

## Incredible Escape

# He Faced the Red Firing Squad And Survived a Korean Massacre

By PFC. BOB RYAN

The American prisoners were hungry, and the North Koreans in charge of the prison train promised them food when the train reached the safety of the tunnel where they planned to hide from the long arm of the U. S. Air Force. It was September 20th, and darkness had just fallen over the Korean countryside. The day abroad the prison train had been gruelling to the American prisoners, and the food promised by the North Koreans would taste good.

Sure enough, when the train had reached the tunnel, the North Koreans came through the aisles, and told the prisoners they were to be fed at a chow line within walking distance of the train. The guards took five men out with them as they left.

Inside the train, the GI prisoners were puzzled to hear rifle fire in the direction their buddies had been taken. At first they thought the North Koreans had run into sniper opposition.

Then, when each group's de-  
parture for "chow" ended with the clap of rifle fire the Americans in the train caught on to what was happening to their buddies.

And when Private First Class William W. Henninger, Post Ordinance, Camp Roberts, was marched out of the train with his four buddies, there was no doubt in his mind that, as he put it, "The North Koreans were going to feed us . . . lead."

They marched his group to a gully a short distance from the railroad tracks. There, Henninger's worst suspicions were confirmed. He saw what had happened to his buddies who had left for North Korean "chow" shortly before. He and his fellow prisoners, the few that had not already been murdered, were to be lined up and shot.

This story began early in July last year when Henninger's outfit, D Company, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, was moved into the Pusan beachhead, and given orders to hold off the North Korean advance.

It was a desperate struggle, as newspaper accounts related during those grim days when there were too few UN soldiers to stop the well-prepared North Korean hordes that swarmed over our thin front lines.

Henninger's outfit was sent in to the line, 20 miles south of Seoul, as soon as it had landed at Pusan.

On 19 July, North Koreans over-ran one company in the line alongside Pfc. Henninger's outfit. His company fell back, but he was unable to join the unit in the withdrawal. He was now in danger of capture by the enemy. He was cut off from the UN forces.

He hid in a paddie for two days. Sometimes he could hear the North Korean soldiers talking as they passed within 25 feet of his hidden position. He had camouflaged his position carefully.

On the night of the second day he started to hunt for his outfit. He lost his directions at first, but soon oriented himself, and headed for the American lines.

On the 25 of July Henninger was captured by North Korean guerrillas. They took him to a Korean village, kept him there for a day, then took him with them to Taejon where they threw him into a prison with 35 other captured Americans.

On 1 August the prisoners were taken from the Taejon prison, and marched off in the direction of Seoul. The march terminated at Chonan where they were held for two weeks, until they were herded into a prison train and sent on to complete their journey to Seoul.

The prison at Seoul was a former college campus. Here the North Koreans fed the prisoners two meals a day. Both meals were the same, thin soup made from fish and greens, and a loaf of bread the size of a hot-dog bun.

If the GIs' physical diet wasn't very well rounded, their culture diet was better provided. The North Koreans issued each man a folio of Communist literature, and printed Russian folklore. The prisoners were schooled in the ways of Communism for six to eight hours a day while they were held prisoners in Seoul.

Occasionally they would hear rumors of the progress of the battle along the front lines far to the south. Sometimes they would hear what later they found to be the truth, but mostly they heard false claims about North Korean victories.

While in Seoul, Henninger reports his prison was visited by Russian Officers "who looked in the window" at them.

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## 'I Wanna Go Home'



No cheerful little tearful is two-year-old Gordon Miller, a polio patient at Utica, N. Y., Children's Hospital. But the March of Dimes—through the Herkimer County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis—is helping Gordon back to health and a smiling future.

## Questions & Answers Next Week At TIH

The "Direct Approach" has always been the "American Way of Life", and the best example is seen in our ability to talk things over when the going gets rough. One often hears: "Why TIH?" "What good does it do me?" Questions are good, but answers are necessary and the answers will be given at next week's Troop Information Hour when the leader announces his topic: "Talk it Over".

# First Successful Iron Lung In 1929 Saved Youth Given 30 Mins. To Live

They gave Barret Hoyt 30 minutes to live that September 13, 1929.

It was precisely the 13th hour of Friday, September 13.

The 21-year-old Harvard University senior had been stricken by polio. The disease had taken a strangle-hold on his breathing muscles; he was smothering to death.

It was at this moment that a physician attending the youth, Dr. S. D. Kramer, decided to try a virtually unproved device—a mechanical breathing machine just invented by a Harvard professor, Dr. Philip Drinker. If the machine would work, Barret might hold death at bay until his stricken muscles could recover.

**ONE BIG "IF"**

That was a big "if." Dr. Drinker's machine had been tried only once before. During the Spring of 1929, a polio patient had been placed in the machine and had died. But death had been due to pneumonia—not polio.

The medical history written in the next few hours has meant the difference between life and death for thousands stricken by polio. This is one reason why the mechanical respirator, known generally as the "Iron Lung," was selected as the symbol for coin collectors during this year's March of Dimes. During 1930, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis sent 450 respirators to polio patients in all parts of the country on emergency order.

Iron lungs in use in the United States today number some 3,500 and range from the 700-pound Drinker type manufactured by several firms at \$1500 to \$3000 each, to portable one-pound chest plates which are connected to pumps. Each has a specific use and all are represented in the seven strategically-located March

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# CAMP ROBERTS URGED TO GIVE BLOOD FOR GIS

"It takes only a short time for a man to die for lack of whole blood . . . but it takes a shorter time for YOU to give him that blood."

With this theme the 1951 Blood Bank drive at Camp Roberts will get under way this week in preparation for the visit here by the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Dates for the visit have been set for February 12-13.

Supplies of whole blood have been drained to a dangerous low by unprecedented demands from the Korean battle front. Never before in history has the demand become so great in such a short time. There are many cases on record where a single man has been given as many as 20 pints of blood to save his life.

One man, Sergeant Richard M. Kimbrough of Los Angeles, California, received 75 transfusions! The 20-year old sergeant was wounded slightly by shrapnel, in the hands and legs, then went back into action. A few days later he was hit in the abdomen and the leg, by slugs from a machine-pistol. Before he wound up safely in the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, he had received 75 transfusions.

With such cases, supplies are being constantly shortened. The only way they can be replaced of course, is for someone to contribute whole blood.

Personnel at Camp Roberts may help by contacting unit representatives and arranging to give a pint of blood. Help save the life of another GI.

of Dimes supply depots that handle emergency calls throughout the country.

**ONLY ONE "LUNG"**  
But on that Friday the 13th in 1929, there was only one mechanical respirator in the world. Fortunately, it was in Boston. Dr. Kramer telephoned Dr. W. L. Aycock, of the Harvard Poliomyelitis Commission. Dr. Aycock rushed from his office across the street to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to help set up the machine. Meanwhile, Dr. Drinker

