

THE COMPANY CLERK

TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE STARS HEADLINES.

Touch Football league took various organizations by storm. Company "H" displayed fine characters of a football team only to fall a victim to a powerhouse line against Co "G" to a score of 12 to 6.

Chapman and Malloy scoring in the third quarter on passes thrown by Mc Eroy whose position was left half back.

Co "E" winning against Hq Co 2nd Bn to the tune of 6 to 0. With Larry Cook intercepting a pass and running the field for a 42 yard touchdown.

While all companies who played in this league this week, have showed interest in this league. Captain Bunch, requests all companies to submit the final scores for each game played to the Special Service Office the day game is or the following morning after game is played.

Seems as S/Sgt Passinger, Hq & Hq Co. is worrying about when he'll find time to attend movies with all the work he claims he has to do after a busy day at the Message Center.

Lt. James R. Bakker, Hq 2st Bn, wears a solid gold wedding band on left hand. Perhaps the Lt isn't the only one who got married while on leave.

Fire Drill which caught the Regiment off guard this past Thursday, saw Regimental Headquarters fall out with over-seas caps, plus Sgt. Longpre running with fire buckets etc. Sometime I wonder if he didn't work for the fire department rather than with the bank as he claims he did.

Sgt. Dorr, and the editor were requested to get hair cuts. Guess both men planned on putting their hair upsweep. At least this would start a new fade, within the regiment.

Sgt. Snyder, how's your pictures of Donald Duck coming on your stationery?

He never smiles, his face is sad
The men say, "He's a jerk".
He doesn't have a friend, my lad
I mean the Company Clerk.

He works for them day and night
His job is sure no trick
And yet (you know it isn't right)
The boys call him Gold Brick

For furloughs, passes, payroll too
To transfer or promote;
Allotments or insuring you
To "Make" or Demote".

These are the duties this guy has
In fact, they're just a few
Emergency furloughs you get?
He'll Make it out for you.

They say, "AW, he's no soldier"
Sits all day and loaf as Clerk
That's why he never smiles, my boy
This guy they call a jerk.

After the war is over and,
We're home and back at work
Still making discharge papers out
Will be the Company Clerk.

Captain Doyle R. Bunch, replaces Captain James C. Eagley as Adjutant while the latter attends school at Fort Benning Georgia. Lieutenant Arthur J. Middleton replaces Captain Bunch in the Special Service Office.

Rumors from Headquarters and Headquarters Company have Pfc A. Klepprer, deep in thought while he prepares manuscripts for his fore-coming book.

Sgt. D. Thorpe is keeping the picture of his girl Eileen well hidden in his foot locker rather than on the rail allowed for picture. He claims there are too many wolves in barrack T-416. "The only wolf I can think of is Sgt. Wen---."

What say Sgt?

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THE PURPLE HEART

Some years ago, the dusty, moth-eaten overcoat of a Revolutionary soldier was found in an old barn at Deerfield, N.H. On the left breast was sewed a heart-shaped badge of silk, faded from purple to a steel gray. The name of the soldier was never learned, but that faded emblem brought back memories of an almost forgotten day when General Washington signed the order creating the Purple Heart Badge of Military Merit.

It was August 7, 1782, at Continental Army Headquarters, Newburgh, N. Y., when Washington authorized the emblem of honor for enlisted men with these words: "THE ROAD TO GLORY IN A PATRIOT ARMY AND A FREE COUNTRY IS THUS OPENED TO ALL."

Only three men are known to have won that first Purple Heart. Sergeant Daniel Bissel, who for one year risked death as a spy; Sergeant Daniel Brown, cited for a daring attack at Yorktown; and Sergeant Elijah Churchill, for two heroic raids against the enemy fortifications.

The original Book of Merit was lost, and perhaps there were other names. In an old New Hampshire newspaper is a story of a Revolutionary soldier who on his deathbed asked that a bit of tattered purple cloth be pinned to his breast and buried

with him.

Forgotten for years, the Purple Heart decoration was revived by President Hoover on February 22, 1932 the 200th anniversary of Washington's birthday. The War Department order was signed by General Douglas MacArthur.

A new medal was designed, a purple enameled heart in a bronze border, bearing a profile of General Washington in Continental uniform. The shield is the Washington coat of arms, supported by branches of laurel leaves. On the reverse side, below the shield and leaves, is a raised bronze heart with the legend, "For Military Merit." Space is left for the name of the man decorated. All Purple Hearts are numbered on the lower left-hand rim. The bar ribbon, worn in place of the medal for all but ceremonial occasions, is purple with white edges. Retroactive the Purple Heart has been awarded to men wounded in wars prior to 1932; also to men performing acts of exceptional merit. In this war, it is given in the field only for wounds received in combat action, or posthumously to the next of kin.

Since Pearl Harbor, the Purple Heart has been awarded to wounded heroes of the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard--men who fought in Bataan, in the South Pacific, Tunisia, Sicily. Private George L. Turzai, a Marine from Gary Ind., is perhaps typical. In an early action at the South Pacific, eight Japs, charge at Turzai. He shot down five of them drove his bayonet through the sixth. By this time the other two Japs were on him. As he lunged at the first one, a bullet tore through his neck. The eighth Jap died, as Turzai collapsed. Seriously wounded Pvt. Turzai lived to wear the white-bordered ribbon of heroes wounded in combat.

Faded silk or bronze medal, the Purple Heart Lives on.

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WHAT IS 'HABBA-HABBA' ? ? ? ?

