

Meet The Chief *My Boss*



New Special Service Officer Plans Extensive Athletic Program

Second Lieutenant John R. Berner newly assigned Special Service Officer for the Regiment is arranging an athletic program which should provide entertainment for everyone regardless of his taste in the way of sports.

Last week tryouts were held for the Regimental baseball team. Ninety-four men signed-up as potential players, including several former minor league and semi-professional players. The boys looked plenty good and there is little doubt about the quality of the baseball team which will be representing the 80th this year. Two softball leagues will get under way May 17th or May 24th depending on the weather. The "American League" will include eight teams from the Provisional and the 1st Battalion while the "National League" will consist of eight teams from the 2nd and 3rd Battalions. After a winner has been determined in each league a "World Series" will be held to decide the champions of the Regiment. This league is strictly amateur in nature and all men who like to play softball regardless of their ability are urged to come out for their company team. All games, both baseball and softball will be played on the newly constructed Regimental parade grounds. This incidentally is the reason that we are getting a rather late start.

Lieutenant Berner is also taking over from Lieutenant Lindloff, former Special Service Officer, the construction of the Regimental Bowl, which will be located in the ravine directly east

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Although many of you have frequently seen your commanding officer and the majority of you were officially welcomed by him when you first arrived, we would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little of his background.

The Colonel, who's full name is Colonel Charles H. Noble has had a varied and extensive military career. He received his early military training at the United States Military Academy. He has attended Cavalry School on two occasions, taking a one year basic course in 1919 and an advanced course for one year in 1932. In 1938 he attended the Command and General Staff School.

Although comparatively new to the Armored Force, the Colonel has had years of experience in the Cavalry and was G-4 officer in the War Department, Washington, prior to his assignment to the 80th Armored Regiment on July 7, 1942, as Battalion Commander. Following his appointment as commander of the Regiment he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. Since that time the Colonel has had the tremendous job of moving his command first to Camp Campbell, Ky. and then to our present station here at Camp Polk, La.

You will find that these years of experience have served him well. He has not only a thorough knowledge of Military Science and Tactics, but what is more important to you a sympathetic understanding of the troubles and trials confronting the enlisted man. You will find in your daily contacts with him that he has an uncanny ability to see your difficulties and is always ready with a patient and considerate solution. He is, however, a firm believer in strict military

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Lake Charles Trip Success

The enthusiasm of the men of the regiment both before and after last week's trip to Lake Charles is ample proof that it was a huge success.

Some 900 men and officers made the trip and we're glad to report that 900 came back. After four weeks of restriction and long hard work the boys were really "ready" and were determined to have a good time. From all reports they were not disappointed and are "rarin" to go again. The trip took place without mishap under the able supervision of Major Pope and Special Service Officer Lieutenant Lindloff. Careful planning plus the extremely good behavior of the men made it a very enjoyable affair. The trip also provided some valuable experience in march discipline and conduct in a bivouac area.

No record was kept of the various activities engaged in, but from the red noses and backs and the fluctuations in the financial condition of several of the men, they appear to have ranged from aquatic (internal and external) sports to various games of chance. The thing that really insured the trip's success, however, was the complete lack of work and the feeling of freedom and good fellowship which prevailed.

Keep up the good work men and we can make our stay here at Camp Polk really enjoyable and beneficial. Incidentally, similar trips are already being planned to other nearby towns.

Church News

Schedule Of Services
Regimental Chapel
80th Armored Regiment
Building B-320

PROTESTANT—Chaplain (Capt.) Frederic Witmer.

SUNDAY

9 a.m., Holy Communion (Episcopal); 11:00 a.m., Preaching Service.

WEEK DAYS

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Brotherhood of St. Andrew. By special announcement: Regimental Glee Club rehearsal.

CONFERENCE HOURS

Chaplain Witmer has evening office hours from 6 o'clock, but men are welcome to see him at the Chapel office anytime in their free time.

CATHOLIC—Chaplain (1st Lieut.) Martin J. Diamond.

MASSSES

Sundays: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Week days—Mass daily (except Saturday) at 6 p.m.; Instructions on Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

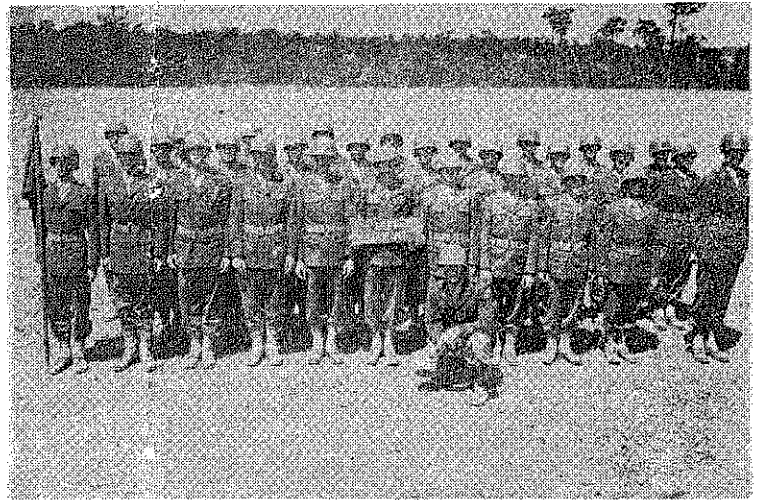
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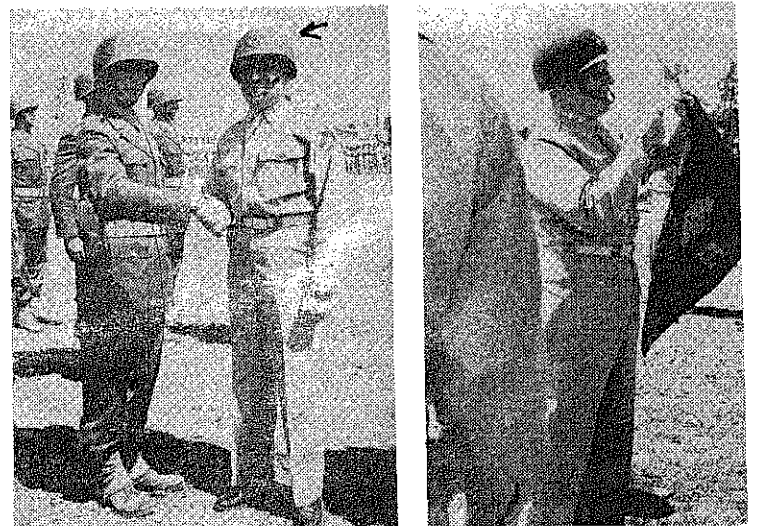
OFFICE HOURS

