President Truman Reviews 508th

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S/Sgt. Walter H. Barrett, Company B, stands guard before USFET Headquarters Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany. (508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo.)

Presents DSMs During Ceremony

An all star cast that included the Commander-in-Chief, President Harry S. Truman, today had trooped the line of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

In a series of reviews and escorts, civilian and military notables watched the Red Devils, flying the colors of five nations, parade in tribute to the distinguished visitors of Frankfurt, capital of the American occupation zone.

President Truman, accompanied by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, took the review of the Third Battalion twice on Thursday, the 26th of July. He told Major Alton LeRoy Bell, commander of troops, after a brief ceremony in the morning that these were "a very fine group of soldiers".

In the afternoon following his inspection of the 3rd Armd and 84th Divisions, President Truman returned to Frankfurt Airport to award the Distinguished Service Medal to generals of the Canadian and British armies.

In the accompanying review, he [illegible] to the Third Battalion staff that as far as he was concerned H company got his vote. "They looked at me next when they passed", he explained with a [illegible]

In making the awards, the first such American presidential [illegible] presented in Germany, the medals honored General H. H. Arnold, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Chief Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder, Chief Air Officer Commander, Allied Expeditionary Air Force; Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Staff, Royal Air Force; and Air Marshal Sir James Robb, deputy chief of staff for air.

Included in the presidential party visited [illegible] the Potsdam conference in Berlin [illegible] places were Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

The following day there was another guard of honor, for Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, as the reviewing party were Gen. Eisenhower, Lt. General Lucius D. Clay, chief of the United States Control Council, Secretary Byrnes, special counsel for Mr. Stimson, Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, Provost General, and Colonel [illegible] Marshall, chief of staff.

The second review, the command of Capt. Louis Toth, Company H, ranked with the best. Headquarters Battalion [illegible] for General Joseph [illegible] Commanding General, Seventh Army, Lt. General Alexander M. Patch, Commanding General, Fifteenth Army, Lt. General Leonard T. Gerow, Commanding General, Third Army, Lt. General Courtney H. Hodges, Commanding General, First Army, Lt. General William H. Simpson, Commanding General, Ninth Army, Lt. General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General, Sixth Army Group, Lt. General Carl A. Spaatz, Commanding General, United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, Lt. General John C. H. Lee, Commanding General, Communications Zone, European Theater of Operations, Lt. General Walter B. Smith, Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Lt. General Ira C. Eaker, Deputy Commander, Allied Expeditionary Air Force, Lt. General Hoyt S. Vandenberg

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CHAPLAINS' CORNER

"INCREASE YOUR EARNING POWER"—Thousands of people, after reading those words, have signed up for correspondence courses. The urge to improve one's abilities is normal and universal. We should never, like Alexander the Great, sit down and weep because there are no more worlds to conquer. Our lives extend on every side, out into sweeping, limitless fields of possibilities. And you can increase your power to earn satisfaction and happiness as well as money, for they, too, must be earned. Life is not a fountain that flows freely; it is a pump that must be primed. To get something out of life, you must put something into it.

A great man wrote, "When I die I want to be thoroughly used up. The harder I work the more I live. Life is no brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch, which I have got hold of for the moment, I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." Happiness and satisfaction are borne back to us on the ships that we have first sent forth laden with our best. Christ taught us: "Give and it shall be given to you." The man who lives is the man who learns that the secret of living is giving.

Red Devil Mail Bag

Beginning with this edition letters or excerpts from letters considered of interest to personnel of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment will be carried in Devil's Digest.

Besides the letters a list of addresses of former members of the Regiment will be included. All are interested in hearing from you.

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Gentlemen:

I am writing to you on behalf of my brother, Pvt. John F. Stack (35855441), a member of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment until June 1944 when he was blinded in action in France. Jack is presently located at the Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa., but expects to receive his discharge with the next month.

Through the courtesy of Lt. Col. Louis G. Hendee, Jr., Jack received copies of the first three issues, Volume II, of "The Devil's Digest" and he would greatly appreciate receiving all future issues. In view of his discharge from the Army, please forward all copies to his home address.

John F. Stack
540 Union Street
Jersey City 5, N. J.

Thank you in advance for adding Jack's name to your mailing list.

Respectively,
Kathleen M. Stack.

Radio Station AFN,
Frankfurt, Germany.
Dear Harry & Lee:

. . . . I've another request to make. Would you, in some way, get across to Co. F. of the 506th Parachute Infantry Security Guard in Bad Homburg how fine an example they present in this city. Not only to the civilians but to all of us GIs who work the here. Their dress, military bearing, cleanliness and perfect movement when receiving commands in formation are things to see. No wonder they were picked for security troops. From the balcony of our billets we watch all their coming and early morning formations — their billets and company street is across from us. Having read about their combat achievements and hearing of their decorations and citations from "Brassy Bands", this lowly GI's comment might not be

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Red Devils Swap Guns for Books As Regiment's Unit School Opens



Sgt. Herman A. Krohe, Reg't. Hqs. Co., instructor in the auto mechanics class in Regimental I and E program, gives a few pointers to four pupils, left to right: Pfc. William I. Wilson, Company G; Pfc. Cecil M. Westmoreland, Company I; Pfc. Ralph E. Cullers and Pfc. Ben Herrera, both of Hqs. Co. Third Battalion. (506th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo)

Under the provisions of Phase II of the Army Educational Program there are four distinct agencies available to the members of this command at the present time, as indicated below.

The "Red Devil Unit School" opened last Monday, 16 July, 1945. A survey was made in June to determine the Educational interest of the personnel of this command. Some 237 courses were chosen from. A consolidation of individual selections revealed that the courses listed below were the most popular with members of this unit:

EM 900 English Grammar
EM 902 Review Arithmetic
EM 904 First Course in Algebra
EM 906 Plane Geometry
EM 908 Physics, Course 1
EM 910 Spoken German
EM 920 Bookkeeping & Accounting 1
EM 924 Small Business 1
EM 926 Shorthand
EM 928 Business Typewriting
EM 932 Livestock Production
EM 940 Elements of Aeronautics
EM 942 Elementary Reading
EM 950 Automotive Mechanics 1
EM 965 Machine Tool Operation

The instructors have been assigned for the following courses being taught at the present time:

English Grammar, Pfc. Robert Terry, D Company; Review Arithmetic, Pfc. Wilson Rankin, G Company; First Course in Algebra, Pfc. Ralph Boroughs, Rifle Company; Small Business 1, Pfc. Leon Israel, RHQ Company; Livestock Production, SSgt. L. C. Jones, I Company; Automotive Mechanics 1, Sgt. Herman Krohe.

Additional courses are to be added as administrative problems are worked out, and facilities become available. Members of the Third Battalion, Regimental Headquarters Company, and the Medical Detachment are attending the Unit School at the present time. The Second Battalion and Service Company are scheduled to attend the school when the Second Battalion is rotated from the Bad Homburg Area (tentatively 15 August) First Battalion will not attend the Unit School until this unit returns from the Bad Homburg Area.

Due to our military requirements it is not feasible to have students attend school every day, consequently any one individual may only attend one course at a time, for a two hour period every other day. Quotas are allotted (approximately four men per course every other day) to companies. Hence each company will have 24 men attending class daily or 48 men per course. Application blanks for attendance at the Unit School are available with the company I & E Officer. If you have not filed application it is recommended you do so immediately.

USAFI courses have been available to members of this command since last February. Since that time some 300—400 men and officers have made application and received courses. There are some 67 course available through this source, primarily High School and College level. SSgt. Clifford Campbell, RHQ Company, was the first member of this command to receive a certificate of proficiency through USAFI for the satisfactory completion of a correspondence course. This course was passed "With Distinction", having a grade of 91 out of a possible 95. We heartily congratulate Sgt. Campbell.

There are various civilian education institutions located in England and France participating in the Army Educational Program. At this time quotas for such schools are so small that it is not practical to pass such quotas down to regimental level. This facility however is still available and is being handled in the following manner. Information of courses available is announced by USFET, and your company I & E Officer passes the information down to you. If you are interested in any of the courses offered, and have the necessary prerequisites, you may submit an application for same. Applications are forwarded through the chain of command, and at USFET, are consolidated with the applications submitted by all unit of USFET. At this time each application is given careful consideration and the most qualified and deserving applicants are selected. The following men were selected to attend courses indicated from the first USFET quota:

SSgt. George H Decarvalho — "French Language", Paris, France, Hq. Co. 1st Bn; Pfc. Raymond L. Gaillapeet — "French Language", Paris, France, B Co; Pfc. Gordon E. Wheeler — "French Civilization", Paris, France, A Co. Pfc. George W. Harju — "Architecture", London, England, F Co.

Quotas when available will be announced by your company I & E Officer.

At this time one Army University Center is in operation. It is located at Shrivenham Barracks, England. Additional University Centers are scheduled to open the next

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Sonja Henie Joins 508th Regt. as Honorary Jumper



Sonja Henie, Hollywood screen star, breaks the ice with a big, broad smile, as Col. Roy E. Lindquist pins parachutist's qualification wings on her blouse. The entire ceremony proceeded according to Mr. Hoyle until the completion of Miss Henie's swearing in as honorary Colonel of the 508th. The Airborne's most glamorous hunk of beef created quite some confusion by ordering indefinite leaves for every one. [508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo]

Ice Star Sweats Out First Green Light

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

Frankfurt — First of all, people who like to ride around in planes with no doors and the wind whistling around inside like a vacuum cleaner need Section eight advice. And people who jump outa those planes should best be interviewed before they jump or even if they look like they are going to jump-like Sonja Henie for instance.

The Miss Henie, a widely known woman among skating circles, looks like she is always going to jump-either into some movie hero's arms or away from some trooper who has other desires besides a yearn for a nice autograph.

The ears of the blonde nifty from Norway began aling entirely zany lines. She was kidnapped.

Col. Lindquist was on business up in Oslo and so was Sonja. The Colonel had a nice airplane, with doors, at his disposal and so, in the tradition of any good paratrooper with a mission to perform, he pulled a gentlemanly snatch and Sonja wound up playing paratrooper with a very tough looking stick one evening last week.

Miss Henie whose ankles are insured for the unfrozen assets of the national bank, can't by contract jump outa planes. But she can drum Eike she was about to start sweating out that green light. Before the C-47 landed up, Sonja boarded the plane and changed into a jump uniform complete with boots.

Once ready for her stick and the formal press interview, Sonja stepped down from her boudoir C-47 and met Second Lt. Worster M. Morgan, Dallas, Texas. A D-day dogpa, he didn't faint. Nor did his stick right down to the clean-up man, Pfc. Rudy J. Trubisch, St. Louis, who had other problems.

After the camera men had flashed enough bulbs to replant that Holland country where you all landed one day and fought for moren a month after, the plane, stick, crews, and Sonja took off for the DZ.

The red light went on. Morgan tagged onto the static line and stood by the door. Two minutes before DZ he hollered "stand up and hook up".

Miss Henie, by plan not following these sacred and direct orders, watched closely.

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RED DEVIL SPORTS



Red Devil track and field forces off to a winning start in their first meet of the season point for higher honors. At the left Lt. Dick Higgins, Company E, trains an eye on a distant target as he gets ready to toss the javelin. In the center S.Sgt. Walter Brandt, Company I, gives the discus at ride in Frankfurt Stadium while at the right Pfc. Reginald Marshall, 82nd Devil hope in the middle distance tests. does a little cinder pounding. (508th. Publ. Inf. Regt. Photos)

Playoff With Signalmen For Baseball League Crown

Frankfurt Athletic Field, 31 July, — With tempers of team players and spectators flaring at every important turn of the thrilling 10-inning game, the 509th and 511th Signals battled to a 5—5 tie in a League contest this evening.

The teams were ordered into a three game playoff that was to determine the league champion. Undefeated, the 511th Signal needed but one victory while the 509th with four wins and two losses was out to sweep the series.

