



Normandy, Brittany
Loire Valley, Luxembourg
Hurtgen Forest, Ardennes
First to Rhine, Elbe Bridgehead

331st Earns 1000 Battlefield Awards in Liberation of European Peoples

Many Decorated with Oak Leaf Clusters

Nearly 1000 battlefield decorations have been awarded in the 331st Infantry for gallantry in action and meritorious achievement in the fight to crush Nazism. The final total has not as yet been announced for many recommendations for awards are still pending. Among the wearers of the Silver Star and Bronze Star medals are many who have received the Oak Leaf Cluster as evidence of their repeated heroism against a fanatic enemy.

Heading the list of highly decorated men in the combat team is Col. Robert H. York, Regimental Commander, who has led troops against the Nazis since the American landings at Oran. He has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster and two French decorations, the Legion D'Honneur and Croix de Guerre with Palm.

In the 1st battalion, the late Capt. Daniel Moore was awarded the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Croix de Guerre, the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster. Other top man in the battalion is T/Sgt. Teddy Wojnar who wears the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

The second battalion has produced several heroes. Among them is Capt. Robert Mitchell whose constant bravery and perseverance in battle earned him the Silver Star, Bronze Star and one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart and two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Croix de Guerre. Pfc. Darwin Fifield and Pfc. Arthur Burkholder are fine examples of courageous fighting doughboys. Fifield has the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Burkholder received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

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I-E Program to Help GIs Postwar Career

Now that it's over, over here, soldiers are turning their interests to the Army's Information and Education program. In preparation long before V-E Day, the I-E program is a means of occupying a soldier's time in a measure that will interest him now and prove advantageous to him in later life.

As outlined by the 331st I-E Officer, Lt. David Miller, the goal of all regimental I-E officers at the present time is to acquaint men with all possible information on the readjustment and redeployment phase which is now underway and to keep all troops posted on current world affairs. A definite system of schools will not be established in the regiment until such time as the majority of 331st veterans will know what part they are to play in the war with Japan. But in the meantime as many educational opportunities consistent with materials and facilities on hand at present will be provided.

Under this somewhat curtailed plan, all qualified men may enroll in USAFI correspondence and self-teaching courses through battalion I-E officers. Refresher type courses in mechanical subjects are being planned. A limited number of men will work with ordnance companies on welding, instrument repair, automotive and other similar subjects. According to Lt. Miller, these courses are not designed to develop master craftsmen but rather to refresh men who have had previous experience in this line of work.



Col. Robert H. York

Yanks Take Role in Stride Governing Postwar Germany

To the fighting man, the administration of Military Government in Germany, for the most part, is routine and boring. To a few, it has provided an opportunity to engage in a field interesting to them.

This job, which has never been done before in all history on such a far-reaching and intensive scale, is rendered all the more staggering at the beginning because hundreds of thousands of displaced persons have added their complex problems to the basic task of providing food and public safety, of preventing epidemics and controlling finances.

As American doughboys take on their untried assignment, they have no precedents to guide them. Other wars have ended in token occupation but with existing governments of the defeated nations continuing to function under general policies laid down by the victors.

The first basic policy of the occupation forces is that the comfort, happiness and welfare of the German population are entirely secondary to the job of governing.

The 331st area of occupation covers approximately 90 towns and villages. The regimental headquarters staff, as supreme headquarters, sets the policy for governing the area but leaves the actual administration in the hand of the burgermeister who is directly responsible to the military commandant of the town. The burgermeister staff includes a food

administrator, a public utilities and sanitation minister.

Billeting and feeding displaced nationals are the responsibility of the German people. The DPs are treated on the same level and receive the same amount of food as the German people. Working in this waiting transition to native lands is the privilege of the DPs. Some of the DPs in smaller towns have voluntarily joined in a farm program, others are working in factories making dehydrated foods.

Capt. Robert C. Walker, Regimental S-1, now holding the additional title of Personnel Administrator, keeps a daily tab on the number of DPs and PWs in the area and the different kinds of nationalities. Many towns have established camps for the DPs billeting them in barracks and segregating them according to nationalities. "But in smaller towns, we find it's better to billet these people among Germans rather than segregate them in small groups," said Capt. Walker. "We try to keep them in one spot until they can be gotten back to their countries. For this reason we've established roadblocks to check on all transients entering or leaving our towns."

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ETO Sports Program Starts in Full Swing as Doughboys Play Ball

From the battlefield to the ball field. That was the beginning of the Army's vast athletic program in the ETO as men of the 331st Combat Team picked up balls and bats and swung right into the spirit of the great American sport. But baseball isn't the only thing on the athletic agenda for GIs waiting their voyage home or to the CBI. Available swimming pools in many German towns have been cleaned and filled. Volley ball courts have been erected. Boxing matches, wrestling bouts and track meets are being planned.