Chaplain Diamond has office hours daily from 7 to 9 in the evening at the Chapel.

3rd Battalion Platoon Proves "Best"



Foreground 2nd Lt. James Salscheider. First Row, left to right, Pvt. Donald S. Utterback, Pvt. Frank H. May, Pvt. Raymond H. Hill, Pvt. Robert A. Kennedy, Pvt. Myrvle L. Duvall, Pvt. Wilmer E. McDonald, Pvt. Morris Epstein, Pvt. Thomas M. Molesky, Pvt. Adam J. Wisniewski, Pvt. Louis Young, Sgt. Henry E. Terry. Second Row, left to right: Pvt. John V. Edwards, Pvt. Warren K. Neale, Pvt. James D. Auchterlonie, Pvt. James T. O'Connor, Pvt. John F. Cutaiar, Pvt. Casimir S. Kozlowski, Pvt. John M. Fuller, Pvt. Tony Nelson, Pvt. Nicholas Chrin. Third Row, left to right: Pvt. Charles T. Rosenheim, Pvt. Edwards J. Stecher, Pvt. Joseph G. Tinus, Pvt. Frank E. Tooker, Pvt. Franklin R. McCune, Pvt. Robert L. Ring, Pvt. Harold J. Fritchard, Pvt. Edward F. Mallon, Pvt. Robert J. Eisenman.



General Grimes congratulates Pvt. Donald S. Utterback, Guidon bearer of the winning platoon and attaches first place ribbon to "H" Company guidon.

80th REGIMENTAL PARADE DRAWS HIGH PRAISE

The snap and precision displayed by the Battalions of the 80th Armored Regiment in their recent Saturday parade and particularly the exhibitions of the "Best Drilled Platoons" of each Battalion drew high praise from Major General Wm. M. Grimes and Brigadier General Robert Hasbrouck as well as the other officials viewing the contest.

General Grimes personally expressed his approval to each of the four platoon leaders and complimented them on the splendid work they had done. Particular praise, of course, was given to Lieutenant Salscheider and the members of his Platoon who were voted the "Best" by the judges.

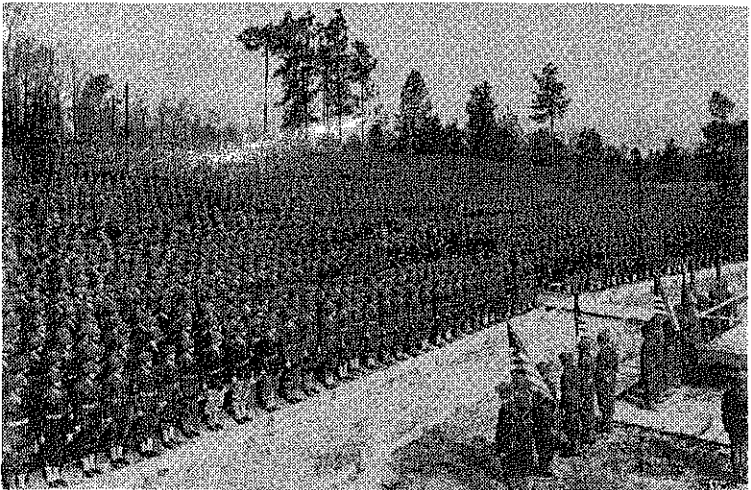
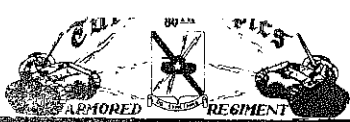
Spirit Of Youth Shown

General Grimes, General Hasbrouck and Colonel Noble all commented on the spirit of youth which was exhibited and com-

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Thanks

Turret Topics is indebted to Sergeant Werner Rose of Headquarters Company for the heading for the paper, which he submitted in response to our request. We would also like to thank the other men who submitted drawings especially Sergeant Arthur Aune of Company "E." Sorry we couldn't use them all. Thanks also to Lieutenant Oat of the Second Battalion for the "Welcome" editorial which appears on the next page.



TURRET TOPICS

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News matter pertaining to the 80th Armored Regiment, North Camp Polk, Louisiana, appearing in this publication is available for general release.

Greetings

We're sort of late in telling you new men of the 80th Armored Regiment that its great to have you with us. However, this is the first issue of "Turret Topics" since leaving Fort Knox and is therefore our first opportunity to put our thoughts in print. Our tardiness is not indicative of our enthusiasm. As a matter of fact we would like to run around and shake hands with each and everyone of you. But time's pretty scarce in "these here parts" as you well know by this time, so we'll make use of this column to say hello and wish you all the good fortune possible. You are now members of one of the greatest organizations in the best Army of the world. It is up to you to make the most of it by becoming the best "dern" soldier in the world.

