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86th Sgt Aide to Div CG

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—With no time to prepare and little time even to think where he was going, Sgt Joseph J. Labaczewski Jr., Co M, 88th Inf., recently stepped before a board of top NCOs to find himself, after about two hours of oral and written examination, Enlisted Aide to Maj Gen Barksdale Hamlett, 10th Div CG, for the week beginning Aug. 6.

Section Leader

Sgt Labaczewski, 31 mm mortar section leader, was told a few minutes before going out on a six-hour night problem, that he would represent the 3d Bn next morning before the board that selects the general's NCO aide from the regiment.

"By the time we got in that night, all I could think about was sleep," said the sergeant, adding that there just wasn't time to worry about the coming quiz.

Three-way Duel

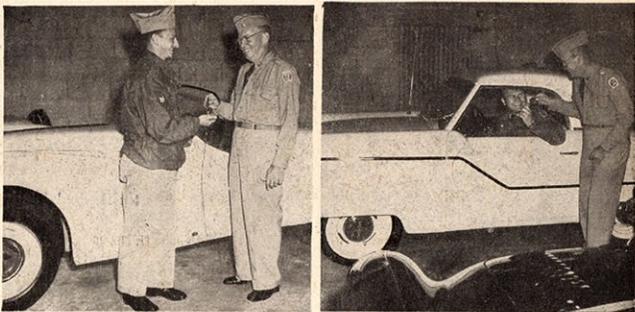
The Schweinfurt soldier competed with two other staff sergeants for the honor of accompanying the general on his week's rounds in Wuerzburg.

Sgt Labaczewski, who entered the Army in December, 1954, was in the merchant marine for 10 years before joining the service. During his seagoing career, he had some close experience with battles.

For two years he was on a ship that ran between Japan and Korea during the recent conflict. For the Inchon invasion, his ship was landing supplies the day after assault troops had hit the beach.

Back to Sea

The temporarily landlocked merchantman plans to return to the sea when he finishes his tour with the infantry, but in the meantime, he says, "The Army's a job, and I intend to do the best with it that I can."



COL BEHRENBURG AT WORK—Lt Col William C. Behrenberg, Div Chem Off and chairman of the 10th's Raffle Fund, was a busy man in recent weeks—paying off the top winners in July's Organizational Day raffle. Left, he presents the keys of a 1956 Jaguar to Sp3 Richard A. Thiele, Co A, 86th Inf (left). The colonel repeats his performance in the right photo, handing Sgt Robert W. Hart, RHQ Co, 85th Inf, the keys to his new Nash Metropolitan.

Jump Man 25th's CO

BAMBERG (25th PIO)—A parachute artilleryman, Lt Col Chester H. Bigger, has assumed command of the 25th FA Bn, relieving Lt Col Morris Shoss, now assigned to USAREUR Hq.

With more than 16 years of service behind him, Col Bigger comes to the battalion from DivArty Hq, where he was S3.

Well-Schooled

The colonel is a graduate of three Army branch schools, Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry. During WWII, Col Bigger served in Europe, seeing action in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and the Central European campaigns.

In 1953 he attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kan.

Prior to this, Col Bigger served in Korea—as G3 for IX Corps Hq, and as G4 for 8th Army. Before joining 10th DivArty, he was CO, 459th Abn Arty Bn, Ft Bragg, N.C. Among his awards are the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, UN medal, and the Glider and Parachute badge.

German Firm Gets 86th Aid

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—The bonds of American-German friendship were woven a little tighter last week by the 86th Inf, when a tank retriever aided the Wilhelm Tsch building firm of Schweinfurt by pulling a steam shovel out of a creek after it had turned over near the city of Abersfeld.

According to an 88th Inf spokesman, the 14-ton steam shovel had been digging a drainage ditch near the village, which is 12 kilometers from Schweinfurt, and had attempted to cross a small creek. During the crossing, the tracks of the shovel sank into the soft mud, causing the shovel to overturn.

The Subarea notified the 86th Inf and a wrecker was dispatched to the scene but due to the soft area, the wrecker could not get near the stranded equipment. The wrecker was replaced by a tank retriever which pulled the shovel to safety.

Following the rescue, the soldiers were guests of Mr. Tsch at a lunch.

86th Bn S3

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—Former 10th Div Hq Commandant, Maj William T. Hurley, has joined the 86th Inf as 1st Bn S3.

