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REMEMBER?

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It Was Just A Year Ago-

It was « machine gun hunting » time in the Mount Cairo area of Italy at this time last year. The German defenses depended strongly on a multitude of rock emplaced automatic weapons, and for the most part it was a man-to-man job to blow them out.

The first week of February, 1944, belongs historically to the 142nd Infantry Regiment and its artillery counterpart, the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion.

T/Sgt Robert H. Healer of O'Donnell, Texas, and Sgt. James H. Archer of Hoosick Falls, New York, showed their 142nd Infantry buddies the approved solution for machine gun hunting on boulder-trewn Mount Cairo and the rugged road up to Terelle. Both actions were on 3 February, and both were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Sergeant Healer's citation :

« During a company attack against a strongly fortified enemy-held hill, a platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire and hand grenades. T/Sgt. Healer, whose platoon followed the leading element, was ordered to maneuver his unit to the left rear of the enemy machine gun position. Upon moving around the hill his platoon was confronted by fire from another German machine gun. Unhesitatingly, Healer crawled forward, exposing himself to heavy fire, and hurled two hand grenades into the hostile machine gun nest to destroy the emplacement. Having neutralized this position, he led his platoon forward to eliminate three other enemy machine gun positions which were impeding the advance of his company. T/Sgt. Healer's display of aggressive leadership and determined courage enabled his company to complete its mission successfully. »

Sergeant Archer's citation :

« During an attack on an enemy hill position, Sgt. Archer's squad was the leading element of the attacking company. Moving forward to engage the enemy, his scouts became pinned down by hostile machine gun fire. Sgt. Archer skillfully worked his way forward and assisted the scouts in destroying the enemy nest with his rifle grenade launcher. Then, completely disregarding his own safety, he singlehandedly charged a second enemy machine gun position and destroyed it with hand grenades. Through his courageous actions and gallant leadership, his company was able to continue to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Archer's heroic

performance reflects highest credit upon himself and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. »

On the 4th of February the 91st Reconnaissance Squadron took over a good portion of the Rapido River sector, and on the following day the 2nd New Zealand Division completed the relief of the battered 36th from the valley positions.

That same day the Division Command Post moved into Cervaro, high on the slopes overlooking the upper Rapido valley, and looking squarely into the eyes of the Boche observers situated in the Abbey of Monte Cassino. On the 6th the command of that bloody area passed to the Commanding General of the New Zealand Division.

The 143rd Infantry Regiment joined the 142nd on the Mass Manna crests, relieving elements of the 34th Division already hard pressed in their attacks against the city of Cassino itself. On the 8th the 142nd reverted to 36th Division control and on the 10th the 141st completed the occupation of the Mount Castellone corner.

One of the most aggressive defensive positions ever taken by the division was then set up.

Stork Reality

At 0200 one morning, the telephone was bringing delicate instructions to T/5 Mason L. Parker of Albany, N.Y. He was the medico for Co. L. 141st, but right at that moment he was engaged in the art of ushering into the world a brand new French baby.

On the other end of the wire, Capt. Milton C. Lowenthal, New York City, 3rd Battalion Surgeon, was verbally mapping out the procedure.

It was a « boy », and he doing fine. Parker and his cohorts dubbed him with the name — « Top Kick ».

Distinguished Service Cross Awarded To Lt. Col. Simpson



Adding to the division's long list of DSC awards, is the recent orders awarding the « Nation's Second Highest » to Lt. Col. (then Major) Everett S. Simpson of Amarillo, Texas, of the 142nd Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action.

During an attack on hill « 630 » on 28 September 1944, near Remiremont, France, the leading elements of the 3rd Battalion were subjected to intense enemy fire from both sides.

Land-Office Business At Snack Bar



T-Patch Photo By Shaffer.

One of the most popular spots at the 36th Division Rest Camp is the Snack Bar, which features hot coffee and doughnuts or some other special pastries, after the movie each night.

Lt. Col. Simpson, who was with the leading assault platoon, immediately ordered the establishment of a command post and aid station, then pressed forward with his companies.

In face of hostile fire, he then set up a defensive position and moved from company to company to point out their positions and sectors of fire.

While he advanced across the fire swept area, he was seriously wounded by an exploding mortar shell. Despite of his severe wound he refused to be evacuated by the littermen so that the other wounded men could be removed more promptly.

While two aid men were assisting him to the battalion aid station, Lt. Col. Simpson shouted orders to the soldiers as he passed, encouraging them to push forward.

Even at the aid station his first thoughts were for his men, and, while his painful wound was being dressed, he issued instructions concerning plans for a forthcoming attack.

His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

APO RECENT HOLIDAY SEASON WAS REAL BACK - BREAKER FOR POSTAL BOYS

The Division Postal Section handles more mail per month than the average small city. The past Christmas season rush was no exception to their enormous task of getting the mail to the troops, as quickly as possible.