It's a good bet that we'll soon know most of you through the columns of this paper. We want notes of interest about everyone. Tell your company reporters or send contributions directly to "ye olde editor." Here's a chance to put to advantage that secret desire of becoming a writer.

Now that we have said our welcoming words, this sitting finds us in a father-has-some-advice mood. We think it is something new which many of you have not heard before. Our minds came upon it a few days ago, and now here's a chance to pass our thoughts along.

Psychologists, those men who specialize in studying the human mind, tell us that friendships come about through mutual problems, likes and dislikes, work certainly no better example of and common dangers. There is that then in the United States Army. Prior to our induction some of us were as different in many respects as the north and south poles. Now we see eye to eye with each other. One of the finest results has been the development of consideration for the other fellow. The lack of this you will recall was one of the major causes of the present war. But here, we are working as several teams which are members of a bigger team. Since our enemies have set the course we must follow and fight fire with fire. Quite naturally, we will be ruthless in dealing with them, but in developing such a cold mental attitude don't forget that you have certain gentlemanly obligations to your fellow soldier and friends in the U. S. Army.

Not so long ago we talked to the advertising manager of one of our largest corporations. He was a Major in World War number I and came out with several decorations. He's a pretty smart man and his advice probably accounts for the fact that he holds such an important position. Needless to say we paid close attention to his words.

In effect he said to keep a mental diary while in the army. To do this it is necessary to be observant of the people, places and things you see. He related an incident which shows the

practical application of his advice. While in England some of his friends made great sport of

There's NO Morale Problem Here!



It seems these days a lot of people are worried about soldiers' morale. In fact, everyone seems to be worried about it expect the soldier. The other day your reporter decided to look in on some of the day rooms of the 80th. He wanted to find out just what the status of the soldiers' morale was

At the first place he came to on his tour he found a

couple of fellows playing pool, two or three more engaged in a fast ping pong game, a couple playing cards and a half dozen or so just standing and sitting around shooting the breeze.

The first soldier this reporter queried regarding his morale turned and looking quizzically at this reporter remarked "what's that?" With this retort neatly tucked away in the corner of his mind; he could see to the other end of the Day Room where he walked into a heated discussion revolving around the ever popular subject "now in our office we do it this way." An Old Army Sergeant was patiently trying to get the light of day across to a green recruit of two weeks.

The recruit in turn was trying to get the sergeant to see things the Selective Service way. This reporter could see after a couple of minutes of hanging around this group that a question on morale would be most inopportune and probably very fatal to himself.

Over in a corner away from the noise of the clicking pool balls and the loud conversation of the military debaters a GI sat comfortably back in an overstuffed chair reading the latest issue of Life Maga-

zine. Here at last, thought this reporter, was a fit specimen for questioning.

The soldier looked up lazily as the question "and how is your morale m'boy?" was put to him. The GI let himself fall into deep thought for a moment, his brow deeply furrowed. Shortly he looked up again and said quite slowly weighing his words, "Well, I'll tell ya, if you can tell me what morale is; I'll tell you how mine is doing."

Your reporter was getting nowhere in a hurry. Waking to the door he stopped for a moment and gazed back at the men in the Day Room. The pool players were well content to go on with their game uninterrupted, the ping pong players were still unaware of his presence, the discussion group in the far corner looked like they were good for the duration and the quiet fellow in the overstuffed chair had once more returned to his reading while a peaceful smile covered his countenance.

We are all agreed that the food is adequate and wholesome, our quarters are warm, and recreation facilities are more than enough to take care of our needs. And besides, we're fighting a war to win—we haven't time to think about morale—we're too busy.

the English people because of their differences from us in speech and actions. Not he! Our friend studied the people carefully during his short time there. Twenty years later he went back this time on a business trip. It was very successful, for the reason that he was able to understand the people and their feelings because of his earlier close observations.

Now we are not all going to return to England on a business trip. In fact only a small percentage ever will. But here's the moral of the story. He acquired a better understanding of the English people, broadened his education and in general used his time in the army to the best advantage. If you apply the principals of observation and understanding to your fellow men, the result will be a happy and better life for you.

We could write many lines more on this subject. Let's end it, however, by saying, "work together as a team and the battles will be won easier and faster." The 80th Armored Regiment will go places with you men. Make it the best!

Listen Soldier

We know you have been put "through the mill" for the past few weeks, but, can't you find just a few minutes to give us a bit of gossip about your organization? There must be many things happening to you and your buddies which would be of interest. The folks back home would get a kick out of the things that are happening to their boys. Whats the Point? Just this: We're trying to bring life to the Regimental paper — your paper—and it can't be done by one or two people. It's been dormant for some weeks. Let's get it going again. Write about any subject, give with cartoons, sketches or poems. There's a box on the S-2 desk in regimental headquarters large enough to hold all you'll contribute. If you can't bring it in yourself, give what you have to the 1st Sergeant. We want enough to bring forth two issues per month. If enough material is forthcoming you'll have your paper each week. It's your paper so, Listen Soldier, lets have plenty of company news.

THUNDERING HERD CELEBRATES 1st ANNIVERSARY

Just a year ago last month the 8th Armored Division was activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Many of the Cadremen and officers have been with the division since that time and have seen approximately 40,000 men trained and shipped as replacements and cadre to other organizations. As we look back over this past year we get a little sad. We've made and lost a lot of friends. Then too there was Fort Knox and good old Tent City. Remember how you used to complain? Also Camp Campbell; true we didn't stay there long, but surely there are some on whom it left its mark. But now things are different, we are all members of a more permanent organization, A combat Division. We will live, train, maneuver and fight together. We have much to live up to in the way of standards and ideals. The 8th Division has always been the best of the Armored Divisions and now in the new role of a fighting outfit we will be able

to show just how efficient we really are.

