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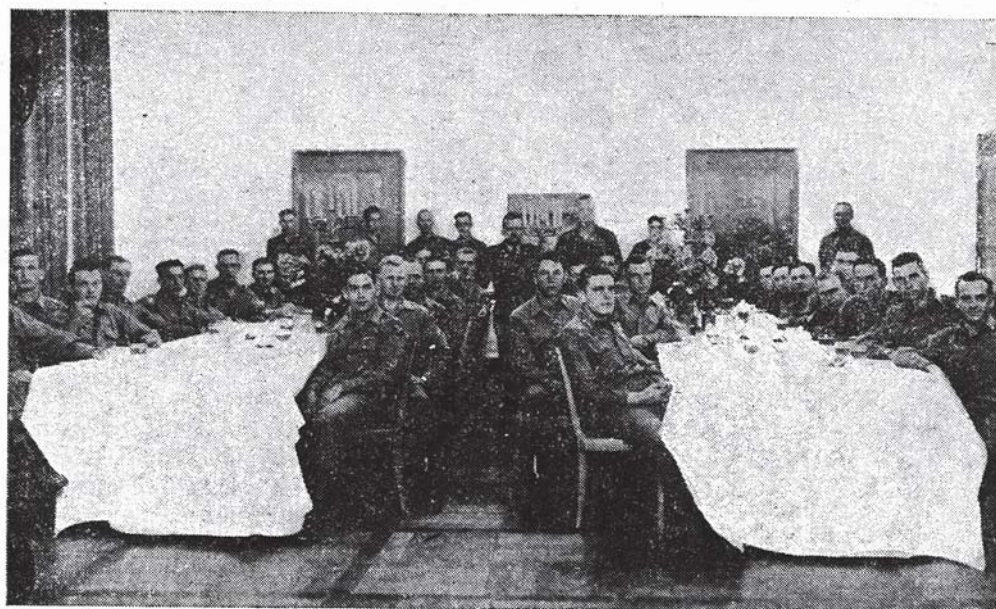
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A Lot Can Happen in a Year; and It Did!



85'ers Bon Voyage Party Proves Great Success

The 17th of July 45 was a gala day for all of our 85 pointers. These men have been with us through thick and thin, through hell and high water, and to show them our appreciation, the Battalion held a Special Retreat in their favor.

Later in the evening at the Officer's Auditorium a banquet was held honoring the same group. With Sgts Joe Aiello and Paul Winkelvoss doing the slaving in the kitchen, the meal couldn't have been any better. The menu was printed in French and half of the fellows didn't know whether they were going to get chicken, steak, eggs, or just plain old hash.

After enjoying one of the most delicious meals ever given in the ETO, the fellows made themselves comfortable for the stage show that followed. As a matter of fact, they enjoyed it so much that the act was requested to return for the benefit of the whole battalion next week. To get back to the entertainment - Baron Rudolf von Szikszay was the Empressario, Jon Kaetzner had his Hungarian Orchestra with four swell vocalists, who furnished some of the best music and songs we've heard in a long, long time. Two sisters put on some unique acrobatic numbers, and individual dances by Miss Popp and Miss Hagel brought encore after encore. To close the program, dancing was held for everybody - American style. All in all, Fellas, the whole evening was a huge success for everybody and that party will be talked about for some time to come.

A Letter From the C. O.

GENTLEMEN:

For most of us there have been many "long years" since 1940. The year since August 1944 when La Belle France first came over the horizon seemed interminable, didn't it? However, it hasn't been just another "long year", but a year packed with soul stirring events, history in the making next door to your bunk, wonderful sights, terrible sights; victories and set backs; and then more victories and set backs; and then more victorious campaigns for our Army.

As watchdogs for the greatest army in the world, we have successfully protected both its great leaders and its physical assets, and have been in constant readiness to throw ourselves into all-out combat on a moment's notice. We have been ready, willing and able to cope with many all important jobs which had to be done. Throughout the year, first under the capable leadership of Colonel Nathan and later for me, you have persevered in your efforts to be the most alert, efficient and soldierly Tank Destroyer Battalion in the ETO. You have succeeded.