Victory Varieties Highlight Season

With an eye to the amusement starved Doughs, the 331st Special Service personnel has planned an umbrella of entertainment to cover the present and future hours of relaxation. Plans include a variety of subjects.

The biggest splatter on the umbrella is the GI show, Victory Varieties, composed of regimental talent and slated to open June 1 for four days running. It is under the production of Pfc. John Johnson, Atlanta, Georgia, of the special service office, who has a civilian background which includes a stint of announcing at WSB, Atlanta, and a writing, announcing job with the Columbia Network's Southern Division. Direction of the show is handled by Sgt. Jack Dash, a Philadelphia boy from Co. E, with a record for compiling a list of GI show successes. Before induction, Dash worked in radio and in little theater productions.

Victory Varieties, an original, two hour production, will present an array of performers whose talents have been widely displayed in both civilian and army life. Heading the cast are a pair of zany comics, Cpl. Jules "Mischa" Lockfield, of Brooklyn, E Co. and Pvt. Stanley "Hair-cut Jones" Kravitz, of Baltimore, F Co. Lockfield, in civilian life was a well-known m. c. and comedian on New York's famed Borscht Circuit which has hatched many of Broadway's top entertainers. Kravitz was well known from New England to Florida as a man about the race tracks.

Musical talent includes Bud Hansen, Chicago, an accomplished accordionist and hill billy combine. Pvt. Raymond Rosetti, E Co. swing violinist, and the 331st Stump-Jumpers featuring T/Sgt. Troy Smith, Herschel Macintosh, Jimmy Porter, Cpls. J. W. McComb, Bill Thomason and Archie Lee who professionally

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Battling Boomer Trains For Heavyweight Tilt

No he's not Mike Jacobs (though he might just as well be) but Mike Serpe of the 1st Platoon of Easy Co. who is grooming Charles "Boomer" Nelson, 195lb. heavyweight, for the regimental championship. With plain banners, colorful posters and guards keeping every one out including the press, Serpe has surrounded the "Boomer" with all the color and ability of Mike Jacobs.

During a personal interview, in the Boomers attic training camp, which made one think of Stillmans or Mama Grossingers during a pre-championship week at the Garden, the Boomer was busy at the bag.

The Boomer is a colorful lad of about six one and expects to enter the ring at 195. He hails from Rib Lake, Wisc. He was a lumberjack for the Warsaw Lumber Co. where besides excelling in the ring he was an expert log roller. He has an impressive civilian amateur fighting record of 19 wins, six draws, and two losses in 27 starts.

The Boomer handlers say he has a terrific right cross and left cross which will send his opponents looking for the Red Cross.

Under the direction of Lt. David E. Kribs from Kalamazoo, Mich., 331st Special Service Officer, five softball leagues have been established in the regiment which include the three battalions, special units and an officers league. Intra-company leagues are also underway where platoons are competing with each other. From these leagues the regimental championship team will be determined and intra-division leagues will then start.

Close to 150 ball games have already been played in the regiment in five days with over 2000 men participating. The schedules run from 1400 to 2100 every day except Sunday. On this day exhibition games are played with units outside of the division.

Men of the regiment have responded with usual American enthusiasm and real sport-loving competition is evident everywhere. German civilians watching these American strangers on the ball field may wonder at these doughboys' lucky, devil-may-care men who conquered their once invincible German Armies. But through it all, they perhaps realize these chameleon youth would rather play ball than wage war.

Many inimitable innovations were started within the battalions. The 2nd battalion rigged up a public address system which announces a play by play description of their games. Records provide music between innings. The 2nd and

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Riviera is Paradise to Battle Veterans

If a fellow would like to be a civilian for about a week, there is no better place than the Riviera. Just think, a real bed, nice room and swell meals. With reference to the matter of meals, you have three hours during which time you can eat and talk; any time at all — just walk in and the waiter serves you. If you like to eat, drink and be merry, well, brother, ... the Riviera at Nice is the place.

One significant matter of particular interest is the "Off limit to Officers" signs, which are strictly enforced except for Riviera personnel. And incidentally such officers are not to be saluted!

Free shows, boat rides, tours, and everything a man's heart desires — yes and more too. Little or no doubt remains after a visit there, why it is called a "millionaire's playground."

Approximately 20 lucky-enlisted men from the 331st Combat Team had the opportunity to play like "millionaires" on their doughslogger salaries recently when they won seven day passes to the "French Paradise". T/Sgt. George Beach, of Co. H and West Haven, Conn., commenting on his trip stated: "The Riviera is tops in my book. Oh yes, the girls... well the ratio to men is two to one. And they do speak English!"