The thousands of new men pictured above must study and work hard to prepare themselves for battle. They are already beginning to realize the proportions of the job in front of them. To the cadremen falls an even more compelling duty. It is your job to teach and train these new men in the ways of war. You must show them all you know, patiently and conscientiously. It is quite probable that our next birthday will find us in the theatre of operations. Lets make sure that when that time does come we will be ready. We have the time, we have the leaders and we have the men. Lets all make the best use of our time and insure that on our next birthday we will hear the commanding General of the Armored Forces say, "The 8th Division is Still the cream of the Armored Forces."



"Can my slip be showing?"

I AM HERE SOMEWHERE

THE AIR



"COMPANY WASH"

Company News Co. "B"

By T/4 Asber D. Copass
Don't know what the attraction is, but several of our boys are planning to make Lake Charles their home after the war is over. Privates Morace Jensen, Ray Todd, Donald Soper and several others were really "Bored Over" and are already making plans to change their home addresses.

We are quite fortunate in having an Officer in our Company who is quite famous as a Motor Boat Pilot. He demonstrated his ability recently on the trip to Lake Charles. The fact that he came ashore minus the boat doesn't reflect on his ability as a seaman—we hope.

Just because we happened to have our First Sergeant, two Staff Sergeants and ten Privates captured by the "Enemy" on our recent Bivouac is no great shame. At least we aren't as bad as "A" Company, whose guidon we "borrowed" from practically under their noses.

Staff Sergeants Elihu T. Kelly and Hollis M. Towry were almost late for Reveille the other morning but through no fault of their own. How were they to know that the "Show Boat" was a showboat in name only and was not supposed to "Sail at dawn."

"I don't know which one I love the most" is the moan of Sergeant Alonzo Larkins, who has two "honeys" at PX No. 2. The one from Maryland has dimples but the one from Oklahoma looks best in slacks.

Cpl. Vincent Algosino must be giving cigars to the mail orderly. He still gets more letters than anyone in the outfit, probably the whole Regiment. They come in a dainty feminine hand too. Cpl. Weberling is the most consistent though. He seems to have some babe in Michigan snowed. The mail orderly curses though every time Pvt. Libby gets a package. They are always the biggest in the lot. They really should have wheels put on them.

Sgt. Frederick "Woman Hater" Slater has been re-vitalized since he returned from a three-day at home. What is it about "In spring a young man's fancy?" Now he wants a furlough so he can go and see her.

Private John Gruendel didn't stay with this outfit long. Shortly after his arrival he received orders to proceed to San Antonio for Aviation Cadet training.

Company "B"

S/Sgts. Alexander Merhige, Louis J. Sullivan and Arley L. Burnside were marooned last week-end in Jennings, Texas, a town which rolls up its sidewalks at 9 each night and also turns out the lights at that time. Sgt. Burnside, who is still faithful to one girl in West Virginia and another in Tennessee, said turning out the town's lights made the girls more beautiful.

If you see a soldier about 6 foot 7 inches tall walking around looking as if he is carrying a baby in his arm, that's Sgt. Charles Gore. He isn't carrying a baby either, that's just his bandaged arm which was severely burned out on the driving range by water from a tank radiator.

The next time Sgt. Harry "Wonderful" McRae wants someone to go with him he won't argue quite so much. He argued a bit this week-end and—well, ask him who bit his finger.

We nominate Private Edwin Soper as the God-awfullest soldier in the army and also for the honor of being the most restricted, the most KP-pulling soldier in the Armored Force. Soper steps out of one jam right smack into another.

Acting T/5 Clyde (Horse Shoe) Medley is talking to his wife's lawyers. We understand he has

his eye on a couple of WAACs. Watch it, Horseshoe, Louisiana has laws against bigamy.

T/Sgt. Clyde E. Fox and Pvt. Medley, incidentally, had the honor (rather doubtful one) of being the first two members of the company to be "picked" up by the MPs in Leesville.

Of all the nicknames they could think of they gave Pvt. James Kilroy the worst. Pvt. Kilroy, who is a bubble dancer while awaiting re-classification, "loves" to be called "Kill Joy."

If First Sgt. Harry Clements strangles to death someday during roll call, the reason is: names like these Papaakonomo, Wojciechowski and Constantinopolopolis (where in the hell did that seep in?)

Maybe they do it in every company, but "B" Company does it too. The company takes a walk to the Motor Park and the GIs write home "Dear Mom: We walked three miles today." Take them for a two mile hike and then write home of "Ten miles under the broiling sun."

If S/Sgt. Hollis "Moose" Towry wants to know what time it is, he has to go all the way to Lake Charles to look at his watch.

Pvts. Salvatore Rochira and Merrill Justice were busy the other night sewing corporal's chevrons on their sleeves. Pfc. John Lawrence who helps burn the food in the kitchen is now a T/5. T/5 Lawrence was in a haze and a daze for a couple of days when his lady love was at the Guest House.

The folly of washing mess kits in basins in the latrine after the basins have been scrubbed perfectly clean was brought home to the man in Barracks 295 last Saturday. That's the reason they didn't keep those dates they made last week in Lake Charles.

Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion

REPORTERS: PVTS. LEWIS McCORKLE and EDWARD QUENTHER.

First of all lets extend congratulations to Pvt. Watson. There's a new member in the Watson family now, a three year old daughter. Nice going BOB and our best wishes to your wife . . . This little episode took place on the driving range. Called upon to answer a question, Pvt. Burt Fink jumped to his feet but, instead of reciting took off on the double. It seems Burt sighted a snake just as he was rising. He claims it was 20 feet long and probably a Boa Constrictor, but many have expressed doubts . . . One man who is making a name for himself is Pvt. Klemensiewicz. Everyone who saw him at the bowl or in the theatre enjoyed his mastery of the accordian. ED. went to town last week-end. I wonder if he was squeezeing anything else?