Between 23rd October 1944, when the first batch of Christmas mail hit the APO — and Jan. 4th, the 36th Division APO boys toted some 21,764 sacks of parcel post packages, and some 1,985 pounds of letters for men of the division and all attached troops.

For simplicity and expediency of all mail, the APO is broken down into the following sections :

MONEY ORDER, STAMPS and REGISTRY. The money orders alone amount to over \$150,000 per month, and each regiment has a unit operating.

OUT-GOING MAIL is broken down into three groups. Air, Free and V-mail to 48 states, and foreign countries.

DIRECTORY SECTION speeds up delivery of mail to reinforce-

ments after it reaches the APO, also gets the mis-addressed mail to the right party.

IN-COMING mail is broken down to all organizations and attached units.

FIRST CLASS RE-DIRECTION handles all 1st class mail that has been forwarded to men in hospitals. This is broken down to about 40 different hospitals. This section also handles mail for the deceased.

2nd, 3rd and 4th CLASS RE-DIRECTION handles all packages.

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Who Was Most Embarrassed - Krauts Or GIs ?



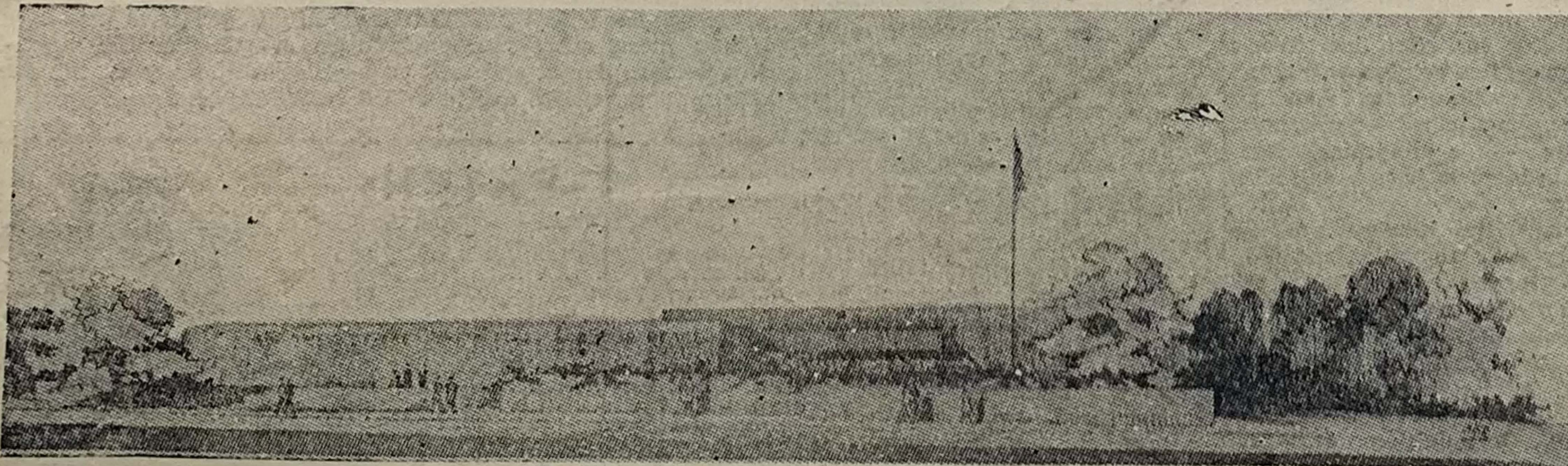
Pfc. James D. Essex, Co. F., 143rd Inf., of Louisville, Ky, tells this one :

Essex was with a squad of men who arrived at a house at approximately 0100 in the morning. Guards were posted on all the doors, and the rest of the men went to sleep.

Next morning, Essex awoke early and stepped outside to take care of nature's urge. Standing there was one surprised Jerry, who was quickly covered. Prisoner one led the way back into the house to prisoners number two, three, four and five.

The « Krauts » were already asleep in the house when the Americans had arrived, but nobody lost any sleep, for neither group had suspected that there was anyone else in the house.

Architect's Sketch Of Proposed 36th Division Memorial



This is Architect Alden Dow's sketch of the proposed 36th Division Memorial to be erected at Temple, Texas. It was chosen in a state-wide competition of the Texas Society of Architects.

Mr. Dow conceived his memorial around a « Garden of Peace » in the center of the Memorial. The garden itself will be elevated and on the steps leading to it from all sides will be the names of 36th

Division men who have lost their lives in action.

The large central exhibit hall surrounds the garden and will have a long, curved wall suitable for a grand mural depicting the 36th's principal battles. An auditorium of Little Theater type will be to the right rear. The memorial faces east and will cover the entire city block.

★ GI Grapevine

HOT AND COLD FLASHES FROM HERE AND THERE

Lt. JACK T. YORK, Marshall, Texas, former motor sergeant with 36th Recon Johns, is now at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Pvt. Norman Willson, one of the first draftees in the 141st Infantry is now convalescing at Ashburn General Hospital at McKinney, Texas.

