



# 80th Forward

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## General McBride Back from U. S.

Returning just in time to celebrate the 80th's third birthday with his devoted "Blue Ridgers" our Commanding General, Major General Horace L. McBride checked in at Division Headquarters after a brief official sojourn in the States. Flying both ways and accompanied by his Aide, Capt. H. K. Clark, General McBride stated that he found nearly everyone he came in contact with interested and well informed regarding the combat activities of the 80th. He declared that the Division had received a great deal of excellent publicity in the press at home and that 80th news coverage was certainly as extensive as that of any infantry division in the ETO.

### The Future

Regarding the future of the Division, the General was cagey. "I see by the papers that we're due to go home in December," he said with dry humor. "After that it depends on how the war in the Pacific progresses. Guesses range anywhere from six months to six years so you can take your choice. There's a lot of optimistic wishful thinking on the part of the public and press but those with battle experience in the Pacific are more realistic and grim." To illustrate this, the General added that he spoke to a regimental commander who has been engaged in combat with the Japs for some three years and to date his regiment has captured a total of sixteen prisoners. "You just have to dig 'em out and kill every last one of 'em off," he reported.

General McBride was officially received in Pittsburgh, Pa., home of the 80th Division Veterans Association and many current "Blue Ridgers". 80th Veterans Association Officials told the General that they are at present working on an amendment to their constitution which would make World War II "Blue Ridgers" eligible for membership.

The food situation is better here than at home, but the States have a number of other advantages said the General with a twinkle in his eyes.

## A Trip into the Past

Those war-ravaged portions of France and Luxembourg where the 80th fought and won are slowly but steadily coming back to normal according to T/5 Russel Greiner, jeep driver who accompanied Major James C. Hayes, 1st Battalion, 317th Infantry Commander, on a recent trip which retraced the "Blue Ridge" route to victory.

The Major and jeepster Greiner went as far back as Pont A Mousson; France, visiting the sites of many of the 80th's most desperate engagements. They paid their respects at the American Cemetery at Limey and another one at Adonneville where many 80th men who fell in the bloody Moselle crossing operations lie in eternal rest.

### Reconstruction

Although France and Luxembourg are making great progress in reconstruction, there seems to be a general apathy inside the Reich and rubble still lines the streets in German cities such as Saarlautern the returning travelers reported. T/5 Greiner said that he and the Major were puzzled by the fact that much of the German wheat crop, now ripe for harvesting, is allowed to stand unharvested in the fields of Germany despite the reported acute food shortages.

## S/SGT. WILLIAM P. VOLK, 318th OUTSTANDING 80th SOLDIER

### General McBride Greets Forward

This newspaper, "The 80th Forward", is your newspaper, men of the 80th. It will carry news and articles of your own making. Its success depends upon your efforts and response. I am sure it will be as successful as have been all other undertakings of the 80th Division. The staff of the paper are working hard and enthusiastically; they want and need your support and talent. Boost the paper and it will boost you.



MAJOR GENERAL HORACE L. McBRIDE  
Commanding, 80th Infantry Division

## Blue Ridgers off to School.

A score of eager "Blue Ridgers" have temporarily swapped soldiering for studying and departed for some of Europe's finest educational institutions to attend a variety of courses ranging in time from two to nine weeks and many more men will have similar opportunities in the near future according to a recent announcement by Major Robert D. Hanson, Division I & E Officer.

Selections were made on the basis of quotas and the individual applicant's background qualifications and contemporary interests. Pfc. Donald McKelvie, Co B, 317th Inf is off to Scotland and the famed University of Glasgow for a five week course in Modern History. To London and the School of Architecture for nine weeks went a trio which includes 1st Lt. Robert E. Reeves, 305th Medics; Pfc. Arthur C. Bastian, Co I, 317th Inf and Pfc. James M. Plumlee, Co F, 319th Inf. Also in the British Capital for three weeks at the celebrated Central School of Speech and Dramatic art is Pfc. Walter W. Jones, Hq. Btry, 905th FA Bn.

### Paris Bound

Paris bound for a two week study of French Civilization at the great French cultural center, the Sorbonne, was S/Sgt. Wendell R. Jones, Div Hq (JA Sec). Fourteen other fortunate 80th Division men are attending the Sorbonne for a two month French Language and Civilization course. They are 2nd Lt. Murray Levitta, 319th Inf; 1st Sgt. Graciano C. Abulog, Co G, 318th Inf; T/3 William H. Gilligan, Med Det, 319th Inf; T/3 Thomas B. Hitchman, Div Hq (Fin Sec); T/3 Guy G. Monick, Co A, 305th Med Bn; T/3 Raymond P. Hutches, Co C, 305th Med Bn; Sgt. John E. Connolly, Co C, 317th Inf; Sgt. Merl R. Dopp, Sv Co, 702nd Tk Bn; T/4 Ernest P. Holbrook, Hq Btry, 313th FA Bn; Cpl. Vincent S. Carroll, Sv Co, 319th Inf; Cpl. George W. Moyer, Hq Btry, 80th Div Arty; T/5 Ernest E. Williams, Med Det, 318th Inf; Pfc. George A. Allsopp, Co F, 317th Inf and Pfc. John D. McNee, Jr, Hq Co, 80th Inf Div.

### Army Study Centers

In addition to those now attending civilian seats of learning, the 80th has an official quota of forty-one for the Army University Study Center No. 1 at Shrivenham Barracks, England, and it is expected that this number will be substantially increased. At Shrivenham and

## Points Shift Hundreds To and From 80th

Along with all other outfits in the ETO, point scores have created many large scale changes throughout the 80th.

Eleven "Blue Ridge" officers and 270 enlisted men representing every major organization throughout the Division have headed for home on high point discharge quotas. More recently, 76 officers and 470 men were transferred to the 10th Armored Division which shifted approximately 100 low point officers and 470 tankers to the 80th.

