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REMEMBER?

It Was Just A Year Ago-

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Winter Fighting In Italy Ends For Division

Casualties from their vicious counterattacks of the previous week left the Germans stunned. Their strength was insufficient to dislodge the veterans of the 36th Division from Mount Castellone, keystone to the Cassino corner.

This week a year ago was quiet for the « T-Patch » men, but they were alert to every movement on the western slopes of their mountain. Small American patrols and well placed snipers kept the Boche head down.

The terrific bombardment of the Abbey of Montecassino did not defeat the stubborn foe. The Germans set up machine guns and gouged new positions out of the rubble. British Colonials attacking up the steep slopes paid a heavy price, but succeeded only in limited gains.

On 23 February 1944 the order for relief of the Division was received and the first movement to the rest area near RAVISANINI was made by « B » Company of the 11th Engineers. They were to prepare the area.

Except for the artillery, the Division was through with winter fighting in Italy.

And it was good riddance!

There Ain't No Justice

It happened some time ago, but men of Hqs. Btry. of 133rd are still getting a laugh out of it.

It took three men two whole days to build a home-made top for their wire truck, but only a second for an artillery shell to liquidate their efforts.

Cpl. Roman Schwartz of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Harold Odell of Macroom, Neb., and Pfc. Glenn Bolty of Estaville, Iowa, were proud of the new top they had finished. That night they parked the truck between two buildings.

An incoming Kraut shell missed both buildings and hit right back of the wire truck. The truck was not damaged, but shrapnel ripped hell out of their new top.

Outnumbered, 'Armored Devils' Blast 7 Enemy Tanks

They deserve their title of Armored Devils, the sharp shobolin' veteran gunners of the 630th Tank Destroyer Battalion. They proved their right to it when the Germans tried to break out of their bridgehead north of Strasbourg. Outnumbered 5 to 1, these men drove off the enemy, cost him seven tanks, never gave him a chance to fire a single retaliatory round.

The Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Charles Wilbur, Hollywood, Calif., explained the battle: « We had to be geared for extremely fast action, » he said. « It was a case of the guy who gets in the first round being the victor. We got in that first round. Jerry never got a chance to fire back. »

The warning net had alerted C Company three hours before the German tanks ground into range. The third platoon, commanded by

Front Line Soda Fountain

« Foxhole Frappe » is a new drink concoction recently whipped up by S/Sgt. Vorise Miller, Lafayette, La., a platoon sergeant with the 142nd Infantry.

Miller filled a can with clean white snow. Then took some canned pineapple juice, mixed with milk and sugar and poured the ingredients into the can. After a bit of stirring, and a few minutes for the ice cream to settle, the ingenious sergeant settled back for a canteen cupful of Schrafft's best.

Division's 62nd Distinguished Service Cross Awarded To Lt. Col. Minor; 44 New Silver Stars Bring Total To 1371



Since those bloody days at Salerno, 9 September 1943, the men of the 36th Division have piled up an enormous amount of awards and decorations for heroism and gallantry in action. The Nation's second highest award, the DSC, is high on the number of decorations for the 36th Division.

The sixty-second DSC for the division has been awarded to Lt. Col. James L. Minor of Post, Texas, a Battalion Commander with the veteran 142nd Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action in the vicinity of Tendon, France.

Watchdogs Of The Skies



T-Patch Photo By Shaffer.

Constant vigil always — these gunners of the 443rd Ack-Ack Battalion who guard the skies over the 36th Division, as they have in Africa, Italy and France.

With binoculars is Sgt. Tom Ini of Framingham, Mass., and (right) Cpl. Emilio A. Angelini of Russelltown, Pa.

753rd Tank Platoon Receives A Divisional Citation

The Second Platoon, Company B, 753rd Tank Battalion, has earned a Divisional Citation for exceptionally meritorious conduct in support of infantry troops in combat on 1-3 December 1944 in France.

The 2nd platoon of Company B was attached to the Third Battalion, 143rd Infantry, for the assault on a well defended and important city.

Despite clear observation on part of the enemy, these tanks moved across an open plain to cut a vital highway, neutralizing several machine gun nests en route.

On the highway, they surprised and destroyed an enemy vehicle, then pressed toward the city. The enemy engaged them with 20mm guns and one 88mm anti-tank gun, and the tanks took them under

fire at point blank range. All three enemy guns were destroyed, but one tank was immobilized by a direct 88mm hit.