The game was featured by spirited play and verbal fireworks throughout. Unveiled in the tussle too, was the debut of Red Devil right-hander, Maj. Alton LoRay Bell, who pitched nine and a third innings. The Major was hit solidly but base down in the pinches. Poor support in the tight spots however, accounted for three of the enemy runs.

508th moved into the lead with a tally in the first inning off southpaw Stein who travelled all the way on the mound, but saw the lead disintegrate as the telephone number outfit pushed across three runs in the same stanza, one of them unearned.

In the fifth the Red Devils loaded the bases on three hits, two of them scratch with nobody out. Elevated hopes dwindled however when Stein bore down and fanned Olsen and King. Rookie third baseman Roger Tolosky who had previously fanned twice then came through with a Texas Leaguer that fell between first, second and right for three bases and the 508th moved into a 4—3 lead. The Signalmen bounced back into the lead with two more unearned runs in the seventh. Shortstop Hugh Rudisill who pulled the fielding feature of the game with a beautiful over-the-shoulder catch of a Texas Leaguer while on the full run erred on the next play and the 511th capitalized. Three solid base hits followed and two runs scored.

In the ninth, Tolosky, aiming for three errors, poled a homer far into right-center field, tying things again. 511th was thanked in the ninth and the game moved into the heroic tenth.

Diggon led off with a whistler through the box for a solo then stole second. Bonvillian and Rudisill were outs but Henning Olsen timed a single to left, scoring Diggon and giving the 508th a 6—5 margin.

In the turbulent finale, enemy Hartman singled sharply to center. Leach then doubled in the same sector. Hartman failed to touch second on his way around and was called out. In the excitement of the play however, the ump's decision went unheeded and Hartman scored. The Red Devil battery, thinking time was out, went into a discussion and Leach capitalizing on what appeared to be a 508th bonus, also scored. Hades, of course, then broke loose with players and spectators swarming over the field. Amazingly enough order was eventually restored with one of the runs allowed and the other tally called out. Mills then replaced Maj. Bell on the mound and retired the next two men via a popup and a ground-out on four plotted balls.

Box Score

508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY (5)

	P	AB	H	E
Diggon	2b	5	1	2
Bonvillian	cf	4	1	1
Rudisill	ss	4	1	3
Olsen	lf	3	1	0
King	c	3	0	0
Tolosky	3b	4	2	1
Davies	rf	1	0	0
Bauer	rf	3	0	0
Bell	p	4	1	0
TOTALS		36	9	6

511th SIGNALS (5)

	P	AB	H	E
Williams	lf	5	1	0
Stein	c	3	0	0
Hartman	3b	4	1	1
Leach	2b	4	1	0
Gates	1b	3	0	0
Rakabeyr	ss	4	0	0
Mancini	ss	1	1	1
Pace	rf	4	0	1
Dillgham	cf	4	1	1
TOTALS		36	5	4

SCORE BY INNINGS

508th	400	101	000	1—6
511th	120	000	200	1—5

SUMMARY

ERRORS—Rudisill 2, Tolosky 2, Hartman, Mancini. TWO BASE HITS—Olsen, Leach. THREE BASE HITS—Tolosky. BASE ON BALLS—off—Bell 2, Stein 4. SACRIFICES—Bonvillian. RUN OFF—Bell 9 in nine innings. Mills 0 in one inning. HOMERUNS—Tolosky. STRUCK OUT—by—Bell 5, Stein 9.

508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY (10)

Player	P	AB	H	E
Deale	3b	3	0	0
Keeton	1b	3	1	1
Diggon	2b	3	1	4
Bonvillian	cf	1	0	0
Rudisill	ss	3	0	0
King	c	3	1	0
Bell/Mills	p/lf	4	0	2
Hutson	lf	2	0	0
Olsen	rf	3	1	1
Chesney	1b	4	1	0
Mills	p	1	0	0
Tinsley	p	1	0	0
TOTAL		31	5	11

511th RAILROAD (6)

Player	P	AB	H	E
Lanthaye	c	2	2	0
Bolyst	1b	3	1	0
Cashen	2b	3	1	1
Cunningham	ss	4	1	0
Gisher	3b	3	0	0
Bacon	rf	4	0	0
Nitz	cf	4	1	0
Allmes	p	3	1	0
Tarr	p	1	0	0
TOTAL		31	7	1

SCORE BY INNINGS

508th	000	130	302	—	11
713th	101	003	100	—	6

Six Qualify for ETO Track And Field Championships

508th Parachute Infantry Regiment will go after ETO track and field honors in 10 events with an six man team according to qualifying results of trials held Thursday at Olympic Stadium. ETO championships are scheduled 10 and 11 Aug. at Nürnberg.

Those qualifying were Pfc. Reg. Marshall, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., in the 400-meters; Pfc. Bosman, H Co., in the 800-meters; Pfc. Sorovia, H Co., in the 1500 and 3000 meters and the relay combination of Pfc. Kline, Pfc. Marshall, Pfc. Bosman and Pfc. Kingsley. UPSET, in the 1500-meter relay, in field events, Pfc. Lee Burnett, Company E, in the high jump and pole vault and Lt. Dick Higgins, Co. E, in the javelin complete the squad.

The Red Devil trackmen, competing as a full team for the first time, swept the Bastille Day meet against area competition rolling up 91 points to 82 for the 822 M. P., second in team scoring.

508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY (4)

Players	P	AB	H	E
Deale	3b	5	2	0
Diggon	2b	5	0	0
Bonvillian	cf	5	0	1
Rudisill	ss	5	1	1
King	c	4	1	1
Robbins	rf	4	0	1
Burton	lf	4	0	0
Glick	1b	4	0	0
Chesney	2b	3	0	0
Mills	p	3	1	0
Tarlet	p	1	0	0
TOTAL		43	5	4

(7th INFANTRY (9)

Player	P	AB	H	E
Warren	2b	5	1	2
Sweet	3b	4	1	2
Phillips	ss	4	1	1
Lehrs	1b	4	1	0
Schuster	lf	4	0	0
Roloff	cf	4	0	0
Jenkins	rf	4	1	0
Johnson	c	3	1	0
A.Orci	p	4	1	0
TOTAL		38	7	5

100 Meters—Won by Cpl. F. Dukes, 822 M. P.; second, Cpl. F. Hartman, 822 M. P.; third, Pfc. J. Mitchell, 508th P. I.; fourth, Pfc. Lowers, 508th P. I. Winning time 11.

200 Meters—Won by Cpl. F. Dukes, 822 M. P.; second, Pfc. Lowers, 508th P. I.; third, Cpl. E. Martin, 822 M. P.; fourth, Sgt. E. Klaus, 508th P. I. Winning time 25.6.

400 Meters—Won by Pfc. Don Marshall, 508th P. I.; second, Pfc. Terry, 822 M. P.; third, Pfc. Reid, 508th P. I.; fourth, Pfc. L. Brown 822 M. P. Winning time 59.8.

800 Meters—Won by Pfc. Bosman, 508th P. I.; second, Pfc. Reid, 508th P. I.; third, Pfc. L. Dietz, 822 M. P.; fourth, Pfc. Portner, 822 M. P. Winning time 2:08.8.

1500 Meter—Won by Pvt. Sorovia, 508th P. I.; second, Pvt. P. Tarwinne, 508th P. I.; third, Pvt. Cadagan, 822 M. P. Winning time 4:34.6.

3000 Meters—Won by T/5 J. Cheerberg, 511th Signal Bn.; second, Pfc. J. West, 508th P. I.; third, Pvt. F. Sorovia, 508th P. I. Winning time 10:20.5.

High hurdles—Won by Sgt. F. Watkins, 822 M. P.; second, Pfc. Reed Morton, 724 M. P.; third, Winning time 14.8.

Low Hurdles—Won by Sgt. F. Watkins, 822 M. P.; second, Pfc. J. Cook, 822 M. P.; third, Pfc. F. McNeil, 254 M. P. Winning time 27.4.

High Jump—Won by Sgt. F. Watkins, 822 M. P.; second, Pfc. W. Cook, 822 M. P.; third, Lt. R. Blake, 822 M. P.; fourth, Pfc. E. Sander, 508th P. I. Height 6—feet, 01—inch.

Broad Jump—Won by Sgt. F. Watkins, 822 M. P.; second, Pfc. J. Cook, 822 M. P.; third, Pfc. F. McNeil, 254 M. P. Distance 19—feet, 8½—inches.

Javelin—Won by Lt. D. Higgins, 508th P. I.; second, Pfc. R. Drelli, 822 M. P.; third, Sgt. W. Brandt, 508th P. I. Distance 97.25 meters.

Discus—Won by Brandtman, 508th P. I.; second, Sgt. E. Walters, 822 M. P.; third, Sgt. E. Brandt, 508th P. I.; fourth, Pfc. Grall, 822 M. P. Distance 37.40 meters.

Discus—Won by Cpl. D. Bauerman, 725th Transp.; second Sgt. W. Brandt, 508th P. I.; third, Pfc. F. Grall, 822 M. P.; fourth, Lt. Higgins, 508th P. I. Distance 36.60 meters.

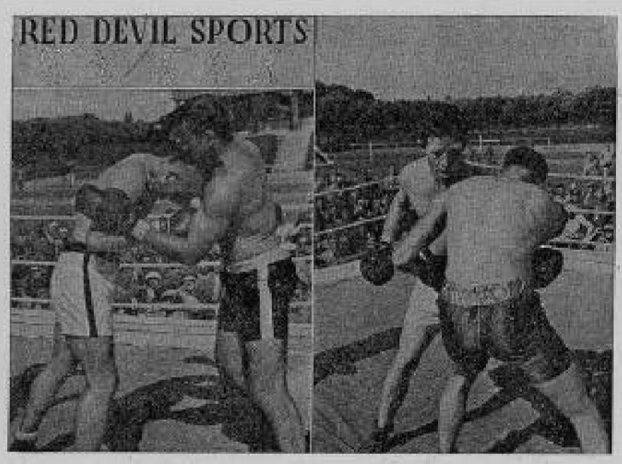
Hammer Throw—Won by Cpl. D. Bauerman, 725 Transp.; second, Pfc. West, 508th P. I. Distance 37.7 meters.

100 meter relay—Won by 822 M. P.

Pole Vault—Won by Lt. R. Higgins, 508th P. I.; second, Sgt. E. Bowers, 508th P. I.; third, Pfc. R. Gallegos, 822 M. P.; fourth, Pfc. T. Williams. Height 9ft 6in.

(2nd) relay relay—Won by 508th P. I. time 3:55.

RED DEVIL SPORTS



Thorvidson vs. Gray Dorr vs. Shirlaw

Sgt. Dorr Decisions Shirlaw, Winds Up ETO Ring Career

By WO Nick Russo

Frankfurt Athletic Field, July 22 — 508th boxers dropped a tight, 4—3, decision to a fast-stepping 3rd Armored Division team here Sunday afternoon before approximately 1500 spectators.

The tankmen moved quickly into a commanding, 3—0, lead before the Red Devils came back to make it a contest. They took three of the remaining four bouts including the card's feature when Sgt. Virgil Dorr came through with a clean-cut win over Sgt. Jimmy Shirlaw of New Jersey.

Dorr, highly touted pre-fight favorite, closed his 508th boxing career in grand style, exhibiting plenty of speed and punch. The Los Angeles welterweight leaves for the States this week.

The bouts generally were popular although the traditional jeers emanated from respective galleries on several of the close decisions. Comic relief was also supplied when Pfc. Jake West, 508th victor over Cpl. Remo Polidori, slipped in the third round of his bout and goldbricked for a nine-count.

In the main event, Dorr, opening cautiously took the first round on points. In the middle heat the 21-bound welter stepped up the pace and scored sharply with both hands. The third also went to Dorr, Shirlaw ran into quite a barrage in this bout and found himself in serious trouble as the final bell rang. The decision was unanimous.

In the opening tussle, Pvt. Frankie Botoroff, HQ 1st, dropped a questionable duke in a fast, rough and tumble three rounds. Botoroff was shortstopped by the referee in the second bout when, after knocking out his dazed opponent's mouthpiece, the ref. halted proceedings while Dixon retrieved the guard. The referee's questionable action gave Dixon a much-needed breathing spell and probably saved the Nashell Featherweight from defeat.

