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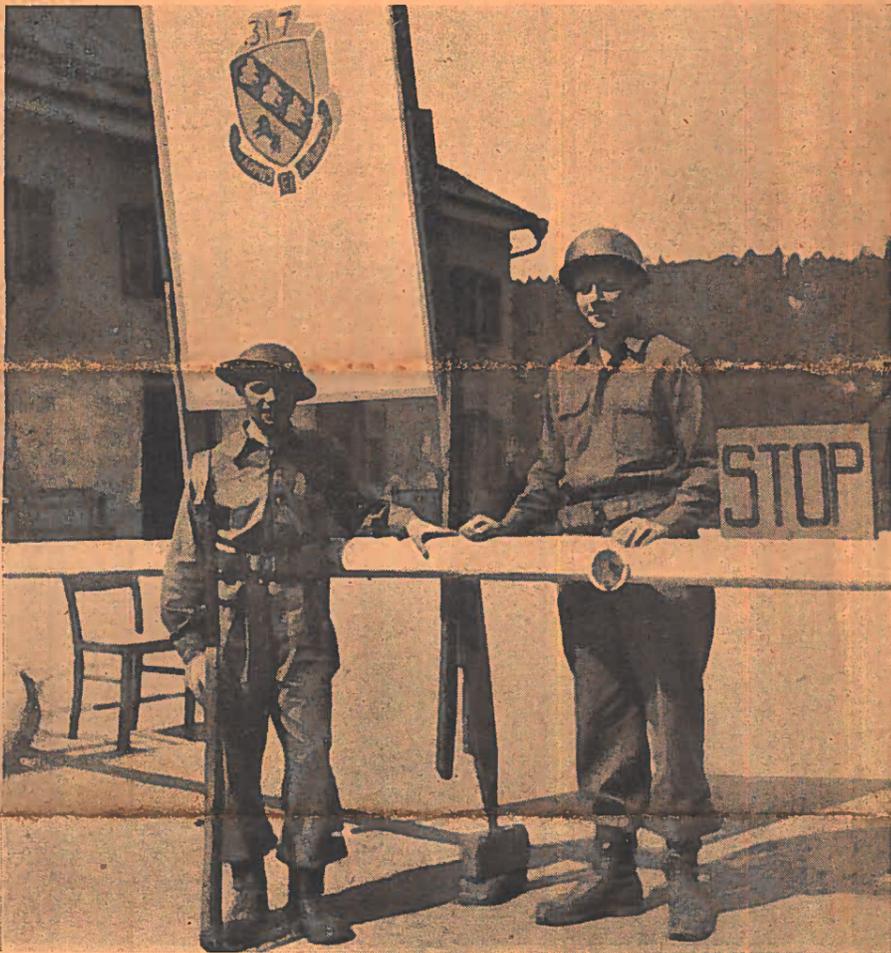
317th Infantry, 80th Infantry Division



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## Hands Across The Border



Sharing the Austrian-German border guard are Andre Chevalier, 15th Company of the Fourth, Moroccan Mountain Division, and Pvt Clair Griggs, C Company 317th Infantry.

## Regiment Shares Border Guard With Fighting French Unit

Now stationed as the 317th Infantry's neighbor along the Austrian-German border, the 80th Regiment of the Fourth French Moroccan Mountain Division traces its origin back to pre-invasion days as an FFI unit, through the fight to liberate France and up to the final defeat of the German Army.

After secretly combating the Germans in the occupied French departments of Losere and Aveyron, the members of the 80th Regiment broke into the open on September 7, 1944 and started out from Bordeaux to link up with the regular French Army. Along the way, they intercepted a division of German Kriegsmarine attempting to disrupt the junction of the French First Army and the American Seventh. The Krauts quickly surrendered to American units to avoid falling into the hands of the FFI outfit.

### Join Sengalese Division

After two months of training with original FFI companies remaining intact, the men of the 80th Regiment joined the Ninth Colonial Division, a Sengalese outfit, and made their first attack as part of the regular French Army on November 22. Four days later, they drove to the Rhine and became the first French unit to reach the banks and hold their positions.

