



Xmas Celebration Planned For Tigers

Chow Hounds Set For Big Turkey Feast; Full Christmas Services Scheduled As Division Gets Three Days Off

While we won't have the "White Christmas" we've been singing about for the past few months, Santa has brought us three welcome gifts: first, there's the holiday itself which gives us three days off, then there will be full Christmas services in all five chapels and to top it off there'll be a big mid-afternoon turkey feast that has our mouths watering already.

Thousands of you recruits are spending your first Christmas away from home and the folks. We know it's kinda tough (we were recruits once ourselves, you know) but the division is making an all-out effort to make your Christmas a happy one. Just read on and see.

Over 120,000 pounds of chow will be consumed at the Xmas ration issue. Here's a partial list of what you Tigers will eat Friday afternoon; 14,550 lbs. of turkey, 12,600 lbs. of potatoes, 5,600 lbs. of bread, 420 gallons of ice cream, 17,000 apples and oranges and 14,500 tangerines. Christmas is a mighty important holiday, all right, and it looks like a field day for all you chow hounds.

What A Menu!

Just take a look at this menu that is the pride of every mess sergeant in the division. Fruit cocktails, cream of celery soup, olives, mixed pickles, celery hearts, ROAST TURKEY, oyster dressing, baked ham, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, creamed corn—oh gosh, the list is just too long to go on. We haven't even covered half of it. All we can say is—we can hardly wait!

Traditional feature of Christmas, of course, are the religious services and the division chaplain has

Hellzapoppin' To Play At Division Dec. 31st

The wackiest of all shows, Broadway's famous "Hellzapoppin'" will play here Dec. 31st at Theater No. 7. This good news is a bit cooled by the fact that the show is scheduled at the present for only one performance, at 8:00 p. m.

Defying description, "Hellzapoppin'" is called "a screamlined revue" and has just about everything you could ask for—vaudeville, farce, music and, of course, beautiful girls. We're promised laughs galore at this craziest of shows which played to over two million customers in New York.

USO-Camp Shows, who are presenting the show, free of charge, claim this is one of their very best. A cast of 30 including the famous Roxyettes, will be here to entertain you.

planned a full program of services to more than satisfy all of us.

The chapels have been colorfully decorated for this all-important occasion. Each chapel will have two Christmas trees and plenty of wreaths, candles, brilliant electric lights and everything to make your Christmas a bright and merry one. In addition, the chaplains have prepared special Xmas programs to be given to each man. These colorful and interesting programs are made so that it will be simple for you to fold up and mail to the folks back home.

Midnight Masses

Midnight masses beginning at 12 o'clock the night of Dec. 24th are planned at all five chapels.

Pvt. Theodore Labowsky of the 11th Armored Regiment will lead the choir in singing the traditional Christmas carols at the Protestant service scheduled for 7:30 Dec. 24th at Chapel No. 3.

The Service Club, be-decked in its finest, will hold a tea dance Xmas eve.

One of the season's highlights at the Main Post will be the presentation of the annual cantata Sunday night at 6:30 p. m. in the post chapel. Several featured soloists will sing during the cantata and will be supported by the augmented chapel choir and instrumental numbers.

(See page four for calendar of holiday religious services.)

Sergeant Piker Raids Post MPs

New "Mess Inspector" Goes On Chow Rampage

Sgt. Piker, the 3rd Armored's "F" Company bulldog, who weighs as much as a light tank and occasionally holds more, has been spending the approaching holiday season at the home of Mr. Sgt. and Mrs. Patrick O'Brien. As self-appointed mess inspector of the 10th Armored, Piker has transferred his activities to the Main Post, and last week made a mighty raid on the MP detachment on the Main Post. In short order, he consumed so much food that no one considered calling him by his given name, Piker.

It took 20 hours for Piker to sleep off the effects of his meal—or "inspection tour"—and the O'Brien's are keeping close watch on him to make certain that the cooks on the Main Post will be able to scrape a dinner together for the men over Xmas.

