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"THIS IS IT, FELLAS" — YOUR PAPER!

Hail and Farewell!

To the 85 pointers who have left and who are leaving, we say "Hail and Farewell!"

We've been comrades a long time; thru the dust and heat of Texas; thru the mud and cold of a winter Louisiana maneuver; thru the drab monotony of seemingly endless training at Shelby, thru the hectic equipping of ourselves for battle in England, and in the subsequent days in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany, we have worked together. You men can take it - you've proven yourself under all kinds of adverse conditions. And, as a result of long and faithful service, you've earned the right to go home.

Take back with you, the best wishes of the officers and men of the battalion. Get in there and slug it out on the home front as you did over here. The same qualities that won you friends, promotions, honors in the army, will earn for you friends, security, and popular esteem in civilian life.

The following men are eligible for separation from the service:

S/Sgt Thomas T. Carroll — Hqs Co.
S/Sgt Philip H. Brooks — Hqs Co.
Tec 4 James J. Karszewski — Hqs Co.
Tec 4 Fred H. Page — Hqs Co.
Tec 4 James M. Ryan — Hqs Co.
Tec 5 Wallace A. Horner — Hqs Co.
Tec 5 Eddie Levens — Hqs Co.
Tec 5 Robert M. Rhodes — Hqs Co.
Tec 5 Charles P. Spurgeon — Hqs Co.
Pfc Charles C. Burger — Rcn Co.
Pvt Leonard M. Costello — Hqs Co.
Pvt Harry E. Watts — Hqs Co.
S/Sgt Stephen G. Schultz — A Co.
Sgt Henry G. Brackins — A Co.
Sgt R. V. Bramlett — A Co.
Sgt Charles E. Burleson — A Co.
Sgt Willi W. Steele — A Co.
Tec 4 Bennie W. Stone — A Co.
Cpl Roy R. Kircher — A Co.
Pfc Wallace Busby — A Co.
Pfc William L. Lott — A Co.
Pfc Benjamin S. Nutter — A Co.
Pvt James Driver — A Co.
Pvt James D. O'Briant — A Co.
S/Sgt Robert J. Hall — B Co.
Sgt Charles W. Clouston — B Co.
Sgt William F. Ney, Jr. — B Co.
Tec 4 Everett J. Joiner — B Co.
Cpl William E. Jones — B Co.
Tec 5 John E. Carson — B Co.
Pfc Joe P. Maranto — B Co.
Pvt Odell Harris — B Co.
S/Sgt Thomas J. Carr — C Co.
Sgt Alexander H. English — C Co.
Sgt Charles C. Pierce — C Co.
Cpl John K. Johnston — C Co.
Tec 5 Louis J. Santoro — C Co.

SWIM TEAM WINS Right To Represent ARMY IN ETOUSA Meet

The battalion swimming team will be the 3rd Army representatives during the coming ETOUSA Swim Tourny to be held in Nurnberg, 19-20 July 1945, after having copped the highest score against various participants during the 3rd Army Swim Eliminations held at Munich 9 July.

The following are the results of the eliminations tournament held in Munich:

50 Meter Free Style
Wroblewski - Rcn Co 2nd Place 8 pts
100 Meter Free Style
Mitchel - A Co 3rd Place 6 pts
Wroblewski - Rcn Co 4th Place 4 pts
200 Meter Breast Stroke
Toomay - C Co 1st Place 10 pts
Thibadeaux - B Co 4th Place 4 pts
400 Meter Breast Stroke
Toomay - C Co 1st Place 10 pts
Downing - A Co 3rd Place 6 pts
100 Meter Back Stroke
Wroblewski - Rcn Co 1st Place 10 pts
Wilson - Hqs Co 2nd Place 8pts
Seals - B Co 4th Place 4 pts
Slater - C Co 6th Place 1 pt
300 Meter Medley
Seals - B Co
Downing - A Co 1st Place 10 pts
Wroblewski - Rcn Co
400 Meter Free Style
Bray - A Co 2nd Place 8 pts
O'Shea, 1st TDBrig 3rd Place 6 pts
Diving - 1 Meter Board
Musich - B Co 2nd Place 8 pts
800 Meter Relay
Mitchell - A Co
Clements - A Co 2nd Place 8 pts
O'Shea - 1st TD Brig
Toomay - C Co
Total Score 111 pts

"RAG" to Sponsor Photo — Exhibit

The Tiger Rag will sponsor a photography exhibition to be held at Battalion Headquarters on Saturday, July 28th. All officers and enlisted men are invited to enter their favorite photographs.

