:30 p. m.

105th Field Artillery, band concert, Infantry Area, 3:15 to 4:30 p. m.

Musical followed by informal singing at Anniston Army YMCA at 4 p. m.

Jewish Welfare Board opens at 2 p. m. and will stay open into the evening. Informal program and refreshments.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: 102nd Observation Squadron, 9 a. m. to 12 noon; 108th Infantry, 12 noon to 2 p. m.; 102nd Engineers, 2 to 4 p. m.; Special Troops, 4 to 6 p. m.

Post Gymnasium reserved after 6 p. m. for officers of 102nd Engineers who desire to give dance, reception or other entertainment.

**KIT CARSON** Jon Hall, Lynn Bari  
Cavalcade of San Francisco  
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#### Monday, Mar. 17

Band concert by 165th Infantry Band from 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. at the northwest end of the Post Parade Ground, adjacent to the Post Hospital building.

Bunco party at the Anniston Army YMCA at 7:30.

Hospitality and informal games at Jewish Welfare Board.

Post Gymnasium reserved as follows: 102nd Medical, 5 to 7 p. m.; 165 Infantry, 7 to 10 p. m.

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### Heads Parachutists



Owing to the expanding of the parachute unit of the war department, Lt. Col. William C. Lee has been assigned commanding officer of the Provisional Parachute Group, at Fort Benning, Ga.

16 and 27-25.

Frank Capalina, well-known New York tennis player with the 102nd Quartermaster regiment, lost to Ed Scarbrough, 16-21; 21-18; 21-19; Mike W. Krans, one of the favorite players, lost in a close match to Alex Sawyer of Anniston, 21-17; 13-21; 21-14.

Other favorites from the 27th Division who will play their matches in the near future are Kris Ketsen, Rudolph Puseck, Charles Stanek and Martin Shimmers.

Trophies will be given the winners of the tournament in the Men's, Ladies' and Junior Divisions.

### Bishop Carpenter To Preach Sunday

Bishop Carpenter, who will preach at a special service in the 105th Infantry Recreation Hall next Sunday at 10 a. m., gained a name for himself while in college by defeating Strangler Lewis in a wrestling match. Carpenter was the leader of the wrestling team at Princeton, and with some of his team mates went to see Lewis in a bout in Madison Square Garden. After his bout the champion invited volunteers to take him on, and Carpenter surprised the audience by putting up a battle which left the champion second-best.

Bishop Carpenter, who is the head of the Diocese of Alabama (Episcopal Church), is making official visits to the army camps of this state; and is coming to Fort McClellan on the invitation of Chaplain Frank L. Titus, 105th Infantry. Bishop Carpenter is a well-known preacher, and men of all faiths are invited to hear him at the 105th Infantry at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

### Engineers Come Up With Some More Army "Slanguage"

Reading about the column of Army vocabulary, as stated by Pvt. Bob Purcell HQ, 27th Division, we decided to add our two cents. Although most of those to be found originated from the war of 1918, many of them are still instinctively used.

Archie—Army slang for an anti-aircraft shell.

Blind tiger—A secret and unlicensed place for the sale of liquor  
Buck the tiger—in gambling to play against the bank.

Chow—Slang for food.

Dud—A shell that has failed to explode.

Hedgehog—An egg-shaped criss cross tangle of barbed wire for holes in a wire entanglement.

Ray down—To discharge fire, a barrage.

Leave-furlough—Period of time

### War Department To Award Two Heroism Medals

The War Department has announced the following citations for awards of the Soldier's Medal for heroism:

TO:

**SAM W. BUTLER** (Army serial number R-326,352), first sergeant, Company C, 30th Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed during the capsize of a training raft at American Lake, Fort Lewis, Wash., Sept. 10, 1940. While Combat Team 30 was engaged in landing operation training, Company C, 30th Infantry was loading from the Training float, a structure built on pontoons, into boats, when the float became unbalanced and tipped over, throwing many men fully clothed and weighted down with equipment, into the water, in grave danger of drowning, 1st Sgt. Butler, who was in a nearby boat, with utter disregard of his own personal safety, immediately plunged into the water and, in turn, brought two enlisted men who had been injured and could not swim, safely to the boat. He then repeatedly dived under the raft wreckage and swam around in an effort to locate any other men who may have been trapped there. The heroism displayed by him on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Birthplace: Wharton, Tex.

