

# 80th Forward

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## Silver Stars To 20 Heroes

As one reads the citations for the sometimes belated but always deserved awards for gallantry in action, one cannot help but thrill to the epic accomplishments of the "Blue Ridge" 80th Infantry Division in combat, and the heroic heights to which "Blue Riders" rose when the situation demanded the ultimate in sacrifice, courage and endeavor.

Recent General Orders from the Headquarters of our Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, announced the award of twenty Silver Stars and two Oak Leaf Clusters to Silver Stars to "Blue Riders" from all three 80th Division Infantry Regiments. Four of the Silver Stars were posthumously awarded.

### Supreme Sacrifice

A posthumous award of the Silver Star was conferred upon 1st Lt. Elwin M. Blackstone, 317th Infantry, who unhesitatingly and courageously sacrificed his life on the field of battle near Pined, Luxembourg, by advancing through intense hostile fire to destroy a Nazi machine gun covering the enemy's retreat. When a numerically superior German force threatened his company, the Pennsylvania Lieutenant led an attack on their positions so as to mislead the Nazis in regards to his company's strength. With complete disregard for his personal safety he advanced in the face of lethal leaden bursts from the Wehrmacht machine gun and assaulted the emplacement with such fury that the gunners were either killed, wounded or routed and their weapon was rendered useless.

### Stood His Ground

The late Pfc. Donald W. Champion, Co. M, 317th Infantry was also honored for his heroic actions. While attacking Friesenstadt, Germany, Pfc. Champion's Company was temporarily delayed by severe hostile fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, the Michigan soldier advanced to an exposed position from where he delivered such effective fire that his Company was able to continue its advance. Despite the withering German fire he held his ground until felled by an enemy sniper.

Sgt. Carl C. Carlson, Hq. Co, 2nd Bn, 319th Infantry, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his gallantry in action during the hazardous assault crossing of the Our River from Luxembourg into Germany. While leading his demolition squad across the swirling torrent, their boat capsized, but despite the intense fire, he reorganized his squad and obtained more demolitions. After successfully crossing the flooded river the Washington State Sergeant made a reconnaissance under increasingly

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## 314th Favorite Departs For U.S.

Unanimously proclaimed the most popular officer in his 314th Field Artillery Battalion, smiling, wise-cracking Major Richard J. Schalliol recently and a little reluctantly departed for the States.

As a 1st Lieutenant, the Hoosier artilleryman joined the 80th upon activation and efficiently served in several assignments throughout the 314th until his recent transfer. Always concerned with the welfare, quarters and morale of his men, all 314th's agree that his place can never be completely filled.

## 317th E Co Commended

A General Order from the Headquarters of Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, last week cited Co E, 317th Infantry Regiment for "exceptional aggressiveness, extraordinary heroism, outstanding performance of duty in action, gallantry, determination and esprit de corps." The citation quotes two specific actions which contributed to the hard-won, sterling record of "Easy" Company.

On the 12th of September, 1944, Company E crossed the Moselle River and secured its objective (Hill 350) just east of shell-torn, Ste. Genevieve, France. In the hazardous river crossing, the dash across the fire-swept flat terrain east of the river, and up the steep slopes leading to the objective, the men of Company E, then under the command of Capt. James J. Mullen, demonstrated extraordinary heroism and determination. The next five days the Germans counter-attacked four times, including two major assaults using panzers, but tough "Easy" Company doughs repulsed every Nazi attempt with heavy losses to the enemy. Between September 17th and 25th, 1944, Co E participated in an expansion of the vital bridgehead which was bitterly contested by the embattled Wehrmacht.

### Rhine Crossing

Six months later, on March 28th, 1945, the initial wave of an assault boat crossing of the Rhine was made by Company E, then commanded by 1st Lt. George G. McDonnell. Drawing on experience gained in many similar assault crossings in France, Luxembourg and western Germany, "Blue Riders" of Company E stormed ashore under intense 20 mm anti-aircraft, automatic weapon, and small arms fire in the vicinity of Mainz-Kastel, Germany. Men of less courage might have faltered and failed, but with skilled and expert leadership enemy positions were over-run and quickly neutralized and a firm bridgehead was established. Despite heavy casualties, the men of Company E pushed forward from the east bank of the Rhine to clear the town of Kastel and secure the ground to the northeast, permitting their battalion to cross without a casualty.

## 81-85 Pointers Move, 65 And Above Go Soon

### OLD MAN RIVER KEEPS ROLLING ALONG



Unheralded, the great American negro baritone, Paul Robeson, arrived in the "Blue Ridge" sector and gave two splendid concerts, one at Bad Wörtschhofen, the second at Kaufbeuren, in a single day.

## Plaque To Sv. Btry, 313th

By order of Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque and prized golden wreath for superior performance of duty and maintenance of a high standard of discipline during the period of August 8th, 1944 — May 5th, 1945, was last week awarded to Service Battery, 313th Field Artillery Battalion.

This, together with the previous awards of the Service Plaque to the Service Batteries of the 314th, 905th and 315th Field Artilleries, entitles all "Blue Ridge" Service Batteries to wear the coveted gold wreath on their right sleeves.

Under the command of Capt. Archangelo Servillio throughout combat,

313th Service Battery's Ammunition Section under 1st Lt. Stanley Goldberg, and Motor Section under 1st Lt. William McMullin, were particularly commended. Frequently during the difficult months of conflict the Ammunition Section was divided among the three firing batteries of the 313th so that ammo could be supplied even more rapidly to the shell-hungry howitzers.