In the attacks in Alsace, the 80th Regiment worked in close cooperation with American units.

### Colorful Commander

Present commander of the division is a colorful, professional soldier — Major Andre Negrie. A graduate of St Cyr, the French West Point, Major Negrie was serving in North Africa when the Germans occupied France. He was delegated to work with the Italian Armistice Commission.

Outwardly cooperative, Major Negrie fenced diplomatically with the Italians on concessions and managed to keep them distracted with tours to points of interest and other non-military pastimes. This procedure was successful enough to allow Major Negrie to capture several Italian-held oases when the British began their drive on Libya from the north.

After the American invasion of North Africa, the Major proceeded to Algiers to Corsica as a staff officer in the invasion of Corsica and to assume command of the Fourth Moroccan Mountain Division.

Pfc A. S. Schapira.

## Regiment Returns To 'Combat' In Realistic Unit Maneuvers

Battalions Begin Series Of Company, Platoon Problems With Attacks on 'Enemy' Pillboxes, Supply Points

Foxhole days returned to the 317th Infantry this week as elements of the three battalions and special moved into the field to begin an intensive round of platoon and company problems. Replete with such trappings as enemy patrols, artillery barrages, ambushes and air strikes, the maneuvers are employing the most realistic effects seen in the ETO since last May 8.

The problems are being run on a competitive basis and will be rated according to a point system by the battalion staff officers.

One platoon of the Fighting First Battalion's A Company went into action on the morning of August 2. In the ensuing five days, the platoon captured two enemy command posts, raided a supply dump and a bivouac area, wiped out an artillery position and several enemy patrols.

### Second Also Attacks

The Wreckin' Second Battalion's G Company, supported by heavy weapons of H Company, moved into the field on August 1. A series of problems, covering such phases of ground combat as ambush and all-around defense, were run off by the platoons.

Other companies of the Wreckin' Second moved into the attack early this week, running through much the same routine as G Company.

The tactical aspects of field bivouacs are being stressed by the Wreckin' Second. Field sanitation and water control are among the major points in this phase of the problems.

### Third Hits Pillboxes

The Thundering Third Battalion's I Company began its attacks on August 1. For the next four days, the Regiment exchanged fire with snipers, charged enemy pillboxes, attacked through woods and set up defenses against counter-attack and night infiltration.

Most of the problems in the maneuvers are stressing measures to be used against tactics peculiar to the Japanese, with which the 317th has not been confronted during the European War. Lectures and demonstrations in regular training schedules have built up a background for the problems.

According to present plans, the maneuvers will wind up on August 21. At that time, the scoring system will determine the most efficient platoon in each battalion.

## Division BAR Contest Opens On Wreckin' Second Range

The Firing Range of the Wreckin' Second Battalion will be the scene of the Division BAR Contest finals on Monday, August 13.

Each regiment in the Division will enter nine teams in the competitions to decide the best Blue Ridge BAR team. The 317th entries will fire first, starting at 0900, followed by the teams from the 318th and the 319th.

## Munich Variety Show To Tour Regiment

"Happy Landings," a variety show from Munich, will tour the Regiment next week, staging performances for each of the three battalions and one for special units.

With a cast of 20 acrobats, comedians and singers, the show will appear for the First Battalion in Fussen next Wednesday, August 15, at 1430 and 1930. The next stop is Pfronten and the Second Battalion on Thursday with performances there also scheduled for 1430 and 1930. On Friday, the show appears at 2000 in Schwangau for special units and closes its run on Saturday with performances in Markt Oberdorf for the Third Battalion at 1430 and 1930.

The price of admission to the show is three marks.

## New Group Leaves For Study Center

The Army Education Program took another step forward this week with the slated departure of ten members of the Regiment for Army University Center 2 at Biarritz, France.