Residence at enlistment: Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

Present station: Hq. & Hq. Det., Station Complement (CASC unit 1927) Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.

TO:

**EDWARD L. TILTON** (Army serial number 7,084,835), private, Field Artillery, Unassigned, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a child from drowning in the ocean at Beach Inlet, Sullivan's Island, S. C., on July 11, 1940. When a five-year old boy was swept by the tide into deep water and sank beneath the surface, Pvt. Tilton, with complete disregard of his personal safety, immediately plunged into the ocean and went to his assistance. Reaching the spot where the boy had disappeared, Pvt. Tilton dove to the bottom, brought the drowning child to the surface and swam with him to the shore, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Pvt. Tilton on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Residence at enlistment: Raleigh, N. C.

Birthplace: Goldsboro, N. C.

Present station: Btry. D, 11th F. A., Schofield Barracks, T. H.

absent from military duty.

Piffle—Nonsense.

Pup-tent—A V shaped tent accommodating two soldiers.

Rookie—Recruit.

Rot—exclamation of silliness or contempt.

Shavetail—Slang for a 2nd Lieutenant.

Tin hat—Common name for steel helmet.

Marching feet—A Case of injured feet caused by extensive marching.

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## 102nd Quartermaster News

TURN IN NEWS TO YOUR  
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As 47th New York Infantry In 1861By CAPTAIN OWEN R.  
MURPHY

The 102nd Quartermaster Regiment was originally organized in 1861 as the 47th New York Infantry; the present 102nd Quartermaster Regiment of Brooklyn boasts a distinguished record in war and peace.

The numeral chosen was in compliment to the Fourth Company of the Seventh Regiment, to which several of the organizers belonged, including Jeremiah V. Meserole who became the first Colonel. Several independent is approximately where Banker companies were taken in, one being the Lee Ave. Cadets and one in Greenpoint. The Greenpoint Armory was located on Collier St. between Clifford Place and Franklin St. The exact location St. is now cut through.

The 47th New York Infantry participated in the Civil War, as is symbolized by the gray saltire cross on blue shield of the regimental coat of arms of the present 102nd Quartermaster Regiment. It also served, during the Spanish-American War, in Puerto Rico, and this service is shown by the Maltese cross in the upper part of the shield.

## Served In France

During the World War period the 47th New York Infantry was redesignated the 53rd Pioneer Infantry and served in action in France under that designation, hence the French fleur-de-lis at the bottom of the shield.

In 1916 while the Regiment was located at Camp Smith about 250 men were withdrawn from this organization to be assigned to Camp Shanton's Wagon Train and the old 103rd Field Artillery, now the 106th Field Artillery.

On the call of the President, Mar. 31, 1917, the organization was again assembled for service and mustered in on Apr. 7, 1917. Apr. 6, one hour after war was declared, these several companies were ordered to guard public property in and about New York City. During the month of Aug., 1917, many of the companies were relieved from local duty in New York and were ordered to several states in the South.

One particular incident of note was on the occasion of troops on duty at Schuykill Arsenal at Frankfort, Pa., where a company of the Third Battalion manned the hose lines and subsequently put the fire out saving the plant and area considerable damage. This plant was one of the many

ammunition plants throughout the country that was being protected by National Guardsmen.

## Soldier's Bravery

One particular thing was noted that at the height of the fire at Frankfort a soldier was seen standing on a powder magazine directing water into one of the vents.

When the companies were again assembled at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., during the month of November, it was not for very long since the powers did not see fit to include this regiment as part of the 27th Division. However, it was not very long before 1,000 to 1,200 men of this organization were transferred to almost every unit in this Division. The 106th Infantry received the greater portion of men and officers. The 105th Infantry received a few officers.