In the second bout tankman Art Brown, Lightweight, took another close affair. Pvt. George Gelman, I Co., was the victim.

Close contests continued to be order of the day when Pfc. Lee Romero of F Co., couldnt convince the judges he had enough to top Cpl. Como De Sarli of Bridgeport, Conn.

The 508th drought ended in the fourth fight when Pfc. Albert Rosman of G Co., measured off Pfc. Walter Murray of Rialto, California. Rosman had this opponent drifting and dreaming on several occasions during the bout but his failure to follow up cost the Windham, Montana battler a chance for a KO victory.

3rd Armored took the fourth and deciding win in the fifth setto when Pfc. Harold L. Gray defeated S/Sgt. Vern Thorvidson. Big 1st, in three classy rounds. Gray's margin of victory was small.

Pfc. Jake West I Co. gave the Red Devils their second taste of victory in the sixth fight with a win over Cpl. Remo Polidori of Salt Lake City. West's design for victory was made of leather. The Georgetown, Kentucky battler tossed it from every direction and had every one confused including the Ref. He stopped one too.

SUMMARY

Pvt. Wayne Dixon, 3rd Armd. Div. (36), decisioned Pvt. Frankie Botoroff, HQ Co., 1st 508th. (91). Pfc. Arthur Brown, 3rd Armd. Div. (37), won over Pvt. George Gelman, Co. I, 508th. Cpl. Como L. DeSarli, (37), 3rd Armd. Div. defeated Pfc. Lee Romero, (37), F. Co. Pfc. Albert Rosman, (37), G Co., decisioned Pfc. Walter Murray, (37), 5th. Harold L. Gray, (36), decisioned S/Sgt. Vern Thorvidson, 3rd. HQ Co., 3rd. Div. Pfc. Jake West, (34), Co. I, 508th, decisioned Cpl. Remo Polidori, (37). Sgt. Virgil Dorr, (40), Co. F, 508th, decisioned Sgt. Jimmy Shirlaw, 3rd. (3 Rds.)

THREE JUDGES: Capt. Jack D. Lamlin an Lt. W. A Hearn.
THE TIMEKEEPER: Victor Taffe.
THE REFEREE: Lt. L. Nighaus.

More Awards Go To 508th Troops

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Cpl. Jesse J. Womble, Cpl. Walter H. Barrett, 1st Lt. Raymond L. Kampe, Maj. James R. Castoe, Sgt. Charles D. Bray, 1st. Sgt. James W. Smith, 1st Lt. John P. Foley, Sgt. Frank Hernandez.

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Capt. Woodrow W. Milsaps, T/5 William A. Dean, Sgt. Dune A. Dennison, Pvt. Elek Hartman, S/Sgt. Charles D. Kent, Jr., Sgt. John J. Mallea, Jr., 2nd. Lt. Maurice E. Wheelock and Sgt. Robert B. White.

NEWS FIGHTING 1ST

Hqs. Company — Height of fanfit Dept: "Call me Jim" Turner's trendline marrying a Marine and writing him on Marine stationery in let him in on the deal . . . Pfcs. Simmons and Espisito cooking those delicious apple turnovers which they keep at home, allowing only the smell to drift down the company street . . . Who-Done-it-Dept: Who put the sugar in Pfc. Charles Berryhill's duffle bag? S-2 has been brought in on the case, it was disclosed today, and the culprit now wishes he had left fewer clues . . . Department-of-Recent Success: After two and a half years of trials and tribulations, ups and downs, riches and rags, success and failure, bad luck at both love and cards, "City Hall" Humphrey is now titled Pfc. Humphry . . . He declined to comment on his recent promotion when called upon by the Fourth Estate . . . "Frankie Sinatra" Sloan, S-2 genius, is now trying to master the complicated lingo of the Poles . . . Could it be because of a certain bit of Heaven who "No speaken ze English"? Department of Newly Coined Phrases: This department lists the recent words of wisdom spoken by "Reverend" Davy Jones as dope . . . Said the "Rev", "Sixty-five books will buy a lots of post war diapers" . . . It has been this reporter's experience that if you need one of them, you need a million. Wanted Dept: Radios, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and hot water heaters.

A Company—Pfc. Skinny Turner wants to know if it's a violation of the seventh General Order to say "Tea" when a WAC asks you for a date while you are walking post . . . Pfc. Chance is complaining about having to walk post at USPET with a couple of WAC's heckling him . . . It seems that he made the unforgiveable mistake of asking them to keep their hats on . . . It's all part of the job, ladies, and he asks your forgiveness . . . We wouldn't believe it if we hadn't seen it with our own eyes, but the fellas in Apt. 65 have organized a chess club . . . The strangest part of the set up is that they don't play for money . . . While going thru a stack of pictures of the now departed Adolf Hitler, Pfc. Sam Kaminski discovered the picture of George Washington . . . someone should notify the SS that there is a traitor in this vicinity . . . For blowing out the lights, breaking the kitchen window, tracking mud in the hall and messing up things in general, Pfc. Pollard Hicks has been elected the "Next Joe to be Housebroken" . . . Hicks says he's been living in a tent so long that it is taking him a while to get acclimated to modern civilization again . . . Word has been flashed that Joe Deardolf, who was captured in Normandy, is now in the land of Milk and Honey on furlough . . . An appeal from the M C (Mail Clerk) to all the gents in the outfit to keep such things as hose fiddles, bombed out freight cars and other cumbersome articles out of the packages they are sending home . . . He has to walk with them to the CP and his bankage is getting the best of him . . . His condition is so critical that he can only consume a keg of beer per hour now.

B Company—There are so many stripes floating around here lately that for a while we thought a convention of zebras had moved in with us . . . Sam wearing a new smile to match the new authority were T/Sgts. Hernandez, Klinefelter and Molino . . . For the benefit of a certain "B" company mail clerk, non-fraternization means you are not supposed to stand on street corners and drool . . . Pfc. N. Hougham, through strict adherance tho the "Atlas Body Building Course", has risen from a 90 pound weakling to a handsome 92 pound Don Juan . . . You can feel his dynamic tension flow in his fingers when he cuts (?) your hair . . . Pfc. Anthony Stanco has another WAC . . . How does he do it, please tell us, Tony? S/Sgt. Paul Atwood is altar bound in the near future . . . He's smelling orange blossoms with a sweet thing from dear olde Nottingham . . . Best of luck Paul. PUBLICITY HUNGRY, S/Sgt. Bobby Mills (The Nose) always manages to make this column . . . This time he went to the trouble of going into the canal fully rigged with shining boots and well pressed O.D.s . . . The Nose says it's one way to keep the laundry man from getting all your marks . . . Pfc. Joseph Venio's new creation, rayon swim trunks, is expected to start the fireworks when the WACs, who are wearing cotton unmentionables, according to a reliable source, spot him at the Olympia . . . They will probably make him "unbloused" immediately.

Company C—Pfc. Ralph (Curli-SHORT) Porcelli's Barber-shop has assumed the nostalgic air of that favorite hang-out back home . . . Even to the small of hair on the floor, singed with cigarette butt . . . But no Police Gazette . . . Sgt. Amos (Call-Me-Beau-Brummel) Anderson is quite the dashing figure, what? . . . With that touch of camouflage on his upper lip contrasting with his new silk scarf . . . We recommend him to the WAC detachement for extra duty these warm summer evenings . . . Sgt. Isaac N. Boley is doing a lot of worrying these days . . . About his physique . . . And is having sidehoards installed on his messgear . . . Pfc. Edward J. Szewczyk, the answer to Polish women's prayers, is finding the going tough now that Frenliness have taken over the domestic duties . . . His German consists in an exhibition of hand waving not seen since the art of juggling died with the

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Launch New Special Service Program for Red Devils



Sgt. Mac McCullough Steps at WAC dayroom during a recent open house for members of the 508th Regiment. S/Sgt. Dorothy Rideout and T/4 Phyllis Bellak listen with Pfc. Jerome J. Bones, Company D, Sgt. Vaughn Sadelly, Company C, and Pfc. Edward Bakal, Hqs. Co. 3rd Bn. to the "Red Devil".

Liquor Ration For Red Devils

A liquor ration equivalent to nine bottles for each enlisted man in the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, is being prepared for distribution, it was announced today by 1st Lt. Joseph Hall, Special Service Officer.

The ration which required 12 trucks to transport and is valued at well over $54,000 Dollars is in storage in the Regimental area. It will be made available at either the Non-Commissioned Officers' club or the Privates club as soon as a stock inventory is completed and ration cards printed.

The break-down finds Pvts and Pfc. in the drivers' seat with 74 % of the ration while Non-Coms get the balance 26%.

There will be no bulk distribution under the ration plan. Every enlisted man carried on the company or attached unit roster will receive a card each month which permits him to obtain 50 one-ounce shots. The cards will carry no expiration date.

Clubs will be authorized to make a maximum charge of one mark for each drink provided ice and a soft drink or fruit juice mixture is served. This money is to be used to pay for set-up ingredients and other overhead expenses, including entertainment.

The liquor ration includes gin, cognac, rum, wine, champs and some cordials. There is no whiskey.

With the PARAGRAPH TROOPS

We don't know too much about you, but offhand we would have been the first to say that Parachute and Paragraph troops would get along together very well . . . Yet now we hear tell that the situation has been called a redz feud . . . Let's have no more of same . . . Besides, it's so confusing . . . First we see a WAC come in the messhall wearing one of those beautiful white scarfs — next a WAC and Paratrooper pass one another on the street muttering "Overpaid Murderers!" and "Chairborne Infantry!"

Frankfurt on Main has been a much sharper place since the arrival of our colorful comrades in arms . . . remember everyone, the war is over, and the word "arms" is now subject to interpretation!

Come to think of it, not so long ago, the WACs were helped out in a big way by some fine representatives of the 508th . . . We had an Open House at the "House of Youth" one Sunday in June, and the 508th Band supplied music out-of-this-world to GI's and WACs alike . . . More unusual, however, was an instance that occurred earlier in the afternoon, when four troopers went against all Army tradition and VOLUNTEERED for detail! . . . And when we say detail, we mean just that — moving big things, sweeping (!) and in general making themselves most useful and helpful . . . Boys who do things like that, with no more thanks than a glass of German beer and our grateful appreciation, are certainly the American boys we loved back home and want to see happy over here . . . . Personally, we think the general idea should be to work and play together, and take past individual unpleasantness or "one of those things" that could happen anywhere, but is best forgotten . . . Alles nicht Kaputt We are noticing, and will continue to keep track of, some examples of WAC-Paratrooper fraternization — in fact, several bundles of maraking charm have just about overpowered the WAC Special Service Department . . . Ask "Frank" if he doesn't hear audible sighs when he stalks into the office!

Special Note to 508th Guards: We may be snappy about it, sometimes, but we really sort of admire your insistence upon our acting and looking like "soldiers". . . . Hey where's my hat!

New Hall Opened By Fox Company

At a Pavillion in Bad Homburg referred to by the members of the 508th Regiment as the "Paratroopers Nite Spot" men of Company "I" threw a dance that would put an Elsa Maxwell shin-dig in the dark.

Under the committee headed by S/Sgt. James Caruso and T/Sgt. Glenn Bell the affair turned out to be one of those rare occasions where there were more girls than paratroopers.

Other companies are striving to discover just how and where to obtain champagne and wine in the quantity and of the quality despenced by the Fox Company social committee.

A new twist to G.I. Parties was introduced at this particular social function. Those who went prepared to speak English ended up either speaking Polish and French.

The "Night Spot" was beautifully decorated with parachutes and pastel paintings of fetching young women. Sgt. Mac McCullaugh and his "Red Devil" Jive section furnished the music.

In addition to the plentiful supply of champigne, beer and wine, the Fox Company troopers and their dates enjoyed cake and ice cream after sandwiches and, of all things, Coca Cola.

