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Eight T-Patchmen Accompany Patch

Berchtesgaden Wood Plaques For Three Special Troop Units

In the initial ceremony of its kind for this Division, three Special Troops units were awarded Meritorious Service Plaques in the von Hindenburg Park, Kaufbeuren, last Monday. At the same time six enlisted men were awarded Bronze Star Medals. The Commanding General made the presentations.



Capt. Howard L. Henry, Capt. Manley P. Maddox, and Capt. Orrin G. Clementson display the Meritorious Service Plaque awarded the 36th Division MP Platoon, 36th QM, and 736th Ordnance, respectively.

Unit plaques were presented to the 36th Quartermaster Company, 736th Ordnance Company, and the 36th Military Police Platoon. Bronze Stars were awarded to S/Sgt. Charles A. Brown, Sgt. Merlin C. Crass, Cpl. Joe W. Guess, Pfc. Herbert E. Wysong, Pfc. Paul C. Montgomery, and Pfc. Carl M. Lavelly.

The wood for the plaques was taken from the grounds of Hitler's celebrated hideaway at Berchtesgaden. Following the presentation, the Division Band led the review before Gen. Dahlquist as hundreds of German civilians looked on. Also viewing the parade were many former members of the Wehrmacht, still in uniform.

Citation for the 36th Quartermaster Company reads: "... for superior performance of duty in the execution of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January to 14 August 1944 in Italy. During this period, which included the bitter mountain fighting of the Italian

winter campaign, the breakthrough from the Anzio beachhead, and the pursuit of the enemy to the north, the 36th Quartermaster Company performed its vital supply functions in a highly superior manner and with an outstanding degree of

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Taking A Vacation?

The 36th Division Leave Center is set up to take care of you if you've planned your summer vacation to Paris, London, the Riviera or even the United States.

You will arrive there late one afternoon and be on your way the next morning. In the meantime you may take in a movie or lounge around the Red Cross Club.

If you're headed for the U.S., the Leave Center hopes to make your last impression of the 36th Division a pleasant one.

"First In Spite Of Hell" Motto Gave Way To "We Play The Game" For 131st Field Artillery

By Capt. Raymond E. Kane, Battalion Historian

Just a little more than 27 years ago the 131st Field Artillery Regiment, a large bulky outfit, landed in France during the summer of 1918.

Moving north from the port of Bordeaux, the artillerymen trained at Redan and then pushed on to Coetquidan on 4 September, 1918. The flamboyant insignias of the French units, and their flair for organizational banners and badges proved a challenge to the ingenuity of the swaggering Americans.

Answer to the challenge was coming. Capt. Ed Yinger, Waxahachie, Tex., Commanding Officer of Service Company and Regimental S-4, combined the colors of artillery and the fleur-de-lis, denoting service in France. Below the distinctive device he wrote the slogan, "First In Spite Of Hell". He



had the insignia constructed in front of his headquarters in white-washed rock.

Col. Claude B. Birkhead, who later became Division Commander, commanded the 131st Field Artillery Regiment. He approved the design and slogan. All units in the two battalions, comprising the regiment, took up the new insignia. Col. Walter G. Jennings, now Sixth Corps Ordnance Officer, served as a second lieutenant with Battery E and later as a battalion executive officer before he was transferred.

After nine months of occupation in Germany when the war ended, the 131st returned to the United States with the "First In Spite Of Hell" insignia adorning their lapels and campaign hats. It was a proud outfit and a proud insignia.

In 1923 all National Guard Divi-

sions were reorganized and placed under close observation by the War Department. Unit insignias were scrutinized. The insignia was approved, but strangely enough the motto, "First In Spite Of Hell", was frowned upon.

It fell upon Col. Golding, the new commander, to choose another slogan. Upon the crest was imposed the much milder, "We Play The Game".

The "We Play The Game" insignia is represented all over the world. In November, 1941, before the regiment was triangularized, the 2nd Battalion sailed from San Francisco, wearing the insignia. Two days before Pearl Harbor was bombed, their transport had sailed from there. When war was declared and the Pacific was alive with Japanese warships, the 2nd Battalion sailed into the teeth of the enemy.

On 7 December 1941 the trans-

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San Antonio Probable Headquarters For Men Leaving Division To Tour U.S. With General

Eight Texans, two officers and six enlisted men, all 36th Division Salerno veterans, have left to accompany Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, former Seventh Army Commander, on his trip to the United States. It is expected that San Antonio will be the headquarters for the group.

The eight men honored are: Lt. Col. John N. Green, Abilene, Lt. Col. James L. Minor, Tahoka; 1st Sgt. Leonard P. Hooker, Houston; S/Sgt. Sam H. Gingles, Cleveland; Cpl. Roy F. Kelly, San Antonio; Pfc. Salvador R. Gutierrez, San Antonio; Pfc. Leonard G. O'Neill, San Antonio, and Pfc. E. N. Ratcliff, Troup. Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Commanding General of Seventh Corps, will



Col. Green

Col. Minor



1st Sgt. Hooker

S/Sgt. Gingles

Cpl. Kelly

Pfc. Gutierrez

Pfc. O'Neill

Pfc. Ratcliff

also be included in the party, which will leave Paris tomorrow.

Col. John N. Green commanded the 132nd Field Artillery during the entire period of combat from Salerno through the Tyrolean Alps. He has been a member of the 36th Division for 23 years. Col. Green was also the only battalion commander to stay with his unit throughout all the campaigns. He holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and Purple Heart.

