

80th Forward

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THE 80th ONLY MOVES FORWARD

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Four D.S.C.'s to 318th

Recent orders from General George S. Patton's Third U.S. Army Headquarters announced that the coveted Distinguished Service Cross, America's second highest military decoration, has been conferred on four 80th Division infantrymen, all members of the 318th Infantry Regiment.

The D.S.C. was posthumously bestowed upon T/Sgt. Woodrow Bugg, who served as a platoon sergeant in the 318th's "George" Co. T/Sgt. Bugg was cited for his heroic, single-handed assaults on Nazi machine gun positions which menaced the advance of his company's attack on Schmirra, Germany. The lanky, Kentucky platoon sergeant ordered his men to hit the ground when two well-concealed Nazi machine guns opened up on them. Instantly realizing that only a skillful flanking movement could eliminate the lethal fire, shooting his rifle from the hip, T/Sgt. Bugg advanced to within 30 yards of the Wehrmacht guns and attacked the first emplacement with such fury that the gun was silenced in a matter of seconds and the entire crew was either dead or wounded. The target of the remaining machine gun, T/Sgt. Bugg fell gravely wounded amidst a hail of lead, but managed to struggle to his feet and fight on with his men to wipe out the second machine gun position before he died.

Kassel Attack

Heroic leadership and tactical skill in repelling a vicious tank-supported Nazi counter-attack won the D.S.C. for Major Charles F. Gaking, Commanding Officer of the 318th's 1st Battalion. During the 80th's attack on the German industrial center of Kassel, "Blue Ridge" forces were met by a strong force of enemy infantry and tanks. Six infantry-supported Tiger Royals, fresh from the besieged city's assembly lines fell on the forward command post of the 318th's 1st Battalion in a sudden and vicious onslaught. Exhibiting cool courage and leadership, Major Gaking organized his men in impregnable defense, personally manning a rocket launcher and mortar. The attack broken, the gallant officer turned to a crippled panzer and armed only with a carbine, pursued it on foot. Forcing the confused

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Arty Anglers Set Record

Fishing for fun and food is all the rage in the Div Arty and 318th FA Bn areas these days. The Ach and Westl Gunz which flow through the cannoneers' sector are rich in rainbow and speckled trout and great interest is being shown in the art of fly casting.

The average Kraut trout navigating these streams is about 10 inches long, though a 16 inch fish weighing approximately 2½ pounds has been caught.

An angler who really knows his angles generally catches about 15 trout in a two hour outing, but something of a record was chalked up when S/Sgt. Herman Ohmie and Albert Hart of the 318th recently hauled in 41 in a couple of hours. In far less time than it took to catch 'em, they appeared brown and crisp, wrapped up in flour, with just the right amounts of butter, pepper and salt, served to hungry 318th Howitzersmen. S/Sgt. Ohmie catches 'em and cooks 'em. 318th'ers are delighted that their number one Isak Walton is also their Mess Sergeant!

Four 80th Units Cited for Meritorious Service

"Blood & Guts" and "Blue Ridger"



General George S. Patton, Third Army Commander finds time to chat with a "Blue Ridge" cannoneer while attending a firing demonstration staged by B Btry, 315th FA Bn.

I & E Study Program Stepped Up

Representing every major "Blue Ridge" organization, six officers and sixty-two enlisted men today (July 30th) begin eight week study courses in an extensive range of subjects at Army University Study Center No. 1, Shrivenham Barracks, England.

A breakdown of curriculum and quotas for the 80th included Science, 17; Liberal Arts, 15; Commerce, 12; Education, 8; Fine Arts, 5; Agriculture, 4; Journalism, 4; and Engineering, 3.

Meanwhile, it has been revealed that a new Army University Study Center is scheduled to open at the fashionable French seaside resort of Biarritz. The study program is similar to that offered at Shrivenham. That the 80th will have a considerable quota is a certainty and applications are now being received by I & E officers throughout the Division.

Back to the Soil

A model Agricultural School is being established by XX Corps. Located at Freising, south of Regensburg, Germany, and utilizing the facilities of what was one of the Reich's finest Agricultural Colleges, this Agrarian University, scheduled to open between August 1st and 15th, will offer practical courses in Animal Husbandry, Poultry Husbandry, Dairy Farming, Bacteriology and Dairy Chemistry, Farm Crops, Farm Mechanics, Horticulture and Pomology, Agronomy and Soils (Physical and Chemical Aspects), Elementary Chemistry, Elementary Physics, Mathematics, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management.

Herds of prize dairy cattle, horses, sheep and swine, flocks of blue ribbon poultry, as well as vegetable gardens, orchards and ornamental shrubs and a completely equipped dairy plant with butter and cheese laboratories, promise to make this educational experiment an outstanding opportunity for "Blue Ridge" Agrarians.

A musical plum was drawn by deserving T/5 George M. Tinker, Jr., of Hq and Sv Co, 305th Engineers when he received the Third Army's single quota to attend a two months course in Voice and Voice Culture at the internationally famed Conservatoire de Paris. A "Blue Ridge" radio operator, Tinker has sung with the New York Metropolitan and at the Berkshire Summer Opera Festivals.

Applications are now being accepted for courses in French Language and Civilization, to be given at the Universities of Dijon, Grenoble, and Nancy during the months of August and September.

Engineering Education

Other civilian schools to which applications have been forwarded include Birmingham University, one of Britain's most renowned engineering centers which offers brief but comprehensive courses in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Petroleum Engineering, scheduled from August 8th to September 29th, and the Building Research Station at London, offering an Engineer Course in Building Material from August 18th to September 8th.

At Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford on Avon, in the heart of quaint Warwickshire, British Council Courses offer a five week course in Modern History and English Literature, while the University of Durham in Northern England schedules similar courses covering the identical time period, August 1st to September 7th.

Meanwhile, Orientation programs throughout the Division should profit by the knowledge gained by sixteen "Blue Ridge" Orientation Officers recently returned from the School for Orientation Discussion Leaders, conducted by XX Corps at Hotel Berlingheim, located in the Bavarian Alpine resort of Tutzing, south of Munich.

319th Sv. Co., 315th Sv. Btry., M.P.'s, and Band Honored

80th's Own Revue to Tour Division

Opening today, July 30th at the Kaufbeuren Airport, the Division's own musical revue "All in Fun" with an all-80th cast will tour the "Blue Ridge" road circuit, playing to all major units during the scheduled nine day run.

A Division Special Service production under the direction of T/5 Kruger Muse, the show features popular "Blue Ridge" buffoon and funny fiddle man, T/5 Joe Torchia of the 80th Signal Co, and Cpl. Vernon Scott, the 305th Engineer's singing star.

Also included on the all GI bill are S/Sgt. Paul Dunato, Regimental Hq, 319th, an accomplished accordionist; the 314th Field Artillery's tapster, T/5 Lloyd Lewis; Singer of Show Songs, Pvt Paul Briggs of Co K, 317th Infantry and Horatio the Educated Horse. Pfc. Carmen "The Mop" Glorioso, of Co I, 317th, acts as M.C., and the cast is "rounded out" by a chorus of four "count 'em" "Blue Ridge Beauties" billed as "The Brickettes" which is what they're built like according to sneak preview reports. Music is furnished by the Division Band's "Hit Paraders" and special musical arrangements were made by T/4 Charles Ankil, Regimental Hq, 317th Infantry.

Schedule

After the fashionable premiere at the Kaufbeuren Airport, "All in Fun" plays Division Hqs and Special Troops at Kaufbeuren's Stadt Theatre on July 31st. At Memmingen on August 1st for Division Artillery, the show returns to Kaufbeuren on the 2nd to appear for the 319th Infantry. August 3rd, Kempten and the 318th; August 4th, Fussen and the 317th; August 5th, Buchloe for the 702nd Tankers and 80th Quartermaster Co; August 6th, Markt Oberdorf, the 305th Engineers and 317th Infantry; and the final performance on August 7th for the 305th Medics and the 319th Infantry at Bad Worishofen.

319th Parade Impresses Populace

Recognizing the Germanic love of and respect for military display, the 1st Battalion, 319th Infantry makes their retreat parades serve as a powerful psychological weapon by following these formations with impressive marches through the streets of Bad Worishofen.

Great respect is shown toward our Colors, according to Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Hiram D. Ives, and it is the general feeling that the policy of having the local populace occasionally see American troops under arms contributes much toward the maintenance of law and order.

Our 319th Correspondent reports that crowds of outwardly interested villagers line the streets, the blue and white flag of Bavaria is displayed from nearly every building, and the children are particularly enthusiastic, being intrigued by the soldierly qualities of 319th "Blue Ridgers" and the motorized power of organic vehicles which accompany each organization on display. The young women of Bad Worishofen seem to enjoy the proceedings too.

Four "Blue Ridge" organizations, Service Co, 319th Infantry Regiment, Service Btry, 315th Field Artillery Bn, the M.P. Platoon and the Division Band, have been awarded the coveted Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, in accordance with orders issued by Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride.

The 319th Infantry's Service Company is specifically cited for its "effective and conspicuous support of the entire Regiment." Throughout the long, hard months of combat, not a single AWOL or court martial marred the sterling record of this unit, then commanded by Capt. Donald McAmis. Close and effective cooperation between highly specialized and technical sections, molded the 319th's Service Co into an uniting team, which dedicated itself to lighten the burden and lessen the discomforts of the 319th's combat elements. The Regimental Supply Section, the Maintenance Section, the Ammunition Section, the Regimental Adjutant's Office, Regimental Plans and Training and the Co Hq Section all received justly deserved high praise.

315th Service Btry

The citation awarding the golden wreath to the 315th Field Artillery's Service Btry, under the command of Capt. Clifford N. Mable, makes mention of the Battalion Ammunition Train, which delivered 63,000 rounds of ammunition to the 315th's shell-hungry 155 mm howitzers. The ingenuity of the Battalion Motor Section is recognized with a statement regarding the development of a diagonal bar attachment which, when welded to tracks, enabled the 315th's prime movers to haul their lumbering howitzers over icy roads made almost impassable by severe winter weather conditions. Equal commendation was directed toward the Battalion Supply Section which delivered the goods, whether it food or fuel, to the 315th's cannoneers, no matter how long or hazardous the haul.

M. P.'s

The exploits of the Division M.P. Platoon are legend. Now under the command of Major Edwin F. Allen, the 80th's Policemen did yeoman duty guarding the Division's staggering haul of more than 200,000 Wehrmacht prisoners, kept "Blue Ridge" convoys rolling by ceaseless, skillful traffic control. M.P.'s are not a popular lot by tradition, but all "Blue Ridgers" know that 80th M. P.'s are principally concerned with keeping their Division comrades out of trouble rather than getting them in hot water.

Band

"Blue Ridge" Bandsmen, under the guidance of CWO Ellis D. Knapp, served side by side with the M.P. Platoon in guarding the 80th's PW Enclosures, worked as postal clerks in assisting the over-taxed Division APO to get the mail through to all 80th units just a little bit faster, and yet, somehow, found time to practice and expertly play both military and popular music which made the going just a little less tough.