## Dog Co. Drips Dimes

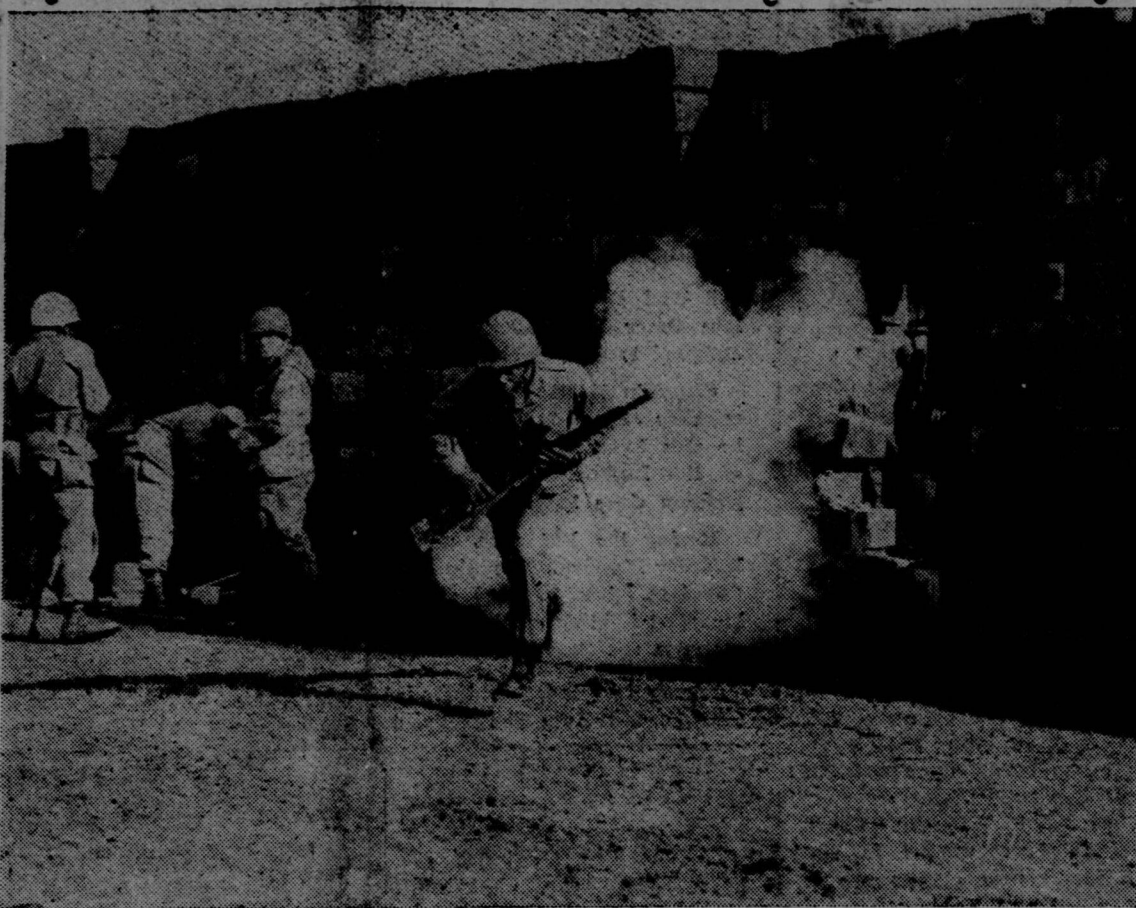
Dog Company of the 48th Armored Infantry Battalion, Combat Command B, is so far in front of its nearest rivals in contributions to the current March of Dimes that it is doubtful if they will ever be caught. The men in "D" have dumped \$65.53 in the local Dime Drive kitty and this before pay-day.

In second place with contributions of \$21 is Charley Company of the 1402nd Engineers Battalion.

When he was placed in the respirator, the student was hardly breathing at all. Twenty-five minutes had gone by! The machine never had been tried under such alarming conditions.

The three doctors peered at the gauge which registered whether the youth's lungs were inhaling and exhaling. The motor droned. The needle on the gauge flickered. Then it moved up a bit; then higher with each breath. Then nearly normal.

In a few hours, Barret dropped



CHARGING THROUGH EXPLODING DYNAMITE in a simulated day of combat in villages, is Corporal Eugene Boykins, Post Motor Pool. This part of the training afforded Camp Roberts soldiers in Combat City, the only town on the West Coast to get raked over with machine-gun mortar fire so often.

With other trainees, Corporal Boykins got a taste of infantry warfare in and around houses, heard exploding TNT charges, listened to machinegun bullets zipping overhead, and zeroed-in the M-1 on the spot where an enemy might have been hiding.

# Army Plans To Open 2 New OCS Schools

Washington—Two new Army officer candidate schools will open in February.

Officer candidates will commence courses in the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., on Feb. 18, while first classes in the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., are to convene Feb. 21.

Opening of the two schools brings to three the number of OCSs being conducted by the Army for prospective officers selected from enlisted ranks. Since 1946 the only male officer candidate course offered by the Army has been at Fort Riley, Kan.

The courses at Fort Riley will continue to be given for all candidates in other than the infantry and artillery branches.

Enlisted men desiring to qualify for OCS must be U. S. citizens between 19 and 28 years of age at the time of beginning the course. They also must be high school graduates or of equivalent education, have attained a converted score of at least 65 on the Armed Forces Qualification test, 110 or higher on the aptitude area I test, and 115 on the Officer Candidate test.

An additional requirement includes passing a rigid physical examination. All applicants must have completed 14 weeks of basic Army training and the eight weeks leaders' course. Men with previous military service or training may be waived the basic training requirement.

Selection of candidates is made from the highest qualified applicants, the Army said.

## Watch Those Ribbons

Authorities at Camp Roberts have called attention of all personnel to the provision of paragraph 41, AR 600-45, which forbids a person to wear a ribbon representing a medal or decoration unless he has actually been presented with the award.

Under terms of the AR, any person found guilty of a violation of the regulation may be subject to a fine of \$250, a jail sentence of six months, or both.

The Army has requested and received the cooperation of the civilian "army" stores requiring the showing of proper authorization by individuals purchasing decorations.

# TESTING SECTION POPULAR SPOT

The Testing Section at the Camp Roberts Education Center is fast becoming popular with men seeking a High School Diploma. Mr. Scott, Senior Education Advisor at the Center, has received several answers to inquiries from High School Principals advising him how certain men who have attended their schools may graduate while serving in the Armed Forces. Often the only requirement necessary is the successful completion of the General Education Development Test battery, though in California schools it is necessary to complete a course in American History combined with Civics, equal to the year course required by the State Department of Education.

This requirement is met by the course in American History offered by USAFI, and can also be obtained from the Education Center. Last week the Testing Section processed ten men for these tests, two already armed with letters from their principals at home. This service is extended to all personnel in the Armed Forces, though granting diplomas still remains with the school boards acting through the Principals of schools concerned.

The Education Center is prepared to administer these tests to applicants, anytime during on-duty hours, or beginning next week, each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 1800 to 2100. Anyone interested may call Extension 132 or come to Bldg. No. 3044 for information.

## Wacs Stage Big Show For March of Dimes

Camp Roberts WACS are going all-out for the March of Dimes with a gala stage show scheduled for the 6th and 7th of February. The show, featuring live talent, dancers, musicians, and singers will play first at East Garrison at 7:30 on 6, February. The second show will be held at Theatre No. 1 on 7, February at 7:30 P.M.

Large contribution receipts will be placed at the entrances to the theaters, and funds donated as admittance will go to the 1951 March of Dimes Campaign fund being raised at Camp Roberts.

## UNDER FIRE

# Trainees Blast Combat Village In Squad Problem

Squad problems under actual combat conditions involving searching and covering during combat in cities while under cover of protective fire are worked out at Combat Village located about two miles west of Camp Headquarters.

Men, using live ammunition, are given the job of attacking and securing a certain position in the village. Planted quarter pound charges of TNT are detonated during the maneuvers, making for realism of battle. These explosions are supervised by trained cadre who are always on the lookout for the safety of the trainee.

TNT charges are set off as the troops attack through a small hole in a wall surrounding the village. Battle noise sound effects are played on loudspeakers during the attack.

Under protective fire of a 30 caliber water cooled machine gun, the squad advances through the town, searching and covering as they move up. The individual soldier is armed with four clips of ammunition which he uses during the battle.

## Vets Serve Food

Free chow for visitors to the San Miguel Service club will be donated every third Saturday beginning Saturday evening 17 February by the Harold J. Anderson Post 1766, Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary, of San Luis Obispo.

The VFW group wishes to urge all of the soldiers of Camp Roberts to avail themselves of the refreshments and facilities offered at the club, and give themselves a chance to get acquainted with the VFW.

## Accident Report

5 days since last military injury.

60 days since last civilian disabling injury.

1 day since last army motor vehicle accident.

36 days since last fatality.

10 days since last fire.

# Okinawa Now Important As Strategic US Bastion

Long-range planning by United States military leaders proved its value and paid off during the Korean operations. Especially outstanding in the planning for future warfare was the development of Okinawa as a base for military operations.

An integral part of the U. S. perimeter of defense—running from Alaska, through the Aleu-



side—with ultimate success that drove the Red hordes back to the Manchurian border.

Okinawa lies in the Ryukyus Island chain, forming an archipelago which runs roughly from Japan to Formosa. It was claimed in early times by the Japanese. However, the Ryukyans formed close cultural and economic ties with their western neighbor, China.

As a result of these connections, the racial make-up is Japanese-Chinese-Ainu. Because of the mountainous geography, the people of the Ryukyus are hardy. Many migrated to Japan, Hawaii and Peru as laborers.

In the Ryukyus chain there are about 140 islands, comprising a total land-area smaller than that of the state of Delaware. In this comparatively small space, 600,000 people live. Okinawa, the largest in the group, measures a mere 70 miles in length.



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## Commie-Out Party?