Another happy doughboy, Pfc. Louis Tirone, of Co. G, seemed to think that the trip was well worth the effort, when he said: "The inflated prices were really steep, but oh, those heavenly days, they reminded me so much of Boston. The white sheets and hotel service, plus the swimming pools that were available made me feel at home again."

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No Greater Soldier . . .

There is no greater indication of a unit's high morale than this moving message written in Co. B's morning report following the death of Capt. Daniel Moore.

"This company is in mourning for the greatest man ever to be a member of this organization. Capt. Moore is no longer among the living, but his spirit will always hover over the company which he made so great. The company has lost its greatest friend and the Division its best captain. He gave his life so that this company could continue on the road to greatness. There is no tangible way that the men can show their grief, but in each man's heart a void and ache has been created. Every man in this company can honestly feel that he was privileged to serve under Capt. Moore. Whatever honors we may amass in the future will be in his memory. He will live untarnished in our minds forever. Capt. Moore — may your soul rest in peace and have the tranquility which it did not have on this earth."

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The Pacific Picture . . .

Japan is now No. 1 priority in the Allied war effort and she is bitterly tasting what that means even before the full overwhelming weight of the U. S. and Britain can be marshaled against her.

Lt. Gen. Barney Giles, new Army Air Force commander in the Pacific predicted more bombs for Japan's 148,000 square miles than had fallen on Germany's 215,000. In England, Jimmy Doolittle forecast the happy day when as many as 2,000 U. S. planes could hit Japan in a single attack.

The main time consuming Allied problem in the Pacific is building bases and supply. It takes three cargo ships to do in the Pacific what one could do in the Atlantic. Within three months there should be enough bases to accommodate all the air units that can be sent from Europe. Okinawa, four times the size of Guam, promises to be a fine base, even better than preliminary U. S. appraisals indicated. Within six months the Philippines should be in shape to take all the ground forces which can be redeployed in that time for the invasion of the Jap heartland.

By the time the invasion is ready, Allied air power should have smashed Japan's industry and transport, and she should be thoroughly shriveled by combined air and naval blockade. She might not be able or willing to keep on fighting.

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From Omaha Beach to Berlin . . .

In the Nov. 15th issue of the TTF, we announced plans for the publication of a picture-history of the 331st Combat Team to include pictures taken of fighting men and the many towns through which they fought from Normandy to V-E day. These pictures are ready for publication and the presses will soon roll.

In answer to the many inquiries, every man in the combat team will receive one of these books.

Speed will be foremost in our minds and every effort made to have these books in your hands before we leave the ETO. Should we leave for the States (this may be wishful thinking) the book will be completed there. Should we head for the CBI, all the pictures will be shipped to the States and publication made at the war's end.

To insure every man receiving a copy, the following suggestions are made: Each company should list the name and home address of every man in the organization and include all men who have already left the organization. Send this list through channels to Regimental S-1. Anyone outside of the combat team desiring a copy should send his name and home address to 331st Infantry, S-1.

Doughboys Inspirations

It's Verboten

In Germany one sunny day
While walking down the street
A pretty girl did come my way
And I prepared to speak
She drew abreast, boy what a doll!
I heard a voice behind me call
"Hey Soldier! It's verboten!"

I kept on going down the line
And saw a liquor store
My lips were parched, I longed for wine
So I headed for the door
A little drink would sure be swell
But before the door would open
I heard a voice behind me yell
"Hey Soldier! It's verboten!"

We occupied a lovely home
The owners weren't around
I started right away to roam
And soon a watch I found
It was locked in case of glass
But before the lock was broken
I heard a voice ring of brass
"Hey Soldier! It's verboten!"

PFC O. K. Seville
Co. F

The New Flag

The flags that flew for tyranny
Over enslaved, the common and the weak,
That forbade and crushed the very souls
Of those who sought to speak
Have now been torn from the mighty spires,
Amid the ruin and decay
With uplifted hearts and refreshed desire
We face the new born day.
We've trampled and crushed those evil,
Who thought even God to defy.
Then the triumphant hordes of freedom
Will raise the new flag to fly.

S/Sgt. Julie Weter
Co. G

'Austere' Program for Krauts

Germany (CNS) — Germany will be reeducated with a very "austere program" minus entertainment, comics and lighter newspaper and radio features for at least 6 months, according to OWI officials. "We are not trying to make life pleasant for the Germans," the OWI said.

Jeep Drivers Don't Have Army Made

Being a jeep driver is no ticket for personal safety as some think. Take two of the narrow escapes of Cpl. Mark Hay of Atlanta, Georgia, Co. I, for proof.

Prior to the battle at Dinard, France, Hay was driving the CO on a reconnaissance mission in the rain. Traveling slowly along a road strewn with sand, Hay suddenly noticed that his front wheel was passing over a mine. The sand, meant to conceal the mine, had been washed away. The front wheel was about five inches from the detonator. Several tense moments were sweated out. Clearing the mine, Hay immediately stopped the jeep and got out. Backtracking he discovered he had just passed over a field consisting of 12 mines planted in the center of the road.