This week out, duties with the Army Command Post will be completed and shortly we will begin training for a different type of warfare - Japs - for redeployment either to the CBI by way of the states, or to the US for strategic reserve. With the hardest hitting Tank Destroyer equipment yet manufactured and the hardest hitting team yet born; whatever the future holds in store for us, WE Can't LOSE.

LOUIS C. CADENHEAD, JR.
Lt. Col., FA (TD)

by George C. Kennedy

It's over a year, Joe, since we sailed from New York and caught our last view of that beautiful lady with the torch. Remember how a lump came to your throat and how you shrugged your shoulders and thought to yourselves, "it'll be a helluva long time before we see her again?" You may have even wondered if you'd ever see her again.

But that was a year ago, and a lot has happened since then.

We've seen a lot of Europe, Joe. Remember the camp in England where the days were so long you had to put the blackout curtains up early in order to go to bed? That firing instructor in Wales where we took the guns to be zeroed was a crackerjack, wasn't he? Then came the trip across the channel. It wasn't rough at all and the chow was swell. Those people on the Cherbourg Peninsula were real friendly. That's where we

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Men in Battalion Earn Many Awards

Officers and men of the battalion have been awarded twenty-six decorations for bravery and meritorious service. Medals include: the Bronze Star, the Soldiers Medal, the Purple Heart, and the French decoration, the Croix de Guerre. In addition, three men have been presented with the Certificate of Merit:

Holders of the Bronze Star include:

Lt. Col Louis C. Cadenhead, Jr
Major James H. Melton
Major James C. Crigler
Captain Kenneth J. Powers
Captain Donald E. Frissell
Captain Lyle H. Wright
M/Sgt Thomas E. Parlette
T/Sgt Walter J. Mohler
T/Sgt Daniel B. Hoey
T/Sgt John M. Gombita
S/Sgt Philip H. Brooks
S/Sgt Albert Mikalauski
S/Sgt James A. Toole
Sgt Harry O. Betz

Holders of the Soldiers Medal include:

Sgt R. V. Bramlett
Sgt. Charles W. Glouston

Captain Kenneth J. Power also holds the famous French Decoration the "Croix de Guerre".

In addition to the above, Certificates of Merit were presented to CWO Charles P. Kingsland, Pfc Ben A. Hastings, Co B, and Pfc Leon Woolley, Co "A".

Wearers of the Purple Heart

Lt William B. Rayburn, Jr
Sgt William J. Cosgrove
Pfc James F. Hagler
Cpl Howard L. Mcglone

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Battalion Library

In a few days this battalion hopes to have your Unit Library. It is impossible for us to equip our Library with all the books and material that are available to those units remaining here for some time. Therefore, once the Library is in operation, if it doesn't quite come up to all you expected, bear in mind our present status?? and, remember we'll do all we can to make available to you any reading matter - recreational, vocational, informative, historical, factual - that we can. We hope you will assist us in making your library a success by turning in to your orderly room any and all kind of reading matter you can lay your hands on. Perhaps you've got a book of your own that you've been carrying around in your duffle bag for a couple of months that you're tired of lugging around. Give it to your C. Q. tomorrow for the Library. Newspapers, old and new, magazines like Coronet or the Readers Digest, paper bound books of any type - we'll take 'em all. Then with what you give, we're pretty sure we'll be able to give you the kind of library you want.

A library should be a place where, besides picking up a book to take to your quarters, you can find out what's going on in the world these days. Like orientation material for example, or dope on industry and production in the U.S., or vocational guidance material, or sports news, or factual information like what the state tax on gasoline's in South Carolina or when the Farm Credit Administration was set up, or how the word "jeep" originated.

So what do you say fellas? Help us now by turning all you can into your orderly room. Perhaps what you give to us will contain just the dope somebody else needs or can use.

This is a plea for books. How about it?

Clp. Wayne L. Mc Vay

A YEAR AGO TODAY

28 July 1944, the Battalion was aboard the U.S.S. General J. R. Brooke, having sailed on 26 July 1944 at 1045, from N. Y.