The Machine Gun Battalion had some men assigned to its organization. The 108th Infantry had about 100 men assigned to its unit and several officers were assigned to the 107th Infantry. The Division Headquarters Company was not forgotten since a couple of our old enlisted men were assigned to that unit. The Signal Company had its share as did the Trench Mortar Companies of the 52nd Field Artillery Brigade.

(Second installment next week.)

Dribs And Drabs  
Of The QM

The trainee group has provided strong replacements in Company D sports. Pvts. Wocalewski, Fisher, Fazio, Tinkunas, Robbins and Kadell are demons on the softball field, and their bats helped Sgt. R. Keuling in his victories over Service and C Companies last Sunday.

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What did the rifle say to Sal Why, while cleaning it?  
"You bore me."

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1st Lt. A. Fragala has returned from the Holobird School of Motor Transportation in Maryland and will be the commanding officer of B. Company in place of Capt. Whitman, who has transferred to Staten Island, N. Y.

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Those Wednesday night jamborees in the Rec Hall uncovered a lot of talent among the trainees. Saucer-eyed Vic Russo of D Company wowed the general military populace with a heart rending recital of "The Face On the Barroom Floor." He also ankle around with the damsel who demonstrated the Arthur Murray technique a few weeks ago.

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Two or three of our boys in C Company can't wait until pay day to see Jerry, Louise and Sarah so they can do the light fantastic. The girls are just crazy over them. Who wouldn't be with the money on tickets they spend.

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Headquarters Company softball team won a doubleheader, defeating Service Company, 7 to 0, and E Company, 13 to 8. They are out for revenge for the upset received in the recent basketball tournament.

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Our Medical Detachment is expanding now that their T. O. calls for 21 men. They had to have a couple of more tents built for them. Are they expecting a sudden epidemic? Could be.

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Sgt. Guida of E Company extends a challenge to anyone near his own weight to a boxing contest. He is the ex-champ of the 3rd Division in the U. S.

A. and an ex-champ of the U. S. N.

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After our first driving lessons we all agree an Army truck is a brute for punishment. Every motor which survives the training period has a good chance for exhibit in the Smithsonian Institute. Mechanic Jim Brown, who remedies Company D wrecks, winces every time he hears the gears grind.

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Corp. Pumelo of A Company received a letter the other day from his girl friend. "Love and kisses. Don't have much to say." First time we ever heard of a woman that didn't have much to say.

The Citation Kid of F Company has left for Fort Benning, Ga., to attend a Baker School. Perhaps when he comes back he will be able to make some real dough.

The other day Corp. Caiaccia of C Company received news that he is the proud poppa of a baby boy. After the announcement was made to that effect and he was asked to make a speech, all he could say was "I'm Hungry."

Now that every company seems to have a softball team and are playing each other, it wouldn't be a bad idea to start a regimental softball tournament. What do you think, Quartermasters?

The Mess Sgts. are saving plenty of money now that the canteens serve coffee, hamburgers, and cute Southern gals.

Chaplain Conducts  
Novena Services

Services for the Novena of Grace are being conducted by Chaplain Meany in the Recreation Hall during the nine days Mar. 4 to Mar. 12. The first two services of the Novena were attended by some 70 men.

This Novena, quite popular in the cities of the eastern seaboard, is made to end on the feast of

the canonization of Saint Francis Xavier in whose honor the Novena is made. Where it is the custom to conduct this Novena regularly each year, many petitions are made and granted during its course of nine days.

The Novena services have given us the opportunity to try out our new organ and hymnals which were received this week. Pvt. T. Langan of A Company, whose talents with the accordion and piano are well known, has proved to be equally talented on an organ.

AS REMEMBERED BY A.C.HALL  
ex-President of the 47th Veterans

When Lent was armorer  
When Eddy was Colonel  
When Barnes was adjutant  
When Baldwin and Jackson

were the Majors

When rifle practice was at Creedmoor

When Company D of the Seventh came over on the 50th Anniversary.

102nd QM Welcomes  
Piano From Friends

There can be heard bars of music ensuing from the Recreation Hall these nights which can be duly credited to the new piano obtained from the Friends of the 27th Division.