Previous "Blue Ridge" outfits to have the wreath of gold emblazoned on their right sleeves are the 305th Medical Bn, 80th Quartermaster Co, 780th Ordnance and the Service Btrys of both the 314th and 905th Field Artillery Bns.

80th Forward

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GOOD CONDUCT?

During the last few weeks many hundreds of "Blue Ridgers" have left the 80th for other organizations.

Among them are the bulk of the 80th's original cadre men, the majority of whom have four or more years service to their credit. As efficient and experienced noncommissioned officers they played vital roles in shaping the character of our Division.

We said goodbye and God speed to many old friends and comrades and could not help but notice the dazzling array of ribbons on their collective chests. But we also noticed that something was missing. Almost all who earned it, wore the Good Conduct Ribbon, yet in the entire group we did not see a single clasp to this award.

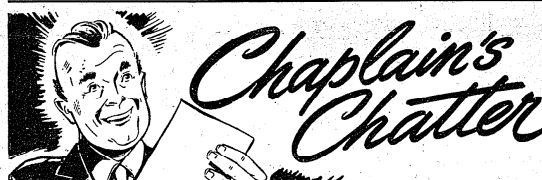
According to AR 600-68, the Good Conduct Ribbon is awarded for one year's exemplary service (after December 7th, 1941) and a clasp is authorized for each three years of service after the initial award if the individual soldier maintains the same high standards. There is no question that these men served their Division well. Their records and ribbons attest to that.

Applying for the clasps would mean a bit of paper work, but the three years of devotion to duty by the "Blue Ridgers" concerned certainly involved a good deal more work on their part.

Clasps on their Good Conduct Ribbons would be eloquent testimony to the administrative excellence of the Division. It is not only a fine public relations gesture for the 80th but a prescribed Army Regulation.

We find it hard to believe that the Division overlooked this just recognition of three or more years service. Yet, unfortunately, that seems to be the case.

A. S.



LEST WE FORGET

Peace has dawned in Europe. Hearts are happy again and lips can smile once more. But the price was great. Little white crosses, row on row, marking the last resting place of our American soldiers, give eloquent testimony.

Our fallen comrades were great men! We, as the world at large, must ever hold their names in sacred memory. To the very letter and like the Divine Master, our Heroes carried out the great principle of love: "Greater love than this no man hath, than a man lay down his life for his friends." Upon the cross of suffering and death, they placed their lives that you and I and our loved ones might live securely.

Like the Crusaders of old, our companions took up the sword on behalf of an enslaved and dying world, ready to stand to the very death-as they did. They accepted the challenge of godless dictators and by their determination and heroism to the extreme, conquered and restored peace and happiness to weary, down-trodden humanity.

Gone from us they are! But from starry heights they look down upon us in this land, where a short time ago they fought and died. They are ever close to us in spirit, sending forth words of cheer and encouragement to bring to completion the work they so nobly advanced. We of the 80th today, living up to our motto, shall not forsake them! We shall go forward, with their bright example our shining inspiration and guiding star. We shall bring their dream and ours to a happy reality, complete victory and lasting peace to the world! Their death shall not have been in vain!

With grateful hearts and memories, we salute the fallen Heroes of the 80th Division! As the days pass and the years lengthen, our prayer will be:

"Eternal rest, grant, O Lord, to our fallen Comrades! They fought and died for Thee and Country. Reward them with the Crown Thou hast reserved for the martyrs of justice and of truth! And grant us, who remain behind, the grace to carry on to completion the work they so well advanced, and to stand and swear by them that war shall never be again! Amen."

Chaplain Edward J. Comer
Assistant Division Chaplain



Third Army Commander, General George S. Patton and our own Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride stood shoulder to shoulder throughout the long, bitter months of combat. Together they proudly review "Blue Ridge" units on General Patton's recent visit.

The Forward Looks Backward

One Year Ago Today, July 30th, 1944, the 80th was in the threshold of combat. Reluctant farewells were said to British lassies and British pubs. Training and preparations had been completed and "Blue Ridgers" were ready for the southward journey from Cheshire, England, to assembly areas near Salisbury.

Information Please

If it's a sophisticated entertainment snack you desire, don't miss the "Information Please" Troupe with Beatrice Lillie, Clifton Fadiman, John Keenan, Franklin P. Adams and Reginald Gardner.

"Bea" is our favorite comedienne in all the world and she forsook the starring role in Billy Rose's New York production of "Seven Lively Arts" and a salary of several thousand a week to come overseas. "Reggie" Gardner is about the funniest monologist we've ever heard and intellectuals John Kieran, Franklin P. Adams and Clifton Fadiman are original "Information Please" favorites. Producer Dan Golenpaul is with the show to manage details for his brain trusters.

"Information Please" will be in Augsburg on August 3rd and at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the 4th. "Blue Ridgers" will have ample quotas both days.

80th-103rd Exchange

Point shifts continued with the recent transfer of 24 high point "Blue Ridge" officers and 20 enlisted men to the 103rd Infantry Division. In exchange an identical number of Category II 103'ers have arrived at the 80th.

Now a Third Army outfit, the 103rd or "Cactus" Division saw combat as part of the Seventh Army. Coming overseas in October, the 103rd entered combat a month later. Fighting in the difficult terrain of the snow-covered Vosges, the 103rd was in the Brenner Pass on VE Day. "Cactus" doughs wear the Rhineland and Central European Campaign Stars on their ETO Ribbons.

THREE MORE DAYS FOR THREE GRAND PRIZES

Already a Bevy of "Blue Ridge" Beauties have arrived at FORWARD'S Editorial Offices.

Our Files are Bulging. So are our Address Books!

As we said last week, she may be your spouse, gal friend, sister, daughter (if she's over 18) or your old Aunt Harriet.