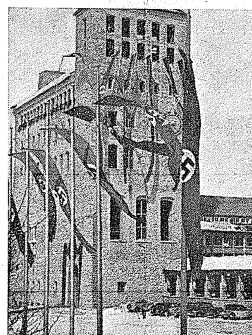
Previously all Batteries of the 313th received the gold framed blue ribbon of the Distinguished Unit Citation for their heroic work in lending ceaseless support to the initial "Blue Ridge" Moselle River crossing.

## Sonthofen School of Nazi Leaders Now Houses 1st & 3rd Bn., 318th

Once a great school which spawned future Nazi Party leaders, the large group of gray stone buildings towering some 400 feet above the sleepy little Bavarian community of Sonthofen, now house the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the 318th Infantry Regiment.

### Future Fuhrers

Here in the not long past days of screaming Adolf, selected Hitler Youth from throughout the Reich came to be indoctrinated with the twisted Nazi credo of blood, hate and racial superiority. Though at a distance the exterior of the field-stone buildings is grim and forbidding, even a casual inspection reveals that the Reich lavished all its resources on the "education" of Hitler's hoodlums in this vast institution where such Nazi renegades as alcoholic labor Front Leader Dr. Robert Ley exhorted these select young bullies with the ideology that world domination was Germany's rightful destiny. In these same halls 318th doughs now prepare themselves for their future in the democratic communities of America by studying myriad I & E courses. There are fine facilities for ath-



Pre-V-E Day Sonthofen

letics and recreation, including a large gymnasium and field house connected with a sunken sports arena that has all the atmosphere of college stadia at home. On higher ground there's a large dirt field where softball has replaced the popular Nazi outdoor sports of "heil-

ing" and "goose stepping." The 1st and 3rd Battalion Messes have been combined in one huge mess hall, where 1,600 "Blue Riders" in a single sitting eat food served by more than 200 German employees. Dining in such style is a pleasant contrast to what the combat infantrymen have become accustomed to throughout the campaign months. The completely modern kitchens are a mess sergeants' paradise. Equipped with steam cookers that eliminate that horror of KP, cleaning the field ranges, there are also separate offices where mess sergeants meet to plot their menus much as a general staff plans a large-scale offensive.

### Ideal Layout

Three well-appointed clubs serve the three levels of Army society. The Officers, Non Coms and Privates all have separate, spacious bistros. A good size theatre suitable for both films and stage shows, a chapel, and a music room combine to give 318th GI's one of the finest living, working and playtime layouts in the Reich. From Hitler Jugend to "Hamper" is quite a change — for the better!

In an exclusive FORWARD interview, Lt. Col. Leon O. Clayton, 80th Infantry G-1, announced that by August 25th, 210 "Blue Ridge" EM with point scores ranging from 81 to 84 had been transferred to the 14th Armored Division which is destined to precede the 80th home.

Two Officers and one Warrant Officer with scores above 100 accompanied them. All EM with point scores ranging from 75 to 84 are eligible for early transfer, probably within the next few weeks, unless they are key specialists or have expressed the desire to remain with the 80th. "Naturally we're beginning at the top of the point ladder and working our way down," declared the G-1. A recent survey revealed that there are some 1,100 Enlisted "Blue Riders" who fall into this point category. Only 20 EM with 85 or more points remain in the 80th and they include essential specialists or those absent due to illness.

Within the next six weeks it is anticipated that the great bulk of the more than 2,200 "Blue Riders" with point scores ranging from 65 to 74, will be separated from the 80th unless they express the desire to remain in the Division, or are experts in fields for which adequate replacements can not be found.

### No New Sailing Date

For those who remain, Col. Clayton pointed out that there has been no new official word on the 80th's scheduled sailing date other than the original pre-V-J Day statement that the 80th was due to move in December. He did add, however, that the original official announcement declared, "December or earlier depending on the availability of shipping." With the turn of events in the Pacific it is not unlikely to suppose more ships will be released for the return of troops from both theatres. "But," warned the Colonel, "it took a lot longer than six months to get the armies overseas, mustering out will take time and careful planning. We've got to be patient."

For those of us who continue to "sweat it out," the G-1 stated, "There will be marked increases in the Division's I & E Program, but military training must continue too." The Division has received thousands of new low point men within the last months. Many have little or no combat experience. The older men, veteran "Blue Riders," are in a very real sense a splendid

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## Patton Commands Bavarian Sector

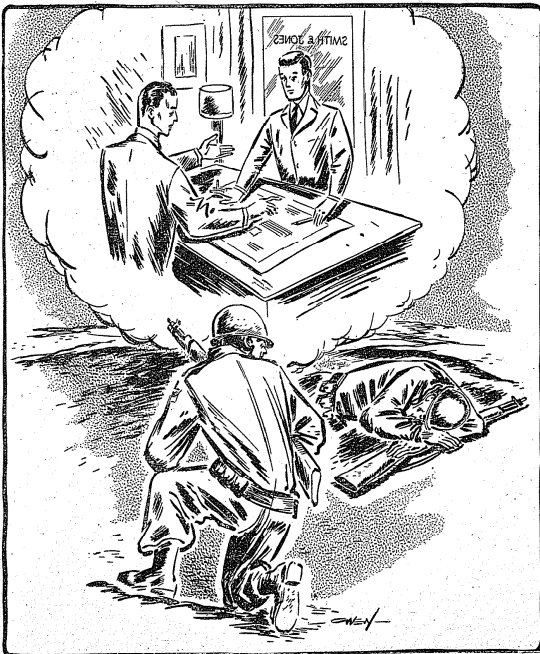
With the recent USFET announcement establishing two U.S. occupational sector commands within the Reich, Third Army Commander, General George S. Patton Jr., has been designated Commanding General of the Eastern Military District which includes all Bavaria excepting the Kreis Lindau, and of course embraces the "Blue Ridge" 80th Division area.