## UNDER FIRE



# CAMP ROBERTS PARADE

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir:  
 I'm a regular army man, and I just think it's awful the way you print so much vulgar old sex in your paper. Why, I'm ashamed to open up the paper in front of my boy friends in the barracks. Let's have no more 19-year-old girls in those simply disgusting French bathing suits, or we soldiers will just have to stop reading the paper altogether. Let's have more informative columns like Joyce Ray's WAC column. My, but that gives me a lift.  
 Sgt. B. R.  
 6100 ASU.

(Drop dead, Sergeant. Ed.)

Editor:  
 A couple of issues ago, you printed a story that said the phone number of the billeting office was 37. For your information, the number of the billeting office is 304.  
 Pvt. Bishwallup  
 Hq. Co. Messkit Repair Bat.

(Roger. Ed.)

Dear Sir:  
 I am five feet eight inches tall, and weigh 145 pounds. Do you think I could be a writer for the Parade?  
 SFC. John Woom.  
 (Can't tell, you haven't told us your waist measurement. Ed.)

Dear Sir:  
 Why don't you print more educational articles in your paper? We'd like to learn something while we read. Tell us how to stuff a field mouse, or how to make an effective fly killer for use in the barracks. And, quit printing pictures of men in Army uniforms. How about some pictures of civilians, showing latest styles for men. After all, our 21 months will be up one of these days.  
 M/Sgt. Pillsbury Best  
 Hospital Stomach Pump NCO  
 (You're wearing the latest styles for men, Sergeant, Olive Drab. And go away with that educational stuff. Ed.)

Dear Sir:  
 Hats off to the best Army newspaper I've ever seen. I read and re-read each article over and over. My dog looks forward to the paper each week, too, as he isn't housebroken yet. I've read them all, and believe me, your paper is the best.  
 Minnie Siwash  
 Oklahoma City

Editor:  
 I read resentless wear they are giving examunashuns for us who hasn't finish the fifth grade. Is that just for enlisted men, or can us officers get in on it?  
 Wishbald Plunkle  
 Ensign, Naval Reserve  
 Deep Sea Division  
 Mule Shoe, Texas

### Calendar of RELIGIOUS SERVICES

<b>EAST GARRISON</b>	Chapel No. 5	1100
<b>PROTESTANT SUNDAY</b>	Chapel No. 6	1900
Morning Worship,		
Chapel No. 28		1100
Hymn Sing, Chapel No. 28		1730
<b>WEEKDAY SERVICE</b>		
Wednesday, Chapel No. 28		1930
<b>ROMAN CATHOLIC SUNDAY</b>		
Mass, Chapel No. 28		0900
<b>WEEKDAY</b>		
Mass, Daily, Chapel No. 28		0610
Rosary, Monday, Chapel No. 28		1830
Confessions, Saturday, Chapel No. 28		1800-1900
Confessions heard before all Masses.		
<b>CHAPEL LOCATIONS</b>		
Chapel No. 1 (Bldg 1014) B and Main Streets.		
Chapel No. 3 (Bldg 3029) 6th and D Streets.		
Chapel No. 4 (Bldg 4014) 11th and J Streets.		
Chapel No. 5 (Bldg 5014) 10th and G Streets.		
Chapel No. 28 (Bldg 28018) 52nd and O Streets.		
Hop. Chapel (Bldg 410) Hospital Area.		
<b>WEST GARRISON</b>		
<b>PROTESTANT SUNDAY</b>		
Morning Worship—		
Chapel No. 1*	0900 & 1100	
Chapel No. 3*	1000	
Hop. Chapel	1000	

## Three Courses Offered At Division Trains

Having undergone some recent reorganizational surgery, the Army Specialists Schools emerging from Division Trains are now focusing on three Specialist Courses. The Leadership Course is rapidly taking form at the 507th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. An Intermediate Radio Operator Course is coming into view for Company A, 129th Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. And a Field Wireman Course is earmarked for Company B of the 129th.

Inasmuch as these schools are being newly formed, a major portion of the present activity—especially in the Radio Operator and Field Wireman Courses—is in the procurement of personnel, who have a communication background and who possess an interest and aptness for instruction. And many openings exist according to Lt. Col. Gerald D. Shepherd, Division Training Officer. A few instructor personnel have been selected here at Camp Roberts as the result of interviews conducted by Colonel Shepherd; however, he reflected that still more personnel are needed.

The instructor staff of the Intermediate Radio Operator School will train selected enlisted students to become manual operators—both receiving and transmitting with the International Morse Code System. Students will complete the course in eleven weeks. After the school gets underway, a new class will start every two weeks.

The Field Wireman Course, however, is completed in eight weeks and new classes are expected to start weekly. Students in this school will learn installation, maintenance and operation of field wire communication systems.

The Leadership School escaped alteration in the recent reorganization, and the skeleton staff at the 507th Armored Reconnaissance Battalion is progressing steadily in spite of the difficult supply situation. Men now receiving basic training in Combat Commands A and B will hear more of this exceptional school for exceptional young soldiers.

## NEW CHAPLIN



A RECENT ADDITION to the Post Chaplains Staff is Chaplain Oscar H. Reinboth recently recalled to active duty and assigned to Chapel No. 5 in the Combat Command B area.

Chaplain Reinboth, who makes his home in Oakland is a member of the Lutheran Church. Before returning to service he was Executive Secretary for the California-Nevada District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, having held that position since 1948.

During the last war, while a member of the famed 86th Infantry Division, Chaplain Reinboth was assigned as Regimental Chaplain. His tour of duty took him through some of the bloodiest fighting of the Italian campaign, during which he was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

His early education included training at St. Paul's Junior College, Concordia Seminary, and the University of Nebraska.

## Chaplin's Message

Chapel Attendance by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William S. Walsh

In the secular as well as the ecclesiastical press we read much these days about the importance, the need and power of prayer. World affairs, in this, the beginning of the second half of the twentieth century, are indeed chaotic and turbulent. In truth, the dark clouds of war hang heavily upon us. It is perfectly normal and natural that in times such as these men and women should feel the need of turning more generously to God, both in prayer and in worship.

In civilian life the door of our neighborhood churches were always open—we were urged to regularly attend our respective houses and temples of worship. Our needs, both spiritual and temporal were present then—new, verily, they are even greater.

In the Army the doors of our CHAPELS offer the same hearty welcome—they offer us the invitation and the place, the quietude and the opportunity for sincere worship and devout prayer. It is definitely a grave omission on our part if we fail in our attendance at religious services.

Out of the one-hundred-sixty-eight hours of the week, surely we can give one hour of the week, surely we can give one hour or less to Almighty God in prayerful worship. True, it is a minimum, nevertheless our Heavenly Father will be pleased and will richly reward us for this short hour—so very well spent.

## The Need To Know

# How To Coordinate

By EUGENE B. SMITH  
 Chief Civilian Personnel

When you see a football team huddling on the field, you can be quite certain that the players aren't just having a little nip before beginning the next play. Instead, they are "getting their signals straight," that is, coordinating their activities. If anything has been going wrong on previous plays, they may even call "time out" and have a discussion to figure out where they are making their mistakes and what can be done about "plugging the gap," "taking out the end," "shaking loose the pass receiver."

An organization without coordination is not an organization at all. A team becomes a team only when its members begin to "work together." "Working together" means coordination of effort. Coordination of effort toward a common goal is the essence and purpose of organization. Therefore organizing a unit and drawing it on a chart, planning the work, and issuing the orders is not enough. The activities of the individuals assigned must be coordinated if the organizing, planning, and commanding functions are to be meaningful.

The work of the Post Engineer must be coordinated with the assignment of troops so that certain buildings to be used first are rehabilitated before others to be used last.

The activities of the Ordnance Section and the Transportation Section must be constantly coordinated to assure an adequate number of vehicles are maintained in operational condition.

The laundry superintendent needs to adjust his activities to the amount of laundry which can be expected. This adjustment can be effectively made only if proper coordination exists between G-1 and G-4 and subsequently on lower, operational levels.

Without coordination we find gaps and omissions. We find individuals pushing their own facilities (building empires). We find several groups or individuals working on the same activities in different places, causing unnecessary duplications of effort. We generally find that without coordination many individuals lose track of plans and objectives and move in all directions other than the one originally set.

How then do we obtain coordination? Principally coordination is obtained through a "huddle," meeting of minds. Staff meetings by the commander, followed by staff meetings in the sections, followed by staff meetings in the sub-section between supervisors and workers are an important means of coordinating the activities of the organization. A meeting between the Post Engineer and the Post Quartermaster produces a coordination of their work. The Safety Officer may meet with the Fire Marshal to coordinate activities. The commander may meet with all the employees and discuss plans, policies, and objectives. He may give them a "coordination of spirit."