Maj Hurley entered the Army on Dec. 7, 1942, served in several European campaigns in WWII, and five during the Korean conflict.

He holds the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with two clusters.

Ord School Honor Grad 10th Div ADC

Mechanic in 62d Tank Claims Star At Ripe Forty

KITZINGEN (62d PIO)—Sp3 Edward J. O'Connell, Co D, 62 Tank Bn, recently graduated from the Wheel Mechanic Course at the USAREUR Ordnance School, Pussen.

O'Connell compiled the highest scholastic standing in the class, finishing with a rating of 98.5. This is one of the highest scores in the school's history.

Auto Mechanic

Sp3 O'Connell, who was an automobile mechanic while in civilian life, prior to this presentation, received a plaque from the 7th Army Training Center for his academic achievements while a student. He

also graduated from the 7th Army school as honor grad.

Among his duties as a truck mechanic in Co D are such jobs as tank retriever operator and turret mechanic.

85th Soldier Repeats Win

BAMBERG (85th PIO)—For the second time in eight months, Cpl Richard T. Coleman, Co C, 85th Inf, has achieved top honors in the Div, winning the July Soldier of the Month title.

Won at Christmas

Chosen for the first time in December as 85th Inf Soldier of the Month, Coleman went on to win the Div crown for that month.

Having received one set of dress blues, awarded to the winner of the Ram regimental competition, already, the Co C squad leader settled this time for the three-day passes and cash prizes awarded to the top man.

Fourth for Rams

The selection of Coleman marked the fourth consecutive month in which the 10th crown has been garnered by 85th representatives—who seem to be pushing a monopoly on the laurels.

New Character Hq Sp3's Baby

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Last week, on the pages of the 10th Div News, a new character appeared to remind 10th Div troopers that the enemy is always listening.

In his first public showing, zipper-mouthed Pvt Hush stood on the mountain top of security advertising "Sealed lips make no slip."

Whimsy

The whimsical Pvt Hush was created in a series of security posters by Sp3 Kenneth I. Christman, Div Hq Det. Christman, 27-year-old photo interpretation artist, drew on his civilian experience as a commercial sign painter. He hails from Ft Wayne, Ind., and is on his second hitch with the Army.

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—The 10th Div now has one of the youngest generals in the US Army.

Forty-year-old Brig Gen Stanley R. Larsen, ADC, received his star here at Div Hq late last week, confirming the boost from colonel that had been approved by Congress several weeks earlier.

Maj Gen Barksdale Hamlett, CG, 10th Div, presented the star to Larsen in a surprise ceremony during a Commanders' Conference.

A West Pointer and a veteran of several WWII Central Pacific campaigns, including Guadalcanal, Gen Larsen has been ADC of the 10th since early this summer. He came to the Div from Hq, Allied Forces, Northern Europe, a NATO component garrisoned in Oslo, Norway.

Folks at Home Can Read, Too

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Have you ever thought that your family might like to know more about your division, your outfit and your life in Germany?

This special anniversary issue of the 10th Div News, gives you an excellent opportunity to send the folks a colorful "picture-filled letter" from your activities.

To send the News to the United States by surface mail, just tack the paper in an envelope or mailing wrapper marked "Third Class Mail" and stick a 3-cent stamp on it. Of course, no personal messages should be enclosed, only the newspaper.

For those who desire a speedier delivery, our 2-ounce paper will cost 12 to 18 cents depending on the weight of the envelope. Again, don't forget to mark the envelope or mailing cover for "Air Mail."

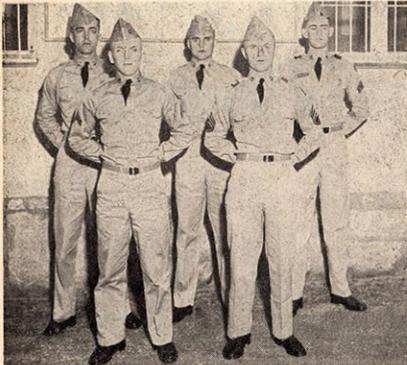
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Tankers growing through a 18th Century Franconian village; Infantrymen in the attack, moving across a strip of field—our cover photos are symbols of every 10th Div man, clerk or captain. Tank shot by Leek, 10th DivArty. Doughboys by Novikoff, 10th Sig. The bingo-playing gyroscopes is a DeBa. Div PIO, photo. The John Magrath picture is of unknown origin, from Div Historical files.