The members of 133rd think they have the « oldest » non-com (23 years), and the oldest (years holding rank) first sergeant. They don't want to come out and « challenge », and have asked that we find out through the T-Patch — if there is any challengers to this record, within the division. Any unit having an eligible candidate for this position... send it in to the T-Patch, and tabulations will be announced later.

To add to the long list of « handles » on vehicles of the division, Service Btry., 132nd named their trucks in Africa, and the names have stuck all thru Italy and France.

As a RODEO performer would be announced - riding a certain wild bronc - the 132nd has T/5 AMOS SIDDALL herding « VINO »; Pvt. JOHN KELLER wheeling « CHERIE »; Pvt. PAUL SPRINKLE steering « RAIN-DROP »; Pfc. GILBERT PERKINS with « SHIRLEY »; Pfc. JOHN DENARDO rounding corners in « HOT NUTS »; Pfc. FRANK KARG in «TEABALL»; Pfc. WALTER NEJUKA with « BUGS »; Pvt. OPAL A. FLOYD in « AMMO »; and T/5 HUDSON LARRISON winds up the train with his 2 1/2 ton named « TUG-BOAT ».

All drivers are urged to send in the names of their vehicles, with their own name and organization to the T-Patch.

Overheard: « I'm going to dig a foxhole so deep it'll be just short of desertion.

ODDITIES: BILL STRECKERT, Brownwood, Texas, of the 36th Division Band, won the 1937 World's Championship HOG-CALLING CONTEST in Kansas City.

Another « bandsman » — ROBERT « Junior » KNOX, just rounded out 20 years, with not a « solid » tooth — when he stands to play tenor sax, he has to step on a box to reach the mouthpiece.

T/Sgt. CHARLES R. RUMMEL, former member of K Co., 143rd, was wounded and captured at the Rapido River, has been sent home on a prisoner-exchange, and is now with his family in Waco, Texas.

Sgt. ELVIS W. CALLAN, 143rd Inf., recently spent his furlough at his home in Moshem, Texas, is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

In the future, Pfc. O. F. HAELTINE, 3rd Bn. Hqs. Co., 142nd Inf., Salem Depot, N. H., will put his name in his billfold. He recently lost same, and was only able to identify it when recovered, by the somewhat questionable photos contained within.

Pfc. HENRY E. BEINERT, 141st Aid Station, Mount Vernon, N.Y., was wondering what the fiancé of T/5 Mason Parker will say when she finds out that he recently acted as mid-wife for a French madam.

CORRECTION

In the 21 January 1944 edition of the T-Patch, Lt. Col. Charles J. Denholm was erroneously stated as a Battalion Commander.

Colonel Denholm is the Regimental Commander of the 143rd Infantry as of 27 December 1944, after having served as A. C. of S., G-3, from 23 November 1944 until his appointment as Regimental Commander of the 143rd Infantry.

Washington. — The armed forces of the U. S. all branches, now total 11,900,000, of whom 8,000,000 are in the Army. This does not include the 1,500,000 who were once in the service, but are no longer on the rolls because of either discharge from service or death.

A pretty young wac named Brenda, Went out in a jeep on a bender, After riding for miles, She loct all her smiles, It seems that Brenda was tending.

T-Patch Profile



The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of the 36th Division is Lt. Col. Robert H. Travis of Beaumont, Texas.

Colonel Travis mobilized with the Texas National Guard in November 1940. He became assistant G-3 in March 1943, and A. C. of S., G-1, in August 1944.

Colonel Travis has attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Service Company 142nd Has Long And Faithful Record



The men of the Service Company, 142nd Infantry, are responsible for the rationing, arming, and equipping the entire regiment, including medics, engineers and tankmen that make up their entire combat unit. As CWO James Sidick, Detroit, put it: « It's quite a job. »

Service Company was mobilized with the Texas National Guard in November 1940. They were 79 men, all from Brownwood, Texas, who reported to Camp Bowie in Alsace, four years later, less than 25 are still with the company, after serving through Africa, Italy and France.

The company is divided into five distinct sections; each with its function. Of these five, the most important is supply. S-4, supply officer, for 142nd is Major Gene Hensley, Santa Anna, Texas. Assisting him are Mr. Sidick and clerks Sgt. Glen Hurst, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Cpl. Bert Vogel, Dubuque, Iowa.

Supply is divided into several subsections to handle fuel, rations, clothing, ammunition, and organizational equipment. The ration team alone handles many tons of food, including two tons of bread per day. Under Pfc. Walter Krause, Rhineland, Wis., the ration crew draws the various food components according to the instructions of the battalion commanders. When he food comes in, it is broken down for distribution according to the strength of the company, loaded on the vehicles which transport it to the front.

The clothing section works under the supervision of M/Sgt. Willard C. Miller, Fort Worth, Texas. The clothing detail processes all field equipment for the line troops equipping the reinforcements as they join the units, handling salvage, replacing worn shoes, helmets — « everything from socks to barracks bags, » as Miller explains.

