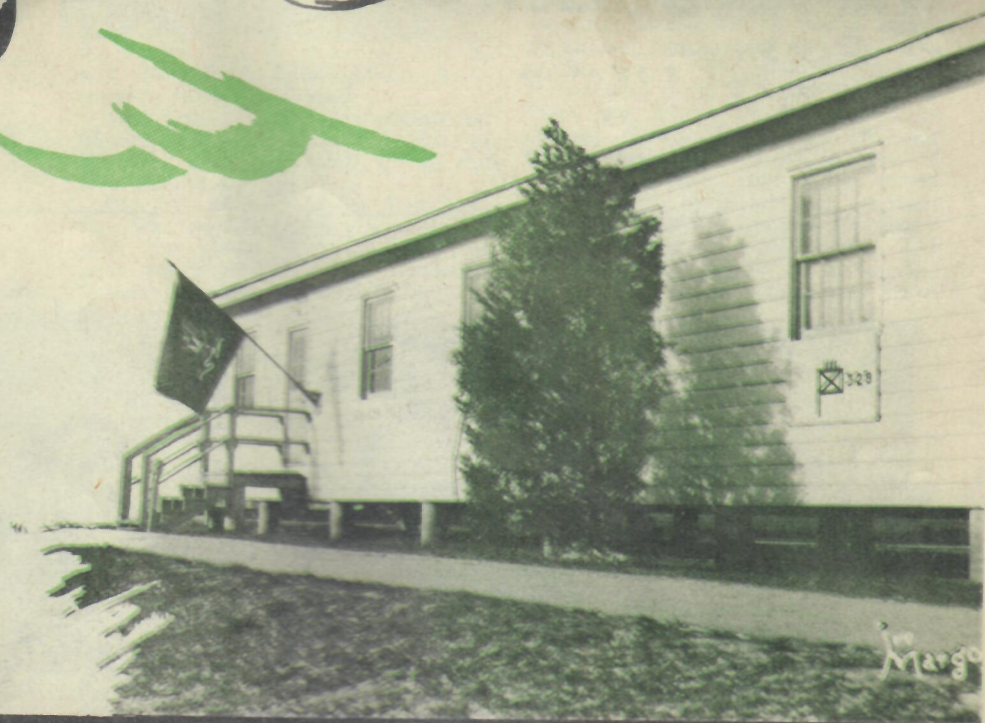


The Fattler



329th Infantry - DECEMBER 25, 1943 - Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky



A Christmas Message to the officers and men of the 329th Infantry

America has long symbolized the Christmas tradition of peace on earth and good will toward men. Today throughout the world, the people who work to earn an honest living, a quiet evening at home, the pleasure of friends, are looking to us to lead the way out of the depths of suffering into which a sore and bleeding world has been plunged. Today we rededicate ourselves to the spirit of Christmas . . . but we do so with the grim realization that before peace comes again there is bloody fighting to be done.

I salute the 329th Infantry as a symbol of the fighting spirit that made America, of the dogged determination that has seen us through other crisis and will see us through this one. By the way in which you have applied yourselves to the task of becoming tough in mind and body, individually and as a Regiment, I know that when the battle call is sounded, the 329th will take the field ready and fit to fight.

F. W. McMillan
Maj. Gen. 83rd Div.

Christmas



Greetings



Lt. Col. J. A. Brown
Executive Officer



To the soldiers of the 329th Infantry

In the year that has passed I have witnessed your change from willing recruits to competent soldiers.

During this time you have undergone the discomforts of living and training in heat and cold, rain and snow, mud and dust.

You have learned how to take care of yourselves and your weapons in the field, to stand long and hard marches, to qualify with your weapons and to use the terrain to your advantage day and night.

In a few short months you will be ready for active combat. As your commanding officer I am proud of the record of progress you have made.

I wish you the greatest happiness during the Christmas season and hope that the future will bring you success in arms and a safe return to your homes and families.

E. Blakeslee
Colonel 329th Infantry



Capt. Doyle R. Bunch
S-1



Capt. J. J. Penzenik, Jr.
S-2



Maj. E. G. Holt
S-3



Lt. Arthur Wagner
S-4

329th Celebrates Second Christmas Together

329th INFANTRY REGIMENT TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN TRADITIONAL FASHION

Religious Service, Open House in colorful decorated day rooms, Christmas Carol singing by our Glee Club throughout the Battalion areas. The Service Clubs cooperating with fitting programs, together with unit mess halls serving a delicious dinner with all the trimmings will fulfill our Regimental Commanders desire to give the men of the 329th a day that will be happy in thought and joyous in spirit.

Twenty-four hours of rest and diversion is afforded us, so if we wish we may be privileged to visit the United Service Organization in the surrounding communities and enjoy their hospitality and cordial greetings that will be extended to the men of our regiment as well as other units of this post.

The holiday Bill of Fare includes roast turkey, with dressing with giblet gravy, cranberry orange relish, snow flaked potatoes, buttered peas, creamed corn, celery, olive, pickles, rose bud radishes, hot rolls and butter, pumpkin pie, assorted fruit, nuts and candy, topped off with coffee. Cigars, cigarettes and candies will be an added treat.

The spirit of good fellowship was evidenced, when delegations of respective companies went to the Post hospital to extend cheer, and provide gifts for their ailing buddies. Colonel Crabill and members of his staff were seen visiting throughout the Regimental area. Proud in the thought, that every effort was made to provide for the comforts and pleasure of our men making the day one that will long be remembered.

"ABSORB TRAINING" IS ADVICE OF VETERAN

"Gain all the knowledge possible about combat fighting while you are here in training for once you face the enemy it is too late to wish you had kept your eyes and ears open while training in the states."

