



# 80th Forward

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THE 80th ONLY MOVES FORWARD

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## D.S.C's. For 318th, 319th

80th Division General Orders signed by "Blue Ridge" Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, recently announced four new Distinguished Service Crosses for intrepid "Blue Ridge" infantrymen, three to 318th Infantry Officers and one to a Staff Sergeant from the 319th Infantry Regiment.

CO of Co E, 318th, Capt. Paul Chmar, was awarded his D.S.C. for bravery and brilliant leadership which turned a Nazi surprise attack into an ambush that knocked out the entire assaulting force during the 80th Division's drive into the Rhine-Moselle-Saar triangle last March.

### Sets Trap

On the night of March 14, 1945, Capt. Chmar led his "Easy" Co riflemen in an attack on the Nazi-held town of Weiskirchen, Germany. A short distance from the town he halted his Company and setting out ahead on a brief reconnaissance, discovered a sizable enemy force advancing along the same road toward his position. The 23 year old, former University of Maryland athlete, raced back and ran the entire length of his Company column ordering his doughs into ditches along the road to form a fatal trap for the unsuspecting, advancing Germans. After nearly half the German force had marched into the hastily conceived ambush, a premature shot fired by an American rifleman gave the plan away.

### Knocks Out Gun

In the confused rout which followed, a supporting German machine gun fired on both the fleeing Wehrmachtmen and the pursuing "Blue Riders." Dashing through the melee, Capt. Chmar single-handedly attacked the gun, putting it out of action. Once the gun was silenced the surviving Germans were quickly rounded up and the attack on Weiskirchen proceeded according to plan.

In addition to the D.S.C. the youthful Company Commander wears the Silver Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Commanding Co G of the 318th, Capt. Gabriel R. Martinez of Niagara Falls, N.Y., was decorated for his initiative and daring in rescuing four wounded American fliers who parachuted into the fire-swept no-man's land which lay between advancing "Blue Ridge" Infantrymen and the German ring around Bastogne.

On December 26th, 1944, during  
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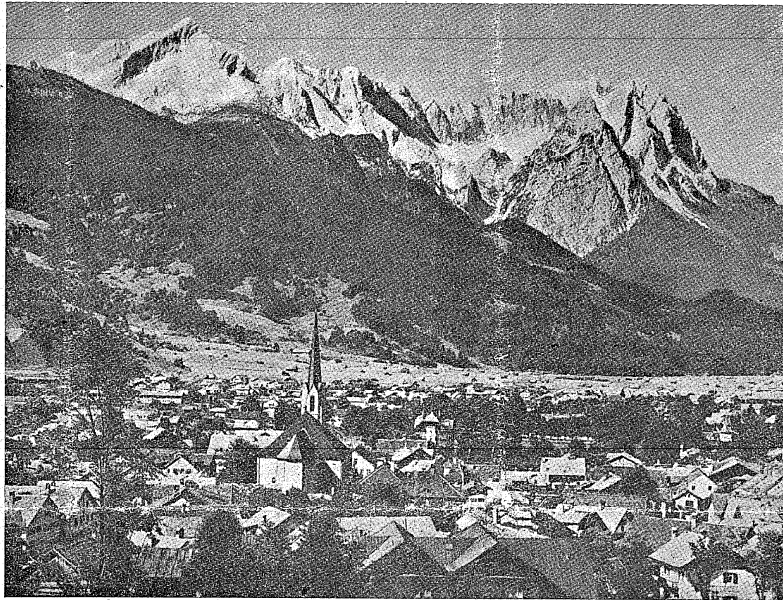
## Legion of Merit To Staff Officers

Headquarters USFET have announced the award of the Legion of Merit to two 80th "Blue Ridge" Staff Officers. Those honored were C-3, Lt. Col. Augustus G. Eleger and former Division Adjutant General, Lt. Col. John W. Trone.

As G-3, Col. Eleger has been in charge of plans and training since Tennessee maneuvers in the summer of '43, while Col. Trone who was recently appointed XX Corps A.G., served the 80th in that capacity since activation.

A West Pointer, Col. Eleger received the Silver Star for his leading role in the negotiations for the surrender of Kassel. He also holds the Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre with Palm. Col. Trone served as an Enlisted Man during World War I.

## Blue Ridge C. P. Shifts To Garmisch-Partenkirchen



Nestled in the Bavarian Alps, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the new "Blue Ridge" capital, is one of Europe's beauty spots.

As additional divisions continue to move from Germany toward the Atlantic ports and home, those remaining find that their zone of occupation becomes larger, their units scattered over a wider area. As a direct result of this condition and the departure of the Stateside bound 10th Armored Division, the 80th "Blue Ridge" Infantry Division is shifting Division Headquarters to the world famous resort town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen so as to be more centrally located in the Division's vastly increased sector.

"Blue Riders" could hardly select a more ideal command post community than this Tyrolian scenic wonderland, world renowned as a center of winter sports and for the breath-taking beauty of its landscape.