At St. Malo, hauling ammo to the front in his trailer, Hay was driving on the road into town when a roadblock forced him to stop. Turning around with the trailer made it necessary to back up several times. Another jeep with two occupants coming along found it, also would have to turn around. As the driver backed up to the shoulder of the road in the same spot that Hay had, there was a terrific explosion. The jeep running over a mine was blown to pieces and both occupants instantly killed.

There are many times also when a jeep driver plays more roles than just that of a driver. There's the time Cpl. Edward J. Azevedo of Gridly, Cal., I Co., acted as mine sweeper for a platoon of tanks.

Hauling ammo to his company, Azevedo came across six American tanks halted along the road. The tanks would go no farther because the road had not been cleared of mines. Facing the fact that this was the only road to get his vital ammo to the company, Azevedo was determined to take a chance. After fifteen minutes of wary driving he reached his company without mishap. There he was ordered to return and lead the tanks to the company where they were needed to support the attack.

In Gey, Germany, Azevedo, played medic taking his jeep over a road where no other vehicle had dared to go because of the direct fire coverage, in order to rescue wounded soldiers that were in desperate need of medical aid. It required driving under heavy fire, stopping the jeep and crawling and crawling with stretchers, and sweating out everything the Jerries had. He did it, though, because there were men who needed help, and they got it.

ETO Sports Program

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3rd battalions have also erected huge blackboards along their chow lines giving the daily baseball scores and league standings. The 3rd battalion has an umpire school holding classes every week to insure full understanding of all rules and fairness in the ball field.

Athletic Officers of each league are: Lt. Robert Criswell, Omaha, Neb., assisted by Cpl. Delucca, League 1, 1st battalion; Lt. Paul Maus, Baltimore, Md., assisted by S/Sgt. Ray Dino, New Jersey, League 2, 2nd Battalion; Lt. James Fish, Kearny, N. J., assisted by S/Sgt. Todd, League 3, 3rd Battalion; Lt. Fred Barnes, Philadelphia, League 4, Special Units.

Highlights of the ball games and league standings with full coverage to all principal games will be published, in the sports pages of the TTF.

Victory Varieties

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was Little Clifford in Renfro Valley Barn Dance.

Vocal honors will go to T/3 Victor St. Peter who as Victor Kelly was the Irish tenor over WGN, Chicago, and Pfc. Johnny Tursi, widely known in Quaker City dance circles.

For novelty there is Sgt. Warren Fisher, Sv. Co. who does original piano interpretations, Pfc. Bill Rajotte, a soft shoe dancer, and Pfc. George Rakoski who does impressions of popular dance bands.

In addition, Victory Varieties will present a chorus of five lovely damsels imported from a fraternizing terrain. These beauteous chorines will be under the direction of T/4 Donald Shidecker of Dayton, Ohio dance fame. Supplying background and special spots throughout the show will be the Divisional orchestra with its compelling music.

Still in an embryonic stage but rapidly progressing are the plans for film developing service, frequent USO shows, civilian entertainers, a clubmobile, a regimental orchestra and a minstrel show to travel throughout the area.

Regimental Adjutant



Capt. Robert C. Walker

A successful businessman, Capt. Robert C. Walker, Regimental Adjutant, enlisted in the service as a private and rose to his present rank in two years. As part of a cadre, he activated the 331st Infantry in 1942 and has kept the pulse of the regiment at his finger tips from its embryonic stages, through training periods, Tennessee maneuvers and in every battle engagement in the ETO.

Besides handling the varied and many administrative details and personnel problems, he has acted as a public relations officer between the commanding officer and the officers and men of the regiment. He has served successfully in the same capacity under five regimental commanders.

Entering the 29th Division of the National Guard in October, 1940, Capt. Walker readily revealed his leadership, was sent to OCS in Baltimore, Md. and received his commission as a second lieutenant when his unit was federalized in February, 1941. He served as a rifle platoon leader in the 116th Infantry, earned his silver bar one year later and in August of 1942 activated the 331st. In December of the same year, he earned his double bars.

A native of Columbia, So. Car., Capt. Walker attended Washington and Lee University. He is 28 years and single. Hunting and golfing are tops in his sidelight interests.

Yanks Take Role in Stride

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In a battalion area, everything appears tranquil. "We have no problems," said Lt. Col. Frederick Bailey, 3rd Bn C. O. "Our primary job is to keep law and order and in that respect we have had little trouble. We give the DPs all the liberty they want as well as the German people but we expect them to behave like a free people. Our only restriction is a 9:00 P. M. curfew when everybody must be off the streets."

