

# 80<sup>th</sup> Forward

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## Joining 80th Vets. Urged

Opening gun in the 80th Division's campaign to interest "Blue Ridgers" of World War II in the 80th's Veterans Association, which recently unanimously approved membership for current "Blue Ridgers," was the temporary appointment of Division I & E Officer, Major Robert D. Hanson, to coordinate veterans affairs throughout the Division.

Within the past week, Division Commander, Major General Horace L. McBride received a lengthy letter regarding future activities of our Veterans Association from Honorary Life Commander, Mr. W. L. Flemming of Pittsburgh, Pa. Wrote Mr. Flemming, in part:

"The greatest and most terrible war in all history has been brought to an end by victorious American Troops all of whom played their part including the gallant men under your command whose record in this conflict is second to none."

### Active Membership Open

"The Annual Meeting of the 80th Division Veterans Association was a very streamlined affair owing to the office of defense transportation's rigid restrictions on travel."

"Owing to these travel restrictions, a mail vote of the active membership of the organization was held which, combined with the vote of those in attendance at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh on August 9th, resulted in an unanimous vote to adopt the necessary amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the 80th Division Veterans Association enabling each and every soldier under your command to become active members of the 80th Veterans Association."

"It will be only a matter of a few years until the older men will step aside and the activities of the organization will be carried on by the soldiers of your command. Needless to say, no one fears the future of the organization in such hands."

"It was also decided that the manner in which they would be recruited for active membership would be left entirely in the hands of your—"

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### ASST. DIV. COMDR.



Col. Normando A. Costello, newly appointed Assistant Division Commander.

## Col. Costello Asst. Div. Comdr.

Commanding the 319th Infantry Regiment since February of this year, Col. Normando A. Costello was recently appointed Assistant Division Commander. In this capacity he succeeds Brigadier General George W. Smythe who departed for the States early last month. Lt. Col. Hiram D. Ives now commands the 319th.

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# Fourth 80th Medal of Honor To 318th Platoon Leader

### THERE-BY HANGS A TALE



During his recent visit to the States, Major General Horace L. McBride, 80th Division Commander, presented a German pistol to George J. Klier, holder of the D.S.C., and Acting National Secretary of the 80th Division Veterans Association. The pistol was surrendered to General McBride by Lt. Gen. Balck, Commanding General of the German Sixth Army, along with 120,000 German troops at Garsten, Austria, on May 7th, 1945, one day before VE-Day.

The 80th "Blue Ridge" Division's fourth Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded with the War Department's announcement that America's highest military decoration has been posthumously conferred upon a 318th Infantry platoon leader, the late 2nd Lt. Harry J. Michael of Milford, Ind.

### Blue Ridge Halberdiers

Newly arrived to the 80th are 28 Officers and 608 Enlisted Men from the 65th "Halberd" Division which was deactivated as of midnight, August 29th. The vast majority of these new "Blue Ridgers" have point scores ranging between 45 and 65.

The 65th Infantry Division was activated at Camp Shelby, Miss., on August 16th, 1943. The "Halberdiers" came overseas in January of this year. Assigned to the Third Army, the 65th relieved the 26th Division on the Saar River, later crossing the Saar at Merzig.

"Halberdiers" wear battle stars for the Rhineland and Central European Campaigns. Their shoulder patch is a white halberd on a blue field.

This is the second award of a C.M.H. to a member of the 318th Infantry, the first having been awarded to S/Sgt. Paul J. Wiedorfer of Baltimore, Md. Two posthumous Congressional Medals were previously bestowed on 319th'ers, the late 1st Lt. Edgar H. Lloyd and S/Sgt. Day G. Turner.

According to the War Department release, President Harry A. Truman will present the C.M.H. to Mr. Plomer R. Michael, father of the "Blue Ridge" Hoosier hero in Washington, D.C.

### Heroic Hours

Youthful Lt. Michael's heroic action was a 30 hour epic of brilliant leadership, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice from the early morning hours of March 13th, when his L Co platoon jumped off to spearhead the assault into the Siegfried Line west of St. Wendel until he was slain by a Nazi sniper, whom he single-handedly sought to track down and destroy. In little more than a day the intrepid officer, who had joined the "Blue Ridge" Division as a reinforcement but a few weeks before, became one of the immortals of World War II by leading his devoted platoon in seizing their objectives and capturing, killing or wounding 85 Wehrmachtmen, taking three artillery pieces, numerous automatic weapons and material, and personally accounting for half the enemy casualties and two machine guns.

Skillfully, the Indiana infantryman led his rifleman through the Nazi-infested town of Neiderzorf and past German outposts guarding the approaches to the strategic high wooded ground dominating the last line of fortifications before the important German bastions of St. Wendel and Kaiserslautern. Halfway up the slope, wary Lt. Michael heard the metallic click of a

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## 2nd Air Disarmament Wing Strips Luftwaffe Power

Kaufbeuren Airfield, Sept. 3rd: There has been considerable curiosity and widespread interest among "Blue Ridgers" as to just what our neighbors, the 2nd Air Disarmament Wing, did throughout combat and how they occupy their time in these anxious days of 'sweatin' it out.'

