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SCORES TO DATE OF 30 CAL RIFLE + MG.

Range records for the .30 Cal. Machine Gun and .30 Cal. rifle are yet incomplete, owing to the fact that some companies are still firing the rifle course and that the lack of time caused by the heavy range schedule has hampered tabulation of records. A few records are here published for your interest. It is to be remembered that men who qualified in said weapons in 1942 are not required to fire them at this time, so that fellow whom you believed was a pretty good shot still is, although his name won't appear here as he didn't fire.

.30 Cal. Machine Gun

Headquarters Company had 155 men firing of which 56 men qualified, giving the company an average of 36%. High scorers were Pvt. Del Katcher, Pvt. DiMaio, T/5 Donaldson (all experts), Pvts. Ancoots, Bartley, and Greindl, and T/4 Glasier.

"B" Co. had 116 men out of 169 firing qualify. High man was Pvt. Thomas E. Treanor with 254, almost a perfect score. Again, this week the Privates seem to be good shots, for five privates, Treanor, Gerardi, Fual, Dupin and Sloan, head the Co. list. The company had 48 experts, which is the "high" at this time. About 55% of the company qualified the average being 93 points.

In "C" Co. there were 43 experts, with Sgt. Mundell leading the Company with a score of 248. The company average score was 175.6, with 68% of the men firing qualifying. Here, a Private also excelled with Pvt. Tinha trailing Sgt. Mundell by 2 points.

Reconnaissance Company was headed by S/Sgt. Earl Burris with 240 points. The company also had eight experts, and eight each sharpshooters and marksmen. Qualification came to about 20%.

.30 Cal. Rifle

Headquarters Company has yet to complete the firing on the .30 Cal. range. The scores will be announced next week.

"A" Co. announces an average of about 90% qualification. All but 17 men qualified. The company average is unavailable at this time, owing to the quarantine.

There were no experts. Pvt. Andy Howard led the Company with a score of 175. Other sharpshooters were Pvt. Blake, Pvt. Elsenbeck, Cpl. William Schmitt, Pvt. Grenier, 1st Sgt. Dykes, Cpl. Carney and S/Sgt. Sweeney. S/Sgt. Board's hutment received the battalion prize for being the highest group.

"B" Co. average is 138.7 with 81% qualification. 139 men fired, of which 26 did not qualify. Cpl. Patton's group was the highest and received the battalion prize for its score was 140. S/Sgt. Perossett's platoon received the company prize of \$5, being the highest.

Experts were Pvt. Merrill with 179, the company's high, and S/Sgt. John Farmer with 178.

Sharpshooters were Sgt. Mannick, Pvts. Jacobson, Poderis, Mancuso, O'Brien, and Bouvia.

Unique case was that of Pvt. Jacobson who was taken off the range Sunday for being unexperienced, but returned Thursday to shoot 172, the day's high. (Cont'd on Page 2)

SHOT AT RANDOM

Visiting the .30 Cal. Rifle Range the other afternoon, Col. Harry F. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the T.D. B.U.T.C. casually picked up a rifle shot at random from the difficult standing position. His score for five rounds--1 five, 3 fours, 1 three.

FLASH : MONDAY WILL DEFINITELY BE PAY-DAY. THIS IS OFFICIAL.

GOOD LUCK TO.... Cpl. Joe Sussman, "C" Co. Cpl. Patsy Rizzi, Rec. Co. T/5 Andrew Chuba, "B" Co. who left today to attend the Enlisted Weapons Course at Camp Hood.

DON'T MISS

"Claudia", the comedy which has been a smash-hit on Broadway for almost two years, will be at Camp under USO sponsorship, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night. The Tuesday performance will be in Theater #4, with the two additional performances at Theater #7.

This play by Rose Franken, was hailed as the best American play of the season two years ago.

Admission is free and you are invited to bring your wives and friends.

BOY

WAR BONDS and STAMPS

Calling C. Co.

By Pvt. Steve Hinson

The company basketball team continues to roll up points. The tally now is 18 wins and no losses. It will probably take part in the Lost Championship.

Latest win was over the 142nd. F.A. team, which is considered one of the strongest in the post.

Pvt. Guirlando deserves credit for playing the game with a fractured knee, and honors also go to the two high scorers Pvts. Levy and Marzulli, each of whom scored seven points.