Pictures will be divided into four groups according to theme: scenery, portrait, human interest, and military.

Judges will select the best in each field and the winning pictures will be printed in a subsequent issue.

Entries should be sent or delivered personally to Sgt. Kennedy, Room 55, Bn. Headquarters.

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Editorial Aims

With this issue, the TIGER RAG makes its debut in journalistic circles. It's a paper of, by, and for the enlisted men of the 631st T.D. Bn.; the managing editor, all the reporters, and the business manager are enlisted men. Each company is represented on the staff. It's your paper, soldier, and will be as good as you let it be.

The editorial aims of the paper may be enumerated as follows:

1 - To give a complete coverage of the major news items happening in the battalion each week.

2 - To, with the aid of pictures, cartoons, and humorous features, attempt to give you a laugh at your own expense.

3 - To give credit where credit is due for outstanding performances in the military, athletic, and recreational field.

4 - To stimulate interest in the educational, recreational, and athletic programs of the battalion.

5 - To provide you with a useful souvenir that you may send home and let the family know something about the organization of which you are a member.

If you've got something you want published in the Tiger Rag; cartoon, a joke, a picture, a story, anything, give it to your paper, soldier!

Scheetz Reports on Discharge Procedure

From that „furrin" country way, way across that old Atlantic, word was received from Tec 4 Arthur E. Scheetz at Fort Dix, N.J. He is on his way out as we all know. In his letter he says - „Just one month ago I left the company, and tomorrow I'll step out into civilian life (gee, th's tough). We have been here four days already and most of the time was utilized doing nothing. The first thing we did was to get rid of everything that wasn't needed. We kept one suit of wools, one pair of shoes, socks and underwear. Everything else that was GI had to be turned in so you can tell the boys not to bother trying to get through here with it. Guns have to be registered and if the papers aren't presented they take them from the boys.

„The first day here it rained like hell and we were kept busy until after midnight. There were orientation classes to attend and then to be grouped. Before I forget, the first thing they do is select the essential men. They have

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What Happened to the ED. Program?

Many of you have expressed yourself disgusted with the failure of the battalion's education program to get under way. You have had many experiences in the past with broken promises, and shake your head and say "The Battalion has done it again," but in this case, men, you're dead wrong. The failure of the education program to get into operation is in no way a reflection on the battalion's interest in education or in you.

First, let's see what we have accomplished in the line of an educational program. It's been very limited, we admit, but we have made an effort. The program consists of a class in piano, a class in French, enrollment of men in USAFI courses and a program to secure scholastic credit for army schooling and service. We even sneaked two men under the wire and arranged for them to go to college. The attitude of the Battalion Commander has been one of whole hearted cooperation and great personal interest.

Now, why haven't we done more? The major reason is that as a unit, we have been placed in Cat II and earmarked for the CBI. This means two things: first, a training program; and secondly, no books or educational materials will be made available to us. The Army Educational Program Post Hostilities, is designed primarily for Cat I (Occupation) units and for outfits in Cat. IV (Units to be redeployed to the states, i. e., high point men going home).

That's the story. We're all in the army, we're all in the same boat. All of us want to go home; but we can't! There's still a job to be done, a dirty, monotonous hellish job. We were picked to help do it. So let's take it like men and continuously remind ourselves that the goal we are fighting for is worth all the chicken, all the work, all the monotony, all the sorrow and loneliness, all the sweat and blood required to accomplish it. Of course, as officers and men, we should help make the load as light as possible. In helping each other, we can forget some of our individual sorrows.

A YEAR AGO TODAY

21 July 1945, the Battalion was at the staging area at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Final inspection of equipment was held, prior to departure for Staten Island.

"Scoop the Poop"

with Jonnie (nmi) Joseph

This, you lucky readers, is my first contribution to the 631's first edition of the "Tiger Rag". It's my faithful pledge to distort the news as I hear and see it; to report it without prejudice, without malice, and without pay. And, because I have too.

One of the special features of the "Tiger Rag" will be a blank column for the illiterates in the battalion. Watch for it!

For your information: Our mess, Sergeant Schultz (92 pts) is leaving the kitchen; Tec 4 Baranak will take over the mismanagement. Tec 5 Frank made Teck 4 and Pfc Pair made rotten hamburgers.