The remainder of the platoon dauntlessly continued on their mission, clearing machine gun nests from the route of advancing infantry despite increased anti-tank fire and the added danger of bazooka fire.

On the morning of the 3rd of December 1944 the tanks and their infantry moved successfully on to their objective, and laid an effective fire on the enemy routes of withdrawal from the vital city.

they go! he repeated. The enemy tanks kept coming. They crossed a small bridge and stopped.

Col. Wilbur was standing next to Lt. Kiscadden. « When are you going to shoot, » he asked impatiently. Lt. Kiscadden was standing next to the mount driven by Sgt. Rufus Brantley, Temple, Ga. He called to Gunner Cpl. Wiley Johnston, Alpine, Ala., « When you're ready. »

The enemy tanks were sitting ducks, halted just across the small bridge 1200 yards away. It was Sgt. Brantley's first combat as tank commander: the day before he had been a medic and a private first class. He spotted what he

assigned the mission of severing a strategically important highway, Colonel Minor had almost attained his objective when he was informed that a strong enemy force had attacked across the road behind, cutting the unit's supply and communication lines.

In the face of heavy machine gun fire, Colonel Minor immediately called for an 81mm mortar from an exposed position, successfully neutralizing the enemy machine gun emplacements.

Although under heavy automatic and rifle fire from prepared

positions to his front, and with the hostile forces delivering fire from the rear, Colonel Minor executing a brilliant maneuver, withdrew his battalion under a hail of hand grenades and attacked the rear force, regaining contact with the remainder of the regiment.

A former student at the University of Texas, Colonel Minor joined the 36th Division as a Second Lieutenant in April 1941, and has since served with it in North Africa, Italy and France.

A Silver Star has been awarded to each of the following forty-four men of the 36th Division for gallantry in action:

Lt. Col. A. WARD GILLETTE, 142nd Infantry Regiment
1st Lt. FRED S. ROSSLOW, Spokane, Wash., 142nd Inf.
1st Lt. NORMAN ROSENTHAL, Pennington, N.J., 83rd Chem
1st Lt. ROBERT A. LANG, Maplewood, N.J., 132nd F A BN.
2nd Lt. HENRY L. HODES, Allentown, Pa., 753rd Tank
2nd Lt. RAMONI P. RIDENBAUGH, Walhonding, Ohio, 141st Inf.
T/Sgt. CURVIN FOWLER, Rockmart, Ga., 141st Inf.
T/Sgt. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, Lockhart, Texas, 141st Inf.
S/Sgt. RAY R. DIRZANOWSKI, Lockhart, Texas, 141st Inf.
S/Sgt. DALTON THOMAS, Brownwood, Texas, 142nd Inf.
S/Sgt. DONALD BLAKEBOROUGH, Monson, Mass., 142nd Inf.
S/Sgt. HARRY A. GWINNELL, New Haven, Conn., 143rd Inf.
S/Sgt. ROY T. TAYLOR, Rarden, Ohio, 142nd Inf.
S/Sgt. JOE A. SHUFORD, Shelby, N.C., 142nd Inf.
Sgt. RAY W. BENNETT, Huntington, W. Va., 142nd Inf.
Sgt. RALPH W. EBERSOLE, Bedford, Pa., 142nd Inf.
Sgt. FREDERICK R. NEWMAN, Port Townsend, Wash., 142nd Inf.
Sgt. GLEN F. DAVIS, Clifton, Tenn., 142nd Inf.
Sgt. EMILE DELAUS, Balline, Ohio, 142nd Inf.
Cpl. SALVATORE SEIDITA, Elmhurst, N.Y., 141st Inf.
T/S THOMAS G. HAMMOND, Newburg, Pa., Med. Det., 142nd Inf.
T/S HERBERT A. LORE, Flint, Mich., 11th Engineers.
T/S ALBERT B. WAGNER, Chicago, Ill., 443rd AAA
T/S BERNICE W. VEALEY, Charleston, W. Va., Med. Det., 142nd

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141st Platoon Awaited Orders That Never Came

S/Sgt. Bill Aro, Baltimore, Md., platoon sergeant with 141st, spent 12 hours in no-man's-land when his company tried to assault a heavily-defended enemy hill position.

Sgt. Aro was leading the advance, acting as radio operator. Determined enemy small arms fire forced him and his two riflemen to take cover, so he ducked behind a small hillock and radioed for a machine gun section.

Then the enemy shelled the area, and Aro and his men dug in to await instructions. Night came with no orders, so the men alternated in catching a little sleep.