A battalion area includes 15 to 20 towns. Small villages in the area are controlled with motorized patrols checking the places at regular intervals.

The town of Langelsheim which Co. K oversees may be typical of a doughboy military government office. The MGO is set up in a small house apart from the town hall, formerly used as servants quarters. Here Lt. Vernon Fever, Pfc. William Wagenknecht of Petersburg, Mich. and Pfc. Eugene Frizzell of New York City take care of the problems that are referred to them from the buergermeister. But according to their score sheet, they have been active in starting the wheels of domestic industry and bringing the German postwar program ahead of schedule. Lt. Jack Drapkin of Detroit, Co. K Executive Officer and Frizzell made a complete survey of factories in the town. In

14 days through their initiative a factory formerly making airplane cylinders was converted to the production of pots and pans. In the same period a rust-proofing plant for armament became a soap factory.

The pots and pans and soap are on the market with civilian hospitals getting priority.

The 3rd battalion also relates an incident in their summary courts held by Capt. Schraft, Bn S-1. It seems that a woman tried to muscle in at the head of a ration line. As she tried to squeeze in front of a young girl, another man took exception to it. A few words were exchanged and the woman's husband came upon the scene. Fists were ready to fly when Yanks broke it up and brought the civilians to trial.

Arraigned before Capt. Schraft, the woman was being questioned through an interpreter. In the midst of the interrogation she broke into a wild exhortation expressing in well-chosen German words her opinion of the American soldiers. Unfortunately for her, Capt. Schraft who understands and speaks German fluently, listened patiently to the tirade.

His verdict — five days in jail for the man and wife. "Aber, Warum?" they expostulated.

Foxhole Interviews

QUESTION: What do you think of the point system plan of demobilization?

Pfc. George Alpizar, Co. M, from Tampa, Fla.

"It's not altogether fair because many men in service units are getting out before the combat soldier. We have reinforcements who just came in and haven't seen any fighting. They were in service units, have dependents and now they're being discharged before many of us who have been in this thing from the very beginning."



T/Sgt. Leroy Titus, Co. G platoon sergeant from Warren, Ohio.



"The combat men aren't getting enough credit under this point system. The guy who's been dodging shells gets five points for each campaign but so does the man back in division headquarters and in corps headquarters and as far as I know perhaps in army headquarters. Where does the actual front-line soldier get any more credit for real combat duty. They should have at least considered the Combat Infantryman's Badge at the same value with other medals. Why didn't they take age into consideration? I'm over 30 and single. I could have gotten married long before I came overseas but I sure as hell didn't want to leave a widow. Now the men who raised a family, war or no war, are going home and I've still got to sweat out shells, I suppose, in the CBI. At 30, it's time for a man to settle down and raise a family and all such men should go home."

Sgt. Monroe Harrison, Co. C asst squad leader from Cornell, Mich.

"The point system is generally fair but men in combat, and I mean the boys who have been doing the fighting, should be given extra points for every day they have been in combat. That's the only unfair thing about the plan."



S/Sgt. Cornelius Lackey, Co. L squad leader from Kirk, W. Va.



"The combat man hasn't been given an equal break. It's true they get campaign stars but so do men from rear echelon units who haven't even heard a rifle shot. The combat man is also given points for his medals and for being wounded. I've been wounded six times and have the Bronze Star. I've been fighting since Normandy. The Purple Hearts have helped raise my points. But look at the man who has been fighting a good steady battle from the beginning but has never been wounded nor has he been cited. He doesn't get any more credit than the rear echelon Joe."

Pressing Experts Iron Out Problem

Sgt. Harry Randall, Cortland, N. Y., and S/Sgt. Robert D. Standfast, East Orange, New Jersey, of Company B examined their wallets and discovered they were void, so they locked heads in order to determine how they could remedy their financial status. Discovering an electric iron in the billets where they are staying, the two men started a pressing service, advertising the installation of real pleats in O.D. uniforms for the price of ten marks or one dollar. Their slogan is "We fought in the bulge, now we remove the bulge from your trousers — come to Harry's for a good cleaning."

Standfast, holding the higher rank naturally became the brains behind the business and Randall, being only a buck, was subordinate to chief presser.

For their first piece of work, Randall pressed his own uniform, hanging it in his room for display and pretty soon the bait brought an overflow of business. Within a couple of days all of Company B were wearing pressed O. Ds, and at the end of that time the sergeants had amassed a fair sum of money. With work completed they are awaiting a change of clothing for the company so they can once again open their pressing establishment.