Pvt Hermian went to London; Prime Minister Churchill left.

In this vicinity, the dogs seem to be going to the officers; or is it vice versa! I've been told by one of my informers that under the new T/O, each officer is entitled to a St. Bernard. Details will appear in a later edition.

Pvt Mitchell represented Able Company in the recent swim meet at Munich. His athlete's feet is considerably worse. Sergeant Bray did O. K. in the same meet. With his length, the others swam under a handicap. Sgt. Burleson has been seen recently walking around in his barefeet. Readjusting himself to his pre-war status no doubt! Seems like days since last we heard the Articles of War! Cpl. Garrett went to the hospital with a nose ailment.

Pvt Bohl is also in the hospital. Hurry back, David.

This company is serving coffee to the guards going on at midnight. Most of the boys are declining the service: claim the stuff keeps 'em awake.

Cpl "Jit" Randolph hardly ever eats his oranges or bon bons. Wonder why?

Pvt James O'Briant will soon be leaving for Mississippi. Perhaps now I'll be able to promote a Luger or something!

Lt Thoren, recently left A. Company and was promoted to Captain; this reporter stayed with the company and retained his present rank.

Curve BALL

One of our Lieutenants walked past the motor pool each day, and in the motor pool one of the inmates was always going through the motions of winding up and pitching an imaginary ball.

One of his friends finally asked: "Why do you stop each morning and watch that screwball go through his act?"

"Well", he answered, "If things keep going the way they are, I'll be in there some day catching for that guy and I want to get onto his curves."

Tiger Topics by G. C. K.

Are you nervous in the service? Do you see points before your eyes, and groan in your sleep? "85 will get you home!" So do I, brother; but thinking about it won't get you anyplace except to a padded cell and a nice clean straight jacket. So ---- take it easy, kid, there's millions of other guys in the same boat. This column is dedicated to the boys who are "sweating it out", in hopes that they might get a laugh or an idea that might help them forget their own troubles for awhile.

Then there's the story about the Cpl from Brooklyn, who while home on furlough, took his wife's dog out for a walk. He ran into some of the boys, hoisted the elbow a few times and didn't get home till the next morning. The little woman was mad as h--- "It's bad enough for you to stay out all night", she moaned, "but you're not gonna make a bum out of my dog!"

Marines have placed this sign on Kwajalein Atoll: "Hotel Atoll - No Beer Atoll - No Women Atoll - Nuthin Atoll".

Moi petit corporal "Pat" Bouma was recently heard to complain "This Army is taking the best years of my wife".

Hearing that 1st Sgt McGrath is leaving the service reminds us of the swell imitation of a drunk he gave at Camp Claiborne. "Mac" seemed to have had considerable experience at that role.

Glad to see "Bill" Cosgrove back in Able Company's line-up. "Bill" broke his leg enroute to the front in Luxembourg and led his squad for five days, before he was forced to go the hospital. A grand guy, he cops this column's weekly "hats off" department award.

They say "Boogie" Schwartz of "Gee I'd like to have some AMERICAN BEER" fame, is doing an excellent job as manager of our first-class swimming team.

Sgt John Finley of Charles Company ran into a new menace in Paris. She wore a purple dress and really went for the New Philadelphia, Penna. lad.

Old but good: At a meeting of the French Chamber of Deputies, one stormy supporter of political equality between the sexes stated eloquently "After all there is really only a little difference between men and women". From the gallery came the comment: "Thank God for the little difference!" To which we add, AMEN.

"Off the Cuff Notes: Bryant Flowers, A company recruit who accidentally shot himself in the foot recently, is the only guy I ever saw who could eat three (3) cans of meat and vegetable stew and like it! --- Chow hound of the week --- Joe Barbera, Hqs Co --- General Patton's dog "Willie" makes a regular tour of the guard around the C. G.'s quarters --- Wonder if he makes a report? --- Recon's building bridges again --- "Bill" Welsh, ex Recon and Able Company man is

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SOFTBALL TEAM Plays in Army Tournament.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

by Rip Collins

I see where S/Sgt. Laurence Kaiser Med. Det., is tossing the weights around these days --- and he's been practicing his "push" on the boys with the hypodermic needle again.

Have you seen the form of T/5 Albert Walker with the discus? Real smooth. A little more practice, Al, and you'll be ready for the 3rd Army Track & Field Meet.