WAR BONDS

Buy war bonds with part of your next pay.

Seek Name for Clubs

A baseball team, a boxing squad, the new Regimental Dance Hall, busses to downtown Frankfurt, ice cream in the mess halls, champaigne at parties and many other outstanding features hitherto unavailable to "Red Devils" are now on the "can have list" due to the efforts of First Lieutenant Joseph A. Hall, new director of the Special Service Department.

The most outstanding addition to the long list of new luxuries now enjoyed by the 508th troopers is the new ball room. Members of the Regiment were in for a delightful surprise when they saw the new solons for the first time on July 6th when the Regiment played host to WACs from USFET.

The walls have been decorated with many murals of the Varga style while "D-A-R-L-O" and insigne are blended with dropped parachutes. In addition to the dancing solon there is a ultra-modern bar and band stand.

"There is no reason why this Regiment shouldn't be the best entertained in the ETO and as long as I'm Special Service Officer, I'm going to see that it is", Lt. Hall said.

The hall is to be named in honor of an outstanding enlisted man killed in action. The men of the Regiment will select the name of the man who they wish by submitting their choice to the first Sergeant and when the final vote is counted the hall will be dedicated by Col. Roy E. Lindquist.

Mess Halls are now serving ice cream twice weekly since the announcements had been made by the Special Service Officer with the manufacturer.

A gym will be opened in about two weeks in the basement of the CP. All men are urged to take advantage of these facilities which are located where they are accessible to the greatest number of men.

Under the direction of the department men of the Regiment will soon be able to have all portraits painted. In the near future a radio shop will be installed to make repairs for the men whose radios have gone "kaput".

Special Services are working hand in hand with several WAC organizations in order to have American girls for dances and other social functions.

Beer, champagne and wine will be served at all Regimental dances and the band, under the direction of Sgt. Mac McCullaugh, will continue to furnish the jive.

It was also disclosed that in the future the Red Devils will have their own private shows produced by the USO. Movies have already been provided for the stationed second battalion.

Chaplains Elder and Kenny Inspiration In Combat



Chaplain James L. Elder



Chaplain Joseph P. Kenny

By Pfc. Jim Watkins

Ever since men of the 508th started training at Camp Blanding, Florida in September of 1942 they have loved and respected their Protestant Chaplain, James L. Elder.

Chaplain Elder entered the military service shortly after he was graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The former L. S. U. student was in the Army for only a month before he volunteered for parachute duty.

The Chaplain is a veteran of all the Red Devil campaigns. He went into Normandy on D plus one. At the time of the jump he was walking with the aid of a cane because he had broken his leg back in England during a practice jump.

However the 27 year old "preacher" was physically able to make the jump when the Regiment was dropped in Holland in September '44.

He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while the Red Devils were mopping up in Normandy. After both the Graves Registration Officer and his assistant had been killed, he volunteered to do the job which was accomplished only by working hour after hour without soundness.

He still found time to always be of service to the men whose problems and difficulties did not stop just because they were fighting a war.

Most of the time while the unit was in combat he was to be found around the Aid Station giving what assistance and help he could to the attendants and offering comfort to the men who had fallen before the Nazis' guns.

When the fury of the fire fights lessened and men could crawl out of their fox-holes, he held services within sight of the front lines.

When at all possible and the men could get back behind the lines he held services for larger groups around the CP.

During the Ardennes campaign he was one of the busiest men in the unit. Men were cold and wet. War of itself was hard enough to take, but combined with cold and many other handicaps they were able to keep their Faith because they had a man with them that would not let them lose it.

He kept "preaching" and teaching by his own gallant actions. He convinced his men that their main job while fighting a war was not alone the winning the war but that the most valuable thing they had was at stake. They should keep always in their minds and hearts those things that were dear to them before they came into the service.

The loved ones counted more than a bottle of champaign in the next town. The things that made life worth while were not to be found in the smoking battle field but were sewed up in their hearts and memories.

"The most valuable thing a soldier has," he told them, "is the will to keep strong and active in everything connecting him with the good things of life.

"Keep alive those ambitions and superstions you once knew" has been the subject of many of his talks.

Men throughout the regiment tell many stories of the handsome Chaplain from Louisiana, but there is not one of them that doubts his honesty and his sincere interest in them.

When World war II is forgotten and men are living in the peace they fought to insure there will be those of the 508th who remember Chaplain James L. Elder not only for the little or big things he did for them but for what he did for all who ever had the rare privilege of knowing him.

Chaplain Kenny 137 Pointer

Every now and then the biographer is lucky enough to be assigned to the job of writing a brief story of a person who has really made life worth while.

Such a person is Father Joseph P. Kenny, Catholic Chaplain for the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Every day men come and go in the army and then they are forgotten. But to men who have known Father Kenny, he will always be a symbol of Truth and Righteousness. A force for Good and a representative of God in a world where men have all but forgotten Him.

To better understand and really know Father Kenny, let us look briefly at the story of his life.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Domasick Kenny, of Wilmington Del. He received his advanced education at Catholic University, Washington, D. C. Upon graduation from college, he began what he thought was his life's work, teaching, at the North East Philadelphia High School.

After classes each day he would coach the students in football and basketball. Just when he thought he was settled and his career was successfully begun, the world was up in arms and cry's of war were being heard from all over the world. Men were being drafted. This was a new experience for them. He felt that they would need spiritual guidance and so he volunteered for service with the Chaplains Corps of the Army.

He was assigned to the Air Forces. After a few months of duty with the Eighth Air Force, which at that time was a part of the 12th Air Force, he obtained his Army Pilot's license.

Finally when the United States was brought into the conflict he was sent with the Eighth Air Force to England and there he was ordered on detached service, to the First Infantry Division and went into the first allied invasion with it when it went into North Africa.

With the struggle for North Africa finished, the United Nations began to bomb Sicily and Italy. On 14 of these missions, Father Kenny went with his "boys". Long nerve racking flights over enemy territory did not decrease his love for flying. Rather it increased it. It appealed to his adventerous spirit.

Just when he was really beginning to have some fun, an AR was published prohibiting Chaplains from going on bombing missions.

Father Kenny immediately went to England and volunteered for parachute duty. He was refused because of his weight, which was over 200 pounds.

But after the Normandy invasion he again applied personally to Major General Ridgeway.

"Can you take it?" asked the General.

"I think I can, sir", was the chaplain's answer.

In one week of combined ABC and D stages he was a paratrooper and twenty pounds lighter.

He finished Jump School just in time to be in on the September airborne operation in Holland. This is where he had the most thrilling experience of his whole army career.

As his plane was in flight to Holland the Jerries zeroed in on it and scored a hit which brought it down. However, before it came to the ground a stick of 15 men were able to jump to safety.

For two days Father Kenny and his "boys" walked, ran and crawled before they "hooked up with the 504th Parainfantry".

The rest of his history is known to all Red Devils. Carrying religion into the fox holes, befriending the lonely, cheering the downhearted and burying those that will fight no more. From morning until night, he was an unfiring machine that worked for the good of all, without thought of his own personal needs.

When the 508th went to the Ardennes, Father Kenny was with them. No favor was too large or small for him to do for those men who had found Faith in God because of him. He was an ideal and inspiration to all who knew him. When they were tired, he gave them strength. When they were cold and wet, as best he could, he gave them comfort. And when they came out of the line victorious, he came with them with a regiment of new found friends.

Father Kenny has been overseas for 37 months. He has 137 readjustment points. Yet, he is staying in the service because he feels that where there are men away from home, there is a need for a Chaplain to dampen their tenses and to comfort them in their woes.

The greatest tribute that can be paid any man is to say of him that all who know him were his friends and this can certainly be said of Father Joseph P. Kenny.

Medal Heavy Able Company Achieve



Pfc. Albert Hamlin, Sgt. Harold R. Hudson, Pvt. Roger D. Crossmyer, Pfc. Paul A. Roderik, Pfc. Forrest E. Wayland, Pfc. Steve P. Lapcia, Pvt. Alfred H. Sellers, Pfc. Edward M. Hollo
Robert J. Dilworth, Pfc. John A. Frolo, Pfc. Ernest C. Martin, Pfc. Gilbert M. Gaither, Pfc. James W. Tilghlan, Pvt. Lionel G. Brillant, Pfc. Robert F. Wallington, Pvt. Jimmy Smith, Pvt. S
J. Parker, Pfc. Jose O. Resendiz, Pvt. Alexander N. Pappalexis, Pfc. Horace N. Mercer, Pfc. Martin D. Caruthers, Pfc. Charles R. Crook, Pfc. Joe W. Austin, Pvt. Irvin R. Wood, Pfc. Marv
Hardwig, Pfc. Ezra J. DeWitte, Pvt. Chester W. Parrott, Pfc. Thomas Gentile, Pfc. Hall G. Perdue, Pfc. Angelo L. Cardi, Pvt. Dan D. Phillips, Pfc. Tony Genaro, Pfc. Joseph F. Coppol
Thomas E. Barnes, Pfc. Irene Medina, Pfc. Arthur L. Sasseen, Sgt. Harry A. Chaple.

Pfc. Kenneth O. Clayton, Pvt. Kenneth L. Clark, Pfc. Charles H. Merritt, Pfc. Antonio Alvarez, Cpl. John Shultz, Pfc. Warren S. Kerns, Pfc. Vernon E. Albert, Pfc. Richard J. Zeimet, Sgt.
W. Wilkerson, Pfc. Robert Widmer, Pvt. Paul F. Kosinski, Pvt. Robert E. Stokes, Pfc. James E. Campbell, Pfc. George D. Wynn, Pfc. Andrew J. Cortez, Pfc. John L. Howard, Pvt. Harry E.
Pvt. Richard W. Stevens, Pfc. Jesse A. Cruz, Pvt. Vern A. Swetlands, Pvt. Lawrence E. Jansma, Pfc. Joe Jasso, Pfc. Charles O. Banta, Pvt. Lindsey W. Shadburne, Pfc. Oakie L. Mayberry
Oswald H. Mayerchak, Pfc. Raymond J. Price.

Pvt. John E. Dutra, Pfc. Thomas E. Bowman, Pfc. William D. Lacey, 1st Lt. Albert W. Hubbard, Pfc. Donald K. Winter, Pfc. George H. Fritsch, Pfc. Clarence M. Day, Pfc. Ralph L. Hilto
Pvt. Hildred W. Rollins, Pfc. Joseph A. Dominguez, Pfc. Richard H. Claudel, Pfc. Otis L. Cowan, Pfc. Cecil C. Felton, Pvt. L. C. Upton, Pvt. John Ortega, Pfc. Francis M. Ingre, Pfc. Ne
Pennington, Sgt. Edward L. Root, Pfc. Andrew H. Hartsell.

Pvt. Walter L. Kay, 2nd Lieut. John F. Jolicoeur, Pfc. Albert F. Sawtelle, Pfc. George O. Patchett, Pfc. Jesse O. Williamson, Pvt. Warren B. Hendrix, Cpl. Joseph L. Ledoux, Pvt. Pasqualino J.
Pvt. Hobart R. Kipp, Pvt. Dillard Tate, Pfc. Otis L. Compton, Sergt. Jack W. Bailey, Sgt. Lawrence K. Leding, Pfc. John C. Sweet, Pfc. Charles F. Walker, Pfc. George Lopez, Pfc. Benny A. C
Sergt. Robert L. Richards, Sgt. Jesse E. Jackson.

Capt. Lyman F. Stow, 1st Lt. Legrea Fields, Pfc. Gordon E. Wheeler, Sergt. Edward J. Wadowski, Pfc. Richard C. Jump, Pfc. John L. Considine, Pfc. Salvadore G. Garcia, Pfc. Jose Lee M.
Pfc. Saul M. Mariano, Pfc. Carmen D. Pecoraro, Pfc. James H. Newell, Pfc. Robert A. Osborne, Pfc. Jack D. Coppernoll, Pfc. Albert J. Arriola, Pfc. Walter W. Lynch, Pfc. Donald H.
Pfc. Charles B. Beppler, Pfc. Charles W. Perez.