Last week a group of men from our Quartermaster Regiment returned from a convoy to New York with 12 pianos of which we have one in our recreation halls. Already we have discovered pianists whose abilities were not known until they were found sitting at the new piano pounding the keys in an art forgotten for some months. Those who couldn't play enjoyed themselves by playing and singing to music rolls.

The Quartermaster Regiment wishes to thank the Friends of the 27th Division for their many timely gifts they have sent to the men here in Alabama to aid them in spending their past time.

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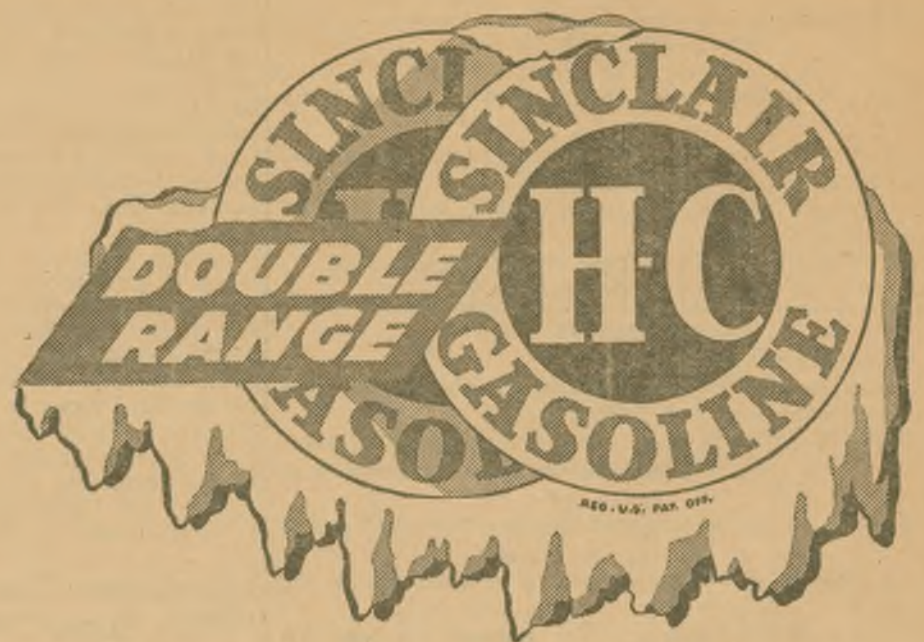
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# 106th Field Artillery News

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## Camera Club Clicks; Future Prospects Good

Camera Club of the 106th Field Artillery clicked in no mean manner at its first meeting held in the recreation hall, and from all observations its developing process will be a rapid one.

Formed by Sgt. Joseph Campagna, HQ Battery, and other capable cameramen of the regiment, about 35 men attended the gathering. An informal meeting was held and different phases of photography came up for discussion in rapid succession.

Sgt. Campagna announced that attempts were being made to get a building in the area for their use. In addition the regiment will furnish sufficient equipment essential for developing, enlarging and to aid the group in general.

It is planned to have different groups within the club, divided according to their knowledge of the art and their special aptitudes. Sgt. Campagna will handle one group while Pvts. Paul Thompson, D Battery, and Edwin G. Tibbils, 1st Service, will supervise the other study groups.

Pvt. Thompson has done a considerable amount of amateur photography and Pvt. Tibbils has been in the Eastman Kodak research labs for the past three years. An interesting program, including a photo display, is already being planned.