That is the sage advice offered to men of the 329th by 1st Sergt. Ralph Bailey of Co. "E". Sergt. Bailey can speak with authority having seen service in the Tunisian campaign in North Africa and the action in Sicily. It was during the latter campaign that he suffered a shrapnel wound during a Nazi air attack. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

The 23-year-old veteran, who was assigned to a heavy weapons company overseas, was promoted from staff to first sergeant when he saved his company commander and himself from death or serious injury. With the com-

GEN. MILBURN PRAISES 329th's RECORD FIRING

An enviable record on the firing range, described by Gen. Milburn as "very fine," was established by the regiment during the recent record firing.

Excellent scores were made with all weapons with 505 men qualifying as experts with the M-1 rifle. There were 791 sharpshooters with the weapon and 721 marksmen. On the carbine range 190 men earned the right to wear the expert's medal. Sharp shooters numbered 270 and marksmen 254.

The ability of the regiments' BAR men was well demonstrated on the range where 214 made expert, doubling the number of sharpshooters and marksmen which numbered 62 and 83 respectively. On the pistol range there were 23 experts, 95 sharpshooters and 169 marksmen.

In the heavy weapons companies, two men qualified as experts, ten men made 1st Class gunners while there were 178 2nd class gunners. The regiments' weapons platoons produced 74 experts, 41 1st class gunners and 22 2nd class gunners. Anti Tank Co. had 11 experts with the 37MM, 62 sharpshooters, 61 marksmen.

Two men tied for high score with the M-1 in the regiment. They were Sgt. Jack P. Coleman of Co. D and Sgt. Howard E. Tyler of Co. G, both of whom shot 198. The high score of 194 was attained by three experts, who are armed with the carbine. They were Pvt. Eugene E. Persinger, Co. A; Pvt. George T. Bruckner, Co. K, and S/Sgt. Joseph Wlasenko, Anti-tank Co.

Two men also tied for regimental honors with the BAR with a score of 230—Pfc. Joseph E. Mims, Co. B, and Pvt. Arnold Fulton, Co. I.

Pfc. John E. Ryan of the Anti-Tank Co., was high man in the regiment with the pistol with the excellent score of 93 per cent. Cpl. Lawrence Coladaugels, also of Anti Tank, was high man in the company with the 37 mm gun with 315.

Among the machine gunners, S/Sgt. John H. Crane, of E Co. firing the light machine gun, was high in the regiment with a record of 239.

pany commander, Sergt. Bailey was inspecting a pipe from which they were about to draw water. Sergt. Bailey discovered the pipe had been rigged up with a booby trap set to go off when the pipe was disturbed.

The sergeant stressed the necessity of forever being on the lookout for booby traps.

"There were many laid by the enemy," the sergeant warned, "and the majority of them were very simple and attached to innocent looking objects."

PAST YEAR SEE ROOKIES BECOME COMBAT TROOPS

The 329th Infantry will on Saturday celebrate its second Christmas together as a unit. Tough, well trained, the regiment will this year present a different picture than that of a year ago when as green but determined rookies they faced a year of rigorous training that was to make them capable and confident infantrymen.

It was a busy year of tough training with long marches, squad and platoon problems, corps tests, days of firing range training—which has paid great dividends in making the regiment outstanding in the division with its firing record—bayonet and gas mask drill, battalion problems, and three months of maneuvers.

The 329th Infantry has taken it in every kind of weather—the cold, snow, rain and mud of Camp Atterbury to the heat and stifling dust of Tennessee. Yes, and they're ready to dish it out.

The year's training was climaxed with the movement to Tennessee for the Second Army Maneuvers. Under the strict observance of 2nd Army Rules our men marched, dug in and fought in combat style winning the commendation of Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredenall. Following maneuvers, our regiment established a model camp, which won the respect and good will of the city of Springfield, Tennessee. It brought forth a letter of praise from the Mayor of Springfield to Colonel Edwin B. Crabill praising the conduct and the appearance of our men. After a stay of two weeks marked only by a six day constant rain, our men started out for Camp Breckinridge, our new home. The movement was made in a five-day marching schedule involving about twenty miles a day. Our men bivouaced near various small communities which brought hundreds of visitors, who wanted to get a realistic picture of the Army in action.

Civilian committees arranged dances, and social events in honor of our regiment. Weary and tired we reached Camp Breckinridge, ready to undertake a new training schedule which meant additional instruction and new techniques which has brought additional praise to our Regiment. The able marksmanship of the men, the three day patrols, together with the recent enemy fortification attack demonstrates that the doughboys of the 329th have completed the past year in successful training and confidently wait the future.

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CHRISTMAS — 1943

Even rigorous army training will be halted on December 25th in honor of a humble infant in Bethlehem's stable nineteen hundred and forty-three years ago.

American soldiers, stationed in the frozen north country or in steaming jungles of the southwest Pacific, faced with the uncertainty of seeing another tomorrow, will turn their thoughts to that little Babe whose infant hand has divided the times of history.

His birth was news requiring special publication. Therefore angels were dispatched from heaven with the message, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." He came to an occupied country to a busy, pre-occupied village, and found no room except the stable where He was born.

The purpose of His coming—He was born, lived, died, and rose again to assure men "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." To men weary of war Jesus speaks re-assuring words of wonderful peace, "the peace of God which passeth all human understanding."

If we strip Christmas of all its superficialities, also in this turbulent year of 1943 we can hear the angels of God re-echo their message; they bid us rejoice in God's great gift to men. Accepting His peace, we look forward to a nobler tomorrow when we may live at peace with our fellowmen.

CHAPLAIN HEUER.

IN MEMORIAM

Tech. 4th Grade Morris Braun, Headquarters Company October, 1942.

Tech. 4th Grade Franklin Terrell, Medical Detachment August, 1943.

Pfc. Harmon G. Stevenson, Company "C" September, 1943.

Cpl. Joseph J. Nuzerak, Company "I" June, 1943.

Corporal Paul Semian, Service Company December, 1943.

THE CHAPLAINS' CORNER



HOUR OF SPLENDOUR

A glorious spirit is abroad again in the land . . .