Scheduled to leave the Regiment this afternoon, the group will proceed to Biarritz to begin courses on August 20.

T/Sgt Walter W. Parks, B Company, will study Agriculture, while T/Sgt Peter Kudenov, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, and T/4 Albert E. Whery, Service Company, pursue the courses in Commerce.

Pfc Anthony W. McMahon, F Company, will receive instruction in Education. T/5 Norris G. Smith, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, is in line to study Fine Arts, while Pfc Lloyd H. Cohen, Headquarters Company Second Battalion, will study Journalism.

S/Sgt John L. Rice, A Company, and Pfc William B. McIlwaine, Headquarters Company, will study in the Liberal Arts Field. Pfc William K. Wood and Pfc Albert E. Sanderson, both of Headquarters Company, will pursue courses in Science.

This is the second group to leave for Army University Centers. The first shipment left for Shrivenham, England last month.

## Initial Classes Begin In Fighting First Mechanics School

The Fighting First Battalion launched its most ambitious on-the-job training project to date last Monday when the First Battalion Motor Mechanics School began functioning at the DP camp near Fussen.

"Our course," declared T/5 Russel O. Greiner, one of the chief instructors, "is designed to teach a man enough about auto mechanics to enable him to take apart and put together his own car when he goes home."

Three rooms, each set aside for an individual phase of training, house the school. The largest room is occupied by a display of dead motors used to illustrate assembly and disassembly. The second room is used as a classroom for discussions and lectures, while the third room holds live motors, mounted on blocks, to allow the student to practice what he has learned in the other two classrooms.

The first class enrollment is 20 men, who are being instructed by such skilled mechanics as Greiner, S/Sgt Edward L. Cookingham, T/4 Fred Brittner and T/4 Elmer Henderson. Lt Donald Foltz is "dean" of the school, supervising the instruction and training plans.

## Regimental Rest Center Acquires Civilian Air

The Regimental Rest Center at Weissen-See is rapidly acquiring all the aspects of the old-fashioned civilian resort. The latest addition to Rest Center personnel is a civilian chef, formerly head of the culinary section of a large European hotel.

The weekly dances at the Rest Center, according to Sgt Cecil Lynch, manager of the enterprise, are attracting large crowds. With music of T/5 Jack Appleton and his Wreckin' Second Dance Band, the Center is playing host to almost 150 people every Sunday night.

A new volley ball court is the latest addition in the way of sports. Still available also are fishing, boating, hunting and ping pong.

Twenty men of the Regiment have been enjoying the Rest Center's facilities every three day period since June 28.

## A Year Ago Today

On August 11, 1944, the 317th Infantry attacked toward Sille Le Guilleume to secure high ground southeast of the town. Rifleman encountered minefields and mined road blocks, which were cleared by Combat Team Engineers and A & P Platoons.



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## The Combat Team

### I & R Platoon Spearheads 317th Attacks, Earns Unit Citation In Drive To Rhine

(This is the third of a series describing the exploits of components of the Combat Team.)

Serving as the probing fingers in the drive of the 317th's spiked fist across western Europe, the I & R Platoon time and again has sought out the enemy in his own lines to wrest from him information vital to the success of the Combat Team.

The platoon was cited by the Commanding General of the 80th Division for "exceptional aggressiveness, extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty" in the three day attack west of the Rhine. In that assault, the 25 Intelligence and Reconnaissance men preceded the leading elements of the Regiment in the clearing of 32 German towns, including Kusel and Kaiserslautern.

In the now famous Kaiserslautern exploit, the platoon approached the city on March 21. They ran into small arms fire from an estimated garrison of 250 enemy troops.

#### Large Haul of Brass

Led by Lt Byron L. Hoover, then a tech sergeant, the I & R men drove the Krauts into a dugout and encircled them. After they had advanced under fire to the mouth of the dugout and had dropped two grenades into the German position, the garrison commander of Kaiserslautern came out and surrendered unconditionally to the I & R Platoon. The haul from the dugout included one colonel, four majors, five captains, ten lieutenants, 20 non-coms and 97 guys named Joe.

