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Welcomes New Men

Speaking of the large body of newcomers, Div. CG. Brig. Gen. R. I. Stack stated he was proud to have in the division the representatives of so many fine outfits, all of which are a cross section of the Army that defeated the Nazi regime. Loyalty to these former outfits was most commendable, said the general, and he added that he desired that all possible be done to make the new division members feel as comfortable as in their parent unit.

Presenting Honored Guests: Give These Men City Key

Allow us to introduce the guests of the division, the unwitting bearers of glad tidings to all in the 36th.

Treat them well, give them everything they want. They're the team that will get those records in shape for clearance of the continent.

If any one of these fine chaps are out of cigarettes, gum, er, companionship, whatever — give it to them. We haven't met them, but we are positive they're high-calibre, outstanding gentlemen, soldiers, and all things good.

Here they are, by name and rank, the officers and men of the visiting Oise Base Section AG personnel records check team:

Maj. Earl M. Goodsell
Lt. Charles A. Quinlan
Sgt. Eino J. Niva
T-4 James Graham
Cpl. Edward J. Murphy
Cpl. Robert L. Payne
T-5 Michael G. Degiandomenico

U.S. to Redeploy Via Bremen Next Month

WASHINGTON — Starting next month, additional American troops will be redeployed from the ET from the north German port of Bremen. Several thousand troops a month will be shipped from this port, equivalent to the number now being sent from the ports of Antwerp and Le Havre.

By next month, a staging area will moved into the area around Bremen to process troops leaving that port.

Navy officials announced yesterday that 6,000-000 troops will have been returned to U. S. by the end of next May.

Strikes Down as 216,000 Halve Number out on Jobs

(AP)—The number of strikers out in the U.S. has been cut in half as 216,000 workers returned to their jobs in the past week. Largest number of idle workers in a single industry is 16,000, the number of Northwestern sawmill workers still absent from their posts.

As a result of the return the work of soft coal miners in the Pennsylvania mining regions, the production of steel is expected to rise by the end of this week.

65-Pointers to Stay, AG Says

"Rumors that men with below 65 or 70 points will be shipped out and new groups of high-point personnel brought in are false," Lt. Leigh West, Asst. AG declared yesterday. "We haven't had a single official word about it."

It is presumed that when the Division begins to move early in November, it will carry substantially the same personnel it now contains.

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Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth. (Matth. 5 : 5)

Tell All, And Checkers Wili Get You On Ship

Some time within the next 10 days, you'll be walking past a lineup of GI's and officers who'll pry into the facts and figures of your record and Army life.

Don't hold back; tell 'em all they want to know. It's these forms, correct, up to date, and strictly kosher, which will get you up the gangplank.

The personnel records inspecting team from Oise Base Section, split up so that one man will accompany a 10-man division inspecting team, will check for your service record, pay book, classification card, dog tags, and all entries therein, and entry failures.

By the time they have finished, your records should be up to snuff and ready to pass any spot check held at the port.

In addition to getting you home, proper records will aid in your civilian life to come. Div Hq officials recall the confusion after the last war when faulty and absent records made re-employment difficult, and later bonuses hard, if not impossible to collect.

Red Cross Opens Evenings

The Red Cross Club in Geislingen, formally known on its sign by the title "Wagon Wheel," will be open for use of the game rooms each evening from 7 to 9:30, Jeanne Hickey, New Haven, Conn., hostess, announced yesterday. Coffee shop hours, however, remain the same; daily, from 9 to 11 a. m.; afternoons, from 1:30 to 5; and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 9 to 9:30.

The Mock Turtle

By R. P. W.

The only thing which kept the American Legion so vociferously alive between the two wars, the only thing which kept it from becoming a less succesful cousin of the Elks, the Odd Fellows, and other booze and bean-supper societies, was its bonus policy. I cannot imagine, that the new soldier organizations, the Amvets and so on, will disregard the moral of the Legion's long and loud success. If any veterans of this war have banded together to proclaim an anti-bonus program, it has escaped my notice.

So, if you join one of these outfits, you are, practically speaking, declaring for the bonus. Your dues will be employed to pay lobbyists to urge congressmen to pass a bill to make the Treasury shell out to you. You ought to decide now, before they start glad-handing you and reaching for your membership fee, whether you believe in the bonus.