Spoken here by a light in a window by a sprig of holly by a church spire lifting its cross to the stars . . . or a Madonna serene in the glimmering light of a hundred candles.

Enshrined anew this Christmas, the Madonna transfixes the rapt joy of that hour of splendour when angel-song rang through the night to herald a new born Son. Then it was that her radiant star, risen out of the Ages, first brought to man a promise of peace on earth.

On this present day of gladness, the light of the Madonna once more shines undimmed to instill in man's soul hope and strength a version of peace and stain of war, will know again the deep significance of the true spirit of Christmas.

Then will the rich potential of mankind be realized. Then will America and their fellow citizens in the new neighbor of nations, enter into a fruitful era when the goodness of each Christmas will flood the soul and light the way—not for a day only, but throughout the year.

—Selected.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

December 24:

2300 Candle-light Service (Chaplain Heuer) in 329th Rec. Hall).

2400 Solemn Midnight Roman Catholic Mass in Post Field House (Confessions before Mass).

December 25:

0900 Protestant Christmas Service (Chaplain Heuer).

1000 Roman Catholic Mass (Chaplain Cossette).

1100 Protestant Christmas Service (Chaplain Halvorsen).

1815 Carol Sing in front of Regt'l Christmas tree (Chap. Halvorsen).

December 26:

0900 Protestant Service (Chaplain Heuer).

1000 Roman Catholic Mass (Chaplain Cossette).

1100 Protestant Service (Chaplain Halvorsen).

1100 Guardhouse Service (Chaplain Heuer).

1900 Combined Sunday evening Service in 330th Chapel (329th, 330th, and 331st Inf.).

JEWISH SERVICES:

Dec. 24 at 2000 in 308th Med. Bn. Rec. Hall (Chaplain Ott).

Dec. 28 at 1900 in Div. Chapel, Hanukkah Service (Chaplain Ott).

LUTHERAN SERVICES: (In post chapel 1567), ½ block East of bus depot).

Dec. 25 at 1930 Christmas Communion Service (Chaplain Heuer).

Dec. 26 at 0815 Preaching Service.

TOP MEN OF UNITS CHOSEN BY C.O.'S

HEADQUARTER'S 1st BN.

An expert with the M1 Rifle, carbine, and pistol, Sergt. Thomas G. B. Russell of the I. and R. Platoon, is a graduate of the Rangers School at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Sergt. Russell also received a certificate of proficiency from the Commanding General for his fine work at the Ranger School.

He completed Mine School at Camp Breckinridge.

Before entering the Service, Sergt. Russell attended school at Durham, North Carolina, where he was a star in athletics.

Co. "A"

Sergeant Adam Petraska, Jr., is the choice of his buddies and officers as the outstanding doughboy of the company. He leads the third squad in the first platoon. He is an athletic star of note, participating in football and basketball for the battalion.

Co. "B"

Staff Sergeant C. J. Sindler, ex-cavalry man with three and a half years service in the Army.

Sergeant Sindler is an expert instructor, Qualified as expert with light machine gun, carbine, pistol and with the bayonet. His aggressive manner gives off the spark of the old army at its best.

HEADQUARTERS CO. 2nd BN.

The outstanding man of Hq. Co., chosen by our able leader Capt. Edmund E. McCreary, Cpl. John J. Boland. Cpl. Boland was inducted into the Army on Sept. 14, 1942 at New Cumberland, Pa. During his basic training Cpl. Boland was a squad leader in the R. and P. Platoon. After showing his qualities in leadership and ability to get his work done quickly and efficiently he was chosen to work as assistant to the Supply Sgt. We are all looking forward to his promotion to S/Sgt. He wears the good conduct ribbon.

Co. "E"

Staff Sergt. John Howard Crane of Company "E" was selected in a poll of the officers as the outstanding man of the year. He is an expert with the M1 rifle, machine gun, and sharpshooter with the carbine. He is 22 years old and hails from Atlanta, Georgia. His favorite hobby is sports. He is weapons platoon Sgt.

Co. "G"

Sergeant Howard Tyler of Company "G" was selected as outstanding man by virtue of his excellent firing on the range where he made three possibles and became one of the highest scorers in the Regiment with a total of 198. He is a capable leader and has won the respect of the men of Company "G." He recently starred in "G. I. Joe," a variety show put on by the company.

Co. "H"

Company Commander, Frank C. Carmichael, of "H" Company selected as its outstanding man S/Sgt. Frank G. Clemens, married and an original Cadre Man of the 83rd Division whose fine qualities of leadership was imminently displayed during all crucial tests encountered by the Company during Tennessee Maneuvers. He is an outstanding Machine Gunner and an athlete of note. He leads the 1st Platoon. His excellent record can be attributed to his 3½ years of Army experience beginning with his training received in the Second Cavalry. He is stern but fair and is held in high esteem by all his Buddies. His selection was received with warm approval by all who know him.

Co. "I"

Staff Sergeant Edward Welter of Company "I," entered the army in February, 1939 at the age of 23. After two and a half years of Service he was sent to Iceland where he remained for a period of 23 months. In Iceland, Sergeant Welter, then a Corporal, was appointed as second in command of the squad that acted as honorary guard to Ambassador Molotov of Russia on his trip to the United States in 1942. The Sergeant, while in Iceland, saw several enemy planes shot down. His experience was not limited to Iceland, for coming back to the states, the convoy of which his ship was a part, was threatened by a German submarine.

Co. "K"

Sergeant Butler of Company "K" earned the laurels as outstanding man of his company by virtue of his all-around qualifications and his ability to lead men. He has carried out important assignments with distinction and honor. He has seen seven years of active service and the boys of his company swear by him.

Co. "L"

Sgt. Gordon Heintz was adjudged the outstanding man in Company "L"

for 1943, because of his consistently superlative performances in all phases of training. Sgt. Heintz, an unobtrusive individual with an air of mature knowledge assumes complete control of his squad and maintains it by his unfailing selection of correct procedures in tactical situations. He has received commendations from both General Milburn and Colonel Crabill for his most successful application of sound logic in leading a patrol in one of the recently conducted squad tests.