Probably the heaviest work is done by the ammunition and ordnance section, Capt. Roland A. Willford, Brownwood, Texas, and Sergeants Charles D. Rickel, Star, Texas, and Fred Ulrich, Boerne, Texas. In its small-arms dump the section keeps 50 or more tons of rifle ammunition, grenades, explosives and bazooka shells — from 12 to 20 truckloads. In addition, it handles all Regimental ordnance, from sheath knives to self-propelled 105 mm howitzers of the Cannon Company. Responsible for the breaking down of

the basic ammunition to each company is WOJG Robert Henkel, Brownwood, Texas.

The transportation section handles over 300 vehicles and trailers. Acting Company Commander of Motor Maintenance Officer is 1st Lt. Murray Canaday, Brownwood, Texas. His work includes the reconnoitering of new positions, the charting of routes for the supply train. Also within his jurisdiction is the Regimental Motor Shop of CWO William, V. Ellis, Brownwood, Texas.

One of the more vital functions is the processing of reinforcements and men returning from the hospital. With Service Company travels a second branch of S-1, Lt. Edward M. Yeavis, Scranton, Pa. In connection with Company 1st Sgt. Frank Kent, Lansing, Mich., he supervises the processing of men joining the 142nd. Chief personnel clerk, M/Sgt. Robert M. George, Brownwood, Texas, arranges for their transportation to the various companies.

Major Hensley's installations also include a portable shower unit and a water point. When a battalion is out of the line, its personnel gives showers and exchange of clean clothes. The mail section and Special Service, also come under Major Hensley's supervision.

Main problem of these elements are frequent moves which must be made in close coordination with other units. Service Company is the most forward of all comparable units, must be able to set up quickly, move to new positions on short notice. The men generally set up in close proximity to the most forward zones of activity, yet they have never failed to keep the troops equipped and fed, and have never lost a dump to enemy activity.

BOSTON. — Her mother's loss of 175 dollars in two sessions of an all night POKER game prompted a daughter to telephone police, who arrested 6 women on gambling charges. The informant explained to the cops that « Mother just doesn't realize that the competition was too stiff for her »

Lum And Aaron

By Tony Baldo



« Yes, I know... when in Rome do as the Romans do, but when in France do as... »

'Palace To Pig Pen' - Is Artilleryman's Lament

« From a king's palace to a pig pen, » exclaimed S/Sgt. Stewart T. Stanuelli, Houston, Texas, « that's how we've gone. »

Other members of his FO team, Cpl. Bob Fitzgerald, Belleville, N. J., and Sgt. Russ Flashie, Houston, voiced emphatic agreement.

« We've gone pretty low, » echoed the corporal.

Only a few weeks ago these members of the 155th lived in a palace overlooking the Rhine. They slept in big soft beds, walked on thick plush carpets, washed in big marble tubs, with hot and cold running water. « That was a few weeks ago, » said Sgt. Flashie. « Look at us now. »

The sergeant pointed to the old pig pen in which were trying to create a home. « When we got here there were four inches of ice on the floor, » he recalled. « We had to melt the ice with a Coleman stove. »

« Even without the ice, » echoed Sgt. Stanuelli, « it didn't seem very homelike. We could easily smell the previous occupants. We put in two stoves and a small battery

radio, ran some electric lights from our jeep. It's almost home, now — but a far cry from that Palace on the Rhine. »



Three TD Men Given Battlefield Commissions

Three members of the 636th TD Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles F. Wilber, recently received battlefield appointments to the rank of second lieutenant.

Within the sound of the afternoon's exchange of artillery fire, the gold bars were pinned on 1st Sgt. Joe A. Draker, San Antonio, S/Sgt. Don H. Baabe, Montrose, S.D., and S/Sgt. Wilmer N. Jones, Dixon, S. D.

The appointment of these two men brings the TD's total battlefield commissions to 13, since they hit the beach with the division 'w-y' back in September 1943.

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Littermen Go Where Doughboys Fear To Tread

By Pfc. Joe Erahun

The phone in the 11th Medical Aid Station, rang sharply. Everything and everyone was interrupted by the harsh buzz of reality. The men in the room cleared their throats of drowsiness. The coldness of the room was forgotten. Pipe dreams came to a sudden end.

Someone picked up the receiver. «Company A wanted medics - immediately!» Cpl. Val Pryzocki, Bay City, Mich., and eight others made their way to Company A's CP, but found no routine litter haul waiting for them. They were taken to the 3rd platoon and there an officer explained the situation.

From their position on top of the wooded hill, the lieutenant pointed to a dark lump in the valley of white snow before them. That was their patient. The distance was about 150 yards, and the area was naked of cover. «That's why the platoon could not stay there» explained the officer. «and neither can I ask any of you to go down there and expose yourself.» He looked at the medics carefully, and slowly continued «if you want to volunteer, you can, but I'm not withdrawing this platoon until that man is gotten out of there.»

