

# 83rd SPEARHEAD

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## "KEEP RIFLE FIRING, KEEP MOVING, AND LIVE LONGER", MEN ARE TOLD

### 83rd Units Won Honors During World War I

#### Elements of Division Served in France

Not commonly known is the fact that the 83rd Infantry Division came overseas in World War I and that some elements of the Division won battle honors in the closing months of the war.

The old 83rd was activated in August 1917, at Camp Sherman Ohio, as a National Army Division. Its personnel were drawn from the draft from Pennsylvania and Ohio. After training from August, 1917, to June, 1918, the division was sent to France where it was designated a depot organization and kept in the vicinity of Le Mans.

As a depot division, the mission assigned was to furnish replacements, both as to units and as to groups of individuals to units and divisions on the line. The engineer regiment, signal battalion and reconnaissance squad won battle honors while serving as replacement units. These honors are now carried by the corresponding units of the present division.

In 1919, the division returned to Camp Sherman where it was demobilized in October. From then until reactivation on August 15, 1942, it was carried on the records of the War Department as a reserve division with no field organization.



As the Allied push continued on all fronts this week, German armies were forced back toward the Reich. Here is a map showing the various countries in Europe and the location of German cities which will soon feel the might of our infantry and armored units.

### THE WAR IN BRIEF

**Bulletin - - -** Radio Berlin admitted today that Russian armies had pushed inland 35 miles in East Prussia. The attack was on a 90 mile front.

**MONDAY** — Allied air power again smashed at Reich and 1,200 heavies were over the City of Cologne alone. Germans now admit death of Rommel... Hungary, last German ally asks for armistice as Nazis strive to keep it in the war... RAF now operating from bases in newly won Athens... B-29's have again pounded Formosa as well as Jap bases in Dutch Borneo. **TUESDAY** — Aachen is now completely encircled and German counter attacks have been beaten off. Bad weather is holding up air operations. SHAEF announ-

ced since D Day Allies have taken 606,666 prisoners in the west... Germans say Reds have reached East Prussian border and have launched a full scale offensive on a 25 mile front in Poland. SS troops reported in Budapest to try and keep Hungary in the war. German's admit situation in Hungary is a "serious blow" at her war effort, and the general of first Hungarian army has joined the Red Armies... Yanks in Italy push toward Bologna in spite of stiff German resistance. Adm. Nimitz says 843 Jap planes

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### Sergeant Zeroing in Squad; Overheard by Spearhead Reporter

(We sat in on a discussion the other afternoon, given by Staff Sergeant Black to the members of his platoon. Some of the "battle experience" points touched on by Sergeant Black are worth repeating, so we had the talk taken down, just as Sergeant Black gave it, and are passing it along for you to read... Ed.)

"How many of you fellows had grand parents that were Westerners? You know... homesteaded out west, maybe worked on a ranch, fought in the civil war, maybe even rustled cattle?"

"Well, my great grandad was a westerner. He always said that the American was the best rifle and pistol shot in the world. I remember how he would complain. 'Hell, they ought to be, they start shootin' young enough. Take them damn kids that live next door. They've got a 22 rifle; they've killed every bird in the neighborhood so now they're shootin' the glass balls off my new lightnin' rods.'"

Now you fellows may not be westerners; some of you never saw a cow. I know damn well that Kochalko over there is nothing but a drug store cowboy... but you're Americans and Americans can outshoot anybody in the world. That is, you can when you get your head stuck up out of your foxhole high enough to fire your M-1. And that's the thing I want to talk about this afternoon.

Grandad used to say that there was just two kinds of men out in Colorado... "The quick and the dead", and, that the only way to

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## "Kamerad" Schmidt

Hans Schmidt is a German civilian. He is also a war worker who specializes in manufacturing ammunition to kill GI's. After working all day Hans used to go to school nights. Yes, it was a kind of a night school all right set up to teach civilians how to rule the world. As long as there were German victories it was fun going to school and learning how to act like a big shot. But then came Rommel's rout in North Africa and the American invasion of Italy and finally France. It was time for Hans to change his course of studies. If Germany could not win the war they would at least know how to deal with the "Amerikaner". So Hans took lessons in how to throw a knife. He practiced every night until his hands became blistered and his arm sore. It was worth all this though because finally Hans could hit a three inch dot at thirty yards. Even his instructor said he was "goot".

He also went to sabotage classes which taught him how to poison food and then offer it to Americans. He was told that many Americans like beer and was shown how it could be poisoned.

As the situation of the German army grew worse the Nazis thought up a new course designed especially for German women. No one has to be told what they were taught. Hans has a sister Lena. The German she planned to marry was killed in Italy. She made up her mind what she would do to the first Yank she saw even before going to the school. Yes, Hans and his whole family have now graduated and are fully prepared to do their dirty work.