« We woke up in the morning to find no troops in the area at all, » related Aro. « We withdrew down the hill. As we came to a small path, we bumped into four Krauts. Before we were able to fire at them, they dashed away through the brush. We started shooting up the general area where they'd run when someone opened fire on us from our right flank. »

« I spotted someone crawling toward us, firing as he came. I took a careful bead on him, then noticed he had on an American uniform. It was one of the men from our company and he thought we were Germans. »

Sgt. William Rutledge, Houston, Texas, spotted two other tanks at the same time. Short a loader, he had to observe fire and handle his gun at the same time. Two Tiger tanks had forced their way past the infantry defense line and were 2000 yards across the plain, going towards the rear. Rutledge poured three rounds into one, shifted his

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Sgt. Aro acted fast. He took off his helmet and waved it several times. The scound stopped firing and advanced toward them.

« He told us that the company had withdrawn for the night, » recalled the Sgt. « We had been up there all alone. »

Less than a hour later, the company broke through the enemy hill positions, and Aro and his men rejoined their outfit in the attack.

★ GI Grapevine

HOT AND COLD FLASHES FROM HERE AND THERE

Former 1st Sgt. of Co F, 143rd, FRANK B. JACKSON is now back in Dallas making talks over the radio for the WAR BOND DRIVE.

BROTHERS MEET DEPT :

Pvt. Benny Arechiga and Pfc. Joe Arechiga stood in a small shell-torn village in Alsace. It was the first time they had met in two years.

Brothers Joe, with 141st, knew his brother Benny, a member of an armored outfit, was somewhere in the vicinity, and recently they managed to arrange a re-union.

GONE NATIVE : Cpl. JAMES F. COLLIER of Webb City, Missouri, tanker with the 753rd, is really trying to adjust himself to the French locale. His chin is sporting a very healthy « gou'ee. »

While musing over early army-daze, Cpl. JOHN DEMAR, Hq. Btry., 133rd, mentioned that Sgt. CLIFF COKER, former member of 143rd, was his instructor in basic training back at Camp Blanding. Coker is now a Lt. stationed in Texas, after doing a hitch in the Pacific.

UNUSUAL ITEMS : Chief Warrant Officer RICHARD WHARTON of 141st Infantry has one of the highest IQ's in the Army — 178.

Mpm Cpl. JOHN ALFORD of Waelder, Texas, whose business is sometimes — to lock people up... recently had the tables turned on him. After entering the « W.C. » he found that the handle was broken on the door and he was trapped. A patient comrade, upon hearing an abundance of profanity from the chamber, came to his rescue.

In the 155th they call him « Honest Sam » (Worthington) from CROOKSVILLE, Ohio.

Sgt. RAYMOND JETER, Ft. Worth, Texas of 36th QM Class II, really believes in giving service. He recently covered an odd amount of kilometers to fetch some wrapping paper to be used as targets for one of the regiments.

Speaking of names on Jeeps — Capt. MANLEY P. MADDOX, CO of 36th QM has the letters « MADDOX » with a bull's head in the middle.

Cpl. CLARENCE McCABE of 36th QM has a standing reservation at the Statler in Boston for post-war plans.

Sgt. CARL VIEREGGE, former member of 143rd is back in Waco, Texas visiting his family.

Pvt. ROBERT ROUNDY, former 36th MP is back in the states doing train duty between San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Cpl. ORVELL WELLS, Med. Det., 142nd Inf., is still raving about the cuisine he enjoyed at the Rest Camp recently.

S/Sgt. J. H. SMITH of Humboldt, Tenn. of L Co., 143rd, and JARL W. KRAGTORP of Kloten, N.D., Hqs. 1st Bn., 142nd are getting along okay at the 46th General Hospital.

Artilleryman FRED EKBERG of 155th, used to model at the same studio in Dallas with lucious Linda Darnell back in the days when Linda was an unknown daughter of a local postman.

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After 5 years in the army — blond, (snore once a week) WOODROW NORVELL, 36th Division Band, finds he is now 21 years old, and old enough to vote.

Speaking of strange names of towns — OSCAR LARSEN of the Band is from ESCANABA, Mich.

Sound Sleeper Survives Shelling Without A Scratch

Pvt. Dave Bayne of Brownsburg, Va., has suddenly changed his mind about the virtue of sleeping deeply when the opportunity occurs.

His company of the 141st had taken an important objective and settled down to prevent the enemy from retaking it. Outposts were established, and the men attempted to catch some sleep.