Some meetings produce a plan, a directive, a regulation, or a manual. These publications are helpful in securing coordination by disseminating information concerning methods and purposes. But in final form, coordination of effort is a personal matter requiring personal contact. It may be in a room, it may be in a meeting anywhere, it may be by telephone or radio but it must be personal.

All individuals engaged in an enterprise have a responsibility to coordinate their work with the work of others whose activities they affect. But primary responsibility for coordination rests with management. Every supervisor must consider that "coordination" is one of his most important managerial functions. That organization which points toward its objective and moves toward it with the greatest efficiency, with the least waste motion or diversion of interest, is the one that is most effectively coordinated.

If you are a supervisor, remember that as the leader of your platoon you are responsible for seeing that the individuals to whom you give orders actually operate as a team and that your team operations are coordinated with those of the platoons to your right and to your left. Coordination is essential to teamwork and teamwork is essential to victory.

## Betty Prior Tells Of Engagement

Miss Betty Prior, clerk-typist in Post Quartermaster at Camp Roberts, announced her engagement this week to George Goodell of Templeton, California.

Miss Prior, who also comes from Templeton, met George when both were attending high school.

Both Betty and George are 19. George works for his father at Templeton, and is a member of the Naval Reserve.

Plans for a wedding are indefinite as yet.

## IN OTHER WORDS

By LEIGH NOLAN

Our last column concerned a Wage Survey of private industry that might affect our hourly employees. This week we are going to discuss the present "on-the-post" survey that is currently being conducted by the Salary and Wage Section of the Civilian Personnel Office.

According to Department of Army policy it is a mandatory responsibility of the Salary and Wage Section to conduct a continuous survey of all positions every 12 to 15 months. IN OTHER WORDS, each employee, whether paid by the hour or on a yearly basis, will be personally contacted and interviewed in regard to accuracy and completeness of his or her current job duties and responsibilities as written on the position description, for it is on the basis of the duties an employee performs that the grade of his job depends. IN OTHER WORDS, personality, efficiency, appearance, etc., have no bearing on the grade of the job.

A Position Classifier will contact the Operating Official and/or the Supervisor of each organizational unit. They will be expected to furnish information on the internal alignment of their unit, and duties and performance requirements of each position. The employee will then be interviewed so that specific examples of work may be shown to the interviewer and percentages of time may be discussed. A new job description will be written in every case this year, so as to include the performance requirements. These descriptions will be forwarded to the Operating Officials and/or Supervisors for their approval and certification before any action is taken. IN OTHER WORDS, this guarantees that the Supervisor and the Position Classifier are in complete accord on the information presented in the job description before evaluation is made.

The evaluation of a job is a function which entails determining the grade, title, service and series as prescribed by the classification Act as amended, or the Army-Air Force Wage Board. IN OTHER WORDS, the positions are carefully compared with established specifications published by U. S. Civil Service Commission and Department of Army, and the grade is then determined by comparison with these job specifications. This grade is the determining factor as to the salary range payable on a certain position.

The Operating Officials and/or Supervisors also have a responsibility to insure a current, accurate and fair Salary and Wage Program. IN OTHER WORDS, they should adopt and follow principles of good management by clearly defining the duties of each individual employee; by establishing well defined lines of supervising authority; by discussing any proposed organizational change with the Salary and Wage Section which might affect the grades and salary of employees involved. It is well to remember that the duties assigned by the Supervisor IN EFFECT assigns the grade of the job.

The survey is now under way, and any day now a Position Classifier may contact you. We are very anxious to accomplish our survey to cover each job. IN OTHER WORDS, be prepared to discuss your duties and responsibilities.

## You Could Even Be A Blacksmith



TAKING ADVANTAGE of the opportunity to further their education while serving their country are these four young ladies from the WAC Detachment conferring with Mr. Spencer B. Scott, Senior Civilian Educational Advisor. Reading in the usual direction they are: Pvt. Dorothy Reich, Pvt. Dorothy Burstein, Pfc. Rachel Almon, and Pfc. Ellen Colbert. All of them are studying shorthand and in addition Pvt. Burstein is taking a course in typing. The classes are being taught during off-duty hours at the Paso Robles High School.

## Alice To Wed

Mrs. Lowell Stiles, Shandon, California, announces the engagement of her daughter Alice Stiles, Camp Roberts Clerk-typist at Civilian Personnel, to Mr. Wilbur White of Parkfield, California.

Wedding plans are set for February. The bride and groom plan to make their home on Mr. White's ranch near Parkfield.

## First Weeks Over

Companies A and B of the 48th AIB, Combat Command B, finished the 2nd week of their training last Saturday. Company C and D of the 48th AIB, finished the first week of their training the same day.

## Women Medics Plan Barn Dance And Card Parties

A meeting of the Women's Medical Service Auxiliary was held at the Medical Library of the Army Hospital, January 23rd.

By-laws were ready by the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Dean Winn, and then were corrected and approved. Major Lucia Turunen, Mrs. George Horsfall, Mrs. William Marbut assisted making up the by-laws. Mrs. George Horsfall, president of the Auxiliary appointed the following committee chairman: Mrs. Mrs. William Marbut, Benevolence; Mrs. Clarence Richardson; Mrs. Sylvia Marbut; Mrs. Mary Jackson, Program; Mrs. William Ryan, Publicity and Mrs. Dean Winn, Nominating.

The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Jackson and Lieutenant Regan.

Captain Pauline Johnston announced that the Hospital Officer's mess will have a barn dance on the 26th of January and a card party on Wednesday, January 31. Every Wednesday thereafter there will be a card party. All club members are urged to attend with their guests.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at the Medical Library of the hospital. An interesting program is being planned by Mrs. Jackson, and members are urged to attend.

Members of the Auxiliary consist of nurses stationed at the Hospital, Medical and Dental Officers' wives, Medical Service Officers' wives and Women's Specialist Service Officers.

Life is not a having and getting; but a being and a coming.—Matthew Arnold.



# Challenge Match May Prove Seasons Top Cage Offering

What purports to be a grudge match is on the sports docket for this evening, Thursday, 1 February, as the 6100 ASU Falcons try to avenge themselves of last week's stinging defeat by the Co. A 38th Armored Infantry Battalion of Combat Command A.

The Falcons, champions of this season's post intra-mural basketball league, had their wings clipped by the trainees, and have been howling for vengeance ever since.

The men from CCA have one distinct advantage over the Falcons in that they, for the most part, have played together longer than the 6100 team. Most of the team played together at Alameda high school, and a couple of them played on Commercial League teams, and with the United States Maritime Academy team.

At present the Falcons are handicapped because one of their star players, Sgt. Mel Eschen is confined to the hospital, but they do promise to put up a good fight, and to try and change the way the scoreboard reads this time. Game time 2000 hours in the Sports Arena.

## Obstacle Finals Next Thursday

Previous first place winners of the weekly events are Neal Henderson, A Co., 1402 Engr. Bn. with a time of 1 minute 15 4/10 seconds. Benjamin Veal, B Co., 1401 Engr. Bn. with 1 minute 14 3/4 seconds. Robert Jones, B Co., 1402 Engr. Bn. with a flat 1 minute 10 seconds and Billie Logan, A Co., 1402 Engr. Bn.

All previous winners are eligible to participate in the finals which should really make it an exciting meet.

The man to watch at the obstacle course finals will be Cpl. Guadencio Obligation who won the last finals with a record speed of 1 minute 7 9/10 seconds. This lad hits all obstacles with the speed and know how of a champion. At the finish line he maintains his speed and form equal to his great power and jet like speed at the start.

In the Three Mile Cross Country Race pace setter Homer Bennett, Hq. Co., 6100 ASU will try to better his previous record of 13 minutes and 31 seconds. Pushing Bennett hard for first place will be Sam Parker, Co. A, 1402 Engr. Bn. Elson Vallery, B Co., 1401 Engr. Bn., Charles Dixon, A Co., 1402 Engr. Bn. and Dick Jennings, Hq. Co., 6100 ASU.

Awards for the Obstacle Course and Cross Country Race will be given the first four men to finish in each event. The awards are:

- 1st place: Clock (travel) photo 5 x 8, courtesy Stevens Studio.
- 2nd place: Kit (automatic Rolfs).
- 3rd place: Billfold.
- 4th place: Kit (male).

The selected awards are fine gifts and should be very useful to the deserving winners.

Other events of the day will be a pushball contest, Tug-O-War and Woodcutting Contest.

