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FINAL RANGE SCORES

COL. MARGESON REPORTS THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE RANGE RESULTS, WHICH WERE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER TRYING WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MANY CASES. HE WISHED IT TO BE BORNE IN MIND, THAT WE ARE ALWAYS AIMING FOR 100%

BELOW IS THE COMPOSITE TABULATION

	.22	.03 rifle	.30 Mach. Gun	.45 Pistol
Number men fired	761	733	823	66
Expert	61	6	164	5
Sharps' ter	105	43	115	9
Marksman	409	561	160	38
% to qual.	75.6%	83.2%	53%	78.8%

COL. MARGESON DEPARTED TODAY TO ATTEND THE OFFICERS ADVANCED TACTICAL COURSE AT CAMP HOOD. IN HIS ABSENCE MAJOR ALLEN WILL BE BATTALION COMMANDER.

WITH COL. MARGESON GO THE BEST WISHES AND APPRECIATION OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 812th. WHO EAGERLY AWAIT HIS RETURN.

THIS NEWSPAPER CAME ONTO THE AIR WAVES TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN SGT. KAY, CAMP RADIO REPORTER BROADCAST FROM THE BROWNWOOD STATION. SGT. KAY QUOTED SEVERAL OF LAST WEEKS' ITEMS, MENTIONING SOME OF YOUR NAMES. HE ALSO COMPLIMENTED THE PAPER AND ITS STAFF, THANKS, SGT. KAY. WE WISH YOUR PAPER "THE 142F.A. NEWS" THE BEST. LISTEN FOR SGT. KAY FROM 7:45-7:55 TUES. & THURS. NIGHTS ON STATION KBWD 1580 ON THE DIAL--YOU MAY HEAR YOUR NAME..

BUYING BONDS IS CONSIDERED A VERY EXCELLENT WAY TO SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

** THE LAUGH OF THE WEEK **

One of our T.D. Buck Privates, reputed to be void in the upper-story, had been the butt of all the jokers in his outfit. The other night, while on his first guard, walking his Post, one of the Officers came up to him in the darkness.....

"Who goes there?" he challenged.
 "Major Moses" replied the Officer
 The rookie scented another joke-- "Glad to meet you, Moses, old top, Advance forward, and give the ten Commandments!"

CROSSED MACHETTES AT SGT. MITCHELL'S WEDDING

When a fellow in Hqs. Co. gets married, his pals "take care of him"... This was shown Sunday night when Sgt. and Mrs. Glenn C. Mitchell walked from Chapel #8 beneath an arch of gleaming machettes formed by 60 of their friends from the company

Mrs. Mitchell is the former Miss Doris Cromer of Aurora, Ill, which is also Sgt Mitchell's home town. Her sister Miss Lolati Cromer was maid of honor and Cpl. Sidney Anvoots was best man. A highlight of the ceremony, performed by Chaplain Dupre, was the beautiful rendition of "I Love you Truly" sung by Mrs. James B. Chester, wife of the Battalion Personnel Officer. Lt. Schectman played the bridal music.

On completion of the ceremony, the friends filed from the chapel under direction of 1st. Sgt. Brown, and formed two ranks facing the path between the chapel and the street. At Sgt. Brown's command, "Cross Machettes", the machettes, whose steel blades shone out in the night as they reflected the lights of vehicles strategically parked across the street, were drawn and crossed.

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(SGT. MITCHELLS' WEDDING CONT.)

Forming the glittering march. Awe-stricken, the other guests looked on as the bride and groom, followed by the maid of honor and best man, silently walked beneath the arch to a waiting half-track. At the command "Recover Mochettes" the arch disappeared as suddenly and rhythmically as it had appeared.

The half-track was lined with white. Flying aloft, was the Company's blue guidon. Other decorations, prepared under supervision of its driver S/Sgt. Fyfe, were the motor-pool sign with its facsimile of the TD insignia and a "JUST MARRIED" sign. All ablaze with lights rigged up for the occasion.

The bridal party was driven around the Battalion Area, with lights blazing and siren screaming. From there they proceeded to the orderly room where an informal reception was held. A fruit punch and a delicious wedding cake, prepared by the company cooks, was served.

