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"The Last Time I saw Paris"

BY F. S.

I have been asked by no one in particular but only for my own amusement am I putting on paper impressions of Paris gathered from my experiences there on a recent three-day pass.

This copy, of course, will never get any further than the editor's waste paper basket. Consequently, I can write as I please and worry little about the international implications involved or the displeasures my opinions might cause the Paris Chamber of Commerce, or whatever they call its Parisien equivalent.

Paris was and still is one of, if not, the most colorful cities in the world. In spite of the wholesale Nazi handiwork of its great art centers, it still possesses museums, art galleries, universities, and other cultural stimulants that can be classed on par or better with anything similar in New York, London or any other large city.

(Note to editor: I didn't see these joints myself, I didn't have time, but it says so in the booklets the Red Cross gives out.)

The French capital however, of late, has taken on a commercialism that by virtue of its relentless reduction of all favorable impressions gained by its other qualities. Its commercialism, however, is peculiar. Anything can be sold in Paris but only one commodity is to be purchased and that in abundance. You don't have to be a mental giant to gain that knowledge.

A GI on pass to Paris hasn't a ghost of a chance unless he is willing to part with six months salary for three days' pleasure. As generous as the GI is known to be with his "gelt", that's a punch in the pike that takes a little time to recover from. The average Joe limps into "Gay Parée" after forty-eight hours of uncomfortable trucks and more uncomfortable trains. He has about one hundred and fifty dollars which he has amassed for this occasion from devious sources and he thinks he has the world by the seat of his pants.

Once in the city, he is registered at a hotel and from then until his leave is up, he is on his own.

Up to now all is well, but let's follow Joe around a bit.

Here, he is in a lovely room, its even got a bath — a room and a bath, to himself, something he hasn't had since he left home. Joe has got one hundred and fifty smackerolas to spend, and three days to spend it in.

Joe grabs himself a fast shave and a bath and is off to the races. He leaves his hotel, stops at the first bar he sees and orders his first shot of Parisien cognac. In most cases it looks like GI tea, tastes like GI tea (without sugar) and is just about as potent. The drink, which wouldn't fill a small thimble hits our friend in the pocket for anything from twenty-five to a hundred francs, depending upon the bar he is in and what the bar-

N. C. O. Club

The Kempton NCO Club ended its first month with a dance featuring the Division dance band and a floor show under the able direction of MC. deluxe, Joe Higgins.

During the coming month the liquor privileges will be available, and dances by the division band and civilian orchestras are planned. Special Services has supplied the club with cards and poker chips for the game room.

An election of the new club council is planned for next week with each company having two votes. Also at this time, a financial statement will be made by President I. S. Junglaene.

Sgt. Case, the resident secretary, announced the new time schedule for the week; 1500 to 2215 on week days and 1330 to 2215 on Saturday and Sunday.

1st, 3rd Bns. Crave Re-Christening

For the last couple of weeks the 1st and 3rd battalions of the 318th have been living in extremely spacious quarters at Sonthofen. Altho its outward appearances are those of Sing Sing or San Quentin, its interior is the best that any GIs could ever hope for. It has a very impressive NCO club, complete with a well-equipped kitchen. The mess hall serves both battalions with ease and the connecting food laboratory is a mess sergeants dream.

However, in spite of all its splendor, the men of the 1st and 3rd battalions have one fault to find with it — it's name. They don't

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relish having their home referred to as the "Hitler Youth Camp". They would rather have a title more suit able to the present use to which the barracks and its facilities are being put. To have ones home continually associated with such an infamous organization as the Hitler Youth is disheartening. If any of the readers have a suggestion, they may forward it to the HAMPER NEWS and it will, in turn, be presented to the responsible authorities who have the power to re-christen the camp.

Opening the all important second half of the 80th Div. Baseball League, the 318th ball club defeated the 319th champions of the first half by the score of 5-4. "Lefty" Wegman started on the mound for the locals and pitched superbly until a pulled muscle, forced him from the game after five complete innings; likeable Tommy O'Keefe took over the pitching burdens in the 6th and was credited with the win. Lis pitched seven innings for the Hayseed nine, giving way to Molley who was charged with the loss. The game went scoreless until the first half of the fourth when big "Hank" Zackoll lifted a towering home run to draw first blood for the Luckettmen; however in their half of the fourth, the 319th knotted the count when Destefano got on safely by virtue of a wild peg to first base, and was driven in by knight's sharp single over third. The Locals went out front again in the top half of the fifth when Lenhart walked to open the inning, went down to second on Carpenter's sacrifice, and scored on dependable Manny Correia's base hit to left field. Again the opposing club came back with a vengeance, tallying three runs on four hits, including a double and three bingles. Trailing 2-4, the locals knotted the count in the lucky 7th when Lenhart singled, was forced at second by Carpenter who scored on Correia's second hit of the afternoon, a long triple to left center. Correia, in turn came home on Holmes' infield out. Both teams were unable to score in the 8th and 9th innings, but in the top half of the 10th "Emmie" Griegs hit a tremendous homer to deep centerfield, winning the ball game for the Hamper nine.