Col. James L. Minor landed at Salerno as a first lieutenant in command of a weapons platoon of the 142nd Infantry. In October, 1943, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of A Company. On 1 May 1944 he became Executive Officer, 1st Battalion. After the invasion of Southern France, he took over command of the battalion. Now a lieutenant colonel, he remain-

ed with the only company making an attack on the Siegfried Line on 18 March 1945. Col. Minor has been decorated with the DSC, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Sgt. Hooker, 111th Engineer Battalion, stated before leaving that he felt the toughest going he had experienced in combat was on the moun-

tains of Cairo, Italy and at the Rapido River. He believed the Italian campaign was tougher physically on the individual doughboy, but that there had been more casualties in French action. Only 15 men remain in Hooker's company that were in it when he joined. The sergeant wears the Purple Heart and Good Conduct ribbons.

Sgt. Gingles, 142nd Infantry, found the going roughest at Tendon, France. During this engagement several bullets pierced the radio he was carrying and it was also at Tendon that he was captured by the Germans. Sgt. Gingles wears the Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Good Conduct Medal.

Cpl. Kelly, 141st Infantry, experienced his closest call at Hagenau. After successfully crossing the Moser River on his ammo-laden jeep, he jumped out and hit the ditch just before a shell scored a direct kayo on the vehicle. Despite the fact that he has never missed a day of action, the corporal is one of the few combat doughs in the Division who has never been hit. Kelly holds the Bronze Star and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Good Conduct Medal.

Pfc. Gutierrez, 111th Medical Battalion, served as an ambulance driver and litter bearer in every campaign in which the 36th participated. He was the first ambulance driver to land on the heavily-shelled 141st Infantry beach on September 9, 1943. Extremely cool under fire, he took his ambulance farther up to the front than do most jeep drivers. Gutierrez wears the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal.

Pfc. O'Neill, 36th Cavalry Recon Troop, commanded an anti-tank gun at Salerno. He was wounded in the battle for Montelimar. Returning to the troop for more action, he participated in the battles for Tendon, the Siegfried Line, and those leading to final victory in Austria.

Pfc. Ratcliff, 143rd Infantry, also participated in all the Division's campaigns. He was wounded at St. Marie and hospitalized for five weeks. "It was the only rest I got," he explained. He received a Bronze Star for extinguishing a fire started when his truck was hit by a shell.

Four 142nd DSC's Bring Division's Total To 122

At a large 142nd Infantry award ceremony last week four DSC's were presented to members of the "I'll Face You" Regiment, and Lt. Col. A. Ward Gillette received the Presidential Unit Citation on behalf of the 3rd Battalion from Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist.

First to be awarded the nation's second highest battle honor was Capt. Joe W. Gill, E Company Commander, who already holds three Silver Stars and a Bronze Star Medal. Capt. Gill was awarded the DSC for extraordinary heroism during the battle of the Siegfried Line.

1st Lt. Clarence F. Bradberry, former leader of Company C's 3rd Platoon and now commanding the company, was next to receive the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism near Lemberg, France.

S/Sgt. Albert F. Neznok, I Company infantryman, won his DSC for extraordinary heroism during the famous battle for Oberhoffen.

When the general pinned the DSC on Cpl. Mitchell Lanier for extraordinary heroism at Livron, France, it was an added distinction that he was the first medic in the regiment to receive the award.

Blue Battalion, second unit of the regiment to be cited by the president, won the distinctive honor for its unprecedented operation through the St. Marie Pass, gateway to the Rhine lowland.

Pfc. Harold J. Muschek of C Company's 3rd Platoon, next stepped for-

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The San Francisco Conference

Second only to the war, the chief source of news, editorials, radio comment and discussion is the conference concluded this week in San Francisco. Reason: the conference designed a blueprint for the world of the future.

First rough sketches of the plan were made at Dumbarton Oaks some seven months ago. Between then and the time the conference met, millions of words were spent in analyzing, explaining and criticizing Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

America's future security depends just as much on an understanding of the issues at San Francisco as her present security depends on an understanding of an M-1 or a Sherman P-47.

Secretary of State Stettinius warns: "The range of the airplane and new weapons—already developed makes certain that the next time—if we permit a next time—the devastation of war will be brought to our own homes and our own soil. Next time—if we permit a next time—it is likely that the United States will be attacked first, not last."

The United Nations conference attempted to set up an international organization to regulate the traffic of international affairs. Keeping the peace, not making it, was the purpose of the meeting.

Dumbarton Oaks spadework dug the foundations for a world organization to be composed of five major branches:

1. A Security Council of eleven members—a body purposely small enough to act quickly in preventing or stopping aggression.
2. A General Assembly open to all members of the United Nations. Its primary job would be the creation of international political, economic and social conditions favorable to peace.
3. An Economic and Social Council, consisting of representatives from eighteen nations elected by the Assembly. They would consider: food, money, aviation, trade and health.
4. An International Court of Justice, for disputes that can be settled by rules of law.
5. A Secretariat or civil service to perform housekeeping duties of the world organization, such as care and publishing of reports.

Delegates to the conference were faced with plenty of work and problems. As the meeting adjourned, some of the problems were headed "unfinished business". The San Francisco Conference makes no claim to being a body which at a single stroke can cure all of mankind's international ailments. It did, however, bring together for the first time a group of nations who approached world problems with vision, knowledge and good will.

Perhaps knottiest of the questions with which the conference dealt were those which have to do with minorities, regional arrangements, and the voting and representation of small countries.

In the Dumbarton Oaks plan the right to send an international police force to stop an aggressor is given the eleven members of the Security Council. Five of them would be permanent members (Great Britain, the USSR, France, China and the United States) and six would be rotating members. The latter would be chosen from the smaller nations and would serve two-year terms. Each member of the Council, great or small, would have only one vote.

The Council is expected to do two kinds of jobs—one judicial, the other political. In either case, seven out of the eleven votes would be required to reach a decision. Assume an issue arose between Great Britain and the Soviet Union; neither nation could vote and if seven others voted to discuss the dispute, it would be discussed. The fact that any one of the Big Five could veto or stop the use of force is the issue around which much of the discussion at San Francisco centered.