### Germany's Highest

Dominated by the lofty 2966 meter, snow-capped Zugspitz Germany's tallest mountain, the twin villages of Garmisch and Partenkirchen with a combined population of just over 19,000, are today thought of as a single community synonymous with the best facilities for winter sports in all of Europe. Annually snow and ice sports enthusiasts crowd the more than 100 resort hotels to skate, ski and toboggan for the fashionable winter season.

Third Army Special Service has already arranged five tours in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen area. These excursions include an electric railway trip to the top of Zugspitz, suspension railways to the summits of Wank and Kreuzkogel Mountains, and visits to historic Linderhof Castle built by the melancholy Bavarian Monarch, Ludwig II, as well as the famed Gothic Ettal Monastery.

### Lake Country

The terrain surrounding Garmisch-Partenkirchen offers not only mountain peaks, but also a variety of lakes for swimming and boating, the most noted of which is beautiful lake Eibsee. Other lakes and artificial swimming places in the area include Walchensee, Badersee, Kaisenberg, Pflegersee, Rissensee, Loisach Swimming Pool and Sonnenbichl See. In almost all cases the water is crystal clear, but at the same time the snow-fed streams leading into the lakes lowers the temperature of the water to the point where swimming is only for the hardy, except on warmer days.

Meanwhile, with a weather eye to the coming winter, the Third Army Special Service Office is readying the Olympic Ice Stadium, scene of the 1936 Winter Olympics, for a program of winter activities. Damaged brine pipes are being repaired to insure a good surface for all ice sports.

## Reels Record Recon

Ever since the 80th's post VE-Day move to Germany, the 80th Recon Troop have been recording their outstanding activities on film. Sgt. Robert L. Stevenson and T/4 Virgil Harper have been busy preparing titles and shooting scenes. When completed, the reels will be printed and given to those who desire it for home movies upon the 80th's return to the States.

## 780th Ordnance Co., Awarded Star To Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

Previously awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, a recent 80th Division General Order has added a star to the prized golden wreath already worn by Officers and Enlisted Men of the 780th Ordnance Co. This second award of the Unit Plaque in recognition of the 780th's superior performance of

cient 24-hour third echelon service. "If we can't get the parts quick enough, we make 'em instead of passing the buck to rear base depots and waiting for a requisition to come through," said machinist T/4 Gordon Clark, Petersburg, Va.

### Kept 'em Shooting

1st Lt. Joel Atkins, Texarkana, Ark., armament platoon repairer, upwards of 500 hand and shoulder arms a month, as well as 130 automatic weapons, 35 mortars, and 130 bazookas. Artillery repair teams under trouble-shooting T/Sgt. Frank F. Senft, Columbus, Ohio, and T/3 Mike Konet, Cleveland, Ohio, dashed forward at a moments notice, often under fire, to repair artillery pieces in their firing positions.



From delicate watches

duty, achievement, and maintenance of a high standard of discipline, covers the period from January 5th, 1945, to VE-Day.

Repairing everything from a cigarette lighter to a 155 mm howitzer, the 780th Ordnance Co keeps the 80th "Blue Ridge" Division rolling and shooting. "In this warfare of machines, we're the medics of machinery," said 780th CO, Capt. William O. Nicoll, Schenectady, N.Y.

Since entering combat early in August, 1944, the 780th's automotive platoon has processed an average of 180 bullet-ridden, shell-torn or just plain worn-out vehicles a month. Anything from jeeps to bulldozers receives the same effi-

CI and civilian watches a day. "Watches certainly took a beating up front, but I never lost a patient," said Palacki. Aiming circles, range quadrants and artillery sights were expertly serviced by Pfc. Robert Ritz, Pittsburgh, Pa.

T/4 Joseph Schaumann, invented a new type clamp which when at-



To shattered jeeps

tached to the 60 mm mortar sleeve holds it firmly to the base plate and does not wear out. T/5 Hugh E. Spencer, Orford, N.H., designed a new type chevrons-shaped grouser which when added to the tractor treads of the 815th FA Bn enabled them to pull their 155 mm howitzers over heretofore impassable icy roads.

Flat tires were another major problem during combat, so 1st Sgt. Oscar L. Martin, Shippensburg, Pa., built a powerful magnet device which mounted on a 3/4-ton vehicle picks up shrapnel and other menacing metal fragments.

The 780th Ordnance salvage section was headed by T/4 Robert A. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

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80th DIVISION NEWS

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## OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE



## OUR SACRED CAUSE

Statesmen of the United Nations throughout the war told us with eloquence what we were fighting for. Generals exhorted us to greater efforts with stirring words of glory. Sometimes perhaps, amid the death and misery, the seeming hopelessness, we needed such reminders, but actually in our minds and hearts, the clear thought lived. We had a singleness of purpose. We fought to get the damn thing over with so we could, if we survived, return to our homes and families.

Individually, we didn't fight to change governments, no matter how evil, or boundaries, no matter how unjust, but because it was the only thing a decent man could do. Far more than the ringing words of public figures, did the simple, warm thoughts of home and family spur us on.