The Pushball Contest will be held between 1401 Engr. Bn. and 1402 Engr. Bn. Each team will consist of fifty men. This is becoming a very popular sport with plenty of excitement for both players and spectators.

The Tug-O-War is a grunt and groan affair with the Officers pitted against the Enlisted Men.

Another interesting contest on the afternoon program will be the Woodcutting contest between the lumber jacks of Camp Roberts.



By DEKE HOULGATE  
Los Angeles—Paul Brown is a paradox! The man most sports writers have criticized for tactiturnity or indifference toward the lighter side of life gave them ever will forget . . . and made them like it.

## Winter Sports Has Points!



PERT AND LITHE Joyce Holden, a Bernard photographic mode, is not only easy on the skis, but easy on the eyes. The Universal-International movie actress prompts us to coin a phrase, "We'll be skiing you."

## Brains Strain Their Muscles While Muscles Exercise

"Brains" is the name given the Officer's Tug-O-War Team and "Muscles" the name of the Enlisted Men's Team. Read again the heading and you'll get the drift.

When we say drift we mean the team which will drift into the water hole that separates the two teams. Both teams are well balanced and boast a winning team. At the water hole someone will get wet and we'll all know if "Brains" prevail over "Muscles" or "Muscles" keep a cool head and dry feet.

The line-up for the teams are:

- BRAINS**
- "River" Jordan—213.
  - "Bobo" Lucas—273.
  - "Bull" Bullis—230.
  - "Beer Gut" Cowl—290.
  - "Bad Lad" Gladd—215.
  - "Oh Really" O'Reilly—269.
  - "Killer" Keenan—233.
  - "Muscle Bound" McCliment—199 9/10.
  - "Iron Man" Vest—240.
  - "Johnny Bad Boy"—230.
  - "Solid" Jackson—220.
  - "Water Hole" Menson—232.
- MUSCLES**
- "Tiny" Colbath—330.
  - "Small" Sherwood—275.
  - "Curley" Nice—284.
  - "Strong Boy" Taber—263.
  - "Powerful" Elbert—251.
  - "Chowhound" Clarkson—240.
  - "Hanson" McElroy—240.
  - "Skinny" Gray—248.
  - "Whiskey" Pollard—241.
  - "Flatfoot" McDonald—241.
  - "Fat" Hastings—237.
  - "Heavy" Havey—239.

The man to watch at this Tug-O-War of men who are men will be mighty "Beer Gut" Cowl. He stands only five feet but packs 290 pounds of real intelligent muscle and plenty of know-how on the end of a rope. "Beer Gut" Cowl was born down in Kentucky when the tractor was still ten years from the drawing boards.

"Beer Gut" Cowl first developed his mighty muscles he now possesses when he was a farm lad. At the age of fourteen during the harvest season, one of the fine horses which made up the Cowl work team, died from over work and loss threatened the harvest. At this early age "Beer Gut" Cowl took the place of the horse and completed the harvest.

"Beer Gut" is also known down in Kentucky for the many times he has put a keg with 55 gallons of beer over his head and drank a gallon at a swallow.

Another great is "Small" Sherwood who will be pulling against the "Brains." "Small" is so large the Army had to recruit him on the street because he was too large to pass through the

doors of the recruiting office. Small man of both teams is "Muscle Bound" McCliment who only weighs 199 9/10. (We're sure if he had another muscle he'd make the 200 pound class). "Muscle Bound" was given his name because he was born with so many muscles he didn't have room for anything else. He's really not muscle bound at all because he can move both ears at the same time and still out pull ten ordinary men.

From the first hand report you have received about both teams, I am sure you'll agree this Tug-O-War event will be fireworks from the time the gun goes off until the big splash occurs. This event is to be held 8 February, 1951.

In addition to a graduation certificate, which was presented to each student completing the course, Sergeant Engler received a letter of achievement from Colonel Francis E. Howard, commanding officer of the school, commending him for his "enthusiasm and diligent application (which) clearly demonstrates that you are a distinct credit to the Military Police Corps and the Armed Forces of the United States."

This son of Mr. and Mrs. George Engler, 2664 Alemany Boulevard, has been on active service in the Army for three months. He was called to active service from reserve status in October.

He served in the Navy for three years with amphibious units and took part in the invasions of several islands in the Pacific during World War II.

Sergeant Engler graduated from San Francisco's St. Ignace High School in 1944. He is married to the former Miss Henrietta Gonzales of Manila, P. I. His present duty station is Camp Roberts, California, where he is a member of the 374th Military Police Company.

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## PVT. HARPOONS 300 LB. SHARKS

Company B, 48th AIB had an experienced harpooner in its midst this week. Private John Talstra, from Costa Mesa, California, in civilian life, is one of the colorful fishermen who risk their lives miles from the shore off the California coast. He fished principally for broadbill shark, a species of fish is not trawled or netted, but is harpooned in the old whaling days manner.

As a civilian, Talstra's job was to stand on a 24-foot "bowsprit" plank and harpoon the shark when the boat was maneuvered into position for the thrust.

The sharks are spotted from a crow's nest, 22-feet off the deck of the pitching fishing boat. Two men keep a lookout for sharks as soon as the boat has passed into fishing waters.

Spotting and harpooning the shark is an important phase of this type of commercial fishing, but by no means the most difficult part of the job. The real test of skill and stamina on the part of the fisherman comes when he has hooked the 300-pound fish.

A fighting shark, weighing almost a quarter of a ton, can spin out 900-feet of harpoon rope in the twinkling of an eye. And the force from his powerful fins can drag an unwary fisherman overboard with equal ease.

This kind of fishing is hard work, but it has its rewards. Says Private Talstra: "Fishing is not only a good hobby, it can be a profitable business, too. A fisherman is independent, and can use his own time and initiative. He must, however, have the spirit of adventure within him, and be able to get along with people, as well as love the ocean."

Talstra hopes to buy his own fishing boat when his Army days are over, and he can again ride the grand swells off the Southern California coast, looking for more giant sharks to harpoon.

## Bennett Establishes New Record in 3-Mile Cross-Country Race

A record time of 14 minutes and 31 seconds was set at the Three Mile Cross Country Race by Homer Bennett, Hq. Co. 6100 ASU.

Bennett who was not eligible to enter for an award because of his previous 1st place in the Cross Country Race held 4 Jan., 1951, was out only to help set a pace for his

the award of a Parker 21 pen and a carton of cigarettes. One tenth of a second behind Joe Williams time, John Harris crossed the finish line to walk away with fourth place and a ziplo lighter.

WEST GARRISON SLIDES EAST GARRISON INTO WATER HOLE  
West Garrison slides East Garrison into water hole to win case of beer and retain title of World Tug-O-War Champions.

For the first five minutes it was a stand still with both teams well dug into the clay, and all twelve men laying the beef in the opposite direction to the water hole which separated the two teams.

Coach Culloty who hails from England and has seen many Tug-O-War teams and been a member of several himself really had his team working together.

Anchor man for Culloty's mighty team "Tiny" Colbath who hits the scales at 330 lbs. was well backed up by "Powerful" Ebert, "Handsome" McElroy, "Big" Hampton and Heavy Harvey.

First man pulled into the water hole was East Garrison's lead man who sank like a stone. By this time the West Garrison team was well warmed up and rolling like a locomotive with little or no regards for the weakening heavyweights from the other side of the river.

Within ten minutes the water hole was overflowing and men from the East Garrison team were pulling themselves from the five foot deep, ten foot wide water hole, while the West Garrison strongboys enjoyed dry feet and a cool can of well earned beer.

PUSHBALL TURNS OUT A THRILLER  
Both teams were out for blood and after a few minutes of play both teams had stomped men to the ground and had the spectators standing with excitement.

One team Captain says, he knows how it feels to have a combat boot, size 14 jamed down his throat. Total loss to the Captain was one tooth, a broken pen with pocket full of ink, dirty uniform and chewed up ear. All other players finished the game with little loss of blood, plenty of sweat and many black and blue spots.

At one point in the game the ball and players got headed in the wrong direction and overran a couple hundred spectators, flattening everyone within their path. This taught the spectators to give way to the tornado of men heading their way.

This catastrophe necessitated a delay in resuming play which made it necessary to cancel the Woodcutting and Fox Hole Digging Contests due to lack of time.

The next day of action will be Thursday, February 8th, at 1545 hours at which time the finals will be held.

Don't miss it.