A few days earlier these same two teams had met to decide the first half championship, and it was the 319th which won that contest 7-4, chiefly thru the stickwork of Williams, rival moundman, who got three for four for the afternoon. Lt. Johnny Shuford pitched for the locals and was the victim of costly errors and misplays.

BLYTHE SPIRIT coming to Sonthofen

The famous Broadway comedy "Blythe Spirit" by Noel Coward starring Clifton Webb comes to Sonthofen Wednesday, August 15th with the original all-star cast. "Blythe Spirit" represents Noel Coward at the zenith of a successful career as a writer of sophisticated comedies. In "Blythe Spirit" he reveals imagination and subtlety not to be found in his earlier works.

KEMPTEN, Aug. 10 — Members various Kempton D. P. Camps were confined to their Quarters yesterday and no one allowed to enter or leave. 318th MILITARY GOVT. would release no information on the situation when contacted by a representative of Hamper News; however it is rumored that some 1500 D.P.s are to be evacuated from the area.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Chaplain Martin
Sunday Sonthofen, 0900
Kempton, 1100

Week days except Wednesdays, in Sonthofen at 1615.
Wednesdays in Kempton at 1615.
Confessions are heard before each mass.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Chaplain Osberg
Sonthofen Sundays, 1100
Sonthofen Week Days, 1900

CATHOLIC — PROTESTANT
Chaplain Gustafson
Kempton Sundays at 11:00

WERE YOU THERE?



This is just part of the large crowd that came to the Park Theater, Kempton, last Saturday to witness the world premiere of Warner Bros. "Nobody Lives Forever"

Leaves 80th



Brig. General George W. Smythe who left the division the past week for the States and for re-assignment. The above photo was taken in Kempton one week ago to-day when the General visited the 2nd Bn.

PFC. Club News

By Bill Ransom

The PFC Club is really clicking along these days. Sunday night the club had a special dance to the tunes of the club's eight piece orchestra.

ARC Field Director Office AT Regimental Special Service

The "Sympathy Section" here can function more rapidly if your families are advised to contact the R. C. chapter when serious emergencies arise at home.

D. C. Johnson
FD-ARC.

Why We Dont Get Better Movies

The movie situation throughout the 318th Regt. is not all that the men of the 318th have a right to expect. Most of the movies are pretty ancient and the films in pretty BAD shape by the time they get to us. At times it is impossible to know what is taking place on the screen. That phase of the situation can and will be improved. But that isn't the only trouble. Even a brand new movie — for example, the world premiere "Nobody Lives Forever" — is scratchy in sound and poor in lighting. That is the fault of the projector, which is worn out. So far it has been impossible to replace it with a new one. The Regiment has good projectors, but unfortunately they show 35 mm. Film only. The present projector shows 16mm. Film. Division is working under the same disadvantages as Regiment. When Division can get 35mm. Film — and they're working on it — we'll get good movies.

Speaking of the world's premiere "Nobody Lives Forever", one of the companies that attended got reprimanded for blandly walking back afterwards without being in Formation. Guess they must have been lost in another world during the movie and imagined they were coming from a Broadway matinee. Couldn't they, just for once, have stayed in that other world just a little longer — until they got back to their areas? That picture was a big treat. Special Service and Warner Bros. went to a lot of trouble to make it one. So why spoil half the fun?

HEROES OF BASTOGNE

Pfc. Tenney recieved this poem from his wife and we pass it on to you.

Here in the homeland no one yet knows
The extent of damage from enemy blows
In the Ardennes battle — the big German drive
That threatened chances to even survive.
It may not be till the end of the war,
That we 'regiven the chance to add up the score.
When the chapter is written and we know the whole story
Naught will distract from the fame and the glory
Of the gallant G.I.'s, cut off and alone
Who refused to surrender the town of Bastogne.
Or of Patton's men—these miraculous Yanks,
Who charged into death in their blazing tanks,
Refusing to stop or even let down
Until they had reached the beleaguered town.
Hats off to Patton, "Old Blood and Guts"
And to McAuliffe who replied to surrender with "Nuts".
It takes men like these to inspire the will
To plunge into battle, to fight and to kill.
But let's not forget the lonely G.I.,
Especially the ones who were called on to die.
Hungry and tired but no time to rest,
And not much to eat, "K" rations at best.
Sweatin' it out in the rain and the mud,
Or charging on snow trails marked with blood.
He has no bright medals to wear on his breast
But he's in there pitching and giving his best.
For to those must be given our undying thanks,
Those unsung heroes—the men in the ranks.

A Newspaper is Born

HAMPER NEWS extends a cordial welcome to A Co.'s newspaper. We hear it's a honey — edited and printed by Pfc. Edward Timpone. Hows about sending us a copy?

Items of Interest

We've discovered the main reason we won the war! If you add up the number of man hours wasted during the last five years in Germany just shaking hands, you have the answer.

Now that the army is sending so many men to schools for academic learning, we suggest that some of our cooks go to Cooks and Bakers Schools.