In our darkest hours, the smiling face of some little child we love, or some half forgotten word from she who loves us more than life itself, our mother, or the tenderness of that lovely girl we married, or soon hope to, bridge the despairing, heart-hurting distances between our hallowed American homes and the cold, wet earth in which we sought shelter from man's inhumanity to man. Our hearts were warm again and we went about the dreadful business of killing and dying with renewed determination.

We fought and won, and soon we shall return to those we love and battled for. Our families are the keystone of each man's life, of his community's life, of the life of our Nation. That we missed our families so very much will bring them closer to us on our return and that is altogether good. He who risked all for his loved ones and jeopardizes his family by some thoughtless, unclean act, betrays not only himself, but those who love him best.

We owe it to those who await our return as anxiously as we ourselves, to return to them sound of spirit and body, so we may continue to give our best to their future and our own. No obligation is more sacred and its fulfillment results in the greatest happiness mortal man can hope for.

A. S.

## I & E Starts New Sessions

The Division I & E Office has announced that due to the failure of other organizations within the XX Corps to meet their quotas for the Warton American Technical School in England, the 80th is forwarding all available applications to Corps for consideration.

Pfc. Oscar Epstein, 80th Div Hq Co, has already departed to attend the Painting and Decorating Course at the Warton School.

Meanwhile with the 80th, the first session of Division Level On-the-Job Training Courses ended on Friday, Sept. 7th. The next session offered by Division Artillery and the 80th Signal Co begins today, Sept.

10th. Others will open Wednesday, Sept. 12th. The 305th Engineers are replacing their General Engineering Course with courses in Carpentry and Machine Shop Operation.

A practical course in Journalism, involving reporting, proofreading, layout, and technical production under the supervision of the staff of the 80th Division Newspaper FORWARD, is scheduled to begin on Sept. 12th.

More than 750 additional textbooks have been received by the 80th and will be distributed to all "Blue Ridge" organizations this week.

## The Forward Looks Backward

One Year Ago Today, Sept. 10th, 1944, "Blue Ridgers" were mopping up on the west banks of the Moselle River in the vicinity of Marbach and Belleville.

East of the Moselle, fighting step by step under continual harassing fire of small arms, mortars and artillery, 319th doughs captured two Nazi line anchors, Fort Villey le Sec and Fort de Gondreville.

Thus the 80th established the initial Third Army bridgehead across the Moselle.



Because of the anti-Nazi films produced in the early days of the war, the average American associates brutality, violence, and general destruction with the Nazi Gestapo and SS. Today the story is somewhat reversed; the Nazis have fallen, the Gestapo have been or are being rounded up for trial, the SS men are in PW cages, and unfortunately some few drunken American soldiers are reeling on the streets, smashing store windows, chasing screaming women and respectable ladies, cursing in upbraiding shouts of every filthy and obscene word that civilized man has invented, and then entering bars to smash glasses, rip down draperies, throw chairs around and in general wreck the place, thus driving the great majority of sober, sensible soldiers away. All this happens under the observing eyes of countless German civilians.

I am not trying to uphold the so-called rights and honor of the German people, but rather to protect the impression that we give to the United States and a victorious army. Soldiers, especially non-coms who participate in this form of "fun" and who supposedly obtained their rank through intelligence and an obligation to responsibility, are representative of their home country whether they remember or not.

The losses and damages caused by such stupid actions are paid for by the Army, hence, the people of the U. S. and the soldier himself.

The State Dept. would never approve for foreign consumption a film depicting such lawlessness, nor would the War Dept. approve a film showing such a lack of discipline in Army troops, even for home consumption to a people whom, more than anyone else, should be able to understand the merriment of a good Saturday night's "enjoyment." Then why should the military authorities permit such to go unnoticed?

Enraged EM

They don't and apprehended offenders will be disciplined.

Ed.

At a recent Orientation lecture, at which attendance was compulsory, the officer in charge used a portion of the time for a statement on V. D. We are accustomed to such statements by this time and endure them with fortitude as a matter of course, but when the officer referred to his personal human traits and proudly admitted infidelity to his wife in order to prove his "manhood," that was going too far! We are incensed and indignant that we are compelled to listen to such foolish babblings, and in any case, infidelity is nothing to be proud of. The sex life of officers is of no conceivable interest to us. We would appreciate it if such persons would consider that there are decent, wholesome individuals in the armed services. Anyone who wishes to enjoy himself may do so without concern to us, but we sincerely hope it will be unnecessary to have to sit quietly by while he brags about it.

Disgusted EM

We've been through the same uncalled for, ill bred performance on occasion and think that any officer who makes his private affairs a public issue reflects little credit on the uniform he wears.

Ed.



## "STRESS"

In the building of a great bridge, like the George Washington which spans the Hudson, there is one word that the engineers use very frequently, and that is the word STRESS. Stress is simply the exertion of any force against an object. The stresses of a bridge are calculated down to the smallest fraction. The strength of every fibre of each cable is known, for that is the only insurance against possible collapse.