### To 10th Armored

Transfers were delayed so doughs and tankers could remain in their respective outfits to celebrate both 80th Division and 10th Armored Division Activation Day—July 15th, for these twin Third Army three year olds. Old friends, the 10th maneuvered with and against 80th "Blue Ridgers" on Tennessee Second Army war games during the summer of '43. In combat the 10th Armored participated in the drive on the fortress city of Metz, the desperate Ardennes Campaign and the capture of Trier. 80th infantrymen and 10th Armored tankers fought side by side during the bitter Saar-Moselle Triangle operations. Now in that happy Category IV, the 10th is destined for home and deactivation.

### Many to Ninth Inf.

In Category I and slated for occupational assignments are 14 officers and 580 "Blue Ridge" soldiers ordered to the 9th Infantry Division. A Regular Army Division, the 9th has a long and enviable combat record which boasts participation in the North African, Cherbourg Peninsula, French and Central European Campaigns.

One officer and five tankmen from our attached 702nd Tank Battalion which lent stellar support to the 80th's combat teams from Argentina to VE Day, are now to wear the "Blue Ridge" shoulder patch, though in a very real sense they've been true "Blue Ridgers" ever since the 80th set foot on French soil. The 702nd Tank Battalion is to be filled with high pointers, shipped home and deactivated.

Army University Study Center No. 2, scheduled to open in France sometime in August, a wide range of subjects will be available with particular emphasis on liberal arts and commercial sciences.

## Arty Makes Fine Showing

After exhaustive tests in five categories the 80th has determined its "outstanding individual soldier." Judged by a committee of five Field Grade Officers and scored on the Olympic System, the winners, all non coms, were rated on Military Record, Inspection, Military Knowledge, Aptitude and Agility.

Top honors went to S/Sgt. William P. Volk, Co L, 318th Inf. but the Artillery, numerically in the minority, took second, third and tied for fourth place.

A twenty-five year old Washington, D.C. National Guardsman with some six years of service to his credit, quiet, unassuming S/Sgt. Volk has seen service in the Aleutians and been a "Blue Ridge" for little more than six months.

### 314th FA Man Second

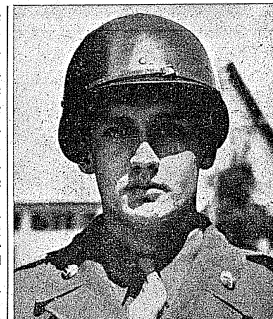
Sgt. William H. Whiteside, Hq Btry, 314th FA Bn wound up in the deuce spot with S/Sgt. Robert W. Colley, Btry C, 315th FA Bn, third. Competition for fourth place was extremely close and the judges decided it was a tie for T/5 Richard D. Palmer, 305th Med Bn and S/Sgt. Robert A. Brinker, Hq Btry, 318th FA Bn.

### Scoring

The Military Record Score was determined by the contestants number of months in Service, combat experience and awards and decorations. Results of the formal inspection were scored by the military appearance of the soldier and his equipment, his bearing and leadership as well as his knowledge of military courtesy. Tests concerning Military Knowledge included general military information, practical map reading and first aid. The Aptitude Examination covered an alertness test, a field message test and a test of the contestants powers of oral and visual observation. The comprehensive Agility Test involved walking, running, balancing, climbing, vaulting, scaling and shooting.

Prizes gave the winners opportunity of selecting a pass to either the United Kingdom, the Riviera or Paris. In addition, Assistant Division Commander, Brig. General George W. Smythe invited the five winners to dinner and a special performance at the Kaufbeuren Stadt Theatre.

"Blue Ridge" Blue Ribbon winner S/Sgt. Volk turned down his pass in favor of another and far longer trip. He's a high point man and is heading for home.



GOOD SOLDIER VOLK

## Patton Pops In On 80th

Kaufbeuren, July 20. Third Army Commander, General George S. Patton, Jr., he of the gleaming stars and boots, today honored the 80th by his first visit since his recent return from a triumphant tour of the States. With customary energy and speed General Patton, accompanied by 80th Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, covered many widely scattered "Blue Ridge" units.

Arriving at Kaufbeuren Air Strip, General Patton reviewed a composite force consisting of the 319th Infantry, two Battalions of the 317th, and two Artillery Battalions. Following the review, the General and party attended a demonstration of instructional methods involving mines and booby traps by AT Co 319th and a really sharp exhibition of calisthenics staged by the 319th's 1st Battalion, Co F.

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**INTRODUCING**  
**BENNY**  
**BLUERIDGER**

who hails from the quaint little community of Shoulder Patch, Tennessee (Pop. 1902 Census: 7 people, 29 haws), located just three skunk scents south of Tullahoma, (if the wind is north by north-easterly).

Benny may seem to wander aimlessly about the 80th but actually there's madness in his method and incidentally any resemblance to actual personalities in the Division and the characters who Benny meets is purely intentional and not coincidental!

## Patton to Pettengill

General George S. Patton, Jr., found time during his one day whirlwind visit to the 80th to pin the Distinguished Service Cross on proud, excited 317th Infantry Medic, T/5 Thomas W. Pettengill.

The New Hampshire medic was cited for his courage in often rendering life-saving aid to "Blue Ridge" doughs under severe combat conditions even though on one such occasion he was himself painfully wounded.

Pettengill, an 87 pointer, is home-bound via the 103rd Inf. Div. In addition to the D.S.C. he holds the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.



Sgt. Alfred Stern, Managing Editor; Sgt. Charles V. Heisa, Sports Editor; Cpl. Ralph Owen, Art Editor; Cpl. Kenneth C. Brown, Photographer; Pfc. George E. McGunagle, Layout; Pfc. Robert R. Compton, Technical Assistant.  
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1st Lt. Nathan R. Ahelson, Editorial Advisor.  
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### A FOREWORD ON THE FORWARD

Here at long last is your Division newspaper. It's a good idea too. We should have had one long ago. It would have been a fine device to keep us informed as to what "Blue Ridge" outfits, other than our own, were up to when the lead was yet flying, though the story was pretty much the same all over. Guys like us fighting and sometimes dying. Men shooting M-1's, BAR's and carbines, firing howitzers, driving jeeps or two and a half ton jobs, clerking, cooking, bringing life-saving aid and comfort to the sick and wounded and always all of us hoping and praying for the miserable mess to end.