« I'm a heavy sleeper, » stated Bayne, « and I didn't wake up once despite a heavy mortar and artillery barrage. »

« When I did wake up I got a terrible shock. There were 16 holes in my shirt, which I keep under my shirt for added warmth. There were two rips in my field jacket, and two more in my longhanded. »

« What got me sore was the K ration cheese I'd saved for breakfast. It had been riddled. »

Close comrades of Bayne will swear to the fact that he wasn't even scratched.

Warren Jumps In Ditch With Kraut, Corrals Same

S/Sgt. Tilman Warren, Ruth Ky., and his squad of 141st infantrymen were assigned the task of mopping up an enemy held village. As they advanced along the road Krauts threw in some artillery. Sgt. Warren leaped into a nearby drainage ditch.

As he lay there, he raised his head slightly to call to a soldier in front of him. After a quick double-take, he realized the supposed buddy was a square-head. He brought up his rifle at the same time and added another POW to the stockade.

Crack SS Troops Turn Out To Be 'Cracked'

They were Hitler's No. 1 SS Crack Troopers and they're supposed to be plenty tough, but men of Co. I, 142nd Infantry found that they were just another bunch of Krauts that wilted under a knock-out blow just like the other Jerries before them.

In a big attack, led by Lt. Alba of New Haven, Conn. and T/Sgt. Bernard P. Bell of New York City, the Company took their objective, with everyone doing plenty firing and yelling like Indians. Pfc. Gary Garibaldi stated that the « Super-men » were so terrified that « many found crying hysterically. »

UNUSUAL MASCOTS DEPT.

Ack-Acker's 'Zombie' Has Really Been Around !

Cpl. Francis Meyer, Buffalo, N.Y., and his ack-ack crew of Btry. D, 443rd, landed at Port Lyauty, Morocco, during the invasion of Africa in 1942. He purchased a

young chick from an Arab for a few bon-bons.

Named « ZOMBIE » the bird has gone through seven major campaigns with the boys with no immediate signs of old age or extreme battle fatigue as yet.

Riding the 37mm gun barrel on the half-track, Zombie came through many an air raid with no more harmful effects than the loss of a few feathers. She has been more than faithful on the production line, giving forth with one egg per day (in season).

In order to keep Zombie's egg production line rollin', the boys would from time to time introduce her to the native roosters which they would find around the country side. As a result, the boys of Btry. D, have enjoyed Arabian eggs, Sicilian eggs, Italian eggs (25 lire brand) and French eggs.

With seven stars on her campaign ribbon, Zombie is in a fair way to lay claim to the most combat experience of any foul in this theater. « And, » she cackles proudly, « not many of you have raised two families since being overseas, like I have. » (T/Sgt. Al Dumas, Boston, Mass.)

Pippin's Privates



« Slick, isn't it? »

36th MP Platoon Marks Third Year Of Activation

Last week marked the 36th Division MP Platoon's third anniversary. This unit was formed back in Camp Bowie on 11 February 1942.

When the Texas National Guard was mobilized and gathered at Brownwood, the division was policed by the old 36th Division MP Company. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, this company of MP's were moved to the Pacific Coast, and the camp guard was taken over by Company I of the 143rd Infantry Regiment.

Then followed the organization of the present 36th Division MP

Platoon. At that time, there were only sixty men in the unit, drawn for all organizations of the 36th Division. Today, the platoon has grown to a much larger figure.

Major Armin F. Puck of San Antonio, Texas is in command of the MP's today, just as he was when they were organized in 1942.

At that time he was a 1st Lieutenant, after having been mobilized in 1940 with the 141st Infantry.

One of the old timers, Sgt. John M. Collier of Kemp, Texas, who joined the platoon in Camp Blanding, states that only about 15 of that original 60 men are still with the unit.

'Whiskey High But Plentiful', Says 132nd Sgt. Back From Furlough

By Bill Morris,

« It's really wonderful, » said S/Sgt. Odell McKissack, 132nd, upon his return from a 30-day furlough at his home in Bonham, Texas.

Docking at New York harbor, McKissack was sent to Camp Shanks where he waited until all Texas-bound GIs were gathered together to be placed aboard troop-trains, with Pullman and diner. Arriving at Fort Sam Houston, he was issued all new clothing, chevrons, overseas stripes and ribbons.

Getting his pay plus traveling expenses to his home, McKissack left San Antonio, having spent only four hours in the process.