Back in Montsec, France, the platoon ran into a string of freight cars loaded with Kraut signal equipment. A platoon of heavily armed Germans was covering the cars from a nearby woods. Lt Glen Brooks, then I & R platoon leader, worked

his way to the edge of the woods and roared an ultimatum at them. He threatened direct fire from 25 tanks if the Krauts failed to surrender. The fact that there wasn't a tank within miles of the spot was unknown to the Germans. They surrendered.

Later that day, while setting up an observation post, the I & R men ran into a marble monument commemorating the fighting divisions of the last war. The Blue Ridge 80th Division was prominent on the list.

#### Face to Face

On a patrol into a small French town, Lt Brooks and several I & R men detected the presence of a strong enemy force. Before reporting back with this information, Lt Brooks was determined to have a look around the corner of a house just ahead of the patrol. He advanced cautiously, and in the best scouting and patrolling tradition, poked his head around the corner. At the same time, also using the approved method of observation, a Kraut stuck his head around the same corner. They stared at each other sheepishly for a moment and then took off in opposite directions.

One of the platoon's most ticklish moments occurred last winter in Luxembourg. "We had a jeep," relates T/5 Harry Kamany, the only BAR man ever to serve in the platoon, "and the thing wouldn't turn right because of a broken axle. We had to keep making left turns through the snow every time we ran into fire and wanted to turn right."

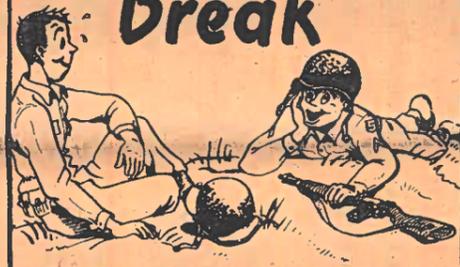
Eight of the original members of the platoon are still with the unit. They are T/Sgt John E. Dougherty, Sgt Thomas S. Ryan, Sgt Jack A. Magnusen, Sgt Victor Greene, T/4 Joseph Vita, T/5 Arthur Wilde, Pfc Stephen Cubitso and Pfc Forrest Evans.

## Regimental Bikers Pedal Way To Fame



Regimental winners of Division Bicycle Marathon are, left to right, T/4 John J. Lines, C Company; Sgt Raymond McCadan, C Company; Pfc Emlyn Jones, A Company; and Pfc Bob Bonifer, A Company.

## Ten Minute Break



#### NAMES MAKE THE NEWS

If names make the news, the members of the 317th Infantry would be headliners in anybody's league.

Just to prove the point, here are a few of the Regimental celebrities from Hollywood. There's Sgt Robert Taylor (E Company), Pfc James Stewart (Headquarters Company Second Battalion), Capt Robert Walker (Headquarters Company), Pfc Lee Bowman (K Company) and Pvt Frank Craven (Headquarters Company First Battalion).



There are quite a few famous teams in the Regiment. For example, there is Abbott (H Company) and Costello (Headquarters Company Third Battalion), not to mention Gilbert (Headquarters Company First Battalion) and Sullivan (B Company), Olsen (E Company) and Johnson (Headquarters Company First Battalion), and Burns (C Company) and Allen (E Company).

In the world of politics, there are Truman (B Company), Churchill (Headquarters Company), Hoover (G Company) and Benes (F Company). Then again, there's MacArthur (K Company).

The Regiment should do well in sports too. There are Isbell (C Company) and Baugh (Medics). Pfc Ray Robinson (Headquarters Company First Battalion) should be a help to the boxing team, that is, if names really do make the news.

## Special Service Sponsors Trips To 'Zugspitz'

"Zugspitz-Plateau," Germany's highest peak, will be open to visits by men of the 317th Infantry shortly, according to an announcement made this week by Lt Emmett M. Chandler, Regimental Special Service Officer.