The Western Military District established by the same USFET order, broadly includes most of the German Province of Hessen-Nassau, Hessen, Northern Baden, Northern Wurttemberg and a Sub-District at the port of Bremer. This territory is under the command of Lt. General Wade H. Haislip.

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## THERE'S GOLD IN THE MUD

The scales of war tip heavily to the debit side. That the victor as well as the vanquished pay incalculable costs in death, destruction and disillusionment, no man can deny. The investment was vital to preserve our way of life, our homes and loved ones, our very lives. Whether it will pay off in the great democratic dividends of the future is largely up to us.

But there is some certain pure gold on the credit side of the scale too. Out of the misery, suffering and horror of war, great comradeships are born. All of us have dear friends at home, but the love and friendship we feel for those who fought side by side with us, for those who shared long, desolate nights and rain-filled foxholes, is something even richer.

Many of us have seen buddies die, many were saved by the courage and love of fellow men displayed by a "Blue Ridge" comrade. Outsiders will never quite understand, but there is something deeper about a friendship born of the battlefield. Men who have faced grim death together understand each other, now and for all time.

As we look to the future and our return to civilian life, these enduring friendships born out of war can be for us the war's greatest asset. Living and dying so close together we've learned to be tolerant of all our countrymen. Racial and religious differences were of no matter when the lead was flying. This must continue in the America we return to.

Beyond that, in the Army we've met many men of kindred interests, out of these chance meetings, the friendships and partnerships of tomorrow have been born. We've met a lot of men we would not have had the opportunity of knowing but for the war. We like most of them and respect them all.

"Blue Riders" will go in business with fellow "Blue Riders." "Blue Riders" will meet and marry sisters of other "Blue Riders." For years to come our experiences will manifest themselves in the very best that is the American way of life.

Not only because of the decisions of the statesmen and generals, but more because of the affection of man for man, has the future of America been born in the foxholes of France, Luxembourg and Germany, and for that matter, where ever free men fought for that which they hold dear.

Sharing a K Ration has produced friendships far richer and more lasting than those which spring from the banquet table. There was indeed pure gold amidst the mud and muck. Now it's up to us to polish the precious ore and use it well.

A.S.

## The Forward Looks Backward

One Year Ago Today, August 27th, 1944, the 80th was once again part of General Patton's Third U. S. Army. "Blue Riders" side by side with the 4th Armored Division, drove to the east and northeast from assembly areas in the vicinity of Sens (50 miles southeast of Paris), having crossed the Seine and Aube Rivers to approach the rapidly retreating Nazis who had fled across the Marne into Chalons-sur-Marne in an attempt to establish defensive positions.

So swiftly did the "Blue Ridge" spearhead streak across France that in the last days of August the truck fleet of the 80th QM Co traveled more than 165,000 miles to keep the 80th fed and supplied.



We look forward to getting FORWARD every week, and enjoy reading the articles about activities in the Division. But we wonder how many men know that there is a Recon Troop in the Division.

During Gen. Patton's recent tour of inspection throughout the Division Zone, your paper mentioned every unit he inspected or which put on a demonstration, except one. You seem to have forgotten or neglected his guard of honor, which was with him from the moment he stepped out of his plane until he climbed back into it, a period of about eight hours.

This is just one of the many times that we were just pushed aside and forgotten. Read through any poop on the Division's activities, combat or otherwise, and see how many times the Recon was mentioned.

Give us a break. We're proud of our outfit and we're proud to wear the "Blue Ridge" patch. But we'd like to be recognized as part of our Division.

Recon Platoon  
80th Recon Troop

FORWARD has not willfully neglected or forgotten the Recon Troop and suggests that they appoint a Recon Reporter to write and send in weekly items which Recon Troopers feel will interest all "Blue Riders."

Ed.

No "Mail Bag" Column is complete without someone putting in some claim or other, therefore I hereby submit my claim that I am the largest frontline soldier in the 80th Division. By frontline soldier I mean one who served in any capacity with an infantry company.

Although I am an Artilleryman, I served as a member of a forward observer party from Feb. 18th '45 until the end of the war. Most of this time was spent with E and F Companies, 2nd Battalion, 318th Infantry. I weigh 255 pounds.

I further challenge any member of the Division to a 100 yard dash, prize to be a three day pass to Paris (if someone will arrange it with the CG). The only qualifications are, A. Entry must weigh 240 pounds or more. B. Entry must be a member of the 80th Division.

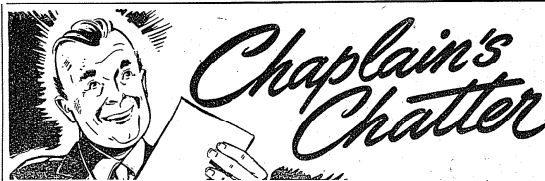
For information as to my running ability, consult the men of E and F Companies, 318th, who were in on the attack at Erturt.

