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## On The Beam

PFCs' Royal B. Allyn, and Miles H. Carey of Easy Co. found that it pays to go by the book. While standing guard at the Motor pool late one night, they were approached by a tall imposing figure who was heading for the entrance.

"Halt" called PFC Allyn,  
"Who goes there?"

"Col. Williams," answered the T. I. F.

"Advance to be recognized", said PFC Allyn.

"Dammit", said the COL. "I told you I'm Col. Williams."

"I don't care who you are," advance and be recognized!"

The Col. stood there making up his mind what to do next, when he heard the click of a round going home in

Allyn's rifle. Making a quick decision he advanced to where he could look right down the barrel of the rifle. Allyn halted him again and Carey stepped out from the shadows where he had been covering the Col., and recognized him. The Col. made of a few pertinent remarks about the situation, and was told by both Carey and Allyn, that was the way they had been taught to do the job, and that was the way they were going to do the job, "Right" said the Col. "If everyone else did as good a job on guard, not only would we have a better guard, but things would be a lot easier for everyone concerned, and to show you I appreciate a good job, you boys go to Paris."

The Col. got his jeep, Allyn and Carey got a pass to Paris, and you readers get the Moral: It pays to stay on the beam

## Beckerman's Raiders

Last Monday morning Beckerman's Raiders swung into action. Lt. Beckerman has six teams of six men each. They are very highly trained in the art of searching. The Lieutenant has the capable assistance of T/Sgt. Rhodes, S Sgt. Boles, and Sgt. Smith.

They conducted a highly successful raid in one of our neight boring towns. They confiscated large quantities of Wehrmacht food, the Nazi party Literature, and other contraband. The raid was

### USO Show

On Saturday afternoon, August 4th, 57 members of Second Battalion travelled 80 miles by train — 25 miles by jeep) to Garmisch-Partenkirchen where the USO show of "Information Please" was being staged at the Ice Stadium with the original three of the radio show, Clifton Fadiman, acting as master of ceremonies, Franklin P. Adams, and John Kieran, and Beatrice Lillie and Reginald Gardiner as guest stars. The guys really suffered for their art too — started 2: P. M., arrived in Garmisch: at 6:30, boarded the train again at 9:30 and were back in Pfronten 2: A. M. Sunday morning. They decided it was worth it though, and are keeping a sharp lookout for other shows soon to come this way.

carried out in the best Army style, and Lt. Beckerman is to be complimented on his Raiders.

## What's the Story?

"What's the story?" is a phrase commonly heard among the fellows in the area. It so aptly reflects the bewildered spirit of the last ten years that popular usage has turned it into an exchange of greeting like "Hello," or "How are you?" During the past week men have been getting together on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 1430 hours to ask this question, "What's the story?", and they have been getting an answer. The answer is found in a little book called "The Bible" that they have been carrying around in their breast pockets ever since they first put on a uniform. They got a lot out of it during combat, but they realize now that there is a temptation to lay it aside like one of the many other "souvenirs" of war. Rather than let this happen, they are meeting at the Chaplain's Office to get "the story" on the book that meant so much to them in battle. Maybe some of you fellows reading this will get ideas too. If you do, see the Chaplain.

Chaplain Charles W. Griffin

## Battalion News

After a month of almost continuous work, T Sgt. Freeman and coworkers have completed How Company's Puff Range for Battalion use. Thursday morning, 26 July, Lt. Beethorn of the 313 FA held the first class, and from all indications it looks like the Wreckin' Second will have the best mortar observers in the Third Army or better still the ETO. (We only hope that this isn't a speed-up preparation for the CBI). As a reward for their splendid work, Colonel Williams has given the crew two passes to Paris. Any one that has seen the fine work done on this Puff Range can testify that it is a job well done. The officers and first three graders of the companies are all spending several hours a week on the puff range learning to direct artillery fire by forward observation.

Yes! Yes! The Battalion's best bugler is the Battalion S-3. All you buglers going to school better knuckle down and learn or "Hot Lips" will steal your job.

Sgt. Hunter is Fox Company's contribution to the Regimental Baseball team. This team is made up of men from each battalion who compete with the other regiments, artillery, engineers, etc. The team is billeted in Füssen and practices daily.