Year-round skiing is one of the features on the scenic spot as well as the "Zugspitzbahn," a cable car ride to highest peak in Germany.

Transportation for these trips will be furnished by Special Service. Date of the first trip will be announced shortly.



# Nine Wins Pair From Div Arty, Faces 305th Engineers Today

Headache Baseball Team Defeats Artillery By 5-4, 7-6 To Boost Chances For Second Half Division League Title

Showing a complete reversal of early season form, the Regimental Baseball Team last week swept to two successive wins over Division Artillery in a pair of closely contested games. Today, the 317th team faces the 305th Engineers in another Division League game at Fussen.

The current rejuvenation of the Headache baseball team brings to mind a little of the history of 317th ball teams. Baseball underwent its growing pains in the Regiment in July, 1942, just after the reactivation of the 80th Division. Company competitions blossomed, and by the early part of 1943, the Regiment decided it had enough talent to start a ball club of its own. E Company and M Company were the big guns at the time, and it was from these two companies that most of the first string players were derived. Although lacking in championship material, the Fighting First Battalion provided the team with its star hurler, Cpl Lefty Armstrong. Armstrong pitched good ball for the Headache team until the time of his transfer to the Air Corps several months later.

There was no Division League in 1943, but the units scheduled games among themselves on a weekly basis. That summer, the 317th team defeated every outfit in the Division at least once, sustaining only one defeat at the hands of the 905th Field Artillery Battalion.

Later in 1943 on Tennessee maneuvers, the Headache nine played two ball games in Nashville on the Vanderbilt University diamond. They defeated the 905th and the 315th Field Artillery in these two contests. The last game played by the championship team was staged at Gallatin, Tennessee, where they bowed out appropriately by topping the 319th Infantry, 6-4. Two members of the old squad are still with the Regiment, according to historian Arvard Bryson, who has been active in 317th sports since April, 1943. They are T/Sgt Louis Sulpizio, M Company, and S/Sgt Donald Blackburn, E Company.

### Anti-Tankers Fail to Beat Old Jinx

In three years of Regimental softball competition, the Anti-Tank Company team has failed to register one win over a Medic outfit. This week the jinx still held as the 419th Medics topped the Anti-Tankers by a score of 6-2. "Ox" Michalak, winner of 19 consecutive games, went to the mound for the Anti-Tankers and was pounded for five runs in the first two innings. Buddy O'Brien, of the Medics, set the Anti-Tankers down with seven hits, fanning eight men in the course of the game. Capt James Mullen and Lt Raymond Lermond led the Anti-Tank attack with two hits apiece.

### E Company Team Tops Air Force Outfit

E Company, the newly crowned softball champs of the Wreckin' Second Battalion, took on the Ninth Air Force Bombardiers at Pfronten this week in a tune-up for the Regimental Softball Finals. The E Company squad won by a score of 7-4. The Air Force compiled a 4-1 lead in the course of the first four innings. In the last half of the fifth, E Company exploded a barrage of extra base hits to tally five runs and go into a 6-4 lead. From there on, the Second Battalion winners coasted on to victory.

The Division Boxers, now training in the Fussen Gym, are planning to stage a series of bouts in the Regimental Area next week. The team is rounding into shape in preparation for the matches with the Fourth Armored at Regensburg on August 20.

## Battalion Softball Winners Prepare To Vie For Title

The prospects of deciding the Regimental Softball Championship this month loomed brighter as two battalion champsemerged and the three-cornered struggle for the other crown went into the playoff stage.

L Company assured itself of a spot in the Regimental playoffs this week by besting K Company in two contests out of three to take the championship of the Thundering Third Battalion League.

Previously, E Company had outlasted G Company in a five game series to win the title in the Wreckin' Second Battalion League.

The remaining battalion playoffs will determine the team to represent the Fighting First in the Regimental Round-Robin. D Company, B Company and Headquarters Company First Battalion are slated to play off the three-way deadlock next week.