Humans are prehensile creatures, and none of us, as an individual, is opposed to the idea of getting more money. But as citizens we may see some big objections to the bonus. This war has ruined a number of lives, and balled up a lot more, but most of us can reasonably expect to earn a good living, despite the time and energy we've lost. Many men are going back to businesses of their own, others to guaranteed jobs; many are being discharged young enough to have full careers before them. In a few years, many of us won't need a handout.

Since a bonus in 1955 would give a lot of money to a lot of men not seriously requiring it, the bonus is inferior to the government's relief and public works programs, which deal out the dough where it's most needed. Consider this, together with the inevitable inflationary effect of 12,000,000 simultaneous payments, and figure out whether you want to whoop it up for the bonus.

Engineers Make With Boxes

Add one more bit of redeployment doings from the scant take of yesterday: Boxes to ship the records of the APO, Hq Co, and G-1, are under construction. Some 60 are being made in all, under the direction of Lt. Milton C. Brey, 111th Engr Bn Co C, platoon leader. It is expected that other boxes for minimum essential equipment will be prepared at the port.

Arm Broken, Maybe?

When the division postal Officer complains about not not receiving mail — — what chance has an ordinary GI got? Capt. Waldemar Bratcher said yesterday he had not received a letter from his wife in two weeks. "Things are fouled up somewhere," he muttered. "But the mail is going out O. K."

He urged that all packages for home be submitted soon to avoid the last minute rush. The regimental mail sections for sale of stamps and MO's will close down three days before the organization moves, and the division Post Office three days before the last division element clears the area, Capt. Bratcher said.

Pastor Potts Passes; Reveille Suffers Blow

Harold Gordon Potts, Robert Reveille editor, erstwhile lawyer, rifleman, patron of the arts, and judge of fine liquors, today leaves his ETO home, the Texas Division.

Mourning the 28-year-old Berryville, Va., sage is his vast following in the 36th whose loss now is the 100th Division's gain. Harold Potts, sadly enough, has 52 points.

With large tears rolling down his noble countenance, he waved a parting farewell from the creaking stool in the GI Club he had learned to love so much.

Rues Missing Last Gasp

"My great regret is that I could not stay to hear the last dying gasp of the Reveille," he moaned over a stale brew.

Pfc. Potts, former Easy Co, 142nd Inf dough-foot, who fought through five months in line, joined the Reveille staff in July, assumed co-editorship in September, and his outspoken, sound dictum are now grimly-uttered watchwords over a vast region.

Seemingly recognizing even another gift in the vast, untapped capacities of the leaving journalist, an emotional co-worker last night nailed above his door; "Chapel Services, Pastor Potts, conducting."

Pastor Potts, embarking for other fields today, leaves a writhing reading audience who look to relief from the present Reveille. The current staff will strive to fill the unfillable spot he leaves.

Send Home Gelt Now, Finance Recommends

You'll probably be paid here before leaving the area. It would be a splendid idea to send home all excess monies before hitting the port. There's no telling whether you'll get francs or dollars in the port conversion, until it is known how long we'll be at the port.

That's the main theme on the financial aspect of going home, as far as could be learned yesterday at the division finance office.

Maj. J. C. Kelly, Div Finance Officer, also added that all troops would receive the 17-dollar-bonus at the port to meet the exchange differential.

He advised that all division personnel having money accumulations glance over the Oct. 6 Seventh Army weekly directive, Section I, dealing with transmission of funds. Therein, he pointed out, it prohibits military personnel from sending out of the theatre, or converting, any funds which have not been derived from U. S. official sources.

Official sources was stated to include gifts from home.

While Maj. Kelly could not say just what would be done with excess personal money, he indicated that it could be confiscated if an investigation proved it was gotten through illegal means or blackmarketing.

Conversion at the port hinges on whether sufficient time is available for passes, he said.

If passes are granted, francs will be issued. If not, 36th men will be issued dollars immediately.

SSO Does it Again, Wins 42-14

Despite a solidly-reinforced opposition, the SSO again blasted its way to victory, downing Hq Co, 42-14, to maintain its unbroken string of touch football wins Sunday. The invincible SSO'ers are still thirsting for competition.

Movie Tonight "I'll Tell the World"

Joan Davis, Jack Haley

Show Starts 1830 & 2030



Radio Singer Diana Shore