3rd Armored Men Praised For Song

Last week T-4 Chet Howard, lead trombonist of the Third Armored Regiment Band, opened the first letter he had ever received from a U. S. Army General. The letter was from Major General Paul W. Newgarden; it was endorsed by Colonel Thomas M. Brinkley, and in it both commanders congratulated T-4 Howard and T-5 Frank Mainous, authors of the new division song, "Tenth Armored Tiger." Given its first radio performance recently at a broadcast held in the auditorium of the Columbus Army-Navy USO Club, the song received its premiere performance at the regimental officers' party held last month by the Third Armored Regiment.

Although co-author of the "Tenth Armored Tiger," Bandsman Frank Mainous was not on hand to receive a copy of Major General Newgarden's letter. Shortly after completing the piece, Mainous was accepted for attendance at the Army Music School at Fort Meyer, Virginia, where he is currently studying for an appointment as warrant officer.

Major J. M. Pittman Receives Promotion

Promotion of Maj. Joseph M. Pittman, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry, to a lieutenant colonelcy was authorized last week by the War Department at Washington.

Colonel Pittman, who recently returned from a 3-month course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has been a commissioned officer since June 12, 1933, when he was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy.

General's Xmas Message

The following is the Division Commander's Christmas message:

In extending Christmas greetings to our Division it is my hope that in each of the 87 Tiger lairs, the friendships that are springing up among new arrivals and old comrades-at-arms will be firm and lasting and a source of strength and comfort in future campaigns. I cannot think of a better time to initiate such friendship than this Christmas Season nor a better way to do this than to help some new friend in one of his many problems of adjustment to the life of a 10th Armored "Tiger".

—P. NEWGARDEN.

Hey Doc! Wait A Minute I Came Down Here To—

The 80th Medics are getting a big kick out of this story which happened last week and we pass it on to you.

A call came into Battalion Headquarters from the dental clinic requesting a dental technician. In compliance with this, Corporal Halsey Huff was sent down to assist Lieut. Alfonso Petrosky. He arrived there and asked for the lieutenant.

"Never mind him," one of the dental officers said, "We'll take care of you."

Before the corporal could figure out what was happening he was placed in a chair. He attempted to explain what he was there for but the officer just exclaimed, "Don't worry, it'll be over before you know it."

And it was! A few moments later Corporal Huff, minus one tooth, was let out of the chair and sent back to the battalion—but only after he had been given an appointment for further work.

The story, of course, spread like wildfire throughout the clinic.

From now on, vows Lieut. Petrosky, he's taking no more chances. He meets his technicians at the door.

P. S. The tooth really needed pulling.

It seems the 420th Field Artillery has a bone to pick with the Medics so while we're on the subject of teeth pulling we'll add this to the story.

On the day of their boxing match with the 11th Armored's Provisional Battalion the 420th's star fighter, Private Francis Green had a dental appointment. The Doc told him he had four bad teeth that would have to come out. Private Green tried to wriggle out of it by saying, "But I have a fight tonight."

"If the teeth have to come out, they have to come out," the Doc replied—and out they came.

Net result: Four teeth out, one match lost on default.

The Tigers' Tale

TERRIFY AND DESTROY

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We Change To Print

As you can easily see, your paper has been through a remodeling job. We've gone from mimeograph to print in one easy (?) issue. Oddly enough we have the 80th Medical Battalion to thank for the change. The good doctors complained vigorously about our first two issues. "The mimeographing is ruining the men's eyes," they said. "How are we going to keep on having crackshots in the Division if they have to squint through your paper?"

Being obliging young men, we were more than pleased to comply with their request. After all, it's no fun turning a mimeograph machine all day. So, in a sense we've been re-born.

We'd like to take a minute off to tell you new men about The Tigers' Tale. This is your paper, printed by and for 10th Armored men. It belongs solely to you Tigers. Your interest will make or break it. So how about sending us gags, cartoons, allegedly funny stories and what have you? Come on, see your brainchild in print.

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Division and wish you all A Merry Christmas.

Five Sons Battle For U. S.