HEADQUARTERS CO.

Staff Sergeant Herbert E. Berner has seen duty in the Aleutians.

Most interesting experience was being adrift in the Bearing sea for 21 days on a small fishing boat with no rudder.

Sergt. Berner returned to the United States last March 15, 1943.

S/Sgt. Berner is married and since joining the regiment has been seen in the military Information Skit presented recently at Theatres No. 1 and 2.

CANNON CO.

Sergeant John Taylor, by his diligent work, and fine performance on the three day patrol received the honor of being selected the outstanding man of Cannon Company. He is a very able Reconnaissance Sergeant, and an expert with the carbine. He covered all control points on the recent patrol problem in 31 hours.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Tech. 4th Grade William Rich of the Medical Detachment, was selected as the outstanding man due to his experience with the regiment gained by being one of the original cadre to remain with his present Unit. He is married and enlisted in December of 1939 at Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

ANTI-TANK CO.

We salute Staff Sergeant Robert W. Fuhrman the outstanding man of Anti-Tank Company, for the year of 1943. Sergeant Fuhrman is a regular fellow, a sharpshooter with the M1 Rifle the carbine and also the .45 cal. pistol, expert with the 37 mm. Anti-Tank gun and a capable and well liked platoon sergeant. A glance at Sergeant Fuhrman's service record makes it easily understood why the company commander selected him as the outstanding man of the year.



1. "Over the top" with the 2nd Bn.
2. A 1st Bn. Squad moves up.
3. The heavy weapons company of 3rd Bn. supports an advance.
4. S/Sgt. John H. Crane, L.M. G. expert with high score in the regiment.
5. Overseas vets exchange experiences.
6. Pfc. Harmie Pippin, Company H's high man with H. M. G.
7. Sergt. Compnotta, silver star holder shows Caribbean vet familiar territory.
8. Outstanding men of the regiment.



1. The men who bring you The Tattler—the editorial staff.
2. "Telling it to the chaplain."
3. "Unsung heroes," the personnel staff.

4. The R.S.O. breaks down rations in the field for regimental kitchens.
5. Cannon company "chows up" on bivouac.
6. "Home sweet home"—two weeks a month.

CO. REPORTERS BOAST OF UNIT'S PROGRESS DURING PAST YEAR

HEADQUARTERS CO. 1st BATTALION

Last year was a very prosperous year for Headquarters Co. 1st Bn. We spent a very cold winter in Camp Atterbury, Indiana, but we acquired much knowledge there. Many nights the men of this organization spent sleeping on the cold Atterbury ground.



LT. COL. G. H. ZIMMER
1st Bn. C.O.

Upon arrival at Breckinridge, we started to fire on the rifle range. There every man in this organization qualified in his basic arm. Our Company is proud of that record.

The Intelligence section is under the command and able guidance of 1st Lt. James R. Bakker who joined our outfit during Tennessee Maneuvers; the A & P platoon does work similar to that of the Engineers. The Communication Platoon is under the command of 2nd Lt. John A. Metcalf. This Platoon has a fine record in the division. Its work is similar to that of the Signal Corp. The Anti-Tank Platoon is under the Command of 2nd Lt. Richard T. Berg. Lt. Berg joined our outfit after maneuvers. In that time he has done much for the Platoon. Our company commander is 1st Lt. John J. Luther Jr. Lt. Luther has been with our Company a short time but in that time, we have all learned to admire and respect him and we promise him our continued support in the year ahead.

CO. A

In January basic training was completed and the new men with pride, graduated from recruits to full fledged infantrymen. Short furloughs were granted as a tribute to their fine work. In April the weather took a warm turn and bivouac was a scheduled event each month. June 1943 will be long remembered as a result of the conspicuous part Company "A" played in the Tennessee maneuvers. Company "A" returned with the Regiment to our new home, Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, where thorough instructions in all weapons were given and with the company qualified with a very high percentage of experts. There was a Divisional test in Individual Squad tactics, with Sgt. Cramer receiving a letter of Commendation from General

Milburn, Divisional Commander, for his fine work in handling his squad.

Co. "C"

Quite a difference can be noticed between the men of Company "C" of November 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and the men of company "C" as of December, 1943 at Camp Breckinridge. What was once just a gang of jitterbugs, drugstore cowboys, clerks and tradesmen is today a well trained, physically fit fighting team.

Company "C" has an enviable record. Perhaps that record could be accredited to the company commanders; Major George A. Wishart who is now executive officer of the 1st Battalion, Captain Ralph B. Hartgraves who is at present attending Advanced Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the present company commander, Captain James P. Rudolph who has just recently taken over the command. Or then again part of the credit could go to the able non-coms. However, the greatest part of the credit goes to the men of the company who have to do all the dirty work. Without the privates the company could not have attained such a fine record.

HQ. CO. 2nd BATTALION

On Oct. 19, 1942, the first two members of Hq. Co. arrived at Camp Atterbury. The following day 11 more new members were assigned and this small group of men started the task of making Hq. Co. the best in the Div. After a week had passed more new members were assigned and slowly the Co. arrived at its full strength. During our basic training, the change from civilian life to army life brought many complaints from the men. They soon became accustomed to the Army routine and work hard to become good soldiers. Under the guidance of Capt. Edmund E. McCreary then 1st Lt. McCreary the Co. attained a high rating at the Div. test.

After completing our basic training we started to live in the field. Once again the men had to accustom themselves to this type of living. Complaints were few as the men began to realize that they had an important job to do before they could return to homes and loved ones. Then came our first big thrill. Furloughs.

Co. "E"

Capt. Raymond H. Poore points with pride at the outstanding achievements of his men in the past year. Their record on the rifle range, their fine stamina during strenuous maneuvers, their efficient display on attack problems together with their fine showing on the recent 72-hour patrol has given the officers and enlisted men much pride and satisfaction. Their recent party was a grand success. They claim that they operated the finest Mess Hall in the Regiment under the direction of Mess Sgt. Thomas Fernino. Their 1st Sgt., Andrew H. Vandiver, a 15 year man in the service, certainly is popular and

holds the confidence and esteem of his men.