Riviera is Paradise

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S/Sgt. Glenwood Gingerich E. C., also seemed to think that the Riviera was a slight improvement over his Elbe River foxhole. Almost effervescent, he told of his "Mediterranean meanderings": I was lucky. I went there by plane, and we refueled at Paris. I had a chance to see that city by air. Also on the way back, we flew over country, that you and I sweated and bled for. It was quite an experience to see the terrain as an Army pilot sees it. When we got to Nice, we plunked down 120 francs, for our hotel room and meals that were prepared by French chefs. From there on in, it was one continuous stream of entertainment: movies, bars, shows, boat cruises, Casinos, sight seeing tours, etc. I also had the opportunity to visit the perfume factories at Grass. You can buy almost any kind of perfume you can name."

Top Priority Men Leave 331st Homeward Bound

The famed war-cry of "Twenty-three" Skidoo!" so familiar to showpeople, suddenly took on more impetus and meaning as blood-curdling screams of "Eighty-five . . . and Skidoo!" were heard throughout the Regiment this week.

Top-priority enlisted-men in the Regiment, was Pfc. John Andreck, Co. I doughslogger, of Union City, N. J., who had a grand total of 127 points. Close behind Andreck, and listed in their respective point priority, were Pfc. Alec McGowan; Co. H, Whitman, Mass.; Pfc. Vernon Lovely, C. H. Centerville, Okla.; S/Sgt. William Chaperon, Co. A, Bay City, Mich.; T/5 George Rager, Co. I, Central City, Ky.; 1st Sgt. Teddy Bednarski, Co. D, Queens, N. Y.; 1st Sgt. John Holt Hq. Co. 1st Bn., Cinn., Ohio.

A short-statured, top-kick, 1st Sgt. Joe Armhold, of Nashville, Tenn., stopped to talk to some of his friends. They were all going home, and at one time made up part of the original 83rd cadre. Armhold, together with 1st Sgt. Gurney Jaynes, of Greenville, Tenn.; Pfc. William Harned of Williamsburg, Ind.; Cpl. William Schultz, of Wash., D. C.; and Pfc. William Miller, of Bastrop, La., were originally with the 3rd Cavalry Division. The new found joy, was written all over their faces, as they stood huddled together, discussing old times. It was as if life took on new meaning for these men, as one of

them squealed in exuberant tones: "Gee, just t-h-i-n-k of it, no more O.D's. A civilian suit, a civilian suit!"

Armhold, an army-man for more than 18 years, was undecided as to what he was going to do. Somebody asked him, if he was going to rejoin the Army when it was "all over", whereupon he answered: "I joined the Army, when I was quite young; it all depends on how well the outside world receives me, and whether or not I get a job." He added: "I'll miss the guys that I've fought next to, for so long. Our friendships are real ones, and unique — they were sealed over a fox-hole!"

Pfc. George Flynn, Connecticut Yank, was out playing baseball when someone brought the news to him that he was going home. Flynn, got up the next time at bat, and promptly smashed a homer over the left field wall. All T/5 George Rager, of Central City, Ky., could say was: "I don't believe it!"

Many of the fortunate doughsloggers recounted their most harrowing experience during combat. No two agreed as to what they felt was the toughest scrap they were in. Each one had his own story, and expressed a desire that they would never have to relive those few hot moments.

Several of the men hoped to be able to take advantage of the splendid educational opportunities that the GI Bill of Rights offered them, on their release. Pfc. Joy Glidewell, of Beaumont, Texas, hopes to take some vocational training under the GI Bill of Rights. Then he'll don "a pair of overalls instead of a pair of fatigues."

T/5 John Evans, of Utica, New York, former member of the 2nd Bn, communications section, who has seen quite a bit of overseas service in South America, exclaimed that the first two things on his civilian agenda, were to first get married, and then enroll in a business school, and pick up where he left off.

Fashion Parade



In this doughboy fashion parade are Sgt. Miguel Gonzalez Co. B asst. squad leader from Taylor, Texas, and S Sgt. Normand Malo, Co. K squad leader from Woonsocket, R. I., who wear the dress of yesterday and today. For the latest on tomorrow's fashions, your guess is as good as ours.

Quote of the Week

By Camp Newspaper Service

"The war will be over when our sons and husbands come home" — Rep Helen Gahagan Douglas of California.

No matter what the subject, the chief point everyone is trying to get over these days is 85.

Ramblings of a Clerk

By Sgt. John O'Neill

The big attack jumped off at the early hour of ten o'clock, in the vicinity of Stampad, Germany. G-2 had reported that the enemy had two divisions of Morning Reports an three armored Form 20 divisions well dug in across the wide, blue-black Carters Inkstream. These defenses were well protected by heavy thumb tack fields and dug-in 'D' bars.

The Engineer clerks constructed an "Ever-sharp" bridge across the stream. It was kept in place by the "Page Mutilage" Division. The attack was preceded by a thunderous barrage from three batteries of 6 inch rulers and twelve batteries of 12 inch rulers with 240 mimeograph machines turning out long range fire. B-26 wastebaskets flew several missions over the initial objective.