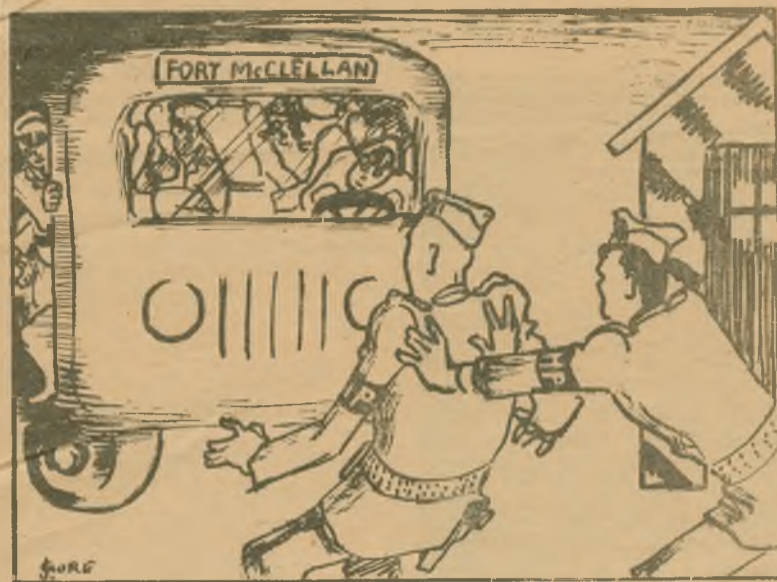
The Camera Club extends an invitation to all interested in any form of photography to join. Contact any of the above mentioned instructors for further information, or any of your buddies now in the group.

The Camera Club may congratulate itself in having for its leaders men of such real ability and interest. In addition to the records of Pvt. Thompson and Tibbils, Sgt. Campagna specialized in photography at Tech. High School, did considerable and commendable free-lance work and was staff photographer for the former Buffalo Times.

## Five 106th F. A. Men Leave For Fort Sill

Five members of the 106th F. A. left for special training courses at Ft. Sill, Okla., during the past week. Of these, two officers, Lts. Milford W. Wood and Clifford L. Schallmo, will take a three-month course for battery officers.

Sgt. James Clark left later in the week for the Enlisted Specialists Course in the Signal Communications School at Fort Sill. Until the present time he was attached to the telephone detail in Headquarters Battery. On the same day Pfc. Richard E. Helmicki and Arthur Chapp of E Battery and 2nd Headquarters, respectively, left for Fort Sill. They will take the Specialist Course in Motor Mechanics.



CHECK THOSE PASSES, CASEY—THAT'S A BRAVE LAD

## The Bull Pen

The water color painting in the "rec" hall comes from the brush of Pvt. David Pratt. Pvt. Pratt hails from Holland, N. Y., but has done much art work in Buffalo. Exhibits of his, chiefly oils, have been held at the Albright Art Gallery and the Garrett Club.

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"Shades of Lackawanna," murmurs Steve Pavitch of that city (?) each time he gazes across the skyline of our regiment, there to let his eyes rest on the hundreds of belching "smoke-stacks" projecting out of the tents.

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Corp. Ted Goodman of F Battery has now joined the Breakfast food business established by Bob Armstrong. Armstrong, while business manager put Goodman to selling on the road. Each morning Ted peddles his wares from mess hall to mess hall in the interests of the Armstrong and Goodman Cruller Co., Inc., Ltd.

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The pleasant pealing of wedding bells and the fragrance of orange blossoms are already emanating from Sge. Sisti's tent in Headquarters Battery. And the "big doin's" isn't scheduled for a few weeks yet. Meanwhile Sgt. Sisti is doing as well as can be expected.

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Bill Cummins, 2nd Headquarters, reported at canteen practicing up" for St. Patrick's Day, only a few days away. And he wasn't wearing the green either but he looked it.

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The beaming countenance of Mr. Sgt. Taylor spells only one thing—Mrs. Taylor is in town for a stay.

## Selectees Up 106th Strength To 1,532

Enlisted strength of the 106th F. A. reached a new high as 49 trainees who arrived last week were assigned to their respective batteries. Total strength in the

## Men In 106th Field Artillery Get Promotions

On recommendation of their immediate superior officers the following men of the 106th F. A. were promoted to the specified ranks: Band: Sgt. Henry J. Wroblewski to staff sgt; Corp. Daniel E. Porkyweznski to sergeant and Pfc. Warren J. Pellien to corporal.

1st Battalion Headquarters: Pvts. Thaddeus S. Osrowski and Francis C. Fox to corporals.

Battery B: Pvts. Reuben Dobozin, Thomas Rogowski and Henry B. Slomowicz to corporals. Corp. Richard Ertel of H Battery to sergeant.