But if you want to win THE FIRST PRIZE and go to the Riviera for a week, or THE SECOND PRIZE and go to Paris for three days, or THE THIRD PRIZE which is a 50 liter keg of Beer, SEND IN YOUR ENTRY AT ONCE!

Our Address is 80th FORWARD Division Newspaper Office. Send your seductive siren via M/C or thru APO 80

Name and Address of your Dream Gal must be included. Send your name and organization so we can return your little treasure!

Your FORWARD Editor and his GI geniuses will pour over the Pulchritudinous Photos for the next few fateful days and announce the Winning Contestants in Next Week's Issue.

So Sorry Dept.

In last week's story on General Patton's visit 80th FORWARD mentioned all organizations by name which staged demonstrations for the Third Army Commander, but neglected to include Btry B, 315th FA Bn which went into position and was ready to fire in under two minutes. FORWARD failed to get the information 'til after deadline time.



Why is it that the Division Headquarters PX can't be run on a basis of "First Come, First Served"? Already a "side door" policy is in effect, which means that those who patiently wait in line Monday morning are told "Fresh out" because some sections and officers are given early buying privileges.

Let's have each man, regardless of rank, line up and receive only the ration for his own card. (Men on pass can purchase rations in the pass area). Publish and post the lists of men eligible for watches, pens and lighters, with a "check off" as each man receives his order.

How about it? Can't we at least be treated fair and square in our own store? Let's have the higher headquarters issue the order... "First Come - First Served".

FORWARD'S vast and far-flung research staff has devoted long hours to the solution of this problem (and the incidental purchase of a number of miserable chocolate-covered, Barbasol-filled, confections known as "Big Shot.") FORWARD finds that the majority of older and higher officers wait patiently. Junior officers are the worst offenders. FORWARD thinks it should be unnecessary for higher headquarters to issue orders concerning such ungentelemanly actions. FORWARD hopes offending officers know that rank is no excuse for rudeness. FORWARD heartily endorses the "check off" system regarding watches, pens and lighters. FORWARD warns that in American civilian existence, people do not get waited on first because of the type of costume jewelry they wear!



by Miss Bedcheck

The 317th's "Fighting First" has certainly taken over Fussen and there are any number of places where you can pleasantly spend your hours after the Schwaben sunset.

The Privates and Pfc's Club where large placards proudly proclaim the joint off limits to officers and non coms, is located in the spacious, comfortable Konditorei Kurkaffe. Open six days a week, some 400 gallons of brew are guzzled weekly and ice cream is served on Sundays. This cafe and adjacent beer garden seats 225 extremely well-behaved, mild "Fighting Firsters" and if you're stripeless or a single stripper foolin' around Fussen, this "Blue Ridge" beer bistro is a worthy objective.

N. C. O. Club

The "Fighting First's NCO Club" is a handsome chalet with timbered interior. Colorful beach umbrellas shade the ample veranda where corporals and sergeants and their young ladies (officially approved) sit saying "ja" and "nein" to each other over their three point two. S/Sgt. Wayne Olson who runs the "Zum Baum Garten" under its present GI management is getting a fine civilian rehabilitation refresher course as he did similar duties in a cafe bar back in Terry, Montana. He's happy in his present assignment and reports that the "ladies invited" and "free lunch" policies have caused business to boom. That non coms consume more beer than privates is proven for all time (as if you ever doubted it!) by the impressive report of bar tender Pfc. Peter Wirkutis, a former Muskegon, Mich., martini mixer who states with satisfaction that although the "Baum Garten" seats 75 less than the Privates and Pfc Club, the weekly beer flow approximates 568 gallons. It's a seven day a week operation and musical entertainment is frequently featured.

Rest Center

A round the clock operation, the 317th's Lake View Rest Center on the Weissensee is a real beauty spot. Assistant manager and bar man Pfc. Mike Gallagher who formerly combed the foam at Philly's Hotel Adelphia, showed us around with understandable pride. The lakeside setting and surrounding landscape is unbelievably lovely and the facilities are little short of ideal. Matching any luxurious Maine or Canadian resort we've seen, here 25 to 30 317th's rest, relax, hunt, fish and swim for three day vacations within walking distance of their outfits in Fussen. The lake abounds in trout, perch and carp, a German game warden conducts deer hunting expeditions and one can sail or go motor boating on serene Weissensee (though the gas shortage has temporarily eliminated the latter pastime). Since the lake is deemed a public place, it is permissible to invite Gretchen or Anna to go sailing. Sometimes the wind dies down on Weissensee and becalmed boats drift about in the center of the lake for hours! No one we talked with seemed to consider the poor sailing weather a major handicap!

Joint Jumps

High praise was heaped on Lt. Phil Sterling's "Wreckin' Second" (2nd Battalion, 319th's) Musical Bar when Hal McIntyre referred to it as "the only place in the ETO that really jumps!" After playing evening sessions at the "Blue Ridge" Red Cross Club, Hal and his Orchestra turned up at the Musical Bar to jam with members of the 80th Division Band "just for kicks!"

Miss Bedcheck Bungled

Miss Bedcheck bows her muddled head apologetically. In last week's column she referred to the 80th Division Headquarters Enlisted Men's Club as a "Non-Com" Club. Well, that rendezvous resents sounding so exclusive and wants an eager world to know you're welcome sans embroidery on your sleeve.

Frau Rudolf Hess Traces Husband's Career

Frau Rudolf Hess, a tall, middle-aged, somewhat faded blond, could not shed any light on her husband's strange May 10th, 1941 flight to Scotland which still remains one of the great unexplained mysteries of World War II. But she talked freely about the career of Hitler's closest friend and confidant, her husband, who according to many was, until his winged exit, the Reich's second most powerful figure.

