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Bombarded on April 21st and fired by the departing SS Elite Guard of 460 picked gangsters prior to its capture by the Third Division on May 6th, the notorious mountain retreat is a gutted shambles. Only two recognizable items of furniture were left behind by the SS when they retreated. One was a large bed, a thousand penmanship trophies set into the window ledge at which Hitler loved to pose for "inspiration photos". The other was a comparative absence of formal fortifications near the building window up the Alps from the village of Berchtesgaden to the retreat. The only evidences of prepared defense were a couple of blazing searchlight batteries near the entrance to the estate.

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Out The Window . . .

The monument to Nazi brutality and Allied bombing efficiency consists mainly of Hitler's Bormann's and Göring's houses, the SS barracks, the Palace Hotel, named for the mountain on which the estate is located, and Diplomat House, at which Hitler imposed many of his strangulating treaties on servile European statesmen. All of the buildings are well camouflaged although it was surprising to find a comparative absence of formal fortifications near the building window up the Alps from the village of Berchtesgaden to the retreat. The only evidences of prepared defense were a couple of blazing searchlight batteries near the entrance to the estate.

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Ancient Passau Castle Will Be GI Rest Center

We want the best Division rest center in the ETO, announced Maj. Carl L. Anderson, Officer in Charge of the new Thunderbolt Rest Area at the Platerhof, in Passau, "From the way things are progressing, we're the 2nd Division's"...

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In The Pacific

With Jap resistance on Okinawa Island ended this week the United States now has a 4,855-square-mile invasion and air base located 325 miles south of the Japanese mainland. The 82-day battle for the island came to an end Thursday when Admiral Chester Nimitz announced that the island had been won, though there are still some pockets of Japanese soldiers to be wiped out.

The island was taken at high cost in American lives. Up-to-date casualty figures are not available, but about a month ago 5,300 soldiers and marines had been killed and 21,000 wounded. Jap casualties were close to 90,000, with most of that number dead.

Simultaneously with the taking of Okinawa, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the appointment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as Commanding General of the 10th Army, which, with certain Marine divisions, opened the invasion of Okinawa. Gen. Stillwell succeeds Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner who was killed on Okinawa last Monday. On Tuesday, Gen. Cluiss M. Easley of the 96th Infantry Division was killed, also on Okinawa.

Radio Tokyo announced that U.S. Engineers had already constructed ten airfields on the island, capable of handling more than 1,000 bombers and fighters. The Jap radio added that their air forces were prepared to give the 83rd Infantry Division a “rugged,” dirty look about them.

The 83rd Infantry Division moved on Okinawa during the last war did not have to clear debris and align roads. The Burgomeister is responsible for the immediate control of the camps assigned to him, but top control rests with the Russians or the British, the men will be released to their homes and their homes will be cleared for the GRP. The GRP will then be eligible for discharge, he is assigned to another unit for further examination. Transportation to the new unit is under the direction of W/2 Joe B. Carmichael of 330th Regional Headquarters and Pfc. Charles Spellman of Service Co. 1.

As soon as the Russians and the British will permit the return of German civilians to their homes, and the Germans will be returned to the non-combatant category in the German army. Among them will be found a number of men listed on the war roll, now being investigated for war criminals. If the soldier is found to be eligible for discharge, he is assigned to another unit for further examination. Transportation to the new unit is under the direction of W/2 Joe B. Carmichael of 330th Regional Headquarters and Pfc. Charles Spellman of Service Co. 1.
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In Old Vilshofen Jail

Man Dens Memoirs

several thousand uniformed Nazis in them but now MPs of the 83rd MP Platoon, police section, are the keepers of the keys to the town jail in the sleepy little town of Vilshofen on the Danube. It’s an old jail with wooden-doored cells, wooden bunks with Wehrmacht blankets for covering and huge, ornate coal stoves for heat.

You would expect to find casual evaques in such a place, hoboes on their way to no place in particular. And there are a few such cases, ex-Wehrmacht soldiers picked up for curfew violation, streetwalkers and petty criminals.