Following in the footsteps of General Patch's U.S. Seventh Army and the First French Army, the 2nd Air Disarmament Wing began an intense campaign of stripping the Nazi Air Force of its war potential last March at Vittel, France. This mission is still being carried out from Kaufbeuren today.

When the European war ended, portions of the Luftwaffe remained intact. These had to be neutralized in the event that Nazi fanatics should once again attempt to unleash their dreams of destruction. To the 2nd Air Disarmament Wing fell the vast task of complete "liquidation of the Luftwaffe" in the southern half of the American Zone of Occupation.

### Locate Hideouts

Probing through its area with a precision that puts the German reputation for thoroughness to shame, the Air Wing and its component groups have located scores of underground factories, outdoor assembly lines and emergency airfields in Bavarian pine forests, reconverted churches, castles, hotels, riding academies and other innocent-looking edifices, which were fully utilized by the German war machine right up to VE Day.

To protect her aircraft factories from the sledge-hammer blows of Allied bombers, Germany burrowed



A demolition crew of the 2nd Air Disarmament Wing prepare to strip an ex-Luftwaffe fighter.

deep underground and placed her ME-262 jet factories and V-1 and V-2 buzz-bomb plans far beneath the earth's surface. Experts in the art of camouflage, the Nazis took to the woods when our bombings made the use of airfields impractical. Deep in the pine forests were located numerous aircraft assembly lines and niched on the outer fringes of wooded areas were small clearings made available for Luftwaffe planes seeking haven from relentless Mustangs, Thunderbolts, and P-38 Lightning fighters.

Through their constant searching for major enemy aerial secrets and strongpoints, disarmament teams of the Wing have come across several oddities that would defy the imagination of most men. In a riding academy near Ulm, the world's largest glider is believed to have been found. A super 24-ton structure, the giant fuselage is 200 feet long, 20 feet wide, and scales 15 feet in height. It is reported that three JU-88 bombers were required to launch the huge ship.

Disarming the Luftwaffe also means the confinement of its officers and men. At Aschbach, a German Air Force Concentration Control area has been set up by the Wing for the purpose of screening former Luftwaffe men up for subsequent discharge. While the Wing is not empowered to release German airmen to civilian life it does have an hand separating the desirables from those recommended for retention.

Wing Commander, Col. Charles B. Tyler, Lawton, Okla., recently announced that the task of "liquidating the Luftwaffe" was nearly completed and the once powerful Nazi air arm would soon be rendered totally impotent — a page in military history books. Col. Tyler added that U.S. Airforce Commander, General Henry H. Arnold, recently disclosed that Air Corps disarmament units have sent more technical material to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, than any other Air Force agency and intelligence information gleaned in large measure from such material later uncovered vital Jap targets which were bombed by B-29s.

### Junk Pile

As testimony of the Wing's tireless work, huge piles of wrecked Luftwaffe planes can be seen along the Reich Autobahn and side roads connecting nearly every large city in southern Germany.

Though throughout combat the Wingers specialized work differed greatly from that of "Blue Ridge" doughs, today as they meet and swap yarns in the Kaufbeuren Red Cross Club they've much in common for the paramount topics of conversation between both units are home and points.

## 319th Guards 103rd Div. Area

The 319th Infantry Regiment has taken over the entire 103rd Infantry Division area except for Illertissen Landkreis. The 103rd "Cactus" Division is homeward bound.

Battalions of 319th Infantrymen now guard areas previously policed by the 409th, 410th and 411th Infantry Regiments as well as 103rd Division Artillery, thus the Regiment is now occupying an area of approximately 2,600 square kilometers which nearly triples the former territory.

The 2nd Battalion has moved from Kaufbeuren to Krumbach, its original area, with two companies assigned to take over Thannhausen. The Battalion C.P. is located at Krumbach. The 1st Battalion remains intact at Bad Worishofen with the exception of "Baker" Co which has moved to Kaufbeuren. The 3rd Battalion shifted to Landsberg, less "King" Company, now stationed at Bobingen. The Battalion C.P. is at Landsberg.



# 80th FORWARD

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## NOT SO VERY LONG AGO



## ENVOYS OF FUTURE PEACE

The photograph above was made not so long ago outside the plant (the building at the left) where 80th FORWARD is printed each week. The German kids look happy. They're listening to martial music and those a little older are already in their Hitler Jugend uniforms. They're playing the favorite German game of follow the leader. German grown-ups played the same game. Any Fuehrer will do if he shouts loud and long enough. The rats follow the piper even if it means self-destruction. They're just fascinated by the music.

But of all the people we meet in Germany, the kids are least guilty. They were born into the Nazi system and had no hand in formulating the diabolic plans for world enslavement that their elders dreamt of. The same kids who followed the band, now follow us, picking up cigarette butts and begging for chocolate. While they've had little to do with this war, they'll fight our own kids in the next if such a catastrophe is ever unleashed upon the world again.