Pvt. Bernie "Boom Boom" Weiser gives us the following :

Our insignia is the emblem of a panther
 who
 Crushes a tank and breaks it in two.
 Its background is orange with a border
 of black,
 And the black face within is quick to
 attack.
 Lips, nose and eyebrows are of
 reddish hue,
 With white eyes and whiskers--its
 teeth are, too.
 Red means danger, black means death;
 Just mess around and it's your last
 breath.
 White brings out its ferocious sight;
 The Huns in Africa know I'm right.
 It's the Tank Destroyer's emblem--
 the Army's joy.
 Its slogan is to seek, strike and
 destroy.

Believe it or not, but the following was found in the "Situations Wanted" column of a Pittsburg daily :

"American, 39, single, good-looking, and how! Tough, can use profanity where necessary. Never worked in my life. Not lazy, just born tired. Very fussy about everything. Second grade grammar school education. Brains, plenty. References, none. Friends, none. Will work, providing I can be boss.

RECON. SPEAKING

We of Recon. Co, and I think "we" speaks for a large part of the battalion wish to thank the Pioneer Platoon of this company for the fine demonstration on camouflage and demolition last Tuesday. That dog certainly showed the spectators up when he was able to find the men hidden in the fox-holes a feet away from them.

As for experts, the boys of the Pioneer Platoon are just that---as far as short-sheeting is concerned.

RECON. CO IS NOW SET TO TAKE ON ALL COMERS IN THE BATTALION IN SOFTBALL AND BOWLING. ANY RECIPIENTS OF THIS OFFER ALLY TO PVT. EDWARD THORLE, 3RD. PLATOON.

Often wondered--why short men are Always placed in the rear of formations.
 Pvt. James Flanagan.

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Add in a Brownwood newspaper : "Officer and wife desire furnished house or apartment. Have five-year-old son. Will shoot, drown or chain to bed. Mrs. G.H. B., Harlowe Courts."

MOVIES THIS WEEK--Theater #4

Sat., Jan. 30--"The Crystal Ball",
 Paulette Goddard, Ray Millard.

Sun., Jan. 31, "The Avengers"
 Hugh Williams, Deborah Kerr.

Mon., Feb. 1, "One Dangerous Night"
 Warren Williams, Marguerite Chapman
 "Fall In"

William Tracy, Jean Parker.

Tues. & Wed., Feb. 2 & 3
 Play "Claudia" scheduled for Tues.
 "Andy Hardy's Double Life"

Hickey Rooney, Lewis Stone.

Thurs., Feb. 4, "The Philadelphia Story
 (Revival)

Cary Grant, Catherine Hepburn,
 James Stewart.

Fri., Feb. 5, Sat., Feb. 6 : "
 "Immortal Sergeant"

Henry Fonda, Thomas Mitchell,
 Maureen O'Hara.

RANGE RECORDS (Cont.)

"Q" and Recon. Cos. have not completed firing.

To date, "C" Co. reports three expert Pvts. Phillips, Cravens, and Perlman. Also, the following sharpshooters: S/Sgt. Dilks, S/Sgt. Welp, Sgt. Mandell, Cpl. Van Kooten, Cpl. Grigsby, Cpl. Childers, S/Sgt. White and Pvts. Welch, Mysyk, Dove, Evancho and Cragwall.

Reconnaissance Co. has fired two d. but reports are only available for Friday. Two Sharpshooters out of 28 men are reported, Cpl. Rizzi and Pvt. Anth.

It's all in the way you look at it:
From the Firing Line : "Why doesn't that guy mark target 25? Is he blind?"

From the Pits : "Why doesn't that guy mark the target? Is he blind?"

(If the gun could talk : "After 25 years this dialogue is getting monotonous."

C.S.

The "shores of Tripoli" made famous in the Marine hymn came into prominence in 1805 when the U.S. Marines landed at Derna in a country then called Tripoli. The war was against Mediterranean pirate Derna, between Tobruk and Benghazi, is in Allied hands.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR NEWS FOR THIS PAPER, SEE YOUR COMPANY REPORTER WHOSE NAME IS ON PAGE 2.

WITH CO. A HQS CO. NOTES

By Pvt. Harold Beerman

HEADQUARTERS MEN OLD HANDS
AT WORKING FOR UNCLE SAM

Flash---Supply Sgt. Edwards' tenant of the supply-room, Lucille the pet mouse, gave birth this week. One of her offspring, G.I. Lil, unfortunately passed away just as S/Sgt. Board was preparing to legally adopt her.

Sgt. Edwards advises us that he has to fill out 75 different forms---and correctly, too---in his business, yet, some of the fellows find it impossible even to fill out a laundry form.