We couldn't have a paper then. Security regulations forbade publication. Besides most of the time the 80th moved too fast and would have left a paper and printing plant much too far in the rear. You just can't carry a flat bed press in a combat pack.

Now things are different and a plant which once turned out maps and charts for the Deutschen Kriegsmarine is the home of your Division paper. So physically the "FORWARD" is in fine shape. But far more important than that is how it thinks and what it feels.

Well, principally this is a doughboy's paper as, after all, the 80th is an infantry division. The artillery, medics and engineers will get their share of 8 point type too and the special units will not be slighted.

We all know that Army papers are more or less "controlled press." Many have far more brass than lead in their make-up. We're going to avoid that as much as possible and are fortunate in having an understanding and editorially liberal Commanding General. The paper is in a very real sense the voice of the Division. Let it then speak in the same clear tones as the voices of the men it represents. Let it be a clean, vigorous sheet with a sense of humor. And if it acts with only a small fraction of the spirit and courage which motivated the men of the Division through the bitter days and deadly nights of combat, then indeed it will be a fine and honest paper. We think that's a damn good policy to pursue.

### CALENDAR OF COURAGE

We see by the papers that the State of Maryland has officially set aside each June 11th as "Wiedorfer Day" in State-wide tribute to S/Sgt. Paul J. Wiedorfer, formerly of Company G, 318th Infantry and only living "Blue Ridger" to hold America's highest military decoration, the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor.

Maryland's got the right idea and we're just as proud of Wiedorfer as his native "Old Line" State. We'd like to see the 80th Infantry Division now and for all time incorporate "Wiedorfer Day" as part of the Division's rich tradition and observe each June 11th with appropriate ceremony. A.S.

## "E" is for "Eyewash"

We're pretty disappointed in the Army's Educational Program. It's true a handful of deserving "Blue Ridgers" have been packed off to some of the best schools in Europe, but very little except elaborate advance publicity has resulted from the pretentious plans for schools teaching a wide range of academic courses on battalion and regimental levels. Courses which were to be dedicated to the vast majority of knowledge-hungry doughs without the benefit of college educations.

### Reams of Releases

Higher headquarters have issued reams of releases to the Army and home front press regarding the Army's Education Program and how it intends to profitably employ the GI's now plentiful spare time. Such eyewash went on to relate that after two years of research and planning, the Education Program was ready to spring into efficient action immediately upon the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

Finding qualified instructors was left to lower units by a hopeful but inadequate directive which suggested that they be found on divisional, regimental and battalion level. Now

just because higher headquarters says so, does not mean that a fine platoon leader can teach psychology or an expert forward observer can teach French. In most cases he can't and he's quick to admit it.

### Time Hangs Heavy

Given ample specialized training and the books to work with, perhaps we would have interested and satisfactory teachers as well as enthusiastic students in the 80th. But the teachers have yet to be trained and the school books yet to arrive and VE Day was close to three months ago. Some say the Division will never receive books, others say perhaps, but even if they arrived tomorrow, teachers are still untrained.

Perhaps our category number determines whether we're to have books or not, but regardless of category it looks pretty much as though we're going to be stuck here for some time to come and already time hangs heavy and many of us are pretty bored with life. That men are interested in spending some portion of their time in working with their minds and hands was eloquently attested to in the hearty

## Times Have Changed

Up to shortly before VE Day the plant which now houses the editorial staff and presses of your 80th FORWARD was the printing establishment of the German Naval High Command, (Oberkommando der Deutschen Kriegsmarine). Here the bulk of Germany's Marine maps and charts were once printed. U.S. and British Naval authorities are now using the plant facilities to further Allied efforts in the Pacific.

## MAIL BAG

This is where the Editor says MAIL BAG belongs. This week there isn't any MAIL. Maybe it's 'cause we're new. Maybe Message Center can't find us!

Anyway, if you've got anything NICE or ASSTY to say or a question on your mind, let us know. We'll try to answer. And if we can't, The Editor makes fleets of paper airplanes, to sail around the Office. So you see your letter will NEVER be a waste of time!

Don't bother to fold the airplanes in advance. We've got

A large and competent staff.

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response to the recent Divisional survey regarding courses "Blue Ridgers" desired to take.

Over 3,500 expressed an interest in auto mechanics and this need is being satisfied in good measure by "on the job" instruction under the expert guidance of our 789th Ordnance, the 702 Tank Battalion and many motor pools throughout the Division. Signal is doing a fine job in teaching radio, communications and allied subjects and even the Division Band is holding a variety of music classes. So the Division is trying its best and that is just how it should be. But what about the more than 1,500 men who wish to take courses in Business Principles, certainly a subject which will be invaluable to them in the post-war world, and the over 1,000 who desire to learn at least the rudiments of some foreign language so that they may better understand their fellow men, and the some 600 soldiers (more than three full companies) who expressed an interest in psychology.

### Cluttered with Poop

I & E officers and men throughout the Division have put in a lot of time and effort in attempting to build up the 80th's General Education Program. "In," "Out" and "Hold" baskets have been cluttered with poop, charts, surveys and memos but to date no GI we know has attended a battalion or regimental school to receive instruction or crack a book in any academic subject.

Now the story seems to be that it is doubtful if books will be available in any quantity. We think they could and should have been available a couple of months ago. Shortage of paper and type is hardly a valid excuse for we've seen hundreds of manuals and thousands of language phrase books issued to the Division only to be destroyed either before or after distribution. We read not long ago that U.S. military authorities are busy printing school books for German kids in Aachen and elsewhere. That's a good move we suppose, for we like little kids even if they're German, but frankly we think the needs of the American soldier come first.

No books, but as always plenty of "bucks" and they're passing 'em again!

## CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

Thirteen Chaplains reported to the Division on June 13th, 1942. Three of this original number are still with us; namely, Chaplains Comer, Ball and Woods. Thirty-three Chaplains have served with the 80th since activation. A thumb-nail sketch of the Chaplains finds Chaplain Ball still with the Medics and looking forward to meeting that lady in New York harbor. Chaplain Comer, Assistant Division Chaplain, is sweating it out with Division Headquarters, refereeing soft ball games, especially between the MP's and Administrative Center, and is available to be seen at any time. Chaplain Fred Graef of the "Wreckin' Second" 317th is in the 116th General Hospital, APO 350, U. S. Army. He is doing fine and would like to get a line from his friends. Chaplain Verne Kullowatz is recovering in Paris from his hand grenade episode and expects to be back with the 319th soon. Chaplain Kenneth Martin, Regimental Chaplain, 318th, has a palatial office in a one-time Hitler Jugend Institute, which cost the Nazi Reich about 64,000 marks.