## Varied Pressures

In human lives also stress is of tremendous importance. As you see the despairing faces of the inmates of our prisons, or our mental hospitals, you are seeing the faces of those who have broken, because some stress in their lives was too great to withstand. No human life can be lived without its stresses. The elements that are the tests in human life vary greatly, and no two humans have like stresses. To one man ill health is the great test of life, while to another the mental anguish of deep sorrow may be the acid test. However the greatest toll is taken by those stresses that are not obvious, yet nevertheless deadly. We, over here, have seen what privation can do to human life. It can change values, and in a comparatively short time set aside a whole lifetime of stand-

ards. To those men, whose structure has collapsed because they were not prepared for a stress from this quarter, privation becomes stark tragedy. No one is able to exactly foretell what stress may be the great crucible in any one human life, but the wise and intelligent man, is aware that stresses are bound to come, and therefore acts accordingly.

## An Eye To Tomorrow

The builder of bridges carefully anticipates every stress that he can visualize, and even plans for the unexpected. How short-sighted it is for any man to live alone for today, utterly disregarding life's tomorrows. It is wise for everyone to critically examine himself from time to time, to see how the things that are being done and said by him now, will effect the days that lie before him. We, who have made religion our life work, know that it is one of the greatest life-reinforcers. The man with a positive faith, and unshakable convictions, will be able to stand much greater stresses in life than that man who stands alone, depending on the physical and moral attributes with which nature has endowed him. The Bridge of Life will never crumble if every STRESS is considered.

Chaplain John W. Osberg  
318th Infantry Regiment



## CALLING ALL CAMERA FIENDS

### GIANT BLUE RIDGE CAMERA RAFFLE

The Division PX Officer has a limited stock of 13 Cameras and 27 Light Meters.

The demand is great, the supply is small, so the fair thing to do is raffle 'em off.

If you're interested, fill in the coupon below and if your name is among the first 13 drawn you'll receive a Camera, the next 27 will receive light meters, and all 40 will get bills!

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1 Varia	4.5	25 marks
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## D. S. C.'s

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desperate, close-range fighting between doughs of the famed 2nd "Bastogne" Battalion, 318th, battling to reach the besieged Belgium bastion, and von Rundstedt's encircling shock troops, one of the transport planes dropping vital supplies to the gallant Bastogne defenders, the 101st Airborne Division, was hit by German ack-ack fire. Capt. Martinez noticed that the raw winter wind was sweeping the parachuting crew perilously close to the Nazi lines. Organizing a three man rescue party, he immediately rushed forward through an intense curtain of German fire which blanketed the area. With complete disregard for personal safety, the young "Blue Ridge" Officer brought his party through the carnage, reached the fliers and safely evacuated them to the U.S. lines. He too wears the Silver Star and Purple Heart with Cluster in addition to his D.S.C.

## Battlefield Commission

2nd Lt. Virgil S. Burks received his D.S.C. for his gallant action as a Staff Sergeant when he lead his men against a strong, concealed Nazi position near Erfurt, Germany, last April. Early in the assault he was painfully wounded in the leg by a sudden burst of fire from the hidden position. Unable to walk, he continued to lead his unit, a platoon of Co E, 318th, by crawling forward directly in the face of heavy fire, firing his M-1, and directing his men with arm and hand signals. Inspired by their courageous platoon leader's heroic determination, the platoon quickly reorganized, over-ran the Nazi position and wiped out the ambushing Germans. Three times wounded, Lt. Burks wears the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf-Clusters. The Missouri "Blue Ridge" received his battlefield commission on May 6th, 1945, just two days before VE-Day.

## Rapid Rise

The award of America's second highest military honor, the D.S.C. comes as a fitting climax to the remarkable combat career of S/Sgt. Charles F. Whitlow, a former Co K, 319th Infantry squad leader. The slight 5' 3" Tennessee "Blue Ridge" who led a two day assault on a fanatically defended Siegfried Line pillbox during the 80th's surge into the Reich last February, also won the Silver Star during the 60 combat-packed days in which he rose from a reinforcement private to a staff sergeant in command of a rifle squad.

This Company had the vital and hazardous mission of taking a stoutly defended strategic fort overlooking gutted Wallendorf, Germany, where the 319th Infantry secured a costly bridgehead over the Our and Sauer Rivers. S/Sgt. Whitlow led his devoted squad through a terrific artillery and mortar barrage to within yards of the fortification. But here he and four comrades were cut off from the rest of the Company by a deadly curtain of fire. Against this lethal leaden shower they held out until nightfall enabled them to rejoin their Company in a new attack. But once again, furiously resisting Nazis kept them from gaining their objective. At dawn, employing information gained in the two previous attacks, S/Sgt. Whitlow volunteered to guide an all-out tank and artillery supported assault on the stronghold. In the

## Precocious Papa

Recent addition to the "Blue Ridge" Division Headquarters AG Section, teen-ager Pvt. Paul V. Daniels celebrated his nineteenth birthday in epic style, for on that day "The Kid" or "Six Point" Daniels, as the youngest man in AG is called, received a cable announcing that his wife had presented him with a baby daughter.

With an impressive point score of six (so you see you won't be the last man out!) fatherhood just tripled Daniels' score and with the homeward departure of T/Sgt. Robert S. Slack, Daniels, the baby of the 27 man AG Section, becomes its only daddy.