The organization evolved at San Francisco isn't going to please everyone. Neither will it be a remarkably little gadget to automatically solve all our problems while we're at the movies. It simply will be a beginning—a blueprint.

Ideals are like stars. Though we may not reach them, they chart our course. Permanent, prosperous peace is the star that guided the discussions at the conference. The peace-loving nations of the world leaving San Francisco's Golden Gate will often encounter stormy waters. The craft built by the Allies, like any ship in the world, isn't going far without a pilot. World organization can never work unless the people of the world are determined to make it work.

Is the San Francisco conference the Golden Gate to the future? The answer depends on you—and me—and millions like us throughout the world.

Chaplain's Column

The war in Europe has ended. When the United States first entered the war, a few thought that after the Axis was defeated in Africa peace would come. After the invasion of Salerno, some thought that Germany would soon be defeated. Still others thought that after France was invaded, the German nation would collapse. The Germans had to be driven back to their own soil and defeated.

The defeat of Germany cost thousands of American lives. The 36th Division has buried men in cemeteries at Mt. Soprano, Naples, Marzanello, and Tarquinia, Italy; Draguignan, Montelimar, Epinal, St. Avold, Hockfelden, and Niederbronn, France and Reutti, Germany.

Victory has cost us a great price. What will we do with it? The ultimate end of man is God, but no one will obtain heaven if he continually breaks the laws of God.

The Ten Commandments:

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.
5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thy shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

Let us live by these commandments, so that we may obtain eternal happiness in heaven with the Master.

Chaplain Bernard F. Roemer,
Division Headquarters.

Inquiring Photographer

THE QUESTION: Are you going to take advantage of the educational facilities offered you by the Army, both over here and in the States?

Pfc. LEO WYZYKIEWICZ, Philadelphia, Pa., 753rd Tank Battalion: "If I were going to be over here



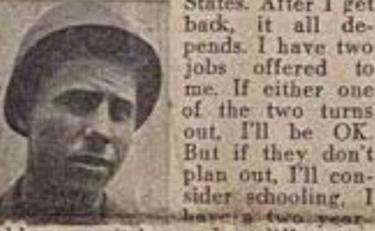
long enough, I would like to do some studying. I think it's fine for someone that will be able to complete a course. If I could, I'd like to take aircraft design. You see, I had one and a half years of it before I left the States. I'd like to study some more under the GI Bill of Rights."

Pvt. CHARLES D. ALLISON, Lubbock, Tex., rifleman, A Company, 142nd Infantry: "No, circumstances won't allow me to. I'm married and have two kids. I'm going back to my old job in the paper mill. For those who will be able to study, I think it's a good idea. I don't intend to study over here in Europe because I can't see how it would help me very much."

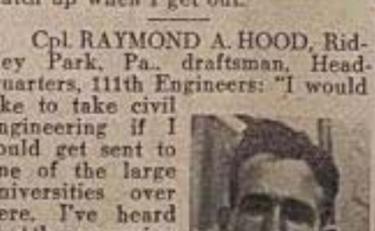


T/Sgt. BRUNO DIETZ, Houston, Tex., platoon sergeant, 142nd Infantry: "Hell no, I'm leaving for the States. After I get back, it all depends. I have two jobs offered to me. If either one of the two turns out, I'll be OK. But if they don't plan out, I'll consider schooling. I have a two-year old son, so it does make a difference. If I go to school, I want to learn a trade. I'm too old for anything else. I've given four and a half years of my life to the Army, so I'll have to catch up when I get out."

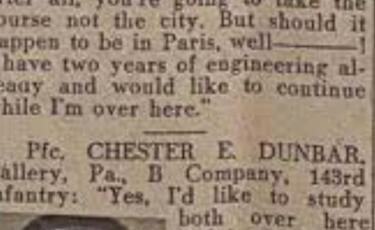
Cpl. RAYMOND A. HOOD, Ridley Park, Pa., draftsman, Headquarters, 111th Engineers: "I would like to take civil engineering if I could get sent to one of the large universities over here. I've heard that they are going to have a big one in Paris. The place doesn't make much difference because after all, you're going to take the course not the city. But should it happen to be in Paris, well—I have two years of engineering already and would like to continue while I'm over here."



Pfc. CHESTER E. DUNBAR, Callery, Pa., B Company, 143rd Infantry: "Yes, I'd like to study both over here and in the States. I want to take radio and television. That's what I'm really interested in. If I find the time, I'd like to take a course in Bacteriology just for my own knowledge. I was in the Medics for 19 months and during that time I became interested in it. I believe it would be very interesting work. I understand that it's a big field if one wants to make it a profession."

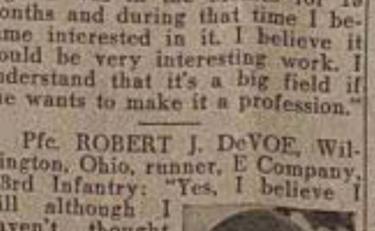


Pfc. ROBERT J. DeVOE, Wilmington, Ohio, runner, E Company, 143rd Infantry: "Yes, I believe I will although I haven't thought very much about studying on this side of the pond. I intend to study agriculture under the GI Bill of Rights. You see, my family owns a farm so if I can study agriculture when I get back, I can buy and run my own farm."



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Henry W. Lorisich, Milwaukee, Wis., was brought in for interpretation. Initially the paper was to have been printed in Kaufbeuren. By deadline time, second issue, the 141st journalists were forced to vacate the plant. A new press was located in Kempton. Engraving and transportation continue to be major difficulties.

Despite set-backs the staff is determined to make the "Outpost" a success. We wish them luck.