That's where we come in now. The future of Europe is in the hands of Europe's kids, just as the future of America is in the now tiny hands of our own children. Kids are impressionable. Whether we can kindle a dormant spark of democracy in the hearts of their elders is doubtful and of secondary importance, but for the children who shall inherit the earth, there is hope.

Most of us like children. Their wants, hopes and fears are international. It was most logical for our military leaders to relax the non-fraternization edicts and let us speak to children first. No German kid will ever forget the American occupation. We're the first living samples of democracy they've seen. The impression we leave, the kindness they remember us with, will do far more to convert them to the ways of democracy than a hundred proclamations and a thousand diplomats.

We are the true ambassadors of freedom, the envoys of liberty and peace. As such we are contributing not only to their future, but our own.

A.S.



We of the "Wreckin' Second" read with interest the news in your columns of the Division Red Cross Clubs, the Div Hqs rendezvous at Kaufbeuren and the Div Arty Dugout at Memmingen. We realize of course that Hqs and the Arty won the war and the figureheads must have their fun but, and don't let it get around, the "Wreckin' Second" Battalion of the 317th was in on it too. So maybe, that is if Hqs and Arty don't mind too much, you could say a word that would perhaps send a dozen or so doughnuts and some coffee plus the uplift in morale that goes with it, to Pfronten. Seeing an

American girl again would be nice too.

Bobb F. W.  
Easy Company  
2nd Bn, 317th Inf

The American Red Cross allows but one permanent club for 20,000 troops and the Kaufbeuren "Blue Ridger" is geographically the best located to handle the 80th area. Now that the war is over and the pressing need for Clubmobiles has disappeared, the Clubmobile girls want to set up Doughnut Dugouts and operate them on a part-time basis. Plans for such Dugouts have been underway for a month now and the 317th opened one this week.

Capt. Clarence E. Boston  
Division S.S.O.

## The Forward Looks Backward

One Year Ago Today, Sept. 3rd, 1944, all three "Blue Ridge" Combat Teams had crossed the Meuse and participated in the capture of Commercy. History repeated itself when the 319th rolled into St. Mihiel where 26 years ago during the same month, the 80th had participated in the famed reduction of the St. Mihiel salient during World War I.

The advance to the heavily fortified Moselle River began immediately after the liberation of Commercy and St. Mihiel. On the eastern banks of the river, elite Nazi paratroopers were preparing defenses.

I want to thank you for sending to me a copy of the first number of 80th FORWARD. It is an excellent paper, as it should be, to represent an excellent division.

Since I was unfortunate in having to leave the division last February 10th when a German shell exploded a little too close, I have tried to keep up with the travels and accomplishments of the division and my old regiment, the 319th. This was not difficult since the division received very good publicity both here in the States and in England where I spent some four months in the hospital.

However, the 80th FORWARD will afford a much better means of keeping myself up-to-date on the detailed activities of the division. So I hope you'll be able to send me additional copies of your fine paper.

Regardless of my future assignments my service with the 319th Infantry and the 80th Division will always be a cherished memory. My only regret is that I couldn't have finished the war with you.

Good luck to you in the continuation of the fine start you have made with 80th FORWARD.

W. N. Taylor  
Col., Inf.

Col. William N. Taylor came overseas as 319th Infantry Regimental Exec and commanded that Regiment from November 14th, 1944 to February 10th, 1945. Now at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., Col. Taylor is recuperating from wounds received in action.

Ed.

We members of the 317th Infantry listened to the recent "Salute of the Day" dedicated to the 80th over AFN Munich and wonder when the 317th is going to be reinstated in the 80th Division.

On such instances as the crossing of the Moselle and the Seille Rivers there was no doubt but that we were definitely part of the 80th. In the 80th Division's "Salute of the Day" the 319th and 318th were mentioned as being heroic, but not the 317th. It is probably the only instance where an infantry division was composed of two regiments.

In the dishing out of citations it is also noticeable that the 317th is missing. At Pont-a-Mousson the 313th Field Artillery received a citation for their artillery support. We wonder just whom they were supporting, surely the 319th was nowhere to be seen.

In memory of many of our buddies who were killed and wounded in those various actions we believe that we're due a small amount of recognition at least.

Browned-Off Members of Co A,  
317th Infantry Regiment

"Salute of the Day" was prepared by AFN Munich from material submitted by the Division I & E Office. Full justice could not be done to all in the limited broadcast time available, but certainly all three "Blue Ridge" regiments should have been mentioned.

Ed.