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"One Year Ago Today"

11 Aug. 1945

By Pfc. Ted Pruss

American Troops crossed the Loire River in the Nantes area and advanced 10 miles to the south. British troops pressing down against the bulge captured Maisoncelles—La Jordan two miles southeast of Vire and 12 miles northeast of Mortain. Stalled five miles north of Falaise in the area above Pontigny the Canadian First Army smashed into Vimont, eight miles southeast of Caen. — Prime Minister Churchill arrived in Italy for his second visit to a European battle area within a week. Polish troops on the Adriatic flank of the Allied Armies in Italy reached the Cesano River, 17 miles from Pesaro. — In Estonia the Reds took Petsari. In Northern Poland 250 villages were "liberated". — Allied planes bombed Brest. — United States Vice Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner announced the establishment of headquarters for his Amphibious Forces of the Pacific Fleet on Salpan Island. British Troops captured the northern Burma railway town of Taungu, 17 miles south of the former Japanese base of Mogaung.

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Questions Wanted

Each week the INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER seeks a new interesting question to ask GIs of the 318th. HAMPER NEWS is offering a prize to the man of the 318th submitting the most suitable question to be used in each issue. Send your questions to "INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER" HAMPER NEWS. Prize winner will be announced in issue in which the question is used; so let's get those questions in NOW.

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

QUESTION: "What Makes You Think That Your Battalion Is The Best Battalion In The 318th Infantry Regiment?"

Pfc. John H. Clement, C Company, 1st Battalion. With the 1st Battalion since February 1, 1944.



Answer: — The combat record of the 1st Bn. proves conclusively that it ranks among the best Infantry battalions in the entire United States Army. Regardless of how out-numbered the 1st Battalion doughboys were or how seemingly impossible the assignment given it was, they never turned back. They marched fearlessly thru blood of fallen comrades to attain their objective each and every time. The Battalion worked with the famed 4th Armored Div. in Lorraine, France and won its highest praise. Later, when they were badly in need of doughboys assistance in the Ardennes Salient, they again called on the first Battalion.

Sgt. John M. O'Connor, Thirty-seven months with 1st Battalion.

Answer: Through Forneft, Phillips, Laguna, Fort Dix and every campaign it has met, the 1st Battalion has proved itself. At home the 1st Battalion was often used as a demonstrator for the other Battalions, and on foreign soil, we know the 1st Battalion would come through on top. We have the finest officers and men, thereby helping us to achieve our wonderful record. Every man fights harder and does his best because he is proud to be a member of the 1st Battalion. We have a record that speaks for itself — if you don't believe us, ask any man in our Battalion or even in the Regiment!



T/5 J. Michael Santoro, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion. With the Second Battalion since the Moselle.



Answer: If I were a politician, I would answer your question by saying, "Look at the records". If you did, and if the men in the first and third battalions do, and they judge fairly, there can be no doubt as to our superiority. Not only do I believe the 2nd Battalion to be the best unit of its type in the 318th Inf Regiment, but I believe the Regiment to be the best in the 80th Division, and the Division the best in the Third Army, and it all comes about because the 2nd Battalion is so damn good it makes the rest of the Third Army look good, just by virtue of the fact that they are attached to us.

Pfc. Bernard M. Rudyoy, Company E — With the Second Battalion since the Sauer River crossing.

Answer: — Not "can we do it?", but "What are we waiting for?", has been the only question asked by the officers and men of the 2nd Battalion when assigned a particularly tough mission. This aggressive team spirit combined with a high degree of individual initiative has put the 2nd Battalion on its objective far ahead of adjacent or supporting units on many occasions. Let's look at the record: The Marne, Moselle, Seille, and the Sauer — in each instance the 2nd Battalion with superb leadership and grim determination has made the initial assault crossing and secured the bridgehead in it's sector for the regiment. The 2nd Bn. was the first Infantry unit to enter besieged Bastogne and deal a stunning blow to Von Rundstedt's Winteroffensive. This team spirit and individual enterprise has received well deserved recognition in that the 2nd Bn. is the only Infantry battalion in this division to hold the coveted Presidential unit Citation.



Sgt. Anthony J. Sluzis, K Company — With Third Battalion since Nov. 1944.



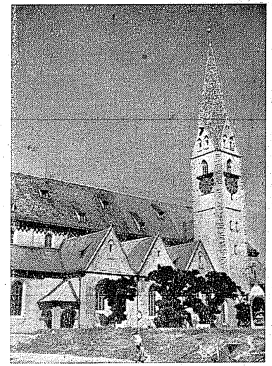
Answer: — Because we have the most efficient officers and the best soldiers taking success and glory in stride. They think and fight the "American Way", enabling us to have a more decent world to live in, and by this virtue boosting the morale to a high level, and therefore making this organization the Battalion of Battalions. Any man who thinks otherwise, would be smart to keep his opinions to himself, if he should ever get mixed up in 3rd Battalion society.

Pfc. John Duvall, Company I, Third Battalion — With 3rd Battalion since February, 1945.

Answer: I think the 3rd battalion is the best battalion in the regiment because this battalion has the best combat record. The leadership of the officers has been superior. The enlisted men are the best damn fighting group of fellows in the United States Army. They didn't receive their battle stars for rear CP. duty.