Sgt. John C. McIntosh, New Castle, Pa., felt the responsibility rest heavy on him. He had seen it all from Salerno to the present. He had lost too many buddies. He couldn't and wouldn't influence any of his men either way by his example. He saw the strained faces of his fellow medics.

«Who's going with me?» The words came out of his mouth without realizing it. Val had spoken, Pvt. Harold R. Sorrel, Wells-on, Ohio, was the first to answer «Okay, count me in.» Pfc. Melvin Johnson, Morea Colliery, Pa., looked at the others and said, «I'll be damned if I go.» Then walked over and joined the first two volunteers. Sgt. McIntosh completed the squad.

With Val in the lead, the four medics took off crawling on their bellies through the foot-thick snow. From the hill, the infantrymen watched as the quartet made their way forward with painful slowness. The platoon sergeant cursed softly to himself as he sweat out the medics. «They're going too much guts for their own good.»

The litter squad was now some 50 yards from their objective. There had been no fire, nor had they been spotted. But from that spot on, there would be no more concealment.

Val called back to the others «Can anyone see the guy?» The men raised up slightly but could

not with their limited view. Val rose slightly higher, and then spotted the wounded man. Suddenly before the others realized what had happened, he was running fully erect with his hands in the air to show he was unarmed.

The Red Cross on his helmet caught the sun. Quickly he was at the side of the wounded man. He grabbed him by the collar and started dragging him toward the others. That's when the Germans opened up. The bullets were hitting all around Val. The snow seemed to come to life. It jumped up in a hundred different spots, leaving little black holes in the white carpet.

«I was sure Val would get it,» said Johnson. «I still can't see how they missed. Standing up against that snow was like a bulls-eye on a target. I saw the wounded guy sort of jump off the ground. He must have been hit again.» But Val didn't let go. He crouched now, keeping a firm grip on his patient.

Meanwhile the 3rd Platoon opened up. «It seemed like every M 1 and machine gun in the army had turned too» on those Krauts,» said Sgt. McIntosh. «After those first shots at Val, they didn't get a chance to get in a good shot. They stayed pinned down in their holes.

The litterbearers completed their mission. They had gone into a no-man's-land for a wounded buddy and brought him back.

★ Battle ★ EXPERIENCES

«When we're following in close behind our artillery to catch Jerry before he can get set, we usually find him on our side of his old position digging new holes. They almost always move forward out of artillery, not backward.»

Look out for enemy equipment that has been abandoned in view of a unit passing through. One of the enemy tricks is to return and use the equipment to cut up the rear of the force that has just passed by. Veterans advise that enemy equipment in working order be disabled when it is in position where it might be used against a passing force or friendly troops.

What's Cookin' At 'Tres Content'



This picture of contentment was taken at the Longhorn Bar at Shangri-La, where the beer is «On The House.»

Joe Steinbach of Rochester, N.Y., was on hand to get his share of the «stuff with a head on it.»

Rest Camp Sports

The Recreation program at the Rest Camp is gaining momentum every day. The Recreation Center, with all its new equipment, is now one of the liveliest spots at Shangri-La.

Another Ping-pong Tournament has been added to the books at the Rest Camp. The new title bearer is Pfc. ARTY CERESINA, Co. A, 142nd Infantry, of Trenton, N.J. He took over the crown which had been worn by Pfc. IRA SAMUELS.

Ceresina won his final match from Pfc. SID PERSON, 2nd Bn. Hqs, 143rd, of Racine, Wis., by 2 games to 0. Persons won his way into the finals by subduing Cpl. BILL SIMON, 143rd, New Port, Ky., by 2 games to 0.

Kamera Kinks

If you are one of the lucky ones who own a camera and have some film - now is the time to get it out and take some SNOWSCAPES - that you have been putting off all winter.

At this time of year, the BEST time of the day to shoot snow-pictures is from 9 AM until 3 PM. Your light being the flattest around the hours of 9 and 10 in the morning, and 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

If you have any special problems with «picture taking», drop a line to the T-Patch, and the staff photographer will give what assistance he can.

SHANGRI-LA

36th,s Own 'MECCA' For Weary Troops

By «Moose» McCreary

When your time comes for you to visit «Shangri-La», be sure to drop into the NEWS ROOM of the T-Patch and the Rest Camp's own mimeograph daily - «The Shangri-La News». We want stories or short items about yourself and your buddies. If it makes good conversation - then it should make good reading, so let us in on the dope.

On 24 January, Pfc. CHESTER MARTIN, 131st, of Brownwood, Texas, was at the Rest Camp, but on this particular day he seemed unusually occupied with his thoughts. After an investigation, we found he had a good reason to be. It was his wedding anniversary - «Number 17». His wife and two children are waiting back in Brownwood - where Martin kicked-off with the division back in 1940.

As per custom at «Shangri-La», names were drawn 25 January to see who would buy the two watches available to the group at the PX. Lucky winners were Pfc. JACQUES, 132nd, and Cpl. FAJT of the QM Company.