## OUR FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

Yes, hostilities have ceased, arms have been laid down, the surrender terms have been drawn up and signed, and we are doing our utmost to return men to civilian life and home. All indications are that peace has again been restored to the world as such. Indications are too, that we are already forgetting what we fought for; we are forgetting our ideals, our principles and standards as American soldiers. We are also forgetting that many thousands paid the full price with their lives, for peace. Let us keep in mind that we are to set examples as conquerors for the conquered in order that they may absorb some of our democratic ideals and religion, for the assurance of a permanent and just peace. This task and duty, as well as responsibility, befalls every officer and enlisted man alike. For our own sake, for the sake of our dear and loved ones and for the sake of the people the world over, may we not fall into the same catastrophe as after the close of World War I. Ours is a Theistic philosophy of life instead of Atheistic, therefore we must uphold it by precept and example at all times.

## The Price Of Peace

May we never forget what we fought for, sacrificed for, and so many died for. Peace, along with victory, is never cheaply bought, as we now realize. May I briefly mention some of the most important things we fought for, as a reminder to all of us concerned:

We fought for liberty and equality, which is man's greatest desire and possession and yet the most costly luxury known to man.

We fought for the freedom of religion, freedom of speech freedom of press and freedom from want, as our late president so truthfully stated.

We fought for the simple things in life—simple, yet most important to all. We fought for the proper educational system—for schools founded upon books of wisdom, knowledge and religion, rather than force, dictatorship and racial superiority.

We fought for open doors for all people to Cathedral, Church and Synagogue, rather than suppression and forbiddance of same.

## The American Way

We fought for town meetings, for the right to organize for any deservng and worthwhile purpose; for the right to choose the jobs we desire to work at as a profession, to read the books we want to read; to listen to the music that satisfies us, without regard as to the race and nationality of the composer; for the right to listen to what radio program we desire.

We fought for the principles based upon the laws as set forth by the Word of God. We fought for decency, for respect, for individual thinking, for character and individual personality, and for righteousness. We asked the Almighty to help us win the war that we might have and keep the above mentioned virtues and assets. May we not become lax, careless and forgetful now, but rather be alert and ever mindful of our continuous struggle to maintain "peace on earth goodwill toward men."



## BLUE RIDGE HEROES

## 80TH FORWARD IS LOOKING FOR YOUR BLUE RIDGE HERO

Write yourself a furlough or pass  
Or an order for 50 liters of beer.  
Send FORWARD the story of the outstanding Blue Ridge Hero in your outfit.  
He can be enlisted or commissioned.  
Decorated or unrecognized.  
Naturally he must have seen action with the 80th or attached units.  
Write 300 words or less and send along a clear photo of your hero if possible, though photographs will play no part in the decisions of the judges.

## PRIZES

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

Send your entry to 80th FORWARD, Division Newspaper Office, through APO 80, or Message Center. Include your name and organization.

A Committee of FORWARD Judges will select the prize winning articles. All decisions will be final.

FORWARD's Contests are open to Enlisted Men only.



# GORGEOUS GOURD



Students of plant life will be fascinated to know that's a gourd in the hand of Debreon Tipton featured in the recent U.S.O. Show "Flying High."

## Asst. Div. Comdr.

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Mass. Col. Costello is a veteran of the Italian Campaign, having served as a War Department General Staff Observer with General Mark Clark's Fifth Army, and participated in the bloody Salerno landing operations in the summer of 1943, which he terms his "toughest combat assignment."

Col. Costello graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1929 and served with the Air Corps for nine months after receiving his commission. The next two years were spent with the 2nd Division at San Antonio, Texas. From 1932 to 1935 he was with the Panama Canal Department. Col. Costello has also served in the Tactical Department of the U.S. Military Academy, and as an instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Col. Costello came overseas for the second time in World War II with the 87th Infantry Division in October, 1944. During the von Rundstedt breakthrough he commanded a provisional combat team before being assigned to the 80th and the 319th Infantry.

Our new Assistant Division Commander is married and has three children. He wears the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Russian Order of the Fatherland.

## 36 Blue Ridgers To U.K. Schools

Tomorrow, Sept. 4th, a special school train with one "Blue Ridge" Officer and 31 Enlisted Men aboard leaves Munich for a French Channel Port. These 32 students are bound for the Warton American Technical School scheduled to open at Warton, England, on September 17th.

The very latest in technical equipment has been brought from the States and training will not only serve as a refresher for those who have had experience in mechanical and technical fields, but will introduce them to new techniques and machinery developed since the student entered military service. Such courses are calculated to keep the student abreast of new methods and facilitate his employment and advancement upon return to civilian work.

### Many Subjects

Warton Technical Courses include Aircraft and Engine Repair and Maintenance, Auto Mechanics, Cabinet Making, Carpentry, Mechanical Drafting, Electrical Trades, Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance, Architectural Drawing, Instrument Repair, Machine Shop, Mechanical Refrigeration, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing and Heating, Radio Repair, Surveying, and Welding.

Meanwhile, 2nd Lt. Ernest W. McGeorge, Pfc. Patrick R. McCarthy, Pfc. Max J. Zuckerman and Pvt. Ralph L. Klein, all of the 318th Infantry, have reported to London, for a course in Wholesale Distribution. Trainees will work in warehouses, retail stores and on delivery routes so as to get a general and practical picture of the entire wholesale distribution field.