Saint Mang Church in Kempten



Chaplain John W. Osberg

When you stand in St. Mang Place in Kempten, you are standing on ground the early Christians walked over. For the Romans had come up from Italy into Allgau by 100 A. D. and settled in this region. We know from contemporary history that there were Christians among them, for they built where we are now located. On the site of what is now Kempten a new Roman town was erected which became the fortress town of the Roman Legion quartered here.

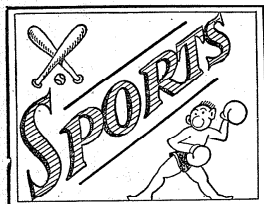
It was the second Roman town in this general vicinity, the first having been destroyed by the Alemans. A Christian Roman Basilica was erected, the foundations of which were discovered during the excavations for the street adjoining the sight of the Protestant cemetery, only a few years ago. This first Christian Church of Kempten, built next to the remnants of the old town wall, was a comparatively small structure, measuring only 30 to 40 feet in length. In the present Protestant Church is a stone, apparently from the altar of this Basilica, which bears the typical early Christian symbolism of grapes and ripened ears of wheat.

The Roman Basilica was destroyed in the year 470 A. D., when the Alemans struck through to the town, driving the Romans out, and leveling the town, and all its buildings. From 470 to 650 A. D. the history of this area is lost in pagan darkness. But in the 7th Century a holy Magnus, or Christian missionary, as we would call him, came to this territory from St. Gallen, and after intensive work, was again able to found a Christian work here. Several years ago, when contractors were installing a central heating system in the present Church, they discovered the ruins of a Christening chapel, as well as a great stone with a groove in it. Experts declare it to be the baptismal fount, in use in the chapel. This is all that remains of the work of the holy Magnus, but he must have been one to travel, for his remains rest to-day in a grave in Füssen.

In the 10th century a large Roman Church was erected on the site of the old Christening Chapel. The lower part of the present Church is part of the tower of this Church. This Roman Church became a branch of the Benedictine Monastery, which in 1328 built a special paragonage that is still standing today. But the people in those days took great pride in their church, always wanting something new and better, with the result that in 1428 they tore down nearly all of the old church and built the new Protestant Church now standing. All that remained of the previous church was this lower section of the Gothic tower.

By 1525, the impact of Luther and the Reformation was felt in Kempten. St. Mang Church became evangelical, or protestant, and has so remained ever since. Although the church accepted the Augsburg

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This Week in Sports

By Carl Tranell

Second Battalion officers continued their winning ways on Monday afternoon with a well-deserved victory over headquarters company of the 2nd battalion by the score of 5-2. It was Lt. Paskiewicz on the mound for the "Brass" being opposed by Joe Billowitch for the losers. Lt. Swope featured at bat for the victors with a home run and a single for the afternoon.

Swimming held sway last Sunday at the Hamper Pool. It was the largest turnout seen up there thus far. Our 318th baseball team journeyed to Kaufbeuren Tuesday and came back with a hard-won 5-4 victory over the rival 319th outfit. Griggs' homer in the top half of the tenth proved the deciding and winning margin.

Word has it that Lt. Johnny Shuford, popular coach of the Hamper Nine will move to the division team, taking over as a playing manager. Lots of luck to a good sport in his new assignments. While we're on the subject of baseball, this column would like to urge many more of you loyal 318th sports fans to come out and give the locals much-needed vocal support, during the home games at the Kempton ball park.

Cpl. Jones of Special Service got a new supply of athletic equipment during the week, so we intend to keep sports active in the 318th.

In volleyball the A & P platoon of 2nd battalion Headquarters defeated the battalion officers' this past week. The A & P platoon challenge all comers to a game of volleyball. If games are desired, contact T/Sgt. Bilger of the A & P.

"Manny" Correia continues to lead the batters of the local club with a lousy .538 batting average; followed by Al Stanga and Hank Zacholl each batting, .375 at present.

The addition of Wegman to the pitching staff gives coach Johnny Shuford another capable southpaw hurler. Tommy O'Keefe's brilliant five inning relief stint against the 319th proves that his ailing arm is on the mend.

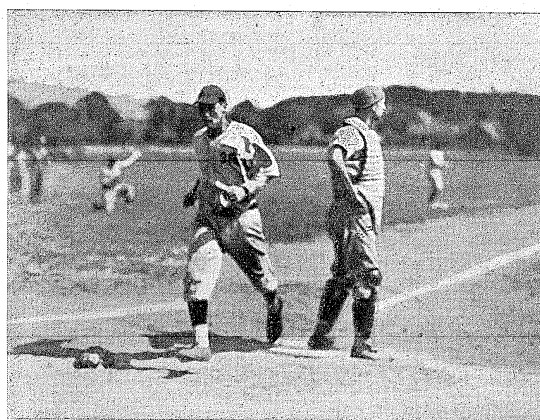
"Bo" Carpenter filled in capably at third during Stanga's brief illness; also "Pop" Mason performed at second in place of "Little Joe" Gaughan who is still bothered by the spiking he took a few weeks ago.