The weather clear - sea calm - usual transport duties - general quarters at 0430 and 2025 - Abandon ship practice.

"Scoop the Poop"

with Jonnie (nmi) Joseph

The initial edition of the "Tiger Rag" was received enthusiastically in Able Co. FLUSH! FLUSH! The "Tiger Rag", like so many, other good newspapers, has a two-fold utility - FLUSH!

For your information: Lt. Steele returned from Paris. My Paris snooper informs me that he was seen out every night with a different camera! - Tec 4 Koch is awaiting his Warrant Officer Commission. A better Joe is hard to find - Congrats. Tec 4 Julio Quaglia was chatting with his brother Jim whom he hadn't seen for four years.

Did you know that Cpl Slenker and four star General Devers come from the same town, York, Pa? Of course, General Devers has been in a little longer.

Tec 4 Miller of the cafeteria, under the new T/O is till Tec 5, but, he outranks the others in another department. It is rumored that S/Sgt "Roughhouse" Bartholomew who is hard of hearing, and Johnnie Joseph who, it is alleged, can't see, will make up the observation and listening post team when next we're committed to combat.

In the near future Pfc John Wojnar will give a class on the mechanical functions of a blown fuse, a subject about which he is very familiar.

Its remarkable! Chocolate and chewing gum have done more to bring the American and German closer than have some of the most brilliant contemporary diplomats!

Who was it who said, "We come not to liberate Luxembourg; we come to dig it up". At the time, it was most appropriate. Ask the boys in "A" Company.

It seems a certain Lieutenant in this company, while checking the posts encountered a deer. He asked a certain sentinel for his rifle, but, said sentinel had no ammo. And with all the werewolves around!

Imagine this Moe's nerve! In passing my post outside of Army Hqs he asked if I were guarding a cabbage patch.

Have you read Sgt Hollenbeck's rear echelon appraisal of war - torn Germany, as published in a Wellsboro paper? A startling revelation, indeed. Seems a shame such journalistic talent should go unrecognized.

They tell me Tec 5 Georgie Meteff of "Charlie" Company looks as sharp as ever.

Pfc "Ike" Otterson, whose heart belongs to the farm is very much annoyed by the ruthless and indiscriminate abuse these lovely German fields are getting.

A Visit by Royalty

H.R.H. Prince Felix of Luxembourg, Prince Bourbon - Parma, owner of Hohenburg Castle visited Colonel Cadenhead at Bn. Hqs, Tuesday, 24 July 1945, to express his personal appreciation for the splendid manner in which his possessions in Hohenburg Castle had been protected.

He particularly commended Rcn and "C" Companies, expressing a desire they be given his personal thanks. All who have spoken to H.R.H. have commented on his charming manner and democratic attitude. As Private Ashley said, "Gee, he's a regular guy."

Tiger Topics

by G. C. K.