« Life went on about the same as when we left two years ago, » said « Mac. » « Whiskey is high, but seemed plentiful. There is still alot of bootleg stuff around which is also quite high. Food appeared to be in abundance. »

At the end of his 30 days, Mac returned to Fort Sam Houston to find he had an eight day extension.

Now, after four months absence, motor sergeant McKissack is back with the men of 132nd.

When asked which he thought the best — Furlough or Rotation, McKissack expressed the belief that a furlough was the best, as the furlough-men received better treatment than « rotation-men. »

'Via Roma' May Get There Yet

The ever popular « Somewhere On Via Roma » is now beginning to take shape on the home front. John Forte's nostalgic tune of days in Naples was recently played over Jack Haley's Radio Program « GI Journal », from Hollywood.

Forte, 36th Division bandsman from Philadelphia, has also received word from his family that Hoagy Carmichael has made arrangements with them to publish « Via Roma ». It probably won't be long until this tune gets the recognition in the states that it deserves.

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« So what if the water's hot or cold — by the time we'll get in, ice water'll feel warm. »

Loaded For Action

Putting the finishing touches to a machine gun belt in a forest near the German border are three infantrymen of the 36th Division.

'Bulldog' Drummond Makes Improvised Litter For Rescue

The Krauts had let loose a fierce artillery concentration preparatory to launching a counter attack against positions held by the 36th Recon Troop.

"I was crouched down in my covered foxhole when someone yelled for a medico," said S/Sgt. Bob Drummond, Dallas, Texas.

Leaving the protection of his hole, Drummond crawled over 150

yards through the murderous barrage to rescue the wounded man.

The man was badly wounded, but Drummond had no litter. He took off his combat trousers and raincoat, laced them through two stout tree limbs to improvise a rude litter.

With the home-made stretcher resting on his back, the Dallas medico began his slow trip back. German machine guns crossed fire to stop him, and small arms lashed the ground around him. "I don't remember how I got back without being hit," he said later. "Luck was really on my side that day."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THERE IS A MORAL LAW, WHETHER YOU ACCEPT IT OR NOT

Writing for "International Conciliation," September, 1944, Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, differing from many of the professors at his school, declared that "the principles of morality must be so well established that the acts and policies of both nations and individuals will conform to them."

Mr. Butler has often expressed his firm belief in an objective "moral law," which alone is sovereign. He reiterated this belief in the article referred to when he wrote:

No nation, as no individual, can be sovereign in the sense that it is free from control by moral principles. It is the moral law, and ONLY THE MORAL LAW which is sovereign. The phrase "national sovereignty" must be interpreted with that fact in mind. It was Mr. Gladstone, who, like Burke, believed that politics were simply morality, enlarged in action.

Lord Acton saw a never ceasing struggle for freedom which he identified absolutely with the cause of morality. This is the reason why we must look forward eagerly to the early coming of that day when the surest way to uphold the fundamental principles of freedom and of civilization will no longer be to wage even defensive war with all its appalling happenings. THE PRINCIPLES OF MORALITY MUST BE SO WELL ESTABLISHED THAT THE ACTS AND POLICIES OF BOTH NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WILL CONFORM TO THEM. The serious question is whether or not it is in the power of civilized man to make this a world of moral nations as well as of moral individual human beings.

Nations are composed of people, and can never be more moral than they. But if the heads of nations themselves clearly recognize an objective moral law, and provide instruction on the same to the school children of the land the citizenry would become "morality-conscious."

The criminal dislikes to believe in the existence of a prison, but his attitude does not alter the fact. Neither does the repudiation of nature's moral law, or even of Almighty God's positive law, remove it from its fixed existence.

Major Roemer

Etiquette For Receiving A Two Star General

In case you are one of those guys who has never had a General visit with you in your quarters—then let two fellows with experience tell you the proper way to receive your distinguished guest. Pfc. D. J. Richards of Long Branch, N. J., and Sgt. Nick Zanini of Chicago, both of Co. L, 142nd Infantry are the authorities on the subject.

These two men were in their cozy hotel room at the Rest Camp, when in walks the Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Dahlquist. It was about 2215 hours, so the setting found Richards already in bed and asleep. Zanini had just finished undressing and was standing beside his bed. After the conversation in the room woke him up. Richards peeked out from underneath the blanket, and immediately he was engaged in conversation with the General.

By now you should be able to imagine this perfect picture of a life-time, these two soldiers engaging the General in conversation—one lying comfortably in his bed—and the other standing there perfectly at ease, informally clad only in his "long handies."