Speaking fluent English in a calm, firm voice she told a "Blue Ridge" correspondent that she first learned of Hess' fantastic flight two days later when Radio Berlin flatly announced that he had crashed and drowned during a plane flight over the North Sea. Shocked but uncon-

brooding political economy student much of the early Nazi ideology was spawned. After the famed, abortive 1923 Munich Beer Hall Putsch, Rudolf and Adolf were arrested and in the comfort and solitude of Landsberg Jail, Hitler found time to dictate his Nazi best-seller, the book which killed ten million men, the vicious and infamous "Mein Kampf".

Probably bored with Hitler's ravings, upon his release on New Year, 1925, Hess, together with Fraulein Pröhl and a mutual friend, took an unsuccessful flyer in the business world. Shortly after the firm failed fortune smiled on Herr Hess and he was hired as secretary to Professor Haushofer, Germany's leading political economist and geopolitician.

By 1927 Nazism was in the ascendency and Hess became Hitler's private secretary. Rudolf was of great value to the Party too, for he was a handsome Teutonic thug, even though his eyes are too close together, and at public functions there is little doubt that he presented a far better appearance than such grotesque "pure Aryan" types as Hitler, Goering, Himmler, Goebbels, Ley and Streicher. It is true he had many peculiar friends and some people dared hint that Hitler's obvious affection for Rudolf was based on more than intellectual companionship but the 1934 blood purge eliminated the last of that disrespectful element.

Hitler Urges Marriage

After some small pressure from the Fuehrer and perhaps to counteract this persistent gossip, in 1927 Hess married Fraulein Pröhl after a somewhat less than volcanic "courtship" of eight years. But Hess was so busy and conscientious he could not spend much time at home and his friendship for the Fuehrer remained the butt of now whispered vulgar jokes repeated in the salons, saloons and side streets of German cities.

Now as Adjutant to Hitler, Hess was riding the crest of the Nazi wave and in 1933 he was created Reichminister for the Party, a post which placed him among the first half dozen men in Nazi Germany.

Always studying and frequently sulking, Hess is characterized by his wife as "a thinker with highly technical interests." Because of his preference for solitude, few guests were entertained in their Munich home. "He would have been happy to spend more time with his thoughts and books," related Frau Hess, "but he was always rushing around the Reich to some mysterious conference or 'Party function'."

Never Confided

According to Frau Hess, Rudolf never confided in her regarding State affairs and never, never discussed politics with her. Her own interests, she declared, centered around her family, home and garden. Still, on the slightest provocation she'll discuss politics by the hour in a rapid and emotional fashion. Surely she loves her garden, but that's because it's full of German flowers, born of German soil

FRAU RUDOLF HESS



She loves German flowers!

vinced, Frau Hess immediately put through a phone call to the Fuehrer but was connected with the new Deputy Fuehrer, Martin Bormann, Secretary of the Nazi Party who was already sitting in Hess' still warm chair. Herr Bormann offered little sympathy and less information but was quick to dispatch an officer to place Frau Hess under house arrest in Munich. Frau Hess is obviously not fond of Herr Bormann who succeeded her "handsome Rudolf" as her apparent to Hitler's hierarchy.

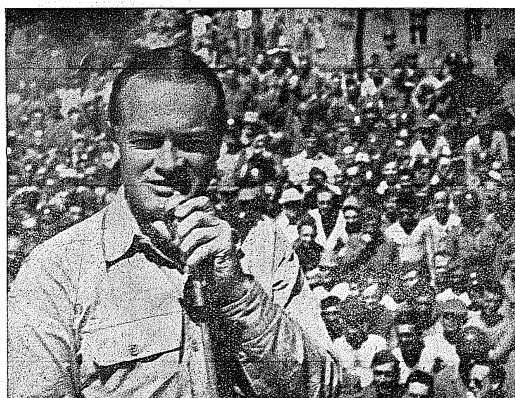
Changes Story

The very next day, May 13th, Radio Berlin changed its story with the sensational announcement that Hess was alive, but presumably insane after parachuting over Scotland. By Christmas 1941 the gracious Fuehrer had lifted Frau Hess' house arrest, though she was trailed by the ubiquitous Gestapo until the final days of the war.

Now she lives modestly with her small son, Wolf-Rudiger, in the quaint little Bavarian Alpine resort village of Bad Oberdorf in the 80th Division Sector. Born Ilse Pröhl some forty-five years ago in Hannover, she first met her husband in 1919 when they were attending the same school in Munich.

Strange Bedfellows

By 1920 Hess had met Hitler, and from the strange partnership of the ambitious, neurotic, outspoken ex-house painter and the silent,



Bob Hope Hits 80th

"Blue Riders" certainly see America's foremost showmen! One week it's Patton, the next, it's Hope.

On July 25th America's favorite wit, Bob Hope, checked in at Kaufheuren Airport to entertain hordes of "Blue Riders" and other GI's in the vicinity with a top flight hour and a half show.

"Where are we?" asked Hope as he alighted from a gleaming C-47. "Kaufbeuren" a FORWARD Correspondent informed him. "I repeat, where are we?" said the pride of Pepsodent.

Surrounded by a covey of Lieutenant colonels who stretch mike cables and a platoon of majors who move pianos, Hope looked hail and hearty despite his five previous overseas USO tours. Pop-eyed, mustached comic Jerry Colonna heads Hope's supporting troupe which includes Hollywood singing starlet, luscious blond Gail Robbins; trick tenor and comedian, Jack Pepper; shapely dancer Patricia Thomas whom Hope refers to as "a hunk of morale"; cute little Ruth Denas who plays a wicked accordion and boogie-woogie pianist June Bruner who sings as well as she tickles the ivories.