As a matter of human interest, it has been told that both Zacholl and Griggs had been eating onion sandwiches prior to Tuesday's ball game. Must have helped since both players hit long home runs that day.

"G" Company G's Trowace Brass

Those who were fortunate enough to be up around the Kempton Gym last Saturday afternoon witnessed a soft-ball game extraordinary. It took place between the officers of the 2nd Bn. and the enlisted men of G Co. The Co. won by a score of 9-2. It was more of a circus than a ball-game, featuring jugglers, contortionists, and weird umpiring. Major Dwyer pitched for the officers and did all right except for the three pitches that went all the way over the backstop. The game was featured by one very neat play in the 4th inning when the officers were at bat. One of them hit a beautiful liner that was sure-fire — so sure that Major Dwyer was halfway to home when G Co's shortstop rose three feet into the air to spear it and throw it third, catching the Major 10 feet from the bag. The officers took an awful ride as well as a beating from the enlisted men, especially when they tried to pull their rank on the umpires. The latter were in a tough spot.

AL STANGA CROSSING HOME PLATE



318th third baseman Al Stanga scoring the first run for the Hamper Nine in the playoff game against the 319th.



1st Lt. Daniel Simmons, Special Service Officer for the Regiment, who has been doing such a swell job of providing us with entertainment in spite of the many drawbacks encountered — such as lack of gasoline. Heinies that want to play "Charly's Aunt" in German, and all the other nationalities that are always pestering him to present their "so very high, artistic show for the American Army".

Lt. Simmons acquired that smooth technique of his back in the good old days in Washington D. C. hanging around the big embassies and haunting their cocktail parties. Got so he could drain a martini at one gulp neatly disposing of the olive without dropping a word of his conversation. Believe it or not, he was an interior decorator there and knew all the "best" people. The word "contact" was so imbedded in his mind that he applied for the Air Corps when he was drafted 4 years ago, but ended up in AA. Came overseas Feb. 3 as an infantryman Louie and hit the front line just-like that. He was always up where the fighting was thickest; earned a silver star and cluster.

If the "Voice" had only met Simmons, maybe he would have softened that blast he let at those who handle entertainment in the E. T. O.

WATCH FOR HAMPER'S INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER, HE'LL BE ASKING YOU

Remaining games to be Played by the 318th.

Sat. Aug. 11 — Div. Atty. at Kempton
Tue. Aug. 14 — Sp. Tps. at Kaufbeuren
Thu. Aug. 16 — 305th Engrs. at Unterthuringau
Sat. Aug. 18 — 319th Reg. at Kempton
Tue. Aug. 21 — 317th Reg. at Füssen
Thu. Aug. 23 — Div. Atty. at Memmingen
Sun. Aug. 26 — Sp. Tps. at Kempton
Tue. Aug. 28 — 305th Engrs. at Kempton

Thoughts by Mac

The recent poll made by the war Department of soldiers in all theatres amazingly disclosed that 70 % were in favor of the point system, 25 % not and 5 % were undecided. Anyone could have foreseen the results of this poll before it was taken and saved the 1 and E Division a lot of work. All that had to be done was to look at the number of men in each branch of the Service and figure accordingly. If an employer calls 100 % of his workers into his office and tells them that he's going to give the 80 men who hold white collar jobs each a thousand dollar bonus and the 20 who work long, hard hours in the production line each a sack of fertilizer; and then asks how many think its fair, about 70 % of the 80 who get the Thousand dollars will quickly say it is very fair, about 5 will think it is not fair but are too meek to say otherwise, about 5 more will say it's not fair and the remaining 20 will, of course, say it's a raw deal.

Any man with a little military knowledge knows that the Infantry makes up approximately 20 % of Our Army. The men of our War Dept should know this; therefore, it is a great mystery why such a useless poll was conducted. Maybe they think that we're foolish enough to fall for that old fallback of the majority ruling, or maybe they want to impress 70 % of the people in the States by showing that the soldiers favored the system.

If the Staffs of our Military Affairs Committee and our War Dept. were to take a few days off from their hazardous duties on the Washington front, equip themselves as combat men and spend a few days on the front lines as a doughboy, I'm sure that a few adjustments in the Point System would be in order by the ones still lucky enough to be alive or not in the hospital.

It is hard to understand how our people at home let such an injustice as the Point System happen, but no one can understand exactly how a war is fought unless he has actually been in contact with the enemy. What support could we ever hope for anyway, when our families make up only 20 % of the population at home.

What we need is a great, influential leader who will go to bat for us and with his influence convince the right people what's right and what's wrong in the present set-up. Where are our great Generals for whom we've won such laurels with our miseries, blood and death? Why don't they step out and at least let us know that they're behind us. They never hesitated to hand down the order to attack, knowing that the small gains on their maps would be won by Blood and Death. The Infantry never let those men down; they fought and died with no credit while some General, miles behind the lines took credit for "taking another objective with my men." They only read about it in the papers and smiled; Many of them will smile no more.

Everyone now likes to boast and convince everybody how he won the war in Europe, but when the real battle is won, when men must be slaughtered like cattle, you can hear the cry from the 80 %: "They can't stop us, We'll beat them! We'll show them that Democracy will prevail over all; send the glorious 20 % out to fight and die, they'll win for us because they know that they've got the other 80 % faithfully behind them."