Specialist Schools under Third Army sponsorship have opened this week. Each corps in the Third Army is responsible for one course to which officers from any organization in the Army area may be sent. Courses include Educational Advise-ment, Instructor Training, Literacy Training, Discussion Leadership, and On-the-Job Training. The XX Corps is conducting the On-the-Job Training Course at the Obershule, Weilheim, Germany, and a "Blue Ridge" instructor, 1st Lt. Abraham Dubensky of the 315th Field Artillery Battalion, is assigned to the faculty.

### Down On The Farm

Twenty-six Enlisted "Blue Ridgers" reported to the Weihenstephan Agricultural and Technical School at Freising, Germany, on Friday, August 31st. Formerly known as the XX Corps Command School, late last month 24 students from the Division were enrolled in classes. Two "Blue Ridge" Officers and five EM are now serving as instructors at this seat of farm learning.

## 80th Veterans

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self and your staff."

"At the present moment, the value of active membership in the 80th Division Veterans Association may not be fully apparent to your men, but in reviewing experiences of the older men, it did prove of extreme

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machine gun bolt, halted his men and set off in the direction of the ominous, yet barely audible sound. He came upon a concealed machine gun nest effectively emplaced to ambush any attackers. With a sudden charge that caught the bewildered Germans completely by surprise he took the guns and crews without firing a round.

By dawn, after an adroit rear assault on the hilliest garrison which netted 25 SS troopers and three artillery pieces, Lt. Michael's devoted platoon took and held their initial objective. While his doughs rested he set out armed only with a carbine and hand grenades on a personal and thorough reconnaissance of the area. He returned after a sharp skirmish in which he killed two and wounded four German soldiers.

### Final Mission

Later that day the platoon stormed and took their final objective, a series of bitterly defended pill-boxes, by a boldly conceived and brilliantly executed frontal attack which cost the enemy some 40 more casualties.

The following morning his platoon came into range of an effectively concealed and deadly Nazi sniper. The hidden, accurate fire inflicted mounting casualties among his men and Lt. Michael unhesitatingly set out alone on what was destined to be his last mission. Cautiously he worked his way to within ten yards of the lurking figure who fired point-blank at the aggressive "Blue Ridger."

Thus, over a few miles of treacherous, enemy-infested terrain, in a few combat-packed hours of a vital operation which ultimately broke the last strongly-held Nazi line of resistance west of the Rhine, Lt. Harry J. Michael wrote an unparalleled saga of heroism, battlefield bravery and leadership.

value to many of them upon their return to civilian status. In 1919, the National Headquarters of the 80th Division Veterans Association was opened and located in Pittsburgh, and it happened to be the only qualified service office in this area at that time.

"Mothers and fathers were wondering what had become of their sons, where were their graves, whom could they contact for some word about those who paid the supreme sacrifice, and the answers to these and many other questions could only be found from members of the 80th Division."

"The organization was not only a benefit to the relatives, but many many times did we fight to secure rehabilitation and employment for those who ran into difficulties and later initiated legislation to remedy the chaotic conditions which existed for a few years after the war in regard to assisting these men."

According to Major Hanson, membership in the 80th Veterans Association will be open to all "Blue Ridgers" who wore the 80th shoulder patch at any time from activation to eventual deactivation. It is also felt that officers and men of organizations which were attached to the 80th during combat should be eligible for membership in our Veterans Association, and this sentiment has already been forwarded to National Headquarters in Pittsburgh.

# Pet Contest Goes To The Dogs

Though FORWARD received dozens of deer, doves and ducks, a covey of cats, a brace of swan and a solitary bunny, photos were predominantly of pups, proving that contestants prefer canine mascots.

### PRIZE PUP



The "Blue Ridge" blue ribbon winner is "Lumpy" a five months old thoroughbred wirehaired dachshund belonging to T/3 Fred M. Selling of the 80th's M.I.L. Team. "Lumpy" comes from Fussen, is trained for fox-hunting and understands both English and German. He will accompany Selling to the Riviera.

### SIGNAL SETTER



"Duke" the 80th Sig. Co's Radio Section mascot has been with the outfit ever since Losheim, six months ago. He wins second prize, three days in Paris for S/Sgt. Max S. Smith. A fine bird dog, "Duke" falls out and stands at attention during all Sig. Co formations.

### BEGGING FOR THIRD



A German police pup appropriately named "Hercules" was submitted by T/5 Wayne C. Leckey of the 80th's G-2 Section. A recent addition to the Division, "Hercules" joined the 80th in Kaufbeuren. He appears to be a well-trained beer hound for he's won third prize and 50 liters for his master.

## 80th Band Opens Concert Season

On Wednesday, September 5th, the 80th Division Band under the direction of CWO Harry M. Lemert will present the first in a series of Pop Concerts for troops of the 80th at the Kaufbeuren "Blue Ridger" Red Cross Club at 2000.