The following letter was received by Colonel Thomas M. Brinkley, 3rd Armored Commander, and is reproduced without signature:

My Dear Sir:

I realize that it is not necessary for me to write to you, and that your time is valuable and I should not use it by writing but I wish you to know that I, as well as thousands of other parents all over the United States appreciate your interest in our boys.

You cannot realize, unless you too have a son or loved one far away, what it means to bid your son farewell, even for so great and honorable a deed as serving in the United States Army.

I have told five of my sons goodbye and gave them unto the keeping of Uncle Sam, one of my boys is fighting in distant lands, so that our flag will always stand for the word we all love, "freedom."

I gave my first beloved sons to the United States in good faith, and I know it will uphold my faith and send my sons home again.

So my prayers each night is for "God" speed in winning the war, so good luck to you and yours.

Xmas Not So Merry For Post Office Men

We'd like to take a minute off and give credit where credit is due. We're talking about Lieut. Marvin Gilliam, Division postal officer and the men under him. These men have really done a swell job of a huge undertaking and we think they deserve a hand. Christmas is a lot of fun to most of us but it means a flock of headaches for the postal officer and his clerks.

For the past two weeks the office has been a literal beehive of activity and here are a few statistics to prove it.

APO No. 260 has handled approximately 50,000 outgoing letters per day and about 70,000 incoming letters. The long lines leading to the postal windows show that many of us haven't forgotten the folks back home, not by a long shot, even on \$50.00 per. And

Stripes Awarded To Nine In Maintenance

New chevrons are being worn by nine enlisted men of the Maintenance Battalion as a result of recent promotions. The men are:

To be staff sergeants, Jerald Moran, Louis Winner, and Wilbur Bunnell.

To be sergeant, Francis Davis. To be technician 3rd grade, Richard Spohr.

To be corporals, Arthur Crego, Carl Foater, Homer Hoy and Lewis Dennis.

we've been getting plenty of gifts, too. Over 2,000 insured parcels have been received daily and something like 10,000 ordinary parcels having been pouring into the Division daily. And to our way of thinking the postal lads have done a swell handling job.

Yes Or No? Do Ya Like Hostesses In Uniforms Or Not?

News that hostesses and librarians will shortly don snappy blue uniforms was greeted with mingled feeling by Tigers interviewed this week.

Leading the objectors was our senior hostess, Mrs. Winifred H. Baker.

"It's ruining what I try to do here," she said. "The men admire bright clothes and want to get away from uniforms. This is one place where they can get away from them and it spoils the home-like atmosphere I try to build up."

Tech. Sgt. Robert M. Brown of the 3rd Armored agreed with her. "We see enough of uniforms all day long and the Service Club is one place where we can get away from them. I don't like the idea at all."

The 11th Armored's Corporal John McVea puts it this way, "I think women should look very feminine and I don't see how they can in uniforms. I think they should make sweater girls out of all of them."

Here's what the men who like the regulation have to say:

"Everybody else wears uniforms, why shouldn't they?" asks Sgt. Paul Jenkins of the 54th.

M. Sgt. Isaac Herring of G-2 likes the idea, too. "I think it's all right. The hostesses should wear uniforms like the rest of us. Then, too, if a man is looking for the hostess in the club the distinctive uniform will make her easy to spot."

S. Sgt. Stanley Morosco of the Special Service Office thinks it's a good idea and will make the hostesses "look more military."

How about your ideas on the subject?

Major F. H. Britton Receives Promotion

Major Frank H. Britton received good news last week when he received the welcome words which promoted him to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the division's acting plans and training officer.

Before his assignment to the 10th, Colonel Britton was battalion commander in the 8th Armored Division's 80th Regiment at Fort Knox. He also served with the 1st Armored.

Colonel Britton received his commission at West Point in 1932 in the cavalry and was instructor at the Academy for five years.

He hails from St. Louis, Missouri.

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Twisting The Tale

The following item appeared in the Post Daily Bulletin; FOUND: A pair of false teeth has been found belonging to an enlisted man in the 10th Armored Division.