Sergt. Charles D. Kurtz, Pvt. Pierce A. Henderson, Pfc. Raymond Lemasters, Pfc. Wayne E. Campbell, Sergt. Murphy B. Bridges, Sergt. Joe D. Davis, Pvt. A. B. Cousins, Sgt. Sam Kamatchal,
Richard A. Adriance, Sergt. Thomas C. McMillan, Sgt. Robert B. White, Pfc. George M. Tabaska, Pfc. James S. Bright, Cpl. Ralph J. Garcia, Pfc. Thomas J. Corcoran, Pfc. Kenneth R. Rosen
Jack L. Rhodes, Pfc. William D. Kennon, S/Sgt. Texas S. Dowdy.

1st Lt. Ken G. Cowin, 1st Lt. Jerry T. Pelton, 1st Lt. John M. Pollock, 2nd Lt. Gordon W. Wolski, 2nd Lt. John E. Gregory.

1st Lt. John P. Foley, S/Sgt. Charles A. Gushue.

When "A" Company turns out in Class A uniform their shining medals and colorful ribbons pale a Waldorf salade into insignificance.

This company of 177 men and eight officers have what may be the most decorated company in the ETO if not the entire army.

Four Distinguished Service Crosses, the nation's second highest military honor, 17 Silver Star Medals, 34 Bronze Star Medals, 74 Purple Hearts and 200 Croix De Guerre were totaled at a recent count and there are still more to come.

Those who have been awarded the D.S.C. are: 1st. Lt. John P. Foley, 1st. Lt. George D. Luzan, S/Sgt. Charles Gushue and Sgt. Alvin Henderson.

Sgt. Henderson was awarded the medal posthumously for leading an attack against the Germans holding the Nijmegen bridge during the Holland operation. During the height of the action the Nazi cut him down with fire from four machine guns, a 20mm shell, a potatoe masher and a bazooka round. He was killed but the group of men he was leading went on to finish the job which had cost him his life.

1st. Lt. George D. Luzan won the Silver Star for the capture of the control tower of the Nijmegen Bridge. He was awarded the D.S.C. for extraordinary heroism in connection with the blowing of two bridges crossing the Sulm River in Belgium.

A few days later he picked up a cluster for his Silver Star for holding up a German attack after they had succeeded in crossing the river and were threating the company's defenses.

S/Sgt. Charles (Cold Steel) Gushue won his D.S.C. for his aggressive leadership and gallantry during the operation in Holland. It was here that he volunteered for every patrol sent by "A" company behind the German lines. He usually came back with Jerry blood dripping from his bayonet.

1st. Lt. John P. (Task Force) Foley picked up his D.S.C. during the Holland operation. Just after he hit the ground on Sept. 17, 1944 he organized "A" company men and began to clear the DZ in order that it would be possible to land succeeding elements. He also led an assault against several German gun positions and succeeded in taking Devil's Hill which gave the "Red Devils" the highest ground in the sector.

First Sergeant Rov. T. Bennett is the only "A" company trooper to hold the Croix de Carre which was awarded him by the French Government as a result of his keeping five Jerry tanks with three other men and then accounting personally for more

Recognition for Great Combat Record



a 25 "Super Men". At the time he was with company and the action took place near Amber-e, a small village in Normandy.

e story of the company would be complete hout mentioning Capt. Adams, former company mmander and now first battalion executive cer. His men will always remember him for his ogulary leadership and courage. He holds both Silver Star with cluster, and Bronze Star Medals s the Purple Heart with thre clusters.

hee of the most wounded men in the 709th is Lt. Roy G. Combs who has four clusters on Purple Heart.

he words of Lt. Foley have come to mean nething to the men who have fought side by : for a 181 days. "For thrills, chills and excite-nt, stick with the first ledier company of the pment".

Talk to any "A" company man and he'll tell you that his company is first in many ways. They have the following "firsts": the first company to take German prisoners on German soil, the first para-troopers to be dropped on German soil, the first company in the 709th with four streamers on their garden, etc.

Besides the awards listed above others wearing combat awards are.

SILVER STAR

Sgt. Joseph J. Black, 1st/Sgt. Roy T. Bennett, Sgt. Joe H. Boone, T/5 Wayne F. Campbell, Pvt. A. B. Cannon, Pvt. Dulane H. Dennison, 1st. Lt. Roy G. Combs, with cluster, 1st/Sgt. Frank C. Taylor, Sgt. Howard R. Grugo, with cluster, Sgt. Donald Geiagel, Cpl. W. Firestine, 2nd. Lt. Sherman Vanwyck, 1st. Lt. J. P. Foley.

BRONZE STAR

Sgt. H. A. Adelman, Sgt. Roy T. Bennett, St. J. H. Boone, with cluster, T/5 Wayne F. Campbell, Pfc. Odie L. Compton, Pvt. Dulane H. Dennison, Pfc. Jesse V. Powder, Sgt. Charles A. Gushue, Pfc. James E. Jackson, Pfc. Donald M. Johnston, Pfc. Sam Kozmiskaki, with cluster, S/Sgt. Charlie D. Kent, Jr., Pfc. Rigoberto Ledezma, Sgt. Eugene McMillan, Sgt. Bruno S. Preston, Sgt. Robert B. White, with cluster, Sgt. John J. Mallon, Jr., Sgt. Frank C. Taylor, Pfc. Willie Smith, T/5 Charles E. Schwalm, Pfc. James E. Pfifer, Pvt. Harry Dusery, Pvt. Billie G. Keavar, Pvt. John H. Johnston, Pvt. Marion E. Kinman, T/5 Calvin R. Marshall, Pvt. George E. Banks and Pvt. George W. Clement, Jr.

There are 76 Combat Infantry badges worn in the company and 74 Purple Hearts.

Fatigue Details Prove Delight To Pfc. "Muscles "Worthington



A demonstration of what weightlifting can do for you is given by Pfc. Benam Worthington, Company D's "Superman". Worthington holds Pfc. Kenneth Janish, in picturesque pose suitable for publicity purposes. (388th Prtd. Inf. Regt. Photo)

You got a medium look you want moved from the living room up into the attic? There's nothing to it. Just call Pfc. Benary Worthington of Company D.

A muscle museum of the old school, the 388th Parachute Infantry Regiment's 32-year-old weight lifter has the physique vitamin pill peddlers and after-night health factories rave about.

With a couple of hundred pounds of dumbbells strewn floating over Hitler-fool France, he's got what every WAC is looking for in every gin-up and then some.

Why in hell be a weight lifter?

"It's the basis of all athletics," Worthington replies indicating he is all set to self-muscle whoes they are most needed once he is back in civilian life.

According to his manager, Pfc. Kenneth Janish, Worthington is the hottest thing since the Chicago fire when it comes to eating nails, removing bombed out railroad bridges, tying knots in snow bars or substituting for a ten-ton wrecker.

In response to a request for photographic proof, Worthington hoisted a fellow trooper aloft, suspending him high overhead, for an indefinite period while Red Devil lens hounds deliberated for a while and then finally took the picture.

"Okay, Janish, we believe you," they said and then explained, "especially since Worthington is still here."

Company D's Super Man joined the troops about nine months ago and during combat found use for his highly tuned set of muscles. The machine gun, caliber 30, complete with tripod and such articles as 81mm mortars, crates of food and ammunition got to the right places quicker in time to do more good when the chips were down.

Worthington claims he owes no debts, pays all his bills and is building the body beautiful. Just a half-hour's workout each day for about 10 years, principally with bar bells, and Sampson becomes just another guy named Joe to you.

Janish has recommend his protege to I and E authorities to organize classes in juggling 88 ammo, bull-dozers and block-busters.

"Of course, I don't think they'll take us up on it. And perhaps it's just as well. Maybe the rest of us would have to some work around here."

Sgt. Yost Sparked I Company

By Sgt. William H. Chapman

If I told You that once a guy in "I" Company took a rifle and knocked out four machine guns and killed thirteen Krauts, you'd probably think I'd been drinking too much French beer. Several of my buddies and I saw it and we know it really happened.

If you ever knew Sgt. Francis J. Yost, you could more easily believe what I'm going to tell you.

He was from Patterson, New Jersey and at the time of his death he was only 24 years old.

He was a regular guy who liked to have a good time just the same as anyone else. But to him duty was a pleasure rather than an obligation. When he was on the job, he was what we call "strictly G. I."

He fought like a lion from the first minute we hit the DZ until he was killed during the invasion of Normandy.

When the S-3 Section reported the location of four German machine guns, he took off to get them with a Ml and a bayonet as his only weapons.

We watched him as he picked them off one at a time, until he had killed most of them. Then he went directly into the nests and finished the job with his bayonet.

And all the time he was doing this he was acting as platoon leader because both our officers had been hit. One of them was dead and the other had been evacuated. We would have followed him down the mouth of a cannon because we believed he would never ask us to do something he wouldn't do himself.

The next day we were going forward to hill 95. Lots of our men had been hit. Cpl. D. L. Dicks, now Sgt. of "I" company, was shot up badly so Yost went out to get him. The jerries saw him and turned all hell loose trying to get him too, but by some queer quake of fate he wasn't wounded.

He got Dicks and had him across his shoulders as he brought him back to the aid station. Just as he laid him down and was begining to stand up again, a Naze 9mm caught him.

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SECOND BATTALION NEWS

D Company—Congratulations to our new "First Soldier" Rusty Calvert who is taking over the helm as First Sgt. John F. Pitsenbeyer pertem for the status . . . and here goes John T's thirty year career . . . Dog company issued twenty other "Red Devils" good-bye recently . . . These departing with tears in their eyes and asking that they be sent cards and Bull Durham were: SSgt. Roger A. Boyd, Sgt. Leonard M. Pennington, Cpl. James Dake, Pfc. Charles E. Deaks, Pfc. Harold A. Garperson, Pfc. Steve E. Kadarsik, Pfc. Raymond J. Funnel, Pfc. Alfred E. Murry, Pfc. William M. Daniel, Pfc. Nicholas N. Hosier, Pfc. Charles McGrath, Pfc. George E. Royal, Pfc. Frank L. Staples, Pfc. Clyde L. Stewart, Pfc. Mike Tenzi, Sgt. Sam S. Parisk, Pvt. Jerome Ciel, Pfc. Joseph Tatko, T/4 James Colletti and Pfc. Robert R. Agnew. . . . Pfc. Samuel J. Dato, a new comer to the outfit, almost mailed a copy of the DEVILS DIGEST to his intended, but remembered a little of the ball he'd been shooting here about troopers never dancing with the French skirt and changed his mind . . . One of the millions of GIs in the ETO who finds that the frontlines nature rather young since General Ike has made it possible to feel with those under 42, is Pfc. John Wilson of Co. B. . . . Since his presentation has been ignored, he insist on being referred to as the "Headquarters Chief" . . . Did you know that there is no plans in the new TO for section eights? . . .

F Company—Hey-Oh Boy, if our wives, sweethearts or what have you could see us now in our daily chores of sweeping, mopping, polishing furniture and making the kitchen and bathroom glisten, they'd certainly have some very definate postwar plans for us . . . Just wondering who'll be the first to hit the sick book with housemaid's knees . . . Pvt. Carl Shaskowski (better known as the Russian) moved into his Bitzy apartment and discovered a large beautiful piano . . . Before he unpacked his duffle bag, and washed the cinders from behind his ears, he sat down and started churning Napoleon, the regimental black and white dog, who is the only member of the Red Devil organization, who has had any luck with fraternization . . . F. Co. has a very appropriate mascot, a wild fox . . . The animal is the property of SSgt. John Dobransky, Silver Star winner . . . The fox is just a baby (English Translation) but he a cocky little devil who likes to sample the blood of unsuspecting admirers . . . The following conversation was overheard just after a few of the fellas returned from their first pass to Frankfurt: "Say, can you date the WAC's in town?" Sure, but you have to go to their apartments and sign out for them" After thinking for a moment the first trooper asked, "What happens if you don't sign her back in?" . . . "Well, I don't Know", replied his friend. "I suppose you'll have to sign a statement of charges"

Red Devil Mail Bag

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miles in the light intended. I'm not writing this commendation (I was told to call it that) for myself, as I've seen numerous others nice to the second and gone at times hungry and have also stationed here with less a this staff. I missed seeing these boys last week and knew that I really missed something great. Perhaps you, Barry and Lee, can put it across to them via the air waves that REAR (some of us think and know they are great. Don't mention my name unless if you do, I might get the terrific job trying to get WAAC formations next fall. That would be an impossibility for me. Just say, a GI Sgt. of PETAIN.