ANOTHER HIGH SCORE

An efficiency test conducted by the Communications Officer of the 8th. Group on Feb. 3 resulted in the Message Center Section of the 812th. TD Bn. making a score of 91 percent. The following comment was made:

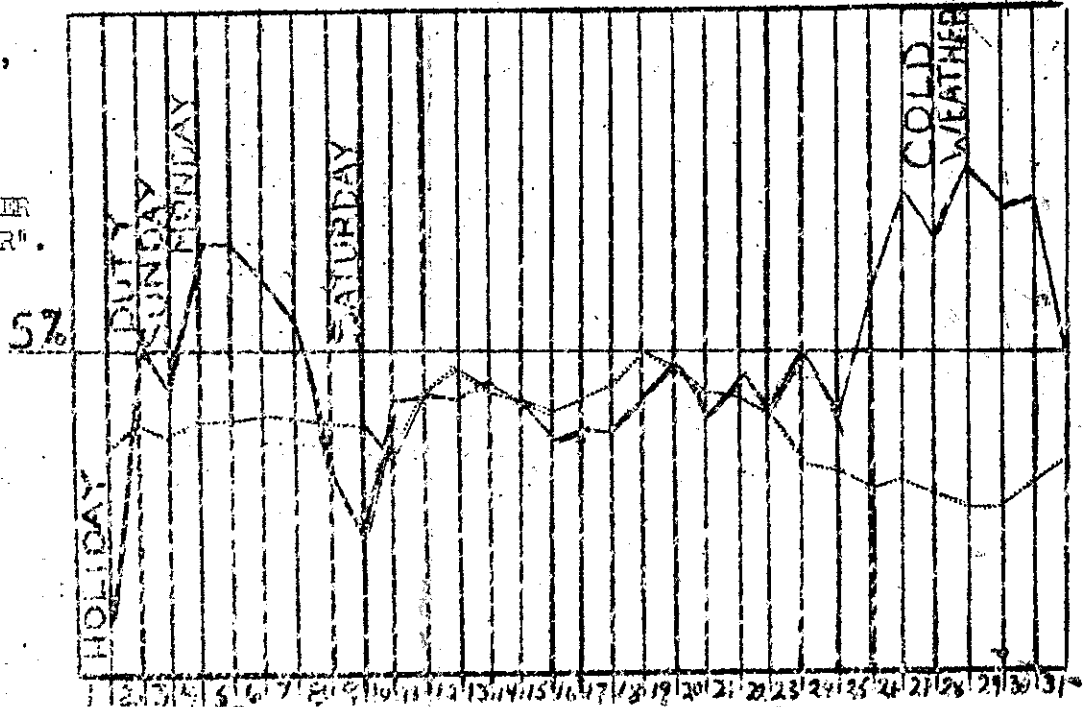
"The Communications Platoon of this battalion is very well trained. The panel tea needs a little more practical work and the Code Clerk is at present being required to perform his own duties as well as those of Message Center Chief. These difficulties, however, are minor and the battalion is to be commended on the efficiency of the Communications Platoon in Message Center Procedure."

----- W O R D S S C A R C E L Y N E E D E D -----

THIS CHART IS A RECORD OF SICK-CALL AND HOSPITAL ROSTERS FOR THIS BATTALION FOR JANUARY. THE DOTTED LINE DENOTES PERCENT OF MEN HOSPITALIZED AND THE UNBROKEN LINE THE PERCENT ON SICK CALL EACH DAY.

JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 WERE SATURDAYS. THE 4, 11, 18, AND 25th WERE MONDAYS. WHILE THE HOSPITAL LIST FALLS THE SICK-CALL LIST RISES

CAPTAIN ROSE, WHO KEPT THE CHART, POINTS OUT: "AS WE GROW HEALTHIER WE GROW WISER".



Headquarters Co. Notes

The "Swaves" is the latest alphabetical War Corps. This branch of Service was formed recently at Ohio State University and has 295 students enrolled to perform extra-curricular volunteer war work.

Pvt. Norman Strum is wondering when Supply Sergeant Hackler is going to issue him a wife. It seems Strum, a bachelor, had \$22 deducted from his last month's pay "for wife"...so he wonders whether to be expectant or mad.

An emergency furlough has been granted Cpt. Harold Schiff to be sworn in this time it is the oath for the New York Bar Ass'n.