"OFF THE CUFF "NOTES": - Street scene BAD TOLZ:-... the radio favorites JACK BENNY, MARTHA TILTON, and LARRY ADLER... together with the film star INGRID BERGMAN... walking along the street, sightseeing... the entertainers were in town for a show for Army Hqs... queried about ROCHESTER... BENNY replied "he's doing ok"... JONNIE (NMI) JOSEPH, whose initial column was greatly enjoyed by all, wants a peep with PRESS lettered on it... also a liberal supply of cigars and whiskey... claims it would help his writing... good editorial on "Discipline" in last Saturday's Stars and Stripes... no one objects to good discipline... but "chicken" is another thing... Ask SCHULTZ about the evils of strong drink?... Rumor has it that Lt. HECHT of "C" Co is in the market for a typewriter robbon... All of "C" Co would appreciate it if someone would get it for him... or else get rid of that German typewriter... the later suggestion seems to be the better... Cpl MCVAY of "C" Co is back from Librarians School in Paris... he's enthusiastic about the possibilities of a Bn library... in our box... We sincerely believe that the LIGHT MIMOGRAPH PLATOON of the SIX-THIRTY-FIRST BN deserves a letter of commendation... look at the volumes of poop they produce weekly. After all, 10 tons of paper weighs a great deal! nuff ced... judging from the number signing up for the Agricultural-On-the-Job Training program... there must be a helluva lot of would-be-farmers in this outfit... Or can it be that they are allergic to training?... Proof that STEVE CORRIS eyes are failing... waving at a famous American movie star... and offering her chocolates! Thanks to Lt Col. CADENHEAD for his nice commendation on the first issue of the "TIGER RAG". proper commendation is an incentive toward further work and further success... An orchid to the RED CROSS CLUB in Bad Tolz... the girl-hostesses there seem to be swell people FLOYD "The Rabbit" HENDRICKSON is one of the battalions outstanding harassing agents... An aside to the guys that blame all their shortcomings on the Army... Shakespeares advice from HAMLET... "This above all else to thine ownself be true... and it follows as the night the day, thou can not then be false to any man"... the boys that were in Paris for Bastille Day (July 14) say that it was a wonderful celebration... the men in the 3d Platoon of "A" Co hate to leave those murals Johnny UHLYAR painted on their walls... The girl labelled "MISS OHIO" is especially alluring... it's the damn uncertainty of things that wears a guy down... this continued postponment of issuing the final critical score has been a helluva strain... observation on the "Big Three" conference in Potsdam... it's a lot harder to win the peace than it was to win the war... I think a good deal of the German peoples' fear of Russia is based on a feeling of guilt... Well until next week, this is just another soldier overseas waiting for returnity... and praying it won't be too, too long.

Toomay Advances to E. T. O. Swim Finals

Sports by Itch

Without a doubt, the Six Tray Ace is pol-luted with athletic talent. We needn't mention instances or performances for that matter but just to go on record we'll give you a few highlights on various events that have taken place during the past month or so which will bear evidence of this „talent“.

Appropriately, we doff our hat to Ser-geant Ted Toomay of Charlie Company who, by faithful attention to his swimming, has surged ahead through two eliminations and is now competing in the ETOUSA Swim Tourny which will be held in Nurnberg. Place your bets, fellas!

The Battalion Softball Aggregation was eliminated from the TUSA League, after ha-ving played three games, by the 70th Ord. Gp in a really scorching of a contest. That game went into extra innings, 10, when the Ord Gp managed to smuggle over a run to win. But in the Camp Alpine League there is every indication and possibility that the battalion team will get in the groove again and provide the boys with some really good performances, in the future.

Still undone, Lt Viola and his boys went to Munich 23-24 July 1945 to give com-petition in the Track Meet. Pvt Shelakes of Charly Company won honors in the javelin and discus; Pfc Shetler took top honors in the 400 metre run and then had a second place in the 800 metre run; Tec 4 Dexter and Pfc Tedeskie of Hqs Co. won laurels in the horseshoe tourny. They'll com-pete in the TUSA Track and Field Meet at Nurnberg, Saturday 28th July. Oh, yes, Lt. Viola won the "Oscar" for "Effort" as he entered various events without placing. Its the age, we know?

Post - War Plans

S/Sgt Tom Carr, 95 points, Company "C": "I'll probably do the same as everyone else - Throw a big drunk, take a short vacation and try to adjust myself to a new life. As for work, I intend to be a Policeman in Tupelo, Miss., I've benefited myself with the experience I've received in the Army, doing MP work in Toul, Nancy, Pont-a-Mousson, Longwy, and Briey, and since that type of work appeals to me, I think I'll try it."

Pvt Len Costello, 92 points, Hq Co: How about you, Costello, what plans do you have? "Well, with the first 100.00 Mustering-Out payment, I'm going to blow it, but good, at my own tavern. You see, my brothers and I are going to run a hotel - Hotel Wind-sor - in Brentwood, Pennsylvania, and with the two remaining Mustering-Out checks, I'll use for expenses. Boy, oh, Boy, just let them hand that little White Piece of Paper to me, and then watch my smoke."

Tec 5 Charles Spurgeon, 92 points, Hq Co: "The first thing I'm going to do is change my clothes. And in regard to work, I ha-ven't the slightest idea what I want to do. I formerly worked in a Post Office in Gre-nada, Miss., but if I have any better of-fers than that, I'll take it."

