



THE OBERHAUS

Rest Center for Enlisted Men
Of the

83rd. INFANTRY
DIVISION



UP THE HILL after a game of tennis and a quick dip in the Rest Center's pool. Other diversions for the Restee include a library, a theater with three movies a day, boat trips and tours.

THROUGH THE ANCIENT ARCHWAY

at the entrance of the Oberhaus Thunderbolt men enter a world that offers them a touch of home. Rest Center beds have clean, white sheets and attractively appointed dining rooms where the regular issue of army food is transformed into appetizing delicacies by continental chefs.





WITH THE DANUBE BACKGROUND

this bridge over what was once a water-filled moat leads to the main buildings of the Rest Center. The Ilz river joins the Danube at the tip of the peninsula on which the Rest Center is located.

THE COBBLESTONE BRIDGE

leading to the Rest Center's sleeping quarters, chapel, theater, and beer garden. An enforced rule of the Rest Center is that no officers are admitted, except on business; and then they are not saluted. In this enlisted man's paradise there are no formations and no details. And everything is free. Each man provides his own toilet articles; the rest is on the house.



THE TERRACE GARDEN

viewed from a Rest Center window reveals the beauty of the Danube over a sheer slope covered with green-leafed trees. On the terrace beer is served at tables under brightly-colored umbrellas and the shade of friendly old trees. To go with the beer the Rest Center's kitchen turns out hundreds of doughnuts and pretzels every day.



COOLING MUGS OF BEER

served on the terrace above the city of Passau, where the placid Danube meets the turbulent Inn river. Passau has been called the "Crossroads of Seven Nations." When men of the 83rd Division saw the town they promptly called it "Little Manhattan" because of its location at the intersection of two great rivers and because in the streets of Passau may be seen the citizens of many countries.





THE CENTURIES-OLD OBERHAUS

is situated on a bluff overlooking Southern Germany, Austria, and Bavaria. The original building, which is still standing, was built by the Romans about 400 A. D. Later additions housed quarters for the Bishops who ruled the surrounding country. It also was used as an outpost for the Napoleonic empire and in recent years rooms were remodeled for the use of Hitler. 83rd men now use these rooms.

COMMANDING VIEWS OF STORIED PLACES

are afforded from the winding paths around the Rest Center. With every turn a backdrop for a memorable picture a photographic shop has been installed in the Rest Center, offering quick service on the snapshots that will later find their way into soldier's albums.





GRILLED PORTALS FRAME VIEWS OF QUIET BEAUTY

over rivers, towns, rolling hills and the patchwork pattern of farms. At dusk, when the lights below come on, the soldier is reminded that it is because of him, and thousands of others like him, that the lights all over the world have gone on again.

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