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THE 825TH COYS ON BIVOUAC

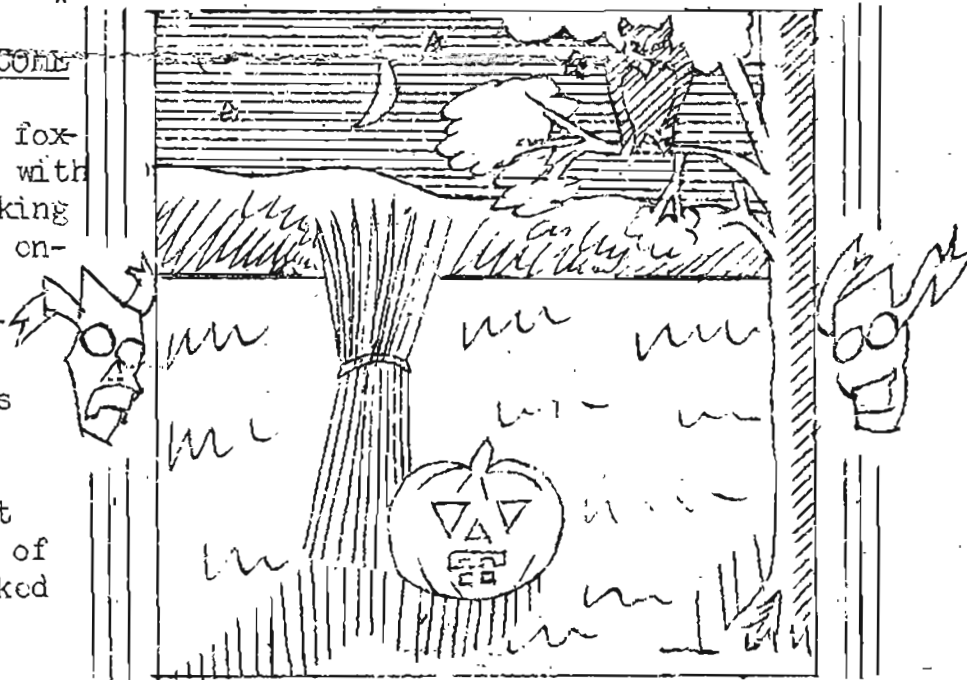
Areas 7 and 8 in Camp Phillips, is now being occupied by this battalion, it is also of interest to Action Front, being the first issue put to press in the field and will probably be continued in this fashion for many issues to follow.

Most of the battalion is spread out in such a wide range of areas that it was practically impossible to contact them all to obtain news for this paper, how-

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ENEMY DID NOT COME

Almost every fox-hole was filled with one person looking for some hidden enemy. All the posts were filled and doubled. Each man had his hours to guard and watch. Gun crews were alert and every blade of grass that cracked put each man on his toes. To a few, standing guard



ever the best done was to ascertain that all the men received a copy of the paper.

The battalion was split up into its combat sections.

Each driver was with his assigned section. All the radio operators stayed fast with his radio set, and so on down the line.

was a new experience and had difficulty in keeping awake. Emplacements were dug and machine guns mounted. The entire night was spent in watching for the enemy that was to come.

The S-2 Section spent the night with the CP waiting for prisoners that might be captured. S-3 made it's rounds to be certain that all was prepared. Each kitchen help had to hurry with the daily chores in order to prepare for the expected raid. Battalion Motor Maintenance had guards around its area and vehicles.

Motor maintenance was in a group by itself carrying on its usual duties, repairing vehicles that needed immediate attention. The company clerk became part of a unit also a part of the rear echelon. The gun sections, who are to be commanded on their jobs of camouflage had their guns placed in strategic positions. All of the boys complained it was "kinda chilly" but the boys stuck with their gun until they were relieved.

Fox-hole digging was the thing since there was no chance for assimilation

COMMENDATIONS

Due to this weeks training the commendations are very few. This was expected, but to the following we are proud to see their names in the paper. Both men are drivers and have clean vehicles.

