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331st Baseball Nine Leads League

Hume Plays in Tennis Finals; To Compete in Wimbledon

Smooth striking and a powerful forearm, 2nd Lt. Donald "Budge" Hume, the 331st's own Thunderbolt and XII Corps Tourney netting to play his way through a star-studded field and reach the doubles finals in the 3rd Army Tennis Elimination last week, together with his XII Corps mate, Lt. Stacey Hill, of the 136th QM Trucking Co.

The doubles final was scheduled to be played off last week, but was temporarily postponed until sometime this week-end. Hume and Hill, the XII Corps combo are scheduled to meet plenty of competition in Plc. Frank Voight, of the 10th Armd. and T4 Marion Shane, 76 Div who are representing the XV Corps. Shane defeated Voight in three sets, 6-4, 4-6, and 6-3, to become the 3rd Army singles Champ.

Meanwhile, Hume reached the semi-final round of the 3rd Army Singles Eliminations by defeating Woods, of XXII Corps, 6-0, 8-6. He then downed Major Sheeley, 2nd Corps, 6-4, 6-4 in successive sets and went on to stop Capt. Dworkin of 3rd Army Special Troops, 6-2, 6-1. Hume finally tired and succumbed to Shane, who racked up a 6-2, 7-7 victory. Shane was formerly the Michigan State Champ where he monopolized the amateur courts. Voight was the runner-up in the singles play.

It was announced last week, that Hume would represent the 3rd Army Tennis Team in the theatre fairs to be held at Wimbledon Courts and is scheduled to leave for England on Aug. 11th. He is rated number three man in 3rd Army singles, and is highly touted to pace a doubles victory. It was also announced that he would be retained for singlegame doubles play of the ETO contests.

Former 2nd Looney Feels Carefree As a Plain Pfc.

One of the Plcs in the communication section of G Company's Hq. should certainly know his business for he was once a 2nd Lt. and went to a special communication school at Ft. Benning. He is Thomas Burbank from Hartford, Conn.

Out of 11 years in the army, he has been in the National Guard seven. It was in this service that he went up through the ranks to become a 2nd Lt., on the way to a promotion, when he resigned his commission in Jan. 43 because of dependencies. He has a wife and five boys, ages two, three and a half, five and 11.

Even in March of 44 the strong arm of Uncle Sam clasped him by the throat.

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Doughs Observe 83rd Activation Anniversary

Checking another year off the calendar Wednesday, men of the 331st will have a half day off to celebrate the activation of their outfit, August 15, 1942. It is expected that various sports — chiefly softball, and company parties will highlight the occasion.

Hope Show



A GI closes in on plumpish Petty Thomas, top dancing lovely with the Hope show, to get a whiff of the "Cicero's Reflection" perfume she is wearing.

Bub Hope, who spent most of his time on stage, signs autographs for the fellows during one of his off moments. Invasion Marks seemed the most popular background for an autograph.

Letter Writers Tell How They Hold Corner on Mail

According to all statistics, personal interviews and whatever else the Gallup Poll indulges in, the three men in the regiment with the highest morale should be Plc. Robert W. Raske, Plc. William M. Cooker and Lt. Fred Taylor. The statistics are not on the three men in question but on mail as the most important factor in morale. The three men are concerned because they happen to be the men who get the most mail in the regiment.

Raske from Rhode Island and Co. L who hit the 3rd Bn. mail bag harder than any other corresponding individual, gets on the average of 35 letters a week. When asked how he happened to be the

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Wins Two Straight Games From 330th Combo, 6-4, 4-3

Riding high on the crest of a victory wave, the Blackbox Nine secured the top rung of the Thunderbolt League Ladder with a 4-3 triumph over the 330th aggregation. This win put the 331st 14th out a full two games ahead of their closest rival, the 308th Medics who are representing the Special Units in the Intra-Divisional fairs.

The game, played last Tuesday before spectacular-packed stands, marked the 331st's 7th straight victory as well as a repeat performance on last Sunday's 6-4 defeat of this same 330th combo.

Sharpshooters to Aim at Bullseyes For Division Crown

Lt. Neidigh, 331st SSO has blown the clarion trumpet for all male Annie Oakley's with khaki pants and M1 rifles. In the offing are chances for a berth on the 331st's own Rifle-Pistol Marksmanship Team that will vie for team and individual honors in the Thunderbolt Tourney the details of which were not received at press time. However, it was announced that the 83rd Division will enter the XII Corps Matches which will be held in the last week of August.

It was felt that the eliminations, first on a regimental and then on a divisionwide basis, would provide interest in weapons and recreation for all men concerned and stimulate good-sportsmanship. The XII Corps is planning a winning team in any army, inter-army, or inter-allied competition which might be announced. Plans for the Theatre Championship Matches are now being formulated.