Pfc Chas. Shetler is preping for the 400 meters and possibly 800 meters run by loping around the mountinside. He'll be in the money when the Meet comes off --- Wanna bet???

T/4 Earl Long, Lancaster, Pa. Flash, has been doing some nifty twirling for the Bn. Softball Team. Keep it up.

When is our esteemed friend, S/Sgt. Mike Shapiro, going to get some tennis equipment for the netmen who are interested in entering the ETO Tournament? We know you're doing your best, Mike.

Hey, you tracksters, let's get on the ball! Let us know what events you specialize in so that we can put a team in the 3rd Army Meet. Our Swim Team is doing okay; the softballers are right in there pitching (and batting -- it sez here!). Now it's up to you cinder artists.

Haven't heard any more about that ping pong tournament that was being drummed up. Brother Fike (that's Pfc. Edgar D.) was victor in the last. S/Sgt. Gerald Dillon was runner-up. He's looking for revenge. Yours truly lost out in the first eliminations. (Oh, well, I still play a terrific game of tiddlywinks!)

Ask Pfc John Sheetz to show you the proper form NOT used in scaling the platter, known in BSC (Better Sports Circles) as the discus throw. Why be so formal?

T/4 Frank R. Fleming and yours truly went horseback riding recently (or was it vice versa?). Frank, being an old ploughboy, said he could have enjoyed it more without the horse. Oh, how my shoulders ache. (Ha! Fooled ya, didn't I?)

Major James Crigler seems to have given up softball for the duration (where have I heard that word before?) ever since he pulled up with charley-horses in both legs in a recent Officers-EM contest. Incidentally, the officers need a lot of practice if they expect to bang out a victory over the EM.

Have been giving the P.W.'s lessons in softball. Started them off by having them layout, refill, steamroll, etc., our No. 1 Diamond, which is now the best diamond in the Alpine Outpost.

T/4 Jake Good, Pvt. Francis Fourrier and Pvt. Carroll Thomas are having a chicken tournament nightly.

Short Shots

We all extend to T/4 Donald LaMore our hopes and wishes for a speedy recovery. LaMore, as you know, had his knee hurt when the tube of another gun swung around and trapped it against the turret of his tank. The latest reports from the hospital say that he has water on the knee, but that he will be back with us very soon.

You have all heard of Frankie "The Voice" Sinatra give out with the song "Come Out Wherever You Are". Well, the M. P.'s. aren't to be out done either, for they have adopted that song, too. It will be for the benefit of the soldier, as he doesn't have to lurk around in the shadows anymore now with the new policy in effect.

Seen over the weekend -- One German girl calmly bathing a la nude along the banks of the Isar right below the bridge. All hell nearly broke loose for awhile ---- trucks stopping, soldiers rubber-necking etc. --- and you might think someone was giving out discharges the way they were lined up. There's an idea -- instead of blowing a whistle for formations just have one like her stand out in the Co. Street when you want to have a formation. It can be said here that the unluckiest guy of the week honors goes to Pfc. Gregory Jessenick who happened by too late with his camera.

Congratulations are in order for the following men who made Pfc: Roger P. Pierard, Frank P. Elenich, Preston L. Brosson, Harry S. Jackman and Cleve Lynn.

If you hear the plink-plunk of a piano around the CP these days don't be alarmed ---- it's just the music-minded boys practicing their new lessons. Awful, isn't it?

Did you hear about the six-trey-ace men shocking an M. P. recently by enjoying a midnight snack in the General's kitchen?

This week's Orchid goes to T/Sgt. Walter Mohler and his crew of radio "bugs" for the splendid public address system they installed for us. It has been a valuable contribution towards maintaining the "strictly American" atmosphere within our post, and the "solid rythum" of the current musical hits has stimulated morale as nothing else can do. Many thanks, Sgt. Mohler -- and hurry back.

To Pvt. Jim Voelker and his able assts. we express our thanks for beautifying the P. X. By the way -- news is that Jim is now in England. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery.



ENTER

PHOTO CONTEST

TO-DAY

WIN TWO; LOSE ONE

by Fredrick Oust-
Sports Editor

1st T.D. Brigade nipped the 6th Conv. Hospital Thursday afternoon in a close game by a 2 to 1 count, behind very good pitching by Mathis. This was the first game in the 3rd Army Tournament.