- T/5 James A Strunk - Co. "C"
- Pvt Arthur R Pimental - Co. "B"

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AWARD OF THE WEEK

From 1800 hours 29 Oct 43 to 1200 hours, 5 Nov 1943, Company "B" is authorized to fly the streamer, awarded for having the best kitchen and mess in the battalion.

TD Tony has reported to us that it might be due to the fact the T/5 Joe Pellegrini was acting mess sergeant. (Ed. note.-We may be corrected on this.)

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Time to smile

FFC Gardner: Why won't a clock run for evah?

Pvt Palo: I dunno why?

FFC Gardner: Cause its hours are numbered.

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SCHOOL DAZE - -

The Enlisted Radio Electricians' and Technician Course, class beginning November 6, 1943, will have among its pupils the following men:

- T/4 Joseph J Kulaga Co. "B"
- Pvt Christo Stefekos Co. "A"
- Pvt Robert L Thompson Hqs Co.

(Say "Hello" to Hood for us boys)

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WELCOME GENTLEMEN

Not exactly the proper place to get acquainted with new guys like you, here in the field we mean, but a warm welcome to Pvts Harry Friedman and James Taylor. Both men have been assigned to Hqs. Co.

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regular Bond Buyer, Boys....

ACTION FRONT SABOTAGED

The bright morning of October 30th Hqs. Co and members who were present were called and lined up. Unexpectedly the men were lined up and led to the Medical Detachment CP. There the sleeves had to be rolled up, and that's right you guessed it. The Capts. Johnson and Altman had a "jab session", while the boys from the medics looked on---and smiled.

Accustomed to procedure by now the boys went right through it in record time. Booster shots marked the one year mark in the army. In days of pioneers they cut notches into their guns as a marking of days and months, the GI fashion is to jab you, just to remind you.

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WHAT'S IN THE R's!!!

DISCHARGE - When an EM requests a discharge from the service (see AR 615-360) based on his importance to national health, safety, or interest, to accept employment in essential agriculture, the application need not be accompanied by any supporting papers. The commanding officer concerned will not suggest to the EM that he secure a statement from the county or parish agricultural agent of the United States Department of Agriculture regarding the need for his services on the farm.

A soldier applying for this type of discharge will submit his application through his immediate commanding officer in accordance with existing directives. It is not necessary that his application contain information from representatives of the Dept. of Agriculture.

PROMOTIONS

- T/5 Bertrand T Doyon to T/4 Hq Co
- T/5 Dominic HHI DeRosa to T/4 Hq Co
- FFC Raymond F George to T/5 Hq Co
- Pvt Joseph Pellegrini to T/5 "B" Co

It all comes about through hard work. Nothing is given out, it's always hard work and attention to duty that gets the ratings. We can all do it. Lots of luck to the above name men of the battalion.

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POET'S CORNER

To encourage all Poets
My children, speak not ill of one
another.

I do not ask you to hate;
Cadets must envy elder brother,
The little poet must be great.

- Walter S Landor

(The following poem shows that they
were right about this thing called FREE-
DOM even many years back. Ed. Note.)

Oh freedom is a noble thing!
Freedom makes a man to have liking;
Freedom all solace to man gives;
He lives at ease that freely lives.

John Barbour (1320-1395)

A busload full of dainty beauts,
Is met by us--five hundred brutes.
"Look at that blonds"--"I saw her first--"
"I'll take that redhead", such words burst
From the expectant soldiers' line
Each grabs a partner as trumpets whine,
And those who weren't quite so bold
Are naturally left out cold.
Hopeful they wait for the next dance
When they may have a better chance,
Success at last--the following round
Is theirs--and they with joy abound,
Go to the stag line with a grin
"Thank you, fellows, for breaking them in"
The weary guests at last depart.
And back-board the boys compare
Their conquests, "She promised to be there
Next week." "But mine gave me her number
And promised in my arms to slumber."
Then Jonny cried, "I am the winner--
An line invited me to dinner."