What we want to know is this: How come the Post knew the food-choppers belonged to a 10th Armored man? Were they 'Tigers' Teeth?

A private and his topkick were walking along the road on a hike. After a while, the buck said:

"What's the purpose of our taking hikes?"

"I don't know," said the sergeant.

A little later the private again asked, "Why do we have inspections on Saturday?"

"Search me," replied the sarge.

"Say, Sarge . . ." began the rookie for the third time. "Oh, never mind!"

"Go ahead," said the sergeant. "Ask questions. How else you gonna learn?"

Three things Eternal which we can't Very well discard Are Heaven, Hell and Interior Guard.

German flyer (at gates of heaven): "We'd like to come in."

St. Peter: "How many are there in your group?"

Flyer: "Forty."

St. Peter: "Sorry. Only four can enter."

Flyer: "Why?"

St. Peter: "That's all Goebbels said were shot down."

When Pvt. Smith became A-1

His gal did promise true:

"I'll write a letter every day And think of only you."

But Pvt. Smith now gets no mail His heart is crushed, dejected—

His gal's too busy cheering up The males who were rejected!

One Tuesday early this month, Sgt. Patrick J. Murphy, Platoon leader, Company C, 54th Infantry, told five recruits to throw their mattresses out the window as is

was the weekly airing day.

Five were just enough. Two held the window up, one the screen open, and the other two took the sergeant at his word and heaved the mattresses out.

The recruit, full of ideas on how to run a mess hall, (he used to wash dishes for his wife), grabbed the first person who looked like he held some authority, and started talking. "But why tell all this to me?" inquired his victim. "You're the mess sergeant, aren't you. Isn't that a chicken on your collar?"

Dear Santa; Roses are red Violets are blue I've got one stripe Please make it two.

Twinkle, twinkle, little bar, How I wish you were a star.

Lieut. Gen. Dwight (Ike) Eisenhower pulled a fast one and may have fooled the Hitler stooges who would like to know what's in the back of the U. S. General's mind. General Eisenhower sent one of his aides to buy heavy winter clothing just before the African offensive was launched, thereby starting a rumor that the attack was to go through a northern area, possibly Norway. Maybe the "inside dope" got to Germany and maybe it didn't but Norwegian defenses were strengthened suddenly. When things broke in Africa a lot of people probably were very much surprised.

To collect a 50c bet a 16-year-old boy who said he had never before flown took of solo in a plane from an air base near Birmingham, England, circled the field for 30 minutes and then made a perfect landing. He was fined \$10.00.

What with so many official telephone call today, here's a suggestion as to how to spend a cheap furlough: drop a nickel in a telephone slot and wait for central to answer.



DRAGONS WIN DIVISION GRID CROWN



GENERAL NEWGARDEN presents trophy to co-captains Al Litwak and "Chief" Carney who led Dragons to Tiger football championship. Litwak held down the quarterback post and Carney did the team's bucking from the fullback slot. Photo was taken at retreat parade held last Friday in honor of the team. (Tenth Photo by Kerbs.)

Former LIU Cage Star Heads Artillery Quintet

A peculiar sight catches the eyes of any visitor who happens to enter the 420th F. A. Battalion Recreational Hall most any afternoon. There they will see a dental officer working with a bunch of boys, reminiscent of high school days.

But if the visitor looks in and asks around a bit, his surprise will change, because the dental officer is Lieut. Archie Kameron who played basketball at Long Island University from 1931-1935, who was captain in 1935 and who has subsequently played professionally with many top notch Eastern Clubs before denistry and the Army forced him to retire.

As for the boys making up the basketball squad, they also surprise one, because although looking like high school boys when they started to play, they now look like a miniature Long Island University team. They looked like a team that could be very good, if!

As coach Kameron puts it, it's not a team that makes a good season good, its the ifs that do it.

Bulk Are Recruits

The boys are all recruits, except

for one non-com, Cpl. June, team captain who has had experience in the Pennsylvania High School Leagues and with the Army teams. These recruits for the most part are small men with plenty of high school experience and still have a taste of "buck fever" in their mouths.