The Blackbox Rifle team will be composed of 10 men armed with the US rifle, since time does not permit an extensive elimination tournament. There, that are finally chosen will practice for the divisional meet at the Easy Co. range where they will also be billeted while the combat team is training at Grafenwahr Maneuvers.

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The XII Corps matches will be at a Camp Perry Type Course, slightly modified, while in all the week, scheduled standard official targets as shown in field manuals will be used. The rifle marksmanship lists will consist of rapid and slow fire in various distances, and will include the different firing positions.

◆ The 331st garnered their 4 rallies on 6 hits, while their opponents were only able to collect 3 runs on their 14 hits. Lt. John Madden who contributed to half of the enemy's markers, was promptly given the old leave-ho in the 2nd inning which paved the way for the material relief hurling of stringy Russ Hughes. Hughes was credited with the win, his third of the current season which is presently an unblemished record.

The 330th sandblitters pounded the leather pellet around the diamond enough to collect 3 runs on 2 bingles during the 2nd frame. In the Blackbox hall of the 3rd inning, the latter capitulated on Merriam's which was stretched into a 4-socket by 2 miscues and a wild throw. The 330th came back in the fifth inning with another run to wind up with a 3-1 advantage.

Going into the top half of the fifth the 331st tied the ball game when Hughes singled and advanced to second on Merriam's baseli. Egan scratched out a safety on a fielders choice, while Hughes was declared safe at third. McGee grounded to the shortstop who relayed Egan out at second, but managed to reach first himself just before the twin-kills. Russo's sharp single to left tied up the game at 3-1.

The Blackbox Diamonders produced another run in the 7th stanza. Merriam initiated the round with a single which was quickly followed up with Joe Egan's scratch infield hit. McGee rapped a bide back at the mound, but was thrown out at first as the baserunners advanced. Russo's intentional walk filled the bases. Kibbs smashed a long fly to center while Merriam raced home from 3rd with the winning run.

Picher Hughes whiffed 7 batters scattered an equal number of well described hits, while Merriam's 7th roundabout batting king had a perfect day with 3 for 3. He is presently leading the league with a spectacular 376 overage.

Meanwhile on Sunday, August 5th, the 330th nine succumbed to the heavey hit Blackbox team in a 6-4 tilt at the Moore Field Diamond. Here the 331st employed their deadly slider to advantage when they punched out 6 runs on 10 hits. A team that collects its runs in big bunches, the locally bombarded enemy hurler, with 5 fannies in the 2nd inning to put the game on ice and added

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"The fact that you are prohibited the purchase of more than 35 cartridges cramps your rifle in Switzerland," he gaily cramps into a sentimental store window at a wrist watch. A patsy took him by the hand and purchased it for him. You can

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Around Passau with Doughboys

Soaking up some of Passau's local color, T's Achilles Berardi, 331st Med. Detachment, Easton Pa., and Pfc. Anthony Berardi, 2nd Bn. Hq., Philadelphia, (wearing field jacket) amble down one of the many alley-like streets. Grinning in the foreground is one of the numerous German children found on every street.

(Top left) With un concealed smiles the boys inspect one of the everyday costumes seen in abundance throughout Bavaria. Short leather pants of a maddish grey are supported by leath suspenders. In the hat is a colorful object resembling a shoving brush.

Left in one of the larger Bavarian churches in Passau, the boys stand in reverent awe, wondering how a country so dotted with religious landmarks can be so warring in nature.

(Lower left) Strolling along the banks of the Danube the boys deny the blueness of the water. The rubble of war gives a shabby look to the surroundings. At left a Polish DP still in prison uniform watches the Yanks.



After Work Hours GIs Relax With Beer and Musi:

Taverns and dances continue to hold the entertainment spotlight for relaxation the men seek during after duty hours. Latest tavern to receive its twilight ornish is the Club Sandwich at 100. Here held its premiere last Monday evening. The cold beer on tap, the pretzels, salted hard rolls, and popular waltzes were served in a cool atmosphere heightened by two lone green and white colorful dropsties, freshly cut flowers and two attractive waitresses.

Supplying the entertainment keynote for the 2nd Bn. is the Pinetuck under the direction of Pfc. William Grace, St. Clair, Pa., and Lou Senterille, both from H. Co. Deriving its name from the lush grove of pines in which it is located, the club carries the idea further by being decorated with pine boughs brightened by red and blue lights. Tables surround the large dancefloor where dancing is held every night and a floorshow every Friday. For those interested in other things there is a bar with its beer and the bowling alley with its sport.

I Co. opened its EM Club two weeks ago with the entertainment centered around the Stump Jumpers. Under the management of Pfc. Bill Reich, Tannersville, N. Y., the opening date had about 100 GIs sitting for a couple of hours drinking beer and absorbing the familiar tunes both Hillbilly and popular.