Beer and Sex

The soldiers in the Army,
All the he-men and the wrecks,
They do a lot of talking
About beer and also sex.

Now, it's my observation,
In spite of all they boast of,
That between beer and women,
Beer is what they get the most of.

Sgt. IRVING CARESS
(Yank Magazine)

(Ed. Note.--How true.)

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The following sentences were taken from
actual letters received at the Relief
Bureau in Washington:

Can't get my sick pay. I have six
children. Can you tell me why this is?
This is my eighth child. What are you
going to do about it?

Please send me my wife's form to fill out.

Sir: I am enclosing my marriage certifi-
cate and my two children, one of them
is a mistake, as you will see.

You have changed my little girl to a boy
Does this make any difference?

(This was heard about while on tour of
the areas.)

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"A lot of these tents look like Sinatra
fans. Because they swoon."

Salina Sweetie: Gee your in the army huh
and have you done any shooting lately?
Pvt Ferignio: Last Saturday. I shot
\$80 dollars worth.

Pvt Whalen: Who's firing that machine
gun?

Pfc Jalbert: That's no machine gun, it's
only Santacrose singing in the tent.

Pvt Whalen: I never heard that song.

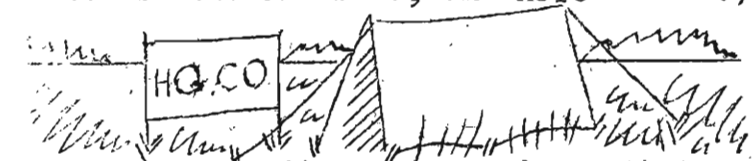
Pfc Jalbert: What song?

Pvt Whalen: Singing in the tent.

Buy more bonds. - - - -

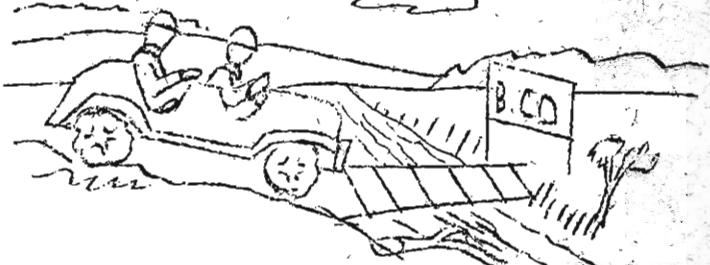


(Since no news was submitted by any of the companies it was necessary to visit the different areas in order to get some. So with the Major's consent, and his vehicle we went after it, and here it is.)



The boys were discussing a dream that Pvt GOODE had. It seems that he dreamt he was in the Navy and was seasick. When he woke up, he found he was in the army and was home sick... We found out that T/5 HAMILTON is also known as the "Agent". Sgt EBERLEIN says he receives more mail from N. Dakota than from home. (Why?).. Cpl SHEA who is enjoying the "v₂ cation" spends his time fishing. Fishing pole in one hand and gun in the other... T/5 ADAIS says it was wonderful to have breakfast in bed... (How do they get away with it?).. Pvts LARGENT and BRYAN digging, not for gold or hidden treasures, but a mother-nature GI latrine... T/4 PAZIK says, "We had a dry run on furloughs this week."... (Furloughs will continue immediately upon the completion of maneuvers.).. When does Pvt ALBRITTON sleep. We've never seen him sleeping yet... Pvt RUSSELL cooking meat over an open fire. Synthetic rubber in the making... PFC WILBUR says with all the boys eating on the ground it reminds him of a mess in the cold cold ground.. Pvt CRAIG getting into his long johns with a wind blowing around him.. brrrrr... Pvt MUNDALL says he misses his meals because of chow calls.. t ch tch tch.. Pfc SHORTY SULLIVAN says, "Two weeks out here and I'll take on any two men. I might even take on Capt HADER.".. Pvt RYAN, Sgt AMASTASIO and T/4 HIGGINS making not a tactical but a strategical move.. Closer to the fire..