Corp Snyder soon will be saluting in earnest---his "one and only" entered the WAAC's this week.

LET'S GO TO OUR SHOW FEB. 13. WATCH RANGE-ADMIRAL CIMINY

The newly-formed Co. "A" basketball team was defeated by the 30 Chem. Co. aggregation in its first game Monday night. Our team was hampered by lack of reserves and practice. We urge more players and support--an early practice date will be announced.

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Just seventy days ago--today
I was wearing a nice tweed suit of gray
In a lounging chair I was quite at ease
When I wanted the pie- I didn't say please
And now-I'm learning to destroy a tank
And trying to earn a higher rank
At reveille I hardly know where I am
But-why is there SO Much salt in the ham,

For at least six of the men in HQ CO, working for Uncle Sam is no novelty --- tho they are quick to admit that the Army offers more than a slight variation from their previous occupations. Kalman Schoen besides a magnificent mustache, boasts some 17 years' service with the Post Office -- as a letter carrier, railway postal clerk and mail sorter. Arthur Dooley, now a specialist in Guard Duty, also spent several years as a railway postal clerk. Johnnie Selawsky was a Junior Research Analyst for the Signal Corps, working at the Radar Labs when he received his "greetings". Bob Kelliher drew his weekly checks from the Civilian Air Authority for his work as a Junior Property and Supply Clerk at the Rome, N.Y., Air Depot. Julie Shatsky augmented his blackjack earnings with a salary from the Navy for his job as a timekeeper in the coppershop of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Working in the HQ motor pool is a "natural" for Matt Hannon since he put in quite a bit of time as a tractor operator for the Quartermaster Corps in Jersey City -- that's on the other side of Brooklyn. And, just to show how little particular the gov't used to be even this reporter was on your Uncle's payroll, working once for the NYA as a consultant, and later for the Public Relations Bureau of the War Department.

- G.S.

If the females attached to white troops are called WAAC's, what are the females attached to colored troops called?

-----Waacoons

OUR OUTFIT

Fall IN on the double, march like hell,
Take one step backward, so folks can tell
You belong to an outfit that's willing
to fight
For peace in our nation and a cause that
is right.

We'll be hard on the Germans, tougher
on the Japs
And Italy'll find we can hand out the
raps.
So grab your gun and tighten your belt,
For our type of cards have never been
dealt.

The organization of which I am writing
Is one that's anxious to get in there
fighting.
It's made up of fellows like you, and
like me
I'm referring to---the 812th. T.D.
T/Sgt Virgil E. Aker.

NEVER TAKE ANOTHER MAN'S WORD IN THE
CASE OF A GUN.....ALWAYS MAKE SURE
YOURSELF THAT IT'S NOT LOADED.

SCENE : Lt. Anthony on the pistol range and firing at the "bobbars", and explaining his score. "Well, I hit him the first shot, so why hit him again?"

Congratulations to Pvt. Gelatt on the birth of a daughter yesterday and to Pvt. Emil Schoch on his engagement to Miss Mildred Mager of Ridgewood, N.Y....

Cpl. Mitchell will be married Sunday to Miss Doris Cromer of Aurora, Ill., his home-town. The marriage will be in chapel #6. Miss Lolati Cromer will be her sister's maid of honor and Pvt. Anvoots, this company, will be best-man.

PFC Gibson's wife recently joined him in Brownwood and Pvt. Silverman's wife is here for a visit.

It's been rumored in the co. latrine that the Air Corps, Marines, and Navy are our allies in this war.

It's nice to see ;
Lt. Gabriel Halperin of the 816 T.D.
Lt. Theodore Schoenberg of the
819 T.D. Bn.
Lt. Eli Weiner

...all of whom are stationed in this camp and were enlisted men in this company not so long ago.

IF YOU CAN WRITE, COMPOSE POEMS
OR DRAW, CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PAPER
WHICH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

BUZZING WITH "B"

By Pvt. Bernard Canning

This column is dedicated to the men of Co. "B". You are invited to contribute any material you may believe appropriate, and your reporter will make an honest effort to put it in words.

Sgt. Minnick was victor Wednesday night in the first night of bouts in the Brownwood District Golden Gloves held in Brownwood. Participating in the welterweight class, he won his decision over Cpl. E.H. Douglas of the 142nd.F.A., who was a former Georgia champion.

Sgt. Minnick, who was eliminated Thursday night, is former welterweight champ of Panama.

What happened to some of our experienced riflemen? Were they telling us new men that the .30 Cal. rifle would slap us in the face? Tut-tut!

