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Enlisted Men's Rest Camp Opens on Weissen See

Here she is fellas! The enlisted men's Club has opened and has been officially christened "Lakeview Rest Camp." Lakeview is located on Weissen-See, a large lake set at the base of the Allgau Alps and just about three miles out of Füssen, Germany.

Here's the set-up: The Rest Camp is now capable of accomodating 20 men at one time. (More buildings will be available in a short time and it is contemplated then, that the Camp will be able to house 100 men, in six luxurious guest houses.) If you're the lucky guy that's selected to attend, you pack your toilet articles and blankets, hop a truck and arrive at Lakeview sometime in the afternoon. You're registered at the Camp and assigned to a room for two, and you can pick your own roommate. There are plenty of beds and mattresses to go 'round so don't bother hauling straw or whatever else you've been sleeping on. For the next two days, the place is yours and you don't have to worry about reveille, drill or the 1st Sergeant.

You won't have much time to think about the 1st Sergeant, in any case, because the management has provided "beaucoup" facilities to keep you content during your stay. The lake is right outside your bedroom window and in warm weather is tops for swimming. Early arrivals tells us that there are plenty of fish and if you've got the angler's urge just step into the office and they'll provide you with the fishing tackle. Or, if you'd rather go boating, they've got six new motor launches and seven rowboats.

Local guides are available, at all times, to lead you through the surrounding woods in search of deer and other game. Often the weather's bad and if it forces you indoors, there's a ping pong table, radio, card tables and a bar that's got plenty of good beer.

Food's Good and Plentiful

You can sleep through breakfast if you want, but they've arranged the meals so that it shouldn't be too much trouble

to struggle down to breakfast. All you need do is get down before 0900 and you'll find a waitress ready to serve the best breakfast you've had in all your Army days. Lunch runs from 1200 to 1300 and dinner from 1700 to 1800. And it's all you want to eat at "Lakeview".

In the evening, you can hit the sack early or listen to the radio, read, write letters or take in a movie at Fussen.

What do the first arrivals think of the place? Corporal Everett Bailey, A Company said, "There's plenty to eat. I've been to Paris and England and you eat better here. It sure is a good bet." We caught Pfc. Marvin H. Wilson of G Company as he was leaving the Rest Camp and he gave his endorsement by saying it was a "good set-up, I hope all the guys get a chance to make it."

So, start buckin'. There's plenty of room for every man in the Regiment and "Lakeview" wants to have you all. Their only job is to see that you have a good time during your stay.

Army Education Program is Curtailed

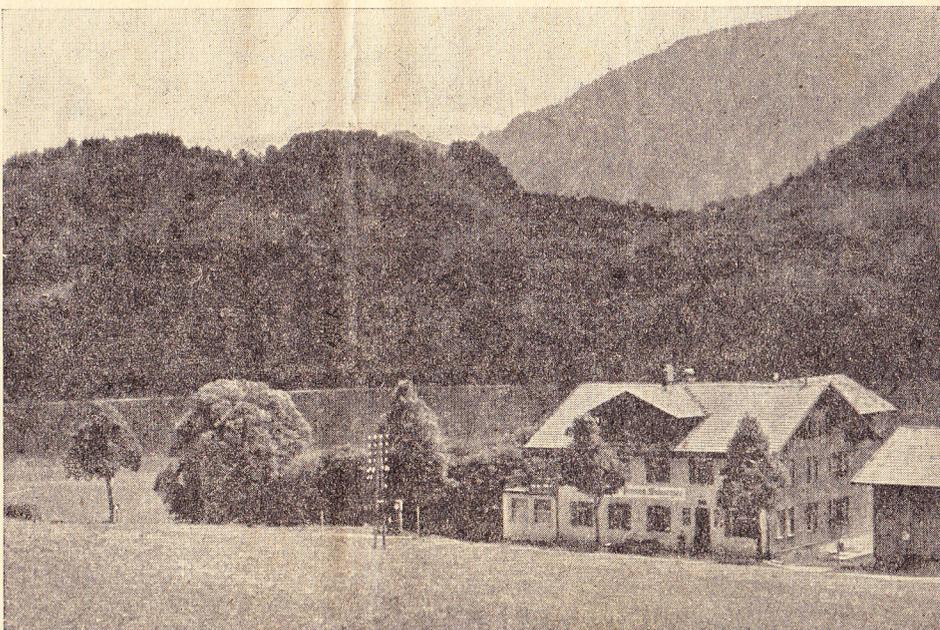
Because of the uncertainty of future movements, the Army Education Program, in the 317th Infantry has been curtailed. However, this does not mean that you won't get a chance to attend educational classes while we wait for developments. In place of a regular school system the Regiment has planned classes in on-the job training (work in the motor pool), other classes in local machine and carpentry shops and an organized system of study halls where you can prepare lessons for correspondence and self-teaching courses under the United States Armed Forces Institute. Your company I and E Officer has openings in all courses.