D Battery: Pvts. Stanley R. Jastrebski, Arthur Kosnikowski and Thaddeus A. Palks to corporals.

2nd Service: Corps. Charles E. Alba, George J. Burke and James V. Corrigan to sergeants.

F Battery: Corporals William M. Emerick and Aloisius V. Sierkierski, to sergeants and Pvts. Nicholas R. Gembar, Walter E. Mateczum, Bert M. Wydysch, Louis J. Radka and William J. Harries to corporals.

E. Battery: Pfc. Raymond J. Cybulski and John A. Marotta to corporals.

1st Service Battalion: Corps. Clifford A. Stothers, Philip G. Cordaro, Wilber E. Thommen to sergeants; Pvts. Norman H. Dunshie, Frederick A. Klause and Morris C. Cohn to corporals.

## Former Pvt. Miller Goes Over The Hill; May Be In Canada

Bored by civilian life, and evidently discouraged through failure to remain in the Army, Edward Miller, formerly of the 106th F. A. went AWOL from his home in Buffalo last week.

Miller was honorably discharged from the 106th last month due to his minority. He made every attempt to remain a soldier, even journeying to the War Department in Washington for that express purpose. However, the case was rejected there.

A note left on the kitchen table for his parents indicated that he had left home to be a soldier. It was recalled that he had previ-

regiment is now 1,532 men.

The new selectees arrived late Wednesday after a day and a half trip from the Fort Niagara induction point. The majority of the men come from Buffalo and vicinity while a large number of them were inducted from Syracuse, Rochester and other mid-state points.

The men were assigned to A and C batteries, commanded by Capt. Edwin F. Waggoner and Lt. Kenneth S. Isaacs, respectively.

ously expressed the desire to his friends in HQ Battery to become a soldier in the Canadian Army. Immigration authorities were asked to watch for the strapping handsome young man.

## Brig. Gen. Pennell Inspects 106th F. A. At It's First Review

Holding its first formal review since arrival at the Fort, the 106th F. A. formed a colorful component of the 52nd F. A. Brigade parade held early last week—too late for last week's edition. More than 3,000 soldiers participated in the affair, of which some 1,200 were from the 106th. The two other units taking part were the 104th and 105th Field Artillery regiments.

Led by Col. R. C. Brock and his staff, the regiment presented a colorful picture to those who witnessed the review. The battery guidons, colors and regimental standards added to the scene.

Officers and enlisted men, all smartly dressed in full dress uniforms and with ornaments polished to a high gloss, marched in neat order behind the Band onto the parade grounds. Following a few short selections from the Band, the three regiments were then inspected by Brig. Gen. Ralph Pennell and a staff of 11 other high-ranking division and brigade officers.

## McClellan Players Are Rehearsing Spring Production

Three one-act plays are scheduled for early production by the McClellan Theatre Players. The first showing of these three plays will be held Apr. 1 in the 106th F. A. Recreation Hall.

Rehearsals have been under way for more than a week under the direction of Pvt. Edward Patton, H Battery. Each play has a theme to satisfy a widely varied audience: heavy, medium and light.

The same dramatizations when produced in Buffalo proved very popular. Titles of the plays and casts will be announced at a future date. The McClellan Theatre Players, made up of soldiers of the 106th F. A., will later troupe the Fort with these same productions. A wide variety of other plays are scheduled for future showing by the players.

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## There Are More Ways Than One To Skin A Cat Or To Move A Coal Bin

On Washington's Birthday a detail of 10 or 12 men was assigned to move the coal bin a matter of three feet. When the party arrived at the coal bin, located in front of Company B mess hall, they were confronted by a pretty problem—the bin was full to overflowing.

Since the bin holds over a ton, the only thing to do was to get most of the coal out of the bin. Being good soldiers, the detail in question was naturally adverse to shifting the coal themselves if they could get someone else to do it. These men, in charge of Sgt. Frederick H. Crockford, put their heads together and proceeded to scum a scheme. It was a lulu.