The teachers at the school made one mistake though. They neglected to mention that G. I. Joe has a

## Christmas Rush Is On



Some of the busiest men in the division these days are the ones Stationed at APO 83, where the Christmas Mailing rush is already under way.

Signal Corps Photo

## The war in brief

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destroyed in raids on Formosa. Heavy bombers continue to pound Jap bases near Philippines. WEDNESDAY — British captured Dutch town of Venray. Jerry counter attacks at Aachen repulsed. Cologne hit by 1,300 heavies. Heavy fighting going on in Belgrade where German escape route has been cut off. Red columns moving toward Czechoslovak border. The Greek government has arrived back in Athens. . . . Adm. Nimitz says six weeks ago Americans landed in

mind of his own and does his own thinking. Joe also has an M-1 which already has four notches on the stock as a result of the fighting in Normandy. If Hans tries any of his tricks--well there's plenty of room for more notches. Joe's not a cold blooded killer but he's determined on getting back to the USA. If "Kamerad" Schmidt or any of his classmates try to change G. I. Joe's plans it means that Hans' class will have its first annual reunion under six feet of "Der Faderland".

Caroline Island without enemy opposition. . . . THURSDAY — First army widens breach in Siegfried line north of Aachen. Third army makes gains near Metz. 550 heavies again blast Cologne. Hitler has ordered everyone from ages of 6 to 60 to serve in "people's army." Germans admit Reds have crossed border of East Prussia and have taken one town. House-to-house fighting going on in Belgrade. Jap radio announces Americans have landed in the Philippines but it has not been confirmed by MacArthur. Tiddim, big Jap base in Burma has fallen to British troops. FRIDAY — Gen. MacArthur confirmed Allied landings on Philippines. Landings made on Leyte Island in central part. Light casualties in establishing four bridgeheads. Tanks and equipment pouring ashore. Not a single naval vessel lost in landings and only one Jap bomber opposed air fleet. . . . Yanks hold half of Aachen. . . . 1,100 bombers smash Reich. . . . Reds inland 20 miles in East Prussia. SATURDAY — Philippine bridgeheads consolidated and Yanks moving inland. . . . Last Jerries holding out in Aachen have surrendered. City itself a pile of

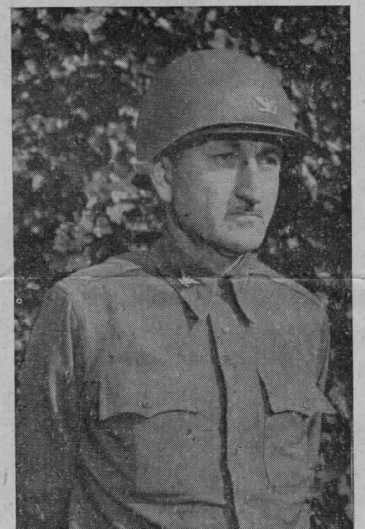
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## KNOW YOUR LEADERS

Colonel Robert T. Foster, a 1918 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, is the commanding officer of the 330th regiment. Born at Mansfield, La. on Mar. 13, 1897, Col. Foster graduated from Mansfield High School and then attended an Army-Navy Preparatory School in Washington, D. C. for a year before entering the military academy. During his student days at West Point he earned his letter in baseball.

He continued his military education by attending the Infantry School at Ft. Benning in 1929, the Signal School at Ft. Monmouth in 1930 and the C and G S School at Ft. Leavenworth in 1940.

Leads 330th



Signal Corps Photo Colonel Foster

Prior to assuming command of the 330th during the Battle of Normandy, he had also served as commanding officer of the 260th and 22nd Infantry Regiments.

In addition to holding the Combat Infantryman's Badge, he also has been decorated with the Purple Heart and the Bronze star.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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## Plain Identification





## DOWN THE DRAIN

Mess Sgt. Raymond J. Pumpa of Co. "A" 330th has his own version of "Down The Drain." He recently found a large colored portrait of Hitler and instead of defacing or burning it he placed it in the garbage can in the wash line. On Der Fuehrer, the garbage looks good.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Ask the GI in the division who recently received a letter from his girl back home in which she said she hoped he was still wearing his glasses. She continued that she has been reading about all the terrible booby traps of the Germans and she didn't want him to become involved in any because he wasn't wearing his glasses.

Next case.

Pity the poor GI who falls in love with a French mademoiselle and wants to marry her. All he has to do is get permission from his platoon sergeant to see the first sergeant to see the company commander, get permission from the company commander to see the battalion commander, get permission from the battalion commander to see the regimental commander, get permission from the regimental commander to see the commanding general, get permission from the commanding general to see the corps commander, get permission from the corps commander to see the theater commander. By this time he is suffering from laryngitis or too old to get married anyway.