Commanding Officer Sends Best Wishes to Men of the 317th Infantry

My congratulations to you — men of the 317th Infantry — on this first non-combat issue of THE THUNDERING HERD, and my best wishes for its and your continued success.

HENRY G. FISHER
Lt. Col. Infantry
Commanding.

GI Rest Center on Weissen-See



Here's the EM Rest Center located on Weissen See, near Fussen, Germany. Recreational facilities include boating, swimming and fishing.

Regiment to Celebrate Organization Day, July 15th

July 15th will mark the Third Anniversary of the 80th Infantry Division. A few remaining veterans of the 317th can remember how they reported to Camp Forest, Tennessee back in 1942, went through maneuvers in '43, moved to the windswept Kansas plains after maneuvers, and then took the long hop out to the Desert Training Center in December '43. From the West Coast, the entire Division moved to Ft. Dix, New Jersey and in a short time made the long voyage across the Atlantic to land in England in July '44. Our combat record for the past year is well known to all members of this Regiment.

Full Schedule of Events

To celebrate Organization Day, the Regiment will conduct a full program of track, field, and other competitive contests on July 15th. These events will be held on the athletic field in Fussen. Included in the competitions will be contests in close order drill, silent drill and manual of arms, mass calisthenics, rough and tumble fighting guard mount, grenade throwing, communication demonstration, tug of war, catapillar race, standing gun drill, entertainment and a baseball game.

The events will continue all during the day and lunches and beer will be served on the field. Let's all turn out and support our teams!

Military Government Corner

These past few weeks, Military Government has been bombarded with many questions concerning the relationship of American soldiers with the German people. In an attempt to clarify some



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of your problems, we are reprinting a few of the questions you raised and the answers submitted by 317th MG.

Question: I made an authorized purchase in Fussen and the civilian refused to accept invasion money. Where may I obtain the regular German currency?

Answer: Civilians are required to accept invasion money on authorized sales. Report those who refuse to take the money and Military Government will see that proper action is taken.

Question: Is it considered fraternization to have my laundry done by a civilian?

Answer: No, not if the civilian is paid the price he asks. We suggest that you furnish soap, however, because it's scarce in this area.



„The 65 Dollar Question“
Pfc. Robert Ault, H. Company.

Question: Can an individual be charged with fraternization if he takes a prophylactic or is sick with a venereal disease?

Answer: No. The authority for this reply can be found in Section V, Circular 75, Hq. Third U.S. Army, paragraph 2, which says... "The contraction of venereal disease or the facts concerning prophylactic treatment will not be used, directly or indirectly, as evidence of fraternization or as evidence of violation by the individual of the policy on non-fraternization with the inhabitants of Germany." Remember, however, that if you don't take a prophylactic, and you get a venereal disease, you can be charged with wilful concealment of an infection.

If you've got any other questions that you'd like answered, send them to Military Government, c/o THE THUNDERING HERD, and we'll take them up in the next issue.

„Quotes“ of the Week

General Joseph Stilwell, in a talk to the 10th U.S. Army: "The issue in the Pacific is no longer in doubt. I hope and trust that our next Fourth of July will see you all back where you want to be. The harder we pour it on now, the sooner we'll all go home."

Rita Hayworth, on American men: "Americans are everything a girl can want. They're tops."

Yvette, French Folies Bergere star, on the same subject: "Americans are — how do you say it? — from hunger."

Ella Raines, actress, again on the same subject: "I suppose when Frenchwomen talked about U.S. soldiers' insolence on the street, they meant whistling. I am glad the boys still do that. When they stop whistling at me, I'll get worried."

German, Learned the GI Way

During our conquest of Germany, GI Joes have become adept in the use of a few choice German words. Following is the average GI's German vocabulary, with a few comments attached.

"Fraulein" — This word is familiar to all. The English translation is simply "miss" or "young lady". Believe that the use of this word helped many a GI, but — let's not forget the '65 dollar question."