This is a good time to put in a word for Pvt. Sid Graboyes. I'm sure that everyone that knows him feels that he is one of the hardest working boys in the company . . . Speaking as we were of week-end leave, quite a few of the boys went to Leesville and practically bought out the town. At least, several loads, of one type or another, were carried back to camp. Not everyone went, however, as we have eight or nine cases of measles at the last report . . . There's liable to be a few more hospital cases soon as a result of these stampedes for the coke machine in the dayroom every noon. The boys really go on the double then.

Did you fellows know that Pvt. Don Wolff used to have movie stars for neighbors? Have you heard from any of those glamor gals lately Don? . . . If any of you guys think you know anything about cards or those galloping dominoes, see Pvt. Frank Stadwick for an advanced course.

There's a fellow with a profitable hobby . . . And for a course in hillbilly songs we recommend Pvt. Phillips of the West Virginia Philippines. His songs have that genuine nasal twang of the mountains. Drop in sometime and you'll see what I mean.

Company "E"

Reporters: PVTS. BOCHICCHIO and LENKO

Company "E" won the award for the best mess and kitchen of the week. The good work, was done by Sergeant Dines and his helpers. The sergeant is a happy man now . . . Who's the last man up in the morning? Who's the last man in the chow line? Right, Pvt. McCloskey. Rumor has it that McClanhan is the meanest man in company "E". . . The K. P. blues are being sung by Happy Valenti—The man who knows . . . After a week-end in Lake Charles, the boys have companies quarter tons as 16 decided to list the capacity of the quarts (Haig & Haig).

Leaves of the week: 1st Sergeant Merritt left on a 15 day furlough, isn't it nice to be a sergeant? . . . Best of luck to Pvt. Rinaldi on his anticipated farming venture. Sgt. Muscha is so tight with tobacco, they say he chews it, dries it in the sun, smokes it and then uses the ashes to shine his shoes.

Company "F"

Reporters: PVTS. BERNARD FRIEDMAN and LEONARD UHL

Best of luck to Lieutenants Oat and Bunker who were recently transferred from "F" Company. At the same time we would like to welcome Lieutenant Lund who replaced Lt. Oat. The latter was quite chagrined the other day when a recruit expressing his surprise at his being unmarried, said, "why Lieutenant, I was sure you must be somebody's fodder!"

The men from "F" Company who didn't visit Lake Charles last Sunday went to Leesville. A good time was had by all, especially a private by the name of Zell. . . We had some very interesting visitors at our bivouac Wednesday, May 5th, four young ladies, however we almost lost them when Pvt. Sloan appeared with a dead snake . . . There are some real eaters in this new group of men; they still have a way to go before they can compete with Sergeants Kulcher and Schults . . . Many of the new men have asked why Supply Sergeant Elmer Ohrmundt is known to his friends as "Itty Bitty."

Service Company

Reporters: PVTS. BANKHEAD and DUREE

We thought we had a stranger in our midsts Saturday, but on second look, Lo and Behold, it was Pvt. Toili with a haircut . . . Pvt. Reilly has gone Waacy. There is some talk about his condition being caused by a certain sailor who is musceling in on his territory in the old home town . . . After a week of participation in every type of duty known to the Regiment, Pvt. (Shanty Irish) Reagan is once again on the proverbial ball . . . Pvt. Galahue knows now why he has to wear his dogtags; To get a week-end pass!

Pvt. (Play Boy) Cormick enjoyed the week-end in the city of Leesville. Of course he had to get a haircut and a shoeshine before he could get his pass. Pvt. Bob Atsaroff is well satisfied with the Army. At last he has a job from which he cannot be fired. Anyone interested in buying a well stocked grocery store please contact Pvt. Muskinski.

The Question of the week: Why does Staff Sergeant Spangler always wear his sun glasses on Monday morning? Pvts. Casper and Stout are now satisfied. They were finally allowed to ride a motorcycle . . . Pvt. Sperandio proved to be a better master of ceremonies than a butcher.

Unanswered Questions: The ones that Pvt. Echell always asks just before a break . . . Why does Pvt. Grubb always carry a billfold? . . . What scent is on all of the letters that Pvt. Bob Atsaroff receives? . . . Where does Pvt. Silverstein spend all of his time while not on duty? . . . When dress right dress is given why do you have to dress on Pvt. Lamperalie's belt buckle instead of his collar?

Staff Sergeant Phillips has such a devoted bunch of followers in his platoon that he is complaining of the fact that he cannot see his WAAC friend alone . . . The boys of Service Company are after Lt. Maibs paycheck. It seems there was some type of wager on the comparative shooting abilities of the men and the Lieutenant.

Headquarters Company

Reporter: PVT. CANTER

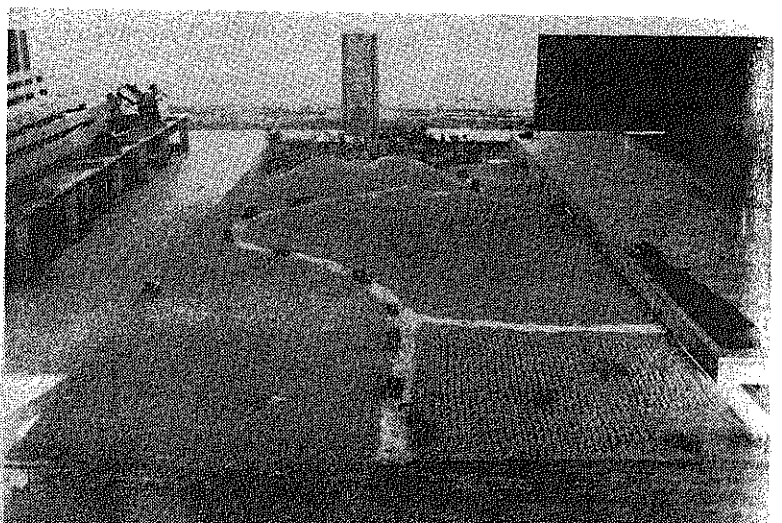
We wonder what "Southland" M/Sgt. Woodall will do without his obstacle course training when it comes time to dodge tanks. "Woody" claims that the Gawguh Woodalls never have to worry about getting out of trouble . . . Old "run a mile easy" Gibson for some untold reason is always to do his best calisthenics on Monday mornings. The Headquarters gang claims it "Leesvillitis." A. R. Gibby claims its the pep in the "pop chasers." That glint in "Schedule" Witt's eye could be love light. After all the guy is still a newly-wed Cries in the night (Reveille at