During the lull caused by the First Battalion deadlock, the other winners have been taking on all competition in a round of practice games to maintain their winning form for the Regimental playoffs.

The Regimental Champion will be decided by a round-robin of six games in which each battalion winner will face the other two in pair of games, one to be played at each team's home field.

## Competitions Open In Ping Pong, Horseshoes

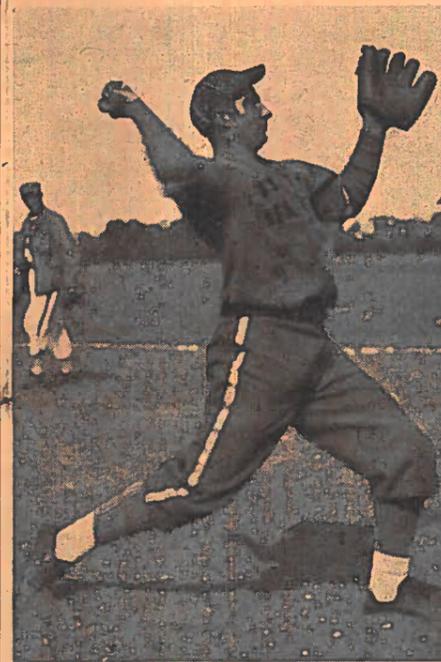
The Regimental Athletic Program this week widened its scope with the announcement of proposed tournaments in Ping Pong and Horseshoe Pitching.

The tournaments will be run initially on a battalion level. Each battalion will run off an elimination to determine the winners in singles and doubles for both sports. Each of these battalion winners will be presented with a medal.

When battalion winners have been decided, a Regimental Round-Robin will be played to select champions in singles and doubles for both Ping Pong and Horseshoe Pitching. Medals will also be presented to these winners.

For the purposes of the eliminations, Anti-Tank Company and Regimental Headquarters Company will compete in the Fighting First Battalion League, while Service Company entrants play in the Wreckin' Second Battalion League.

Revenge came in sweet, ample doses to the Headache nine as they defeated the Division Artillery team twice within



Winning Hurler Pudveh

a week to make up for the 24-5 pasting the Redlegs had handed them last week.

Last Saturday on the Fussen diamond, the Regimental team pounded out four

runs in the fifth inning to insure a 5-4 win over the Artillery team. Singles by Bob Garrison, Francis Sage and Stan Pollack, coupled with a walk and a wild pitch, accounted for the scoring.

Pudveh went the distance for the Headache team and was saved from a tough spot in the ninth inning by catcher Walter Betlinski. With the tying run on third and the winning run on second, Betlinski raced around the backstop to snag a foul ball and end the game.

### 317th Overcomes Lead

In the game at Memmingen last Tuesday, the 317th ball club overcame a four-run lead to score their second consecutive win over the Division Artillery team by a score of 7-6.

Two errors helped the Redlegs get off to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. The 317th nine came up with three runs in the fifth on an error and a walk followed by Tony Oberaitis' double and pitcher Hal Tucker's base hit. After scoring the tying counter in the sixth, the Headache team went on to sew up the game with a three-run splurge in the eighth inning. Bill Bennett's two-bagger and singles by Tom Linehan. Len Stranski and Francis Sage accounted for the tallies.

The game against the Engineers this afternoon will determine whether or not the Regimental team shapes up as a serious contender for the second-half championship of the Division.

## In The Spotlight

By Jidov

Just a souvenir

is this cup he won for the Flyweight and Bantam-weight Championship at Honolulu

Benny was wounded slightly when his message center jeep hit a mine

# Benny GAN

Holder of the World's Flyweight Championship from 1935 to 1938, Benny is now the mainstay of the 317th Boxing Team in the bantamweight class.

## Battalions Conduct Series Of 'Raids' On German Towns

A series of surprise "raids" was conducted in the 317th Infantry area this week with members of the Regiment uncovering a number of irregularities in nearby German towns.