Regimental Headquarters Co.

By Bill Ransom

Does anyone know what Gillespie was doing up on the hill just outside of town, a few nights ago. It is rumored that he was snipe hunting. Anyone wishing any further information on this, just contact Radcliffe, I think he knows what it was all about.

A heavy duty broom has been issued to the cooks. I understand it is to be used to sweep certain objects out of their room.

The kitchen is planning on moving to a better location. I also understand they are trying to get dishes for the mess hall. Isn't that a shame? The Supply room just got some new mess kits in too.

T/5 Berenson pulled some one's C. Q. for them one night last week. What happened, Jake?

Cople is running a contest, the winner to be the man with the least points, in Hq. Co. Hes trying to get someone to donate a bottle of Halb & Halb for first prize. I can't imagine why a man with 19 points would want to run a contest like that.

I know of a couple of men who would like to purchase seeing eye dogs. Just why I don't know. If you can get an extra one, fellows, I sure would like one.

Lt. Minier has returned from a pass to England. He doesn't look as though the pass had much effect on him. Oh well! Maybe he didn't visit the same places that Sgt. Stonehouse did.

Hq. Company Lamentations

I refuse to hear that I am living at a former Hitler Jugend school. We are in favor of an American name being given to it with no references to its former background.

The five day problem has been completed and despite the lapse of war in Europe, the 1st Battalion has not lost its punch.

It was a rugged looking bunch of men who walked into the company area after their five day problem. Making a round of the platoons I found:

Pics Ketterer and Roberts showing no ear-marks of wear or tear. Sgt. Paul Lee saying "It was a good problem for a man with two set of feet."

Pic. Blackburn saying "It used to be my aching back but now I ache all over."

Sgt. Bochmiak saying "I can tell you all there is to know about the Bavarian Alps."

Pic. Rabbitt saying "It was a swell problem — to have some other outfit run."

"B" Company

Although everyone still wants to go back to Oberstdorf, the "Old Bastille" looked like home after that five day problem. News was scarce this week so Sgt. Johnny O'Connor has given me a helping hand and contributed the following:

The opening of the NCO club here has been a grand success. It's a keen place and everyone is very pleased with it. I overheard some of the fellows talking about a "Buck Private" club and after hearing about it and the club rules I decided it's for me. Below are the by-laws of the club. Do you want to join?

1. No membership card necessary, being a buck private is enough.
2. Uniform is optional, except on formal nites when shoes must be worn.
3. Only side-arms will be allowed.
4. The club is open day and nite, come in for your morning bracer.
5. Conduct yourself like a gentleman or you may be taken for an NCO.
6. If you do not like the way drinks are mixed, come behind the bar and help yourself.
7. This is your club as well as the next mans; if you don't like your neighbor throw the bum out.

NCO's can apply for a bust thru the proper channels. Pic. Szefer will handle all applications.

"C" Company News

The Immenstadt hospital ran out of patients so the guard has been discontinued. It was a nice deal

SONTHOFEN MEN DINE IN LUXURY



This huge Enlisted Mens mess serves approximately 1600 men of the 1st and 3rd battalions

He who laughs last laughs best they say, but I issue condolences to the 84, 79, 80.

Lt. Falk leaves for London. Good tea, Louie.

We have previewed the book concerning the history of the 1st Bn. Author: Capt. Hueske. We're looking forward to its distribution in the near future.

"A" Company

We are justifiably proud of our "Old Man", 1st Lt. George H. Williams. He hails from Gatesville, Texas but I'm sure no one will hold it against him. He is one of the few remaining officers who came over-seas with the 80th. After taking over the Company in the field he was advanced to 1st Lieutenant and took over full command after returning from his leave to the States. A graduate of Texas A and M. and The Benning School for Boys, Lt. Williams can always be identified by his classy riding whip and his equally classy Company-we hope!

while it lasted but now you can no longer be promised guard duty in reward for good service.

Sgt. "Rags" Ragland has finally received the Bronze Star medal for his fine work at Hosingen, Luxembourg. He really deserved it or a higher award.

The big topic for discussion during the past week was the five day problem. From what was heard it wasn't appreciated very much. The fellows wished they had along the one who wrote the problem. The lessons learned were numerous. Three "K" rations per day are not enough; the hills are higher than they appear; and it is better to stay in bed. Just think, Lt. Smith set up part of the problem. Nice Guy.

Speaking of Lt. Smith, why doesn't he grow that moustache again and give those who didn't see it a treat. I wonder if he's afraid of what Col Luckett might say.

"D" Company

This week found our boys all out on guard posts and there was nothing very exciting going on around camp. This place always reminds us of the song "Don't Fence Me In".

The mortar platoon, sparked by Lt. Lowell, and S/Sgt. Smith, defeated "K" Company in two hard fought games of volley-ball. The result was another challenge from "K".

Friends of S/Sgt. John Dean are pleased to note that he has taken up full-time gold-bricking instead of just part-time as here-to-for.