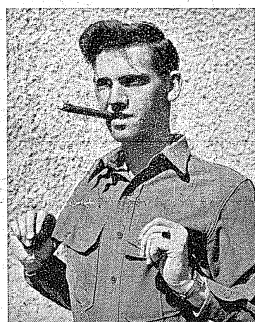
Of course he passed out cigars, and even smoked one himself, thus causing himself to pass out, rather than cigars. A little young for that sort of thing, he confessed he hadn't pulled on a stogie since he was twelve, and manfully declared he preferred a pipe.

Between now modest puffs on his cheroot, the Muskegon, Mich., jugend told us dreamily of his brother, a staff sergeant in the Stateside steaming Second Armored, who has a mere 100 points more than Danny boy. There was, it can be authoritatively reported, a lot of envy in the young man's eyes.

## Bond For Baby

Meanwhile his comrade card index commandos were called into a hurried confab by AG Section Chief, M/Sgt. Carl H. Wiese, now U.S. bound. The result, a presentation

## DELIGHTED DANIELS



of a \$ 25.00 War Bond to Papa Daniels for his 12 point progeny. Inevitable gamblers, and always pool conscious, be it football, baseball, or just babies, AG's have formed a pool which pays off to he who most accurately guesses little Miss Daniel's weight at birth.

No longer taunted by the gloom provoking moniker of "Six Point" or "The Kid," Daniels, who despite the new dignity of his position, resembles a happy cross between Donald O'Connor and Bugs Bunny, is frank to admit that even with the meteoric rise his point score enjoyed, he's reconciled to remain in the Reich for some time to come. "You can't expect that kind of help from-home everyday!" he sagely remarked.

charge, the intrepid squad leader was badly wounded, but refused evacuation until after he had led his men in their capture of the formidable German position.

## Rockettes Await 80th at Garmisch

The world famous Radio City Hall Rockettes and a fast moving show from their home, New York's Radio Music Hall, will play for "Blue Ridders" exclusively on the 13th, 14th and 15th of September at Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

The lavish bill, the largest USO has ever sent overseas, includes petite dancing star Dixie Dunbar, comedy drummer Jack Powell, the Radio City Music Hall Corps de Ballet and a host of others from the world's largest showplace.

This is the Rockettes second trip abroad. The finest precision dancers in the world, they appeared at, and were the sensation of the Paris Exposition of 1937. The troupe is under the direction of Gene Snyder.



Not topical, but tropical, we thought you wouldn't mind another gander at dancer Irene Wynners who entertained "Blue Ridders" in the USO Show "Flying High."

## B'way Leading Man Led Co. C, 319th

Scion of a famous theatrical family, Capt. John D. Devereaux, formerly CO of "Charlie" Co, 319th Infantry, recently departed for Paris to play a leading role in a U.S. Army film being produced in the French capital.

Performing on the stage since he was 15, Capt. Devereaux appeared in several Broadway hits, the outstanding of which was "Life With Father" in which he played the eldest of the carrot-topped Day Brothers.

Capt. Devereaux's talent for theatricals is inherited as well as acquired, for his family, from his great-grandmother forward, has been associated with the stage. The Barrymores, Ethel, Lionel, and the late, flamboyant John, are his cousins. He's frank to admit that he prefers grease paint to grease guns!

## M-1 Match Top Spots To 317th

Sweeping the first three places and seven of the ten top spots, the 317th Infantry scored an overwhelming victory in the recent "Blue Ridge" Rifle Competitions. Winner of the contest was T/4 Edward J. Candek, a radio operator with Regt Hq Co, who chalked up a score of 436 out of a possible 495.

Trailing Candek by only one point was Pfc. James Floyd, Cannon Co. One point behind Floyd was S/Sgt. Chester C. Gatzke, Co B, who fired a 434 card.

Fourth place went to Pfc. Kenneth Krutz of the MP's while Sgt. Chester H. Adams, Co B, 318th, took fifth spot.

Candek's winning stint earned him a furlough to England, while Floyd was awarded a furlough to the Riviera for his efforts. Gatzke's third place performance rated a pass to Paris.

The contest consisted of accuracy firing from various positions at both 200 and 300 yard distances.

## XII Corps History

The XII Corps, with which the 80th was associated in France, has announced the publication of a 600 page illustrated history, "Blue Ridge" exploits are frequently mentioned.

List price is \$ 5.00 (50 marks) per copy. Interested "Blue Ridders" should address the XII Corps History Association, Hq XII Corps, APO 312, U.S. Army.

## AT Co., 319th Now I &amp; E Co.

For the second time in three months, AT Co, 319th was reorganized last weekend, and all but about 35 men were transferred to other companies in the regiment. Taking their place in the company are men studying various courses offered by the 319th Regimental I & E Center at Bad Worishofen. These men, while attending classes, are assigned to AT Co where an NCO cadre and administrative staff are in charge of the students, except when they are actually attending class.

Upon completion of their courses, 319th scholars are transferred back to their original units.