The program for the opening con-

cert will open with an overture by the modern British composer Haydn Woodland. Another highlight is Morton Gould's "Red Cavalry March" based on two Soviet Army themes. Selections from the American operetta "Oklahoma" will prove of interest to all who enjoy the best in U.S. show music.

## Benny Blueridger

by Cpl. Ralph Owen

## On-the-Job Training for Benny







## 80th Beats 36th Engrs

The 80th Division "Mountaineers" baseball team, behind the five hit pitching of "Big Boy" Williams, defeated the 36th Engineer Group, by a score of 4-3.

The "Blue Riders" scored in the second inning, when Christian lined a double to left center field, and came home on Stransky's single to right field.

In the third, the "Blue Riders" scored again. "Little Joe" Soroka received a base on balls. "Mike" Manganiello, with a count of two and one, flied out to Riley in center field. "Cal" Evans, worked the count to two and two, and lined a single to left, with "Little Joe" going to third. "Eddie" Yarmul, hard hitting fielder, proved once more a money player by tripling between center and left, driving in Soroka and Evans, and putting the 80th ahead 3-0.

The "Bridge Builders" finally scored in the seventh. Riley, center fielder, hit a drive down first base way, and when Downer muffed the ball, Riley pulled up safe at first. Douglas, grounded out to second, with Riley taking second on the play. Schumetz, with a one and one count, caught hold of an outside pitch, and drove a base hit to right field scoring Riley from second, and putting the ball game at 3-1.

### Williams Hits

The ninth inning, proved to be a scoring period for both teams. The "Blue Riders" started it off in their half of the inning as Fojtlin walked. With Stransky at bat, Fojtlin stole second. Stransky then fanned. Downer followed, and with a two and two count, missed a fast ball for the third strike. Williams, hurler for the "Blue Riders", came through and hit a long single to left field, and Fojtlin came in with the 80th's final run of the ball game.



Div Arty Outfield. Left to right, Boyd, Jurgens, Hickey.

## Blue Ridge Softballers Win

Tallying in every inning but the second, the 80th Division "Blue Ridge" softballers steamrolled the highly touted 36th Engineer Group 10-0, behind the brilliant two hit pitching of Hal Siebert.

The "Blue Riders" started early, by scoring twice in the first inning. Collins singled, Hopkins fanned, then Frederick lining a triple to right field, scored Collins. Seconds later, Frederick, came in on Chojnowski's hard hit grounder to third.

The 80th chalked up two more tallies in the third, as a result of Molling's double to right center, with two on. Then the "Blue Riders", added another marker in the fourth, and made the fifth their biggest outburst of the game. After Molling popped out to Godfrey at third, Orions walked. Sleath doubled to right sending Orions to third. Clapp, followed with a sharp single to left, chasing in Orions and Sleath. Hal Siebert, the "Blue

## Div Arty Trims 318th, 3-2

Upsetting the highly polished 318th Infantry baseball team by a score of 3-2, the Div. Arty "Redlegs" once more loomed as threats in the second half race.

Christensen, starting his first game for the "Redlegs," was in fine form for the first six innings, allowing only four "Hamperites" to reach first base. However, in the seventh, "Chris" weakened, and the 318th "Hamperites" scored two runs. With one out, Zacholl, hard hitting center fielder, smashed a single to left, and the rally started. Holmes, hit a drive to left, and when Boyd, trying to make a shoestring catch missed the ball, Zacholl went to third and Holmes to second. Al Stanga, third sacker for the "Hamperites," with a count of two all, hit a single to left center field scoring both runners. O'Keefe, ace hurler for the "Doughboys," followed with a drive to center that fell in for a hit. At this point in the game, Johns, took over the mound chores for the "Redlegs." With Lenthart at bat, O'Keefe was out stealing, Smigelski to Wright to retire the side.

### "Redlegs" Tally

Piekarski, a southpaw, took over mound duties for the "Hamperites" in the seventh, and easily disposed of the "Redleg" batters in that inning. In the eighth however, with two men out, Piekarski developed a wild streak, and the "Redlegs" scored. Michale walked on four pitched balls. Jurgens, batting for Hickey, worked the count to three and two, and walked on the next pitch. Zaritsky batted for catcher Smigelski, and also walked to fill the bases. With the sacks loaded, Manager Dahlgren decided to pull Piekarski, and Schutz was sent in to pitch for the "Hamperites". Johns, first man to face him, lined a single to right, scoring Michale and Jurgens to tie the ball game up at two all.

In the ninth, the "Redlegs" scored the winning run on singles by Boyd, Crandall, and Beechko. Beechko's hit driving in Boyd from third, and ending the ball game in favor of the Div. Arty nine.

Behind the five hit pitching of Christensen, the Div. Arty "Redlegs," defeated the 319th "Hayseeder" 10-3, to run its string of victories to four straight. Crandall, first sacker for Div. Arty, led the batting attack against Cleghorn and Donofrio, with two hits in four times up.