### "See the Chaplain"

Chaplain John Osberg is also with the 318th, 3rd Bn., and while in Austria was appointed Chief of Chaplains of the surrendered Sixth German Army Group. That was one time when a Chaplain could say, "You go see the Chaplain." Chaplain Charles Gustafson has just been initiated into the secrets of the 318th after serving with the 90th Division. Chaplain Elwyn Owen, Division Artillery, still maintains that this Division is the 80th Division Artillery with Infantry attached. Chaplain Francis Gorham, Division Artillery, said goodbye to a faithful, loyal assistant, T/5 Gene Wright. T/5 Wright has been with the 80th since activation. Chaplain Gorham joined the Division in Luxembourg from the 6th Engineer Special Brigade. Chaplain Benedict Henderson, Bishop of 319th Infantry, came to the Division at Fort Dix from Panama and succeeds Chaplain Younce as Regimental Chaplain. Chaplain Edward Callens, 317th Infantry, reported to the Division near Bitburg, Germany, from the 170th General Hospital. Father Callens has visited his father and mother in Brussels, Belgium, and is now ready for the CBI or any other action.

### Chaplain Bomhoff Leaves

Harold Bomhoff, 317th Regimental Chaplain, transferred to the 10th Armored, leaves an excellent choir which he organized and directed. He carries with him the good wishes of his men and officers. Chaplain Younce, 319th, also transferred to the 10th Armored, has been with the 80th since activation and stacked up an outstanding record with his Regiment. Chaplain Troy Kelly, Special Troops, is now wearing a 10th Armored putan and is going to settle down in Texas, somewhere and sometime. Chaplain Earl B. Edwards is with the Quartermaster near Verdun and has met Chaplains Hart and Gunther with hospital units and the three have already had 80th reunions.

### Safely Home

Chaplain Glennon, captured on September 18th, 1944, has arrived safely at home in Boston, Mass. Chaplain Morris Boucher, a former 319th'er, when last heard of was with the Air Corps. Chaplain Malboeuf, a former 317th'er, according to latest reports is with an Army Hospital.

The writer of this has been dubbed "high ranking prayer" and is assisting the Assistant Division Chaplain in being a good hand-shaker and winning friends and influencing people.

Last but not least, Sgt. Charles R. Lehman, Section Sergeant of the Division Chaplain Section and also an activation lad, will very likely by the time this article is published be on his way to Ebensburg, Pa. "Chas", as the boys call him, has become of Army age. He has punched millions of typewriter

## BLUE RIDGE ROUNDER

By Miss Bedcheck

Night life in Bavaria more than faintly resembles the happy evenings we formerly spent at that favorite corner bar and grill a recent tour of "Blue Ridge" after dark spots conclusively proves. Although neon tube signs do not flash on and off with the heart warming message "Eat at Joe's," the spirit inside a number of popular nocturnal haunts is much the same.

### Wreckin' Second

We covered the informal opening of the "Wreckin' Second's" (2nd Battalion, 319th's) Kaufbeuren Hof Brau the other night. Genial bar tender Sgt. Frank A. Piccolo set 'em up and told us the Hof Brau is an outgrowth of a similar successful venture in Krumbach. "Dis is principally an NCO joint," he related, "an' consequently de atmosphere is on de refined side (he said), but de policy is democratic an' youse can bring in your friends or even officers!"

Larger and noisier is the "Wreckin' Second's" Musical Bar which successfully combines all the elements of a lusty Yukon saloon and a Bessemer blast furnace. This Kaufbeuren bistro is principally for privates and is extremely popular. A lusty beer parlor under the management of a commissioned hep-cat, one 2nd Lt. Phil Sterling, the Musical Bar features entertainment headed by the Three Cats, Lt. Sterling, T/Sgt. Sandy Sandborne and Sgt. Jimmy Burke, as well as some hard working Hill Billies billed as the AWOL Wanderers.

### Musical Bar

Lt. Sterling, certainly the "Blue Ridge" Billy Rose, tells us he built and operated a Musical Bar in Krumbach and dreams of the day when all entertainment talent in the 80th would be pooled and tour from week to week to similar Musical Bars which he thinks all outfits would enjoy. Sterling gives the privates the best spot in town and then thinks about the NCO and Officer trade which is a pleasant departure from the conventional approach.

### Non Com Club

The 80th Division Headquarters' Non Com Club is a more intimate and dignified spot supported by contributions to a flourishing kitty. Organized under the guidance of G-3 M/Sgt. Dan Emrich, it's a pleasant room where Hq. Section Chiefs and their minions sit over their beer with imaginary eagles and oak leaves on their shoulders and brood about the injustice of it all. If you come early and are fast on the draw you might be lucky enough to get your hot little mitts on a sandwich or a couple of pretzels.

### Blue Ridger

For the coffee and doughnut set there's the American Red Cross Blue Ridger Club where against a background of bright murals by FORWARD Art Director, Cpl. Ralph Owen, some 10,000 cups of coffee and 24,000 doughnuts are consumed each week. The atmosphere is genteel and there's a happy feminine touch supplied by hostesses Sally Reed and Irys Hendrix. Sally is a young but motherly gal who understandingly looks at several thousand snapshots of GI's wives, babies and sweethearts each week. She's as popular as a three day pass and the night we were there one obviously bearded-up, grumpy, excited and the attitude of the "Blue Ridgers" regarding Miss Reed, with the eloquent and touching statement, "God bless you, baby!" Said Miss Reed, "Don't you think enlisted men are far more amusing than officers. Besides there's so many more of them."

Next week Miss Bedcheck will cover Fussen and the 317th like a great wet blanket.

keys and also many tickets in the absence of the Chaplains. He is held in high regard by the Chaplains of this Division and we all wish him God speed.