The regimental newspaper is supervised by Capt. Winford B. Logan, I and E Officer. A well-experienced staff supports him.

Speaking of Points...



T-Patchers have 2,959 doughs in the division with 85, or above, points, which figures approximately 21.6 of the command are above the "Critical Score", as tentatively announced by the War Department. This figure (2,959) does not include the 1,292 men already returned to the states, or enroute as a result of the point system.

Here's breakdown by score and number of men having same:

ASR Score	Number of Men
100	39
99	669
98	144
97	302
96	340
95	219
94	142
93	101
92	157
91	72
90	39
89	217
88	160
87	70
86	111
85	97

A grand total of 1,304 high-point men have already left the division. The most recent group consisted of 74 men, who had 101 and 100 points. Three other quotas of 500, 500 and 230 have left for the states, or are now enroute.

Medics Still Working

Sgt. Harold W. Martin, Philadelphia, Pa., 142nd Infantry medic, has discovered that his job doesn't end with combat.

While Sgt. Martin was riding in a jeep through a German town, an army truck crashed into a pole. With the same speed and efficiency that became synonymous with the medics in combat, the sergeant released the injured man from a pinned-in-position, placed him in the jeep and carried him to an aid station.

Gov. Stevenson Acknowledges Postcard

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Austin, Texas

May 21, 1945.

Captain Wilson, P.R.O.:

I am very glad to have your postcard which has just been received and am proud to have a picture of the Lone Star Flag flying over an archway along the German frontier. I appreciate sincerely your sending me this significant picture and we here on the home front are deeply grateful for what the picture represents.

With very best wishes at all times, I remain

Sincerely yours,
COKE STEVENSON,
Governor of Texas.

141st Publishes First Regimental Letterpress Newspaper, 'Outpost'

T-Patch congratulates the 141st Infantry for the publication of the first regimental letterpress newspaper in the Division, if not in any division.

Among infantrymen of the 141st there is considerable interest in the new "Outpost". It was due to the efforts of the former Regimental Commander, Col. Charles Owens, who believed that such a publication would be instrumental in welding the men together, that the "Outpost" was made possible.

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Pfc. John N. Hamilton, Washington, D.C., the editor, formerly served as a member of the Washington Star staff for 16 years. Since last December he has been with the 141st Service Company in charge of the 141st Courier.

The Sports Editor, Pfc. Clarence Lasky, Portland, Conn., reported for the Middletown Press and Hartford Courant in civilian life. Lasky plans to enlarge his column and make complete coverage of the unit's athletic program.

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Frau Bemoans Reich's "Blues In The Night"

In Kaufbeuren's famed Hindenburg Park last Tuesday, while Chief Warrant Officer Raymond H. Zepp, Hanover, Pa., led the 36th Division band in a sparkling Invasion Day anniversary concert, one German woman spectator, about 55, was detected crying.

A doughboy approached the woman and asked the reason for the tears. The woman replied in German:

"The band plays such beautiful music, it makes me remember that we, too, had beautiful music some time ago. Now, my three sons are dead, my home is kaput, and my country is in a terrible state. Six years of war—alles fur nichts."

"Yes, mam," the doughboy answered, "yes mam."

After 60,000 Combat Miles 'Helldrivers' Keep Rolling

Across the front of the motor platoons' vehicles, the men of the 36th QM Company have painted "Helldrivers." It used to mean that the drivers drove like hell. It doesn't mean only that any more. It means also that they've driven to hell—figuratively speaking. Now hell is a long way off, geographically and theologically, but these trucks have gone a long way.

The truck of all trucks, the granddaddy of them all, came from North Africa with the 36th. Its driven better than sixty-five thousand miles, according to S/Sgt. Violas Davis, Austin. "But maybe more, because in France alone its had three new motors, and every time we ordnanced June, we turned back the speedometer."

The trucks all have names like that—June, Emily, Evelyn. One is called Yonkers, but that's because her driver is sentimental about his home town—and he's single. June, who is an old lady at sixty-five thousand, is driven by Pfc. Marvin Self, Austin. Mostly, he has spent his time in France hauling PW's, alive at eighty per payload; dead at thirty-five per payload. He has also driven Marlene Dietrich, but that was strictly a vacation.

Pfc. E. V. Cassidy drives Emily. He drove her past the sixty-one thousand mark, and then decided maybe it was time to look for another truck. The combat life of a GMC runs normally about twenty-thousand. But his platoon sergeant, S/Sgt. Oscar Clark, Fort Worth, wouldn't let the Indianapolis Helldrivers get a replacement. Emily happens to be the name of Sgt. Clark's girl friend.

Both Emily and June are still going strong. They were drawn in Africa, and they've been through some of the toughest hauling of any campaign. Some of the drivers still look back to the days at Mount Cairo as the worst they've ever seen. Like the night they lugged infantry up to the mountain, driving blackout so total that when a driver stuck out his arm, he couldn't see his hand. The assistant drivers had to stand on the bumpers and feel the way for the six-bys.

No sir, the 36th QM is definitely not chairborne. They had an infantryman, one Pat McGuire, with them for a while. He drove for a month and then said: "Hell, I don't

belong here. Send me back to the infantry." And back to the infantry he went.

Right after McGuire went back to the infantry, came southern France, where the Helldrivers experienced some of the longest and hardest runs of any unit—the motors never got cold. The trucks would come in with one driver, unload, then go out with another man at the wheel. Pfc. James W. Simms, Millsap, drove from Plombieres to Marseilles, five hundred and twenty-five miles, two round trips in seven days, to get winter equipment. In France, Pfc. Camille Landry, Thompsonville, Conn., put thirty-four thousand, three hundred miles on his six-by.