Corp. Walter J. Groditski was appointed to invade the Company street; his mission, to go into every tent and inform the inhabitants thereof:

"Say, listen don't tell anybody but there's going to be a shortage of coal. They're taking out the coal ranges in the kitchen and installing gas stoves. Don't tell anybody, now, but you'd better get in all the coal you can while there is any."

The reaction to this ingenious bit of perfidia was instantaneous. Men appeared in the street like magic, with every kind of container that might conceivably carry coal. At first the men walked, very, very casually and looking at each other out of the corners of their eyes. Then they'd walk a little faster—and faster, and by the time they came in sight of the coal bin they broke into a dead run.

More and more men arrived and the coal flew till the bin looked like a volcano in eruption. At the height of the excitement there were six men inside of the bin, all frantically digging for coal, with St. Sgt. Scotti in the middle, wildly wielding a crowbar. Meanwhile the work detail was inside the mess hall having hysterics. They nearly strangled trying to keep from laughing, hammered each other on the back, and held each other up or else rolled helpless on the floor. When the excitement finally died the bin was shifted with gratifying ease.

When last heard of, the rumor was making the rounds of the Division, and still going strong.

## Off The Shovel

COMPANY A

We have close order drill and the manual of arms for hours at a time, and eventually a review. The irony of our work is that we can't see its results. We wonder if some motion pictures could not be taken of our next parade and the results flashed on our theatres' screens.

We are willing to bet that if we saw any errors—a rifle held improperly, shoulders bent or someone not in file—we would realize how it looked and would surely shape up.

We are anxiously waiting for the picture of our four model soldiers, well dressed and well fed, to appear in the New York Times. Last week Corps. Diffenderfer and Flood and Pfc. Bob Lee and Charlie Smith were rushed from camp to Anniston by Mr. Holland, representative of the N. Y. Times. Our four boys were introduced to several young ladies, lucky fellows, and then taken on a tour of the city. They were photographed in the most likely places of interest where one would find a soldier after pay day. You can start your scrap book now, men.

When is Breslin going to pin

## Around Camp

1ST BIVOUAC

On the recent march the boys of the 102nd Engineers held up excellently, and even completed the march 15 minutes before schedule. The tents jumped up as by magic, and in just as much time were covered with suitable material to make them hardly noticeable.

While this was happening, latrines were dug, kitchens set up and guide tape laid out. Within a short time the boys were enjoying one of the best meals they had ever received from field kitchens.

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HALF DAY STARTED

With a holiday and a parade that many onlookers claimed was a challenge to Infantry outfits, the Engineers celebrated their February payday. To top that the boys had a fine time on the half day given them on the following Wednesday.

one of his drawings on our bulletin board?

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Tent six is settling down. It looks as if Bob Lee, Lynch, McDermott, Paul Lee and Smith have found a home down here. First dishes, then an electric coffee pot, then varnished woodwork and now "Betsy." You boys must be sure of being here for the duration. Hope you are wrong.

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COMPANY B

Effective Mar. 1, Albert B. Van Vlaenderen was promoted to Mess Sergeant.

Pfc. Robert Bloch has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, and has been assigned to the duty of Acting Supply Sergeant.

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When B Company was out doing Combat Shooting not long ago Pfc. Edward J. Woods caused considerable excitement when he became so enthusiastic about the sport that he was overheard to state that if he could shoot every day he'd be willing to miss a meal a day for the privilege.

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A certain sergeant took a bath on Saturday and Sgts. Mussomeli, Groditski, Leichtman and Crockford and Pfc. Diskant, Fredericks and Kowalczyk assured this correspondent with stentorian emphasis that the event was News.

Pvt. John D. O'Brien received a picture of his sweetheart the other day, and for two hours nobody could get past Tent No. 7 without being hauled in bodily to take a look at a very decorative bit of photography.

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Effective Mar. 1, Sgt. Leo J. Meyer was appointed to First Battalion Sergeant-Major, the youngest Sergeant-Major in the recent history of the Regiment.

Saturday, Mar. 1, was inspection day; and Col. Burns' eye turned out to be sharp as ever. As he was surveying the ranks of Company B, he stopped short, looked hard and then went up to Pfc. Harold C. Grubbe, the most youthful member of Company B.