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Crusader 'Soldier of the Year'



SOLDIER OF THE YEAR ENTRANTS—Five men (left) met in Wuerzburg last week to battle it out for the 1956 Div Soldier of the Year crown. The winner is Sp3 Robert E. Skelton, Co L, 86th Inf (left). Other contenders were: (left to right) Cpl Thomas G. O'Connell, Hq Btry, 25th FA Bn; Sp3 Allen R. Stine, 10th MP Co; Sgt Tracey L. Scholtz, Co F, 87th Inf, and Cpl Richard F. Coleman, Co C, 85th Inf. Skelton (right photo) won the title after extensive examination by a board of first sergeants, representing the Div's major organizations. (US Army Photos)



Nominated At Aug. 3 Festivities

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—Sp3 Robert E. Skelton, Co L, 86th Inf, has just been handed an expensive new watch and three days prepaid at Berchtesgaden, but he isn't too impressed. He's too busy being surprised that he won the watch and vacation by earning the signal honor of being named 10th Div Soldier of the Year.

"Proud to Have Won"

"I'm proud to have won," he said. "But I wouldn't have been ashamed to have placed second to any of the contestants. In the preliminary and especially in the final contest, I had the opportunity to meet some wonderful soldiers and men."

The competition took place at Wuerzburg on Aug. 2, with representatives of the 85th and 87th Inf, Sp Tps, and Divarty, as well as the 86th.

The men faced a 45-minute oral examination on Army administration, field training, weapons, procedure, and were judged on their appearance and military bearing.

The seven-member board included first sergeants from each of the units represented.

The contestants received their awards from Maj Gen Barksdale Hamlett, CG, 10th Div, during the Div Organization Day review held in Wuerzburg, Aug. 3.

Working Toward It

The 24-year-old soldier has been working toward the top honor for some time. In June he was named 3d Bn, 86th, soldier of the month and came in second in the regimental competition. In July he tried again, passing successfully through battalion and regimental levels, and finishing with second place in division competition. By the time he faced the August Soldier of the Year examination, he felt he didn't stand a chance because the competition was always so close. But he didn't stop working.

"My unit selected me to represent it and I tried to represent it to the best of my ability," he said, adding, "It's sort of bad on the nerves for awhile."

Sp3 Skelton said his answers were "stricken by the book", meaning the drill and field manuals which he has been working on for some time. "They had to be. There may be room for differences of opinion, but you have to know the official way."



Lt Col Roger Craddock

Craddock Named G3

BAMBERG (85th PIO)—Lt Col Roger H. Craddock, Co 2d Bn, 85th Inf, reviewed his battalion here for the last time, Aug. 4, before moving to Div Hq this month, where he will take up the duties of Div G3.

The colonel took command of the battalion in May, 1955, coming from the position of Asst Div G3. "We have accomplished many training and operational tasks... with a degree of proficiency which brings genuine satisfaction," Col Craddock told his troops at Saturday's review.

Among these distinctions are the fact that more men in the 2d Bn qualified for Expert Infantryman than in any comparable other unit of the 10th Div. The LeCerc team was also drawn from this Bn outfit.

On active duty since 1940, Col Craddock is a veteran of French and German campaigns during WWII. He was with the 24th Div through the second Korean winter campaign.

Leading Driver

BAMBERG (85th PIO)—Sp3 John I. Carney, Tank Co, 85th Inf, was named honor graduate of the recent 23-man graduating class of the 85th Inf's Drivers' School.

The two-week class, consisting of 88 hours driving hours, is designed to acquaint qualified military drivers with the methods of motor maintenance and to thoroughly indoctrinate students in tactical and combat situations.

86th Inf Intelligence School Hums Along in High Gear

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—The 86th Inf Intelligence School is in its second of six weeks of training all members of the regi-

DivArty's Exec Army Grid Ace

WUERZBURG (10th DivArty PIO)—Col Harry A. Stella was recently assigned to Hq, 10th DivArty as exec, relieving Col Silas Gascet, who was assigned to duty with G3, USAREUR Hq.

Prior to being assigned to DivArty Col Stella was G4, Hq VII Corps.

A veteran of over 16 years service, the colonel entered the Army from Illinois and graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1940. While at the Point, Co, Stella was named an All-American football player.