Review of Year (Cont. from p. 1)

tasted our first vin rouge and champagne and got our first look at the French Madamoi-selles. Viva la France! Then came our cross-country dash toward Metz. You know, when we passed through Verdun, it looked like we'd hit the front.

When the Third Army offensive was slo-wed down by a shortage of gas they decided to use us as MPs for awhile. We didn't like the idea at first; but it wasn't a bad deal. It sorta put a guy on his own, and brother we sure got around. Nancy was a nice town and a lot of the guys took a great perso-nal interest in their work there. See what I mean? It was about that time that the stra-tegic withdrawal from St. Avold was made; and then came Luxembourg. They seemed to like us Americans a lot. It was in Ja-nuary when "A" Company was thrown up on the front with the 80th Division.

Oh my God was it cold! It just took one 88 to make you remember the sound for life and hit the snow. Some of the guys laughed when you flopped in the snow and slid all the way under the gun, but they did the same thing. Some of the shells got a little too close for comfort, especially the one that upset the fuse box and sprayed shrapnel over the foxholes. The night the 318th Inf. kicked off was a daisy, wasn't it? Snow and wind and cold; no more winter campaign for this Joe! Remember your first view of Ger-many? Trier was a badly bombed city and the PWs were pouring into it by the thou-sands. That was pretty fair champagne too that we got down at that place marked "Off Limits". Then came Idar Oberstein and the crossing of the Rhine. Boy was Mainz a wreck! Frankfurt was badly damaged also, it showed the effect of years of bombing. Well, we not only crossed the Rhine, we crossed the Danube too. And it wasn't blue either. More propaganda, I guess, put out by a guy from Vienna called Strauss.

Then it came, the long awaited announce-ment that the war was over. Somehow or other it didn't seem such a thrill. There was Japan and the Army of Occupation yet to face, and we were still in the Army.

Well, Joe, we're still in Germany and still sweating it out! What's that? "A Lot can happen in a year?" You can say that again brother, it not only can-it did!

Tec 4 Jim Kraszewski, 92 points, Hq Co: "My plans? Well, I haven't definitely de-cided as yet, because I have about three alternatives for jobs. I can work in Okla-homa, California, or Pittsburgh, and I think I'll try the latter. My wife and children are in Pittsburgh, and that's my logical choice, so far."

Captain Donald E Frissell, our former Hq Commandant, and current S-2 and Spec. Ser-vice Officer, said good-bye to our Battalion on the 16 July 45. Captain Frissell only has 113 points and went to Regensburg, Ger-many to catch a plane for home. Here's hoping he can get his discharge soon. He's been in the Army a long time, and has cer-tainly done a swell job.

Competes To-day

Last Saturday at Nurnberg, in the finals of the Third Army Swimming Meet, the competition leveled down to a contest among top flight performers. We may be proud that the battalion still has a hopeful in the person of Sgt Ted Toomay of "C" Co. He earned the right to compete in the big time ETO Championship contest next Saturday and Sunday. In the events requiring stamina, the 200 and 400 metre breast strokes, his long, smooth muschles enabled him to churn down the lanes for a second in the shorter race, and a third place in the longer one.

Two other men of the battalion; Wrob-lewski of Rcn Co and Bray of "A" Co won the distinction of placing good enough on Friday to appear in the Saturday finals of the 800 meter relay. Though they failed to finish close enough in this one to qualify for the ETO, their performances in sur-viving the tough eliminations rate highly. The same can be said for Musick, Seals, Wilson, Mitchell, Clements and Downing. Of all of Georges' Special Troopers these men - all of the 631st. comprised the bul-wark of the contestants to settle the Third Army Championship issue against the best entries of a half dozen Corps. Only a mi-nority of other Special Troops measured up good enough at Munich to make the trip to Nurnberg with them.

The performance of our men is not com-plete inasmuch as we have the Manager to deal with. We could say that we are sure he de-serves much credit for keeping the men in trim; not allowing any monkeying around with frauleins, schnapps drinking, or late retiring - but are we sure of; "Boogey" Schwartz' morale support was beyond re-proach. As a matter of fact, it is regrettable that the whole battalion could not have been on hand to cheer for our swimmers. Hats off to you men!