4:30 a.m.) . . . 1st Sgt. Cox — Now when did HE go in the hospital . . . T/Sgt Costa — Wake me early sarge, I gotta write my wife . . . "Do Something" Rose — It's 9:30; turn out those *** lights. . . "Louisville" Chesney — Any seconds on the coffee Sarge? Believe me the South is lucky to have all these northern boys down here . . . "Laundry is in" White—Gee fellows, gimme time to eat willya? The supply room will be open in a minute . . . "Hypo" Clair — No foolin, I've got some stuff that will fix that right away. "Deliver this Fast" Reisman — Honest I need the peep in 5 minutes. Sol seems in much better spirits these days. Wonderful what a good nights sleep in DeRidder will do for you . . . "Pop" Ritand—"I think I can do it for you." This mans Army would be a sad place without our Company clerks. No payday, no furlough money, this is one man Headquarters Co. can't do without . . . "Night Owl" Perry—Uh-h, yeah, I'll get up right away; what time is it? Not tonight men I'm too tired. "New York" Gerbert — "Gosh fellas don't take a furlough. The train ride is awful." Listen, sarge we've heard of lots better ways to get in trouble. Better stop spreading those latrine bulletins.

Company "G"

Reporters: PVTS. MARTYN and KENNY

Sgt. Kessey has made it known that his pockets will soon be bulging with extra cash. The thrifty sergeant observing the popularity of his radio, has decided to rent the set on an hourly basis to consistent borrowers . . . Magazine pictures of Hollywood beauties completely adorn the walls of 1st Sgt. Minni's (Continued on Page 4)



S-4 IN ACTION

Not all of the personnel of an Armored Division ride the tanks, half-tracks, armored cars, peeps and motorcycles into battle. Others have the job, unsung and of little glory of keeping 'em rolling. Those others make up the maintenance and supply crews. Their job is to set up service parks and repair disable vehicles, even to moving onto the battlefield and recovering those which can again be put back into fight. Also their job is to keep the gallons upon gallons of fuel and lubricants rolling forward, not to mention the tons and tons of ammunition and food for the guns and fighting men.

Some of the problems likely to be met by the maintenance and supply crews and the means available for overcoming them were pointed out and discussed by Captain Gregg, Supply Officer, of the Regiment at a meeting of Division S-4's held recently in the 80th Armored Regiment-

tal Motoc Park. By means of the terrain table, pictured above, Captain Gregg demonstrated the movements of maintenance crews of an Armored regiment on the march, during battle, the recovery of vehicles disabled in battle, and in the establishment and operation of a service park. He also discussed and demonstrated means and methods of supply as they might be accomplished in an Armored unit. The Medics and their equipment came into the demonstration and were shown on the march and as they might work in evacuating the wounded.

We all trust that these tasks will be well met by the maintenance, supply and medical boys. We can't fight with broken down vehicles, empty of fuel and lube, nor can we kill with empty guns. Then too we like to think that when we get a lick ourselves, the Medics will be along to do a little human salvage and repair.



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mended them on the earnestness with which they were engaging in training. Each of the speakers assured the men that their spirit and proficiency if continued would enable us to do our job in a hurry and return to our homes and families.

3rd Battalion Has Slight Edge

After a week of competition within each Battalion their best platoon was selected to compete for Regimental honors. The Provisional Battalion was represented by Lieutenant Ziefke's platoon of Headquarters, Headquarters Co., the First Battalion by Lieutenant Morrison's platoon of Headquarters Co., the Second Battalion by Lt. Beltz of Company "F" and the Third Battalion by Lieutenant Salscheider's platoon of Company "H". When the dust had cleared away and all of the votes of the judges were collected the outcome was as follows:

Judges	3rd Prov.	1st 2nd		
Rating:	bn	bn	bn	bn
First Judge	51	61	50	40
Second Judge	59	51	58	57
Third Judge	64	61	63	58

Total ----- 174 173 171 155

As you can see the competition was close and picking a "first" was a difficult job, however, the representatives of the Third Battalion had a slight edge and walked away with the honors.

Judges were Lt. Colonel King of the 80th, Major Arthur D. Poiniere of Combat Command B and Captain Donald P. Boyer, Jr., of the 49th Armored Infantry Regiment.

'Company Wash'

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Company "G"

quarters. Many a rookie sidles up to cast a longing glance and heave a sigh when passing by the sergeant's window.

Passing "A" barracks in the late hours of night, oftentimes a passer-by will hear a sleeping private's yearning cry for a lass named "Sadie." Wonder who is the lonely G.I.? ... Pvt. Bonaventri yawns frequently and relaxes completely upon being assigned to periodical KP detail. You appear contented when in the kitchen, Soldier from New York ... Sgt. Harris rejoiced after partaking of the generous servings at evening chow on the first Sunday in May. That right Sgt.?