"Did you shave?" demanded the Colonel.

"No, sir; I never shaved—yet" replied Grubbe, swallowing nervously.

Col. Burns silently surveyed the golden fluff of down on Pfc. Grubbe's upper lip for a moment and then said, "Well, you'd better start. You're in the Army now!"

That afternoon Grubbe borrow-

## War Aid for Air



Robert A. Lovett of New York has been appointed special assistant to the secretary of war for air. The new post was made necessary by the tremendous increase in the army's air force.

ed razor, shaving soap, brush and after-shave-lotion. On the fourth stroke he cut himself on the upper lip. We understand that he was largely assisted by many members of Company B.

COMPANY C

Kelsey Manin, our lover, has held all his devotion for a certain N. Y. miss, but to date it has been all in vain—no letters. "I wonder who's kissing her now?"

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Ragone and Doran had a feud but the canopener was the winner.

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Tuccille has been on his good behavior. Can it be his lack of two-months pay?

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Joe Gelshanan has, in our humble estimation, received the best of the current letters. More and better success to him, even though we think he doesn't need it.

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Sgt. "C. Q." Whyte's amazing discovery about typewriter keys will surely revolutionize the industry.

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COMPANY E

The most and the best to Sgt. Brennan who is to be a Lieutenant in the near future. The whole of the company certainly can honestly say they think he is a fine combination of an ambitious and intelligent man. One thing, however. Why doesn't he let some of his vast store of knowledge out, and mix a little more with the fellows?

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A move has been started to sign up our Latrine Lawyer Wolfe as company reporter. In our estimation he can do a much better job than many other reporters, if he had the chance. At least some of his rumors and sure things would bring many a reader to this page. How about it, Wolfe?

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Deepest sympathies are extended to Pvt. Harry Brule and his family on the death of his beloved brother, Eli.

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We heartily welcome our two new Lieutenants, Erlut and Goldberg. Both are well-known physicians from our own New York.

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What well-known Private in our group will be a super-potato peeler when he returns to civil life, if we now go according to the roster?

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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE

What group of topographers spent 10 days surveying a locality and then got lost in the area they had been traversing? Did that get his or their GOAT?

Ask Pvt. Stilson to sing you his lyrics for "There'll Be Some Changes Made."—Comes ze revolution, eh, Stilson?

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Pvt. Kristal could show you some write-ups he got in a Gadsden newspaper because of a recent benefit performance there.

If you're real subtle with Pat, he'll talk baby-talk for you fellows.

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At this moment: Pvt. De Vierno is having a heated discussion with some one; Pvt. Krust is asking for a cigarette; Sgt. Fitzgerald is saying, "I don't have any;" Sgt. McNally is yelling, "no seconds."

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CADRE CHATTER

Believe it or not, but the Cadre boasts the brother of Karl Sigmond, writer of popular songs, including among the host of scores, "Pennsylvanian 6,500," "Busy as a Bee," "Lovely Lies" and many others.

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We find that among the new S. T. I. Members we have two former construction foremen who are demolition experts, having handled explosives for some time in civil life.

## Engineer Officers Leave For Belvoir

Friday evening, Feb. 28, five of the Company Commanders of the 102nd Engineers trained for Fort Belvoir, Va., where they will attend a one-month refresher course at the Engineers School. The group included Capt. Harry J. Hagemester, Company B; Capt. Ralph Otte, Company C; Capt. Roger Day, Company D; Capt. Raymond Lancon Jr., Company E and Capt. William Swan, Company F.

The Engineers School of Fort Belvoir—formerly Fort Humphries—will give these officers training in the new mechanical equipment recently acquired by the corps of Engineers, as well as information of interest to this service branch in the latest methods of warfare. The latter phase of training will stress Obstacles and Anti-Tank Defenses.

1st Sgt. Conroy of C has an anti-cold receipt which he has presented to Mess Sgt. Pomaranski—a little Vick's in the food to rid the men of the numerous colds that have been so prevalent. Incidentally, Mrs. Pomaranski has left for her husband's sister's home in Buffalo.

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