Six trucks of the First Platoon even acted as decoys for the Germans along the Rhine. They went out to the river, made a hell of a racket, dropped their tail gates, and made like they were unloading troops, but nothing ever came of it. They've had quite a number of trucks knocked out though: Cpl. Howard Fortney very proudly painted an oak leaf cluster on his GMC's Purple Heart when it was kayoed at Velletri. At Velletri, too, Landry was strafed and bombed while he was carrying a load of mules forward.

Those were the days when the QM had assistant drivers. Now it hasn't enough. Two trucks of the Second Platoon don't even have drivers. There weren't enough drivers during the last push, when the QM drivers had to go as far rearward as Army to draw supplies, because the army QM couldn't haul them far enough in advance. Some of the drivers, like Cpl. Charlie Quill (54,000 miles) and Cpl. LeRoy Smith (57,000 miles) figure that the closing days of the war were worse than any of the others.

Cpl. Oscar Newberry (53,000 miles) is even willing to wager that the Africa-to-Austria GMC's of the 36th QM have driven farther and longer than any others in the Division.

Four DSC's For 142nd (Story Starts On Page 1)



Gen. Dahlquist pins Distinguished Service Crosses on 1st Lt. Clarence F. Bradbury, C Company, and Cpl. Mitchel Lanier, the first medic in the regiment to receive the high award.

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Cincy Red Hurling Hope Fought With Lynchmen

For 1st Lt. Jim Prendergast, Brooklyn, N. Y., 142nd Infantryman, and former pitching hope of the Cincinnati Reds, fighting Germans was a long way from rifling that ...ard strike past the batter, but he soon got the swing of it.

Like many other professional athletes before him, the lieutenant had his professional career interrupted by the war. At the age of 27, he feels confident of continuing his ambitions after the all clear is sounded.

Late in 1941 Prendergast's big chance came—he was sold to the Reds. Prendergast had moved around the minors, having pitched two seasons

with the Yankee farm club, Kansas City, and another year with the Hollywood Stars in the Pacific Coast League. Next performance for the "61" left-hander was with Little Rock. Considering the team finished in the cellar, he had a good record, 18 wins—16 losses. It was then that Prendergast was sold to Cincinnati.

The Army called him early in 1942. He won his commission at Fort Benning. After coming overseas, he joined Company I, 142nd Infantry in February of this year, time enough to lead his platoon in the regiment's drive through Northern Alsace and the Siegfried Line.

ward to receive a Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal, and an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star.

A Silver Star and a Bronze Star Medal were awarded to each of the following:

- 1st Lt. Barton L. Zabin, Co. I
- T/Sgt. Bruno Dietz, Co. I
- S/Sgt. William A. Adams, Co. A

Each of the following received their first Silver Star:

- Cpl. Glenn A. Goff, Hqs. 2d Bn.
- 1st Lt. Alfred S. Hawkins, Regt. Hqs. Co.
- 1st Lt. James M. Wood, Jr., Co. A
- 1st Lt. Sven J. Myrberg, Co. F
- T/Sgt. Joseph R. Valentino, Co. L
- T/Sgt. Charles L. Digges, Co. F
- S/Sgt. John L. Tusko, Co. A
- S/Sgt. Joseph P. LoPresti, Co. B
- S/Sgt. James R. Berryhill, Co. I
- S/Sgt. Alvin H. Freise, Co. L
- S/Sgt. Richard B. Dows, Co. E
- Sgt. Joseph Lawson, Co. A
- Sgt. Roncie H. Nelson, Co. A
- Sgt. Walter A. Trombley, Co. A
- Sgt. Kenneth E. Jamison, Co. I
- Sgt. Carl Moore, Jr., Co. K
- Sgt. Jack Goldman, Co. E
- Pfc. Albert C. Dallegro, Co. A
- Pfc. Adolph J. Henschel, Co. A
- Pfc. Howard G. Barmer, Co. C
- Pfc. William W. Wetson, Co. L
- Pfc. A. J. Knight, Hqs. Co. 2d Bn.
- Pfc. Angel O. Finbros, Co. F
- Pfc. Ralph J. Brunyer, Co. G
- Pfc. John Theofilon, Co. H

Capt. Vernon M. Scott, commanding Anti-Tank Company, received an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal while Pfc. Edward C. Murray, of Co. C received a Bronze Star Medal and a cluster. Bronze Stars were also presented to 48 others.

Following the presentation of awards, the entire regiment passed in review.

Gen. Stack Decorates 41 Men At 143rd Parade And Review

In a 143rd Infantry Regimental parade and review last week, 41 officers and men were presented with decorations by Brig. Gen. Robert I. Stack, Assistant Division Commander. With the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Thomas R. Clarkin, among those being decorated, Maj. Robert L. O'Brien, Jr., acted as Commander of Troops.

S/Sgt. Albert V. Martinez, Company E, received both the DSC and Silver Star. Other fortunate recipients of five points per medal were: DSC's, Sgt. Robert M. Warren, Company L; Pfc. Wayne H. Brooks, Company L; Pvt. Theodore F. Reynolds, Company C.

—ilver Stars were awarded to: Lt.

Col. Thomas R. Clarkin, 143rd Commanding Officer; Maj. Marcus W. Adams, 3rd Battalion Commanding Officer; Cpt. Gordon J. Hartzler, Company A; Capt. Finton A. Murphy, Chaplain; 1st Lt. Jacob S. Brancato, Company B; 1st Lt. Allen J. Malchow, Company M; 2nd Lt. John A. Brewer, Company C; 1st Sgt. Vernon Dixon, Company C; T/Sgt. Robert S. Bastian, Company A; T/Sgt. Robert F. Baxter, Company A; 1st Sgt. Charles Boros, Company A; T/Sgt. John A. Kelly, Sr., Company M; T/Sgt. Hayden R. Pierson, Company L;

S/Sgt. Theodore J. Burns, Company K; S/Sgt. Thomas C. Holman, Company C; S/Sgt. Robert L. James, Company L; S/Sgt. James E. Murphy, Company K; Sgt. James D. Fox, Company K; Sgt. Donald F. Plaski, Company H; Sgt. Doy J. Prunty; Headquarters, 3rd Battalion; Sgt. Arthur J. Stein, Headquarters, 3rd Battalion; Sgt. Edward S. Stuba, Company M; and Sgt. Joseph P. Messick, Medical Detachment.