Prior to coming overseas in May, 1955, Col Stella served with the Army War Plans Branch, Plans Division, Washington, DC.

Col Stella's other overseas service includes more than three years in the Pacific in WWII and eight months in Korea.

His decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Moment, Please

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—You all there, with your low quarters dyed black—there's news for you.

According to a late bulletin from higher headquarters, black low quarters, scheduled to become official Sept. 1, have been waived off for the time being at least.

Shoes are to remain the present shade of brown until further notice.

The original intention of the Sept. 1 changeover was to acclimate troops to the black footwear that will be SOP when the Army Greens take over next year. They become optional for off-duty wear later this year.

Corps Cites 10th Medics

KITZINGEN (10th Med Bn)—V Corps' CG, Lt Gen Lemuel Mathewson, congratulated the 10th Med Bn last week for achieving a "superior" rating on their annual Army Training Test, administered recently by Corps.

In a letter to Maj Charles Glascock, Bn CO, the general stated the rating was evidence of the excellence of constant emphasis on training objectives and a keen state of combat readiness.

High Score

Racking up an overall score of 97 per cent, the Med Bn surpassed any other battalion-sized unit in the Div, regarding Training Test performance. Their mark is also one of the highest ratings ever given to a medical battalion in USAREUR.

The reason for the medics' success was summed up on the official critique—"The esprit de corps and leadership observed during the test was outstanding."

Myriad of Points

The school, under the direction of Maj Henry H. Griffis, assisted by M Sgt Halbert A. Simpson, will cover the function of 52 methods of safeguarding military information in garrison and in the field, message writing, map reading, and such specialties as photo interpretation, order of battle, aggressor forces, skill reports, and intelligence records.

Handling the different subjects will be Lt Charles E. Larsson and Sfc Marcel W. Starr of 1st Bn; Lt Gustave A. Saul and M Sgt William B. Archuletta, 2d Bn; and Lt Vidal Rodriguez-Amaro and Sfc Robert Jarosz, 3d Bn.

Added Starter

Also one of the Intelligence School instructors is Lt James P. Sprull, RHQ I&R platoon leader.

Maj Griffis, who has been regimental S2 since April, 1955, said this is the first intelligence school for the regiment since its arrival overseas. The last school was held in Ft Riley prior to embarkation.

Joins Outfit; Gets Majority

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—A startled newcomer to the 10th Div stepped off the train in Wuerzburg recently and in a matter of seconds got a promotion from captain to major.

Surprise!

Maj Leonard Petkoff arrived in Wuerzburg to take over as Div SJA Exec Off when, unknown to him, his promotion came through. He didn't know anything about it until his new boss, Lt Col Samuel H. Wrightson, met him on the platform and pinned his new leaves on.

Before joining the 10th, Maj Petkoff attended the Judge Advocate General's advanced course, Charlottesville, Va.

Anniversary Celebrated All Over Div



GET IT WHILE IT'S HOT—Troops of the 86th Inf line up for barbeque at the Crusaders' barbeque and beer feast—their part of the 10th Div's Organization Day festivities. (McCullough, 86th)

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Div Hq set an Organization Day pace that was maintained up and down the Div last weekend, Aug. 3 and 4.

Before an audience of German and American dignitaries, men of the 10th Sp Tps passed in review the Emery Bks before Maj Gen Barksdale Hamlett, CG, 10th Div, Brig Gen Farmer W. Edwards, CG, 10th DivArty.

Special guests for the occasion was Maj Gen Celal A. Koc, CG, 66th Turkish Div, stationed in Istanbul.

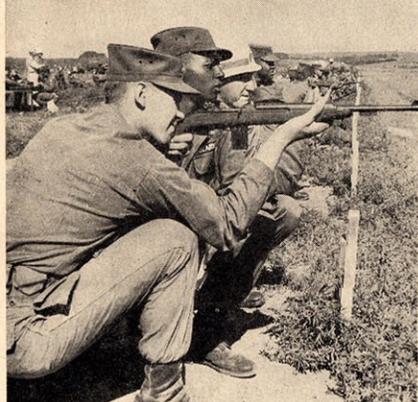
Highlight of the review was the naming of the Div's Soldier of the Year. The Div went to a machine gunner from the 86th Crusaders, Sp3 Robert E. Skelton. (For further details, see story elsewhere in this issue.)

Among the guests was the former CG of 10th DivArty, Brig Gen John Bieshine (ret.), and his wife.