PS — Brought you might like to know the REAR European Civil Affairs Division performed as a civil affairs division in liberated countries only. Within Germany it's Military Government, but doubt you've seen us around.

M Day 1945

Colonel Roy Lindquist
388th Regiment
82nd Airborne Division
via Seventeenth Command
Frankfurt am Main
Dear Colonel Lindquist:

I am writing to express to personal commendation of the splendid manner in which your officers and men handle themselves both in Frankfurt and in patrolling the Enclosure at Bad Homburg where we are billeted.

It is a great pleasure to see the finest traditions of our Army's military bearing and courtesy being displayed by the officers and men under your command in this station where it is so essential to promote both Germans and our Allies with the competence of our Armed Forces. I am sure that all Americans would be delighted if they could be here to observe the splendid and gentle manner in which the responsible task of duty is being executed.

I wish you would convey to the officers and men of your command my commendation for performing their duties in such a dignified military manner.

SCHUYLER H. CHAPPELL, JR.
T/SGT. WILLIAM H. CHAPPELL, JR.
Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Assistant Deputy for Resources

Still Answering Mail Call:

Pfc. Joseph A Seibbert, 36903278,
Assembly Area, ATO 762, U. S. Army.

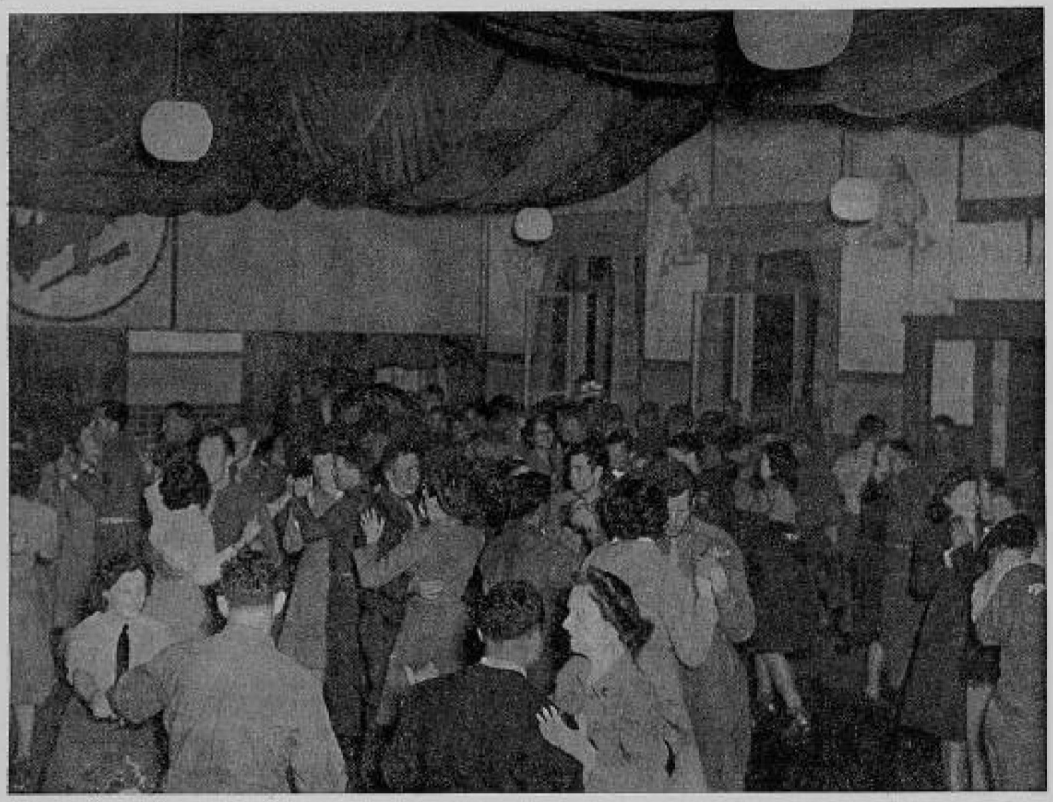
Pfc. Charles H. Morgan, Jr. 36874387,
F. W. Off Detachment No. 3891, APO 408, U. S. Army

Pfc. Danny R. Thomas, Ward 1-D,
Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

Pvt. D. J. Boyle, 32872668,
A. G. S. S. P. Reclassifying Station,
Hotel St. Daniels, Atlantic City, N. J.

Pfc. R. B. Johnson, 36892004,
39 Carl Street, Houston, Texas.

Pfc. Roland E. Archambault,
Victory Highway, Statesville, Rhode Island.



One of the liveliest parties in the history of the Regiment was pulled off by Company G recently. WACs and troopers tip the light fantastic while the "Red Devil" band gives with the jive. [506th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo]

THIRD BATTALION NEWS

True-Bold-Rapid

Third Battalion Bags Bronze Stars

Hqs. Company — The third battalion had 22 of its men decorated back in June with the Bronze Star for heroic action . . . Thirteen of them were from Headquarters Company . . . They are: 1st. Lt. John Leide, SSgt. Raliegh Voight, SSgt. George Bussell, Cpl. King Burke, T/5 Richard Fritter, SSgt. Robert Richmond, Pfc. John James, Sgt. David B. Rice, Sgt. Arthur Gotts, T/4 Eric Stott, Cpl. Lawrence Salvo, Pvt. William Hughes, Sgt. Robert Glunt . . . New membership cards to the TS Point Club go to the following 88 pointers with our sympathy: 1st Sgt. Orval Shaver, SSgt. Raleigh Voight, T/Sgt George Joebnk, Pfc. Hugh Woody, Pvt. Norman Enberg, Pvt. Nephi McMahon, Pvt. Ernest Olsen, Pvt. Edwin Schoff . . . Now that everyone in the company is wearing stripes of some kind, there should be "beer-ene" beer in the Privates Den . . . The welcome-mat is out for 2nd. Lt. William C. Lord, II, who comes back to us from OCS . . . He's doing business with the same platoon where he served as Sgt. for quite a long time . . . We are always glad to see a good man get ahead and so we congratulate you Mr. Hubbard and wish you lots of luck.

C Co. — We are not surprised at what can happen in the army . . . We could not have gotten quarters like this if we had ordered them from Sears—Roebuck . . . We never saw so many smiling faces as we did when T/Sgt. Lawrence E. McFadden, advance detail specialist, and platoon Sgts. Peter R. Attanese, Jr., Ernest P. Beck and Pfc. Ralph Campagna led their platoons to their respective apartments . . . After a few hectic days cleaning apartments of junk, "scrounging" furniture, swapping electric fuses and house cleaning in general the company area was whipped into shape . . . Before the dust had settled, life in the modern apartments took on the aspects of Manhattan's swank Tudor City . . . Our daily habits became more and more those of the civilized world . . . No more bathing in a helmet, steel, M 1 . . . Instead we have a bath tub and to beat it all, we have a W.C. Just think, fellas no more slit trenches . . . Sgt. Harvery T. Estell, the best mess Sgt. in the rocket, promises cherry pie just as soon as he gets the cherries . . . Pfc. Billie O'Malley trimming the hedges gets a call from Pfc. Robert Pullen, "Hey, gardner, I'll bet you that your squad leader can't whip our squard leader" . . . Two rows down the line SSgt. Robert F. Piper is cutting a bouquet of roses from his garden . . . A case of a Cpl. outranking a Sgt. came to light recently . . . Jeff Harris has 91 points to a TS 83 held by S/Sgt. Piper . . . High point man around here is SSgt. Arthur J. Wehner with a 132 of the golden nuggets . . . After thirty days with his wife and son, he is going to the C B I . . . Hatcher's barber shop quartet is now a three burger . . . Pfc. Frank Vavers doesn't like to sing "Tumble weed" and resigned . . . Could it be that T/5 John Majsi and T/5 Harold Kasper are planning on going into the ambie? We saw them making a beachhead on the canal a few days ago.

H Company—Our C. O. has crossed the hump with a pair of railroad tracks and everything . . . Congrats to Capt. Louis W. Toth . . . Everyone here is waiting for the I and E programe to get under way . . . Do we get a course on love or do we just let nature take its beautiful course? One Joe who really has it tough with this Non-Frat policy is Pfc. Harold Hughes . . . A past master in taming the female heart, he now is afraid he is going stale . . . Pvt. Eddie Martin isn't bothered by the policy since "the WACs just can't resist me", HE SAYS . . . Rumor has it that privates will have to click their heels and bow from the waist when non-coms back the chow line in front of them . . . "here, Sarge, please allow me to wash your mess-kit" . . . According to the grape vine Sgt. Brennen is preparing a booby trap to catch "Chief". Crew the next time he comes in loaded with "fire water" . . . All the lonely are urged to take their problems to "Dr. Anthony" Sarge Hanshaw . . . His advice to the lovelorn is the best in the ETO . . . Troops at USFET were disturbed a few mornings ago by what they thought was a thunder storm . . . It happend to be merely our Sgt. Norman, "Can you

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G Company Tops in House Mothers



Regimental Hqs. Co. — This column is glad to welcome back to the fold M/Sgt. James Smiley, who, we understand, may be assisting behind the plate now that the baseball team is a reality . . . Most of the Joes are now in Bad Homburg with the Second section . . . From all reports that town has everything you can find in New York, except swinging doors . . . Still chasing the 5—2 area around is S/Sgt. Fredrick Robbins . . . The boys really appreciate the beer with their C—rations . . . It could only happen when you've got a mess personnel like we have in this company . . . Rumor has it that we can except champagne with our dehydrated eggs on Sundays from now on . . . T/4 Harry Evans is drawing over—time pay since he has started repairing, radios, telephones, refrigerators, washing machines and electric fans . . . Claims he has lost 44 pounds since coming to Frankfurt . . . T/3 Don J.MacCloed has had a sign painted which he wears on his shirt . . . It reads: "Yes, I have no pictures today" . . . The best way of getting off KP was demonstrated recently by Prt. J. S. Battle when he burned his hand with gasoline . . . Pfc.MikeLomakin's laundry business is suffering depression now . . . Even though he has two frauilines in his employ, the business just ain't up to what it should be due to the fact that all the paying customers are in Bad Homburg . . . Most of Hqs. men went over the top with points when the last battle star came thru . . . T/4 Clifford has made application for a ham operator's license . . . You should see the elaborate radio system he has installed in his session . . . Pfc. John McCall has a gripe . . . Every time he goes to try to get into the bathroom he always gets the answer, "Beezie!" . . .

Transportation Photos—Now that the new TO is in effect, we have still more high paid chauffers . . . The situation is so bad, we don't know who out ranks who, or who to speak to and who to ignore . . . Since Pfc. John Kelley, a lad from Jersey, didn't get to be T/5, I suppose he'll loose out on those coveted trips to Paree . . . Something in the St. Dennis area of the French Capitol seems to have a warm place in the heart of our Irish lover . . . Take the advice of. Pfc. Walter G. Wood and don't jump off the 40 foot tower at Olympia just because a WAC calls you chicken . . . T/5 Eugene G. Watson, "Georgia Boy", is beginning to like the continental women less and less, since he has cast his gleamers on a certain WAC from the Empire State . . . Why can't Pfc. Phil Wicket get out of bed before the noon meal is served? . . . Now that Scott E. Ellsworth has made T/4 the boys are begining to call him Eagle Grove instead of Eagle Gulch . . . Pfc. Robert Johnson, former 509 P I trooper, owner of 109 points, and Lt. Kumpe had to be carried off to the side of the road recently after they had been doing push-ups . . .