### BLUE RIDGE

#### Leading Hitters—2nd Half

	AB	H	Pct
Correia, 318	37	16	.432
Gaughan, 318	27	11	.407
Francescan, 317	13	5	.384
Sewell, 319	10	3	.300

Ridge" ace hurler, then homered into deep left center field, scoring Clapp ahead of him.

The "Blue Riders" ended their spree in the sixth, and played close ball, to hold a 10-0 margin in the first of the seventh, and another victory towards the Double X Softball Championship.

## 80th Tracksters Take 2nd

Running before a large crowd of spectators at the Hitler Jugend Sportsplatz in Sonthofen, the 80th Division track team finished second in the thrilling triangular track meet with the 71st and 42nd Divisions.



The 71st Division with a smooth running team, easily outdistanced the field by scoring 69.5 points. The 80th "Blue Riders" came in second with a total of 54, followed by the 42nd "Rainbow" Division with 38.5.

The most outstanding highlight of the day, was the performance of little Tony Mancuso, of the 80th Band. Running like the Roman God Mercury, he edged his opponent from the 71st in the 100 Meter Dash, in the fast time of 10.4. In the Broad Jump, Tony once again showed his mettle, and took first place with a distance of 21 feet, 9 1/4 inches.

### Results of Meet

<b>100 Meter Dash</b>	
Mancuso, 80th, 2nd-Germann, 71st.	
3rd-Allen, 71st.	Time... 10.4 sec.
<b>200 Meter Dash</b>	
Henke, 42nd, 2nd-Swope, 80th.	
3rd-Rosenfeld, 80th.	Time... 22.6 sec.
<b>400 Meter Run</b>	
Stott, 42nd, 2nd-Mancini, 71st.	
3rd-Frankel, 80th.	Time... 53.3 sec.
<b>110 Meter High Hurdles</b>	
Lane, 42nd, 2nd-Barnstable, 71st.	
3rd-Ryon, 42nd.	Time... 18.1 sec.
<b>200 Meter Low Hurdles</b>	
Cree, 71st, 2nd-Hawkins, 42nd.	
3rd-Barnstable, 71st.	Time... 26 sec.
<b>800 Meter Run</b>	
Bruggeman, 80th, 2nd-Barnstable, 71st.	
3rd-Von Minden, 42nd.	Time... 2:12.8
<b>1500 Meter Run</b>	
Smith, 71st, 2nd-Say, 80th.	
3rd-Streletsky, 71st.	Time... 4:38.5
<b>3000 Meter Run</b>	
Szensky, 80th, 2nd-Smith, 71st.	
3rd-Beaver, 80th.	Time... 10:44.2
<b>400 Meter Relay</b>	
1st-71st, 2nd-42nd, 3rd-80th.	Time... 45.3
<b>800 Meter Relay</b>	
1st-71st, 2nd-42nd, 3rd-80th.	Time... 1:35.4
<b>1600 Meter Relay</b>	
1st-80th, 2nd-71st, 3rd-42nd.	Time... 3:40.8
<b>High Jump</b>	
Scott, 71st, 2nd-Callahan, 80th, 3rd-Stevens, 42nd & Baringer, 71st.	Height... 5' 6"
<b>Broad Jump</b>	
Mancuso, 80th, 2nd-Monte, 80th.	
3rd-Allen, 71st.	Distance... 21' 9 1/4"
<b>Hop Step &amp; Jump</b>	
Allen, 71st, 2nd-Thornton, 71st.	
3rd-Smith, 80th.	Distance... 41' 7"
<b>Pole Vault</b>	
Bonnell, 80th, 2nd-Callahan, 80th.	
3rd-O'Hara, 71st.	Height... 12' 4"
<b>Discus</b>	
Master, 71st, 2nd-Lewis, 42nd.	
3rd-Houseal, 80th.	Distance... 123' 2"
<b>Shot Put</b>	
Rundas, 71st, 2nd-Ryan, 42nd.	
3rd-Frankel, 80th.	Distance... 43' 4"
<b>Javelin</b>	
Pfauna, 42nd, 2nd-Wilson, 71st.	
3rd-Laport, 80th.	Distance... 162' 7"

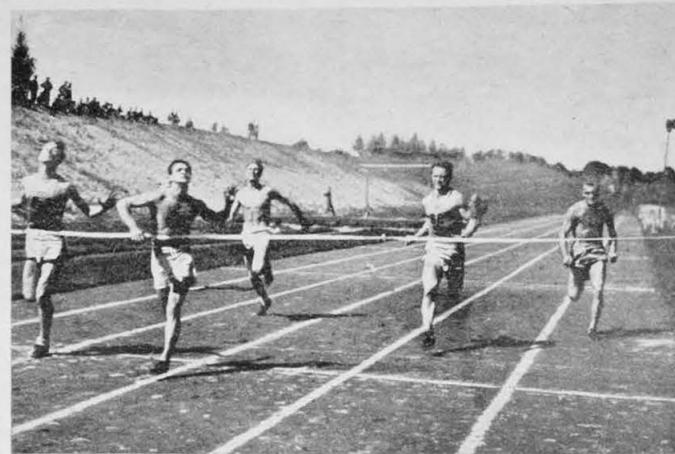


Lt. Col. Howard F. Selk

## Officer Sportsman

Lt. Col. Howard F. Selk, the 317th's new Executive Officer, joins the 80th from the 103rd Division, where he served as the 410th's Regimental Executive Officer. The Colonel was formerly a professional athlete, in every sense of the word, starring in basketball, football, baseball, and boxing.