Division Chaplain.

## Special Troops Observe 80th's Third Birthday

Under a leaden sky massed units of 80th Division Special Troops gathered at Kaufbeuren's Lloyd Field (named in honor of C. M. H. holder, the 319th Infantry's late 1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd) on July 16th in a simple and impressive ceremony to mark the third anniversary of the 80th Division's activation. It was the first "Blue Ridge" birthday since activation day at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, that the officers and men of Division Headquarters, 80th Signal Co., 80th Reconnaissance Troop, 780th Ordnance Co., 80th Quartermaster Co., the Military Police Platoon and Division Band, all Special Troop units, had an opportunity to gather together and celebrate the occasion.

Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, made a number of individual presentations of awards to Special Troopers including a Silver Star for gallantry in action to 1st Lt. Philip H. Wagner of the Recon Troop and a Soldier's Medal to Pfc. William F. Jewell of the 80th QM Co as well as nineteen Bronze Star Medals.

Following units, General McBride addressed ETO Battle Participation

Streamers to the 80th Division Standard. Chaplain Edward J. Comer delivered a brief Memorial Prayer and FORWARD Editor, Sgt. Alfred Stern delivered an address covering combat highlights of 80th Division Special Troops.

### Furloughs

Climax of the ceremony was Major General McBride's realistic but good humored speech. He told of his recent visit to the States (see page one) and warned "Blue Ridgers" not to be lulled into false security and hopes merely because the European War is at an end. He did assure the Special Troop Command that "sooner or later we'll all get furloughs" and he struck an optimistic note with the declaration that "should the war in the Pacific progress well the 80th may find itself in an agreeable assignment." He further expressed his fond wish that this be the last anniversary of the 80th's activation which we observe in uniform but that the many "Blue Ridge" friendships founded through working and fighting together continue to flourish long after 80th veterans return to civilian life.

## 313th FA Sgt. Major Off for U. S.

Popular M/Sgt. Roy Tedder, with the 313th FA Bn ever since activation, has departed on the first leg of the long voyage home.

Sgt. Tedder is a Texan and a Regular Army man who has his home, complete with wife and daughter, in Lawton, Okla. With more than fifteen years of service to his credit, Sgt. Tedder came to the 80th and the 313th on cadre from Fort Sill's famed old 18th Field Artillery to serve as Top Kick for Hq and Hq Btry.

Just prior to the 80th's departure on Tennessee Maneuvers in the summer of '43 he took over the many complex duties of Battalion Sgt. Major and his efficiency in that assignment recently earned him the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. A cheerful but nostalgic "Red Leg," Sgt. Tedder is happiest when he can reminisce about the "good old days in the horse-drawn artillery" over a tall glass of foaming brew.

## 319th Only Regt. to Earn 2nd C.M.H.

Posthumous Award to S/Sgt. Turner, Company B

With the recent announcement of a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to S/Sgt. Day C. Turner of Co. B, 319th Infantry, the 319th becomes the first and only "Blue Ridge" Regiment in both World Wars to have America's highest military decoration conferred on more than one gallant member. Previously a posthumous Congressional Medal was awarded to the 319th's 1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd.

A pugnacious Pennsylvania squad leader, S/Sgt. Turner viciously led his squad in fighting off a vicious company-strength Nazi counter-attack near Daill in northern Luxembourg when 80th Infantrymen were slashing into the southern flank of von Rundstedt's last ditch, desperate winter offensive.

Under S/Sgt. Turner's heroic and skillful leadership, his hardpressed squad fought off the onslaught for more than an hour before overwhelming numerical superiority forced the embattled "Baker" Co squad to withdraw to a nearby house. There, for close to three hours, a furious room to room, hand to hand struggle raged. Each room was bitterly contested and the enemy paid dearly - in dead and wounded - for every foot gained. Still the over-confident Germans demanded surrender. Turner answered with cold steel and grenades. The shattered room and area around the besieged house was piled high with Wehrmacht dead and wounded before the surviving twenty-five Germans surrendered.

S/Sgt. Turner fell in a subsequent action during the 80th's Siegfried Line assault. The War Department announced the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor early this month and the decoration has already been presented to the late S/Sgt. Turner's mother.

## Jailed Junkers



Some of the 37 Nazi General Staff Officers cooling their polished heels in the 80th PW Enclosure. (see story below).

## Arty Celebrates With New C.O.

All the Battalions of 80th Division Artillery gathered at Memmingen Airport to celebrate the "Blue Ridge" Division's third birthday in ceremonies led by their new Commander, Col. Norman J. McMahon.

Veteran 80th cannoners recalled that Div Arty has been commanded by four different officers since activation. Originally organized under the guidance of Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, then Brigadier General of Division Artillery, by the 80th's first birthday the late Brigadier General Edmund W. Seary who was destined to fall on Mousson Hill in September, 1944, had assumed command. From his death forward, throughout eight months of combat Brigadier General Joy W. McKelvie commanded until a month after VE Day. Upon General McKelvie's assignment to V Corps Artillery, Col. McMahon came to the 80th from the 182nd Field Artillery Group to take over the Div Arty top spot.

### PATTON

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5) 319th handled a hand to hand combat demonstration which was obviously to General Patton's liking while Co. L, 317th did themselves proud in an exhibit of extended order drill. The last event of the morning was a first rate firing demonstration put on by one of the 315th FA Battalion's firing batteries.

After luncheon the party was whisked to Berg and the 317th area for a realistic demonstration of mock warfare which consisted of a reinforced rifle company in attack, staged by Co. F, 317th and a highly authentic assault on a fortified position enacted by Co. G, 317th.

Arriving in Kempten, the Third Army Commander viewed and was impressed with a battalion strength attack on a fortified city as demonstrated by the 2nd Battalion of the 318th. The final event of the day was the expert and rapid erection of a footbridge by the 305th Engineers. Taking off from Kempten Airport late in the afternoon, there was little doubt that General Patton had spent a busy but a happy day. "Blue Ridgers" were tired too.