## The Best From The West



SGT. GEORGE J. ENGLER (above right) is shown receiving certificate of graduation from Military Police Class No. 161 at the Provost Marshal General's School, Camp Gordon, Georgia. Sgt. Engler, a member of the 374th MP Company, Camp Roberts, California, was the honor student of his class at PMGS after attaining the highest grades of the 124 class members. Lt. Colonel John N. Howell, assistant commandant of the school, congratulates the sergeant on his achievement as he presents the certificate. (PMGS Photo.)

## Sport Records

It's a fact—that Howard Jones took 5 U.S.C. teams to the Rose Bowl, and each took home the Rose. That the West Shrine team leads the East Shrine team 12 wins to 9 with 4 ties being recorded. That during the Henry Fonka era, 1941-45, Tulsa played five straight post-season bowl games. That the highest payoff in the tracks history was in 1912 when Wishing Well paid \$1,883.50 for a two buck ticket at Latopia, Ky. That Kincaid, wonderhorse of Europe in 1874-78, ran 54 races and was never defeated. That the oldest thoroughbred ever to win a race was John Burwell. In 1825, at 19, he went to the post 18 times, won once was second twice and won \$370. That "Foodle" Nelson, New York City Bowler holds the ABC Record for the most "Gutter Balls" in one session, 68 in 1936-6. That John L. Sullivan biggest take for a fight was \$14,000, against Herbert Blade in N.Y., in 1883. That—

for one game was established March 11, 1950 when Sheboygan beat Denver 141 to 105. That Fishing, High, Queens, N. Y. won 5 games in one day in a tournament in Madison Square Garden. That the West Shrine team leads the East Shrine team in an Illinois District Tourney, March 6, 1890. The first shot was caged in the first half. A column is being contemplated to deal expressly with answering the readers questions on any and all sports records of importance. Any one who wishes to confirm or discover the correct answer to any questions on Sports Records can do so by sending in their questions to Sports' Records, Care Special Service, Bldg. No. 8067.

## Twins Now Together

Two twin Privates were reunited this week in the 31st MTB, Company B, after they were separated by a misup in classification while being assigned to Camp Roberts.

Henry W. and Harold W. Scroggin were brought back together in time to be quarantined with the rest of the company after an outbreak mumps.

## L. A. RAMS STAR TRAINS WITH CCB

Ex-fullback for the Los Angeles Rams, Paul Younger, better known as "Tank," has been assigned to Co. A 31st Bn., Combat Command B for basic training.

Younger who has inducted into the army early in January, and assigned to Camp Roberts has spent the past two years playing with the play-for-pay boys in L. A. His last game for the Rams was the championship playoff contest at Municipal Stadium in Cleveland, where the Rams bowed to the Cleveland Browns.

Training for the most part has not proved to be too tough for the "Tank," since he has been keeping himself in top physical condition. He hopes that when his basic training is finished he will be assigned as a physical training instructor.

## Hensley Takes Over

Major Louis E. Hensley, assumed command of the 94th MTB on 20 January. Companies A and B of the 94th are filled, and began training last weekend. C Company has 100 men. D Company has 57. Both will be filled this week.

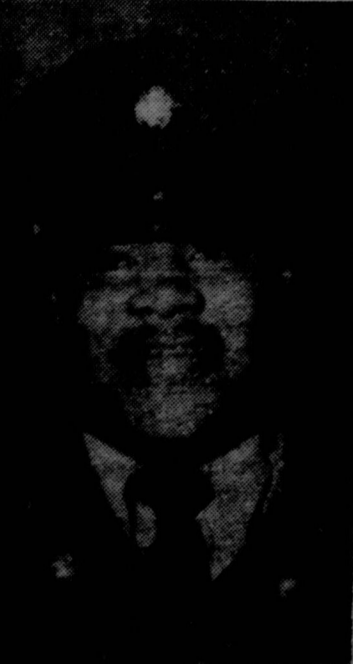
What ever happened to those Captain Eddie comic books that nobody read?

## The Weather Here? Its---!



TELEPHONE CALLS to home were the reward of these men, for being the first three men to enter the newly-reactivated San Miguel USO club for soldiers of Camp Roberts. At the telephone is Master Sergeant Emanuel M. Lofton, of Los Angeles, California, winner of the call for being the first to enter the club. Sergeant Bennie D. Bordo (left) of La Grande, Oregon, and Corporal Turner E. Campo, Jr., of Palestine, Texas, were the number two and three men.

## Top Man



CORPORAL LEOTIS WATKINS, Company C, 1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion, Camp Roberts, was given a certificate of achievement recently by Major General D. L. Weart, Commanding Officer, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, after he had completed the 6-week demolition course there with the highest honors on record at the school.

Watkins is 21, has a wife and son 3 months old in San Diego. He finished the demolition course with a score of 97. He rejoined his outfit at Camp Roberts this week where he is a squad leader.



## One Man's Opinion!

Every once in awhile, something will come along to make Army life really interesting. Some change so radical that just the thought of it presents millions of ideas and, at the same time, millions of problems. The one currently going to happen, we are told, is the complete change of the uniform; in both design and color.

Now such a complete change-over of uniform design and color is a task for the Army to worry about, and I shouldn't give it a second thought. For if there is one thing that my mind cannot stand, it is to be cluttered up with thoughts. But the possibilities that could be done with such a change intrigue me and cause my mind to function on thoughts other than the discharge point system. I'll admit that there isn't much glamor to the green clothes we're wearing now. Even duller is the color's nomenclature, Olive Drab. Can't you just see Hart, Schafner, and Marx trying to sell something to the dapper young man-about-town that had a shade called Olive Drab? They wouldn't even get an opening bid for it from the Salvation Army!

But now this new proposed color must really have something different. It's described as a greenish-blue shade, which I am sure could do nothing good for the digestive system. It would be a mixture of color very hard to picture. My little blue eyes have had a green hue to them on occasional mornings and I assure you they're nothing beautiful to look at.

It must be a concoction of the green from underneath a wrist watch and the blue from the edge of a grease trap, with just a tint of the Mississippi River bottom added for flair. I'll have to see this color to believe it.

No official title for this color has been given out by Washington so far as I know, but I have some suggestions as to what to call it which I will offer at no charge. Put blue and green together and what have you got? Bleen! Or reverse it, and you've got Glue! The latter might be more appropriate, for if Washington desires on this color, we're stuck with it.

What the change in the uniform design can be, I can't imagine. Of course, Washington is unpredictable anyway, so you can't tell what they might come up with. But I will say any change would be an improvement. First, take the "Ike" battle jacket. Have you ever taken a good look at it when you've had it on? Bulgy, isn't it?

Its main objection is that it's all pockets. Four very large pockets; two outside and two inside. And because we assume that the pockets are put there to be used, we do use them and stuff the jacket all out of shape until we resemble a recruit's duffel bag. At least mine does.

Because someone at my reception center insisted that I take pants a size smaller than I should have, I cannot carry anything in my pants pockets thicker than an overnight pass. So all the junk that I persist in totting around with me goes into my pocket. I'm bulgy, but what can I do?

That's where my big suggestion comes in. Why can't we all carry purses strapped over our shoulders like the Wacs do? It's really not as silly as it sounds, honest.

The bag could be shaped like a briefcase and, because our clothes would be of a new design and color, everyone would think we were lawyers. Or ambassadors with portfolio.

That bag over our shoulder could carry everything: pen and pencil, cigarettes, lighter, comb, wallet, hankie, keys, candy, and even a flash for the more stressing days. Then our uniform would more closely follow our physical outline and not resemble a dirty clothes bag on a Monday morning.

Well, it's a suggestion anyway. After all, it's in the interest of national welfare. And besides, the use of the new color shades will not do away with Olive Drab entirely. We'll still use that color on the ends of toothpicks in our martinis.



Military fashion note for young men of the Far East Air Force in Korea features the pelts of various animals for headgear. Lt. William J. Dempsey, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., models the latest in red fox. White cat or brown bunny also is available.

## NEW PRIVATE GETS LOST FIRST DAY HERE

The Army is a pretty bewildering place for Private Herman Hall, a new man at Camp Roberts.

He checked in here last week, was assigned to a company, then went out for a haircut.

The continual whirling about in the barber chair must have upset Hall's sense of direction, because when he emerged from the barber shop, he found himself hopelessly lost. He couldn't remember what outfit he had been assigned to, or where it was they had told him to report.

The folks at the Post Locator's office couldn't help Hall much either. He didn't remember his serial number, and besides, his name wasn't yet registered with the locating office.

Post Locator personnel began phoning around the post with little success, until they called a number in the order-cutting department. The man said that no orders had been cut on Private Hall yet, and would he wait there at Post Locator until they could cut them?