Orchids for today go to Pfc. REYNOLDS BLOUNT, 143rd Infantry. He is a jeep driver here on rest from driving jeeps. When a driver was needed, he volunteered to herd the jeep, having to stop every few miles and scrape the ice off the windshield.

Overheard at R/Camp dance «She is indeed, a sight to be held!»

A birthday is just like any other day over here - unless you are at the Rest Camp. For each group of visiting men, there is a Birthday Cake for any men with birthday anytime during the current month. In the latest group, six men helped devour the huge chocolate layer cake. They were: S/pt. WAYNE GRIFFITT, 11th Engrs., Bonham, Texas; TOMMY TOMPKINS, 142nd Inf., of Moon, Ky.; Cpl. BOB WOOD, 753rd of Chicago; Cpl. A. J. BROWN, of 155th, from Dallas; T/5 JESSE FORD, Co. I, 142nd of Shepherdstown, W. Va.; and Pfc. EMERY YARBER, 36th MP Platoon from Hillsboro, Texas.

While at the Camp Post Office, we found busy GI's engaged in wrapping souvenirs to mail home. Pfc. EDWARD BLANCHE, 132nd, of Milwaukee, was sending a little remembrance to the wife, while Pfc. PAUL THOMAS, same outfit, was remembering the girl friend.

The Rest Camp has been complimented many times recently by visits from other outfits who have come around to see what makes SHANGRI-LA tick, with idea of setting up similar Camps. Recent callers have come from 63rd Division, 23rd AAA Group and the 100th Division.

Dan Powers has just completed taking motion pictures of the Rest Camp. These shots will be used in a «short» and in newreels back in the states. Powers is from 163rd Signal Photo, formerly from Hollywood where he was a lensman with MGM.

Sgt. Jim Farmer, ex-6888th, now with 6th AG PRO was on hand also to write a detailed story of the Camp to be used in conjunction with the still pictures snapped by Chas. Snow, also of 163rd 38th Photo. Jack Bessel, 6th Army Group Artist, who drew the sketches of the «Lost Battalion» which appeared in the T-Patch 31 December, will furnish variety to accompany the pictures in the story.

Part of the material obtained by the visiting cameramen and writers has been released in the US through 1250 different media.

Every newspaper and radio station in Texas, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Washington, the home states of four of the T-Patch winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor, have been sent stories about the Rest Camp, and the hotels that have been named after these division heroes. Georgia was also included, as «Commando» Kelly is now stationed at Fort Benning.

We asked Sgt. JOSEPH BALSAMO, Bloomfield, N. J., who is from the same regiment as was Commando Kelly, what he thought about the five hotels being named after the Division's five Medal of Honor men.

«I know Kelly had received alot of publicity in the states,» he said, «but probably he would prize something like the naming of the «KELLY HOTEL» more coming from his old division and his buddies.»

«This means alot to our division pride,» said Pfc. BILL FLISZAR of Hillsdale, N. J. «When I saw the hotel signs I thought of another hero - Sgt. Manuel «ugly» Gongsales, who served in my company. He was a good fighter and hated to leave us, even to go back to the states. It's good to remember these five heroes of the Division.»

Legion Of Merit For Ingenious T. D. Officer

It has been announced that Capt. James J. Austin, Fort Worth, Texas former member of the 636th T. D. Battalion has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services.

Capt. Austin in addition to his duties as Battalion S-3, displayed unusual ingenuity in conceiving and executing plans for benefiting his organization.

When the battalion drew its issue of gun motor carriages, the new destroyers needed modifications. Capt. Austin designed a counterbalance on the rear of the turret to make traversing possible when the destroyer was on a slope or uneven terrain. Then he skillfully designed a modification of the ack-ack mount on the gun motor carriage which permitted the gun to fire in all directions and angles, thus enabling the crew to accomplish feats during combat which would have been impossible had the old design been retained.

By his outstanding devotion to duty, Capt. Austin contributed greatly to the success of the battalion, and his actions are a credit to himself in the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

T-PATCH TID-BITS



By Walter Mills, 142nd

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The Army has seen fit to include Chaplains in its Service Forces. These Chaplains are attached to various units for the distinct purpose of providing religious services and giving counsel and aid along spiritual lines.

It certainly is not the purpose of the Chaplain to crusade against the various «grading» habits of men. The Army neither requires that nor permits that. But, though the Chaplain does not spend his time in stopping every soldier that may be «off the beam» morally, do not think for a moment that the Chaplain does not have definite views in regard to drinking and promiscuous sexual relations. He most certainly does! He will not force his views upon the soldiers, but he is always available for counsel and aid.

So let the Chaplain help you in those things in which he is qualified to help and let him serve as he is expected to serve, by providing religious services and giving personal counsel and aid along spiritual lines.

Fred R. Lammert, Chaplain, 141st Infantry.

