Doughboys! Don Gloves Again Tonite
Second Division Boxing Card Promises Action

After a short stoppage before a packed Sports Arena last Thursday, the 30th Inf. and the 31st Inf.- take four bouts, the Division Boxing Tournament moved into its second lay night-same time, same place—with eight bouts between men of the 229th and 31st Infantry regiments.


In the welterweight class' Pvt. Thomas Hounsell, 149, from Co. I, 229th Inf. and Pvt. Thorton Glass, 149, from Anti-Tank Co., 31st Inf. In case of charges, their alternates will be Pvt. Earl Miller, 149, from Co. H, 320th Inf. and Pvt. James Travis, 149, of Co. M, 31st Inf.


Xmas Mail Call
Rivals Chow Call

The shout of mail call sounds through the company area and the putting mail clerk perches his head on under hundreds of letters while the men of his company stream through the barracks to be the first to reach this most popular of sol- diers.

If he hands his fellow soldier a letter or two, he's a swell guy if he doesn't, he's a "bum". But in spite of the kidding, the mail clerk does more for a soldier's morale than a large jet plane or a picture of Grable's legs, especially at Christmas time.

From the first shout of mail call until the last letter is handed out, the mail clerk is surrounded by men continuously waiting for the sound of their names. Without even so much as a smile and the quick eyes on watch, he returns upon their letters, while the still expectant linger on as pile increases.

The mail clerks responsible duties include handling all incoming and outgoing mail and performing every move of a civilian postoffice clerk on the sale of bonds. He makes two trips daily to the regimental or the post office and whether his (See Mail Call Page 2)

Gay Holiday Parties Ready For 83rd Men
Camp And Nearby Towns To Join In Celebration

Christmas may be a working day for doughboys in town on a special celebration, there'll be time for all Christmas dinner and company parties, special military services and dances galore, both in camp and town.

Christmas Eve will be largely given over to the singing of Christmas carols in both Service Clubs and attending special chapel services, illuminated with a midnight mass in the Field House.

Many events will start things off Christmas Day with a meal to rival their Thanksgiving efforts, followed by unit celebrations in company logging off time, with balls especially decorated for the occasion, with Christmas trees provided by the Red Cross.

It will be open house at both Service Clubs with Cadets hosting on duty all day at No. 2, where doughboys-who drop in and enjoy the foods and fruits of a gala Christmas table. And at No. 1 will be an open Christmas dance with the third floor band to fill the rhythm requirements.

The Division's own holiday dance has been planned to cover both Christmas and New Year's, being scheduled for a week from tonight at the Field House with music by both Pvt. Earl Miller, and Pvt. Efferson, a first floor ball and some 400 girls from surrounding towns.

Usual extended plans have been made to entertain service men in the Christmas weekend at Evansville, Morganfield, Henderson and Owensboro.

There will be formal dances Christmas night at the USO clubs in all four towns, as well as at the YMCA. (See Christmas, Page 3)

Crack Division Band Leads Way

And the band played on—on a military parade or a funeral march, a holiday pageant in town on a special celebration, there goes the band. And to these many requests the Third Div-ision Band, under the leadership of Maj. Robert Smith, WOSG, and Mr. Z. P. King, WOSG, has generously responded.

Organized in October of '42, the Division band numbers, 200th Inf. and Div. And by December had grown to a total of 24 members. The Division and 83rd Corps of the Infan-try regiments have also been combined into one unit and made a part of the band. The Division and 83rd Corps bands are the only bands in the Division, under the guidance of Mr. Smith, who is a professional bandleader who has worked with company buggies, the members of the band and The Bugle Call women, have made some of their respective companies and are filled with the music.

Boasting a wealth of musical talent, the band has played for many auspicious occasions and colorful events and has received the commendations of Maj. Gen. Frank W. Miller, 83rd Division Commander, and other high authorities. Among their many appearances were the big band (See Marching, Page 8)

To the Officers and Men of the 83rd Infantry Division—

"We are celebrating another Christmas together, and I want to express again my appreciation for the loyal and able support you have given me and my ad- miration for the cheerful spirit you have shown.