## Photo Awards Presented Here

Judging and presentation of awards to the winners of the Camp Roberts Special Services photo contest took place at Service Club 1 last Thursday 25 January.

Lt. Richard Neal, G-3 Section, 7th Armored Division, took first place with his salon shots, landscape and architect, and his portrait work.

First place in the snapshot section went to Sfc Ernest Lee Hq and Hq Co 7th Armored Division, while Lt Col Frederick Gaumnitz, Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 took first place in the color transparencies division.

Prizes were awarded to the winners by Lt. William Cowl, Entertainment and Recreation officer of Special Services.

## Civilian Freeze At Roberts

Hiring of civilians at Camp Roberts has been brought to a temporary halt. A Department of the Army order just received at Camp Roberts indicates the authorized number of civilian employees at the camp has been cut from an original number in the neighborhood of 1200 to a point where the 1,000 now employed fill the table of distribution strength.

According to word released from the office of the Controller at Camp Roberts, it is anticipated that a further order will be received from the Department of the Army authorizing an increase in the number of civilian employees. However, until such an order is received, a temporary freeze has been ordered on hiring of additional civilian help.

## Cowl, Ferguson Leave

Two Special Services officers at Camp Roberts left last week for training at Special Service School at Fort Lee, Virginia. Lieutenant William M. Cowl, and Lieutenant Leon L. Ferguson, will attend school for nine weeks before returning to Camp Roberts.

## New Engineer's Mess



THESE SMILING FACES shown here enjoying life in the NCO Mess for Engineers in East Garrison are a little premature, inasmuch as the club hadn't officially opened when the celebration took place. The occasion for the festivities was Monday night when a Pre-Opening of the Engineer's NCO Mess was held. Ranking NCO's started the club ball rolling with \$5 contributions. Dues of \$1 per man will keep the club functioning, it is hoped.

The new organization boasts 129 club members and the 7 councilmen who run the new enterprise. Councilmen are: M/Sgt. Frank V. Leeler, M/Sgt. Theodore A. Davis, SFC. Walter Weisman, Cpl. Fred Robles, Sgt. Alfred S. Traham, and M/Sgt. Carlos Leyo.

The grand opening of the Engineer NCO Mess will be held tomorrow tonight, Friday, 2 February.

## Hospital Briefs

by M/Sgt. Tom Current

### More Journalism?

Somerset really doesn't need to worry for a while yet about a rival from this corner. Someday I hope to write a great novel and do the illustrations myself. I'm on the first phase of this project now. I'm trying to learn to draw. But, this week I'm going to try yet another kind of journalism.

It consists of finding a purported letter to a reputed lover assertedly found by an alleged editor of a supposed newspaper under a linotype machine on the parade ground. A letter is found regularly in this manner it seems, and it does stretch the imagination a trifle since it always involves the same two parties.

In my case, I can promise a more realistic performance. I'm regular about only one thing and this is the first and last letter I shall find.

I've been looking everywhere for Sam's letters to Agatha and finally found one in the bottom of bottle of asparilla.

### Letter To Agatha

Dear Agatha: How could you say such a thing about me running around with no reporter call Joyce Ray? I don't do no running at all without only when somebody higher than me says I should and it seems like everybody is higher than me except only Joyce who writes the WAC's column for the army newspaper. The only reason I know Joyce is I wanted to give her a few helpful pointers on writing as you always say I write such good letters and I think a newspaper has to have good writers because sometimes people read them. So I got an interview with her and there wasn't no interview rooms except at the Club so that was how come you were so misinformed on me.

I wish you could meet Joyce because you would sure be good friends but if you come to Camp here to see me I don't think she will have much time. She is busy trying to sue some guy at the hospital who went and stole her type of writing and then when she calls him on it he goes and gets smart and says he didn't call his column In Passing By like she does because he called his In Passing Out and there ain't no connection as anyone who has passed out knows.

You know how hard I am to handle and Joyce sees right off I'm the dangerous kind and wouldn't put up with nothing so she says I can take care of this M/Sgt Current and I don't mind because he's a master sergeant as I owe something to one of those guys for talking me into going into the infantry so he might as well collect it as well as the next master sgt. But your being true to me has been a great perspiration to me being true to you. I only go to town to see movies and such. I went to town the other night and a MP stops me and says why have I got white sox on and I come right back with I'm a Medic (still thinking of that sgt.) and he can't think faster

than me and he says oh that's different.

Another reason I don't go to town much is the buses. The other night I floated into the alley where the bus leaves from and when I finished I looked around and there's the bus pointed at Camp Roberts and I get on. I'm lucky not to have to pay because the driver wasn't there. I went to sleep being very tired with looking at the movie screen and when I woke up we were stopped and I figured the driver was stopped getting coffee and then I couldn't keep my eyes open with being so tired. When I woke up it was 0530 and it was a long trip because I got on about 2 o'clock and I get off and I'm still in Paso. The driver comes out and turns on the motor to warm up and later when I'm back in camp I get a good laugh because that crazy driver didn't collect for all those trips. I must of looked like I was scared he would because I didn't have much money after that usher rolled me.

We are happy here in the Army though if only it wasn't for missing you like I do though I know my friends are trying to cheer you up which is very nice. We have lots of things to do here besides WACs which like writing as you know I don't touch. I found my buddy in the day room one Sunday morning about 3 o'clock playing pool all by himself which is the only time he says he can get the table free. He had went to a late movie like I do.

I've got to sign off now and go give Joyce some pointers on her writing which I never got a chance to do the other times.

All my love,  
Sam

## Special Troops Honor Two With Retreat Parade

Members of the Special Troops detachment under the command of Col. Clyde G. Young staged a formal retreat parade Tuesday evening, 30 January as two members of the detachment were awarded the Bronze Star medal.

Sgt. Robert P. Fitzgerald of Hq. Co. 6100 ASU, and Sgt. John S. Harris of Hq. Co. 7th Armored Division were decorated by Col. John C. Butner Jr., Deputy Post Commander as Capt. Robert Butler read the citation.

Both of the citations read: "for exemplary conduct in ground combat against the armed enemy." Sgt. Harris was assigned to the 108th Infantry Regiment in the Pacific Theater of Operations and the award covers the period including 11 May, 1945. Sgt. Fitzgerald, whose citation is for the 17th of December, 1944, was assigned to the European Theater with the 538th Armored Infantry Battalion.

## Incredible Escape

(Continued from page 1)  
On 15 September, Henninger and the other prisoners heard big guns firing. They figured rightly that U. S. ships were in action, and that a landing was in progress. It was the Inchon landing "softening-up shelling" they heard.

On the 17th, the prisoners were marched out of Seoul, after the North Koreans had learned of the Inchon landing. They were marched to Pyongyang, after two night hikes in the North Korea's rush to get them across the 38th parallel.

After four days at Pyongyang, they were put aboard a prison train, and again sent north. The train moved at snail-pace, because the tracks had been severely pounded by U. S. airmen. They made barely five miles the first night.

By day, the North Koreans hid the engine, and marched the prisoners out in fields away from the tracks.

They saw American planes overhead, while they huddled in a field, and an Air Force Officer with the group urged the men to wave to the pilots and let them know they were not enemy soldiers. The North Korean guards were heartily in accord with this policy. They huddled in the midst of their prisoners for protection from expected strafing attacks, while the Americans waved at the U. S. planes.

As the American Air Force planes came in on their runs, they apparently caught the meaning of the waving from the ground. They did not strafe the prisoners, but instead dipped their wings in recognition; and one of the planes did a roll to show how the Air Force felt about the whole thing.

On the 20th, the train had been hidden in a tunnel all day. As darkness fell, the prisoners were taken out for the promised "chow" which they had been told they would get when it was safe to leave the train.

It was here that the massacre took place. Pfc. Henninger and his four buddies were marched into the gully to be shot as the others had been. The evidence of the North Korean butchery was plain to see.

By some miracle, not even clear to Pfc. Henninger, in the darkness that fell over the massacre scene, the North Koreans relaxed their vigil momentarily after they had fired into the line of prisoners.

Henninger was not hit by the rifle fire. He cautiously raised his head, saw three of his wounded buddies crawling slowly toward him, and saw another buddy get up and run. Nobody fired at the running GI, so Henninger and the wounded men got up and ran.

They put what they figured was a safe distance between them and the scene of the North Korean massacre, then bedded down under a cornshock in a farmer's field. Henninger gave what first aid he could provide to the three wounded men.