Field days, reviews, and in the 86th, a beer and barbeque fest, topped off the Div's 13th Organization weekend all over Bavaria. Sporadic rains failed to dampen the holiday attitudes.



FOR SOME, THE END OF THE ROAD—German prisoners, taken by troops of the 10th Mtn Div, are marched to a stockade behind 5th Army lines in Campidello, Italy, in April of 1945. (US Army Photo)



GOTEM DEAD CENTER—There's no shortage of good marksmen in the present day 10th Div, due to the excellent training and practice the men had while at Ft Riley, Kans. Here a couple of soldiers try for that "expert group" with the carbine. (US Army Photo)



IT'S OUR NEW CG—Maj Gen Barkdale Hamlett (right) and his party, including Lt Col Paul Miller, Div G5 (left), troop the line inspecting the mass honor guard upon his arrival at Div Hq in June. (Garrison, 10th Sig)

The Story of Men Who Wear The Powder Keg Patch



Untested, the 10th Mountain Division met its baptism of fire sealing the crags and peaks of Italy--at midnight!

Armed only with his rifle, Pfc John Magrath moved out alone to battle an enemy machine gun nest after penetrating deep into enemy territory. When his advancing company was pinned down by hostile defensive fires, exposed to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms, he had volunteered as a scout. Magrath charged headlong into withering fire, killing two Germans and wounding three to capture a machine gun. Carrying the enemy weapon across an open field through heavy fire, he circled behind and wiped out three other machine gun nests firing on his company. Again volunteering to scout enemy positions, he infiltrated deep into enemy territory and obtained valuable information for his outfit, until he was killed during a mortar barrage.

For this action near Castel d'Anno, Italy, on Apr. 14, 1945, Pfc John D. Magrath, Co G, 85th Inf, 10th Div, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on Mar. 30, 1946. The East Norwalk, Conn., hero, born on a Jul. 4th, 20 years before his gallant action, was honored by the 10th Div on Aug. 17, 1955, when Funston Field at Ft Riley, Kans., was renamed Magrath Field.

The division which Pfc Magrath fought and died for was commanded at the time by another Medal of Honor winner, Maj Gen George P. Hays, who won the award in the first World War and was a veteran of the Normandy landings in the second. Gen Hays had assumed command of the 10th Div on Thanksgiving Day 1944 and remained as its commander throughout all of the division's fighting in WWII.

Gen Hays had taken over a young, specialized division when he joined the 10th at Cp Swift, Tex. A 10th Div had existed briefly during WWI, but there is no historical continuity between this short-lived division and the mountain division which later became the 10th Inf Div. He took over a ski and mountain-warfare trained outfit—the only mountain division of the US Army.

Born in the shadow of the Rockies at Cp Hale, Colo., a little more than a year earlier on Jul. 15, 1943, the 10th Div was destined to rise to its highest achievements in another mountain range halfway around the world. In those rugged Apennines of Italy where Pfc Magrath so fearlessly gave his life it was this same division which blasted through German lines to force the surrender in May 1945 of all enemy troops in Italy. But many hard days of training—at Cp Hale, Ft Lewis, Wash.; Ft Ord, Calif.; and Cp Swift—preceded the 10th Div's victories of WWII. Years before the 10th Mtn Div was organized, a need was recognized for mountain troops.

The original personnel were men from other units of the army who had previous mountaineering or ski experience, including some of America's best known skiers. An unusually large percentage of college men were contained within the ranks of the division. Many other volunteers for the 87th Inf and later for the 10th Div were recruited by the National Ski Assn., probably the strongest single influence supporting the organization of the mountain units. The captain of the Dartmouth ski team, Charles McLane, was the first recruit.

Even before the attack on Pearl Harbor the 87th Mtn Inf Bn was activated at Ft Lewis on Nov. 15, 1941. This battalion—the oldest mountain unit of the division—was expanded to a regiment on May 26, 1942.

From the days before the 87th Inf was enlarged to a regiment in strength to the present, the service record of M Sgt Rollin P. Straight tells the story of the most important events. "I've never seen such a group of men since the old 87th Mtn Inf," the first sergeant of Co E, 87th Inf, recalls. "Why, to get into the outfit you had to have written recommendations from your former employers, and you had to be a superior physical specimen." Sgt Straight was with Co E of the 87th even at that time, and his company and others of the regiment soon had a big task north of Ft Lewis ahead.