Last Monday morning, a team from the Second Battalion's F Company, led by Lt Isidore Beckerman, made a surprise "raid" on a German town in the Battalion area. They confiscated large stores of illegally held Wehrmacht stores, Nazi party literature and other contraband.

In conjunction with their field problems, the platoons of the First Battalion's A Company searched out the town of Rieden. In all, 53 houses were checked. The only irregularity discovered was the failure of three civilians to produce identification papers when challenged.

G Company also conducted a surprise inspection in the town of Nesselwang on Thursday evening. Results were not announced.

## First Group Leaves For XX Corps School

The first three men in the Regiment selected to attend the XX Corps Command School departed yesterday for Freising, Germany, to begin courses next week.

The three men chosen to attend the Corps School were S/Sgt Herbert S. Plunkert, Headquarters Company Third Battalion; Pfc W. A. Amason, A Company; and Pfc John E. Daly, Anti-Tank Company.

Although the initial quota to the Corps School is small, more openings will probably be forthcoming in the near future, according to Lt Louis J. Lifton, Regimental Educational Advisement Officer.

In addition, another group left last week to attend on-the-job training courses at the 80th Division Signal Company.

Studying Photography at the Signal School are S/Sgt Jed S. Blake, D Company; Cpl Joseph A. Ambrose, C Company; and Pfc Bernard J. Sowa, D Company. The course is designed to last two weeks.

A four week course in Radio is being pursued by S/Sgt Benjamin Apodage, A Company; Sgt Emil J. Ozimek, A Company; Sgt Phillip S. Garcia, A Company; Pfc Faye O. Fink, B Company; Pfc Kenneth L. Swayze, B Company; and Cpl Jack B. Morgan, Cpl Robert Mann, Pfc Ernest J. Russell and Pfc Thomas Turner, all of D Company.

Quotas for on-the-job training with special units of the Division have been coming through regularly, and several groups have begun courses thus far this month.

## Headquarters' Day Room To Hold Double Feature

The Headquarters Company Day Room at Schwangau will hold a double-feature tomorrow evening when it presents a Bavarian floor show to be followed by a dance.

Last Wednesday, a swing combination from the 80th Division Band entertained at the Day Room. Poor weather held down the attendance, but a fair-sized crowd did turn out for the affair to insure its success.

Memberships cards were printed this week and distributed to members of the company.

## Regimental Nine Cultivates Good Habit



Len Stranski demonstrates a good habit that the Regimental Nine has been cultivating lately, namely, scoring runs in a Division League game. This action occurred in the game with the 318th last week.

## Brain Weve Overcomes 'Herd'

Last week, we modestly came up with what we think is a bright idea. Every time we pick up a copy of Stars & Stripes, Yank or even a home-town daily, we're hit smack in the eye with another female beauty contest. Some contests are held to select the best pair of gams, others to find the smoothest hands, still others to seek out the most swan-like neck, and in rare instances, we even read of a real honest-to-goodness, old-fashioned beauty contest.

Well, things have been a little slow these days, and the Art Editor, a lad who has spent the last three days gazing out the window seeking inspiration, popped up with this one. Sez he, "Let's have a beautiful hunk of man contest." Nothing fazes us in our lofty editorial office and so — — "a beautiful hunk of man" contest it will be.

To the winner of this contest, we offer a pass to Paris and enough copies of *The Thundering Herd* to allow him to show his press clippings to the women in Paris in case he finds it tough sledding.

The contest is open to enlisted men only. Send your pictures through Message Center to Managing Editor, *The Thundering Herd*, 317th Infantry. Include your name, rank and company to enable us to return your snapshot. The deadline for all photographs is August 17.

## Fighting First Touring Party Visits Hitler's Eagle Nest, Brenner Pass

The Eagle's Nest that Adolf Hitler once feathered high in the Austrian Alps still stands untouched amid the rubble of the nearby abodes of lesser birds in the Nazi hierarchy, according to a group of officers and enlisted men of the Fighting First Battalion, who recently returned from a tour of the area.