Cpl. Gene V. Molino, Cannon Company; Cpl. Carl E. Marlow, Medical Detachment; Pfc. William M. Bailey, Anti-tank Company; Pfc. Dominick B. Chiono, Medical Detachment; Pfc. Elia L. DiSanto, Company C; Pfc. John R. Herrera, Medical Detachment; Pfc. Carlo A. Lafrano, Headquarters, 3rd Battalion; Pfc. Robert T. Maher, Company A; Pfc. James C. McNair, Company I; Pfc. Charles W. Reed, Company I; Pfc. Eugene S. Schmidt, Medical Detachment; Pfc. Harold N. Winfield, Headquarters, 1st Battalion; Pfc. William J. Wolek, Anti-tank Company; and Pvt. Jack D. Cox, M Company.

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WANTED—Contact, 15 Lens, 1250 sec., Compur 85 mm. Pfc. Hudson Campbell, D Co., 753 Tank Bn.

From The Other Patches

45TH DIVISION NEWS: "T/Sgt. Pete Wyle, whipping his peep along at 30, reached up to take his pipe out of his mouth—and almost burned his hand off. The breeze had set his pipe bowl blazing."

THE CENTURY SENTINEL, 100th Infantry Division: "Cpl. Joseph Boll, recon man, was asked to write a piece describing his unit's combat exploits. He summed it up like this: 'Just put us down as a Sneak and Peek, Hit and Run, Night Riding, Gypsy Caravan Bastard Outfit.'"

83RD THUNDERBOLT, 83rd Infantry Division: "Complete plans and specifications for V-3 and V-4 bombs with a flying range estimated at more than a thousand miles were found recently in an obscure corner of a Polish prison camp in Germany by Pfc. Harold Bush, 330th Infantry."

THE GRAPEVINE, 26th Infantry Division: "When the YD of World War II goes back to bend elbows and exchange tall stories with the YD of World War I there is at least one statistic on which both parties to the conversation can agree. That is the number of days the division spent on the line—210 in each war, right to the day."

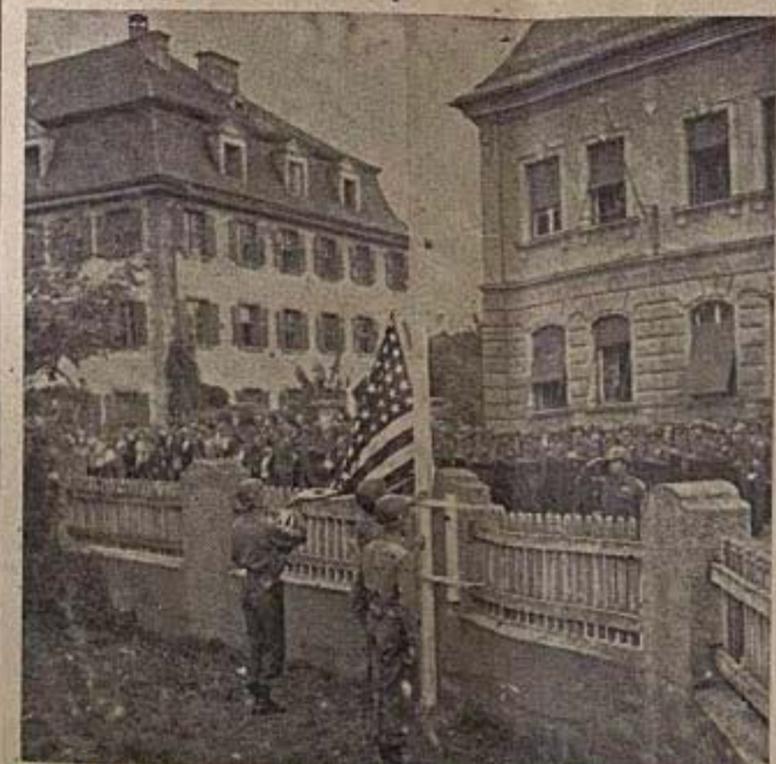
THE JOURNAL, 95th Infantry Division: "Pregitation oozed over the wartime version of the stork derby—would baby beat the point deadline?—T/Sgt. Salvatore Esposito, 377th Infantry led the question marks—Esposito received a May 13th wire saying he was the father of a girl. The sergeant needed six points to go over the vital 85. The all-important question—was the new Esposito out for full field inspection by midnight of May 12?"

143rd Adopts Colt

A three-month old, friendly, brownish colt has become the mascot of the 143rd Infantry. The infantrymen boast that despite his gangling legs and puppy-like coat, he holds his head well and has an intelligent look.

The doughboys have decided upon "Roses" for the colt's first name—the last name remains unestablished and undecided.

Standing Room Only



Proof that the German race is still highly impressed by militaristic display is obvious. Large groups of Kaufbeuren residents swarm to retreat formations in front of 36th Division Headquarters every night.

753rd Tankers Observe Fourth Anniversary

June 1st marked the fourth anniversary of the 753rd Tank Battalion. It was one of the first ten tank battalions organized by the War Department in 1941.

The 753rd left the United States on 24 April 1943 and, after a short staging period in Africa, assaulted the shores of Sicily on D-Day with the 45th Division. Since that day, the 753rd has fought in Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. It has participated in five amphibious landings, served in two armies, seven corps, and has fought with fifteen different divisions. The tank battalion has seen 486 combat days.