## Pfront'n Center

With the I and E program beginning to come into its own at Second Battalion, an education center, appropriately named Pfront'n Center, has been established in the little white house to the right of the Battalion C. P. Featuring a library of 120 new, full-sized books upon almost any known subject of literature you want and available to anyone in the Battalion, the center also boasts a supply of education pamphlets and books for self-teaching of such subjects as conversational German(!), English grammar, algebra, mechanics, electricity, typing, shorthand, science, philosophy, history, French—well, what do you want?

The library is open from 1 to 5 and 6 to 7 in the afternoon, and the I and E room is open anytime. Come, in and take a look at the books — you're bound to find one you like.

## Honor Roll

In the July issue of the Infantry Journal, the 317th is mentioned.

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

## Easy Company

"News by Neu"

S/Sgt. F. J. Kroecker, Cpl. H. Baldrige, and Pfc. R. C. Shaw, formerly of this company, now with the 10th Armored, visited us during the week. For their address, please see T/5 Ernest R. Nicka.

On Tuesday last, men of Easy were awarded the Good Conduct Medal at Battalion Retreat. Twenty-nine men marched in formation to the reviewing point where Colonel Williams personally presented the men with the Good Conduct Medal. The men then moved in position to watch the remainder of the Battalion pass in review. More awards like these are to be presented in the near future.

Pfc. Bill Beir and Pfc. Bill Bintliff left Wed, on pass to Paris.

## How Pow-Wow

Submitted by S/Sgt. John M. Quinn,  
Co "H", Reporter

Club Rhinehart held it's second dance Friday night 27, June and it was a great success. Although the club is small it really has that night club touch that most of us have not experienced for a long, long time.

The Pvts. and Pfc's. Club had their opening night July 19. It was a terrific success. In choosing the site for the club the committee looked far and wide and finally decided on Gasthaus Hof. It has proven itself to be an ideal place. Originally it was a roadside tavern for these thirsty Krauts to stop en route to guzzle a beer or two, but now it has been transfigured—it's How Company's Fox Hole. With Halb and Halb, (it's ust like mother's milk to us), the jazzie jive Jivesters and a select group of the most dazzling frauleins in Deutschland—what else does one need to have a Stork Club here in Steinach, Germany. In addition the club looked like a decorated Christmas tree with the most lavish decorations imaginable. Congratulations and continued success with your club.

## Sinatra Vs. Acuff

There's a feud currently making the rounds at Radio Munich. The addicts for sweet music in the person of Frank Sinatra, and the ridge runner fans who go for Roy Acuff are fighting respectively to keep the hillbilly jive off or on the Morning Report, Munich's morning musical program. If you're interested, send a letter into AFN Munich—you could be the deciding factor.

## Fox Company Tidbits

By H. K. Gill

Our Baseball team under the guidance of S/Sgt. Wertz is going into its third complete series. In their first two series they played some swell ball, put their heart into each game and were a credit to our Company.

Orchids to Pfc. Allen for his fine help in typing this column.

Pfc. Stanfill recently back from a short pass to Regt. Rest Center; says it is a swell place to recuperate and the food is prima.

Lt. Hult to Pete, "Is that your handkerchief you are using to wipe my plate?"

Pete, "Its' all right Sir, its not a clean one."

See Lt. Bergin for your I & E problems.

Joe L. Martinez is back with the third platoon after having quite an extended stay at the 207th General Hospital in France, where he received treatment for an infected hand.

I hear we are going to have a 30 hour day, so that we can get in our daily schedule.

Two clubs have come into effect since our last writing, the Privates & Privates First Class Club and the Non-Com Club.

The Privates and Pfc.'s club is located at the far end of town near the Bn. theatre. Pfc. Marvin Sukonik is its president. There is entertainment several times a week and plenty of beer.

Any nite you can find most of the non-com's talking about old times over a glass of beer at the former gasthof on the rise of ground about a mile in front of our C. P. There is lots of beer and occasionally halb & halb.

Entertainment for both clubs is left up to our local talent mainly; Sgt. Bob Kalish on the piano, Pfc. Wilder on the

bass vial, Pfc. Story & Pfc. Martinez on the guitars.