Hitler's home, on the other hand, was hit directly by a bomb and was burned. Only the walls remain standing. The homes of Hermann Goering and Martin Bormann are also in ruins as a result of a direct bomb hit on the swimming pool located between the two. To complete the picture of devastation, the barracks of SS guards of the area are also a shambles. The surrounding countryside is pock-marked with bomb craters.

Before reaching Berchtesgaden, the party took a three-hour cable trip to the peak above Innsbruck. At the top is a luxurious Club House, which has recently been converted into an EM Club for the men of the 103rd Division.

"From the peak," declared Cpl Marion H. Risdal, A Company, "you have a full view of Innsbruck and surrounding area."

From Berchtesgaden the party followed a winding pathway on foot up to the crest of the mountain on which the Eagle's Nest is situated. Hitler's

retreat showed no signs of having been damaged by air blows, but it is succumbing to the slower process of destruction by over-eager souvenir hunters.

After sightseeing through Innsbruck, the tour proceeded through the Brenner Pass into Italy. The souvenirs, reports Capt John J. Jeannopoulos, are abundant, but the Italians don't seem to care for any money other than Italian. Pfc Kenneth J. Wagner managed to trade off for a set of ornamented wooden buttons.

## RED, WHITE AND BLUE

The Second Battalion has opened its own Educational Center, appropriately named "Pfront'n Center." The Battalion Library is the outstanding feature of the enterprise. In addition to the usual stock of books for relaxation, texts on Conversational German, English Grammar, Typing, Shorthand, History and a variety of other subjects are available.

*The Fighting First Battalion's C Company lays claim to the best-equipped dark room in the Regiment. Operating in a blacked-out kitchen, the men of C Company have acquired equipment to develop films, make contact prints and enlargements. Any challengers?*

### F Company Registers Protest

In the line of protests, the editor received one from the Wreckin' Second this week. The men of F Company informed us that the men of F Company cut down their 40 minute walk to chow was the work of the men in F Company, not of the Second Battalion A & P Platoon. To S/Sgt Halzey L. Boles and his crew, we offer our sincerest apologies.

*The Wreckin' Second Battalion's Puff Range still takes first prize in the Training Aids Department. H Company observers are daily improving their technique in getting on the target through use of the device.*

### Overdose Of Art

The Fighting First Battalion's Headquarters Company is suffering from too much artistic talent, according to the kitchen personnel — T/4 Albert Molnar, T/4 James Ray, T/5 Charlie Kraus, Pfc Harold Hasemeyer, Pfc Angelo Stocchi, Pfc Randall Phillips, Pfc Arthur Carleton and Pfc Charlie Long. They claim that the artistic sign outside of the kitchen looks fine, but it draws too many visitors at meal times. They insist it couldn't be the cooking that is the big attraction.

*Most unique on-the-job training courses being conducted in the Regiment are those in Cooking and Barbering being taught by the Wreckin' Second Battalion. Notwithstanding their uniqueness, the courses are proving as popular as any of the others being offered.*

## It's An Old Habit

Last month the 317th Infantry was once again mentioned in connection with honors. This time, however, the honors were not of the combat variety. The Infantry Journal's July issue contains the following item:

"Newcomer to the Honor Roll of the Infantry Journal is the 317th Infantry, which has enrolled all of its officer personnel as Journal subscribers. The 317th is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. Fisher."

## Home Town Pin-Up Girl



The smiling young lady on the left is Miss Joan Morgan of Amboy, Indiana. Entered by Pfc Oscar Givens, L Company, in the Division Beauty Contest, Miss Morgan was awarded second place. The photograph of the blue-eyed Hoosier brunette also won for Givens a pass to Paris.

Foregoing the pretense of contests, *The Thundering Herd* invites all members of the Regiment to submit pictures of their wives or sweethearts to be pictured in this "Home Town Pin-Up" corner. Send all photographs through Message Center to Managing Editor, *The Thundering Herd*, 317th Infantry. Enclose your return address.