Parachute Maintaince—Old men like T/Sgt. Shepherd still sweat out discharge while the new ones such as Pfc. Wald, 40 point wonder, continue to work with no worries or post war plans . . . While with the 82nd Airborne Division our section received the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque which entitles us to wear a gold wreath on our right sleeve . . . When are we going to get in on this I & E program? . . . All we see is wool caps, silk scarfs and tailor work . . . Most of us have forgotten what a baseball looks like . . . T/3 James Arvn and Freddie Maddox are still sweating out the CBI . . . Every day take more of their "gear" out of their duffle bags . . . T/3 John Cureta has to carry his mail from the U K in his duffle bag . . . 92 points seem to be useless to T/4 Art Smith since he is an electrician . . . essential too . . . You guys can begin sweating again . . . we are packing duties for next month's jump . . . Happy Landings.

Medics—We're all waiting for the extra ten bucks that goes with our recently approved Medical Combat Badges . . . The Detachment played host to friends of T/4 James (Battler) Tiernan on the Fourth of July when Seabees from his home town visited him . . . Pvt. George W. Merrill spent his 35th birthday roaming the U.K. . . . Our first soldier has found a policeman in our midst . . . S/Sgt. Millard N. Newman is the Medic of the Month, a new feature to be carried by this column from now on . . . A vet of Normandy, Holland, and the Bulge campaigns he holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star with Cluster, the Purple Heart with Cluster and the Certificate of Merit . . . He is now sweating out the land of Happiness and laughter since he has "boo-coo" points.

Sgt. Yost, I Company

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He never knew what hit him. He had saved his friend's life at the expense of his own.

We don't know what we like most about Yost but I suppose it is that certain something about him that made everyone who knew him want to be like him.

It's impossible to say what might have been, but if he hadn't gone out and brought his fellow soldier back he might be here to day.

He was killed on the Fourth of July. He never saw us take Hill 95 which we could never had done if it had not been for his calling curtains to those four Krout machine guns.

Most of the old men from "I" company are gone but I believe that where ever they are, they still think of Francis J. Yost, one of the bravest, most courageous and intelligent men ever to have served in this company.

Band Glad To Rejoin 508th In New Duties At Frankfurt



Here is the 508th Parachute Infantry Band which as been joined with the 134th Infantry Band to form the 112th Army Ground Force Band. Attached to the 508th it is the official band of USFET ceremonies.

1st Row S/Sgt. Steward A. Frizzell.

2nd Row WO/JG Margolin, T/5 Carroll J. Schuttadneider, Pfc. Roger O. Duffy, Pfc. Judd J. Przygocki, T/5 Julius O. Wisher, T/Sgt. Wilbert M Downer, Jr.

3rd. Row. Pfc. Martin Strakusek, Pfc. LeRoy M. Zimmerman, Prt. Dave E. Allen, T/4 Anthony A. Bellapesta, T/5 Kenneth W. Merrill.

4th Row T/4 Leyle M. McCullough, T/4 Antonio C. Valladarez, T/5 Edward M. Davison, Pfc. John O. Loncke, Pfc. James J. Parney Jr.

5th. Row T/5 Lovard Backen, T/4 Leonard A. Sonin, T/5 Angelo Greco.

6th Row T/5 William M. Falkin, Pfc. William G Schmitz, Pfc. Anthony V. LaPlata, T/4 Edward Jansen, T/4 Samuel L. Forcucci.

7th Row Pfc. Ray E. Neese, Pfc. Meredith L. Schoonover. Pfc. Alfred A. Davis, T/4 Crestid L. Beach. (508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo)

The band is home again. Back with the 508th and glad to stop roaming for a while and happy to settle down to permanent billets for a change.

As all the old timers know, the band was organized when the Regiment was activated at Camp Blanding, Florida. Colonel Lindquist and other officers and men who were there then undoubtedly laugh when they recall our efforts to add dignity and color to guard-mounts, retreats and parades with our first nine-piece band.

Colonel Mendez once told us after such an affair, "You do a pretty good job considering . . . . It was the way he said it that we still remember. But we gradually grew, and like wine, have improved with age. We stayed with the Regiment through Fort Benning, Camp Mackall, Ireland, England, and France. Finally after two and a half years we were attached to the 82nd Airborne Division just before you went to the airport the last time.

After spending a short time with them, we were again reassigned. This time to the XVIII Corps Airborne. It was during these two associations that we shuttled back and forth between Germany, Belgium and France until we felt like a package lost in the mail. We might point out that we had a few brushes with 88 barrages and Luftwaffe strafing but fortunately the band remained intact.

Now that we are back with the 508th in Frankfurt we intend to do our part in making the parades, reviews and guard mounts of the Regiment the best seen in the ETO.

Then, too, there's the dances. We'll be in there pitching for the many that the Regiment will be holding as well as those of other units at Frankfurt.

Yes, the band is glad to be home again even though it is a new one, one far away from the original home at Blanding. As we all know it isn't the surroundings that make a home but the old friends that go with it.

NEW QUARTERS OKAYED BY FOXHOLE REFUGES

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vaudville circuit . . . Add Pfc. William L. Graves to the list of reformed foxhole frequenters . . . He has reached the point where he now has a mirror installed on the ceiling so that he may admire himself while pressing his blankets and sewing creases in his fatigues . . . "Too-don't-know-de-you" Coy L. Moore, Private First Class, has missed sick call two days in a row . . . He overslept . . . And there is Pvt. Elvis C. Sheldon who is thinking about moving to a lower floor so that he can make bedcheck . . . Pfc. George Castopoulos, our local authority on matters of worldly importance, was a bit nonplussed the other day . . . Someone agreed with him . . . These fellows you hear sobbing each night are the 70-year men who have been notified they are eligible for discharge . . . Cpnk of the Week: He's a candidate for an upper plate.



Practice Jump At Frankfurt Rivals Three Ring Circus

The County fair is here to stay.

This was the conclusion today following a recent practice jump of the 508th Parachute Infantry.

What was originally intended to be a routine job for the records overnight became a three ring circus; one at Frankfurt airport, a second at the DZ and a third in the vinicity of any radio set tuned into Station AFN, Frankfurt.

It all began when Stars and Stripes published a brief release that the 508th had scheduled a demonstration jump, military spectators could be accomodated on the DZ and perhaps a few allowed to ride the planes.

From then on the following were among the things that happened:

(1) For the next four days the 508th switchboard became hopelessly jammed with incoming calls requesting reservations on the planes. Many requests came from units requiring space in battalion strength.

(2) The DZ was rimmed by thousands of spectators from morning until late afternoon. The military ranged in rank from major general to private, the civilians from clusters of pretty USO and Red Cross lassies to hundreds of faithfully screeching kids.

(3) Some 1600 spectators were squeezed into the plane with the jumpers. How the crews from the 314th Wing also managed to get aboard has never been discovered.

(4) In response to requests from the sticks, pilots began climbing to altitudes as high as 8000 feet before turning on the green light. This was good for a four minute ride down.

(5) Two of the spectators were allowed to make a jump. They were Major John Crosby, Stone, New South Wales, Australia Corp of Signals, and WO Vincent Pinnin, Lansdown, Australia. Both refused to give up broad-brimmed campaign hats in favor of steel helmets and both promptly lost them.

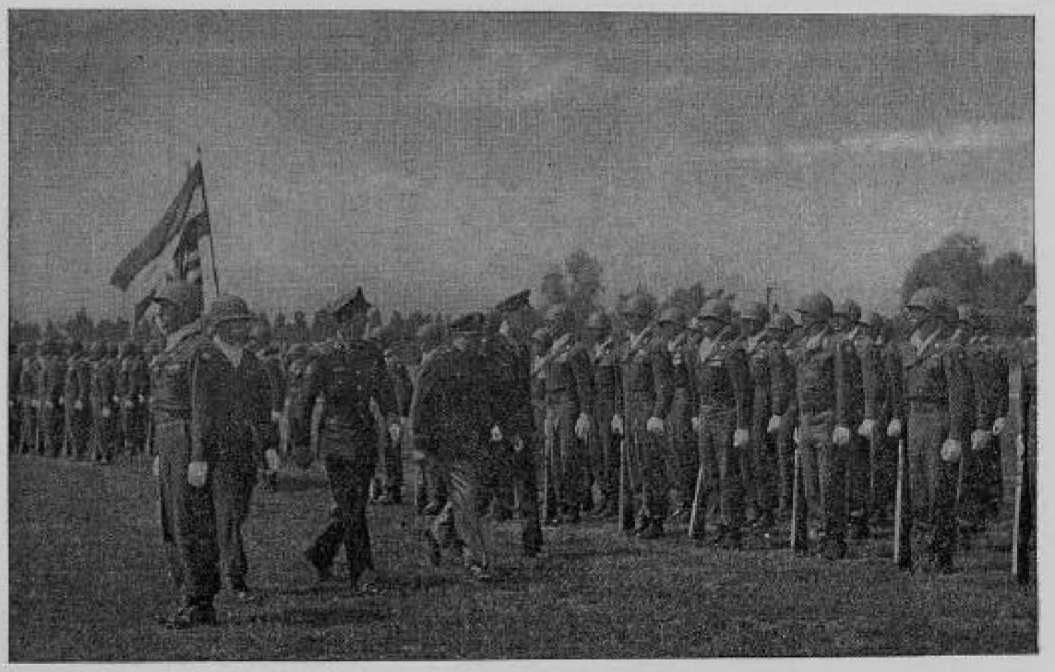
(6) An experimental jump broadcast was put on the air in which blond Sanja Henie acted as the honorary pamparatier. T/S Lou Rodgers, T/4 Fred Nordbeck, Sgt. "Mac" Mishafer and Pfc. Bill Jaffee of Station AFM singed the broadcast. They turned the air over to Pfc. Rudy Trabacik, jumping No. 13 with a 30, as he went out the door. The complete program lasted 25-minutes.

Three "Red Devils" hit the silk and the remainder of the "stick" piles out behind them during a recent demonstration jump by the 508th near Frankfurt, Germany. (Photo by Lt. Col. Shields Warren, Jr.)



GIs came from many miles to witness the demonstration jump staged by the 508th Parachute Infantry. Here are just a few of the estimated 3000 military personnel who looked on while the "Red Devils" hit the silk. (508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo)

HOLLAND'S PRINCE BERNHARD INSPECTS HONOR GUARD



Prince Bernhard, commander of the Army and Navy of Holland troops the line with Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Davis, Adjutant General, Capt. Edwin Campbell, his aide, and Lt. Don M. Powers, Escort Company Commander. Lt. James E. Green, platoon leader, and men of the third platoon stand at attention. [506th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo]

Accept Applications for Army Universities

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heing 16 August, at an unknown location. This unit is receiving direct quotas for members of this command to attend University Centers. Information regarding courses offered is available from your company I & E Officer. It is recommended you get an application filed at once. Quotas for personnel to attend University Centers will be passed down to company and Special Unit I & E Officers from this Headquarters. Selection of students to attend will be made by the company I & E Officer from the applications on file, subject to approval of Battalion and Regimental Headquarters. Pfc. David L. Vivian, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, has been selected as the first man from this Regiment to attend courses at Shrivenham Barracks, England, starting 30 July 1945.

Listed below are the names of officers of this command designated as I & E officers of their respective units. Take your educational problems to any one of them.

Regt. Hdqrs., Berry E., Capt.
1st Bn., Hagar, Ernest L., 1st Lt.
2nd Bn., La Fevere, Homer F., Capt.
3rd Bn., Graham, Chester E., Capt.
Band, Stevens, Anthony R., 1st Lt.
Medics, Rochereau, Paul R., 2nd Lt.
HHQ Co., Hartsough, Joseph E., 1st Lt.
Sv. Co., Wallace, John L., 1st Lt.
Hq. Co. 1st Sqdn. Rec. Tr., 2nd Lt.
A Co., Weeks, Jordan W., 2nd Lt.
B Co., Steele, John, 2nd Lt.
C Co., Hardy, Keith R., 1st Lt.
Hq. Co. 2 Gliders Alloc. C., 2nd Lt.
D Co., Frank, Jack S., 1st Lt.
E Co., Higgins, Richard, 1st Lt.
F Co., Owens, David D., 1st Lt.
Hq Co 3, Sgt. Richard R., 1st Lt.
G Co., Roper, Delbert R., 2nd Lt.
H Co., Beatty, Earl J., 1st Lt.
I Co., Sousa, John D., 1st Lt.