On the occasion of the fourth anniversary, Maj. Charles L. McNeill, Commanding Officer, sent the following memorandum to his men:

"We had to learn our tank-infantry fighting the hard way—by doing it. Thanks to the keenness, the agility of mind, the aggressiveness and initiative of our officers and enlisted men we learned well enough to beat the Germans at every turn—on the beaches, in the mountains, in the forests and on the plains. Considering the types of actions we have fought, our losses have been extremely light.

This is to the credit of our officers and non-commissioned officers for the training given our men; and to the men themselves for the interest and the hard work displayed in the absorption of this training."

'B' League Managers Confident At Start Of Second Half Race

The first half of the Class B softball season ended with the 111th Medics winning all seven of their scheduled games. A tie for second place resulted when the Signal Company and the Quartermaster finished with five wins and two defeats.

With the second half opening next week, all managers are confident that the medical men will not repeat. But the medics will have Chadwell and Rosnick back for mound duty and Manager Rosnick reports that he expects, "No trouble from nobody". In snappy secondsacker Howarth, the medics boast one of the leading stickmen in the league. The 111th will also start the second half with new uniforms.

Lt Wiener who speaks for the Signal Company predicts that the wire layers will probably cop the title. The signalmen have lost a strong pitching duo, Hunt and Gerlach, but have confidence in the twirling ability of Shiftman who also is a mighty fair slugger.

The QM men, who have been practicing daily since dropping heartbreakers to both the medics and signal company, seem set except for the fact that Ritter, their ace flinger, is on leave. Kuehner, manager and classy third-sacker, is back from the hospital and should regain his early season form.

Phalen, assistant manager of the oft-drubbed Ordnance Company, guarantees his team will do no worse than in the first half when they failed to win a game. This happened despite the fact that DuCharme hurled a no-hitter against Division Rear. Holt finished the first half the leading batsman.

The Recon Johns, who dropped quite a few close ones, expect to put in a strong bid for the lead with Lt Miller pitching and Pemberton supplying the hitting power.

A surprise team that should cause trouble is the combined forward and rear, master-minded by Capt. Fred Stallings. Snooks Craddock

will be the starting twirler. The captain explains, "We may not win, but once we hit our stride—I expect to have the best hitting, pitching and fielding in Germany."

The dark horse team of the second half will probably be the 111th Engineers. They were the only men in the league to stop Signal, besides the champion medics. Lt Scott is sure his outfit will be in there at the finish.

There they are. Take your choice. Softball in the Class B League will definitely be Grade A.

First game scores: Engineers 8, Division Headquarters 5; Signal 7, Recon 6; Medics 8, Quartermaster, 6.

Hooks Needed

Several members of the 2nd Battalion, 141st Infantry, have been augmenting their usual food rations with the finest of all fish delicacies—brook trout. Locations of the trout spots have been officially marked "Top Secret" to thwart espionage.

Since the battalion's ammunition officer has already called in all grenades, rod and line is the strict order of the day. G Company is the proud possessor of one hook. This is carefully rationed to each enthusiast awaiting his turn with impatience.

Bavarian Regatta

The 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry, inaugurated its water recreational program last week with two events; one, an eight-mile cruise on the sightseeing boat, Diessen; the other, a rowboat race with teams representing E, F, and G Companies and the Medics.

The sightseeing trip was enjoyed by some 150 men of the battalion. No cases of seasickness were reported.

Four two-man teams met in the boat race. The medics won the mile and a half course easily, coming in about 50 yards ahead of the field. F Company took second place.

Unit Plaques

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success."

The citation for the 736th Ordnance Company notes: "During the winter fighting in the vicinity of Cassino, when adverse weather and severe battles caused the rapid deterioration of ordnance equipment, the men of the 736th labored indefatigably to keep abreast of maintenance work. The tireless efforts and superior accomplishments of this unit contributed greatly to the combat successes of the 36th Infantry Division."

Citation for the 36th Infantry Division Military Police Platoon states: "During the difficult fighting near Cassino the men of the MP Platoon maintained traffic control posts under unusually heavy artillery fire and extremely adverse weather conditions. The diligent and consistently superior performance of duty by the men of this organization in spite of many difficulties and dangers which confronted them contributed greatly to the combat success of the Division throughout the period."

These Physical Profiles



Glowing Ginger Rogers, a Texas product and a personal friend of many men in the Division, sends her best wishes. She insists that the autograph's genuine.

MAIL BAG

EDITOR:

The other day I walked over to the PW cage to see the Division's collection of ~~expansion~~. Not looking for the stock Nazi pervert, this time I uncovered a few professional German army officers, the Junkers and their would-be emulators among the junior Wehrmacht leaders, the scientific, coldly intelligent militarists who are "without politics"—the von Rundstedts and von Kesselrings and the other little yons who fight without hate, but with an arrogance and contempt for life that among civilized people brands them as insane.

While talking to a major-general and a lieutenant colonel, I asked the German officers what they intended to if and when they were released. The young colonel answered in halting, but correct English that most professional German officers desired to fight in the U. S. Army against the Japanese.

This proposal so astounded me that for a moment I believed I was hearing things. When I recovered, I asked him the one-word question, "Why?"

"What else is there for a professional officer?" he replied.

"But you don't hate them," I pointed out, "and you've been allied with them up until your defeat."

The Colonel smiled at my "simplicity" and patiently explained his reasoning. "If we go back to civilian life, we'll be fortunate to earn a living in Germany.

My wife and family are accus-

tomed to a certain standard of living that I can't provide for them in civilian life. I've been an officer since 1933. That's the only training I've had and that's what I want to do. You are worried about trusting me against the Japanese. But I am not a Nazi. I have no politics. You don't understand how I could fight against them when I don't hate them. I didn't hate the Americans and I fought hard and well against them. I can do the same against the Japanese."