T/4 LOPEZ back from Cuba and glad to tell you about it. (Welcome back George)... Sgt NELSON received a perfume tinted letter from Jeanne, of N. Dakota. Did she use the perfume that Sgt LOPEZ sent her from Cuba, on NELSON'S letter too... The members of the walking division, or Message Center, who say they do more walking than an infantry platoon... we left the area and

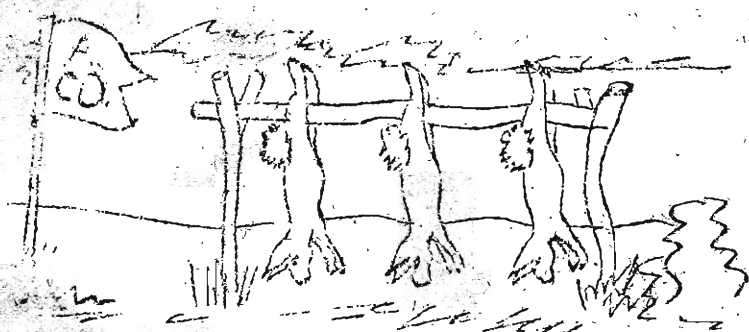


we came about the B Company area, where we found Pvt GREGOIRE boarding up the old farmhouse, against the wind. In the basement we found the sleeping quarters of S/Sgt HALL, Sgt TINSLEY. (Rather cold wasn't boys... Lt EASTABROOKS wants to remind you the price of turkeys is high this year... Pfc CRISP says its a furlough for him not to be blowing the bugle, but again it's better than digging fox holes. T/4 CARPENTER still blowing his top, gee whether in the field or garrison he always yells at the KayPees, cut it out will you /.. we just missed a potatoe peeling contest. Pfc BRUCE beat a certain company officer in the art of potatoe peeling... T/5 KELTON says he often thought of putting up the sign, "IF YOUR CLOTHES FIT YOU BRING THEM BACK AND WE WILL GLADLY EXCHANGE THEM FOR YOU"... Pvt CAHRES back from furlough and not too happy about his temporary home... we ask where to locate the gun crews, and the reply, "-all over the damn place."... The kitchen was about to start on some heavy KayPec when we decided it was time to leave and the distance wasn't very great, but awful bumpy when



we got in the C Company area. C Co. is commanded by that much photographed Capt. HADER. (Continued on page 6)

(ALL 'B COOKING continued here) ,
 The first report we received was to the effect that S/Sgt "Cherokee" WHITE found a home here in the woods. He sits by the fire crossed legged and keeps yelling to the boys, "Open the windows, it's stuffy in here."...Pvt MERCHER was actually seen washing himself, shirtless (a daring feat to think) and nonchantly doing so....
 A berube who goes to school now, was seen in the Service Club. Funny place to have a class, in the cafeteria...Most of the boys were on the range when visited by us, therefore the lack of news. As you have done in the past for setting records let's continue to keep up the good work and get more news items in to ACTION FRONT...T/5 Thomas Jennings smoking his Hawkshaw pipe and causing more smoke than the fire he was standing in front of...
 Did Sgt BOYD's girl from Dakota leave yet. We were having a very good time we hear. (This business plug is free of charge)..
 Pvt KURAS (works in the supply room) has been advising the boys, who were going on furlough to stop in at his place of business on W. Augusta Blvd. Kuras says after the war the drinks will be on the house for the 25th boys. (We may take him up on that.)...C Company boasts that the basketball team is made up of a majority of C Company men, namely the following; Sgt Deagle, Sgt Healy, S/Sgt Villano, Sgt Cavitt, Sgt Duffy, Cpl Edward and Sgt MacDonald...S/Gt Villano has yet to explain how come he rode in the vehicle for a very great portion of the 25 mile trip...But alas we had business with still more company to visit and so we continued on our bumpy way to