ARC Things You Didn't Know About Red Cross Until Now

Some 27 years ago when your fathers were trying to locate a bottle of Hennessy's Three Star Cognac in these same parts, and trying out their five-word vocabulary of French on the mothers of the pink-cheeked girls you are now whistling at, several welfare agencies were striving to keep the mens' spirits up.

The YMCA was the largest organization working in the field with able bodied men, whereas RED CROSS limited it's work to the hospitals.

The Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare, and several other groups pitched in to help out. A small group of hard-working Salvation Army workers giving out coffee and doughnuts to marching units near the front, won the greatest respect from those soldiers who came in contact with them and caused that organization to emerge with the greatest prestige and good will.

The poor « Y » unjustly got a black eye because at the request of the Army, it took over the staffing of the PXs, or « Cantens » as they were then called, and men did not understand the situation and accused them of selling things which had been given them to distribute free.

A large number of agencies with troops proved unsatisfactory and when Secretary of War Baker closed the records of the last war, he recommended that in case of another conflict, one organization be given the responsibility of handling the « welfare » phase of Army life. The American Red Cross was chosen as that agency.

While the care of the sick and wounded remains the major function of the Red Cross, it has been called upon to handle other and new activities — foreign to it's basic peace time services. The men of the 36th Division are served by three of those new war-time branches : The Clubmobile, the Club, and the Field Service.

Our SP doughnut machine under the command of Miss General Jane Cook, firing it's concentration of HE (Happy Eating) at hungry GIs, is a familiar sight to the men of the 36th Division. The other GIs (for girls) of « Do-nut Headquarters » are DOTTY BOSCHEN, VIRGINIA SPETZ and MEREDYTHE GARDINER, can not only hand out doughnuts with a charming technique and skill unequalled by the girls of the other divisions, but serve to refresh our memories that after all the finest girls bear the label : « Made in USA ».

As every man needs a little woman in his life, so does every club. And when a club has two, as ours here at the 36th Division Rest Center, it takes on a warm homelike atmosphere that no mere man can create. « Got a missing button ?; need someone to beat at checkers ?; Want to try the latest jitterbug ?; Something to read ? Did you sleep late and aching for a cup of coffee ? » Kay McDonald and « Candy » White typify the ARC Club branch at it's finest, and their presence and tireless efforts have made a lasting impression on the men who have been lucky enough to get to the Rest Camp.

With each regiment and at Division Headquarters Rear, are representatives of the ARC Field Service - and the Field Director. The purpose is to serve as the

connecting link between the 3800 chapters in the US and the soldier in the field.

The American people charged the Red Cross with the responsibility of taking care of the home problems of the men in the service, so when trouble strikes, they would be reassured by the thought that friendly capable hands have taken over their problem. The Field Director's primary purpose is to be the Red Cross representative of the soldier, as the chapter is of the family.

From running rest camps to taking watches to be repaired, the Field Director are called upon to render many personal services. They are like the life boat on a great ocean liner. If the voyagers are safe and uneventful, there is no occasion to climb into the boats, but should disaster come, then the passengers are reassured to find the life boats are sturdy and well stocked, and operated by experienced seamen.

Let the Field Director and the Home Chapter team up to help you, should ever the occasion arise.

William D. Fine,
Field Director for
36th Inf. Division.

KEEPER OF THE BEES

Pfc. Romeo Banuelos, Houston, Texas, 155th, has probably the warmest bed of any man in Battery C. In fact he's sleeping in a small shed, housing eight bee hives. But the men of the private's section have faith in him. If the bees get annoyed, because of the guns firing nearby, they'll only get the worst of it. Banuelos hasn't earned his nickname « Tequila » for nothing. Tequila, is that Mexican drink that drives you crazy when you lute into it. And if that's what his buddies claim he does to them, you can see what the bees have to fear.

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papers for men who have been transferred, hospitalized and deceased.

The division postal officer is Capt. Harold E. Johnson, Wichita, Kan., and his capable staff include S/Sgt. Chas. Linton, Houston; Sgt. John Graves, Virginia, Ill.; Sgt. Bill Blairstow, Comfort, Texas; Sgt. Rupert Robbins, Savannah, Ga.; Sgt. Floyd Yockey, Dallas; Sgt. Ray Lee, Chesapeake, Texas; Cpl. Jack Kershner, Dayton, Ohio; Cpl. Manuel Zamora, Brownsville, Texas; Cpl. Cletus Pile, Friedens, Pa.; Cpl. Vladimir Bambaloff, Lima, Ohio; Cpl. Jack Pogle, Baltimore; Pfc. Chas. Helton, Atlanta, Ga.; and Pfc. Bob Stewart, Bel Air, Md.

SORRY...

Censorship regulations forbid your sending copies of the T-Patch to the states.

GI Eye-full



We nominate Marion Reid, a Walter Thornton Model of New York, as the gal with more curves than the mountain road between Sisteron and Grenoble.