"Gee, Those Guys!" Critiques Col. Sonja

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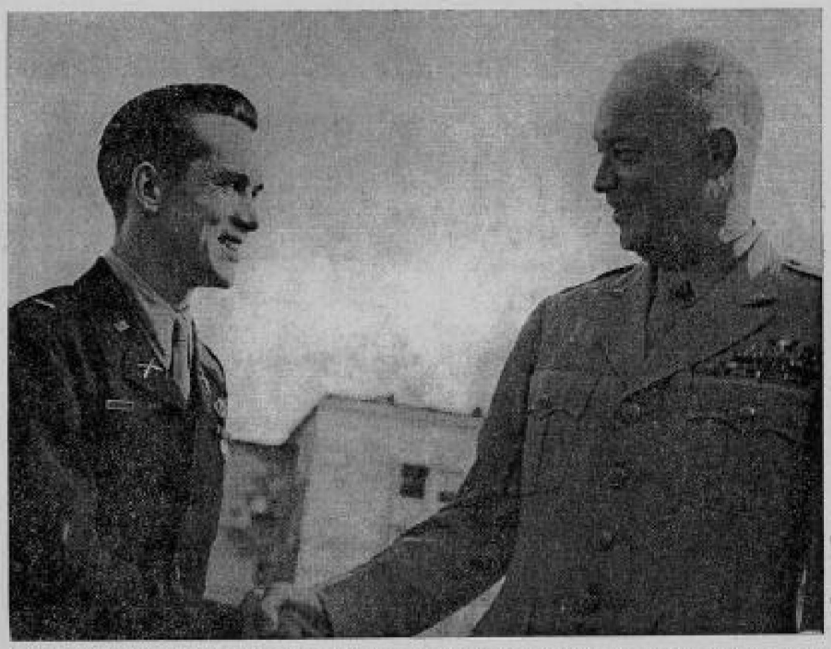
Her eyes widened and grew fire blue. The stick yelled "yeah", when Morgan asked, "are you ready":

The green light flared and in five seconds the stick was gone, cleanly. Sonja let out a long pent up breath. Her face relaxed and she smiled again while that stick was just starting to get their airborne bearings on the safest chunk of grass they could slip in.

Sonja thought about the headlines June sixth and seventh last year and she said "Gee, those guys are great. I was all knotted up inside, paralyzed. Think, they jump, which is bad enough and then they fight."



This is a chow line, but, it is the kind that every paratrooper likes to "sweat out". At the end of the line there are ice cream and cake, sandwiches and cokes. Those two cute little numbers in the line with the "wolves" are guest of Company F at their party held in Bad Homburg recently. [506th Prcht. Inf. Photo]



Lt. John F. Baffkis, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Liaison Officer, gets a million dollar handshake from Supreme Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower at a reception held shortly before the dissolution of SHAEF at Frankfurt. [508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo]



The Silver Star Medal is pinned on Pfc. Wayne F. Campbell, Company A, for heroic conduct in action by Brig. Gen. Robert G. Brown, Headquarters Command. Twenty-two other "Red Devils" received the medal during a ceremony recently held on the Regimental Parade Ground. Pfc. Campbell is flanked on the left by Cpl. Robert E. Kabat, Company B, and on the right by Pfc. Frank Haddy, Company A, who also received the Silver Star Medal. [508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photo]

Big Point Crop In Easy Company

Points and more points . . . If everyone with more than the critical 85 in Easy Company were sent home there would have to be another recruiting drive to replace them. "When are we leaving", is the big question as the veterans sew on more fruit salad and shine jump boots.

First Sergeant G. E. Dwinal, sporting a mere 134 points, is looking for someone to take over his duties so that he will not be classified "essential" when the good word finally comes thru.

Others "sweating it out" with the first soldat are: S/Sgt. W. J. W. Ramston, 121, Cpl. H. H. Thurston, 127, S/Sgt. A. T. Meyer, S/Sgt. G. W. Wesnack, 96, Pfc. T. P. Butcher, 88, Pfc. E. W. Batten, 91, Pfc. E. A. Chapman, 102, Pfc. W. H. Finch, 91, Pfc. R. W. Reid, 87, Sgt. J. W. Maskin, 83, Pfc. W. Lesniak, 88, and T/Sgt. Stanton Mescabrink who claims to have 85% because he is "acting first sergeant".

"It isn't too bad here now", S/Sgt. J. W. Ramston says, "but I'd like to see home again at any price. After 19 months of knocking about Europe, all I want to do is get back to the States and stay there".

I Company Band Giving Concerts

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hear me in the rear, sir"? Coopersmith giving calisthenics . . . Collecting five points plus a Bronze Star at a recent parade were: Capt. Toth, T/Sgt. Hefnning Olson, S/Sgt. James Kay and S/Sgt. James J. Murphy . . . The way the guys are recounting their points since they got their last "battle" star, you'd think they wanted to go home . . . What's the matter fellas, don't you like to "keep house"?

I Company—The beloved mascot of this company, a faithful servant if there ever was one, has presented the outfit with three little bundles from Heaven, it was disclosed recently . . . According to the keeper and midwife, Pvt. Sol Cazaico, three petits garcons and a petite fille were delivered at 2350 hours 20th June 1945 AD . . . Via the lip of S/Sgt. Steve Sokolo, mess section representative, we learn that the fresh salads served at chow are fruits of the labors of Pvts. Jim Gould and Don Milligan . . . We wish to take this opportunity of wishing Cpl. Leon Riles, formerly of this community, the best of luck . . . He's now with the 156th Inf . . . We are well represented on the boxing team . . . A look at the cards for future bouts shows that we have several pugs ready to go for the championships of their respective weights . . . Soon to be working in the squared circle are Pfcs. Roy Willard, George Gilmon, Jake West and Jim Mooney . . . Suggestions for a name of an orchestra will be appreciated by Pfc. George Rusell who has just organized a band consisting of the following famous musicians: Sgt. William Hatcher, sax, S/Sgt. Andy Dowzer, guitar, Pfc. Vince Fiorino, piano . . . Attention S-2: We need a master key to lock up all pianos . . . Seems that everyone in the company is trying to master Chopin these days . . . We welcome back from the white sheet lingueur old friend T/5 Pat Strahan, supply genius around these parts . . . Looks as though the third platoon has tired of walking . . . They are now either riding bicycle or promoting gasoline to put in their one long Jeffy two wheelers . . . Five points with a Bronze Star attached was recently awarded to Pvt. George Vansaky for the bang up job he did in Holland . . . Ex-First Sgt. George Fields is now sweating out the states and citizenship with the 327th Glider Regiment . . . According to Lt. Green and S/Sgt. Estes all we need for our basketball team is a court, nine players and a basket ball.

ABRAMS AND PHILLIPS PICKED AT GUARD MOUNT

Three times and you're out-even at guard mount.

If you don't believe it, ask Pvt. Kenneth A. Abrams, Company I and Pvt. Ernest H. Philips, Company H.

Abrams and Phillips were selected Colonel's Orderly three times and have been excused from pulling guard.

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St. Mere Eglise Tributes Troopers

Champaign and Dancing Greet Red Devils on Anniversary Visit

BY T/5 STAN TYLICKI

Just as we did exactly a year ago, seven of us left for St. Mere Eglise in the early hours of the morning. Besides myself there were Capt Briand Beaudin, Lt. William Coll, T/5 Donald MacLeod, Sgt. Francis Lamoureux, Cpl. Frank Ruppe and Pfc. Donald Rutherford. The big difference was that this time we had two jeeps to take us there and bring us back. Twelve months previously we had a C-47 to take us there and how we got back is another story.

Before reaching the little town near the Normandy coast we passed through many a familiar battle field where the Regiment fought. Some of the town and cities are still unrepaired and ruined. A few farmers are back at work tilling the soil spotted here and there with wrecked German vehicles.

Finally we reached St. Mere Eglise. Rumor's come was awaiting. Everywhere [illegible] "PARACHUTISTS" and [illegible] autograph books. [illegible] were someone from [illegible] devoted a few soldiers who did their small part in contributing to the great victory in Europe.

Many of them asked us to sign a book titled "Sky Sweepers". It is an account of airborne invasion of that locality and the liberation of St. Mere Eglise. It was written by Alexander Renaud who is the mayor. They told us it is being translated into English and is being published in the United States.

They saw to it that we had comfortable rooms in some of their homes and then we joined them in a visit to the American cemeteries that are on the outskirts of the town. The rows of white crosses were neat and clean. Beside each was an American flag. I wasn't there a minute until I saw the names of three who had been close friends.

They were buried side by side. There were other crosses identical. Unknown, and each of these supported a large wreath.

Later in the evening a dance in honor [illegible] was held for [illegible] the men of the 82nd Airborne Division who came back for the occasion. The food and wine were the best we had ever tasted in France. There were many speeches and [illegible] given by Madame Renaud, Mayor, followers and friends and [illegible] the fireworks.

The next morning the more formal ceremonies were held. [illegible] was a long procession to the church where services of thanksgiving and prayers for the dead were read. The procession then [illegible] march from the church and [illegible] to the cemetery. Thousands paid their respects to our dead that day. Children had flowers on the graves and then [illegible] to sing the Marseilles.

We, the Lucky Seven as we called ourselves, started back for the Regiment that evening. We had many souvenirs of this our second and by far the more pleasant visit to St. Mere Eglise. They had given us embroidered handkerchiefs made from the parachutes we had jumped, copies of the book, "Skysweepers", wine, flowers and what is more a lasting impression that here were a few people who knew and appreciated what we and many others had fought so hard to achieve.

First Liberated French Village Adopts Troops at Celebration

"I" have just told our prefect, the ladies who are here and my fellow citizens that today and tomorrow they were to especially welcome our paratroopers. I have told them you were now our sons, our brothers and in St. Mere Eglise you were really at home. Never will St. Mere Eglise ever forget you.

"I want you to be happy here. I want you to be exactly as you would be with your family in the States and so enjoy these brief holidays with us.

"One year ago, exactly at this time, we were expecting you but we did not know which day you would come. We were not frightened seeing you in spite of your blackened faces. We knew you were our friends.

"[illegible] your flags and insignias and I will [illegible]

"[illegible] Sky Sweepers Airborne Division. Be happy in your stay in another St. Mere Eglise as St. Mere Eglise will always remember you."

(Address delivered by Mayor Alexander Renaud of St. Mere Eglise 5 June 1945 at the banquet marking the first year of liberation to the people of St. Mere Eglise and members of the 82nd Airborne Division who were the honored guests of the occasion.)



Normandy one year after the D-Day invasion!

(1) „After the Battle", a bronze bust honoring American troops who were in action in and around St. Mere Eglise. (2) Chanville, Normandy, as it looks today. (3) St. Sauveur Le vicomte, a French town where the 505th set up a CP for four days during the Normandy Campaign. (4) The „Lucky Seven", left to right: T/5 Donald J. MacLeod, Pfc. Donald Rutherford, Cpl. Frank Ruppe, Capt. Briand Beaudin, Lt. William Coll, T/5 Stanley Tylicki and Sgt. Francis Lamoureux with Mayor and Mrs. Alexander Renaud of St. Mere Eglise. (5) Two „Red Devils" look at „Bloody Knoyle". (6) T/5 Stanley Tylicki and Sgt. Francis Lamoureux with two French children in jump clothing. (7) The Banquet given the honored guest of St. Mere Eglise. (8) Hedgerow where battle raged one year before. (505th Prcht. Inf. Regt. Photos.)