the encampment area of A Company (they of the rabbit and squirrel stews). Gathered around the fire a group of boys were being instructed by Lt Eisen in the manner of

cleaning guns and goldbricking. These boys have become very fond of hunting since they come out into the woods. T/5 FRANKS and PFC STRINGER it seems have finally mastered the art of capturing the unfortunate rabbits and squirrels. Lt Dibert is said was actually seen washing his laundry too. PFC TURGEON was present and asked us why marshmallows weren't an item of issue on one-tactical nights. (Good idea!!)...The boys are happy since they've made Lt Boyd happy. He's proud of the five latrines dug by his boys. (Hummmm they must be full of it.. happiness we mean.)....Pvt OSBORN who had just gotten in from from furlough said he was pecked and all ready to go on another furlough...Pvt CAREY who had to go all the way home to catch pneumonia --get well soon James:.....Pvt STAFKOS observed at the service club enjoying a dinner and watching the ferns close by.. Cpl WEST also at the club taking his tray back and asking the hostess to throw some sand it so he could get use to it, since that's the way he's been eating for the past week...Lot of boys were surprised to see a possum around "these yer parts"... and we were surprised that that was all the news they could give us so we had to leave them and scout through the wilderness and get back to CF where the major was waiting for his vehicle. Thanks Pvt BOYETT and nice driving and thank you Major BELST for the loan of the vehicle.

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Digest of READER'S DIGEST ---
 Democracy means not, "I am equal to you" but "you are equal to me."

James R. Lowell
 If you wish to compliment someone, compliment him on detail. In praising a man's home, avoid a vague generality like "Nice place you've got here." Select something specific, such as the view from a window or the shrewd arrangement of a room. Don't tell a woman her hat is merely "becoming". Mention its angle or its color.
 Dorothy Walworth.

In El Paso, a man got 60 days in jail as a smuggler of bobby pins. - Time

HELIFUL

HINTS

MOTHER NATURE BREAKS

Hey! Follows! It was colder than hell this morning and can you imagine that damn Sgt. saying that all us guys has got to shave. Why that ~~happ~~*0. (I says to myself) "I'll be damn if I'll shave with cold water." "Neither" says Joe who had edged closer to me. About three minutes later we noticed the Sgt. coming our way with two No. 10 cans. He didn't say rutin' jus took out a pair of pliers and started cutting one of the cans lengthwise. He made two slits about six inches on either side of the can. Next he put about two inches of dirt in the bottom of the can. He told Joe to get the gas can off the scout car. Then the Sgt. poured about a cupful of gas over the dirt. He then filled the other can with water and set this on his ready made stove and lit the gas. In about ten minutes he had all the hot water he needed for washing and shaving. Joe and I looked at each other and before we realized it we racing to the kitchen for some No. 10 cans. (See diagram below)

Were you awoken this last week with cold chills running up and down your back? Maybe it was the cold ground or the damp spot you pitched your tent on or --was it that sound you heard, kind of a shrill, like a young dog moaning or-- and old lady trying to hit a minor key or-- did you think that it was the expected raid of the 317th, (The Major did because he ran out of his tent with pistol in hand). After thorough investigation it was found only to be a coyote singing the "Blues in The Night".

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ACC! ACC! WAAAAAAA

You know what all the shouting is about if you were a good boy and went to see the new training film War 7. A million cheers to Capt. Dark, 14th. Sp., and the War Dept. for giving us such a swell training film. Its tops with us and will be looking forward to seeing the rest of these series.

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GIVE 'EM HELL

"ACTION FRONT!!!!" Cried, Lt. Eckley, Co. C. No, he was not handing out the latest issue of our paper. He was giving command to his gun crews who would scurry to their pieces and give them hell. That is how this paper got it's name. We jump to our typewriters and gives them hell.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK ONLY

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS (FREE)

I specialize in driving any type of vehicle issued by the U.S. Army. I have acquired my own technique with months(2) of training.