The roaring cry of "Habba-Habba" which has been an inspiring factor to the men of Company "G" throughout the tactical problems of the Second Army Maneuvers has brought many inquires as to its origin, history and purpose. The brief history of "Habba-Habba" is as follows:

It's inception was brought about by PRIVATE HARLEY (SAILOR) STARCHER whose military career is unique. He is 39 years of age and has seen many years of military experience in various branches of the Armed Services. Recently when Congress and the War Department approved discharges to men over 38 years of age "Sailor" Starcher, as his commonly referred to, by many buddies refused to even apply for the right of discharge. He said "I must see victory first!" Back in garrison at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Company "G" of the 329th Infantry was lead into an offensive divisional maneuver problem by CAPTAIN GRANVILLE A. SHARPE, the third platoon made very fast advances into a wooded area where huge forces of the enemy took concealed cover. Suddenly the words "Habba-Habba" were heard roaring throughout the area. LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLAUDE BOWEN, Battalion Commander, appeared amazed at the apparent activity at hand. The Platoon captured a substantial group of the enemy and from that day on Company "G" adopted "Habba-Habba" as the rallying cry in battle activities.

Now throughout the entire Regiment "Habba-habba" has been adopted as the cry of a unified purpose and solidified front. The men inspired by their able leaders go into battle and when they have confronted the enemy you will be able to know that Victory is at hand by the roaring of "Habba-Habba."

STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM CONLEY confidentially admitted to this writer that if this Regiment is called upon to meet the crucial

test on the battle field "Habba Habba" will be the inspiring factor in Victories they hope to attain.

"HABBA-HABBA" has been traced down by the statistical authority as an Indian war-whoop cry used by a head-hunting tribe in the Philippines, and it means as translated "Fight, Fight" "Victory is at hand".

Captain Sharpe looks with pride to the part his Company has played in the Second Army Maneuvers. He says, "With confidence I can lead my men in battle with the implicit knowledge that the roaring of "Habba-Habba" will become a common practice. Even on long marches as the men are worn and weary you can hear the First Sergeant call out "Habba-Habba" and the cry is relayed from Platoon to Platoon."

It was suggested by Company "G" that 83rd Infantry Division commanded by Major General Frank W. Milburn, adopt "Habba-Habba" as the official divisional war cry. Victory is a certainty.

Enlisted men in the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps receive two dollars monthly additional pay upon being awarded a Medal of Honor, a Distinguished Service Cross or a Navy Cross. For being awarded a Medal of Honor, army officers receive Ten dollars monthly which is applied to a pension fund.

The Army Signal Corps now has a combination weather and radio station, but the size and shape of a steamer trunk, that will broadcast reports on temperature, humidity and barometric pressure every few hours for three months when buried on the shore of an enemy country.

We must beware of trying to build a society in which nobody counts for anything except politicians or officials.

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TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE BEGINS WITHIN REGIMENT.

Camp Breckinridge, Ky--10-4-43
(Delayed)

The first game of the series of touch football which started late this afternoon gave Company "A" a romp over Company "B".

Color was added to the game when PUSH, of Company "B" made a long pass taken by GULLACE, making a thirty yard run for a first down in the first quarter.

Company "B"'s power-house front line was not enough to stop Company "A"'s fast pitching quarter-back, Sergeant CAPRIOTTI.

GOMEZ of Company "B" forgetting to touch ball carrier with both hands let him get away for a seventy yard run to a touch down for Company "A" to win the game 6 to 0.

Company "A"	6
Company "B"	0

Cpl. S. P. Riechel

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED FOR ENLISTED MEN, AND OFFICERS.

Pfc. George R. Chemsak, Company "I", Pfc. Oscar O. Oglealy, Company "F", and Pvt. James J. St. John, Company "I" have been promoted to the rank of Corporal. Was announced from this Headquarters late today.

While also from this Headquarters the announcement came for promotions for Lieutenants Daniel G. Gust, Anti Tank Company, and George C. White, Headquarters Company Third Battalion. The above two officers have been promoted to the rank of Captain.

NEW OFFICERS JOIN REGIMENT.

The following named officers have joined this regiment. They are as follows: Second Lieutenants
(cont'd next column)

Alfred R. Lawrence, William E. Parman, Donald L. Richardson, Calvin W. Wheeler, Richard S. Bryan.

COMPANY REPORTERS ADDED TO THE STAFF OF THE TATTLER.

Organization Commanders with cooperation "THE TATTLER" presented the following named enlisted men to act as Company Reporters for The Tattler. Cpl. Raymond J. Goguen, Cpl. Harvey Greenblatt, Cpl. Sylvester P. Reichel, Pfc. Chrishten Sgt. James W. Bedwell, Pfc. Wilson G. Crawford, Cpl. Charles F. Petters, Pvt. Simons, Pfc. Joseph O Franklin, Cpl. Moore, Pvt. Reynolds, and Sgt. Edward Cavanaugh.

THE UNARMED FORCES.

The eager docility of the war time civilian mind was exemplified by an incident in a crowded elevator in Gimbels, big New York department store. The operator, plainly new to the job took on a load of passengers at the ground floor, closed the door and said in tones of authority, "Face the rear please." Without a moments hesitation and certainly without a moment's thought ---- all the passengers turned and faced the rear. Presented with this odd sight the operator exclaimed, "Good Lord, that can't be right! Face the front please!" And the passengers executed another about-face.

"Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind."

ROBERT INGERSOLL

Undress rather than overdress for any occasion. You're less conspicuous (not in our circles you're not)