Then there's the story of the two GIs at Dinard who were WATCHING some luscious Bits of fluff and stuff pass by. Finally one of them made a Tasty remark about one certain femme. Before the other GI could reply, she turned around and said in perfect English, "I didn't like that remark." Guess whos face was red.

### THE WOLF

If he parks his little flivver,  
Down beside a moonlit river,  
And you can feel him all a  
Baby, he's a wolf. [quiver,

If hes says your gorgeous looking,  
That you set him all a cooking,  
But your eyes ain't where he's  
Baby, he's a wolf. [lookin,

If by chance when you're a kissin,  
You can hear his big heart missin,  
And you can talk, but he wo'nt  
Baby, he's a wolf. [lissen,

If his arms are strong as sinew,  
And he stirs the Gypsy in you,  
And you want him close agin you,  
Maybe, Baby, you're the wolf.  
By - The Gang.

## "Keep Moving, Keep Firing"

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win an argument out there was to "get the drop on the other guy." Let's stop and think about that a minute. "GET THE DROP ON THE OTHER GUY."

I've had a little experience. I ain't braggin', I'm just telling you. We did a little fightin' up around Carentan and I found out... the hard way (I have a Purple Heart to remind me of it) THIS ONE THING... nobody much gets hurt as long as you keep shootin' and keep movin'. But once you stop. Brother, look out!

Just one thing more, then I'll get off this soap box. And that is Fire Distribution. If General Macon ever asks you for the definition and you don't know it! Soldier, you're in trouble! Quote: "I will fire my first shot on that portion of the target corresponding generally to my position in the squad. I will then distribute my remaining shots to the right as far as I can aim without moving and then start distributing shots back to the left of my first shot covering that part of the target on which I can deliver accurate fire without changing my firing position." The General has a good reason for insisting that you know this, it's important. If we start movin', shootin' and distributin' fire over the entire target... Jerry is going to start reachin' for the white flag.

"I want all you boys to be like that platoon that was surrounded and outnumbered by the enemy four to one. Everyone was firing as fast they could except one Kentuckian. He fired one clip and

then quit. The Lieutenant crawled over to him and said "What's the matter, Joe? Why ain't you shootin'?"

"You said we was outnumbered four to one, didn't you?", asked the Kentuckian.

"That's right."

"Well, sir," drawled the boy from the hills, "I shot my four."

"We could keep on talkin' all day on this stuff, so I'll end this by sayin'... In this game you're on your own and you've got the best rifle in the world to be on your own with..."

"Keep movin'... keep shootin' and we'll all be able to get together next summer out on the ranch. You'll enjoy meetin' granddad. You've got to watch him in a poker game, he's gettin' old and kinda forgetful. Sometimes he deals off the wrong side of the deck."

## The war in brief

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rubble... Red army crossed East Prussian border in another place. Belgrade set free by Russians and Yugoslavia partisans... Fifth army only nine miles from Bologna. SUNDAY — Yanks capture capital of Leyte Island in Philippines. 100,000 troops ashore with many tanks and other equipment... British advance in Holland. Air fleet hits western Germany. Yanks advance north of Aachen. Germans say more Reds pour across East Prussian border. Soviet forces have reached Danube 80 miles south of Budapest.

## "The Sump Hole"

BY Pvt. MAURICE RENEK.

Satan was taking in new members for his "Blood Legions" to help patrol the post around Hades. The standard question put to applicants was, "Where do you come from?" A young, bronzed man stepped up and said, "Paratroopers", and was ushered between the gates. Another rugged young lad said: "Rangers" and he also received a come-on beckon. Then a mud caked, weary infantryman came forward and said, "83rd Infantry Division." He was immediately refused. "You've been through hell already" stamped Satan.

Ode to a bottle of scotch: "How dear you are."

Two girls were talking over their early youth: "I was so lucky at spinning the milk bottle that the boys called me Elsie."

This paper made me their pin-up editor. What a cheesy job.

She had eyes that begged for loving, lips that begged for kissing and dresses that begged for material.

Letter to an infantryman:

Dear Charlie,  
Remember how you use to love to have me stroke your hair and call you Sharlie. Then you came home on your first furlough and I had to call you Charlie again. My sister's husband tells me that Luxembourg is a wonderful place with a nice dry climate. Of course he's never even left Brooklyn.

Your friend Woody came home on furlough again. He's being transferred to Florida this winter. He didn't seem to enjoy coming home because he complained something awful about his terrible train trip; it took two days and a night. He looks like a regular combat hero with his "good conduct" ribbon. Ever since he got it he's been so hard to get along with. He took me out this week as Willie sprained his leg doing a new break in the Lindy.