Headquarters Platoon of "H" Company should commend Headquarters Platoon of "G" Company for the driving incentive which the latter presented in the Battalion competition. The close rivalry between these two Platoons kept "H" Company's unit on keen edge for the Regimental honor later acquired ... Pvt. "Missouri" Jack Reed enjoyed the Lake Charles trip at a \$21.00 clip on the tune of "rolling bones." ... Pvt. Stanley Zimorski receives almost daily scented, blue colored envelopes from Washington, D. C. Lucky soldier.

...Sgts. Burkhardt, Iwanoski and Fischer are finding attraction every Sunday night, at the Sgts. club, with three lovely WAA's. How about a few tips Sgts on retaining the good graces of women soldiers? ... "G" Company will have some intused swing artists among the members of its new orchestra. A few of the music lovers are: Pvt. Martin, drums, Pvt. Herd, tenor-saxophone, Pvt. MacBride, alto-saxophone and Pvt. Lewandoski, violin ... Secret Conviction — Sgt. Thomas still believes that his platoon can out drill any other in the Regiment. Hope your G. I. charges fulfill your expectations, Sarge.

Perfection and Speed — Pvt. "Ab" Cunningham can now don his fatigues while double-tim-

New Special Service

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of Regimental headquarters. The bowl should be completed in a week or ten days. The stage and part of the boxing apparatus has already been installed, however, providing seating facilities for about 2700 men presents many more problems. Our Regimental Bowl will be the site of many gatherings. A boxing tournament for both novices and open fighters will be one of the features of the bowl card. The winners will constitute a boxing team to represent the Regiment in future bouts.

Talent shows will also be a weekly feature. Music will be furnished by the popular Regimental orchestra, the newly formed glee club and soloists representing the different companies. Every Thursday night there will be a free movie either in the Recreation hall or the "Bowl."

MEET THE CHIEF

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discipline and courtesy and like all good leaders is very exacting with his officers and men in dictating the rules concerning their conduct. It is inevitable, under tutorage of this type, that you will all develop into the type of American soldier which we need to bring the war to a speedy and successful conclusion.

The Colonel is married and the father of one son, Charles, Jr. Colonel Noble names Boise, Idaho as his birthplace.

ing to morning chow! Some speed! ... On the Lake Charles trip Pvts. Beasley and Roark displayed their aquatic prowess in the early hours of morn. What was the game, Pvts., mermaids?

Reconnaissance Company

Reporters: SGT. NAZARKEWICZ, PVT. BURNEY, PVT. GRAVES. Congratulations are in order: Captain Ire E. Larson who served as Company Commander for 8 months has assumed greater responsibilities at Regimental Headquarters ... Lieutenant Joseph H. Grenwell has taken over as Company Commander. Other promotions: ... First Sergeant Abner H. Miller promoted to sergeant major. Staff Sergeant Morgan promoted to first sergeant. Sergeant Braselton promoted to staff sgt. and appointed Regimental gas NCO.

Signs of the times: Wrinkles on Supply Sergeant Raber's brow. Wrinkles on Mess Sergeant Hale's brow. Wrinkles on First Sergeant Morgan's brow. Grin on Private Fuehrer's face.

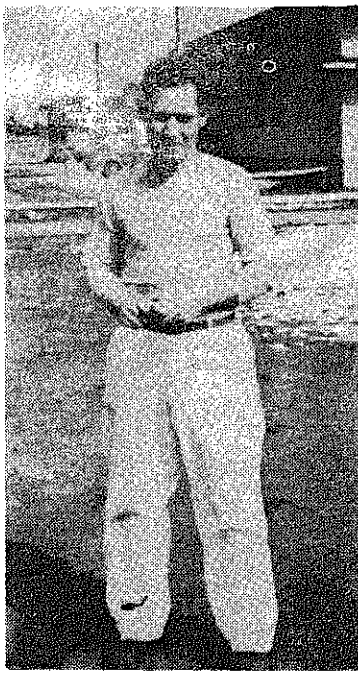
The Recruits: Typical rugged Reconnoider Pvt. Izarrell (The Angel). Typical cornbelt boy: Pvt. Richter. Typical Brooklynite: Pvt. Warenbach. Chowhound ... Pvt. Renfrow. They done me wrong ... Pvt. Kohut.

We've noticed a little bit of contrast in the fourth platoon. For instance between Pvt. Kapchan (275 pounds) and Pvt. Romines (95 pounds).

Why our Platoon sergeants are semi-bald: KOSAKOWSKI, PETTINICCHI, PARAGAGAMANI-AN, SACILOWSKI, SAMMARTANO, GRZYBOWSKI, GIAMPETRO, LLENICKA MARINACCIO, etc.

Long in the memory of the new men will live the first bivouac and dismantled road march, that tested their mettle. The dozen or so that fell out will want to forget it.

Lt. Tommy Harmon, former All-American football player of the U. of Michigan, is recuperating at Morrison Field, Fla., after his bomber—which carried his famous "98" football number on its fuselage—crashed in South America. Harmon was picked up by Indians after wandering for days in the jungle in the vicinity of the wrecked plane. As far as is known, Harmon is the sole survivor of the plane crash.



"E" Company "Dines" In Best Messhall

As a result of last weeks inspection "E" Company was given the distinction of having the best mess hall in the division. This is no small honor when you consider the number of organizations competing, and the fact that all of the mess halls of the Division have been classified as far above the average for the Army. Mess Sergeant Albert Dines, cooks and those unsung heroes, the K.P.'s also rate congratulations. The men of "E" Company say that they knew all along that they had the best when it came to chow and a clean place to eat, and are glad that everyone is in on their secret now.