As do most small teams they can move the ball beautifully, handle themselves smartly and look like they know what it is all about.

But lacking the necessary height, the team finds the going tough underneath the basket where games are won and lost. The only way to get around this is to make the team a fighting one and as soon as these recruits get over their "buck fever" and learn that an officer or non-com or recruit are all alike once they get on the athletic field then they will be all right.

Among the smaller men, Pvts. Lewis, Conture, Schacklette, Bombardier and Smith are fighting it out for a regular position with the first three holding an edge so

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Doughboy Recruit Platoon On March

Staff Sergeant Jules M. James and his Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 54th Infantry, set a mark for all recruits of the division to shoot at the other Saturday afternoon when they made an 8-mile hike in 2½ hours.

The platoon made up of recruits (James excepted), carrying full field packs, traveled out Moye Road to Steam Mill Road, thence to Frey Range, returning via the Second Armored Division Road.

A filler, Jack M. Patterson, set the pace, and on his heels back to the First Battalion area came the following:

Sergeant James and Privates Wilson Perry, Herbert Durgg, Wallace Whittemore, George Brewer, Henry Gazda, John Carr, James Harding, Ray Lee, Joe Shelby and Randolph Jordan.

Albert Sebastian, Allan Stutsman, Leonard Reid, Gordon Stanley, William Splawn, Gerald Boston, Arthur Smith and Cecil Cops.

Pvt. Jesse Peden, who stacked his law books in Indianapolis when he came into the Army, panted in a close second.



These lads can take it and dish it out, too. They're the 90th Reconnaissance Battalion's Boxing team and willing to take on all comers. The Reconns recently whipped the 54th Infantry's 3rd Battalion and boast one of the best teams in the Division. From left to right: Virgil Cain, Rodney Jordan, Richard Knapp, Garabed Boyajian, Charles Taylor, William Smith, Louis Arinello and Adelard Cedras.

11th Arm'd. Whips 420th To Take Boxing Matches

Three Knockouts Feature Fights As Tankers Score 6-2 Win Over F.A. Men

Displaying a terrific amount of power and a well-balanced team, the Provisional Battalion of the 11th Armored Regiment defeated the 420th Field Artillery Battalion last Wednesday in the Inter-Battalion Boxing Matches in the Recreational Hall of the 11th Armored Regiment. The more experienced and well trained 11th team won out by the score of 6 to 2 with one match a default.

Pvt. Grady Gibson led off for the 11th by winning a 3-round decision over Pvt. Wilburn Hagler of the 420th. Both boys were very evenly matched with Hagler starting well but tiring early and after the first round Gibson out-boxed his opponent at will and won a clear decision from the judges.

In 1 minute and 58 seconds of the first round, Pvt. John Clark TKO'd Pvt. William Edwards of the 420th for the second victory on

the 11th's side of the ledger. Edwards caught a vicious right on the button that spelled defeat.

For a round and a half, Pvt. William McKee of the 420th stayed with his opponent, Pvt. Arnold Overstreet of the 11th and was doing a nice job of driving home the punches but suddenly tired. Overstreet sensed the situation and took over to win a 2-round TKO from the thoroughly exhausted McKee.

O'Brient Classy Boxer

Sgt. Bill O'Brient of the 11th displayed some of the finest boxing of the evening with a beautiful left that did enough damage to give him a 3-round decision over Sgt. Arnold Hargis of the 420th F. A. Bn. Hargis took a pounding left to the nose that seemed to upset him early in the match but he gamely stayed in there and gave his best. O'Brient was without a doubt the classiest boxer of the evening.

Pvt. William Kennisten of the 420th came through with the first of the two victories for his team when he TKO'd Pvt. John Kush of the 11th in 52 seconds of the 2nd round. Kennisten sent a wing ding of a right that met squarely with Kush's jaw and sent him to the floor for the count.

The 420th gained their second and last victory of the evening when Pvt. Tom Czernik won a three-round decision over Pvt. Larry Saenz of the 11th.

The seventh bout ended in a default for the 11th A. R.