Hal and a Gal



Songstress Ruth Gaylor and hep Hal McIntyre make roith the music at the "Blue Rider" Red Cross Club.

and so they are of course more beautiful than any blossoms anywhere. About such German "garden spots" as Dachau and Buchenwald she remained tight-lipped.

Faithfully Frau Hess writes to her imprisoned husband once a month but return mail from Britain has been rather scarce and she has not heard from Rudolf since August, 1944. Young Wolf-Rudiger points to a framed pencil sketch by papa, of papa parachuting onto Scottish soil where a farmer with

upraised pitchfork awaits. Hess sent his son this souvenir in 1942.

Of Hess' reported mental collapse, Frau Hess said little, though she admitted that his letters indicate a perhaps convenient loss of memory. We recalled that when Hess was first examined in Scotland, British correspondents reported that "handsome Rudolf" sported red lacquered toe nails but we felt it might be embarrassing to Frau Hess to ask what she thought about that!

317th Third "Cavalry" Bn.

Not the only, but certainly the finest "Blue Ridge" riding academy is maintained by the 317th Infantry Regiment's Third Battalion. When, in the closing days of the war, the crack German 2nd Cavalry Division surrendered to the 317th in Austria, the Third Battalion acquired some of the finest mounts in Europe.

Pfc. Quinton J. Howell, who like the rest of his family, has handled horses all his life, was put in charge of these blue ribbon steeds. Expert equestrian Howell saved the better part of the herd in Austria when two trucks from the 101st Airborne Division caused them to stampede just outside of Leizen, leaving a bucking jeep, cowboy fashion, he succeeded in corralling thirty of the superb saddle horses while twenty-two were lost.

135 Mile Trek

When the Third Battalion moved from Austria to Germany, no train space was available for the horses, so Howell, Pfc. John Yayne, James Tolme and A.C. Stazack rounded up and rode the herd 135 miles, from Tweng, Austria, to Kirchdorf, Germany. The saddle soldiers took four days to hoof it.

Recently, with the permission of Military Government authorities, shrewd horse-trader Howell has increased the 317th's Third Battalion Stables, which now contain thirty-six magnificent animals. The four "Blue Ridge" bronco busters are assisted by three Russian ex-cavalrymen. Many of the Third Battalion's expert infantrymen are by now well on their way toward becoming equally expert cavalrymen under the tutelage of the Red rough riders, who teach them regular cavalry exercises and a few Cossack tricks to boot.

318th D.S. C's.

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and demoralized crew and supporting infantrymen to abandon the tank, aggressive Major Gaking climbed aboard the armored giant, set it afire and destroyed it.

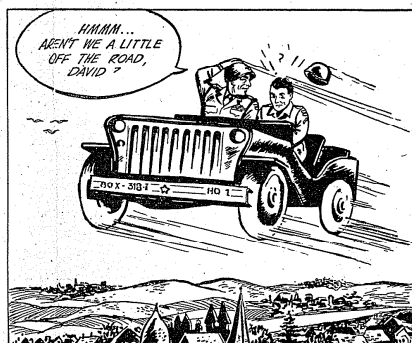
For his courageous lone assault on a camouflaged German machine gun which threatened to ambush his platoon, 1st Lt. August A. Storkman, Jr., of Co. G, 318th won his D.S.C. Disregarding his personal safety Lt. Storkman boldly braved the ambush and dashed to the flank of the Nazi machine gun position accounting for the crew with accurate rifle fire. Without hesitation he wheeled to attack and destroy a second machine gun emplacement.

S/Sgt. Oscar M. Langenkamp of F Co, 318th received his D.S.C. for his heroism and enterprise which led to the capture of 40 and killing of 12 Germans who fiercely resisted the "Blue Ridge" infantry's advance by firing from a barricaded building during the bitter house to house battle for the city of Kassel. Twice S/Sgt. Langenkamp darted across the street under the smoking muzzles of the Nazi guns to obtain gasoline which he used to fire the building. With the structure a blazing inferno, he stationed his men near all possible exits causing the entire German force to be killed or captured as they attempted to flee in wild disorder.

Benny Blueridger

by Cpl. Ralph Owen

Benny Keeps 'em Flying!



Troopers Smash Artillery, Tie For Track Title

By Charlie Heisa

Kempton, July 22. Before a moderate crowd of track fans, Special Troopers came through to dash the "Redlegs" hopes at being sole heir to the Division Track Title by scoring a total of 57 points for the meet. The "Troopers" were never headed by any of the opposing track teams, and as if possessed by some driving force, they virtually ran away with the meet.

Andy Novak, 80th MP's, and holder of the Pennsylvania State High School High Hurdles Record in '40, started the ball rolling in the right direction by easily taking first place honors in the 110 High Hurdles. Time of this event was 15.5 seconds.

Tony Mancuso, fiery little runner from the 80th Div Band, added his bit for the afternoon, by taking first place in the 100 Meter Dash, and in the Broad-Jump. His time for the 100 Meter Dash was a bit slow, being 12 seconds, but enough to edge out Rosenfeld and Cawood. In the Broad-Jump, however, he took first place honors with very little trouble, jumping 21 feet and 3 inches.

The fighting spirit of the Special Troops team, was the finest I have seen in many gala sporting affairs. With such spirit and drive as they exhibited this Sunday, I would definitely give them the nod if and when another division meet were held. However, in as much as the Artillery also has taken a division meet, it would seem only fitting and proper that another meet be held in the near future, with that winner acclaimed as the Division Track Champions.