## 780th Ordnance

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Cline, Youngstown, Ohio. "We brought in from 150 to 400 abandoned rifles a day, mostly through medical channels," Cline reported, "and about 1000 German weapons

## 317th Leads Intra 80th Competitions

Scoring all "Blue Ridge" competitions held during the past few months reveals that the 317th Infantry Regiment not only ranks first, but leads their nearest rival, Special Troops by a full ten points. Scores which were evaluated on the basis of three points for first place, two for second, and one for third, break down as follows:

317th Inf. Regt. . . . .	23
Special Troops . . . . .	13
Division Artillery . . . . .	10
318th Inf. Regt. . . . .	7
319th Inf. Regt. . . . .	1

of all sorts in a month, including a few that were booby trapped."

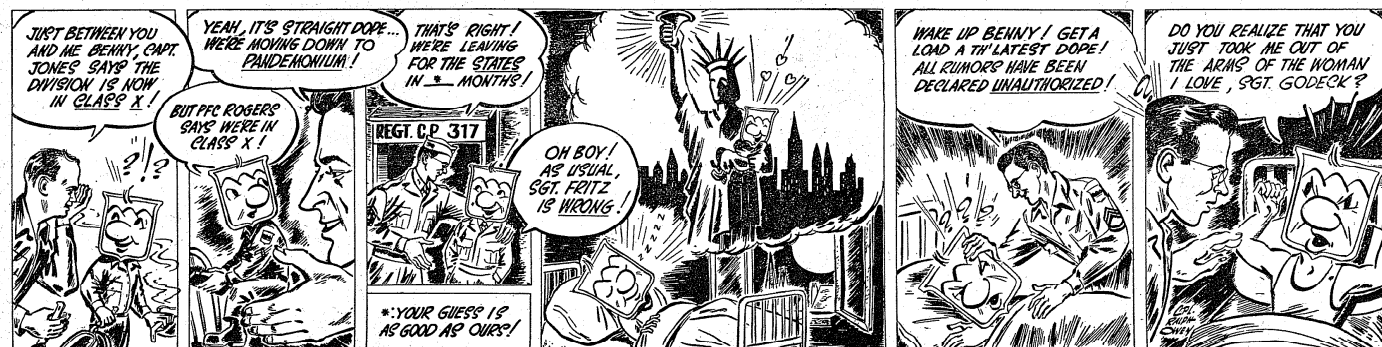
Under the direction of T/Sgt. Thomas F. Kavanaugh, Nanty-Glo, Pa., the 780th's supply section serviced 17 different organizations within the Division. Some 6000 vehicle and 2000 armament parts are carefully catalogued and available on order.

"So you see," said genial Capt. Nicoll, "Our outfit did constructive work in the midst of destruction, building rather than destroying, and every ordnance man is receiving valuable vocational training which will pay dividends upon his return to civilian life."

## Benny Blueridger

by Cpl. Ralph Owen

## Benny Has A Rude Awakening!







## 80th Defeats XX Corps 3-0

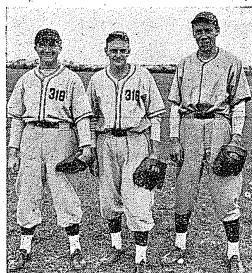
The 80th Division "Blue Ridge" baseball team, behind the three hit pitching of "Ted" Walsh, defeated the XX Corps Headquarters team, by a score of 3-0.

The 80th drew blood in the first inning, when "Little Joe" Soroka, hit to short and was safe when the ball got through Matthews. "Hammering Max" Christian, sent Soroka to second on his ground ball to third. "Eddie" Yarmul, with a count of two all, lined a single to left, and the 80th tallied their first run of the ball game.

### Soroka Scores

In the third, Soroka, again started the inning off, and was safe on a hit to third. Hickie, sacrificed Soroka to second. Christian, hit to second, and when the XX Corps second sacker tried for Soroka sliding into third, both runners pulled up safe on the play. Yarmul, came through with his second hit in the ball

### Flashy Outfield



Pictured left to right are Griggs, Lenhart and Korvalski, the 318th Outfield.

game, by lining a single to center, sending in Soroka from third.

The "Blue Riders", scored their final run in the sixth. Frank Urbas, first sacker, walked on pitched balls. "Mike" Manganiello, fiery shortstop, stepped into a fast ball, and blasted a triple between center and left, with Urbas scoring, and putting the ball game at 3-0 in favor of the 80th.

### Corps Threatens

XX Corps, threatened only once, in the last of the second. With one down, Kinyard, tripled to right center field. Ted Walsh, worked hard on Byasco, and got him on a pop to "Mike" Manganiello at short. Matthews, then hit a hard ground ball to first, but Urbas scooped up the ball, and tagged the cushion for the final out.

"Eddie" Yarmul, 80th's right fielder, garnered batting honors for the day, with three hits in four trips to the plate. "Bill" Hickie and "Mike" Manganiello, ran a close second with two for four.

What was originally intended to be an exhibition game, turned out to be a battle royal, as the 318th "Hamperies" journeyed to Kaufbeuren, and defeated their big brothers, the 80th Division "Blue Riders", by a score of 8-7. Emmie Griggs, hard hitting outfielder, took over mound duties for the "Hamperies", and scattered seven hits, while going the distance for manager Dahlgren's club. Winning marker for the "Hamperies" came in the ninth, as O'Keefe walked and Griggs lined a triple to left field, sending Tommy home with the winning run.