Heavyweights Battle

The roughest and toughest bout of the evening was the last bout of the evening when the two heavyweights T-5 William Larson of the 11th, a former pro-football player from Chicago, Illinois, tangled with Pvt. Edmund Jastrzembki of the 420th in a match that had the audience and team members on their feet as a result of the thrills and fierceness of the match. Both men were 6-footers and came out at one another in the first round with the idea of getting it over in a hurry. Larson was the better boxer and several times in all rounds drove his tall opponent to the ropes with smashing rights and lefts. The crafty Larson waited for the openings to drive home his blows that gave him the victory. Both men were very tired during the rest periods and required quite a bit of reviving by their seconds. Both boys went at it hammer and tongs in the third round and really roughed it up. In this round, Jastrzembki was a rejuvenated man but couldn't match the smoothness and sureness of Larson. It was Larson all the way in a very fine exhibition of boxing.

New Stripes Worn By 3rd Armored Men

The following promotions are announced by the Third Armored Regiment:

New sergeants are Elias Bricker, Co. "A", Arnold Rennie and Joseph Crossin of Co. "C"; Elmer Kintz of Co. "F" and Albert Kuser, also of Co. "F".

New corporals in Co. "C" include Edwin Hale and Dale Hodge. T. Freeman Bordner of Co. "F" was also recently promoted to the post of corporal.

Pfc. William Hyland of Co. "B" was appointed technician 5th grad

Division Lands Three Tigers On All-Post Eleven

Carney, Kneeland And Larsen Selected On Benning's Grid Team

We're mighty proud of the three 10th Armored men who "made" the Post's all-conference football eleven. The lads placed on the first team are fullback John Carney and guard Dick Kneeland of the 3rd Armored Dragons and tackle William Larsen of the 11th Tankers.

"Let the Chief take it," was heard many times this season when the 3rd Armored needed a few precious yards for a first down. And the line-battering Carney usually responded with the needed yardage. The "Chief" was undoubtedly the loop's most colorful player and richly earned his award. The Chief's running was one of the big features in the 3rd Armored's attack.

Mainstay in the Dragon's forward wall all year was Karl Kneeland, the 165 lb. guard from Amherst, Mass. This speedy lad was a stonewall on defense and figured in several of the Third's deceptive guard-lateral plays that went for touchdowns, one of them giving the Green and White its upset victory over the 117th.

Larsen A Cinch

William Larsen, the 11th's burly lineman, was a cinch for one of the tackle posts. His play was outstanding throughout the year. Being selected on the "dream" team is nothing new to him. He was chosen on Santa Barbara State College's all-time eleven and in his junior year was named the team's most valuable player. He hails from Lampoe, Calif.

Three Tigers were also chosen on the second team. Al Litwak of the 3rd was named for the quarterback slot. The 55th Engineers placed Lieut. Carl Dean in the backfield and Whitney Gerrish at end.

The Dragon's placed a trio on the 3rd eleven with Walter Roettger, Randal Holden and Nick Copra making the grade. William Guernsey of the 55th was also chosen.

Tony Laskoskey and William Baldon of the 3rd, Ed. McNulty of the 11th and the Engineers' Johnny Krull won honorable mention honors.

PX POLITICS

By CPL. JOHN McVEA

I could start this column off with a joke about a recruit on his first guard detail but I'm bound and determined to be different and not borrow any jokes from World War I, but I'll probably wind up using jokes from the Spanish American or Civil War. Did you know that before the Civil War all Army Officers were required to wear beards? That order today would embarrass a lot of Lts. and some Col's. in the Air Corps. . . . Hitler has ordered his Gestapo to shoot anyone giving the Nazi upraised arm salute. He doesn't want to be reminded how deep the snow is in Russia. . . I met a sailor the other nite who has a very novel job on a submarine, he claims that every time it dives he runs forward and holds her nose.