Hoping this is the beginning of an intense rivalry.

Louis (Fat) Garringer  
Btry B, 314th FA Bn.

Any beefy "Blue Ridger" wishing to reply to this "weighty issue" may communicate with the "heavy artilleryman" through FORWARD's Mail Bag.

Ed.



## WAS THIS THE LAST WAR?

Everyone must have an opinion on the subject of whether or not this was the last war. Since V-J Day I have been asking different men what they think about it. Here is the answer a Sergeant made. "If anyone said this was the last war, I'd call him a liar. My reasons? You go back to Adam and Eve... there have always been wars. They started as fights, but ended up as wars. This is how I look at it. Take twenty people. Seventeen will be satisfied with things as they are. The other three will be thinking about ways and means of getting power. They change things. The other seventeen don't like it, and they voice an opinion. You've got trouble. A majority always has ruled and always will."

### Need Power

At this point I asked him what we might do to make it the last war. "Oh, I'm trapped," he replied. "I never gave it enough thought. It's too big, so I don't bother with it." After reflection, however, he continued, "For that, we'd need a power that could smash anyone who so much as lifted a finger."

At another time I asked a 1/5 the same question, "Was this the last war?" He answered with, "Aw, humph," with a heavy accent on the "humph." But after thinking awhile, he went on, "Yes, and no. If a certain group in a material way try to make it the last war, it won't be the last one. But if leading nations cooperate, asking God's help to guide them, it might be the last. I feel that when people get away from the Lord, war is the punishment brought on them. Greed is the cause of every war. Men alone can't stop wars. Men with God can." With that he looked up and said jokingly, "Well, them's my sentiments."

### Hell On Earth

Later I said to a Pfc, "Do you think this was the last war?" "No," he emphasized. "This is my honest opinion, definitely. You ask me why? Because sometimes I think there is no hell down below, it's up here. With things like the atomic bomb men will eventually get to exterminating each other. Not in our time, but it will happen in a hundred years or so."

Wording the question differently I asked the Pfc, "Do you think we

could do anything to make this the last war?" "Sure," he answered. "Kill everybody but those in the United States." "No," he corrected himself, "that's a jest. Countries will use big threat weapons against each other. Get them on a large scale and use them. There's only one way, but it won't work. That is to store all munitions in the United States. But one country can't control all the world."

### Voice Of The Future

Such were the opinions. No arguments about it. Simply each man airing his views in good American fashion. Much of our course in the future will depend on such voicing of opinion. Indifference will be our worst enemy. In order, therefore, to practice what I preach, I give you my own answer to the question, "Was this the last war?"

When we look over the record of the past, we see that there always have been wars. When we look at the present situation, we recognize a few changes that the past did not have. We have a United Nations with the "persuasive power" of the four leading governments of the world. Backing up this persuasive element we have the "element of force" in the invention of the atomic bomb. As for the United Nations, it is possible to have civil war among those united. As for the atomic bomb, we may be reminded of the inventor of TNT, who thought that he had something so horrible that human beings would never be so barbaric as to use it against each other, and that the threat of its use would end all wars.

We must accept human nature for what it is at this point in history. The same kind of people who fought wars in the past will be with us for a long time to come.

But we are not without hope.

Our immediate hope is that a United Nations will place sufficient restraints upon outlaw nations to limit their differences to minor conflicts, thus preventing a world-wide conflagration like the one we have just suffered.

Our ultimate hope is a practical application of the principles of Jesus Christ as the God-designed method of establishing order in His Creation.

Chaplain Charles W. Griffin  
2nd Battalion, 317th Infantry

## JUST THREE MORE DAYS FOR THE "BLUE RIDGE" MASCOT CONTEST

If you haven't done so yet hurry and send in your pet pup, pigeon, kitten or what ever beastly catches your fancy.

A photo of course!

You might win a seven day pass to the Riviera, three days in Paris, or 50 liters of beer!

Send your entry in today, to 80th FORWARD, through Message Center or APO 80

Results will be announced in Next week's issue!

What's to be done about the Forward EM "Dining Hall" (Div Hq)? We've heard "jump-teen" rumors of when the 80th is to leave these parts, but regardless, the time is coming when the weather will curtail our present style of "Paris Cafe" and make it necessary to seek shelter.

At the present, it's a case of, "He said you weren't fit to eat with the pigs and I said you were." It's not that we're asking for table-cloths and china plates, but certainly there should be a means to allocate a bucket of paint if nothing more. And hardly does it seem possible that a shortage of light bulbs is the reason for one of Edison's "originals" to be hanging crazily from the ceiling. Beyond such "major" improvements as mentioned, we may go further and suggest that a few lively figures on the walls, such as the Red Cross Club displays, would go far to make Army cooking considerably more appetizing and enjoyable.

We've turned in our gas masks and clothespins must be requisitioned. Are we asking too much?

Boys of the Mess Kit Battalion

FORWARD is in complete accord. In view of the many excellently equipped unit mess halls we've seen throughout the 80th's present area, we don't think you're asking for the unreasonable.

Ed.