Co. "G"

As the joys of another Christmas roll around, we cannot help but think of the G Company of one year ago.

From the raw recruits thrown together from various and sundry occupations, trades, and professions, have been woven and designed a pattern of smooth-running, cooperative, and efficient fighting men. Men who know their each and every task, and also the job of every man in the Company.



LT. COL. C. L. BOWEN, JR.
2nd Bn. C.O.

They can fill in at any position at a moment's notice and do the duty efficiently, because they have the knowledge of their "trade" and also the most valuable asset of any soldier on the fighting fronts today . . . the American "KNOW HOW" which never fails under the most acid of tests.

We of G Company owe a deep thanks of gratitude to the Officers for their untiring efforts in our training. They were the persons responsible for the fame and records obtained by us because they were always in the thick of things when the going got tough. Many times the friendly word spoken by them was just the needed "tonic" to enable the man who said "I can't" finish the hike or complete his mission. Orchids to Capt. Granville A. Sharpe, now on Detached Service at Ft. Benning, for his able command in the past, and to 1st Lt. John J. Devenney, who at present is in Command. To all the Platoon Leaders we say "Thanks, a million." Recently Capt. Thomas Harris has been training the men of G Company in various Reconnaissance patrol problems. The results have been favorable, and to him we extend our best wishes, and a welcome mat to Company G.

During World War I, General Pershing made the request, "Send me men who can shoot and salute." Company G is ready to send men who can shoot, salute, act, and pass any test that comes their way.

CO. H

Led by Capt. Frank C. Carmichael and his fine staff of officers, Company "H" is considered by many to be the most outstanding Heavy Weapons Company in the 83rd Division.

The spirit shown by the men in handling their heavy equipment dur-

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Unit Story—cont.

ing Tennessee Maneuvers was a tribute in itself to their excellent leadership.

1st Lt. Maurice J. Butler, 81MM Mortar Platoon Leader, received a special commendation from Major General Milburn on the magnificent work by his Platoon on one of the problems. The Heavy Machine Gun Platoons were also highly commended. Col. Claude L. Bowen, 2nd Bn. commander, may point with pride to his Heavy Weapons because "H" Company has 100% qualifications in all their Basic Weapons.

With such Expert Mortar Gunners as S/Sgt. George C. Irvine, Cpl. Frank N. Barr and Cpl. John L. Haar and Expert Machine Gunners S/Sgt. Frank G. Clemens, Pvt. Thomas W. Kline, Cpl. Herman J. Noss, Pfc. Harmie R. Pippin and Pfc. John Marchel it is small wonder that many men from the Rifle Companies have tried to volunteer for service in the Heavy Weapons Company.

"H" Company has also proven their ability on the athletic field. Its football team with such very fine players as Cpl. Paul Armbrust, Cpl. Donald E. Rickert and Pfc. Harmie R. Pippin. In softball, with players like Sgt. "Pop" Althoff it is always a hard team to beat.

HEADQUARTERS CO. 3rd BN.

Hq. Co. 3d Bn. will have celebrated its second Christmas in uniform this year. It has been a long way from a transformation of a bunch of raw recruits to accomplished Infantrymen. Much of this successful transformation has been due to accomplished Infantrymen. Much of this successful transformation has been due to the excellent leadership of our Co. Comdr, Capt. George C. White. By imparting his knowledge to the personnel of this Co., he has done much to reach the goal for which we all strive. Ably assisting Capt. White in his arduous tasks is Lt. Shacter, executive officer. Leading the noncoms of the Co. is First Sgt. Hanks.

Hq. Co. is composed of various specialized platoons. Among the most important is the communication platoon, now under the leadership of Lt. Lytle, a new addition of our Co. However, during the period this platoon had no officer it was ably conducted by S/Sgt. Osborne, Comms Chief. He is assisted by Sgt. Heckler, Sgt. Lang, and Sgt. Hankins.

Second in importance to none is the Anti-Tank platoon. Under the leadership of Lt. Wheeler and S/Sgt. Johnson these boys can put their 37's into action quicker than any other unit in the Regt. Squad leaders are Sgt. Purs-glove, Sgt. Ruesing, Sgt. Kraus. In more instances than one Pfc. Damits has displayed himself to be one of the toughest and most able men in this outfit.

The engineers of this outfit is the A&P Plat. They do their work well under the leadership of Lt. Dolan and

S/Sgt. Shoenberger. They are the "singingest" boys in the Co.

Pay day is the most important day in the Army. And the man accounting for the good part of the work in seeing that we are paid is Cpl. Peters, Co. Clerk. The mess is under the supervision of Mess Sgt. Torick.

S/Sgt. Badgett, Supply Sgt., with all his headaches and heartaches, has stood up under this tremendous strain with the great help of G I Beer.

Let us not forget the feelers of the outfit. Scouts and Observers serving under Bn. S-2 Lt. MacFarlane, and intelligence sergeant, Sgt. Sale.

The woes and worries of Third Bn.



MAJ. Q. A. SANDERS
3rd Bn. C.O.

Hqs. are ably looked after by our own Sgt. Major, that well known personality S/Sgt. Hagmann.

Third Bn. lost its very able Commander Lt. Col. Edson due to his being transferred, but in his place gained a fine leader in acquiring Major Q. A. Sanders, former Regtl S-3, as its new leader. The able assistant to Major Sanders is Major T. J. Yanishewsky, executive officer of the Bn. The plans and training of the Bn. are in the capable hands of the S-3, Lt. Schommer.

CO. I

Company I, like the other companies of the 329th Inf. Regt, now boast of a company of qualified soldiers. Just about a year ago we could look upon ourselves and say "just a bunch of rookies," but that day is gone forever, for in the past year of 1943, we have reached standards of well trained Doughboys.