The initial assault was made by the 91st "Duty Roster" Regiment which crossed the river in assault inkwells behind a heavy preparation of poop sheets. Initial resistance came from dug-in field desks and well employed automatic typewriters. Most of the ink-bespattered casualties were the results of flying dog tags.

The second crossing made at 1115 by elements of the 92nd "Carbon Copy" Regiment was met by heavy fire from enemy 88 staple guns and three regiments of carbon paper and two regiments of Second Sheets. The Heavy Eraser Platoon was called upon to rub out the resistance.

The third and final assault was made by the 93rd "Ration Breakdown" Regiment. P-47 "Ink Eradicators" from the 9th Typewriter Cover Air Force flew close support. The assault elements were met by scattered fire from small paper clips and tree bursts from L. C. Smiths. Casualties were also inflicted by fragments from exploding shells of red and blue point mortars.

Engineers had carefully marked all mine fields with Scotch tape as well as all strike-overs.

The bridgehead was secured by 1315. Necessary staples and paper clips were soon crossing the bridge on six wheeled "Typewriter" rollers. The flanks of the crossing were secured and protected by elements of the Remington Rangers, "Underwood Portables" and 82nd Chairborne Infantry which had landed earlier.

Upon being questioned, General Ambired, Divisional Commander of the "Faded Lightbulb" Division said: "Those MR's should have been in across the river a long time ago!"



Birthday Greetings

Port Isabel, Texas
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Box 73

To the Editor, TTF
331st Inf.

I would appreciate it very much if you would relay birthday greetings through the TTF to our son, Pfc. Dan Marchan Jr., 38555567, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 331st Inf., whose birthday is May 22nd, at which time he will be 20 years old.

We have received several copies of the TTF from our son and enjoy every article so much. All our friends who have read of the unit admit you are all doing a fine job, and wish you continued success in everything you do in the future. Thanking you, and hoping you will receive this letter on time to relay birthday greetings to our beloved son, we remain.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Marchan Sr.

Around the Action Packed Softball Circuit With Men of the 331st



C Co. Defeats B 2 to 1 In Neck and Neck Game

Company B lost its first game of the season to Co. C by the close score of 2 to 1. The game was tightly contested all the way with snappy fielding and excellent pitching. Pitcher Eugene Lucas gave up five hits for Company C while Deihl allowed only four with three of these coming in the fourth inning, good for two runs and the margin of victory.

Co. B. started off fast in the first, scoring their only run of the game on a single by Edward Agnew, an error by the left fielder good for three bases on a hard hit ball by Bob Merrian. Co. C. came back in the fourth after being held hitless for the first three innings with two singles and a double, scoring two runs.

In the fifth inning Co. B's Carmi Lockhart reached second with no outs by virtue of a single and stolen base, only to be hit by a stout drive off the bat of Clark. On the next play Clark was caught at second trying to steal, nipping any possible rally in the bud.

The seventh and final inning furnished a dramatic close to the game. With two out and nobody on base, Co. B. at bat for the last time and behind 2 to 1, Clarence Lossin got his second single of the day and advanced to third on two passed balls. With everything riding on his shoulders, Bruce Jones hit a Texas leaguer past the shortstop who snagged the ball inches off the ground for a brilliant stop and end of the game.

3rd Bn Hq Wins Thriller in Smashing Bat Attack

On the 16th of May, 3rd Bn Hq. Co. opened their league season with a smashing victory over I Co. to the tune of 13 to 6 behind the no hit hurling of Emmet Yeager for the first three innings.

The Hds. team rocked the I Co. hurlers with 12 extra base blows. Bill Hopf, Pittsburgh, Penn., led the assault with a screaming triple in the 6th inning with two men on base.

Other potent batsmen included, Mike Pappas, Charles Naakter, Joe Tosi and Thaddeus McAdams. They contributed two hits apiece for the Hds. club.



Easy Nine Makes Medics Say Uncle

With the chant "is there a doctor in the house" ringing in their ears, the Medics were defeated on 18 May at Duncan Field by Easy Co. by a score of 17-2. This was Easy's fourth win in five starts.

Behind his stellar pitching, Mel "Lon" Chaney set the Docs down with four short hits, all singles, three of them in the first inning. The Medics got their only tally off Chaney in the first. He was replaced in the seventh, with two men out and no one on the bases, by Easy's own medic pitcher, Doc Vogel. But Doc's old "dark one" wasn't there and he had to be lifted after walking two and allowing one single. Urban came in to get the last out.

Chaney, Easy's candidate for player of the week, handled everything hit at him with the ease of a major leaguer, assisting in one double play. He was also the leading batman for Easy, getting himself four safeties (just as many as he allowed the whole of the Medics team) that were good for four runs for four times at bat.