The past year has been one of preparation for our ultimate purpose of acting in the preservation of those principles of humanity and faith that are the American way of life.

A very Merry Christmas to you all.

W. B. Miller
Major General, U. S. Army Commanding
Merry Christmas...

There will be many Christmas greetings from back home this year—words of affection and hope and good cheer from family and friends and the boys down at the office. But few will be more eloquent than this Christmas message sent by The Springfield Newspapers to staff members in the armed services:

"No matter how you try to dress it up, it always comes out 'Merry Christmas.' It is Merry Christmas in spite of war's excursions and alarms, and the vast lengthy distances of separation. To every one of us, the spirit of Christmas is reflected from some warm, from the hearts of kin and friends, although they may be many miles away."

"To you who have gone out on the sea and to the camps and battlefields of strange continents, to you who are nursing the cruel but necessary arts of war in the North, the South, the East and the West of your own land, your friends back home say 'Merry Christmas.' It is from the heart, love and good wishes forever." 

"We know that it may not seem merry to the tens in the high winds of Texas or the men on the hospital cot in Italy. It may not seem merry to the man with a week-end pass and no place to go, nor merry to the boys swimming under the tropic sun on a dot in the Pacific.

"It cannot be merry with ships and snow and eagles and the atom bomb from Aunt Sally. But it can be merry in the joy of resolution, you may take that on another Christmas you may hear, nor read, the greetings of your friends, that you may know that the little things that add up to what you're fighting for—the sharp reach of snow under your feet when you step off your front porch on Winter's morning, a trout pool on a good day, hard cider and fresh potatoes by the open fire, steamed beet, rare, and the potatoes roasted with a look of your hometown in the sunlight from the hill, a car coming down Friday, but showers and cold beer, and the feeling of being a civilizing angel."

"Christmas is one of these things. You've still got it, of course. War can't wipe it out. It never has. It never will. But we want it again the way you want it. And you'll get it—if you'll stay that way—by fighting for it and for those other things the politicians and statesmen don't quite understand.

"So Merry Christmas, fellows... and hurry home."

Mail Call (Continued from Page 1)

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from The Bounce


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Standing six feet, one and weighing 182 pounds, he's a graduate of the Division Ranger School, an experienced instructor in hand-to-hand combat and an expert with the bayonet, hand grenade, rifle and carbine.

And he leads a rough and tought group of men, especially selected for physical endurance. They have been particularly dangerous to the enemy during problems and have made unusually high scores in combat intelligence tests.

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The BOUNCE

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First feet

Christmas notes

The good will is all of Christmas and preparations this year

Down in 1st Bn. Hps. Co., 315th, a company party is being planned by

S/Sgt. Daniel Buchholtz, CPL. Larry Schneider, and CPL. Merry McAlpine.

The news says Evansville girls have
to be seen for men of the regiment... In the 25th— a loud speaker system

features the carol singing of the regimental glee club, under the
direction of Chaplain Allan Birtcher, to all areas, and a delegation from

the company will take a group of fellow soldiers in the hospital over

Christmas... Co. C of the 315th

will have their Christmas Eve party of Hps. Btry. Sixth FA, being arranged by S/Sgt.

Herman Halbach. Families and friends of the men have been invited and

not to be so special guest... Not to be so special guest

will be the Hps., Btry. C of the 315th who will be guests... The

Banquet Room will hold the big Christmas Eve party of Hps. Btry. Sixth FA

featuring for the Bandmasters and the Band and special Christmas service, a holiday dinner, in which families and friends of the

men have been invited, complete with entertainment, and an old

fashioned sing song Christmas night.

Christmas Eve is the charge of CPL. Anthony Pappas, CPL.

Boone Goodman, PFC. John Hall, CPL. Alva Cutler, CPL. Ernie Pappas, CPL.

Bill Leonard, CPL. Kelly Matthes, CPL. Tom McFadden. Party is

scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. in the 15th GQ mess hall when Mess

is in charge of CPL. Bob Masters.

[C might do a better job at this]

[This is a typical Christmas Eve celebration spread over several areas and times.]