This year has seen Co. I observe at least 5 happy beer parties and dances. This created a bond of friendship throughout the company.

June found us preparing for Maneuvers. It was a tough training period with cries such as, "Bring up the half-track," "Umpire, Umpire," and "Look my canteen is empty." It also proved that this Company could hold its own when, during one of the later problems, the company captured an entire battalion of Field Artillery.

After reaching Camp Breckinridge, the company started to concentrate on training each unit to be experts with the weapons throughout the company. Here the rifle platoons turned in a surprising amount of Experts on the M-1 while the Machine gun section of the Weapons Platoon boasted all expert gunners with the exception of

two sharpshooters and still further, the mortar section came through in the gunners test to rate highest in the regiment and also carrying the highest individual score in the regiment. We commend the officers and men for their outstanding work in placing our company on top.

CO. K

Full field inspection, parades, rugged marches, battalion problems and other tactical events, never discourage the men of Company K.

They claim that despite rough weather or other obstacles they are able to take any test and promise to meet it with flying colors.

Maneuvers, rifle marksmanship, patrol problems, and divisional tests found them on the top.

The boys want to express their sincere appreciation to their Company Commander, Captain Horace Crowder for his patience and inspiring leadership and say Merry Christmas to all.

CO. M

While at Camp Atterbury we were nothing but green men. Most of us had never seen a machine gun or a mortar until our leaders instilled in us a love for our weapons. As many of you already know we are the support of the battalion and some day you will be proud of what we have accomplished. Every place we went to drill or whatever the distance to a bivouac, the men hand-carried their weapons—to add to this—these guns are far from being bed feathers.

When we left Atterbury for maneuvers in Tennessee, Co. M was sent ahead as a rail guard for the regiment. Machine guns guarded the rail head while some thousand men got off the train to start the unforgettable maneuvers in Tennessee.

All during maneuvers this company is really proud to announce that they gave everything they had in the respect to keeping up with the riflemen and carrying their heavy weapons for battalion support. We are proud of ourselves and also claim to be able to hike further than any company in the regiment. Co. M still insists that they were the first ones to enter Murfreesboro and hold the enemy back while the remainder of the regiment got a foothold and finally capture the town.

CANNON COMPANY

Cannon Company of the 329th was activated in August 1943 by a Division order, in the midst of Tennessee Maneuvers with 1st Lt. Bruce A. Tinkel in control ably assisted by 1st Lt. Norman D. MacAulay, Executive Officer, 2d Lt. Mortimer Goldman and 2d Lt. Robert S. Roberts. The men taken to form this powerful unit were taken from the Infantry and Artillery units of the Division and thus the hard training and patience of the officers and men were whipped into a fighting unit. The main object of a Cannon Company is to give more ef-

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COMMANDS MEDICS



MAN SIZED JOB IS THAT OF REGIMENTAL MEDICS

Aching feet, coughs and colds, blisters, broken bones, aching muscles and tooth aches. These are just a few of the complaints that the regimental medical detachment finds waiting every morning at sick call.

Any hour of the day or night finds the officers and men of the medics ready to administer care to the men of the 329th. Heading the capable staff is Maj. John T. Mauldin, regimental surgeon. He is assisted by Captain David E. Gray, Captain Milton Berger, Lieutenant Daniel O'Reilly and Lieutenant Seymour Freed and a well trained, hardworking group of enlisted men.

These enlisted men are the same ones who someday, unarmed, will follow the line companies into battle ready to assist and care for those men of our regiment who may be calling for them.

Unit Story—cont.

fective Fire Power, and to work in close contact with the lineman. The 329th Commandos were the first to fire its new weapons on Thanksgiving day and it brought praise from General Robt. M. Montague.

ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Another year is fast drawing to a close and as a result the Anti-Tank Co. finds itself a better trained unit under the leadership of Capt. Daniel G. Gust and his Staff.

This year has not been a bed of roses after a hard winter at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, the regiment spent the rest of the spring months shaking out the kinks of the winter and in preparing themselves for the Tennessee Maneuvers. On more than one occasion the Company won the appraisal of our esteemed Regtl. Comdr., Col. Crabill.

Upon arrival at Camp Breckinridge, we started on a very extensive training program. Anti-Tank Co. came through with its share of experts, sharpshooters and marksmen in the various weapons. Now that the year is almost ended may God Bless us all and speed us on to victory in order that we may return to our loved ones once and for all.

Co. "B" Sergeant Veteran Of Sicily Campaign

James Compnotta, 15012236, Sergeant, Infantry. For gallantry in action. When his company was in a defensive position, Sergeant Compnotta, assisted by another enlisted man, volunteered to destroy enemy snipers firing on a platoon of his company from high, commanding ground. Sergeant Compnotta boldly worked his way forward and, by storming their position, killed the snipers. Residence at enlistment: Edwight, W. Va.

Heroic performances in the midst of hard rugged fighting in the European Theatre of War, brought well-earned recognition to Sergeant James Compnotta of Company B. He was awarded the Silver Star, one of the highest honors a fighting doughboy can obtain. He is modest and after much persuasion consented to relate his experiences in the hope they might some day prove of value to his buddies of the 329th. His story follows:

"We moved into position one morning at five-thirty. It became daylight before we could dig in sufficiently enough to get ample cover. We proceeded to move into the enemy positions. Before we could reach them the enemy began firing from new positions they had organized in a hurry. Several snipers had my men under observation. I saw one of them and immediately took after the sniper, using rocks along the terrain for cover and concealment and began creeping up on him. I was carrying a B.A.R. I was within twenty-five yards of the sniper. I had confidence that I had effective fire position. I opened fire on him and killed him instantly.

"We successfully counter-attacked the enemy and after four days of hard fighting in which we had to do without rations or water for forty-eight hours, we succeeded in driving the enemy off.