Hinson Has Exceptionally Good Eye-sight

How does it feel to see a Kraut artillery shell heading your way? According to Sgt. Coy Hinson, Linden, Texas, a forward observer with 133rd, it feels pretty uncomfortable.

"I was sitting in an OP when I heard some 'in-coming mail,' he said. "So I stuck out my head to see where it landed."

Hinson never bothered to watch it fall. He saw the shell itself, whizzing through the air in his direction. "I just pulled my neck," he recalled. "It missed."

Kansas City (CNS) — This ad ran in a recent edition of the Kansas City Star: "WANTED: Cigar store attendant. Low wages but first crack at popular brand cigarettes."

SHANGRI-LA Notebook

FLASHES FROM 36TH DIVISION'S 'OWN' REST CAMP

Rec. Hall Is Scene Of Increased Activity At R.C.

Two more Ping-Pong Tournaments and another Volleyball Tournament have been added to the list of Athletic Events at the Rest Camp.

The Volleyball was won by the "Rebels," an independent team, composed of men of three different organizations. The winning players were Cpl. Thomas Lynch, Co. A, 111th Eng. of Altoona, Penn.; Pfc. Sam Di Costa, Hq's. Co., 143rd Inf. of Boston; Sgt. Carroll Hazlewood, 36th Q. M. Co. of Fort Worth and Cpl. Douglas Davis, Co. A, 111th Eng. of Arlington, Va.

The defending foursome in the finals were the Logan Hotel "Mountaineers." They lost 3 games to 1. Their squad was composed of Pvt. James D. Tancs of Philadelphia; S/Sgt. Roy E. Nelson of Chicago; Pvt. William J. Kriena of Waterloo, Iowa, and Pfc. Gene L. Samson of Williamson, Conn. All four men are from the 142nd Infantry.

Ping Pong Papa



THE "CHAMP"

Sgt. Howard L. Willaman is one of the four men who have worn the "Shangri-La" Ping-Pong Crown to date. In the finals, he took the measure of T/3 Rufus L. Floyd.

Pittsburg (CNS) — Mrs. Pearl Hurst didn't mind it when her husband toted a bottle of whiskey to bed with him every night, she testified in a divorce petition here, but she did start complain after he began whamming her over the head with the empty jug.

OTHER CONTESTANTS — Sgt. Carroll Hazlewood, 36th Q. M. Co. of Fort Worth; Pfc. Homer Wills, Co. I, 143rd Inf. of Hazard, Ky.; Pvt. Richard Rogers, Hq's. Co., 143rd Inf. of Rochester, N. Y. and T/Sgt. Jack Hearn, AT Co., 143rd Inf. of Gatesville, Texas.

SEMI-FINALS — Willaman defeated Drury by 2 games to 0 and Floyd conquered Despain by 2 games to 0.

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SILVER STARS *

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 Pfc. ALBERT GROKATIS, Worcester, Mass., 142nd Inf.
 Pfc. JOSEPH P. JORDAN, Los Angeles, Cal., 142nd Inf.
 Pfc. ADAM B. RADABAUGH, Hall, W. Va., 143rd Inf.
 Pfc. BLASCO J. BUSCEMI, Palisade, N.J., 141st Inf.
 Pfc. WILLIAM E. BOATMAN, Jersey Shore, Pa., 141st Inf.
 Pfc. VORISE MILLER, Lafayette, La., 142nd Inf.
 Pfc. WALLACE W. KITE, Hurland, Mo., 142nd Inf.
 Pvt. SAM GALIUCCHIO, Raiford, Fla., 143rd Inf.
 Pvt. LAWRENCE J. BELT, Wheeling, W. Va., 143rd Inf.
 Pvt. ANDREW RUSNAK, Springdale, Pa., 142nd Inf.
 Pvt. JOHN R. SCHELLA, Carbondale, Pa., Med. Det., 141st Inf.
 Pvt. GEORGE E. NETTLETON, Risco, Mo., 142nd Inf.
 Pvt. EUGENE H. WILLIAMS, Munce, Ind., 143rd Inf.
 Pvt. LEWIS E. ORR, Morgantown, W. Va., 142nd Inf.

An Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following names individuals for gallantry in action:

Capt. LOUIS N. QUAST, St. Paul, Minn., 132nd F.A.
 1st Lt. ALBERT G. KUDZIA, Kalamazoo, Mich., 142nd Inf.
 1st Lt. JOHN W. SMITH, Bonham, Texas, 132nd F.A. Bn.
 1st Lt. ROBERT A. LANG, East Orange, N.J., 132nd F.A. Bn.