## 80th Softballers Trim Airmen

With "Cookie" Chojnowski twirling a one hit ball game, the 80th Division "Blue Ridge" softballers defeated the 55th Fighter Group, 6-2.

The "Blue Riders" tallied in the first inning. Orion, singled to center, and went to third on Frederick's hit into left center. Piatt, with a one and one count, hit a hot smash to Periera, 55th's third sacker, and when he bobbled the ball, Orion came in from third.

In the third, the 80th scored again. Matyaz, walked on four pitched balls. Collins, doubled to left center field sending Matyaz to third. Orion, hit a hot ground ball at Lav, 55th's first sacker, and when the ball went through him, Matyaz scored and Collins took third. Collins scored on Frederick's long fly to left, with Orion taking third. Piatt, singled to right, and Orion trotted home.

The sixth proved to be another big inning for the "Blue Riders", with Piatt, starting it off with a base knock to center field. Molling, took two straight pitches, and teed off on the third, to blast a mighty triple to left center field, with Piatt coming home. Sleath, worked hard, and singled to right, scoring Molling from third with the 80th's final run.

### Avoid Shut-Out

The "Airmen", trying hard, avoided a shut out by scoring in the last of the sixth. Brown and Zirbel both walked. Orf, hit a hot grounder to Orion at second, and in a hurry to get a double play, he threw the ball into left. Brown romping home and Zirbel taking third. Romano, singled Zirbel home on a pop into left, with Orf being thrown out trying for home, Parish to Piatt. "Cookie" Chojnowski, bore down in the seventh, and the "Airmen" went down swinging to end the ball game in favor of the 80 Division.

## 317th Drops 319th in Div Tourney

The 317th "Headachers", eliminated the 319th "Hayseiders", from the Division softball tournament, by dropping their arch rivals to a tune of 4-1.

Lape, toed the mound for the "Headachers", and allowed his opponents four hits, while fanning five. Stein, ace hurler for the "Hayseiders", pitched brilliant ball, striking out seven, and dishing out three meager bingles. However, wildness and a few well placed hits, cost him the game.

## 80th WAR CORRESPONDENTS IT'S NEARLY DEADLINE TIME

Hurry and file that story of your "Blue Ridge" Hero. Remember, 300 words or less and a photo if possible. 1st Prize, the Riviera for 7 days. 2nd Prize, 3 days in Paris. 3rd Prize, 50 liters of beer. Send your dispatch in today to 80th FORWARD, through Message Center or APO 80. Results will be announced in Next week's issue!

## Blue Ridge Tracksters Cop First

In a Labor Day Triangular Track and Field Meet in Berchtesgaden, the 80th Division tracksters eked out a slim 56-54 victory over their hosts the 44th AAA Battalion, while the 42nd "Rainbow" Division garnered 31 points.

Pressed throughout the meet by the 44th dash and relay men, who took five firsts and eight seconds, the 80th "Blue Riders" grabbed six first place honors, and seven seconds, in the sixteen-event meet.

Pfc. Anthony Mancuso, 80th Bandsman, took two first place honors, by taking the Broad Jump with a distance of 21 feet, and sprinting the 100 Meter Dash in 11 seconds.

Pfc. Andy Novak, Bradenville, Pa., 80th Division Military Policeman, and member of the ETO track team, skimmied the 110 Meter High Hurdles in 15.7 to grab a first, and taking second place in the Javelin Throw.

Other "Blue Ridge" winners were Hilmar Bruggegan, who led a fast field to cop the 800 Meter Run in 2:09.4. Carpenter, who slogged out the Mile Run in 4:42.3, and Burdis Bonnel, who topped the Pole Vaulters with a clearing of 11 feet.

## 80th Boxers Slug 36th Engrs

The 80th Division "Blue Ridge" boxing team, smashed their way to a 6-1 win over the 36th Engineer Group, at Memmingen, on the 4th.

Paul Klang, opened the evening with a quick TKO decision over Paul Carson, in the first round, to start the 80th on their way to a quick victory.

Welterweight Artie Zamarripa, of Los Angeles, Calif, caught Joey Restante, of the Engineers, in a second round slug fest, and dropped the fighter to earn a TKO, and point number two for the "Blue Riders."

### Two Round TKO

The 80th's Ventura DeLaTorre, punched out a two round TKO over Don Maiz. Carrying the fight to his opponent, DeLaTorre caught Maiz with a vicious right to the jaw, and the Engineer was finished for the evening.

Fast stepping Benny Gans, recovering from an arm injury suffered in the 4th Armored bouts, slapped the 36th fighter, Jack Rice, to an early first round TKO.

Taking the only match of the evening for the 36th, Joe Goodwin, shaded Chuck Zellers, in the closest match of the evening.

Smith, 80th Div, easily defeated his opponent George Faust, with a series of hard left hooks. The fight ending in 1:50 of the second round.