"For Military Security I can not relate locations, date, or time of battle. I offer the following errors of many of my buddies, in the hope that they will never be duplicated, such as;

MAIL SECTION DIGS OUT OF MAIL AVALANCHE

For the past two weeks the Mail Room in Regimental Headquarters has been the scene of scurrying feet. The persons in charge handled the abundant supply of Yuletide greetings and packages like old Post Office troopers.

Relatives and friends of the E. M. in 329th complied with the usual posters urging them to mail early and avoid the rush. They did mail early but by no means did they miss the inevitable rush.

Postal clerks worked long and tedious hours. The mass of bulging mail bags would first arrive in large G. I. trucks. It was then properly assorted and placed in respective bins designated to each company. Things got so bad that the overflow practically pushed Regt. Msg. Center into S. S. O's and S-3's sections. The hubbub would commence at 0700 and continue without the slightest lull till well over duty hours.

throwing away equipment, ammunition, hand grenades, they even threw away bayonets."

He also warned of booby traps and the picking up or touching stray pieces of wire. All these are planted by the enemy effectively.

Our men overseas are fighting gallantly but many costly errors must be averted, if we are to win speedily with a minimum of casualties. He offered this final comment. "The 329th sure are a swell gang of fighting men."

In turn we salute you Sergeant Compnotta. Like many other, who have seen overseas service, you do our regiment honor.

Among others, who have seen overseas duty we welcome: S/Sgt Edward W. Welter, of Company "I"; S/Sgt Nelson Flackus of Company "M"; Tec 4 Edward D. Frein of Company "B"; Sgt Bernard Kill of Company "F"; S/Sgt Herbert E. Berner of Headquarters and Headquarters Company; and Private George E. Mason of Company "B".

XMAS MAIL FOR THE 329th



SPORTS



329th BOXERS PUNCH WAY TO DIVISION TITLE

4 STRAIGHT FOR 2nd BN.; CLOSE IN ON DIV. TITLE

What appeared to be a rough session, turned out to be a tamed event for the Sparkling 2nd Bn. Basketball team, when they completely outclassed the 308th Medics to the tune of 50 to 13 for their fourth consecutive win Thursday night at the field house. The high score set a new scoring record for the field house. Each quarter provided opportunity to the second Battalion quintet to continue a mounting score which the 308th Medics feverishly attempted to overcome. The stars of the game: S/Sgt. Estill F. Black, S/Sgt. Virgil M. Feeney, and S/Sgt. Charles L. Jones. Among the trio they accounted for 40 points.

Position by position the team shapes up thus:

Forward: Sgt. John G. Cantwell, of Pa. Played four years at Pottsville High School. He was selected on the All-City team in his senior year. Later went on to play with the Williamsport Industrial five.

Forward: Sgt. Thomas Fernino, of New York. Played several years in the Long Island Pro League. Was scheduled to go to St. Frances College before entering the service.

Center: S/Sgt. Jones, also from Pennsylvania. Played three years at Lower Marion High School, later at the University of Colorado.

Guard: S/Sgt. Feeney, of Indiana. Played four years with Defiance High School and three years at Defiance College, he also played in the same pro-league at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Guard: Sgt. Harry C. McElroy, hails from the state of Ohio. McElroy like many other Ohio boys played his basketball at the University of Cincinnati.

NEWS OF BN. FIVES

The 1st Bn. Basketball team has been the victim of two defeats so far this season, losing by scores of 32 to 10, and 33 to 23. But it looks like Lt. Norbert R. Wolke is shaping his ball club for a big upset in the Division League. Keep the ball rolling men.

The 3rd Bn. Basketball team are potential champs if they could only overcome that last quarter jinx. They would be the hardest team to beat. A little more practice and the boys of the 3rd Bn. will be a team to watch in the Division basketball race.

Experienced Official

Joseph Ascenzia of Service Co., one time Mass. basketball official is in the pink of condition in handling Division games. Ascenzia before the war officiated some of the big games in his home state. He is now continuing his good work for the benefit of the U.S. Army. He is doing an excellent job officiating Division games.

329th BOXERS EYE 83rd TITLE MEET 331st INF.

Sgt. Joseph Banis of Co. "I" is busily engaged every afternoon instructing many of our rugged fighting men who are getting in shape to represent the 329th in the divisional boxing tournament.

Among the men of the various units who are training daily for their first go with the 331st Inf. are:

S/Sgt. William Bruckner, Co. M; Sgt. Joseph Golonka, Co. I; Cpl. Steven Burbules, Co. H; Cpl. Thomas Bonaall, Co. I; Pfc. Maurice Taylor, Co. I; Pfc. Dean Otto, Anti-Tank; Pfc. Charles Geiger, Co. A; Pvt. Albert Wise, Co. A; Pvt. Earl Miller, Co. H; Pvt. Nicholas Milkovich, Co. H; Pvt. Joseph Holly, Co. I; Anthony Faraco, Co. K; Pfc. Carman Mattee, Co. K; Pfc. John Steele, Co. L; Pfc. Samuel Ferrado, Anti-Tank.

Two top-notch performers head the 329th boxing team, they are S/Sgt. William Bruckner and Pfc. Maurice Taylor. Sgt. Bruckner is a former Golden Glove Champion. Pfc. Taylor is also a Golden Glove Finalist.

329th TAKES ON SOCCER

The old English game of Soccer was revived recently in the 329th Inf. regiment and received with a great deal of enthusiasm by the men. Mimeographed rules and playing instructions were distributed by S.S.O. in order to familiarize the men with the most recent changes and tactics of the game. Weather permitting the Saturday afternoons athletic periods have been devoted to soccer. The Army considers soccer to be one of the best possible athletic games because there is a minimum of equipment required and because it provides keen rugged competition.