The rest of the Easy team was right behind their pitcher, smacking 14 safeties and playing errorless ball. Bosshart, the cleanup man, hit his third homer in five games with two runners aboard in the six run third.

Player of the Week

Top player of the week in the 3rd battalion, is Tec 5 Robert Baier of Milwaukee, Wis., Co. K catcher.

Ten times at bat, Baier hit an average of 700 including one homerun. He has played amateur baseball with the major double A League at home.

Marksmanship Contest to Enliven Training

A marksmanship contest with Mls and carbines will be held in the regiment, Lt. Col. Henry Neilson, acting Regimental Commander, recently announced.

In contrast to basic training days few Maggie's drawers are expected to fly from the targets of today's battle veterans. However, the contest will be a means of keeping the doughboy's shooting eye sharp as well as add additional interest to his day's curricular besides athletics and close-order drill.

K Slugs Way to Victory Under Veteran Coaching

K Co. powerhouse has amazed all the experts around the 3rd Bn by slugging its way to victory in the first two games of the new Regimental league.

Under the guidance of Pete Winters, veteran of almost every campaign since he joined the regiment in early July, this years ball team is pulling live wires.

In the first inning of the initial game against L Co. things looked bad as they let the boys from Item get a five run lead in the opener.

Delaney of Marshal, Mich., and Bob Baier of Milwaukee, Wis., buckled down on the battery, from then on, Delaney getting credit for eight strike outs.

The game was clinched in the fifth when K with the lead end of 7 to 6 drove in five more. Final score was 14 to 9.

With that same cool start which marked the first opening against L Co. the boys from King let M Co. get across one run in the first but retaliated in the second by chalking up seven for themselves.

Delaney buckling down on the Heavy Weapons gang held them to three more hits and one more run until he was relieved by Robert Reynolds in the sixth. Baier went all the way again. Final score was K-13, M-O.

Men Show Outstanding Form in Early Season

The 331st athletic league started in grand style last week setting the pace for the entire division. Over 40 softball games were played in the 3rd battalion alone with a huge number of cheering fans turning out at each game.

Outstanding as league-leading pitcher is Delaney of Co. K who is credited with 10 strikeouts.

Weather favorable, 2nd Bn completed their scheduled games. Mike Plesha, Co. E bats-man seems to be outstanding in the circuit. The slim, wrist-hitter covers plenty of ground with his fielding. Co. E team captain Serpe, is tops as a hitter defying most pitchers to lob 'em in.

Popick pitching for Co. F really plays to win and never relaxes after his lead piles up. Lisinski, plays well at the hot corner and also at short field. A capable hitter too, he bears watching.

Big "Beau" Titus, Co. G, has everything he has had in the past. A speedball pitcher he rates high in the circuit.

Parrott, his battery mate, is respected equally as well as a catcher. Another Co. G. doughslogger, John McCombs, hits for extra bases just to keep the games looking better. Russo of Co. H, at short seems to be outstanding at his positions. "Backstop" Norton, Co. H, continuously screaming and behaving like a real field general, is responsible for the spirit and color within his team.

331st Earns 1000 Awards

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Lt. Col. Frederick Bailey and Capt. Alexander Kahapea lead the 3rd battalion in decorations. Bailey wears the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Kahapea was presented with the Silver Star, the Croix de Guerre and the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters. S/Sgt. Cornelius Lackey is next in line with the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

Another member of the combat team whose bemedaled chest reveals his actions in the thick of things is Maj. William White who received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with five Oak Leaf Clusters.

League Standings

FIRST BATTALION LEAGUE STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Co. A	5	0	1000
Co. C	3	1	750
Co. D	3	2	600
Co. B	1	3	250
Hq. Co.	1	3	250
Med. Det.	0	4	000

SECOND BATTALION LEAGUE STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Co. G	5	1	833
Co. E	5	1	833
Co. F	4	2	666
Co. H	3	4	428
Med.	2	4	333
Hqs. Co.	0	7	000

THIRD BATTALION LEAGUE STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Co. K	6	0	1000
Co. L	3	2	600
Hqs. Co.	2	3	400
Co. M	1	4	200
Co. I	1	4	200

SPECIAL UNITS LEAGUE STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Service Company	2	1	666
Reg'l Hqs. Co.	2	2	500
Anti-Tank Co.	2	2	500
Cannon Co.	1	2	333

OFFICERS LEAGUE STANDINGS			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Third Battalion	3	1	750
Second Battalion	2	1	666
Special Units	2	2	500
First Battalion	0	3	000

High Point Battle Veterans Head Home



Demonstrating their high spirits are the first of the 331st who will soon be changing their khaki colored garments to blues, blacks and grays of varying shades. With each man having earned more than 101 points according to the army's discharge plan, they're U. S. bound.