## CHICAGO CUTIE



No dizzy blond, though she spins like a top, Chicago dancer Gay Thompson tapped for "Blue Ridges" in the recent USO Camp Show "Broadway Abroad." The Windy City sure keeps those skirts flying!

## Silver Stars

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heavy fire until he fell mortally wounded, even then he refused evacuation until he instructed his assistant regarding the mission.

Only 80th MP to ever receive a posthumous Silver Star, the late Cpl. Robert E. Veatch was cited for gallantry in France on September 12th and 13th, 1944. As Traffic Policeman at the hard-won Moselle River bridgehead, Cpl. Veatch engaged a German engineer group attempting to destroy the vital bridge, and single-handedly, forced them to retreat. Later, when a Nazi machine gun threatened the bridge, the Empire State "Blue Ridges" organized a small squad, led an attack, and personally destroyed the enemy position with hand grenades.

## Second Citation

Oak Leaf Clusters to the Silver Star were awarded to 1st Lt. (then 2nd Lt.) William B. Aden, 319th Infantry, and 2nd Lt. (then 1st Sgt.) Byron L. Hoover, 317th Infantry. In the attack against Merzig, Luxembourg, on Dec. 22, 1944, Lt. Aden displayed outstanding courage and fortitude. Though painfully wounded in the outset of the attack, he inspired his men by pressing on throughout the assault. His devoted platoon quickly repelled a strong enemy force, secured a portion of the town, and immediately prepared for the morning's attack.

T/Sgt. Byron L. Hoover, who was later to receive a battlefield commission, was cited for gallantry in action at Jena, Germany, on April 15th, 1944. While operating with forward armored elements miles in front of his Regiment, Lt. Hoover single-handedly neutralized a machine gun position guarding a German road block and later that day advanced through a hail of hostile fire to kick a demolition charge off a strategic bridge before it was destroyed.

Other Silver Stars awarded for gallantry in action in France, Luxembourg and Germany, include Capt. James P. Woodside, 1st Lt. Benjamin S. Grossman, 2nd Lt. Dean A. Pierose, T/Sgt. Ewald Klein, S/Sgt. James L. Jacob, S/Sgt. Zane L. Turner, Cpl. Dukas Tramontanis, Pfc. James J. Lape and Pfc. James L. Swindell, all of the 317th Infantry. Those from the 319th Infantry Regiment were 1st Lt. Charles A. S. Rigg, 1st Lt. Robert H. Smith and Sgt. Daniel R. Veglia, while new 319th Silver Star recipients were S/Sgt. Paul R. Keisler, S/Sgt. Henry R. Taylor, Pfc. James A. Braund and Pfc. Floyd Madden.

## Raincheck On Bedcheck

This night life is killing! Miss Bedcheck is bedridden this week, suffering from an acute case of low pointitis. She's sweatin' it out though, and will grope back to her hot little typewriter ere the next issue hits waste baskets all over Bavaria.

## More Time For I &amp; E Program

With the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, the 80th's I & E Program is expanding rapidly it was announced. Classes in Educational and On-the-Job Training may be taught in the morning as well as afternoon and the accelerated pace of the I & E Program unquestionably indicates a corresponding lessening of all but essential military training.

All major "Blue Ridge" organizations are setting up USAFI study halls where men taking correspondence and self-leading courses may work and study.

## Farm At Freising

A new quota of 31 for the XX Corps Command School in Agriculture, located at Freising, Germany, has arrived and an increased quota figure is anticipated. Applications for additional civilian schools in Great Britain are also on hand. They include practical courses in Department Store Management, Building Material, Dairy and Creamery work, and Wholesale Distribution.

## Left To Study

Officers and EM who left for schools in the past week are: 1st Lt. John S. Drayna, Hq Div Arty, Social Welfare Work, Glasgow, Scotland; T/4 George A. Biancarelli, Co D, 305th Med Bn, and Pfc. Francis C. Aries, Med Det, 318th Inf, Pharmacy Training, London, England; T/4 Robert C. Sproull, Hq Btry, 319th FA Bn, Pharmacy Training, 58th Gen Hospital, Chalons-sur-Marne, France; Cpl. Charles H. Haynes, Hq Co, 317th Inf, French Civilization Course, Sorbonne, Paris, France; T/5 Merton E. Ober Jr., Med Det, 314th FA Bn, X-Ray Technician, 178th Gen Hospital, Reims, France; T/5 Eliot S. Butler, Co D, 305th Med Bn, Laboratory Technician, 50th Gen Hospital, Commercy, France; and T/5 Robert L. Stubblefield, Co D, 305th Med Bn, X-Ray Technician, at the same Gen Hospital.

## Away From Gay Paree

Meanwhile the Army I & E Staff School for the training of I & E Officers has moved from Paris to Ober-Ammergau where the 80th is sending four Officers each week for the I & E Course, and two Officers for the specialized course in On-the-Job Training.

## Band Gets "Besser" All The Time

Ever popular with veteran "Blue Ridges" and making a hit with newer members of the Division, the 80th's Dance Band, fronted by mellow, Camden, N. J., clarinetist, T/Sgt. Dominic "Ming" Albanese, has supplemented their stock arrangements with a wide variety of special orchestration arranged by first trumpeter, Sgt. Eddie Klais, a solid Philly instrumentalist.

Meanwhile the instrumentation of the Division's Symphonic Concert Band has been improved with the addition of an oboe and a set of gleaming tympani, both rather unusual in Army bands overseas. Pfc. William S. Murray toots the oboe, while Pfc. Guilford F. Burger of the percussion section, caresses the tympani with deft strokes.