## Luftwaffe Goat of Nazi Generals

A convoy of somewhat dilapidated Wehrmacht staff cars recently rolled up to Capt. Paul Loesser, Jr's 80th PW Enclosure and disgorged no less than 37 German General Staff officers. These ranking ruffians included one General Admiral, nine Lt. Generals, three Major Generals and seven Brigadiers, all in resplendent uniforms and generously sprinkled with decorations.

The sea-going scoundrel, General Admiral Wilhelm Marshall who rather resembles a weather-beaten rat, was one time boss of Admiral Doenitz as Chief of the German Fleet in the early 40's. Said the Admiral, "Aircraft have completely revolutionized naval warfare. The aircraft carrier is the most important ship in any fleet today. Large battleships are just as vulnerable to air attack as German pocket battleships which are faster, less costly and take much less time to construct. The German Navy did as good a job as possible, with the limited means available, but the Luftwaffe let us down."

### West Wall Inspector

Most interesting of the landlubbers was slight, bald, professorial, General of Engineers Rudolf Schmetzer who formerly served as Inspector General of the once-vaunted Nazi Atlantic Wall defenses. Schmetzer indicated that the Atlantic or West Wall was pretty much SNAFU.

"Individual units were assigned the task of fortifying their own sectors, so the results varied and there were many weak links. Later when Allied invasion became imminent the organization of West Wall defenses was centralized but it was far too late. Berlin told me, and Kommet frantically urged me, to construct whatever I felt was required. All my orders were approved but few were carried out as I was never provided with adequate men or material and then when the invasion came, the Luftwaffe let us down!"

An interesting commentary on all this is that while nearly all branches of service in the German Armed Forces were represented in this "Blue Ridge" bag of brass, not a single Luftwaffe officer was present!

## 317th "George" Co Demonstration Tops

A recent and realistic demonstration by Co. G, 317th Infantry was termed "the best I've ever seen," by Assistant Division Commander, Brig. General George W. Smythe.

Purpose of the demonstration was to illustrate the tactics and techniques employed in attacking a fortified position.

Demonstration plans were mapped by 2nd Lt. Julius Borys. Besides using artillery pieces, the attacking party employed a section of machine guns, mortars, Bangalore torpedoes, dynamite and a flame thrower. Battle authenticity was added when Lt. Borys had litter bearers carry a simulated wounded soldier from the field while another dough herded in two Heinie prisoners.

Much combat color was contributed by T/Sgt. Jack E. Barr who supervised the construction of an expertly camouflaged pillbox. One day after General Smythe attended the demonstration an equally successful repeat performance was held for the officers and men of the entire 2nd Battalion, 317th Infantry.

### Blasts Way to Fame

Destroying nine Siegfried Line Pillboxes earned a Silver Star for aggressive Sgt. Elwood R. Soyer, Hq Co., 2nd Bn, 319th Inf. Rushing the first pillbox under intense fire, Sgt. Soyer hastily prepared satchel charges to blow it up. He had trouble with the fuse but was in a good position to hold a conversation with the nervous Nazis defending the bunker. Through his knowledge of German, encompassing Sgt. Soyer informed the Wehrmacht occupants that their time had come. Needless to say they decided to surrender. Together with the now cooperative ranking German non-com and his demolition charges, Sgt. Soyer accounted for eight more heavily fortified positions that day.

## Mountain Climbing Pays Off

Because he refused to string along with his gullible buddies in believing the stories of the local populace Sgt. Broze Bullock Hq Co., 2nd Bn, 317th Inf, is \$56.00 richer.

Civilians told the Hq group that one of the neighboring mountains was once climbed in the record time of three hours, but it would ordinarily take seven or eight.

When Sgt. Bullock expressed his skepticism his betting buddies put \$56.00 on the line to the Sergeant's \$63.00 with the declaration that he couldn't plant a flag on the mountain peak and be back at the CP in eight hours. The game Sergeant made the four mile trip to the top of the mile high mountain in a mere one hour and 50 minutes.

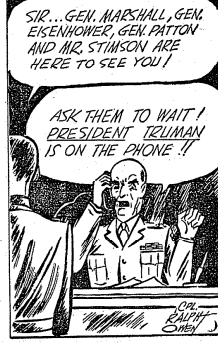
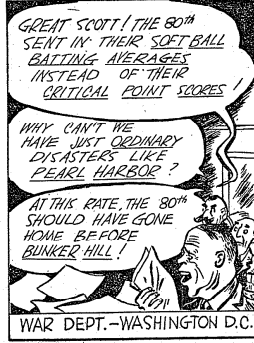
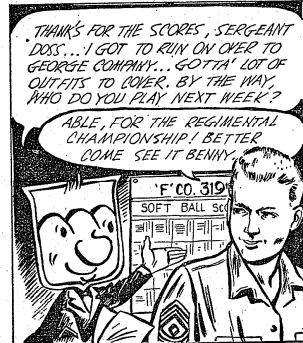
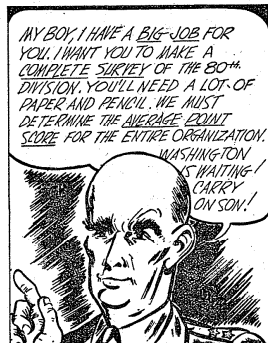
## Points to Home

According to our 318th Correspondent, the Regiment has or had, 206 men with 85 or more fine points to their credit. Of these, 60 are already on their way to "Uncle Sugar". From the 317th Infantry comes the report that 180 out of their 288 men eligible for discharge have already moved out. The point poop from the 319th states that 210 enlisted men and 39 officers are eligible for discharge. To date 83 doughs and 3 officers have departed.