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OHIO is the Japanese word for good morning. Alright, so wot? . . . The moron called his girl friend—also a moron—at midnite. "Gee, honey," he said, "you weren't asleep, were you?" "Yes, I was," she yawned. "But that's all right. I had to get out of bed to answer the telephone anyway." . . . There's one in every barracks, you know, the fellow who is always around to say: "Two bits you can't. . ." Did you know that it is a court martial offense to lend money for the purpose of collecting interest? Who's got five 'till payday? . . .

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In recent issues of the Fort Benning Bulletin adds have been entered in the Lost Column inquiring if anyone has seen a monkey running around loose and the other add is looking for a pet skunk named Flower. Brother, I've read everything now. . . Camp Edwards has a bank for the personnel of the post. I've got them beat, I've got a bank that meets me at the door on payday and says, "Let's have it, soldier." . . . The bus stopped with a jerk and off got a 1st Sgt. . . I'm not getting paid for this column so your remarks are wasted, Dear Reader . . . War Department wants more women, says a certain newspaper, "Who doesn't?" sez I.

Pistol Duelling Trains Division Sharpshooters

Suddenly meeting Nippon's yellow warriors face to face should hold no terror for the men of the 10th Armored Division.

In a recent rapid fire and DUELLING CONTEST designed to test the speed, agility and coordination of the 10th Armored Division's PISTOL toters, the following men of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Armored Regiment distinguished themselves by chalking up an impressive score: 1st Sgt. W. D. Carey, Sgts. Charles Chase and W. D. Tabor, Cpl. M. E. Nace and Cpl. H. L. Burney, Jr.

Blazing away with their 45's to tie for the day's second highest score were two other match winners, one from Company A, 90th Reconnaissance Battalion and the other from Company D, 11th Armored Regiment. Company A selected 1st Sgt. W. R. Holowin, Tech. Sgt. T. R. Harris, S. Sgt. J. D. Rodgers, S. Sgt. F. A. Eddings and Sgt. R. J. Lawless for their team. Company D was represented by S. Sgt. Joe Attaway, Sgts. W. A. Heath and Edgar Knight, Cpl. James Shepler and Pvt. Joe Kaldunski.

In the first, or rapid fire, phase of the meet, the contestants pumped out 3 rounds apiece in 7 seconds or less to group their shots inside bulls of 3 or 5 inches, the smaller group earning double the score of the larger.

To the rapid fire tally was added that of the duelling matches, to give the team its final total.

Duelling, an innovation in pistol competition adds a great deal of interest by providing the men with the nearest possible approach to an actual exchange of shots in combat.

Shoulder to Shoulder

The men who are duelling stand shoulder to shoulder on the range, each facing a collapsible target in the shape of a soldier at 25 yards. At a given signal, such as "Jap!" given suddenly by the individual conducting fire, the competitors swing into firing position and blast

at their targets, each being allowed 2 rounds if necessary. The first target to fall determines the winner. Should the winner fell his target with one round, he gets twice the score allowed for bowling it over with two rounds.

The three other match winners were: Company B, 55th Engineer Battalion; Battery A, 419th F. A. Battalion and Battery A, 423rd F. A. Battalion.

On the Engineers' team were Sgts. Danny Wagner, Adam Laksh, Lee Briner, Cpl. Richard Hayes and Pvt. Donald Hyde. The 419th's representatives were 1st Sgt. James Orange, S. Sgt. Earl Dougherty, Sgts. Victor Rogavich and Pvts. George Hamilton and Francis Stearns.

Those who scored for the 423rd F. A. Battalion were 1st Sgt. Gordon Zanetti, Sgts. Paul Hawk, James Hellyer, Melchior Marcela and Pvt. Wesley Mabbitt.

Team prizes were framed photographs for organization day rooms, and the team members were awarded with a copy of the photograph and a two-day pass—which is something to shoot for.

FORMER LIU— (Basketball continued)

far, due to more experience and a little more height. Bombardier who is the fighter of the team and Smith, the team midget, will see plenty of action.

Among the bigger boys, Cpl. June and recruits Fuller, Pendergrast, Weimer and Hockema are in tune for the other position.

Sgts. Robertson, Freen, Lombardozi, Biernichi and Vanette round out the squad and may at any time oust any of the others out of their positions.