Using the superlative to describe the party Anti-tank held at their Rec Hall on August 4th, the men are voting for more. Here again the Stump Jumpers provided the dancing music while Mess Sgt. Ted Sempolski carried his kitchen Julius to the entertainment world and provided such choice foods as sandwiches, apple pie, oranges, lemonade and beer. The Rec Hall had a regal air with its decorations of pine boughs, crepe paper and red and blue lightings.

First GIs in Switzerland

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buy watches, cameras, and other luxuries at almost pre-war prices.

"Most of the people can speak a smattering of English since because one of the chief source of income is the American tourist trade during peacetime. They all smoke what appears to be American brands, but I smoked one of their cigarettes and it tasted like a Heineke butt to me. The people invite you into their homes at the slightest provocation and almost invariably have some relative in New York or Ohio, somewhere, that they want to know about. The movie pies are outdated. I think they were showing the 'Ziegfeld Follies' at Basel."

"We were split up just before going on the tour into groups of 12 and 18 and furnished an American speaking guide. We were given the train schedule each day but a lot of guys never made it. If they liked a town they stayed there for two or three days. I saw most of all the scenery, glacial formations and mountains as well as famous resort spots. It would cost me a small fortune for the same trip over again civilian style."

Letter Writers Corner Mail

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happy recipient of so much mail he said, "I just write a lot of letters and have a lot of friends." Which isn't such a foolish answer when it is remembered that the people who complain the loudest about no mail are the ones who write the least.

In all, Roske figures he writes about 25 people with his folks and girl naturally taking priority over all. He spends about an hour and a half writing each night and says he can always find something to say. The fact that he seldom writes less than two tablet pages on both sides is evidence of this. He writes newsy letters that answer the questions asked him and deal with his and the line in a dry humor fashion that now and then gives away to what he hopes are belly laughs.

For the most part mushy letters to the many girls he writes, are out, though now and then he goes off the deep end when composing to his feminine highlight. He tries not to write the same thing to everybody, but varies his letters.

Being of a very happy disposition, Roske does not have to be "in the mood" to write. He's always ready when the time and occasion offers. He isn't finicky about his letters — if someone happens to read over his shoulder doesn't offend him. "Not that I spread them around like a newspaper," he said, "But there's usually nothing in them so personal that I feel offended at another person for reading them."

Holding the title for the 2nd Bn. and entering the ring from Co. H, Coker, a Plainville, Georgia boy, gets around 35 or 40 letters a week not including postcards and packages. He figures he averages about two packages a week and that they take anywhere from eight to ten weeks to reach him.

To fellows who constantly inquire how

he rates so much mail, Coker gives them the obvious answer that to receive mail you've got to send it and sacrifice a little of your time from other things. "He writes most every night about four or five letters with as many pages though he doesn't write a planned amount, just what he feels like. He doesn't cheat by writing big and spacing the lines far apart — his small hand writing prevents that. Without an accurate count he figures his regular correspondents run somewhere between 15 and 20."

Of the girls he writes, and there are about 11, he says "Most of them are just good friends though I've gone with all of them at one time or another during high school days. Consequently I keep my letters on a pretty unemotional level. Just write like in a good humored way as you would any friend." Then he grinned. "Course I guess I get pretty mushy sometimes when I'm writing my girls."

"Mood to write? No, can write in any mood though I'm usually always in a good one. I stay pretty happy — especially as long as I am not headed for the CBI, yet."

He doesn't save his letters unless they have some special news as there would be no place to put them all. In his letters he writes of his duties, the weather, how he feels and all the little things that don't seem so special but add up to make life interesting. He gets his letters from home that keep him in close contact with everything from advice how to call to the marriage of the girl he once went with.

"Mail is damn important to me," he said. "Every night I go to get my mail without even asking I live on any and usually I'm not disappointed."

Holding up the letter and for the 1st Bn., Taylor gets anywhere from 35 to 42 letters a week.

Foxhole Interviews



QUESTION: Do you think the German people have changed their ideas much since we have been over here, that they are ready to govern themselves, and do you think we had made the right approach toward teaching them?

Pfc. Bernard Silver from Brooklyn, N. Y., Co. F.

"Changed their ideas? When you just casually talk to Germans they'll tell you they never liked Hitler, that they only followed him because they had to. But get them elaborating and you'll find they're just as strong as ever in their beliefs, and that most of them are Nazis. I don't think they'll be ready for any self-government going about teaching them correctly. We should give them more extensive education taking them back to what they were — say in Germany — and show them just how far they have progressed."

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Pfc. Joseph Springer from Detroit Michigan, Co. G.

I left Germany only eight years ago. I know how the Germans think, their ideas can be changed only so long as we stay here to change them. Probably if we're another uprising would start. They have no mind of their own — they have to be told what to do and they'll cooperate only so long as they are told. We are on the right road to teaching them but it is a long one for Nationalist Socialism is too much in their minds and hatred of Easterners in their blood. They still feel they are superior to the Russians and Poles."

Pfc. Sam Ferruccio from Canton, Ohio, Medics.

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