Pfc. Hauck, more intelligent from his trip to Paris, received a letter from our former Supply Sergeant, S Sgt. Hudson who is at a General Hospital in the United Kingdom. Hudson informs us that he is to be sent to the States.

"Archie" Daniels, who broke his leg in Luxembourg writes that he is at a station hospital in Camp Lee, Va. With him are Kerns, Evans, and Wallace.

Sgt. Mulderig has received a medical discharge and is now enjoying that life in Phila. that we knew once upon a time.

Ask "Gypsy Rose" Synder to put on his dove dance for you.

Lt. Floyd, recently returned from the Hospital, has been transferred to George Company.

Lt. Hartzell now believes all he had heard about the Rivera. He has just returned from a pass there.

"Having a wonderful time, darling. Wish you were her."

S Sgt. Elmer Murar to Girl, "I'm a stranger in this town, could you direct me to your home?"

Say "Adonis" Diehl is quite a looker, but then so was Aristotle. Ask T/5 Brennan about Archbishop Whately and Dr. Ditmar.

Who is this guy Baldy and who is Crusher in the first Platoon? Hi there, Low Pockets.

*Wabbits have a funny face*

*Their pwivate wife is a disgwase.*

*Ood be supvised if oo but knew*

*The awfu fings that wabbits do.*

*And often too.*

*(How did this get in here?)*

## To the Soldier's in Pfronten

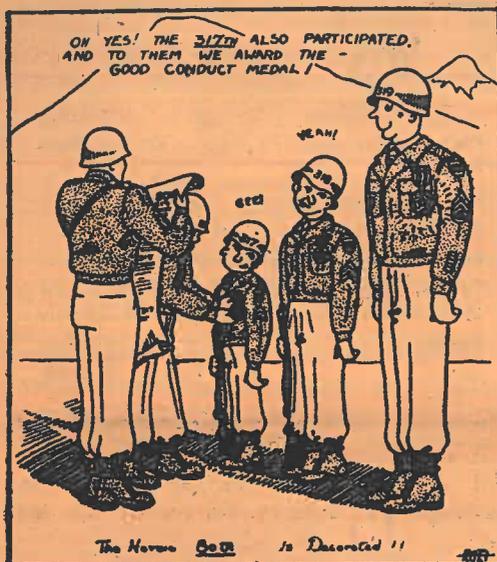
*You who are passing through and stand at ease  
Between the clamour of victorious war  
And that sweet moment that shall bring release  
And speed you home, before  
You set your face for your far distant shore  
And for your home's deep peace,  
Take to your heart the beauty here once more.*

*For whether it be dizzy mountain height  
Or clinging pine aslant some lonely way,  
The wind-tossed darkness of a stormy night  
That slowly pales to day,  
At sun-drenched noon the drowsy scent of hay,  
Such moments of delight  
Will help your days of waiting pass away.*

*Nell Meier.*



ONE IN A MILLION?



## G. Co. Chowline Chatter

Ah, yes, it's Spring, or is it? Anyhow young mens' hearts do turn to thoughts of love, don't they . . . Pvt. Ardry and S Sgt. Garner are seen nightly on their way to a secret rendezvous . . . Both of them leave at ten thirty with the light of love in their eyes and get up in the morning with blood shot eyes . . . And then there is the man that all the local kinder call "baby," he hides girls in closets, strange behaviour for a baby . . . must be a prococious child . . . The second dance was quite a great success; all the boys acted like gentlemen in their cups . . . quite an effort for some of the boys . . . The German orchestra is getting hep. Some of the music is really just the thing, enough like American Music so we can dance and enough Heinie so the girls can dance . . . Pvt. Chabareck is leaving us for the M. P. s. Ah yes, their loss is our gain, or is it vice versa . . . Anyhow Kaufbeuren's Broadway or what passes for their Broadway is a little brighter these nights . . . Sgt. Tucker, Sgt. Tomassone, and our old friend Pfc. Shlockman are burning the midnite oil in those parts lately . . . Sgt. Tucker learned to count to a thousand in 23 minutes at the Jap orientation school, and is now on his second thousand . . . There's money to be made in them thar hills . . . Sgt. Tomassone is learning to beat the drums. Says he's a cinch for job with the salvation army when the war is over. . . . And Shlecky is now in the divisional mail section. . . . He told me about it as he went round and round in the coffee and donut line at the Red Cross Club. Yes, men, I said a coffee and donut line. . . .