## HAYSEED WHITE SCANDALS



Starring that mad "Blue Ridge" comic, Carmen "The Mop" Glorioso (center) of Co I, 317th, "Hayseed White Scandals" an all 80th GI show produced and sponsored by the "Wreckin' Second," 319th, is currently touring the Division. Glorioso is surrounded by a bevy of "rusty nail up" gals, the gorgeous "Brickettes." Seated are Vernon Scott, Co B, 305th Engrs and Lloyd "Shorty" Lewis, Btry A, 314th FA Bn. The fetching creatures making roith the elbows are Erroin Rubin, Co B, 317th and Jimmy Burke, 2nd Bn, 319th.

## Rescuers Earn Soldier's Medal

Post VE Day heroism earned the Soldier's Medal for three 319th Infantry doughs who saved two "Blue Ridge" companions from almost certain drowning during a violent storm on the Traunsee, Gmunden, Austria on May 20th.

For this action, the Soldier's Medal awarded for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, was recently presented to Keystone Slater, S/Sgt. Norman W. Reifsnnyder, Hq Co, 3rd Battalion, 319th Infantry and two Illinois infantrymen, Pfc. Leonard E. Ostrander and George E. Overend.

When a sudden, twisting gale enveloped the Traunsee, Reifsnnyder, Ostrander and Overend observed two soldiers imperiled in a flimsy rowboat, helpless against the mounting fury of the elements. Voluntarily risking personal safety, the three 319th'ers instantly launched a motor boat and headed into the dark, swirling waters, and by skillfully manipulating their launch, rapidly rescued the two endangered soldiers.

## QM Dedicates Deuster Field

Yesterday, Aug. 26th, at Buchloe, the 80th QM Co dedicated their new athletic field, Deuster Field, named in honor of QM truck driver Pfc. Harold J. Deuster who gave his life during the bitter battle for Ste. Genevieve, France, last September.

Division QM Officer, Lt. Col. Herbert L. Smith reviewed the QM Co and both he and QM CO 1st Lt. Richard S. Pettigrew delivered brief and appropriate addresses. Chaplains Edward J. Comer and Frederick A. Graef offered up prayers and with the flag at half mast, eight riflemen fired a volley to honor the fallen Quarter Master.

## 317th Arms For Winter Weather

This year, in violent but pleasant contrast to last, the 317th is "digging in" in deluxe style for the winter. It's moving day at the "Thundering Third" Battalion, now busy preparing the spacious Fussen barracks which once housed the crack German 99th Mountain Infantry Regiment, as cozy winter quarters.

Already Service Co and Anti-Tankers have moved in, and a hardworking detail of 60 men under the able direction of I Co's Capt. Julius B. Sadlak is at work making last minute preparations. While the well constructed quarters afford room for several more, it is planned to quarter ten men or less per room. Each of the large stucco barracks has ample showers and washrooms and the existence of a modern central heating system greatly facilitates the heating problem. A large, airy dining hall will house the 3rd Battalion mess.

Meanwhile all three Battalions of the 317th are busy as beavers, laying in generous supplies of fire wood as insurance against the reputedly severe Bavarian winter. The 1st Battalion has a permanent woodsmen detail of seven men from each company felling trees, in the 2nd Battalion a different platoon does the hewing each day, while the 3rd Battalion takes advantage of a fully equipped lumber camp in their sector.

## Point Shifts

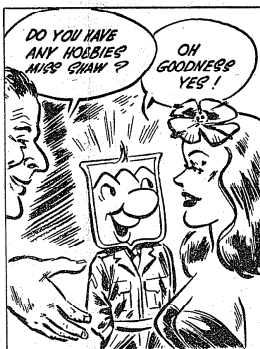
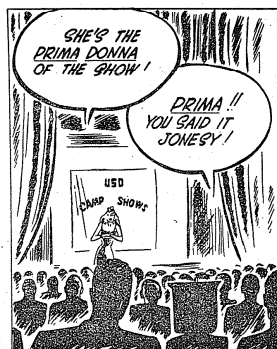
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cadre who are duty-bound to impart their experience to the new men and imbue them with the same skill and spirit which marked the 80th "Blue Ridge" Infantry Division as one of the most outstanding fighting forces that has ever served our Country and the cause of freedom.

## Benny Blueridger

by Cpl. Ralph Owen

## Benny Loses His Head - Almost!







## 103 Wallops 80th 13-3 318th Beats Div Arty

Smashing over three runs in the first, and two more in the second, the highly tooted Cactus Division roared into high gear and knocked over seven runs in the third to blast the 80th Division "Blue Riders" 13-3.

Rapp started the circus off in the third inning by walking. Fat, the left fielder, followed by laying down a sacrifice bunt, with Rapp going to second on the play. Riggs caught on to a fast pitch, and lined a double down the right field line sending Rapp home from second. Strada followed with a base knock to right scoring Riggs from second. "Pops" Kennoy walked on



four pitched balls sending Strada to second. Bill Murphy, former Trenton hurler, stepped up and proved that pitchers can hit by lining a single to center scoring Strada, and sending Kennoy to third. Krause followed and kept the rally going by blasting a long single to right, with Kennoy romping home. Szuch singled Krause to third on a hit to left. Mueller fanned the breeze, but Rapp coming up for his second time in the inning, drove one deep over Yarmul's head in right field for a triple, scoring both Szuch and Krause. Fat, with a count of two and two, socked a single past third scoring Rapp for the seventh and final run of the inning. The score standing, at the third inning, 12-3 in favor of the 103rd Division.