Sport CHIPS

By Pfc. Clarence Lasky

Major John L. Griffith, former Big Ten commissioner, received the posthumous selection of the Football Writers' Association of America as the sport's « Man of the Year »... Carroll Widdeoe's feat of turning out a undefeated football eleven at Ohio State with nothing but civilians is bringing its reward. He is said to have the inside track to succeed Carl Snavely at Cornell... Arturo Godoy, South American heavyweight who lost year to Joe Louis on his last boxing venture into the United States, will come back late this month for another fling at flistic fortunes... Capt. Waddy Young, former Oklahoma All American now flying in a B-29 in China, won two gallons, of catsup from Col. Pelly Diltman, former Texas Aggie, when the Sooners Beat the Aggies in football... Two members of the University of Pennsylvania basketball combination are former captains of other college teams. Howie Dallmar, six-foot six-inch center, formerly led the Stanford team, Bart Fugler, a guard, was captain of the American University in Washington, D. C... The exhibition bout between Jack Johnson and either King Levinsky or Lee Savold was prohibited by the Illinois Athletic Commission. Johnson, who lost the heavyweight championship to Jess Willard in 1915, now 68 years old, failed to pass the physical examination... Gabby Hartnett, manager of the Jersey City Giants, said the club will train in style at Lakewood, New Jersey... The

Arthur high school basketball team of Illinois has a set of twins who furnish almost all the scoring power. In a recent game, Harold Anderson dropped in 24 field goals and four free throws for 52 points to edge out his brother Gerald, who hit 21 baskets and two free throws for 44 points...

Stan Spence succeeds George Case as the highest-salaried player on the Washington Senators roster. Case displaced Emil Leonard last year after the knuckleballer had been the top-salaried Nat for five years... Gene Tunney has taken over Ray Ryan's New York franchise in the new All American pro league, Ryan is an Evansville, Ind. and New York oilman... Penn State and Michigan State have scheduled a football game for next season, marking the first time since 1925 that the two schools have agreed to meet... The latest addition to Dayton Air Tech's service basketball team is Dwight Eddelman, Centralia (Ill.) Prep star. Dayton's current starting five includes Ed Sadowski, of Seton Hall College, Johnny Mahken, of Georgetown, Chris Hansen, of Bradley Tech, and Johnny Schick, of Ohio State... Don Greenwood, Illinois quarterback, is the latest prospect signed by the National Pro Football League. He signed with the Cleveland Rams, getting a contract calling for 7,000 dollars... Raymond Johnson, sports editor of the Nashville Tennessean, called the bowl game results this year — making it three years in a row without a miss...

Four Days Of Luxury

« It was a swell hotel, with white table cloths and three pretty girls waiting on the tables. We had civilian plates and cups and knives and forks. For Christmas dinner, we had turkey with all the trimmings, including cake and minced meat pie, » said S/Sgt. Billy J. Baskin, 143rd Inf. of Waco, Texas.

« Besides that, we had hot and cold running water and bath tubs. But to top it all off, we had a real bar with me as the bar-tender. We had beer, red and white wine, cognac and even champagne. »

When he said, we, Baskin was referring to the 1st. Bn. Hq. Co. 143rd, while they were enjoying a four day rest period near the Rhine.

133rd Mascot Is Really A Character

By Morton Wilson

It was after the famous « rat-race » from Rome up the coast to Grosseto, that « MEDICO » the pup, started his army career with the 133rd, Medical Detachment. S/Sgt. Morris Miller found the pup while snooping for vino and souvenirs.

« I had to swap a couple of horses and mules plus a bar of chocolate, » said Miller. « He was so small I could put him in my watch pocket. »

In a rest area near Rome, Medico made contact with some rabbits owned by the kitchen crew. He made a dash for the rabbits and thought he was back in combat when one of the hares hauled off and let him have a sharp jab to the jaw. « I laughed for three days, » said Cpl. Floyd Harvey, Cleburne, Texas.

Medico hit the beach on D-Day in the « Meat Wagon » of Pfc. Bob « Slim » McMahon, Cleburne, Texas, ambulance driver.

At Grenoble, Medico got his first look at himself in the mirror-like surface of canal water. He barked and backed off a couple of times, then jumped astraddle of his imagine in the water. Cpl. « Bub » Lindsey, Cleburne, Texas, rescued the pup.

At Marzanne, the aid station was set up in the city hall. When Kraut shells started coming in, Medico ran for the building, crawled off in a corner and covered his eyes with his paws. « We know how he felt, » remarked Sgt. Ed. Ford, Cleburne. « Everytime he hears a shell he shakes all over. »

This mascot is not particular about his bed partners. « He'll sleep with anybody — even Lugo, » revealed S/Sgt. Jim D. James, Cleburne. « But he refuses to sleep on the floor. He sleeps on his back, snores, and even has nightmares, » added Pfc. Anis Lugo, New York City.

Medico is growing so big, shaggy and homely that the problem of getting him back to the states is perplexing Sgt. Miller. Pfc. Henry C. Krueger, Waterloo, Ill., thinks the mutt-will be old enough to swim by that time.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