"Caputt" — It seems that every soldier would use this word quite a bit. Remember? "Hitler caputt." "Nazis caputt." And we meant just that. Believe that the word means "destroyed," and if it doesn't we surely did imply that meaning.

"Russe" — The use of this word, which means Russian soldier, gave many a GI a good laugh. Wonder how many soldiers told the German people that the Russians were coming to take over our area? Who could ever forget the expression on their faces!

Movie Schedule

„OLD ACQUAINTANCE“

with BETTE DAVIS

July 9	2nd Bn.	1430	1900	2100
10	Fussen	1900	2100	
11	K. Co	1500		

„BULL FIGHTERS“

with LAUREL AND HARDY

July 12	2nd Bn.	1430	1900	2100
13	Fussen	1950	2100	
14	K Co.	1500		

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Impatient Years . . . Jean Arthur L. Bowman
Ministry of Fear . . . Ray Milland M. Reynolds
See My Lawyer . . . Olson and Johnson
Nine Girls Anita Louise. Ann Harding

Battin' The Breeze

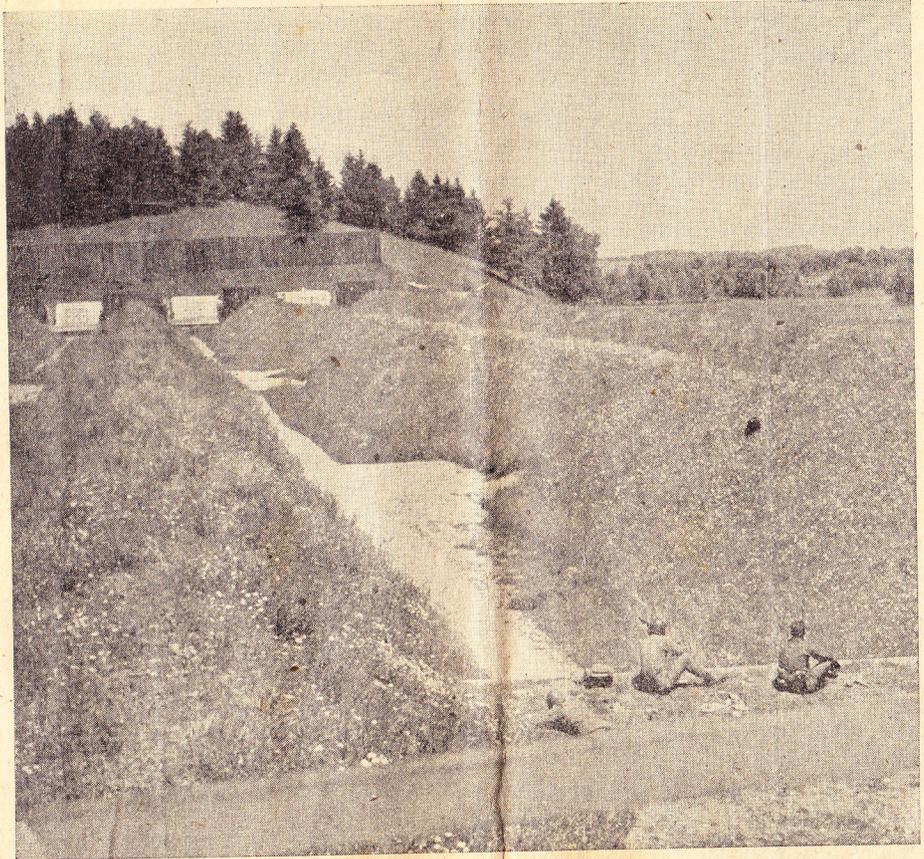
Hard-luck pitcher of the week is Company H's Rezazyenshi who has lost three games by the bare margin of one run... Sgt. Joe Kehrer, Company L, who used to hurl for a winning Milwaukee ten, is looming as the best mound man in the Third Battalion. So far, Joe has managed to hold all opposing teams down to a minimum of five or six hits per game. That's really flirting with a no-hitter... Company A's sports program has been put in the hands of S/Sgt. Herbert Barwell, who has no trouble flexing his muscles according to the book. Herb was in the process of finishing up his schooling at the Springfield (Mass.) Physical Training College when Uncle Sam stepped in and gave him a number. During school, he competed in football, baseball and track with his speciality the shot-put. A back injury during a football game gave him a 4-F rating at first, but in June 1943 he was reclassified and inducted... "The Thundering Third" is not just a fancy when Lt. Colonel Black's men trot out their 25 horses every afternoon at Markt-Oberdorf for classes and lessons in horse-back riding. In fact, the whole battalion is getting cavalry-minded, so much so that the Training Schedules for the coming weeks are going to drop calisthenics and marches so that courses in "Stable Cleaning", "Shoveling Manure", and "How to Hang the Feed-Bag" can be included.... Daniels of Company G and Krajewski of Company F are the leading pitchers in the 2nd Battalion League with all wins to their hurling credit. Ciglar of Service Company, batting .500, leads the Battalion in hits, followed by Adkins of Company F.