What does this reasoning mean? It means that here is a class of people in Germany who want to and must make a living at war. These men desire the loss of millions of lives so that their families can live in a standard of luxury that Hitler's war has accustomed them to.

When they talk about standard of life, they mean standard of death for others. When they talk about luxuries, they mean loot. When they say they have no politics, they lie—their politics is war. When they say they have no hate, they lie—their hate is peace.

Last week the War Department announced that the 36th Division had suffered over 27,000 casualties. These men did not die, so that a Prussian lieutenant colonel with a monocle and charming manners could live in the style which his warlord forefathers had accustomed him to and so that he could rise to the rank of "Feldmarschal."

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SPORT CHIPS

June, the month, when spring lades into summer, also becomes the month when hard-hitting rookies and overnight hurling sensations find their averages leveling off... Pete Gray, the one-armed sensation, is still playing ball... Last week in four games against the Yanks he batted .333... the amazing sprint of the White Sox has been checked... Chicago seems to be having trouble in staying in the first division... Still at the top of the National circuit, though slipping with the rest of the early starters, is Mel Ott's powerful Giant club... The Bums from Gowanus Canal, Brooklyn, won 11 in a row—then as fans began to take notice they lost seven in as many starts... First service man to gain prominent major league importance is Boston's terrific twirler, Dave "Boo" Ferriss, an ex-GI whom all Texans will remember for sensational pitching at Randolph Field... Ferriss not only won his first eight duels, but is employed almost daily as a pinch-hitter... Horse-racing is back with a bang... Record crowds are betting the war bonds at New York, Boston, and Chicago tracks... Saturday the classic of classics, the Kentucky Derby was run... just for the records we selected Pot O'Luck, Jeep and Burning Dream to finish in the order named... This derby was number 71... Perhaps the best three-year-old in training, Pavol, will meet the derby winners next week in Maryland's Preakness... Last week Sport Chips failed to tell you with what team the Cook Brothers, Bum and Bill, were associated... The Cooks were the Ranger's hockey immortals... Ex-Philly Hugh Mulcahy, now a master sergeant, worked so hard building a wall field somewhere in the Pacific that he injured his back and was unable to throw for his team against an opposing Navy comination... A hotel dining room in Philadelphia refused to serve members of the Cincinnati Reds unless they wore ties... Some of the twenty-back polo shirkers went foodless... 88,445 cash customers watched the Dodgers in three games during their blazing winning streak... By way of mentioning last Sunday there were horse races in Rome, Trieste, and Algiers, all hot beds of international consequence at the moment... Sid Feder, ace AP sports writer currently sweating out a boat ride home, wants to be remembered to all the GIs he met and wrote about during the invasion of Southern France... Sid came in early D-day with the 141st Infantry... He also believes the Division should not forget about the courageous work of Al Cohen, Stars and Stripes reporter, who was killed near Montelimar, after landing with the "Texas" Division...

Here are four more questions—1. Who opposed Joe Louis in his last professional fight? 2. What team won the Big Ten Conference title in 1944? 3. Which of these pitchers has never pitched a no-hit, no-run, game—Lon Warneke, Jess Haines, Lefty Gomez, Monte Pearson, Tex Carleton? 4. Who won the American League batting championship in 1942?

Answers—1. Abe Simon, March 27, 1942. 2. Ohio State. 3. Lefty Gomez. 4. Ted Williams.

131st Insignia

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port headed for the Philippines. A change of orders was received on the high seas and the single boat turned toward Australia. From there, they were sent to Java, attached to a Dutch division to fight the Japs.

Today their history is shrouded with mystery. Fragments of heroism which have seeped through, have shown how much glory has been added to the shield.

Though the "We Play The Game" slogan remains on the crest, the "First In Spite Of Hell" better suits the Battalion. For it was the first artillery unit to land at Salerno; the first artillery unit in Division Artillery to land in Southern France; the first artillery unit in Division Artillery to fire a round into Germany; the first artillery in the Division to cross the Rhine; and the first Artillery in the Division to enter Austria.

Ed: Almost all the facts made available in the story behind the 131st insignia were recalled by Maj. Ross Ayers, Waxahachie, Tex., Battalion Executive Officer, and the only officer now present who also mobilized with the unit back in November, 1940.

Male Call

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

Permanent Party with Temporary Advantage



AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, MISS LACE... I DID SO WELL IN MY CLASS THEY MADE ME AN INSTRUCTOR— I HAVEN'T BUDGED OFF THIS POST!

IT MUST BE SATISFYING TO KNOW YOU'VE TURNED OUT GOOD MEN!

U.S.O.



OH, SURE, BUT HERE I AM—WHILE MANY OF MY EX-PUPILS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TOURS... SOME OF THEM WERE SUCH RAW KIDS I HAD TO HELP THEM WRITE LETTERS TO THEIR GIRLS...

WELL, WHADYA KNOW...



IF IT AIN'T THE OL' PROFESSOR!... WITH A STACK O' PINK LIKE I DREAMED ABOUT ALL OVER THE ISLANDS! UNLATCH, GATCH AN' LEAVE ME TUNE HER IN ON MY MEMOIRS...



FALL BACK AND REGROUP, GENERAL! I'D LOVE TO HEAR YOU READ OFF YOUR RIBBONS, BUT TONIGHT I'M APPL'—POLISHING WITH TEACHER! HE CAN'T TELL ME ABOUT HIS OPERATIONS, BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF GO IN THE MAN WHO GAVE YOU THE KNOW—FROM THIS ANGLE I CAN'T TELL WHETHER THAT COLD SPOT IS A UNIT CITATION OR JUST PLAIN BRASS BUTTON!