T/Sgt. WILLIAM TAYLOR, Lockhart, Texas, 141st Inf.

ARMORED DEVILS

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fire to hit the second. The second tank withdrew: the first one was crippled. Another round disabled it.

The third platoon had accounted for three tanks in less than two minutes. The left flank of the open field was secure.

Lt. John Kehoe, New York City, had his Second Platoon on the edge of a town where his three guns covered the open space from the right flank. He was in an OP directly behind his mounts when he saw two groups of enemy medium and heavy tanks come into sight in front of the tree line, at this point about 4000 yards away. The first group was the larger, seven tanks. All told, there were twelve.

It was a large order for the three guns of the platoon, but the men were waiting for a chance to even an old score. In their last action, their platoon sergeant had been shot out with his fourth tank destroyer.

Sgt. Claude Stokes, McAlister, Okla., watched from the turret of his « Oklahoma Wildcat », driven by his twin brother Sgt. Clyde Stokes. The enemy was still over 3000 yards away when he opened fire. « We had to peel them off, » he said later. « They were shooting up our infantry. » He spotted a Panther Tank just when the artillery dropped smoke shells behind it. Silhouetted, it made an ideal target.

But the first kill went to S/Sgt. Leonard Collingsworth, Dodd City, Texas, who had been sitting watch in the « Oklahoma Wildcat ». It was another sitting duck, 2500 yards away.

It looked like easy shooting. It was phenomenal. Across the snow and against the grey sky, the tanks were barely visible. The range, while not excessive, was very long. As the colonel said: « Those boys handle that three inch gun like it was an over-sized rifle. They're deadly accurate. »

When Sgt. Stokes took over the « Wildcat », Sgt. Collingsworth, led two mounts down the road where they had a better field of fire. Frusterated, German tanks and supporting infantry had shifted their attack and were trying to slip into town from the flank. Sgt. Hester Bentley, Cullman, Ala., and his gunner, Cpl. Harry Beatty,

saw two tanks out of eight that stopped to fire at the infantry. They drove the first one back to the tree line, knocked out another with three rounds. The others left the position, taking their supporting foot troops with them. Sgt. Harvey Hale, Fairmont, W. Va., spotted another tank that tried to lead a large number of infantrymen flanking the town. As he stopped to fire on American troops dug in along the road, Sgt. Hale pumped out five fast rounds into him at the almost impossible range of over 3500 yards. When the tank caught fire, he traversed to pile up the enemy infantry around the tank.

On the right flank, the three guns accounted for four tanks and countless enemy infantry, plus one tank damaged. On the left flank, the two guns had knocked out three tanks, crippled another.

S/Sgt. G. D. Steedman, Warren, Ark., had gone to lead up supporting tanks, but by the time they arrived, the area had been secured. The C Company men were never attacked again.

Could Such A Thing Happen? Five Non-Smokers

The GI walked off in complete amazement — wondering if such a thing in the army did exist. By all laws of averages — she was something wrong.

Ack-acker Cpl. Mike Scheckenback, Long Island, of the 443rd, was talking to a fellow townsmen. Pfc. Ed Curry of 133rd from Brooklyn, when Scheckenback told this one on himself and four other GIs.

The five men were having a bull-session when a GI stranger walked up and offered cigarettes to the group. The stranger left in a veil of doubt, upon receiving the truthfull reply: « Thanks, but none of us smoke. »

Boston (CNS) — This sign hangs in the window of a South Boston pet shop: « Cats Trained To Scratch Your Back. »

NICE KITTY



The French printer saw this pin up and exclaimed: « Tres jolie chatte. » We agree, except the cat's name is Lillian Breen, one of Walter Thornton's « knocked-out » New York models.

EXCHANGES

FROM OTHER DIVISIONS

From 45th DIVISION NEWS :

Pvt. Bob Starbuck, Hqs. 180th Inf., wrote a watch company for information on how to buy one of their watches. They told him to go to the nearest PX... Latey the Krauts have been chosing some particular artillery targets. They got direct hits on EM latrines at Div. Hqs. and Hqs. 171st F.A. but didn't hit anybody... « You ought to know so-and-so, » wrote the mother of 1st Sgt. John Ross, 160th F. A. « he's in the 7th Army too. »

From FRONT LINE, 3rd Division News :