James' triple with two out behind Warger's walk enabled Warger to come in for the first run of the game in the first half of the third. Roche grounded out for the third out.

In the first of the 5th the T.D.'s. scored again when two men walked and on two errors made by the medics Pao-lino scored.

In the last of the 6th Smith walked. A hit by Gooliak brought him home. Final score - T.D.'s. 2 - 6th Conv. 1.

As we go to press our softball team is in Nurnburg playing in the final phases of the 3rd Army Tournament. Best of luck to you, fellows! Bring back the bacon. Results will be printed in our next issue.

The 619th QM Gp. nosed out the 1st. T. D. Brigade by a score of 1 to 0 in the 2nd game of the softball tournament. The game was a pitching dual from start to finish, each pitcher giving up but one hit.

The only run of the game came in the last of the second when the second man up walked, stole 2nd and went to 3rd on a wild pitch. Willis bunted for a hit scoring Sylvester for the one run of the game.

Willis struck out 14 men, while Mathis turned back 13 men via the S. O. route.

James had the only hit for the T.D.'s.

Desch, CF.	Beuhneri sf.
Wanger, rf.	Eastman, 2b.
Pietrantonio, SF.	Shiro, SS
James, 3b	Sylvester, 1b
Ellmore, 1f.	Conley, c.
Tatalovich, 1b	Estridge, rf.
Pugliano, c.	Willis, p.
Pullaka, ss.	Kin Martin, 3b.
Kissinger, 2b	Choman, lf.
Mathis, p.	Witti, cf.
Xanihowdis, c.	

Errors: Ellmore 1, Pugliano 1, Pullaka 1.

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The third game of the 3rd Army Elimination Tournament which took place in Munich July 15 ended in a victory for 1st T.D. Brigade. The 3rd Army Rear Hqs. Team was on the short end of the score.

"Itch" Tatalovich clouted a homer in the first inning to give the T.D.'s. a lead they never relinquished. Scores in the 2nd and 5th inning iced the game for our boys. Final score 3-0.

Around the Companies

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In the "femme" department we have two lovers in Room 105. One we can call the "Latin Lover", for it was he who strengthened the Latin American ties by giving his all, and we do mean "all", at the Riviera, while on furlough, to a young lady from Guatemala. From all accounts she was just C--razy about him. Must I mention his name — Sgt. Clarence "Red" Miller. Now the other lad is our contribution from Mahoney City, Pa. whose name is "Tony" Shelakes. It seems a certain somebody has gone all out for him — not from his physical or masculine charms, but, — get this — his letter writing! The letters from her are so hot they have to tow them across in a water-proof package. If any of you are having woman trouble, drop in and have him write the letter for you. In case the business becomes too rushed, we'll have to make out a waiting list.

Anyone who wants the latest about getting out on points, just see Sgt. William "Cajon" Toll (pronounced "Toll"). Any rumours to the contrary will be frowned on by him; nevertheless it will send him scurrying to the Orderly Room to see his brother at heart S/Sgt "Snuffy" Smith. Don't worry him too much, "Cajon", his hair is thin enough as it is. Who was it that said if "Snuffy" put the clip pouches on his webbelt the same time he wore his 45 cal. pistol, he'd fall over from the weight? Anyway it would keep him from blowing away!

S/Sgt. Josef Inick, a former Platoon Sgt who has been known in the past as the "Mad Russian" has been renamed "Barney Oldfield". Have you see "Joe" lately?

Pvt. Elton R. Spencer and Pfc James J. Fino have been getting quite a bit of exercise lately. They say this German wood is hard cutting. Ask them sometime—it may be interesting.

S/Sgt. John G. W. Schwartz has, more or less, taken over the duties of our late President's wife. So, now, instead of calling him "Boogie" as he was so well known, they are calling him Elanor. You know why!

Does anyone know that rookie First Sgt of Company "B"? Imagine he only has 80 pts. Oh, well, he is a 30 year man anyway.

Famous saying of Tec 4 Long, quote "Come on guys, let's fraternize" unquote.

Someone around this company has dropped the hit that S/Sgt Smith has broken off a front tooth eating his own cooking. The question is: — How can you break a tooth on H A S H?

Photo — Exhibit

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Judges for the contest will be: 1st Lt. Ross S. Gilchrist, Rcn. Co.; T/Sgt. George Mitchell, Hq. Co.; and Pvt. Samuel Wayne Marsh, "A" Co.