Alpine League Softball Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
398 AAA	9	2	812
473 AAA	4	1	800
631 T.D.	5	2	714
796 AAA	5	3	625
574 AAA	5	4	556
575 AAA	3	4	429
287 Eng.	3	5	375

Team Batting Average

Team	At Bat	Hits	Average
631 T.D.	123	38	369
769 AAA	105	31	295
389 AAA	52	13	250
574 AAA	50	13	232
287 Eng.	60	12	200
473 AAA	31	6	194
575 AAA	48	7	142

It's reported that Joe Sisk is now with the 15th Engrs. of the 9th Div., and that he is playing ball on the division team.

If the Isar River has risen in height since last week, we'll blame it on the girl bathing a la nude, because Sgt Chris Hershey couldn't help it when he started to drool.

Around the Companies

Another old-timer in the battalion has departed from our midst-Captain Kenneth J. Powers, the Iowa Flash, who was transferred to 1st TD Brigade, the first step in his eventual redeployment to the states. In his many and diversified duties, he won the admiration and friendship of all the men, Even the Frenchies. thought him good and pinned one on. We all say goodbye to a good leader a good soldier, and a good "egg".

Is it true that when it rains in Lenggries, it doesn't rain at Camp Alpine Outpost? Somebody saw Tec 5 Arnold A. Buntin all dressed to kill in his ETO Jacket carrying his raincoat while going on pass when the evening was clear. With a little persuasion S/Sgt McCormick may give him some extra blankets.

Seen around the company, Pfc McDaniel hanging pretty close to the company area. Could it be he can't stand the pace, or is he in trouble with one of many - so he says - girlfriends. Of course he might have caught cold wading out to the island in the river.

We are pleased to announce that three of our fortunate "Tigers" have received appointments to prominent civilian universities in Europe. They are Pfc John J. Slater of "C" Co, who has embarked to the University of Glasgow in Scotland to pursue the "Modern History" course; Pvt Ernest Titus of "C" Co, who is enroute to Nancy, France to study "French Language and Civilization"; (Wonder if he will antagonize the instructors as much as he did the non-coms?); and Tec 5 James W. Goff of Hqs Co who left for the Sorbonne University in Paris to also study "French Language and Civilization".

"Life Begins at 40"

The two happiest men in the battalion this week - and rightly so - were Tec 5 Felix E. Gapsky of Charlie Co. and Pfc Joseph J. Smith of Hqs. Co. Both of these lively youngsters reached the age of 40 recently, and automatically became eligible for discharge. At precisely on minute past the official hour and day they became "of age", they were pounding on Mr. King's door all steamed up at the prospect of soon becoming civilians again and ready to sign any kind of papers that would be of benefit to their cause. After the usual "sweating out" period, the glorious news that their travel papers had arrived came through - and on Tuesday, July 24th, they embarked on their final journey towards home. Ah, me!

The German View

This note from "Time" (European Edition July 16, 1945) is of great significance. It quotes a 52 - year - old Nazi veteran, Karl Winterer.

"You Americans are children. You believe everything . . . We have been educated to tell you these things. And remember this, American. The French will hate us. The Russians will use us. The British will ignore us. And the Americans will help us. Mark my words."

We have won the war. We must exercise eternal vigilance or we may lose the peace.

Our main purpose in coming over here was to defeat Nazism; newer realizing that the thing we fought so hard to destroy might someday spring up again; if it had been in Germany we might have been able to take it - but just think fellas, it happened in the USA, in the little town of Reading - ever hear of it?

A week or so ago the people at 722 North Second St. received several phone calls from their neighbors, telling them to get those damned nazi flags down or every window in the house would be broken. It is needless to say - the flags were removed but I'll bet Mrs. G. Dillon's face was red. Sgt Dillon had sent the flags home as a souvenir, his wife thought they needed washed, and upon doing so, she hung them out to dry!! I'll bet she'll think again before she hangs the "rising sun" out.