Honey, I got together a wonderful package to send to you. There's nothing to eat but there are lots of light summer underwear in China. I became blind with rage when I read what dirty tricks those Nazis are pulling on you boys in Germany because while reading the paper I got a run in my last pair of Nylons.

Love,  
JENNIFER.

Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. (CNS) — The CO needed 40 men for a detail and was inspecting rifles.

"Did You clean this rifle today?" he asked one GI.

"No," the GI answered

"No what," the CO said sternly.

"No patches," the GI replied.



# THE GRAND STAND

## Army, Notre Dame, O. State, Ga. Tech Win Grid Contests

The Army football team, boasting the highest scoring aggregation in the history of West Point, smothered Coast Guard Academy under an avalanche of touchdowns Saturday afternoon to emerge with a 76 to 0 victory. In rolling up its track meet tally the cadets scored in every period while the blue-jackets were unable to get behind the Army ten yard stripe during the entire afternoon.

A pair of upsets marred the Saturday's grid program when Ohio State swept to a 26 to 6 win over Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and Georgia Tech bested a favorite Navy team 17 to 15.

Notre Dame, powerhouse of the Mid West, finally subdued a stubborn Wisconsin team 28 to 13, to remain on the list of the nation's undefeated elevens.

The scores for Saturday, October 21 were as follows:

### East

Army 76, Coast Guard 0  
Penn State 6, Colgate 0.  
Holy Cross 24, Brown 24.  
Cornell 13, Sampson Naval 6.  
Lafayette 44, Lehigh 0.

### Mid West

Notre Dame 28, Wisconsin 13.  
Indiana 14, Northwestern 7.  
Ohio State 26, Great Lakes 6.

Purdue 26, Iowa 7  
Kansas 20, Nebraska 0.  
Oklahoma 68, Kansas State 0.  
South

Georgia Tech 17, Navy 15.  
Tennessee 0, Alabama 0.  
Tulsa 77, Mississippi 7.  
Tulane 16, Auburn 13.  
Rice 21, S. M. U. 10.  
Miss. State 13, L. S. U. 6.  
Kentucky 26, V. M. I. 2.  
Texas 19, Arkansas 0.  
St. Mary's 21, UCLA 12.

## New record set for the mile run

The world's fastest human as far as the mile run is concerned is Arne Andersson, Swedish school teacher, who recently established a new world record in the excellent time of 4:01.6. Running at Malmoe, Sweden he defeated the Great Gunder Hagg who crossed the finish line second and was clocked at 4:02.

The race provided 14,000 spectators with the spectacle that they had anticipated by Arne winning on superior "timing ability". Putting on a finish "kick" in the final 300 yards, he finally overtook Hagg about 120 yards from the tape.

Andersson's times for the quarters were .56 for the first, 1:55.9 at the half mile, and 3:46.1 at the three quarters mark.



## FOXHOLE POETS

From the hedgerows of Normandy,  
From Carentan down to Brest;  
From the Atlantic Wall of the Siegfried Line  
We've chased the Nazi's best.  
But we'd have this damned war over  
And victory would be won,  
If Herman would just use his head  
And put away that gun.

While sitting in my foxhole  
Neath the starry sky above,  
Dreaming of my homeland  
And the only girl I love,  
My thoughts are sweet and gentle.  
My heart holds no fear  
Until the tree top busts above me,  
And that eighty-eight is here.

I heard the damned thing coming  
And I got a running start.  
But I was a hell of a lot too late.  
Now I have the Purple Heart.

It hit me in a painful spot  
I would not care to mention.  
It settled all my old age bills  
And now I'm living on my pension.

We're a first class fighting outfit  
Of whom you may have heard.  
The Jerries keep on running  
From the bouncing 83rd.

When this war is over  
And the peace we celebrate,  
We'll go home and settle down  
And forget that eighty-eight.

When I die and go to heaven  
Old Gabriel he will say,  
„I've got a spot for you, my boy,  
And it's here for you to stay."  
But if I hear an eighty-eight,  
Right here and now I'll tell,  
I'll turn and go the other way,  
Cause I'd rather be in hell.

## Buffalo News Will Print Yule Message For Yanks In ETO

To officers and enlisted men whose homes are in Buffalo, N. Y., and other areas served by The Buffalo Evening News:

The Buffalo Evening News plans to publish Christmas greetings of men in the ETO to the „folks at home," and The News war correspondent, Fred MacKenzie, will collect them and send them to The News in story form.

Please write your greetings in 10 to 15 words, which may be for individuals or general in character, and sign with your names, ranks and home addresses. Mail them by Dec. 1st to:  
Fred MacKenzie,  
War Correspondent,  
PRO, 9th Air Force Advance Hqs.  
APO 696  
U. S. Army