RESULTS

110 High Hurdles
1st-Novak, Sp Tr. 2d-Potts, 318.
3d-Walters, Sp Tr. Time 15.5 sec.

100 Meter Dash
1st-Mancuso, Sp Tr. 2d-Rosenfeld, Div Arty. 3d-Cawood, Sp Tr. Time 12 sec.

200 Meter Dash
1st-Fisher, Div Arty. 2d-Bielah; Sp Tr. 3d-Brannon, 317. Time 25.5 sec.

400 Meter Run
1st-Bruggerman, Sp Tr. 2d-Franco, 317. 3d-Meyer, Sp Tr. Time 61 sec.

800 Meter Run
1st-Fisher, Sp Tr. 2d-Kirkman, 318. 3d-Heywood, 317. Time 2 min, 21 sec.

1500 Meter Run
1st-Baca, 317. 2d-Zamarripa, Sp Tr. 3d-Peck, 319. Time 9 min, 52 sec.

3000 Meter Run
1st-Szynskie, 319. 2d-Beaver, Div Arty. 3d-Blake, 317. Time 12 min, 54 sec.

Shot-Put
1st-Lowell, 318. 2d-Wedd, Div Arty. 3d-MacGinnley, 319. Distance 42 feet.

High-Jump
1st-Frazier, 317. 2d-Callahan, 318. 3d-Clay, Sp Tr. Distance 5 ft, 4 in.

Discus
1st-Lowell, 318. 2d-Howseal, 317. 3d-Barota, Div Arty. Distance 124 ft, 3 in.

Broad-Jump
1st-Mancuso, Sp Tr. 2d-Potts, 318. 3d-Walters, Sp Tr. Distance 21 ft, 3 in.

400 Meter Relay
1st-Sp. Troops. 2d-Div. Arty. 3d-319th. Time 52 sec.

800 Meter Relay
1st-Sp. Troops. 2d-Div Arty. 3d-317th. Time 1 min, 49¹⁰/₁₀ sec.

1600 Meter Relay
1st-Sp. Troops. 2d-317th. 3d-319th. Time 4 min, 12.5 sec.

Hop-Skip-Jump
1st-Kasperik, Sp Tr. 2d-Henser, 319. 3d-Halverson, 317.

Javelin Throw
1st-Halverson, 317. 2d-Lowell, 318. 3d-Busalachchi, Sp Tr. Distance 141 ft, 9 in.



318th Shuts Out 319th 7-0, Looms as 1st Half Contender-"Redlegs" and "Headache" Fail to Win

Kaufbeuren, July 27. The 318th Inf. avenged a previous set back at the hands of 319th, by trouncing "Hayseed" 7-0. Tommy O'Keefe, tall right hander handcuffed the losers, allowing only five scattered hits. After two scoreless innings, Manager Dahlgren's club opened up with Stanga, third sacker, driving one to deep left, the ball got away from Hornberger, and Stanga was perched at first. Mason then came through and pumped a single through second into right field, with Stanga holding up at second. O'Keefe then stepped up and lined the ball into right scoring Stanga with the first run of the ball game. "Pee Wee" Gaughan then fanned the breeze, but Fojtlin kept the fire burning by blasting a double into centerfield scoring both Mason and O'Keefe. Before "Hayseed" could end the rally, the score stood 5-0, and the ole ball game was sewed up.

Div Arty Smashed

Div Arty failed to get started and succumbed to "Hamper" 11-3. The game started out with the appearance of being a pitchers' duel between Achey of the Artillery, and Lamb of the Doughboys. The score stood at two all, until the unhappy fifth when Stanga walked and started the rally. Mason singled and Stanga took third. Lamb fanned, and Gaughan dropped a bunt down the third base line scoring Stanga, with Mason taking second on the play. Fojtlin then tagged one to center, scoring Mason from second, and that was all for Achey. Pecoroni relieved Achey on the mound and promptly walked Correia. Kummor then stepped to the plate and lashed a triple into right field scoring both runners. They added another marker in the seventh, and made a big inning out of the eighth which wound up their scoring for the afternoon.

317th Continues Tailspin

After dropping a tough ball game to 318, the boys from Lloyd Field took on the tail-enders of the league, 317, and walked off with an 8-1 victory. "Chet" Molley took the mound for "Hayseed", while Tucker was nominated to pitch for 317. 319 scored two runs in the first, and then opened up in the third with singles by Barillo, McGuinness, Masio and Lis, followed by a booming double into left field by DeStefano, to add four more counters to their score. In the fifth "Hayseed" again hit pay dirt by scoring two more, which wound up their afternoon activities.

Bums Humbled

In a non-league game, Special Troops played the 103rd Division at Mindelheim on the 24th. After the dust had cleared, and the hits and runs totaled, the "Troopers" found themselves on the tail end of a 12-5 ball game. The "Troopers" found Budd easy picking and smashed out thirteen hits, however they were well scattered, and resulted in only little damage. "Lefty" Kuprion started for Special Troops and was shelled from the mound in the fifth, when Lohrer was sent to the rescue. However, neither of the pitchers were able to stem the hard fighting "Cactus" outfit, and the game finally ended in favor of the 103rd Division.

C.V.H.



HE DOOD IT!

DeStefano, first-baseman for the 319th, is seen sliding home during the "Hayseed". Special Troops baseball game, July 21, in which "Hayseed" won by a score of 7-3. The fiery first sacker stole home while Lohrer, "Bums" pitcher, was taking a lazy windup. Yarmul, Special Troops catcher, is blocking the plate, but the ball (arrow) is seen bouncing off his glove. "Red" Sewell, catcher for 319th, is the batter in the foreground, while umpire "Specs" Hall is waving the man safe.