"Midnight", our company cat and mascot who has been with us since Camp Gordon days, is the proud possessor of a new red collar.

Pvt. Merrill has capably stepped into the limelight as an expert rifleman by shooting a mere 179 and leading the company in his first attempt. He proved he'll be equally accurate at throwing hand grenades by his prowess at throwing stones the other day on a bivouac when he killed a rabbit with one well-aimed rock.

The second platoon, headed by S/Sgt. DeRossett received \$5 in cash for attaining the highest average, 137.

Who was the soldier Lt. Ecoff took the gun away from when he caught him unawares while serving as Security? Is the Lt. quick, soldier?

Our sympathy is extended to Pvt. Clark who has just been called home by the death of his mother.

Someday, any day, in fact, you may be walking along the company street and hear a variety of noises emanating from one of the barracks. Open the door and you'll find it's S/Sgt. DeRossett's barracks where one fellow may be doing a strip-tease; another, swinging acrobatically from a cross-beam; a third swinging on his harmonica; and still another doing an original square-dance--- one of the craziest, but happiest, bunches of soldiers in the 812th.

GOING UP

The battalion motor Pool, reported in this paper last week as reaching a score of 482 out of a possible 500 points in the B.U.T.C. inspection is improving. This week's score is 486 out of 500.

CHANGE

The battalion show, in which you may display your talent, has been changed in date from Feb. 6 to Saturday, Feb. 13. All interested in appearing, see Lt. Drury or Lt. Ohester at Battalion Headquarters.

FROM THE MEDICS

The other morning we were amused hear that Capt. Giordano had dismissed a man from sick-call with a note diagnosing his condition as "Lethargia", explaining that it was a complicated medical term which he couldn't explain to the man.

IFU Fox, the medics clerk, tells us about the moron who went to bed, leaving his feet outside the covers because he didn't want to take the cold things into his warm bed.

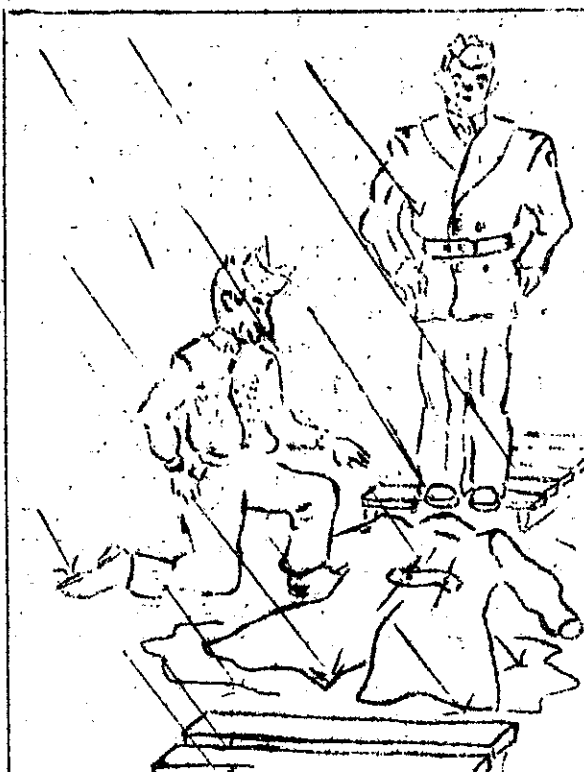
DID YOU KNOW....

That Army personnel are not classified as defense workers? If you doubt this, just try to rent a defense worker's house in Brownwood.

That a soldier at his reception center gets 79 articles of equipment (from razor blades to overcoat). At retail prices this is valued at \$150. A sailor's first issue totals 98 items, valued at \$133.81. A Marine's initial issue costs \$84.75 (56 articles) and his personal equipment, including rifle, is assessed for \$101.39 (18 items), total cost is \$186.14. At completion of basic training, clothing and equipment is supplemented according to the type of outfit to which a man is assigned.

That an insignia consisting of a gold eagle, Tommy gun and anchor on a royal blue background is used by the Army's newest combat force, the Engineer Amphibian Command. The eagle, gun and anchor represent the Air Forces, Ground Forces and Navy, respectively.

That a dishonorable discharge can only be removed by an Act of Congress, and that the rights of Federal Citizenship forfeited by D.D. on conviction or desertion at time of war can only be restored to said former soldier by his unconditional pardon by the President.



Lt. : "Don't you think this is carrying Military Courtesy a bit too far, Pvt. Smith?"