World delivery

It should be a very merry Christmas for the Bandmasters and the Band members who married Miss

Kathryn Powers of Centerport, Ky.; and a double Yuletide joy to Pfc. Walter Korns

who is in the 315th and the girl from home in Reading, Pa. Addi-

tional stockings this year will be CPL. Larry Schneider and CPL. Arty.

Merry McAlpine, CPL.牟ney McAlpine, CPL. Their Christmas tree is in charge

of CPL. Bob Masters.

Life lines

"Handle secrets with care

To be sure to get them"

Marching Musicians Serve The Division on Many Occasions

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Finally the 25th Band shows up in Indianapolis in the spring of this year and the Bandmasters and the Band

were featured in many large parades in Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Twice the most recent out-

side appearance in full military par-

ade regalia—white uniforms, hats and shoulder belts—was in Evans-

ville's Armistice Day parade last year.

But these parade soldiers are field

soldiers, too. Besides their daily re-

hearsals, they go on hikes, on the

range, and through infiltration courses, taking most of the routine

training prescribed for every man in the division. And every member of the band is a qualified member in the

carabinis, his principal

weapon.

During their spare time, the band

breaks up into the popular Cannon

and Riflemen to play several nights a week for doughty dancing places.

Members receive the ratings through their musicianship; many are

ranks as majors, for near-

ly all have broad musical backgrounds as amateur and professional

musicians, formerly with bands and big

name bands. Many are music stu-

dents; some music teachers.

Chief arranger for the Band is the

Captains in charge are S/Sgt. Arthur Lasar, tenor sax and vocalist, who plays

for Woody Herman and other bands. He bears a striking resem-

blance to Gene Krupa who has com-

manded his on his musical band. Capt. Stu Blok, leader of the Can-

onniers, composed a 12-year, three of them at the New England Conservatory of Music. While Fabian

Skevitsky, conductor of the Indiana

Symphony, took the Cannoniers ba-

ton during the performance of the "We Did It Before" revenge on the Murat, Stu Blok supplied the

tunes with Gershwin's "Rhapsody

in Blue."

Cpl. Eddie Loppe, leader of the

Riflemen, played the trumpet in a

studio band at WSGH in Portland, Me. Other talented musicians in-

clude Sgt. Bob Lodyke, tenor sax and steady girl, and CPL. David Drivick, pianist, who

was music and program director for the number of radio stations, including

WLW in Cincinnati.

Christmas

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YWCAs, JWEs, K of C, and OOD in Indianapolis

The OOD dance will be held at the Commerce from 2000-2400 and will feature a 19-piece band, cigarettes and
candy girls, red and blue, a floor show and long distance telephone calls. The USO plans call for a gift for every man at 2300, free food, stamps and free books Christmas night, and free meals Christmas Sunday with

to dances in the afternoon and a Christmas play in the evening.

Many doughties will be entertain-

ed in private homes, and of course there will be the lucky ten percent who'll be going home for the holidays. But

whether they may turn down the road, the soldiers will find the signs and spirits of the Christmas
Second Wind

in this corner

The Bird Boxing Tournament open-

ed with a forfeit last Thursday night

in the Sports Arena, but that proved
to be the only show on the program.

The event was a sensation that
took the entire place by storm.

Two Tko's, half a dozen knockouts,

an extra round match, the victory

of the losing boxers, and a loud display of

fighting spirit on the part of some remarkable

men, who, in the excitement of the moment,

could care nothing for the rules.

The fight was declared over in the

fourth round.

The decision went to the red corner

of the two teams.

The lightweight was off to a fast

start with Pfc. Joseph Daniel, 146, from

Co. A, 330th carrying the fight to Pvt. Charley Smith, 146, of B, 331st, to take

a decision. Smith used his heavier

reach to advantage and had him in the

ropes in the second round.

Pfc. John Reid, 164, of B, 390th FA, put

on. This turned out to be one of the

best fights of the evening.

Barton was game but outclassed by

the taller, bantamweight for the second

time.

In the second round he was down

in the fourth round to ring in out

but the man was very gritty at the

bell. The decision went to the red corner

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