Professional Stars To Visit 80th-Conn Heads Parade

Kaufbeuren, July 28. A gala sports show, with colorful figures from every corner of the states will be here on August 3rd. This troupe will be headed by the leading heavyweight fighter and contender, Billy Conn. With regards to boxing, along with Conn, is his brother also a prominent boxer, Jackie Conn, and Mr. Billy Cavanagh, nationally known boxing referee and authority on the sport of fistic action. Capt. Fred Frankhouse, Major League Baseball pitcher with St. Louis, Boston, and Brooklyn of the National League, will represent that sport. Capt. Horton Smith, professional Ryder Cup player and winner of 25 professional tournaments, along with T/3 Melvin "Chick" Harbert, 5th ranking professional 1942 Texas Open Winner, and one of golf's longest hitters, will demonstrate their skill for all you golfing fans.

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

Standings				
Teams	Won	Lost	Pct	
319	5	1	.833	
318	4	1	.800	
+Div-Arty	0	4	.000	
317	0	3	.000	

+Came won on forfeit from 317th, will be played over and does not count in win column.

Scores

319-8	317-1
318-11	Div Arty-3
318-7	319-0

Tennis has T/4 George Lott, Davis Cup team member, and winner of the US National and Wimbledon mixed doubles championships, Lt. Russell Bobbitt, leading United States Amateur player, S/Sgt. Robert Harmon, 5th ranking singles player in United States for '41, and T/4 Richard McKee, National Public Parks Champion for 1940. Horse-shoes has T/4 Leland Mortenson, former director of the National Horseshoe pitching championship, and Ping Pong is represented with T/4 Sol Schiff, four times United States Champion.

AC Drops Ren 7-1 Tie for 2nd Half

Kaufbeuren, July 26. The Division Administrative Center softball team stopped the 80th Recon Troop last evening, 7-1, behind the 2 hit pitching of Slack. Moore led the AC team in batting, by blasting out a triple. By winning this game they tied the 80th Sig Co for the second half.

FLASH! AC behind the superb pitching of Schultz defeated the 80th Signal Co 2-0, to sew up second half honors.

Ring Show Rings Bell

Kaufbeuren, July 21. Before a large crowd of excited boxing fans, Paul Klang put on another of his interesting exhibition boxing shows. One of the feature bouts of the evening, was a sparring match between Cpl. Aram Shehemian, 129 Ord Co. fighter from Fresno, California, and former Heavyweight Champ of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and our own happy go lucky Champ, Paul "Buddy" Klang. Both boys put on an interesting three rounds of fistic action, although it was quite obvious to onlookers that both fighters were in desperate need of conditioning.

Bouts

Lightweight Pfc. Tony Carbone, 753rd Tk Bn, 130 lb. vs Cpl. Robert E. Lee, Div Hq Co, 135 lb.

Heavyweight Pfc. Leonard A. Passafaro, 319th, 200 lb. vs Joseph Pascale, 319th, 200 lb.

Lightweight Pvt. Marcel Sifrisi, 2828 Engr Bn, 175 lb. vs Cpl. Freddie Goodwin, 2828 Engr Bn, 169 lb.

Jr. Welterweight Pfc. Ventura Delatorre, 317th, 140 lb. vs Pfc. Joseph Levy, 319th, 139 lb.

Sr. Welterweight Pfc. Pasquale Mongillo, 317th, 155 lb. vs Pfc. Gene Bierton, 319th, 150 lb.

Sr. Welterweight Pfc. J. W. Robinson, 317th, 156 lb. vs Cpl. Jack Audrain, 315 FA Bn, 155 lb.

Heavyweight Cpl. Aram Shehemian, 129 Ord Co, 212 lb. vs Paul Klang, Div Sp Ser, 190 lb.

CARBINE

Kaufbeuren, July 21. The finals of the Division Carbine Marksmanship Contest were held here on the west range, with T/Sgt. James Hayden, 317th, taking first place. He was followed by Cpl. George Payne, 305th Engr. Bn, and Pfc. Lewis Selph, Div Hq Co, in that respective order. The distance of the range was 150 yards, and targets, both of the silhouette and camouflage type were fired upon from the prone position. Out of a possible 220 points, T/Sgt. Hayden accumulated a total of 210, with Payne having 187 points, and Selph placing third with a final score of 185.

TENNIS

Munich, July 24. At the large XX Corps tennis courts, five divisions, and Corps headquarters, competed for top honors within the Corps. T/3 Harry Jackson, 305th Med Bn, represented the 80th Div. in the Men's Singles Tournament, while Cpl's Tyler and Ferguson of Hq Co, 319th, represented the division in the Doubles Tournament.

In the Singles Tournament T/3 Jackson was opposed by Maj. Cohn from XX Corps Hq, with the verdict going to XX Corps, 6-1, 6-2. In the Doubles Tournament, CWO Herting and T/Sgt. Rummell, also from XX Corps Hq, defeated our doubles team 6-0, 6-3.

Tracksters' 119 Cops 3rd At Corps Meet

Munich, July 26. At this city's Stadt Stadium, the XX Corps held its annual track meet, with three divisions and three Corps units taking part. Andy Novak, 80th MP's, from Bardenville, Pa. placed first in the 110 High Hurdles, clocked at 16.6 seconds. Tony Mancuso, 80th Div Band, tied for first in the Broad-Jump, by jumping 20 feet, 8 inches. Baca Co B, 317th placed second in the 1500 Meter Run, while W. J. Fisher, 305th Med Bn, ran second in the 800 Meter Run. Joe Frazier, Hq Co 1st Bn 317th, placed second in the High-Jump, with a distance of 5 feet, 8 inches. These five "Blue Riders" will represent XX Corps in the Third Army track meet being held at Nurnberg on a future date.