“The majority of the curfew violators got ten days at hard labor,” said Sgt. Philip Spivak of Philadelphia who is serving 15 days. A German civil servant who has handled more than 60,000 prisoners since the Division landed in Normandy last June. “I’d rather have a dozen German Al Capones with a gun than 2000000000”.

“arrests for curfew violation laughed at keeping their heads from the guard’s door.”

Wellheinert’s soldiers picked up for curfew violation were taken home the following day. But the guy got so noisy we had to do it. He was kind of perplexed about his American friends. One of our boys told him he was lucky he didn’t get ten years because that’s what we are likely to get for breaking the law, but that didn’t soothe his ruffled feelings too much.”

But the Hungarian’s case is not the usual one in the G.I. jail. There are six Jugoslavians held for examination of intelligence authorities as suspected war criminals. All of them belong to the Jugoslav “home guard” organization under the banner of the SS.

“They of course spend all their time writing his life history,” said Pvt. Frank Merritt, police section, of the guards. “Every night when I pick up the files he has written during the day I get the peculiar feeling that I am handling another ‘Moe Kahan’ of the G.I. prison.”

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GIs Inspect Hitler’s Den

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found a circle of 35mm motion picture film displaying ladies in various stages of undress. It does not require too much stretch of the imagination to see from these discoveries the type of entertainment that was offered to the prisoners’ close friends.

Tours of Berchtesgaden are being arranged by other R. and F. officers throughout the Division. They should be arranged in the same manner. The guard permits the visitors to enter the division of the SS who were in charge. They are taken to see the SS bunker, the SS living quarters and the SS headquarters.

The village, center of a former 10,000 kilometer-square state founded in 1400, abounds in local color. The natives wear traditional Alpine bright colored vests, feathered hats and blow us both wide apart.”

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“We work on a rotation plan. After 12 months overseas we are supposed to be returned to the USA. Elsie has been overseas for 14 months, but Blanche and I have 13 more to go.”

“We really don’t mind, though. After all the places we have been, your 3rd Division area is wonderful. I hope we can stay here for a long time!”

Grind Gal Is Artillery Show Hit

“Bavarian Nights”, a musical variety show opened Thursday night with a packed house of enthusiastic fanatics for its fourth showing in Passau. The well-paced performances directed by Lt. R. A. Goodman, who also expertly handled the master of ceremonies role, featured an array of continental acts which, before the war, had been restricted to big music halls in England and European capitals.

Opening the performance which was in two parts, was a colorful Bavarian folk dance, followed by a musical skit originating in the area.

Singing into music and types of songs from the different nations of the audience, the second part of the program included a group of songs from the region. The group had been there for 12 days and included songs on the siren and a table full of cocktails at assorted stands.

Carrying along the tempo of the show, Charlie Steiger, Hungarian magician, took over and bewildered the Thunderbolt audience with his amazing repertoire of gags-of-hand and manipulation tricks.

Swinging into action familiar to rhumba fans everywhere, “Bavarian Nights” opened its last act with music and dancing. The show-stopper for the night was exotic Clara Obladen, petite brunette Rivhiana dancer who, in the featured spot of the bill, brought down the house with her spectacular interpretations of the tango and rhumba.

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Fancée Talks

Never underestimate the silence of a woman, or, in Providence, R.I. almost never. In the usual package deal, the Rhode Island School of Design. At least Pfc. Richard H. Johnson of the 31st Infantry thinks they do.

When Johnson left Providence for the ETO, he and his fiancée made an agreement that in order to keep their engagement a secret. Last week Johnson received a call from the public relations office of the school where Johnson was a student before coming into the Army. It was to inform Johnson about his fiancée’s life in the ETO and the carries the announce-ment of their engagement.

Female Call

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

I WELL, GENERAL, YOU GOT THE COTT GHOST! AND YOu ARE WITH RIBBON AND EAGLE! LET YOU HAVE PLENTY TO REMEMBER...