Early in the morning, they moved their wounded comrades to a hilltop position overlooking a Korean farmhouse. Henninger's buddy—the other man who escaped the bullets—went to the farmhouse and brought back a canteen of water. He pleaded with the Korean farmer to hide his men, but the farmer was afraid to have Americans in his house.

Later that morning, the Korean farmer visited the men in their hilltop hiding spot, and brought two canteens of water. He smiled broadly. With his were an American Captain from the Korean Advisory Group, and a South Korean Officer.

The Captain had heard rumors of the North Korean tunnel activity, and had gone ten miles behind enemy lines to investigate.

General Allen arrived a few minutes later with a party of South Korean litter bearers. He reported that two other groups of Americans had been located in the gully near the tunnel. All were dead.

The punishment, lack of sleep, and lack of food, finally caught up with Henninger and his buddy. They both collapsed, and were carried out on litters along with the wounded men. The litter bearers packed them over the rough Korean countryside to the city of Suchon. They were evacuated to Japan for hospitalization until they were sent home to the States to Letterman General Hospital in the middle of November.

Henninger left Letterman Gen-

## WACTIVITIES

### HOPPIN ALONG

By Pvt. BUNNY ROUSSEAU

The WAC Detachment is buzzing with activity this week, as women in khaki go about reading scripts, memorizing parts, and in general preparing for the large scale WAC production taking place here at Camp Roberts, in the near future.

### Kate Smith to Get 3,457th Decoration

New York—Kate Smith, whose voice has pleased Servicemen since her early childhood, is about to receive her 3,457th decoration.



Kate Smith

During World War I, when she was six years old, she received her first award from Gen. Pershing for entertaining the troops. She was seven she had been tagged the "Junior Elsie Janis."

Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, of New York, soon will present her the Catholic War Veterans Gold Medal Award for Humanitarianism.

### Roberts Quartet Competes At S. F.

Members of the Camp Roberts Barber Shop Quartet recently attended the Sixth Army Barber Shop Quartet contest held at the Presidio of San Francisco Service Club 18 January.

"The Four Notes in OD" as they call themselves, took fourth place in the competition and then attended a program at the San Francisco Opera House presented by the Society for the Prevention and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

In addition the group appeared on a television show over the CBS affiliate in San Francisco KPX, did a show at Letterman General Hospital for the patients. The quartet members are Pfc. Edward L. Newkirk, Pfc. Richard Vevia, Cpl. Julius Droz, and Pfc. Norman Hanby. They are directed by Cpl. Wesley Butler of the Post Special Service office.

A report from Washington says they are going to lower physical and mental standards for the Army. They take one-eyed guys now. You mean, we're going to have to lead the new men around with seeing eye dogs?

### The Shortest Distance



TAKING A BREAK during final construction of a 215-foot bridge spanning the Nacimiento River at Camp Roberts are those men of Company B, 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division. From left to right, bottom to top, are Privates Eugene Palermo, Amillio Montes, 1st Lieutenant Alfred H. McCluskey, Private James B. Evanston and Private First Class Joseph Sealler. (Camp Roberts PIO Photo).

eral Hospital for a convalescent furlough, and a reunion with the wife and son he hadn't seen for a year-and-a-half. When his furlough was up, he brought Dorothy and 4-year-old Wally west from St. Paul with him, and reported to Camp Stoneman, California.

At Stoneman Henninger was assigned to Post Ordnance, Camp Roberts on 10 January.

Even though it's a long road back from a North Korean prison to the United States, there are few who would disagree with Pfc. Henninger that it's a lucky man who gets to make the trip.

The Detachment wishes to thank all of those who gave their support and hard work, in rendering their services and aid to the WACs for the forthcoming Production. We sincerely appreciate your help.

Appreciation goes out to Cpl. Joyce Ray, for the time and effort spent over a hot script, and the energy necessary to see that talent was brought to the surface hereabouts. Volunteers from the WAC Detachment are also participating in the Production of the Thirty-Eighth Armored Infantry Battalion's Performance, also to be shown very shortly.

Attention is called to the new USO opened for service men and women of Camp Roberts, in San Miguel. Its a terrific place to go. Time and money spent by the people of San Miguel, goes out in welcome to the military, and the military thank them for their concern. We promise to show our appreciation by keeping the USO as nice a place always as it is right now. Lets see more of those khaki uniforms over there.

The Detachment welcomes two new WACs, Pfc., Winifred Jackson, and Sgt. Jean Grooms.

Congratulations goes out to the following women, who have reached that point of high esteem,—PFC's. Nice going women, that stripe looks pretty good. Dorothy Bernstein, Margaret Dower, Georgene Hill, Twanda Huff, Clarice Lauer, Mary Sheldon, Geraldine Smith, Wanda Wade.

Attention all WACs: The benefit of those who haven't yet discovered the hospital NCO Club, I'd like to say I think it's a great place. Hard work made it possible. Harder work is yet to come. Thanks men, for so cordial an invitation, and I assure you those of us who have gone before, can speak for its high qualities.

Among the usual excitement this week, the WACs are scrubbing on yellow scarfs and gloves, getting ready for the parade this coming Tuesday. They look good men, better sharpen that step, because, in this WACs opinion, its easy to see who will be the sharpest Company on the Parade ground.

Your WAC reporter this week is Pvt. Bunny Rousseau, who is with the Finance Corps and is bringing to you this week's Wactivities wishes you all a PROSPEROUS Valentines Day.

### Same Serial Number For Two New Men

Two men with the same serial number were discovered this week in Company A, 31st MTB, Coombat Command B.

Cecil H. Kendall has the serial number US 56 077 023, while his buddy in the same company has serial number US 56 077 023.

Both men hail from the same home town, and both were inducted at the same time.

Steps have been taken to remedy the mixup in serial numbers.

## Carl Wilson Says

By Armed Forces Press

The trouble with Army life is, it's one Spam thing after another . . . Silly crack, about the dentist who told a patient, "Your teeth are all right, but your gums will have to come out."

The average sergeant must have a lot of enthusiasm—he finds so many things worth shouting about . . .



Anna

Sign in a local bar: "Rap On the Table — We'll See That Spirits Appear." . . . A traffic jam is what some drivers make out of careless pedestrians. . . Reports from Miami indicate next summer's bathing suits for women will have less cotton than you find in an aspirin bottle. . . "Some girls," advises Anna van der Rovaart, "go after every Tom, Dick and Harry. Others just go after Jack."

How about the captain with two silver bars on his shoulder and a brass bar under his foot? . . . Ed Gardner defined opera: "That's when a guy gets stabbed and instead of dying he sings."

A corporal's natural instinct is something that tells him he's right—whether he is or not. . . Women are never satisfied. They're always trying to take off weight, put it on or rearrange it. . . Some girls are showing more taste in clothes. Others are just showing more. . . Bob Considine, the author, has a horse named after him, and remarked, "That's the first time anybody ever called me a WHOLE horse!" . . . What a girl doesn't "No" can hurt her. Of course two can live as cheaply as one. For instance, two men can live as cheaply as one woman.

When some girls say no, it's like a traffic stop sign. You don't come to a complete halt—you just slow down for an instant.

Thanks to the Nacimiento River, a cold and swift stream following through the middle of Camp Roberts' great training area, the men of the 7th Armored Division have had a rough time of it getting from one side to the other. To transport trainees across the river from the training to bivouac grounds requires a round-about truck trip of six miles just to get across a 200-foot span. If trucks are not available the only alternative is several hours extra marching.

## Lt. A. H. McCluskey Shows Necessary Yankee Ingenuity

This had been going on quite some time when 1st Lieutenant Alfred H. McCluskey, commander of Company B, 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, decided it was about time someone did something to alleviate the situation. So he submitted a bridge-building plan to Major George B. Jordan, his battalion commander. Lieutenant McCluskey's superiors figured that if he could dream up the idea he might as well follow through and build the bridge too.

And so it was. With an eight man crew, volunteers from his own company, Lieutenant McCluskey waded chest high into the freezing Nacimiento River and pounded out his bridge. That was Saturday afternoon, January 20. Working that day and the afternoons of the following Monday, and Tuesday, the crew turned their pile of 100 per cent salvage material into a 215-foot span. At 1700 hours, January 23, the first troops marched across—Lieutenant McCluskey's own company B of the 23rd.

Now, more than a thousand troops tramp across the bridge every day. The saving in gasoline, shoe leather and time brought about by the construction of the bridge is enough to pay for a diamond studded gold medal. Many of the trainees who hiked the detour route before the bridge was built would be glad to present such a medal to Lieutenant McCluskey and his amateur construction engineers.