The supply sergeant is wondering what Sgt. Phillips is doing with that 45 he borrows every time he goes out. Is he trailing deer? And if so, is it two or four-legged?

Hq. Company 2nd. Bn.

By Carl Tranell

After a tough bout, Chuck Manning has grudgingly conceded the nod to "Halp & Halp". — Doc Farkas smiling face can be seen once again dishing out hot cakes. Doc was on a rest pass in case you didn't know it. — All Kempenites broken up because Wolf Maciello had to go out on "that darn problem". — Incidentally since the Anti-Tank left town we miss seeing Bob Poole walking down the street every nite with the inevitable box under his arm; claims it's his dirty laundry but we know better. — Nate Shulman spent one day at the pool with his "new toy", and his sun burn laid him up for a week. Nate says it was worth it though and we agree with him. — "Sgt." Mitchell still getting counter-attacks daily. In closing "orchards to first Sgt. Bill Adair for handling those "popular" Revelle and Retreat formations in a new and distinct manner.

"E" Company

by Rudy

Easy companies ultra exclusive PFC Club staged its grand opening in the main dining room of the Ruck Hotel Saturday night. The men and guests were treated to a Kempen Premier of the Swiss stage show to be presented to the public next week. Much of the credit for the success of opening night should go to Pfc. Baumgardner, president of the club. President Baumgardner says bigger and better things are in store for the members and would like to have a 100% membership of the men in the company. Thirty marks a month to have six evenings of fun frolic and good 7% beer a week is a good deal anyway you look at it.

E companies athletic program got off to a flying start last week under the guiding hands of Pfc. Clyde Eidens the companies new athletic director and his able assistant Pfc. Hugh Woods. Swimming and boxing are available to those interested.

"F" Company

After talking to Sgt. McSherry about his 7 day furlough to Switzerland he said it's the second best thing to home. Estimated that about 50 % of the

Swiss people speak English. Walking down the streets one sees almost everything that one has in his home town. Although some articles are rationed there is still plenty for all. At present, there are quite a few Americans there. On arriving there it seems that half the town is out to greet you because they are really curious about the American Soldier. A place with no M.P.'s and on your own really sounds good. To have a good time one doesn't have to have a fortune. A swell place with beautiful scenery and the ways and doings of a peace-loving nation.

Now that "Murdo, the Dog Biter" is back from the hospital things are beginning to run smoothly again for the 2nd Platoon.

F Co. had a son born Aug. 3rd to Pfc. Edwin Jewell and christened "Pfc." — I mean, "Edwin Jewell". Report of the event came through on the day it took place, too.

"G" Company

By Peter J. Stanchak

We'll be looking for S/Sgt. Albert Reed to be cheering from the curbs when the outfit hits the States. Reed is in a hospital in France sweating out a trip home fore the rest of the outfit.

Quickies of the week

Mess Sgt. Pappas insisting he's a DIETITIAN. Carbone giving G.I. haircuts for those Sat. inspections. Walsh, Shapiro and Flynn looking for someone to give a hotfoot to HARDLY CASTASHADOW FOX threatening S/Sgt. Pappas with picketing his Boston Beanyery if he isn't fed more. Seems the Army got him tape worm and all, when they sent him his greetings. That certain group of three or more strippers getting back from the N.C.O. club soher and early these nites. Their initials are Kuhn, Deering and Mc Niff. VAHRUM? Most of the boys blitting their combat boots. Could blittings be opened again? Doc Foley leaving early for Emergenst. Didja forget something back there Doc?

Hq. Company - 3rd Bn.

By Pic's Gardia and Weyhrauch

A fast sports program, a rousing opening of the N. C. O. Club and a gala premiere climaxed our second weeks stay at Adolfs' kinders former stamping grounds.

Hq. Co's aspiring hoopers brought up their heavy artillery and forced I and M Co's to a hasty retreat tallying 95 digits to I Co's 19 and sending M Co to the cold showers with a 46 to 17 trouncing. However, these were both dry runs and only the near future will tell how they will hold up under fire. Also there are two dark horses in the league in the persons of L and K Co's who have not placed their quints on the hardwood as yet.

For those aiming for that coveted 150 there is a bowling league opening which should provide tops in competition. The league is still in its infancy, but from all reports it won't be long before everything will be rolling.

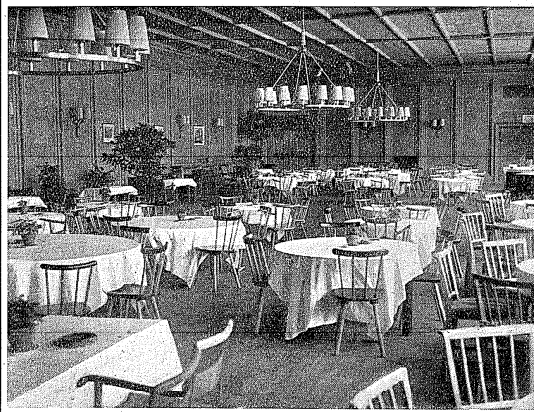
Advice To The Lovelorn
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"I" Company

By S/Sgt. (Scoop) Young

Come one, come all to Co. "I"'s latest contribution in the field of enter-

SONTHOFEN NCO PALACE



In this metropolitan atmosphere the NCOs can revel in the regal splendor befitting their rank.

tainment and education. We welcome all to our museum. Capt. Riley officially opened the museum Saturday morning and everyone who has visited it seems to be well pleased. We have on display everything from a German bed bug to a bust of Hitler; and all the items should prove of interest.