OH, EXCUSE ME! I HAVE...

BUT ONE THING KEEPS TERRIFYING ME... ONE DAY I'M GONNA SLEEP INDEX, AN' WHEN I'VE BEEN SLEEPING, I'LL GET UP IN THE MORNING AND BE IN THE SAME OLD HOTEL... AN' I'M GONNA... AN' I'M GONNA... AN' I'M GONNA...

JIMMIE DEN COMES A A A A AIR RAID A-LEAH! WE HIGH-TAILED IT FOR THE DITCHES.

AND I NEVER DID FIND OUT WHO WON DAT DEMPSEY BATTLE!

Tetcht-nition Fifth Grade

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Swimming Meet Planned for July

After the 83rd Division moved into the Danube district of Bavaria it was discovered that there are many swimming facilities in the area and that enthusiasts had been making full use of the opportunity to indulge their sport. Consequently, the Division Athletic Office has arranged an Elimination Meet to be held at Passau on July 7th. Because XII Corp as is true in other Division sports, it is again necessary to get team material by the elimination method. However, a regular dual most schedule has also been set up for the first meet to be held July 7th.

Therefore in the race of swimming, as in all other Division sports, the individual achievements and unit championships are the THUNDERBOLT OLYMPIAD work, during which time the Division Championships Meet will be run off. The dual set for that event is September 13th.

Lt. Norman Zelman of the 83rd Recon has been selected as coach of the 83rd Division team. Zelman has a wealth of water sports experience to qualify him for the job. The highlight of his career was his membership on the Texas A & M Water Sports team that won the national championships.

The Division team, selected on the basis of the July 7th eliminations, will consist of 33 swimmers, one officer to be selected will be those having strength of 36 men. Individuals for the Division squad. In spot checks through the swimmer should develop relaxation in his stroke. For stamina to carry the swimmer over the distance events. Divers should be given an opportunity to eat the necessary equipment

Let's Ride, Podner... Honest to Goodness The Division Special Service Office, in the interests of those who prefer their recreation in the horse and saddle, would like to know the whereabouts of any riding stable in the Division area. If one prefers their recreation in the horse and saddle, would like to know the whereabouts of any riding stable in the Division area. Sf one prefers their recreation in the horse and saddle, would like to know the whereabouts of any riding stable in the Division area. The railbirds had this race figured in their dope sheets and picked the winner. They remembered the performance of this rank outsider in the Withers Mile when he cleaned up on that race late in May. With few days for training, Zelman turned in to the Division Special Service Office along with their rosters even though, it is known that these events will not be run off.

The 83rd Division will hold a horseshoe tournament on July 1st at 1400 in the grounds of the Division Recreation Special Troops Office. The purpose of this tournament is to select two six-man teams of approximately 30 men to compete for championship on July 7th.

Each Regiment and Div. Art. may enter two teams in the Division Eliminations. All other units may not enter over one team. All units must submit their six-man team rosters to the Division Special Office not later than July 5th. Following is the listing of the Dual Meets within the Division:

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League Ball Play To Open

To soothe the savage breast the THUNDERBOLT Olypeid League will finally pay off the bill to wipe out the partly season box score of no hits, no runs and no equipment from Coast to Coast. Opening Day is set for July 7th and the games will be closed on the 16th.


At a check in Div. Ops, Sp. Troops revealed that Lt. Slack is in a position Beginner questions on athletics at that point

Two Events Added As Field Meet Shapes Up

The 83rd Corps Archery tournament will be held in Regensburg on July 9th. The event will be open to all units of the 83rd Division. The match is scheduled to be run as a Special Troops Officer lia 83rd MPs: Capt. Slrallv, 83rd Sig; Lt. McLaughlin, 803rd TDs: Lt. Maier, 783rd Ord: Lt. Clark, 83rd Recon and 83rd Division Headquarters along with their units.

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