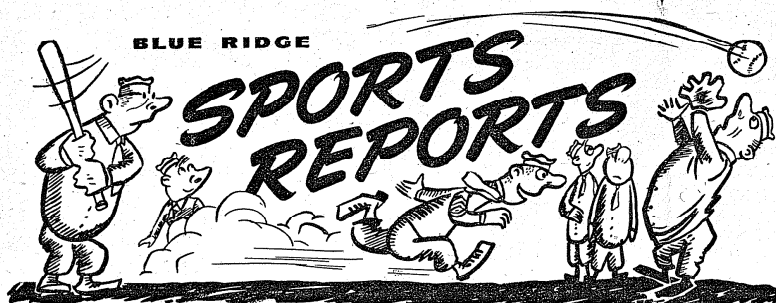
A report from the Office of Division G-1, Lt. Col. Leon O. Clayton, stated that all officers and men with 85 or more points will have departed before FORWARD goes to press, with the exception of staff officers and EM specialists who await equally skilled replacements to take over their particular assignments.

by Cpl. Ralph Owen

## Benny Misses the Point!







## Redlegs Win Division Track Title

## Division Baseball League Opened

### Special Troops

#### Close Second

Kaufbeuren, July 16. Division Artillery won the 80th Division Track title at the large von Hindenburg Sportsplatz today, before a large crowd of wildly cheering spectators. Old man Pluvius was seen leaving the track as the teams gathered for the meet.

The Div Artillery team after a hard grueling battle against the combined Special Troops team, came out the victors with a total of 50 points. The Special Troops team massed together 43, a close indication of the competition between these two track teams. They were followed by the 317th, 318th, and 319th with 35, 16, and 13 points respectively.

#### Highlights

Highlights of the days activities were the performances of Lt. Jack MacKintzie, and Cpl. Rosenfelt of the Div Artillery team. By taking top honors in the High Jump, Jack MacKintzie former Purdue "Boiler-maker" track man, found things comparatively easy in edging his opponents Clay and Frazier. Rosenfelt whose track ability won for him the honor of being high point man during the Division Artillery Track Meet, held at Memmingen on the 12th, took two second place honors, and ran on the winning Div Artillery 400 Meter Relay team.

#### 100 Meter Dash

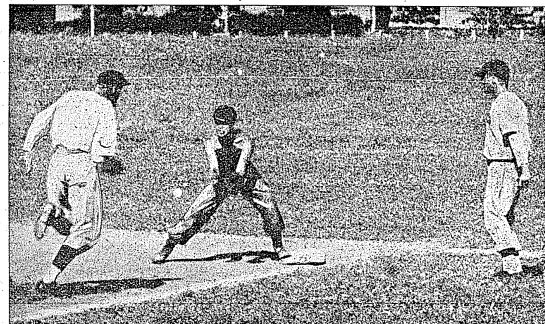
Burkhardt, Div Art. 2d-Cawood, 905th Med. 3d-Curran, 317. Time 11 sec.

#### 200 Meter Run

Fisher, Div Art. 2d-Novak, MP's. 3d-Brennan, 317. Time 25.4 sec.

#### 400 Meter Run

Bruggerman, 305 Med Bn. 2d-Rosenfelt, Div Art. 3d-P. J. Green, 317. Time 52 sec.



Ump calls him safe! (Div Art vs 318th Inf. Kempton, July 14)

## AQUATIC SPLASHES

Munich, July 7. XX Corps held an open swimming meet today at this city's Daunte Pool, former National German Olympic Swimming Stadium. Blue Riders held two sixth place honors for the afternoon, with Major "Bob" Rawls participating in the 50 Meter Free Style, and Pfc. "Al" Cohen taking part in the 100 Meter Back Stroke,

### 800 Meter Run

Fischer, 305 Med Bn. 2d-Durant, Div Art. 3d-Matyozy, 318. Time 2 Min, 4 sec.

### 1500 Meter Run

Say, 317. 2d-Beach, Div Art. 3d-Masongupp, 318. Time 4 Min, 14 sec.

### 3000 Meter Run

Szynflsie, 319. 2d-Voca, 317. 3d-Beaver, Div Art. Time 9 Min, 15 sec.

### Shot-Put

Lowell, 318. 2d-Wedd, Div Art. 3d-Whitney, 305th Med. Distance 44 ft.

### High-Jump

McKintzie, Div Art. 2d-(Tie) Clay, 305 Med. 3d-(Tie)Frazier, 317. Distance 6 ft, 3 in.

### Discus

Howseal, 318. 2d-Barota, Div Art. 3d-Pascole, 319. Distance 120 ft, 2 in.

### Broad-Jump

Montze, 317. 2d-Potts, 318. 3d-Walters, 80th QM Co. Distance 18 ft, 7 in.

### 400 Meter Relay

Div Art (Rosenfelt, Brooks, Hafer, Stack), 2d-305th Med Bn. 3d-317 Inf. Time 46 sec.

### Javelin

Busalocchi, 305 Med Bn. 2d-Halverson, 317. 3d-W. R. Smith, 319. Distance 147 ft, 7 in.

### Hop-Step-Jump

Elrod, 80th Rcn Tr. 2d-Rosenfelt, Div Art. 3d-P. J. Green, 317. Distance 35 ft, 5 in.

### Tug-of-War

Winner- Div Art. 2d-319th Inf.

### 800 Meter Relay

317 Inf. (Faulkner, Browning, Blewins, Feretta). 2d-305th Med Bn. 3d-Div Art. Time 1 Min, 40 sec.

### 1600 Meter Relay

305th Med Bn. (Bruggerman, Zamarripa, Meyer, Fischer). 2d-Div Art. 3d-318 Inf. Time 3 Min, 54 sec.

Kaufbeuren, July 21. With the Division Baseball League officially opened, the 319th and 318th Infantry Regiments started off with a bang to win their opening games of the season. These two pepped up clubs met for their second game on the 319th home grounds, playing a tightly fought ball game which ended finally with a protest being made by Manager Dahlgren of the 318th, on the grounds that the opposing twirler was using an illegal delivery. The outcome of that game is being considered by the Official Rules Board. However, should the Board favor the "Hamper" nine, its replay should prove to be one of the best ball games in the circuit.