In '27 and '28, Colonel Selk, toed the mound for the St. Louis "Browns". His time on the gridiron, was spent playing with the University of New Mexico, at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Later, the Colonel, toured the professional basketball leagues, playing with the Beloit "Faries", Olsen "Swedes", and the famous bearded House of David quintet. He also fought sixty-eight bouts as a Heavyweight fighter, being the winner of sixty-six.



## CLOSE FINISH

Little Tony Mancuso, 80th Bandsman, in shown hitting the tape first, in the 100 Meter Dash, held at Sonthofen between the 80th, 71st, and 42nd Divisions. Germann, No. 84, of the 71st Div was second, while Allen, No. 62, 71st, ran a close third.

## 319th "Hayseeder" Blasted

The Div Arty "Redlegs", made quick work of the 319th "Hayseeder", by blasting the "Doughboys" to a decisive 11-1 victory. Beechko, Div Arty hurler, who relieved Johns in the first, limited the "Hayseeder" to three scattered hits. He also

garnered batting honors for the day, with three for five.

It was the fifth straight win for Lt. Robertson's boys, who are definitely the team of the hour, and heavy contenders for the second half championship.

### BOX SCORE

Div Arty					319th Inf				
AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E	
Vrabel, ss	4	2	1	1	Scott, 2b	5	0	0	0
Wright, 2b	5	1	1	0	Solomika, lf	3	1	0	0
Boyd, lf	5	1	2	0	DeStefano, 1b	4	0	1	0
Crandall, 1b	3	1	0	0	Barillo, ss	2	0	0	0
Beechko, 3b, p	5	1	3	0	Jahn, cf	4	0	1	0
Zaritsky, cf	3	1	0	0	Lis, c	3	0	0	0
D'Amico, rf	3	1	1	0	Hornberger, rf	4	0	0	0
Smigelski, c	4	0	2	0	McGuiness, 3b	3	0	0	0
Johns, p	0	0	0	1	Lishko, p	4	0	1	1
Goldburg, 1b	4	2	1	0					
Totals	36	11	11	2	Totals	32	1	3	1

Div Arty — 0 0 1 6 0 0 0 1 3 — 11  
319 — 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 1

Two-base hit—Wright, Sacrifice Hits—Zaritsky, Crandall, Stolen bases—Vrabel, Boyd, Goldburg, Scott, DeStefano, Left on bases—Div Arty—4, 319—8. Earned runs—Div Arty—9, 319—1. Struck out—Johns 1, Beechko 3, Lishko 4. Walked—Johns 1, Beechko 4, Lishko 4. Winning pitcher—Beechko, Losing pitcher—Lishko.

## Signal Cops Two Stewart Stars

The 80th Signal Company, played host to the 80th Armored Medical Bn., of the 10th Armored Division, and defeated the visitors in both ends of a twin bill, by scores of 1-0 and 4-1.

The first game proved to be a pitching duel, with Stewart, of the "Wiremen", holding the "Medics" to two scattered bingles. However, the second contest proved to be a different story, with the "Wiremen" rapping over four runs in the first stanza, which proved sufficient as McCotter held the "Medics" in check the rest of the way.

### BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

#### Standings

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct
318	7	2	.778
Div Arty	5	2	.714
319	6	4	.600
317	3	4	.429
305 Engr	3	5	.350
Sp Troops	0	7	.000

#### Scores

305 Engr. — 8	318 — 3
319 — 2	317 — 1
318 — 12	Sp Tr — 1
Div Arty — 10	319 — 3
Div Arty — 11	319 — 1

Football season is about to begin, with the arrival of assorted equipment at the Special Service Office on Thursday the 30th.

### Sportraits

By "Mac"

## Chet MOLLEY

STAR HURLER FOR 319th HAYSEEDERS



WITH CHET MOLLEY WE CAN'T MISS!

Chester N. Malishewsky, Hq Co 3rd Bn, 319th. Playing sports under the name of Molley. The 22 year old southpaw hails from Nanticoke, Pa. Started his baseball career on the Taylor High nine, at Taylor, Pa. Hooked up with the Nanticoke "Pirates", and later with the Wellsboro "Yankees". While in combat, Molley worked with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance team. He is decorated with a Purple Heart, and cluster to this award. Hopes to continue playing baseball in civilian life, with a big league berth in mind.