The final bout of the evening was the matching of Robinson, 80th Div, and Ray Olson, of the Engineers. It was a hotly contested match with Robinson staggering Olson with a hard right to the head, during the second round. Olson was game however, and tried to rally in the third, but couldn't overcome the "Blue Riders" lead.

## 318th Crowns Ping Pong Champs

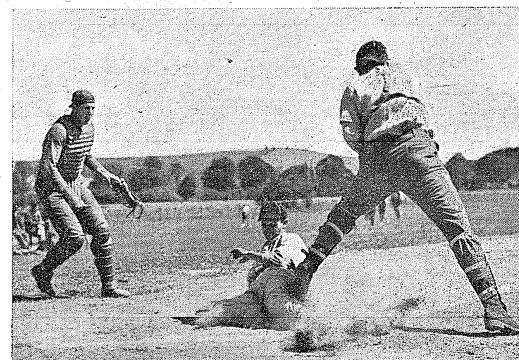
The 318th Regimental gymnasium, was the scene of Ping Pong play-offs to determine "Hamperies" Singles and Doubles Champs.

In the Singles, Moe Cohn, of Hq Co 2nd Bn, defeated Larry Wojciehowski, of Hq Co 1st Bn, in two straight sets, 21-8 and 21-13.

Jack Walsh, and Bert Blauner, both members of Co G, combined their talents to defeat Walker Smith, Co D, and Frank Thornton, Co A, by scores of 21-12 and 21-18, gaining for themselves the Doubles Championship.

An interesting note in the matches, was that 2nd Bn aspirants, walked off with both the Singles and Doubles titles.

## HOOK SLIDE - SAFE



Danny DeStefano, 319th first sacker, slides home safely during a recent ball game with the 305th Engineers. Roundtree, is the catcher for the "Bridge-Builders," while umpire "Specs" Hall, of the 319th, watches the play.

## 80th Slams 442nd

The 80th "Blue Ridge" softball team, slammed out a decisive 11-3 win over the 442nd Service Group, at the Kaufbeuren Air-Base. "Cookie" Chojnowski, once again took the hill for the "Blue Riders",

and had things all the way as he fanned ten, and limited the opposing batsmen to two scattered hits.

Big inning for the 80th, came in the seventh, when with the bases loaded and two out, Moseley, center fielder, blasted a double to left center, cleaning the bases.

## BASEBALL STANDINGS

### DOUBLE X LEAGUE

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct
80 Div	3	1	.750
44 AAA	2	1	.687
71 Div	2	1	.667
9 Div	3	2	.600
Corps Hq	1	4	.200

### BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct
318	7	2	.778
Div Arty	7	3	.700
319	6	4	.600
317	4	5	.444
305 Engr Bn	3	7	.300
Sp. Troops	1	7	.125

## Sp Troops Upset Div Arty 5-2

The Special Troops "Bums", behind the six hit pitching of Morgan, upset the high flying Div Arty nine, by a score of 5-2. This defeat practically eliminated the "Redlegs" from tying the 318th for the second half crown. It was the first loss in five straight ball games for the "Redlegs", and the first win of the season for the "Troopers."

### BOX SCORE

Special Troops	AB	R	H	E	Div Arty	AB	R	H	E
Smith, 2b	5	1	1	0	Yrabel, ss	4	1	1	0
Hoopes, cf	3	0	0	0	Wright, 2b	4	0	1	1
Panak, 1b	4	1	2	0	Boyd, lf	4	1	1	0
Henson, ss	4	1	2	2	Crandall, 3b	3	0	1	0
Hennon, lf	4	0	2	0	D'Amico, rf	4	0	0	0
Cosen, c	4	0	2	0	Goldberg, 1b	4	0	1	0
Bokino, 3b	3	0	1	0	Zaritsky, cf	3	0	1	0
Lyons, rf	4	1	1	0	Smigelski, c	4	0	0	0
Morgan, p	4	1	1	0	Newman, p	3	0	0	0
Heim, cf	2	0	0	0	Robertson, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	12	2	Hickey, cf	1	0	0	0

\*Relieved Newman in 7th.  
\*\*Went in for Zaritsky in 8th.

Sp Troops — 0 0 0 2 0 0 3 0 0 5  
Div Arty — 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2

Two-base hits — Yrabel, Wright, Lyons. Stolen bases — Yrabel, Panak. Sacrifice hits — Bokino. Left on base — Special Troops, 6; Div Arty, 6. Earned runs — Special Troops, 4; Div Arty, 2. Struck out — By Morgan, 6; Newman, 4; Robertson, 2. Walks — By Morgan, 1; Newman, none; Robertson, none. Winning Pitcher — Morgan. Losing Pitcher — Newman.

### Sportraits

### By "Mac"



Pfc. Thomas O'Keefe, Co L, 318th, Hails from Queens, N. Y. Started his athletic career with Bryant High. An alumnus of St. Francis College, where he participated in basketball. Played baseball with the Woodside "Cardinals", and the Elmhurst "Indians". During combat, O'Keefe was a BAR man. His duty now, is that of company runner. Hopes to continue his education after his return to civilian life.