Your reporter had the pleasure of watching the Div Art-318th ball game, played at Kempton on the 14th. It was a typical Infantry versus Artillery affair, with the verdict finally going to "Hamper" by a score of 11-7. Manager Dahlgren's club was the first to draw blood, by coming through with four runs in the first inning, and it seemed that Joe Piekarski was on his way to a shut out. In the fifth however, the "Redlegs" led by the booming bats of Vrabel, Cassovitch, Jurgens, and Bennett blasted across seven runs to take the lead. However successive singles by the Doughboys pushed over two runs in their half of the fifth. The final scoring came in the last half of the sixth when "Hamper" shoved across five runs to sew up the ball game. Manager Feldman of the "Redlegs" voiced a protest about the game in regards to the officiating. Your reporter, while still remaining neutral, has to admit that unless umpires are nominated by Division, and given specific rules and assignments, the league will develop into a muddle of quarrels and disputes, which certainly is not the type of sports we wish to see played in the 80th.

## BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

### Standings

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct
319	4	0	.1000
318	2	1	.667
Div Art	1	3	.250
317	0	3	.000

### Scores

318—9	317—3
319—11	Div Art—7
319—3	318—2
Div Art—9	317—0 (Forfeit)
318—11	Div Art—7
319—9	317—2
319—7	Div Art—0

## TENNIS

Kaufbeuren, July 20. T/3 Harry Jackson, 305th Med. Bn. defeated T/5 Ferguson, 319th today, by scores of 4-6, 8-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, to earn for himself the distinction of being the 1945 Division Tennis Champion. Jackson will head our Division tennis team in the XX Corps tennis matches held at Munich, on the 25th and 26th of July.

## Bums Blast Flyers 14-4

Kaufbeuren Airport, July 15. Special Troops made quick work of the 2d Disarmament Wing this afternoon, by blasting the Airman "Flyers", who boasted a record of six wins and two losses prior to the former Albany "Senator" player, game time.

### BOX SCORE

BUMS	AB	R	H	E	FLYERS	AB	R	H	E
Bennett, 3b	4	2	1	1	Kirk, ss	4	1	2	0
Lacy, lf	5	1	1	0	Young, 2b	4	0	1	0
Yanks, 2b	3	1	1	1	Nance, cf	4	0	2	2
Yarmul, c	4	3	2	0	Harris, 1b	4	0	2	1
Novak, cf	4	0	0	0	Holderlid, 3b	4	0	0	0
Manganiello, ss	3	3	1	1	Bella, c	4	0	0	0
Delnaker, 1b	2	0	1	0	Burca, rf	4	1	1	1
Howell, rf	2	0	0	0	McDonald, p	4	1	0	0
Kupriou, p	1	0	0	0	Williams, lf	3	1	2	8
Mayer, 1b	3	1	1	0					
Hickell, rf	3	1	1	0					
Lohrer, p	2	2	0	0					
					Totals	35	4	10	7

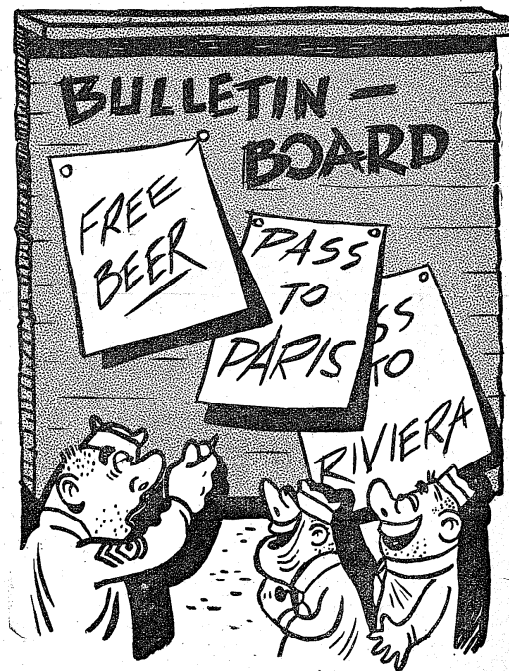
BUMS	1	0	0	3	0	3	5	2	—14
Flyers	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	—4

Two-base hit—Kirk, Lacy, Yarmul, Delnaker, Hickell. Three-base hit—Harris. Sacrifices—Young, Kirk, Double-Play—Bums (Manganiello-Evans-Delnaker). Left-on-bases—Bums 9, Flyers 7. Struck out—Kupriou 1; by Lohrer 3; by McDonald 5. Walks—by Kupriou none; by Lohrer none; by McDonald 3. Winning pitcher—Kupriou. Losing pitcher—McDonald.

## BOXING RESULTS

Kempton, July 20. Before a crowd of over 150 howling fans, the 319th Inf. Regiment held an exhibition boxing show in their large gym. Benny Gann alias "Small Montana", World Flyweight Champion of '35-'38 acted as referee for these matches. Featured was the skillful matching of Art Zamarrita, Division Senior Welterweight Cham-

pion, 305th Med. and Charlie Bu-Inf. Regiment twice Diamond Belt Champ and runner up at the National AAU Boxing matches in Chicago. Also featured was the heavyweight match between Aram Shahemian, and Paul "Buddy" Klang, Div Heavyweight Champ.



## GIMME YUH ATTENCHUN!

Dis here FORWARD is runnin' a helluva BIG CONTEST. It's open for "Blue Ridge" an' attached EM's ONLY an' de PRIZES makes it a wortwhil enwastment of yuhr time an' effort. Here's de hot oil!

## The 80TH IS LOOKING FOR A "BLUE RIDGE" BEAUTY!

She can be your wife, sweetheart, daughter (if she's 18 or more), or even your Aunt Gussie. Don't send her in. We've enough trouble concentrating these balmy Bavarian days. Do send in a photograph suitable for reproduction. A glossy print is best.

Every two weeks FORWARD will sponsor a new contest. All entries must be in 10 days after the date of issue announcing the Contest. Send your entry to the 80th Division Newspaper Office, APO 80 or better yet, through Message Center.

Name and Address of your entry must be included (There's got to be something in this job for us too!) Send your name and organization so we know where to return the photo when we're done drooling.

## PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE ..... 7 DAY FURLOUGH TO THE RIVIERA  
SECOND PRIZE ..... 3 DAY PASS TO PARIS  
THIRD PRIZE ..... 1 KEG OF BEER (50 liters)

A committee composed of the FORWARD Editor, Art Editor and Photo Editor will select the Prize Winners. All decisions will be final. In case of a tie the boys will pass the photos around again and end that sort of nonsense!