Assisting Lieut. Kameros with the coaching and also acting as the nurse maid to this gang of recruits is Sgt. Chas. Laux who prior to coming to the 420th F. A.

Xmas Party Held For Division HQ Company

One hundred men of Division Headquarters Company were guests of the Callaway Mills in LaGrange, Georgia, Saturday night when they were entertained at a gala Christmas party and dance held in the spacious Callaway Auditorium.

After the arrival of the men, the office force of all the combined Callaway Mills entertained with a Gay '90 Revue which included a melodrama with the heroine, hero and the villain who was soundly booed and hissed. Following the play the couples adjourned to the tables for a dinner to be followed by an evening of dancing.

Gifts of cigarettes, gum and mints were given the men as they formed a huge circle around the beautifully lighted Xmas tree.

The men were accompanied by Captain Charles F. Meinzinger and Lieut. Steve Lang.

Service Club

Friday, December 25

Open House on Christmas day.

Saturday, December 26

BINGO! Cigarettes and cash prizes. The game is free. Come and try your luck.

Sunday, December 27

OPEN HOUSE! Write letters, play your favorite recording, rest and relax.

Monday, December 28

"LISTEN, IT'S FORT BENNING." Weekly broadcast from Service Club No. 2 at 8:05 p. m. over WRBL.

Tuesday, December 29

RECEPTION CENTER CHORUS. Half hour broadcast starting at 8:00 o'clock.

BRIDGE CLUB also meets.

Wednesday, December 30

QUIZ CONTEST. Come and enjoy the fun these teams have at 8:00 p. m. Submit questions and correct answers in the hostess office.

Holiday Services

Chapel No. 1

Dec. 24, Catholic Mass at 2400.
Dec. 25, Catholic Mass at 0800, Episcopal Communion at 1000, General Protestant Service at 1100.

Chapel No. 2

Dec. 24, Catholic Mass at 2400.
Dec. 25, Catholic Mass at 0900 and 1200, General Protestant at 1100.

Chapel No. 3

Dec. 24, Catholic Mass at 2400, choir to sing Christmas music. General Protestant at 1930.

Dec. 25, Catholic Mass at 0900 and 1130.

Chapel No. 4

Dec. 24, Christmas music program, Protestant at 1930, Catholic Mass at 2400.

Dec. 25, Catholic Mass at 0800 and 1000, General Protestant at 1100.

Chapel No. 5

Dec. 24, Catholic Mass at 2400.
Dec. 25, Catholic Mass at 1000, General Protestant at 1100.

was with the 4th Armored Division. Although he would stand a good chance of playing good regular ball, he has given up this pleasure to help as assistant coach and manager of the team.

So far, in a practice game, the team beat the strong Jordan High School team. In this game, playing against boys their own size, they looked good with Lewis and June proving they were too good for even a high school team. If they do as well against the bigger and stronger teams of the 10th Armored Division, everyone from Colonel Lucas down to the rawest recruit will be very happy.

This Tiger Uses His Teeth



Nothing like a good set of teeth says Pvt. William Wiercinski of the 419th Field Artillery as he uses his molars to hold a table and four chairs. He used to be a weight lifter and did this and other tricks at carnivals throughout the mid-West.

They Claim Company Cat "Goes Through Channels"

The recruit barely lands in the reception center before he learns that from now on he must do everything "the Army way."

This general adherence to Army custom and procedure naturally is the inspiration for numerous tales. The latest comes from a company in the huge training area of the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo. It concerns a pet cat which has taken quarters in the company area and spends much of her time in the orderly room.

The soldiers say this cat has heard so much of "going through channels" she jumps into the first

sergeant's outgoing box whenever she wants to go out.

However, the rumor that this cat also does a GI about-face—spinning on the ball of one foot—upon leaving the company commander's office if just something somebody made up, the first sergeant says.

Don't say we didn't warn you. Going AWOL is definitely a serious proposition these days. According to a recent order by President Roosevelt, possible death before a firing squad is the penalty faced any soldier who is absent without official leave during war-time.