Staff Sergeant Dines is no amateur when it comes to the culinary art, having operated a restaurant, of his own in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn, New York, in civilian life. He is making excellent use of his experience and is doing a good job of keeping the men of "E" Company full and happy. If there is any truth in the saying, "an Army moves on its stomach," "E" Company is one outfit that will be hard to stop.

Sergeant Dines has been in the Army for approximately 2 years and was with the 8th Division at Fort Knox and Camp Campbell. The last year of his two in the army has been spent as a mess sergeant. He is married and is now living with his wife in Deridder. Maybe we should congratulate his wife. Did she teach you how to cook and keep a kitchen clean, Sarge?

HEARD IN PASSING

First Battalion—A group of officers were heard discussing the new regulations concerning the proper distance to be maintained between vehicles. One officer commented that it seemed rather foolish to maintain vehicular distances while carrying on instructions and suggested that the regulations be ignored in that situation. One of the more conservative parties to the discussion was heard to remark, "Before we can do that we will have to get a special dispensation from the Pope."

Second Battalion—In pointing out to a recruit the geographic location of Leesville it is said that Major Britton used the following term. Fleasville, Vermin Parish, Lousyana.

Henry Kozlowski, 19-year-old Northwestern freshman swimmer and world champ in the 50-yard free style recently enlisted at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Kozlowski set a new record of 22.1 seconds in winning the 50-yard sprint crown in the National Collegiates at Columbus, O., last month.

COMPANY REPORTERS

Undoubtedly some of you are wondering why your company does not have any news on the opposite page. We assure you that you have not been slighted intentionally. We have requested, begged, pleaded and threatened your company reporters for news, however some of them have still failed to respond. If you would like to have your company represented as it should be, we suggest that you either get after your Company reporters, or bring the material up to the S-2 Section yourself. Anything you have will be acceptable. Lets see who can beat the record "B" Company has set this week. For your information the company reporters are:

- PROVISIONAL BATTALION:**
Maintenance Company—Michael A. Dagostini, Dennis H. Galoway, Marx F. Bradley, Kenneth Ritkowski, Jerome Block.
Reconnaissance Company — Sgt. Nazarkewicz, Pvt. De Amicis, Pvt. Tripe, Pvt. Graves, Pvt. Achig, Pvt. Burney.
Headquarters Company — Wal-

- ter Canter.
Service Company—Pvt. Bankhead.
FIRST BATTALION:
Headquarters Company—Pvt. Sidney Himmel, Pvt. Frank Heresinak.
Company "A"—Charles Houghton, Albert Voelger.
Company "B"—T/4 A. D. Copass, Frederick Slaughter.
Company "C"—S/Sgt. Donnelly, Sgt. Waldron.
SECOND BATTALION:
Headquarters Company — Pvt. Lewis McCorkle, Pvt. Edward Guenther.
Company "D" — Pvt. Billu, Pvt. Colure.
Company "E" — Pvt. Bochlichio, Pvt. Lenko.
Company "F" — Pvt. Bernard Friedman, Pvt. Leonard Uhl.
THIRD BATTALION:
Headquarters Company — Pvt. Allen T. Roeder, Pvt. Edward Kurzweil.
Company "G" — Pvt. Martyn, Pvt. Kenny.
Company "H" — Pvt. Robert R. Noss, Pvt. Norbert Grady.
Company "I" — Edward Allawas, Joseph DeGaeta.

Poet's Corner

Sgt. Marcel A. Chesney
Editor

TAPS IN LIBYA

The blood you poured
In burning Libyan sands:
The blood of free,
And peaceful, sheltered lands—
Will be avenged!
Behind you gripping hands
Already lift
Your fallen, eager guns—
The blood you poured
In distant desert suns
That like the course
Of Yankee honor runs—
Will be avenged!
(Sgt. Marcel A. Chesney)
I feel that there are many
among our new troops who

write verses of either light or heavy nature. Those who are interested will kindly submit their verses to Turret Topics at Headquarters, 80th Armored Regiment. Verses martial in theme would appear to be the most appropriate in present times in view of the war in which we are engaged. There must be in many of the hearts of the troops the feeling that our fellow-soldiers are the best; that our methods and conditions of training to be soldiers are the best; that our equipment is the best our country can make for us to handle; and that all within our vast country are supporting us in spirit and in material effort to win the war. Such are the themes that are worthy of stress.

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By S/Sgt. Ray Crow

- ACROSS**
1. The M-1 ... is a good Japannihilator.
6. An artillery salute.
11. Our boys in Australia are "down ...".
12. This Brigadier General commanded the Red Army in Tennessee maneuvers.
13. Military Decorations (abbr.).
14. Symbol of the U.S.A.
16. Short road.
17. Officers Inspect Uniforms (abbr.).
19. Something hard to get: a ... of tires.
20. Same as 19.
21. Yankee commando.
23. This Lieutenant General commands the Second Army.
- DOWN**
6. It's indispensable to Army messes.
7. Army Doctors Excel (abbr.).
8. Lousy Latinators (abbr.).
9. This goes with vice.
10. To guard it's either general or special.
15. Germany is minus many here.
18. Sam is fur favorite one.

29. Military houses.
22. Goldbricks ain't Engineers.
23. Axis weapon.
25. What goldbricks fear more than serpents' venoms is to have to don their working ...
26. These kind of eyes are smiling on part of our A.E.F.
27. What many boys and girls like to do together.
28. Something about a Lieutenant.
29. Fruits of dictatorship: Mussolini thought he had a peach of an army, but that apple-of-his-eye turned out to be such a ... at throwing "pine-apples" that it brought him nothing but sour grapes.
30. We'll ... every effort until the 32-Down are whipped.
32. And they'll be whipped, too!
35. What memos are kept on.
36. What Sally is to a pal.
39. Regular Army (abbr.).
41. What Hitler's yes-men say.

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