Pfc. Daniels used to park his jeep outside a Brewery all nite every nite and a local frau said he must be a drunkard because the said jeep was there all nite. . . . He was stumped for an answer for a

"one year ago today"

The Second Battalion was in the neighborhood of St. Hilaire, France getting ready for their first liberation—the town of Evron which was taken August 11th.

## The Blue Ridge Jivesters

Thursday night the Pfc & Pvt's club of "H" Co opened with a bang with music by the Blue Ridge Jivesters. 1st Lt. Siwickie, "H" Co. C O was present and complimented the boys. The second dance was played for "H" Co. Friday night at the opening of their Non Com's club. The C O was also there.

Sunday night, July 29, the largest crowd that has been at the "Lake View Rest Camp" turned out and showed the Jivesters they enjoyed our music. Thanks boys. The larger the crowd the harder we play.

Pfc Hoff, who was "MC" for the Jivesters, left for Army Hq. to take up his new job as announcer on one of our A. F. N. radio stations.

## HQs!!! Dots & Dashes!!!

The enemy detail moved out to harrass and hold out the attacking platoons. I was once a member of a such an organization. T's a good bit of fun. Bum joke for those on the problem. The Enemy are lead by none other than our Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Williams with Lt. Earl (big Deal) Diehl in charge of the operations in the field. The Col. has stated that if at any time he is captured while riding under the Red Flag he shall proceed with the unit that was lucky enough to gain his services. He is a sly old fox. The whole detail is made up of Headquarters men from Anti-Tank, A & P and Comm. Platoons. Sounds like a good deal for them but all good things have their bad points. The Enemy detail must stay out for the length of the whole procedure which is 20 some days.

Who are the lucky boys who are members of the sick, lame and lazy. Main reason they are lucky is that they are manning a road block while their buddies are out on the enemy detail. Could be they are not so lucky but I've heard some say they would rather be there on this road block than a trip to the Regt'l rest camp.

Headquarters second best bitch. T/5 Wolf of the Comm. boys. T/5 Wolf has 70 points; but of the time he has in the Army, 33 months as of June. 27 months were spent over seas. When he had been in the Army only Ten days, T 5 (then Pvt.) Wolf was on a boat sailing the beautiful Pacific Ocean. Later he returned to the states and after a short stay came over to give us all a hand.

## True Love

Somehow I think the Lord above  
Created you for me to love,  
He picked you out from all the rest  
Because he knew I'd love you best  
I once had a heart both tried and true  
But now dear it's gone from me to you  
Take care of it as I have done  
For you now have two and I have none  
If I get to heaven and you're not there  
I'll paint your name on the golden chair  
So all the angels will know and see  
Exactly, darling, what you mean to me.  
And if you're not there by Judgement day  
I'll know you have gone the other way.  
I'll give the angels back there wings  
Their golden haloes and all those things  
And just to show my love is true  
I'll go to hell dear just for you.

— — Anonymous

## "On the Job"

Already in progress in the Battalion are three "on the job" training schools which started last Monday, August 6, 1945. Five men from each company go into their company kitchen three days a week and learn from the regular cooks how to prepare all varieties of meals and general essentials of cooking. It's insisted that they're not K. P. s', just apprentice cooks. When their weeks' course is over, we figure they'll be finished cooks for sure.

Also in action for a week now has been the Auto-Mechanics School, with five men from all the companies assembling at the Battalion Motor Pool to learn fundamentals of motor mechanics or in simpler terms, how to tear a jeep apart and put it together again. This school will also last for weeks, the men attending three times a week.

Thirdly, there is a barber school in progress in the companies with each company barber instructing five men in the art of "harr schneiden." When the first schools are finished, there will probably be more, similar courses as well as new courses in carpentering, mechanical drawing, etc. soon to be put in action. See your company I and E officer for further details.