Best wishes to Sgt. Arthur Macy, a leader in the recruit instruction, who left today to attend OCS at Camp Hood and to Pvt Chas. Huether who left for Communications School there.

A recent visitor was Lt. Gene D. McIntosh attending an officers master maintenance course at Camp Hood. He formerly was Bn. Supply Sgt.

The Brooklyn rookie surveyed the table sneered at the wholesome, but not too elegant menu-as the mess sergeant passed he cracked-"all this is so tempting, do I get a choice?" "Yeah", snapped the M.S. "take it, or leave it."

Our evening retreat parade Friday was accomplished without fever, fear or falter, and looked mighty good to all.

BUZZING WITH B

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Calling C. Co.

By Pvt. Bernard Canning

During bivouac the other night, Lt. Gore was selected for guard detail by one of the Privates--the very good reason was the dense darkness....

Congratulations..Pvt.and Mrs. Donet Beaudet who are the proud parents of a daughter.....

"Whats that stone in Anne's engagement ring,Joyce ?" "A rolling stone,my dear,I had it once"

We may soon be ready to answer that challenge for a Bowling Match sent out from Recon.....

The boys were instructed in class to tighten all nuts on their respective trucks.Pfc.Pilkerton had four or five of the fellows doing this,underneath his truck. Later on, when he made his first trip on the road, he had to stop in a short distance, because his hand-brake was neatly tightened. The explanation--"we were only following instructions".....

"Nothing can be done in a day--- if that day is always -tomorrow"

Last Sunday really was a welcome one Most beds were'nt emptied until late forenoon.....

RECON. CO.

By Pvt James Flanagan.

We wish to announce the birth of seven pups,sex un-known,to a very proud mother taking place in Batt.guard tent Wed.

night-everything is under control and according to reports Sgt.Burns was an excellent mid-wife.

Congratulations to Pvt Peter Striano on his engagement to Miss Mildred Recco of New York City

Overheard at the Main F.X.--the girdle saying to the hat--"You,go on ahead, I'll pull in a little behind"

By Pvt. Steven Hanson

The boys went to town again,and have won almost 20 straight victories-by drubbing the 2nd.Observation Post team 34-17 Top man was Marzulli with 11 pts. The Boys are entered in the Post Tournament,and should be strong contenders for the Championship.*****

New name for the gold-brickers at Calisthenics"Non-conditioned Officers**

Just who is circulating those "latrine rumors" regarding this Battalion moving to Ft.Meade,Maryland ? Do not take any stock in them--where we go and when nobody actually knows...*****

WITHA CO.

By Pvt. Harold Beerman

The late Quarantine,although hand-icapping us,didmake us more acquainted with one another.A miniature F.X.and an imprompu entertainment byour members and (both doing a sell-out business) made the evenings lighter--thanks to Chaplain Dupree,Lt. Christ and the Medics.

A perfect example of "triple-time" wore the boys on passes,when the restriction was finally lifted--the rush to the bus was terrific---

"Whispering Sam" Lampert was interested in Sec.104 of Articles of War--and when told Quarantine was over,he actually raised his voice to a squeak,

Since the receipt of a beautifully colored picture of his girl friend, Pvt.Unkababian is the perfect example of-- "did you ever see a dream walking?"

While Sgt. Fontanazza was busy putting Hut 5 on the ball-he received an invitation from his "one and only"to be best man at a Wedding--look out Sgt.--

Definition of a T.D. haircut-- "the aftermath of a Texas cyclone"

Half-track Harry sez-Its the nut behind the wheel that generally causes most of our automobile accidents---

The Fatigue coat and trousers do all the work---but the field-jacket gets all the gravy----

JINGLE OF THE WEEK

There was a chow-hound named Kelly Who thought less of his friends-than his belly He said they were jerks-but they gave him the works- Now in the kitchen,he gets the jobs that are smelly--

OFFICERS TECHNICAL SQUAD
Lp. Settler--Lt.Rude takes over Recon Co.
Lp. Boett--Lt. Patrick takes over "B".
Lp. Sizemore--returned
Lp. Russell--returned
Pvt. Desautels--"C" Co. to aid corps
Santa Ana, Cal.

Camp Bowie Library

Camp Bowie is the proud possessor of one of the finest and most complete libraries in any army post. It shelves housing over 9,000 books.