Tiger Topies

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now with Company H, 101st. Inf. Regt, APO 26 in Czechoslovakia -- he's okey again and writes that he's up for a Bronze Star -- All the "Chicken" in the army isn't served in the mess hall --- "The most efficient water power in the world is a woman's tears", . . . As a reminder to you guys who think you're too old to learn something new -- "education registers a man at birth and graduates him at the grave" . . . judging from its price, the cognac in Paris must be distilled from gold . . . Recon got a good softball player in Schoppert . . . We change. T/Os around here about as often as the weather changes. The best brother act in the battalion is the Sorg boys. . . Willie and Billie . . . two lads from St. Marys, Pa. that look alike . . . talk alike . . . and laugh alike . . . Wonder just who in the hell the Army did poll about this point system? "Chuck" Flaugherty should make a good politician apri discharge . . . is it true that "Darby" had his first date at Kilmer? . . . Well, that's about all for now . . . be seeing you next week. . . and as they say in the air corps . . . until then, "Take it Easy".

Discharge Procedure

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picked out clerks, cooks (don't worry Sgt. Golden and Bass—he said "cooks") and truck drivers. These men were given an immediate furlough and will probably be used in this camp."

After the men are put in their discharge groups (31 men) they stay in that group all the way through the center. If you aren't on hand when the group is called, it means being scratched off the roster. When that happens they don't give a damn when you get out. They have an orientation on what goes on here and the first step is through the council, second step (physical), third (new clothing), and the last is signing all necessary papers and have everything inspected."

"Travel pay is five cents a mile and as soon as we get home we have to get into civilian clothes. Ninety days is the allowance providing we don't go right home. I'll be only to glad to get out of mine." ** "P. S. - I'll be home for the 4th and I'll drink one for the whole gang."



Flash! The softball team dropped a close one, score 1-0, which eliminated them from the Army Tournament.

Around the Companies

Well it finally happened—after a year and a half—"they" realized that it was impossible to get along without Rcn: Of course, there are quite a few of the old faces missing, Joe Curry, Sgt Toole, Steve Powner, Sgt Mike, Capt Raymond, Lt. Penoyer, Lt. Clayton, and we mustn't forget the "Snooper and Pooper" Lt. Magdelan.

The Beavers have already been issued a contract for a "might bridge" not quite on the scale of the Rosein project, but it's still a bridge. They don't know that the Rosein "Job" went down the river a few months ago!!!

Who said "They never Come Back?" We had a very distinguished guest the other day: Tom Grant, an old Rcn man, who left us ten minutes before disembarking on UTAH Beach. Tom tripped over a cable and broke his wrist; spent four and a half months in England, came back to the continent "limited service", and worked in an APO for a while; from there he was transferred to the 19th General Hospital, Nancy, France. His address is Thomas Grant, 33160613, Det. Med. Dept., 19th General Hospital, APO 513, US Army.

A coupla days ago we had a very good lecture on redeployment of DPs given by none other than the Burgomeister of Bad Tolz, Surloff. Personally I believe it was directed at two of our "Gravestone Hoppers", "Fell Field" Foley and "Flat Top" (E. P. Smith). The only DP that Rcn has adopted is "Coon" Alecia. He Claims he is from Mississippi - but we have our doubts.

If there is anyone in the Battalion with more chocolate than he needs, please give it to "Big Hess"! He seems to be "out" all the time; yet he never eats any.

The attention of Rcn Co has been called to the fact, by a certain 1st Lt of Rcn Co, that the EM should lay their cigarettes out for inspection on Saturday mornig. Could it be that their supply is running short?!!

Did you know that our new Supply Sergeant T/4 Good has taken a facny to. 45s. It's true, just ask him!

C. G. Smith has finally succeeded in getting a pair of trousers and "Curley" J. J. Smith a field jacket! I wonder how!

Sgt Ralph Markwardt is now reported to be with the 709th Ord Bn., of the 9th Inf. Div. Here are a few lines from his letter: "Tell all the fellows I not only think, but know, that they are a bunch of swell fellows. I didn't get a chance to see some of them, so tell them goodbye." All the luck in whatever you do in the future". In case anyone wants to write to him, his address is: Sgt. Ralph A. Markwardt, 36299580 709th Ord Bn., APO 9.