# The Sporting World

August 3, 1945

It was the pleasure of a number of the Battalion today to attend the outdoor sports event at Kaufbeuren, Germany where 80th Division Headquarters is located.

At the meet there was a number of events that were of much interest to all.

To start the afternoon rolling we saw the famous T/4 George Lott, of the Davis cup, with his sensational style as a tennis Champ, and S/Sgt. Bob Harmon, the 5th ranking singles player of the United States.

The second event of the day was Table Tennis with some of it's many tricks, demonstrated by Sol Schiff, four times U. S. Champ and his very able apponent, Cliff Bishop, Michigan State Champ.

Horseshoe pitching was conducted by the national Champ, Leland Mortenson, Most of us though that he was surely going to have to sign a statement of charges before the day was over but when he missed the G. I. watch that was placed no more than 12 inches from the pen with all 4 shoes, Well you know the rest. I still don't think I would like to lay my watch down there when he performs that feat even though he is the best, Even the best will slip once in a while.

The final exhibition of the day was boxing, there were a number of bouts put on by boys from the Division with the final one being staged by the world's heavy weight contender, Cpl. Billy Conn. His challenger was the Division Champ, Paul Klang. This was the event that we all waited for. Even though Klang did good he was in no shape to tackle Billy. The Referee of the bout was one name that is known to all the sporting world and especially those who are interested in boxing. The one and only, Billy Cavanaugh, nationally famous and one time boxing director of West Point.

T 5 Robert Hurley

## Boxing

Tuesday night at the gymnasium, boxing enthusiasts were treated to a fine exhibition by some of the local fistic artists. Although it was understood by many to be a series of bouts, it was announced that due to lack of transportation and insufficient time for the men to train, it would be an exhibition put on by the boys to us on their own time. Some clever footwork and some charp timing made the bouts pretty fast, so fast in fact that a shortage of wind was apparent. This latter fault of course will be corrected as the boxing program moves forward and the sluggers get some real training. The feature bout of the evening was the mixup between Pormer world's lightweight champ, Benny Gans, and Tony Carbone. The latter, an

admitted amateur, boxed a game three rounds with the more experienced Gans who finished, breathing easily, and looking in pretty good shape for my money.

In the future a tournament will be to select the 80 Div. representatives who will meet the 4th Armored at Regensburg sometime in August. The contestants in the exhibition were as follows; Charlie Tellas VS Pfc. Pat Mongello, Bob Lee VS Ventura De La Tone, Jennifer Robinson VS. Jack Adrian, Pfc. Tony Carbone VS Benny Gans, Adam D' Mere, VS. Paul Klang.

## Baseball

The series is finished and the winner wears his crown, a hard won crown at that. By winning three out of four from the hard fighting G. Co., E. Co's Ten snatched the title before cheering G. I.s' last week. The first two games were strictly pitchers contests the score being 3 to 2 and 2 to 2 respectively. The third game went to G. Co. who suddenly found their batting eye and pounded out 11 runs to win 11 to 1 The fourth game a hair raiser in which E. Co nosed out the G. Co., lineup 7 to 6. The final tilt was marred by disagreements with the arbitars' decision; being a neutral observer my only observation is that since there are no professionals available, the umps as a whole did a very good job, and so did the ball chasers. The Combined Box Scores for the series is as follows:

### League Standings

	won	lost	per.
Easy Co	2	0	1.000
HQs. Co	2	0	1.000
Ser. Co	1	1	.500
George Co	1	1	.500
Officers	1	2	.333
How Co	0	1	.000
Medics	0	2	.000

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A new league is now under way and G. I. spectators can look forward to some exciting ball games for the rest of our stay.

## Medical Section

Pfc. Eichelbacher returned Sunday, July 29, from pass--said he had lots of fun.

Pfc. Mejia is our new Supply Sgt.

After 28 months overseas, Pfc. Johnny Blaufus wonders if he still knows how to kiss his lovely wife. You'll know soon, Johnny.

We are the 2nd Bn. Medics, not the 305th!

S Sgt. Murray Wade & Pfc. Dorn returned Monday, July 30, from passes-- Said they were stunned by the appearance of the "frauleins" around Thionville.

Med Det Reporter Cpl. Red Rogers

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