G Company Dedicates Carathers Field

On July 1st G Company named their recreation field Carathers Field to honor the memory of S/Sgt Bernard A. Carathers who fell in the now famous battle of Argentan. He was the first casualty in Company G during combat action.

This is the first issue of "The Thundering Herd", your Regimental newspaper. It's your paper from cover to cover. Stories are written by your Company and Battalion reporters; cartoons and photographs are submitted by your bunkmates; and the editing is done by a staff that is representative of all organizations in the Regiment. Our aim is a simple one: We want to give you a newspaper that presents news items, photographs and cartoons of interest to the entire command; we want this to be your newspaper. If you've got any criticisms of the paper — good or bad — let us know. The Editors.

Rifle Team Practices on Former German Range



Members of the Regimental Rifle Team are shown practicing for Division competitions. Left to right, Pfc. John E. Kuzmak, B Company, Pfc. George M. Pike, K Company, Cpl. Robert E. Bovard, G Company.

Malling Hurls Company D to 3-0 Victory Over Company B

Allowing just three hits and showing perfect control in the pinches, T/Sgt Fred Malling flipped Company D to a 3-0 victory over Company B last week.

Three errors, one in the first and two in the sixth, all of which developed into scores, routed B Company as Pfc James Penman held D Company hitters to four scattered singles. S/Sgt John Fabian, D's first baseman, was the days leading hitter getting three for three.

Company B's scoring chance came in the second inning as Malling walked two men after Pfc Joe Franciscian had singled. With the bases loaded and no one out, Malling steadied and forced the next three hitters to fly or hit out.

Battle Study Aid Nears Completion

For the last two weeks the men of the S-2 and S-3 Sections of 3rd Battalion Headquarters Company have been working on a large sand table which, upon completion, will be used throughout the 317th Infantry Regiment, as an aid in instructing the men in advanced battle tactics. So far they have done a fine job, and have received praise from many visiting officers. Brigadier General Smythe, Division Commander, said that it showed him that the 3rd Battalion was "on the ball".

Softball Standings

	G	W	L	%
<i>1st Bn League</i>				
Hqs Company	4	3	1	.750
Company D	4	3	1	.750
Company C	3	2	1	.666
Company A	4	2	2	.500
Company B	4	1	3	.250
Regt. Hqs.	4	1	3	.250
<i>2nd Bn League</i>				
Company G	9	7	2	.777
Company F	8	5	3	.625
Hqs Company	8	4	4	.500
Company E	8	4	4	.500
Sv Company	9	3	6	.333
Company H	8	2	6	.250
<i>3rd Bn League</i>				
Company L	4	4	0	1.000
Company K	5	4	1	.800
Company M	4	2	2	.500
Bn Medics	3	1	2	.333
Company I	3	0	3	.000
Hqs Company	3	0	3	.000

Awards

Silver Star

Sgt. Andrew E. Ciarnielle, C Company
Cpl. Harry C. Stultz, I Company
S/Sgt. Martin S. Padilla, K Company
Oak Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star
T/Sgt. Robert C. Harris, 3rd Bn. Hq. Co.

Bronze Star

S/Sgt. Louis L. Mobley, I Company
Pfc. Fred D. Stone, 3rd Bn. Hq. Co.
S/Sgt. Theodore P. Teeter, C Company
S/Sgt. Walter P. Heffner, C Company

Poet's Corner

Hell On Earth

One year I have served in the Army
although seems like a lot more
I entered the fifth day of April
Nineteen hundred and forty four.

One year in service for my country
Thank God, I am still alive
for today is the fifth day of April
Nineteen hundred, and forty five.

One year ago today Love,
we had to say goodbye
t'was hard to say, as I recall
how we wept, both you and I.