Twelve hundred of these volumes whose subject matters, runs from Emily Post to the best contemporary fiction, are taken out by Officers and Enlisted Men each month.

Mrs. Smith, librarian, states, that the boys' chief interest lies in popular fiction, biography, radio and aeronautics. "Sometimes, however," explains Mrs. Smith, "the boys literary tastes will run into strange fields, for instance, one night, an enlisted man in all earnestness, requested a recipe for chocolate fudge. Another time an Officers wife called us, asking if we would advise her as to what Emily Post would suggest wearing as suitable apparel to a military function."

Actually, the library serves many purposes. Besides helping to satisfy the reading habits of this camp's constituents, it also serves as a general information center, a classroom for basic English, and a workshop for those whose crafts are far removed from usual military routine.

Almost any night there, you will find a Cartoonist, whose comic strip appears daily in syndicated newspapers thru-out the country, busily engaged at his trade. Also, one might see a song writer pounding out lyrics and score for a potential song hit. A writer of pulp detective fiction sits in one corner of the library, creating chills and thrills for an anxious public.

"At closing time, ten P.M., we have to shove the men out of the front door, its almost home to many of them," proudly explains Mrs. Virginia Monk now assisting Mrs. Smith and soon to be head librarian for the #3 library which will open in the near future.

The library, situated a stone's throw from the main service club, is entirely a Government regulated feature of the camp. All books are the possession of your Uncle Sam, and are not contributed by the U.S.O. or any other private service organization.

Any officer or enlisted man, or members of their families, can obtain a library card upon application, and draw one or two books (not more than two) for a period of two weeks. Books are naturally subject to re-renewal if the reader wishes.

If you desire further information telephone exchange #119 and Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Monk will be happy to accommodate you.

S. H.

**** IMPORTANT ****
ANYBODY WITH DEPENDENTS IS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ATTORNEY. YOU ARE URGED TO CONSULT THE PERSONNEL DEPT. ON THIS MATTER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS DEPARTMENT ONLY IS OFFICIAL.

W E E K L Y - M O V I E SCHEDULE
AT NUMBER 4
Sunday--"Shallow of a Doubt"

- Editor: Lt. Charles A. Franklyn Jr.
- Art Editor: P/5 George Grevert
- Composers: P/5 Enkavias;
- Hqs. Co. Pvt. Charles Saphristien
- "A" Co. Pvt. Harold Beerman
- "E" Co. Pvt. Bernard Ganning
- "C" Co. Pvt. Steven Hinson
- Rec. Co. Pvt. James Flanagan

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To Editorialize:

- By Lt. James Chester -

What is the most important element in Military Training? DISCIPLINE--- as vital to the success of an army, as live steam to the operation of a locomotive. Without it the best of individual soldiers are but an armed mob to be made a mockery by a trained foe. Every great general in history has recognized this, and his success has been measured by his ability to inspire discipline.

Discipline represents seventy percent of battle efficiency. Money cannot buy discipline, nor can munition plants supply it. It is the essence of training and springs from the intelligent and conscientious work of each of us. This is what makes long and thorough training so necessary, what makes Military men shudder at the thought of war without adequate training. History is full of instances where otherwise splendid forces have been brutally defeated for lack of discipline.

Discard any vague conceptions of discipline as associated only with punishment and brutality, something finer and higher than that is meant. General Sherman said "Discipline is the Soul of Armies". This means it is the SPIRIT--the actuating Spirit that inspires individuals do deeds of heroism, that gives them heart for patient endurance to untold hardships, that makes them freely surrender individual wills to the will of our leader, that binds them into a splendid fellowship, aspiring sacrificing, training together for a common cause. This is the Discipline we must foster in our Battalion. We must arouse it and hold it for success and honor.

REMEMBER BATTALION SHOW

The Talent Show scheduled for Feb. 13 will go on unless unforeseen circumstances develop. Those presenting skits or acts may well utilize the evenings on the field trips for rehearsals. See your Committeeman--
Hqs.-Pvt. Feldman---"A" Pvt. Beerman
"B" Pvt. Fradkin---"C" Pvt. Feldman
Recon.---Pvt. Packer

Monday- "Northwest Rangers"
James Craig-Jack Holt
Tuesday-"In Which We Serve"-Noel Coward.
also Wednesday
Thurs. "By Gal Sal" * * * *fine cast