The Company left this morning to explore the hills of southern Germany. They should have some wild stories to pass on when they return.

The non-coms wish to express their thanks to those men who made the Non-Com Club such a success.

Now we know why the 80th is suffering from a gas shortage. Oh, those cocktails!!

After sweating them out for months, the men finally were presented their Good Conduct Medals Saturday by Major Ulrich and Capt. Riley.

Company "I"'s flashy five defeated Company "K" on the hardwood floor last Wednesday by a score of 32-24. T/Sgt. Pledger was high point man for Company "I", having dropped in 10 of the 32.

"K" Company

By R. C. Philips

Last weekend Sgt. Morrow and Sgt. Cohen, Our Company Division and Regimental clerks respectively, honored us with a visit. They kidnapped T/Sgt. Golman and took him to the Non-com club and from all reports a very good time was had, though Golman doesn't remember too much about it...

Scallie and Leclere's tonsorial parlor has all modern conveniences including outdated magazines... The company left on their problem last Sunday and a rough time was had by all... Munday has received lots of good comments on his super signs that have made appearances over the company area... Now that a certain somebody has come up from Oy, Chief is walking around in a daze... Bobby Sturman says

that back in high school he was voted the man most likely to go to seed... Halb & Halb has absolutely no effect on Webb.

"M" Company

"General" Mead

This week "M" company and headquarters played what I believe is the first game of bowling in the 318th Reg. But as most men know, the alleys are not quite like the ones in the States and look very silly to bowl on.

M company lost all three games but is still full of pep and fighting spirit; another set of games has been arranged for in the near future.

Any team wishing games please call M company orderly room.

Famous last remarks. Mess Sgt. Lingberg — "If you ever see me playing cards again, take me out and feed me some of my own chow." Cpl. Richardson — "Now in Texas, its done this way." Sgt. Able — "Lets go about our business."

Next week M company is having a slight reduction in strength. From all reports all that will be left in the Company is three men and Blivit.

Medical Detachment

By T/3 Raymond Kautzman

Last week the Medics lost their CO, old Doc Howard who has been with the Regiment almost since activation. He left on points so if anyone sees the Doc running around the hills of Tennessee with a German Aid Kit on his side don't think it is an escaped Heinie. Tec 3 Sark, 3rd Bn. Aid Sta., also left on points so now the section is all after the extra dough—not that the stripes mean anything? Capt. Keppler formerly of the 1st Bn. has been appointed new CO and we wish him the best of luck.

After much discussion and worry it has finally been decided that T/5 Buescher, 2nd Bn Aid St., could

go on a pass and the Station still remain in operation; this was proven by his trip to Thionville.

Service Company

By Ed Tonkinson

Have you guys been out to the pool lately. Mighty fine water and the scenery is just to—to. Brother Cann & Colvin seem to catch on quick. Look out for the flies though, they will carry you away.

Not too many of you gents know it but Ralph Tito of the mail section chatted the other day with none other than Billy Conn of fighting fame. Yes, they are old buddies from way back.

456 Bomb. Squadron

All you rumor-mongers of the 456th Bomb Squadron can take a back seat to Moe Rappefeld. Half an hour after Russia had declared war on Japan, he had us half way to Sevastapol. Stop in and see him—he may have a rumor to suite your particular needs. If you don't hear it, ask for it!

Speakin of rumors, whats this we hear about a certain Infantry officer being browped off because a flyboy stole his gal? We're all in the same army, aren't we or are we?

Games are being sought for the 456th baseball nine. All any enterprising team has to do is call Book Mark Green and they can arrange to be beaten.

Sgt. Donat "Legree" Proulx has taken over the job of Transportation chief since M/Sgt. Jack Reeves went to the USA. Robert "We dont have any" Ayers is holding down a supply job while his boss is on furlough. Hamper Floor Show might be interested in our Limey comedian, Carl Palm.

(SAINT MANG CHURCH)

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Confession, due to the influence of Switzerland and Württemberg, there was a complete lack of the usual liturgy, or ritual until very recent times. The only substantial change in the building came about in the year 1796, when the church was redecorated in the Rococo style. Later the interior was again changed, once more being made Gothic in its appointments.

Following the Reformation, virtually the whole city of Kempen was Protestant, but through the years the Benedictine Monastery and the surrounding peasant population, exerted an influence back to Roman Catholicism, so that at this present time, of 30,000 inhabitants, only 4,300 are considered evangelical.

The Church has a beautifully hand-carved altar, which was transported to Chicago in 1900, and in the exhibition there received first prize. In the library of the Church is a priceless collection of rare books, some of which go back virtually to the first printing press, and many of which are the hand written copies from the days before the printing press. This little church is rich in its tradition and background.

By Rudi Hamvial

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