Then five months of hard training
in the hot Alabama sun
o'er the rocky hills and mountains
I thought my time had come.

Then came the time for my furlough
what a happy fellow was I
to enjoy the comforts of home again
and the embrace of a Loving Wife.
My furlough then was soon over
how these ten days did fly
you remember how hard it was again
for us to say goodbye.

Then in the month of October
and the twenty second day
my ship left New York harbor
for the Waring lands far away.

On the twenty fifth day of November
that day, I shall never forget
for the first time there I experienced
Enemy bullets, flying round my head.

And since that day in November
no one knows what I've gone through
but me, and God up in Heaven
the one, I am looking too.

Dear God in you, I am trusting
and will trust you, to the end
until this cruel War is over
and I can go home again.

Pfc. William C. Pierce F. Company

Forgotten

He's now been gone a long long time,
And his view of home's grown dim.
He's fought a war and done his job
Through days both dark and grim.

He's marched and plodded through mud,
And slept in rain filled holes.
He's lived through nights of fear,
And crawled towards distant goals.

But now the war is over,
And he once more sees the sun.
He had a job, he did it well,
But yet his job's not done.

He must stay on for quite awhile,
Perhaps 'twill be a year.
He thinks once more of those he's left
But now his thoughts are clear.

He sees once more the folks at home.
Why there's his Mom and Jim.
And there he sees across the street,
The girl so dear to him.

Pfc. Jerry Balash, A Company

The "Battalion Jivesters!"

Ever since VE-Day the 2nd Battalion has been discovering its musical talent, and now a band has emerged with players from the different companies and under the name of the "Battalion Jivesters". T/5 Jack Appleton, 2nd Battalion chaplain's assistant, has the piano; S/Sgt James V. Kramer, Communication Chief, on the mandolin; Pfc John Loftus Loftus of Company G, drums and vocalist; Cpl "Red" Rogers from the 305th Medics, electric guitar and violin; and Grant Hoff, formerly of Company G, as master of ceremonies.

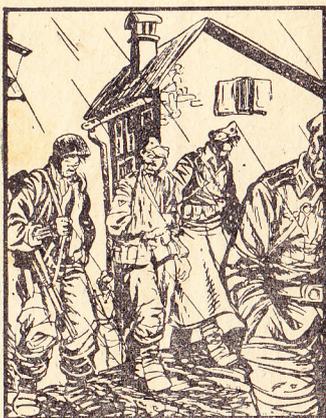
The quintet has played for numerous shows and parties in the Battalion, and in the past week has put on a variety show at Division Headquarters and in the Battalion area, making a big hit wherever it went.

Sticking mainly to fast swing numbers, the band is reminiscent of Benny Goodman's old Swing Five, and is notable for Red Roger's "singing guitar". One of their best numbers is the "Song of the Wreckin' Second", sung to the tune of "Oh, Suzannah!" in swingtime, and written by the drummer, Johnnie Loftus. Keep it up, fellas! We like it.

Chaplain Conducts Classes

Classes in Fundamental Theology are being conducted three times weekly by Chaplain Edward P. Callens. The sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1400 to 1500 at the Chaplain's residence and if you want to attend, contact your Company I and E Officer.

Mauldin's Cartoons Win Top Recognition



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"... forever, Amen. Hit the dirt."



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"My, sir—what an enthusiastic welcome!"



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"Just gimme a coupla aspirin.
'I already got a Purple Heart."

Shown above are the four top cartoons that have been turned out by Sgt. Bill Mauldin, staff artist for STARS & STRIPES. Sgt. Mauldin, then Private, began his series of drawings on Willie and Joe — two average GI's — way back in '43 when he served with the 45th Division in the Italian Campaign. Since then, he has graduated into the ranks of Stars and Stripes and his circulation has become Army wide. Top recognition was given Mauldin, last month, when he was awarded the Pulitzer prize for 1944.

TIME magazine, in a recent write-up on Mauldin and his two cartoon-soldiers — Willie and Joe — said: "Willie was born, full-grown, during the Italian campaign. He needed a shave and his clothes hung in weary folds on his weary frame. Even on his day of creation, his thick fingers were curved, as though from grasping a pick handle or an M-1 rifle. He did not smile and he has never smiled since." However, Willie and Joe are both smiling now because instead of being "Up Front", they are currently "Sweating It Out" while waiting for return to the States.