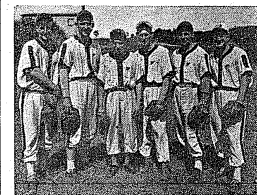
### "Blue Riders" Score

The "Blue Riders" only scoring came in their half of the second. That inning being the only time pitcher Murphy was in any real trouble. Eddie Yarmul, right fielder, started the rally off by getting a base on balls, and advanced to second when "Mike" Manganiello's ground ball got away from Murphy,

Div. Arty started off with a rush in a game against the 318th "Hamperites", to fill the bases with none out, a result of Hickey's walk, and well placed bunts by Wright and Vrabell. With Crandall at bat, the "Redlegs" tried the hit and run, but Crandall missed the ball and Holmes, "Hamper" catcher, tagged Hickey out as he came sliding into home. Wright and Vrabell advancing on the play. Crandall then worked the count to three and two and flied out to center field, Wright scoring after the catch.

### Correia Triples

Johns, starting hurler for the "Redlegs", held the "Hamperites" scoreless until the sixth, when the "Doughboys" smashed over two runs. Wegman, first man up in the



"Redleg" Infield

sixth, lined a single to center field, but Lenhart's ground forced him to second. "PeeWee" Gaughan made up for the temporary setback by singling to left and sending Lenhart to third. Heavy hitting "Matty" Correia, found one of John's pitches to his liking, and sent a booming triple to deep center field, scoring both Lenhart and Gaughan, and tying the ball game at two all. At this point in the game, Newman, ace hurler for the "Redlegs," came in to put out the fire, and promptly retired the side without further damage.

### Newman Falters

The old stretch inning proved to be the downfall of pitcher Newman and his cohorts, as the "Hamperites" aided by two errors, settled down to retire the side and end the ball game, with the final score at 6-3 in favor of Manager Dahlgren's club.

Matty Correia, once again led the field in batting, by collecting three hits in four times up.

Behind the nine hit pitching of "Rube" Newman, the Div. Arty "Redlegs" defeated the hapless Special Troops "Bums" 10-5, at Kaufbeuren on the 21st.



"Hayseed" Outfield

the Trenton speedballer. Tony Stransky got a toe hold of one, and poled a double in right field scoring both runners. "Cal" Evans lined a drive down to second, but when "Pops" Kennoy booted the ball, Stransky legged it home for the third run.

### "Hammering Max"

"Hammering Max" Christian, hard hitting catcher for the "Blue Riders," led the "Mountaineers" in batting for the afternoon, with three hits in four tries, while Rapp garnered honors for the Cactus Division with three hits in five times up.

## Engineers Blast Hapless Troopers 18-3

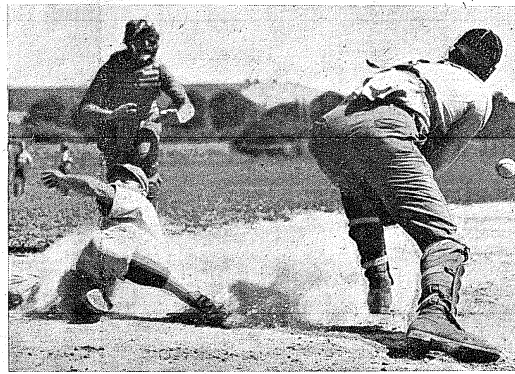
Blasting out twenty hits, the 805th Engineers smashed a lifeless Special Troops team 18-3.

The "Bridge-Builders" opened the scoring in the second stanza when Hurst walked, Schlarsky with a one and one count, lined a base hit to left, with Hurst going to third. "Whitey" Frey, the Engineer moundsman, caught hold of Henson's straight ball, and blasted a mighty home run to deep center field, with Hurst and Schlarsky scoring ahead of him.

In the fifth stanza the Engineers again tallied three runs. Hovik, with Kreha and Hurst on the base paths, banged out a looping single to center field, bringing both runners in. Hovik came in seconds later on Tigues' long hit down the right field line.

The "Troopers" only scoring came in the sixth, when Smith hit a pop single to left. Wanat drew a base on balls, and Henson was safe on an infield error filling the bases.

## You're Right Ump



Danny DeStefano, 319th, scores on "Donuts" Barillo's hit to short. Centro, shortstop for the Engineers, tried hard to nail the fiery first sacker at the plate, but Danny slid under catcher Roundtree for the score.

## Div. Softballers Beat 103rd Div.

The 80th Division softball team, behind the four hit pitching of Hal Siebert, defeated the 103rd "Cactus" Division 4-1.

The "Blue Riders" started their scoring in the second inning as Clapp walked, and scored on Platt's long double down the right field line.

### Ridgers Score Two

In the fourth, the "Blue Riders" added two more markers when Clapp and Platt drew bases on balls. Pitcher Siebert, hit a hot grounder to short, advancing both runners on the play. Collins, with a two and one count lined a hit to short right field, scoring both Clapp and Platt on the bingle.