— 2nd BATTALION QUINTETTE EYES DIVISION CROWN —





THE ROVING REPORTER



Pfc. Michael Kaminski of Co. "G" wore a worried appearance at the Orderly Room when he reported with his barracks bags ready to go to the Guard House because one of his buddies told him he was twenty-four hours late returning from furlough, however he was on time . . . Lt. Jack W. Pontlitz is impatiently awaiting a blessed event. We convey our best wishes . . . S/Sgt. Harrison of Service Co. recently engaged to pretty Lucille Miller of Indianapolis. He is Mess Sgt., so she is lucky. Pfc. Albert Hatfield of Co. "F" was seen with his charming wife, Mary, looking over the Obstacle course. He was reported telling her I took one jump and I'm still paying for it . . . Sgt. Marchese, of Hq. and Hq. Co. was seen buying a dozen frames in Evansville. He was recently commended by Gen. Milburn due to the appearance of his kitchen. We learned that he had copies made and will send it to his list of pretty women . . . Lt. Clarence Ziegler of Co. "G" was observed really sweating it out at the Officers' party when he was informed that he was going to be presented with a gift by Lt. Col. Brown as a result of his recent marriage. He exclaimed that I am not married and the reply came that they knew otherwise. It was only a rib Lieutenant . . . There are unconfirmed reports that Cpl. Stepanovich and Pvt. James Motte of Co. "L" have been seen around Evansville with some eligible delegates to the convention of American grandmothers but the informants can't understand why one would entertain his grandmother in the Blue Bar . . . Congratulations are in order for Cpl. Dyer, he just made Cpl. and to top that his wife presented him with a little rebel. Good work Dyer . . . It seems that two romantic love birds of Hq. Co. 1st Bn. aren't doing so good. What's the trouble Wresinski and Moczdlo—are you losing your touch? . . . Pvt. John of Co. "G" was married at very impressive ceremonies Dec. 2nd at Clovehill, Pa., to Ethyl Mae Taylor. Congratulations are in order . . . Pfc. George C. Jackson of Co. "E" was married in Dixon, Ky., to the lovely Peggy Eaton of Ill. Best of Luck Jackson . . . Cpl. Roy Gray of Co. "E" has pictures of six good looking young ladies on display but he refuses to divulge the lucky one or maybe he's playing hard to get . . . Pvt. Hennigan of the Med. Det. is the proud daddy of a daughter three pounds and fourteen ounces. The baby was named Sanda. Wife and ba-

by doing fine. Quite a Christmas present . . . Cpl. Pelzer of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. was married while on furlough to a Penna. lassie by the name of Gladys . . . Sgt. Edgar Durham of Co. "L" has been enjoying a visit from his wife from Baltimore. The Sgt.'s spouse claims her hubby is a real he man. Why not, he's from the 329th



. . . Co. "I" is getting pretty rugged these days as Sgt. Denham is now in the hospital for trying to trim toenails with a bayonet . . . We hear that Sgt. Banis of Co. "I" is having a tough time trying to get a bar of face soap. He was seen wandering through barracks trying to exchange his shaving lotion for a bar of Lifebuoy. Come on Sarge dig down . . . Buddies of "E" Co. wonder why Cpl. Wilburn spends his spare time at candy counter PX No. 3. On investigation we have learned she is engaged to a gob in Blue . . . Cpl. Montgomery of Co. "C" told the fellows that he is married. He certainly eased their tension . . . Pvt. Burtram of Co. "K" found himself a new girl friend last weekend. He believes in variety but the boys are complaining. Ease up fellow, give your buddies a chance . . . Sgt. Richard of Co. "K" made 1st Class Gunner with the 60mm Mortar. Nice going sarge . . . Sgt. Richard Henne of Serv. Co. recently married

the charming Miss Betty of Reading Pa., after a long courtship. They are now residing in Evansville . . . Anti-Tank Co. mourns the loss of its baker Cpl. Charles J. King who was recently transferred. His pies were sure good . . . Things are quiet at Anti-Tank Co. since the commanding voice of their 1st Sgt. Dodge has been hampered by an attack of larengitus. Don't worry boys he'll make up for it later . . . Sgt. Cornelius O'Brien of Co. "K" was recently married in Evansville. Say hello to the Mrs. Sarge . . . Cpl. Charles Russ of Anti-Tank Co. will never live it down after placing an A-T Gun in the wrong position. He got his trees mixed up . . . Sgt. Donald L. Graber of Anti-Tank Co. is now acting Mess Sgt. and the boys say the chow is delicious . . . Pfc. Baker of Co. "E" is all smiles. He's engaged to Ruth Greear of Wise, Va. . . Co. "K" claims that Sgt. Joseph Russo is one of the best jitterbugs in the regiment. He'll have to prove it to us.

Pfc. William King of Co. "K" really swings a mean beat on the drums. Another Gene Krupa in the making . . . Pvt. Lester Brill of Co. "K" is termed another Bob Hope. His jokes humor and satire certainly does the boys good . . . Capt. Carmichael of Co. "H" while on an inspection tour went through one of the barracks bags and as a result one of his fingers was bitten by a mouse. What a scare, another victim for the sick book . . . Pfc. Rex Lacey of Co. "G" receives monthly visits from his mother and dad. They hail from Alabama—Grand people—why not, he's a grand guy . . . Co. "E" extends its best wishes to the men of the Regiment. The same to you fellows . . . Cpl. Thomas Stearman of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. is engaged to a very pretty blond who works at PX No. 3. Don't go hunting boys, it won't do you any good . . . S/Sgt. Harry Martin of Co. "L" is anticipating the visit of his wife from Winston Salem, North Carolina . . . Cpl. Crawford of Co. "G" who incidentally seen action overseas, has been seen in the vicinity of the WAC detachment area. I know what's cooking but I won't tell . . . Pvt. Converse of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. was seen passing out cigars as a result of the stork bringing an eight pound baby girl . . . Lt. Bakker of Hq. 1st Bn. is definitely off the Gold Standard having received his silver bar just a few days ago . . . We join with Co. E in sending a special Christmas greeting to Sgt. James Bedwell and wish him a speedy recovery.