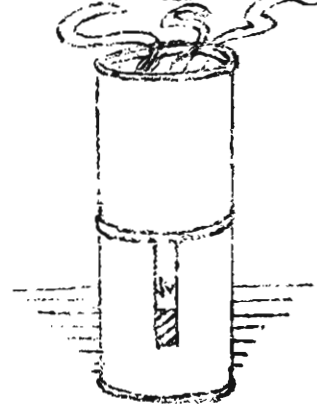
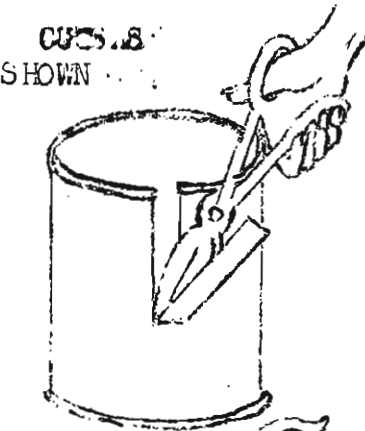
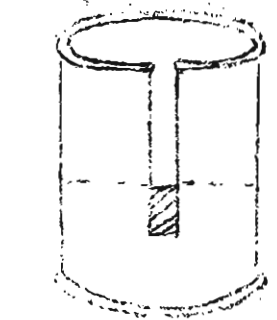
If you are thinking of committing suicide I suggest you see me first. I never miss a stump or rock. AVT. "ROCKROCK" BOLLIDG.

NO # 10 TINS

CUPS SHOWN



FILL PARTLY WITH SAND OR DIRT



THUS YOU HAVE THIS.

35th Goes Bivouacing (cont'd fr pg.1)

Or make believe. There are many who are thankful for the soft Kansas ground which made it possible to dig deep fox holes. To the few who had to cut roots and dig into the clay like sand it was no easy matter. It was a popular sport of an evening to watch a friend to walk around and grope around in the dark, and to see others fall in and climb out of fox-holes.

Evening fires, on non-tactical nights, would make some of the boys burst out into song, and talk about things that were before "we got in."

It was noted that whenever a smile or song appeared on the lips of some GI, his friend immediately gave him the title of "Bivo-whacky."

The end of the training phase of the bivouac had not been determined.

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ENEMY DID NOT COME (Cont'd. fr page 1)

~~Each company had its radios set. All officers had their watches synchronized. Everyone was pitched to the extent where it had become exciting.~~

As the night "dragged" on the excitement wore off, the guards became sleepy. The cracking blade of grass was of no longer and interest. The sharp eyes had become weary, but soon the rain started to come, then it would stop. (This did not help matters any.) Finally it was seven o'clock in the morning, and the non-tactical period came into effect.

Radio operators had received no messages of approaching enemy. S-2 and S-3 were sleepy too. Notes were compared, the commanding officer and executive officer and the announcement was made that "The enemy did not come." (Damit)

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WANTED A PARTNER, who will help sell to the government a million dollar idea. This idea will save time and money. It is for the benefit of the enlisted man and can't fail. The idea is to build a library in every latrine in the army camps. Write to TD Tony, Post Stockade

SURPRISE MOVIES!!!

As it was scheduled and A Companies went i Theater number four wh film awaited them. Se ing Film #7 and Baptis

As film number #7 been quite different f expected. T/Sgt Robert worried as the film pr and asked Capt Dark if that had been schedul ed that it was. Reas was that the film had a member of the hall o musical. Is this part on how to do a conga?

Baptism by Fire v a character study of a battle for the first t were enjoyed by the b

It seems that Tr was not what had been the battalion witness Film number 7.

Stop and Smile -

Pvt Hadley: How big i Pvt Farmer: (Voice o tell you, you enter t a sign that says welc leave town there's a s come back again, and sign too.

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Dear Boys:

Its very easy to w when you consider that best letter, you also g It doesn't have to be a literature, all it ha Just a simple guy writt girl or mother.

It really doesn't as long as you can put way you feel, so let's roll in so we can peel the roll of bills for