The 80th's final run came in the sixth, as Clapp drew his third straight base on balls. Platt sacrificed, and was out pitch to first, Gibson to Voyies, sending Clapp to second. Hal Siebert promptly hit a drive to center field and Clapp romped home with the final run of the ball game.

The 103rd's only tally, was scored in the fifth inning, on a hit and an error. The fifth inning being the only time the "Cactus" Division threatened the "Blue Riders."

### Sparkling Catch

Fielding gem for the afternoon came in the fifth inning when Thompson, left fielder for the 103rd, caught hold of a fast pitch and drove one deep to right center field. Chajnowski, "Blue Ridge" center fielder, off with the crack of the bat, made a beautiful one handed stab of the ball over his shoulder, while running away from the plate.

## 80th Signal Triumphs

The 80th Signal Company played host to the 15th Armored Signal softball team last Saturday, and proved very inhospitable as they defeated the Armored visitors 5-1.

McCotter coasted along on a one hitter until the fifth inning when the "Tankmen" combined two hits to score their lone marker.

Gerard and Crofton led the attack for the 80th "Wiremen", garnering two safeties each.

"Cap" Lacy then found his eye, and hit a hard double to left field clearing the bases.

In the eighth inning, Henson, "Trooper" hurler, folded completely and the Engineers blasted out seven hits while scoring eight runs.

The "Troopers" were held to six scattered hits, as "Whitey" Frey put the "Troopers" on good behavior. Frey also received batting honors for the day by garnering three hits.

## 80th Boxers Thump 4th Armored

Tangling with the 4th Armored Division in the first inter-division bouts, an aggressive and hard fighting "Blue Ridge" team, punched out a 4-3 win over the "Tankers," in a group of seven keenly contested bouts held in Regensburg on the 20th.

After trailing 3-1, the "Blue Riders," with DeLaTorre, Klang, and Busalacchi defeating their opponents, the 80th Division won the matches.

In the first bout of the evening, "Chuck" Zellers, from Winance, Ind. weighing 165 pounds, defeated his 4th Armored opponent Acostea, from Indianapolis, Ind. It was a close, hard fought contest between these two fighters. Zellers threw some wild punches at times, but fine conditioning and a few solid blows in the 3rd round, gained for him the win, and number one for the 80th.

An upset occurred in the second bout, when Benny Gan, New York City boy, weighing 113 lbs. traded punches with the "Tankers" Alex Palacios, Los Angeles fighter. The hard hitting southpaw from the land of stars, proceeded to take advantage of weight, height, age, and gained the nod over Benny in the best boxing bout of the evening.

Sgt. Sulkowski, from Pittsburgh, Pa. and boxing for the 4th Armored "Tankers," met Art Zamarrapa, Los Angeles fighter, in the third match of the evening. Art put up a hard target for the Pittsburgh boy, but

## BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

Teams	Standings			Pct
	Won	Lost		
318	4	0		.1000
317	4	2		.667
317	2	2		.500
305 Engr	2	3		.400
Div Arty	1	2		.333
Sp Troops	0	4		.000

Scores			
318	6	Div Arty	3
Div Arty	10	Sp Troops	5
Engr	18	Sp Troops	3
318	5	319	4

## 318th Trims 319th 5-4

Led by the booming bat of Griggs, flashy left fielder, the 318th "Hamperites" defeated the 319th "Hayseeders" 5-4. It was the fourth straight triumph for Manager Dahlgren's club in the second half race.

Larry Schultz went the route for the 318th, scattering seven hits and fanning two. Chet Molley, veteran southpaw, received credit for the loss.

experience finally won out, and Sulkowski gained the nod in this one.

"Blue Ridge" Teddy Bajer, of Detroit, Mich. tangled with Hoelzles of the Armored in the fourth bout. The Seattle, Wash. boxer was long and wiry, and a head taller than Teddy. Hoelzles, stood around and did the sharpshooting, and won the decision over the Motor City fighter.

The closest contest, and the one the 80th had to win to stay in the running, was the fight between DeLaTorre and Sullivan, Sullivan, a hard puncher with a long reach, landed a few telling blows in the first round and appeared to have the edge in that session, but DeLaTorre, stayed with him and did some fine boxing. Towards the end of the bout, Sullivan, appeared to tire, and DeLaTorre, finishing in fine shape, slapped his way to win the decision.

### TKO For Klang

Klang, Brooklyn, N.Y. Heavyweight, and the 80th's Heavyweight Champ, climbed into the ring with the "Tankers" Burgkowski, a boxer from around Detroit way. One minute had elapsed of the first round, when Klang had his opponent against the ropes and groggy. Cpl. Jackie Conn, the referee, stopped the fight, with Paul gaining a TKO for the evening, and tying the matches up at three all.

The final and deciding bout was fought between Busalacchi, 80th Division fighter from Milwaukee, Wis. and Victoria, 4th Armored's hope from Hartford, Conn. Victoria tried hard to match the hard punching "Blue Ridge", but Busalacchi was just too smart. With his one two punch in perfection, he clearly held the upper hand throughout this match, giving the 80th a 4-3 victory.

## Sportraits

By "Mac"

Jackson hails from Jupiter, Fla. Took up tennis 14 years ago. Entered Florida U. where he soon became a member of the varsity tennis team. One of the tables he tangled with was "Chuck" Harris, 8th ranking singles player. T/S Jackson, holds a position as Surgical Technician with the 305th Medical Battalion.

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