The Krauts got very fussy about what they grabbed when they captured a trailer belonging to Capt. Lillian W. Cain, chaplain with the 30th Infantry. Two days later, in a fast move by the 3rd Division, they captured a town. There was no trouble in locating much of the chaplain's equipment. « The Krauts were in a hurry, » was Chaplain Cain's opinion, « because they left a pencil and un-

141st Sgt Gets Warm Reception

T/Sgt. Sylvio Guatteri, Weirton, W. Va., had been released from the hospital and was going back to his company of the 141st Infantry. As he entered the town, where his outfit was being held in reserve, civilians fled towards him gashing — « Boche! »

« And, damn, they weren't kidding, » Said Guatteri. « What a reception. Stuff was flying all over the place. I'll never forget that welcome as long as I live. »

answered letters from bereaved. They also spurned religious literature. »

From CENTURY SENTINEL, 100th Division :

Top family man of the 100th Division is Pvt. Ralph Welch of the 399th Infantry, who has a wife and five kiddies waiting for him in Rock Island, Ill. Ralph draws his private pay of exactly 188 dollars per... Pfc. Jerry Lucey, a machine gunner with 374th F.A., is anxious to get a crack at some Kraut planes. Back in the states, Lucey was the only gunner to knock down a plane-towed target.

Petits Garcons Find Grenade Dangerous Toy

The four little French boys were quite pleased with their recently acquired toy. It was something new to them — but it wasn't new to a passing 36th MP who answered the screams of the mother of one of the kids. Pvt. George F. Rizik, Flint, Mich., found the treasured toy was none other than a live German egg grenade.

The holder of the grenade reluctantly gave up the « toy » after Rizik promised to show how it worked. When the grenade was thrown into a nearby stream, the terrific splash of water and mud gave a convincing demonstration of how the toy worked.

Four little kids who were lucky to still be alive, fled in disorder from the scene.

Sport CHIPS

By Clarence LASKY

Hopeful that the Kentucky Derby may be run despite present government restrictions, Charles Howard has ordered his trainers to continue the conditioning of six promising sons of Seabiscuit for the annual classic in May at Lexington, Ky.

A nine-pound addition to the fighting Conn family has arrived, being the second son born to Cpl. Billy Conn and the Mrs. The father is now touring the United Kingdom in a series of exhibition bouts after completing a similar program in Italy, Sicily and France... Charley Robinson of New Jersey set some sort of a record by losing two bouts in separate rings and in two different States — all in less than an hour. Robinson, a heavyweight, lost a six-round decision at Camden, then dressed and boarded a bus for Philadelphia where he was kayoed.

At New Orleans, medical examiners rejected Steve Van Buren, Philadelphia Eagles' halfback and former Louisiana State star, for faulty vision. A Cleveland draft board reclassified Roy Mack, Indians' second baseman, as a temporary reject. The 28-years-old ballplayer is married and has two children and works in a war plant. Howard Gaskey, 225-pound Penn State tackle, has been called up for a physical three times, and each time he has been rejected each time for a different reason. Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion, is the latest boxing addition to Uncle Sam's forces.

Benny Rubin, Chicago wrestling promoter, announced that six professional grapplers from the Chicago area are leaving for Europe to show their stuff before servicemen. Those making the trip are: George Mack, Jerry Gordon, Jack Ross, Harold Sabath, Gay Young and Pete Schue... William McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, will receive the Bill Slocum Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to baseball over a period of years.

Gil Dodds closed his track career when he won the two-mile event at the Boston YMCA Games in a slow time of 9:58.4 minutes. Dodds, who announced his retirement in order to assume ministerial duty in California. Lt. John MacKinnon, Harvard track captain in 1943, is severely wounded in a German prison camp. He won every collegiate event in which he competed and won the New England AAU high hurdles title in 1942.

S/Sgt. Robert Rowe, star of Colgate's undefeated, untied football team of 1933, and later a member of the professional Brooklyn and Detroit teams of the National Football League, has been wounded in action in the ETO. Bobby Doerr, Red Sox; Ken Keltner, Cleveland; Rudy York, Detroit; and George McQuinn, of St. Louis, all gained membership in the American League's « 1000 » Club last season..

SORRY...

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Male Call

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Message Center For The Main Body

WELL, I'M THE GUY
 YOU HAVE A DATE WITH
 TONIGHT... AS I WAS
 SAYIN'... I WAS ACTIN'
 CORPORAL THEN AN' I
 SEZ, 'LISTEN YOU JOES,
 Y'WANTA LIVE FOREVER?
 I SEZ --



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