It has been known for sometime that "Rosie" James found a home in the Army. That is up until a few days ago. Rosie and "92" pointer Costello are undecided as to whether they want to return to the USA or not!! Could "Gravel Gertie" have anything to do with this!!

S/Sgt P.D. Houck is raving mad. He just sent his ETO jacket to the tailor for alterations and to have buck sergeant strips sewed on; now he has to take it back and have staffs put on. We really feel sorry for you Paul - no foolin'.

Will someone please give "Pretty Boy" Behrendt the address of the nearest beauty salon - He's getting tired waving his own hair.

The 1st Sgts of Rcn and Hqs are going steady now - Every afternoon they go out with the horse and buggy.

Rcn claims the best shot in the Battalion. Willie Sorg a coupla months ago, while on road patrol, spotted a rabbit running across an open field, pulled his gun; aimed; fired and killed the rabbit with one shot at a distance of 60 yds while the jeep moved at 20mph over a muddy road. That's good shootin'.

Luck for us - we always have a man like Tec 4 Coker to take over the PX while Tec 4 Collins is away. Collins is enjoying a short furlough in England.

Since the non - frat band was lifted, even the PWs can't find any cigarette butts. You know, even the Dutch gals smoke.

Then there was the girl who wanted to show Sgt Stanley Bibus where she had her operation and he said "No thanks, I don't like hospitals" - Unquote.

Most of the married men in the battalion are hoping that when they ever do speak in their sleep when they get home - that they speak French!

Hello Sgt Mitchell. How is your baby? Oh, my 12 points are doing O.K.

It is significant to note that James Goff will find extensive use for the course he selected, inasmuch as his plans also included the acquisition of a Parisian bride. They will be married soon and will culminate the happiness of a six months romance begun during his tour of duty there. Best of luck to both of you!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

I wish to offer my congratulations to the editor and staff of the "Tiger Rag" for a truly fine newspaper. We all have something here to be proud of.

Also congratulations on the splendid achievements of the 631 TD Bn for the outstanding record you have made for yourselves on the anniversary of one year overseas. Few other organizations can boast similar accomplishments.

At the suggestion of your Commanding Officer, a chapel is being planned and designed on the third floor of the Bn Hqs. building.

Every attempt is being made to make this chapel a place of beauty and reverence for the worship of God. We hope to have it finished in order to hold Services there on Sunday, 29 July. It is your chapel and we hope that you like it.

Your Chaplain has office hours on Wednesdays from 1000-1200 and 1300-1700. Also on Friday mornings 1000-1200. Friday afternoons at "B" Company 1500-1900.

Please feel free to drop in at the Chaplain's Office - Room 56. - at anytime. If there is anything I can do to help you, I hope that you will call on me.

Chaplain McNeil.

"Doc" Quack Says

Here 'tis fellas, my first column in the Ole "Tiger Rag".

It seems as though the editor has left the job to me to report on YOUR buddies who are sick in the hospital. Just getting the assignment on Saturday, and not getting to the hospital to check on the boys before the "Rag" goes to press, I will list those who are now hospitalized at the 104th Evac.

Tec 5 Wallace Horner, Hqs Co., Pfc James Pugliano, Rcn Co., Pfc William J. Frasier, Co "A", Pvt Elwin P. Vinson, Co "A" Pfc Theodor Bale, Co "C" Sgt John J. Finley, Co "C" and 2nd Lt. John E. Richards, Co "A".

Since none of the boys are in serious condition, we expect them back to duty in the next few days. However, if by chance you are in the vicinity of the 104th, drop in and say "hello" to the boys.

Tec 5 Leonard Hanson, Hqs Co. has been sick for a couple of days and he claims it is from something he ate. I wonder. Isn't it funny that they all claim a blonde can cure their illnesses just by holding hands; if that is a fact, then I am missing out, as I never get sick.

The V.D. rate is high in Germany, and boys, you can escape the "taint" if you just use your head for something besides a hat rack.

Capt Thaddeus A. Nigborowicz, is your Medical Officer, and he will be glad to discuss your ailment with you. Don't be afraid of him boys; he really is human and don't get the impression of him, like you have of other wrong Medical Officers.

That's all for now; will see you all next week.

Doc Quack.