Through heavy fog to a rough shore the battalions of the 87th waded on a soggy August morning in 1943. The place was Kiska, and their orders were to attack. But the last holding force of the Japanese had slipped away in the fog the day before the landing, probably by submarine.

For the men of the 87th Inf four months of cold, damp sitting tight on this Aleutian isle followed. But the action in Kiska followed almost two years later by the campaigns in Italy made the 87th Inf the first unit of the US Army to participate in both the Asiatic-Pacific and European Theaters.

When the 87th returned from Kiska it was assigned to the 10th Div at the Mountain Training Center at Cp Carson, Colo., replacing the 90th Inf. There were many long hours of individual and unit training at the Mountain Training Center. During one of these training periods a pilot, bringing in his bomber to a Colorado airport after dark, reported by radio: "No. 15 to Pueblo. No. 15 to Pueblo. Coming in at 8,000 feet Gliding. Gliding. Gliding." But when he flipped the switch to receive, it was a tired and slightly bored voice with a New England twang which he heard instead of the control tower: "Sugar! Look Mountain Patrol to 10th Div Hq. Coming in at 12,000 feet. Coming in at 12,000 feet. Walking. Walking. Walking."

Until Nov. 6, 1944, the 10th Div was a small outfit with an assigned strength of about 9,000 men and officers, and was known as the 10th Light Div (Alpine). At that time, just one month before advance elements of the division departed for combat duty in Italy, the division was reorganized, bringing it to nearly the size of a standard division, and was renamed the 10th Mtn Div.

After the division had been transferred to Cp Swift, Tex., the 10th at last got its assignment for combat—and the country selected was one well suited for its specialized mountain training. Advance elements of the division, including the 88th Inf, arrived in Italy just before Christmas 1944 and immediately took their place on the front lines. The rest of the division followed to Italy in January 1945. Almost at once the inactive section that the division was assigned to became one of the busiest on the 5th Army front as the 10th Div patrols probed deep into enemy lines.

The division had been in Italy less than a month before it was given an assignment where three other Allied attacks had failed. The task to dislodge the crack German mountain fighters from 3,500-foot Mount Belvedere, overlooking Highway 68 into Bologna, Italy. Before the engagement was over the "Mountaineers" had earned their nickname—the Germans dubbed them "elite mountain troops."

In one of the most dramatic episodes in the history of mountain warfare the 10th made the nocturnal ascent on Belvedere. "Our weapons were picks, snowshoes, skis and the cover of night," says M Sgt Straight. Against enemy advantages of entrenchment and heights, the 10th was denied in the surprise attack the use of preparatory or supporting fires and took the first objectives with bayonets and grenades.



The initial assault was made by the first battalion of the 89th Inf, plus Co F. They struggled up the icy cliffs of Mount Belvedere during the night of Feb. 19. The climb up the almost perpendicular wall of rock all night and every minute carried the threat of discovery and a torrent of machine gun fire. But shortly after dawn the men reached the summit, completely surprising the enemy. More than 1,200 prisoners were taken.

Of its first major battle Lt Gen L. K. Truscott Jr., CG, 5th Army, said to the 10th Div: "You have inflicted severe losses upon at least two German divisions and have compelled the enemy to employ reserve divisions in your area." Mark W. Clark, then a lieutenant general commanding the 15th Army Group, said that the 10th Div "in its initial battles has acquitted itself with the courage and daring of a veteran combat unit."

The 10th had found its combat feet. During the first few days of a cold March 1945 the division struck again and took a dozen more peaks in three days of bitter fighting on Europe's most difficult battleground.

Spearheading the 5th Army's Northern Apennine offensive, the 10th jumped off on Apr. 14, 1945, from Castel d'Anno, where Pfc Magrath gave his life. Thus began the 10th Div's 19 days from the Apennines to the Alps, and it was this series of slashing victories which broke enemy resistance in Italy.

The Germans were unable to stop the advance or to disengage from the swift 10th Div. Despite some resistance, the enemy was withdrawing as rapidly as possible.

The 10th had captured 2,917 prisoners by the evening of Apr. 18, and all along the front scattered groups were still surrendering; the enemy withdrawal had turned into a rout. Troops of the 10th were now stopping only long enough to allow supporting elements and reserves to catch up. In the lead all the way, the 10th was still ahead of the armor on the left and the 85th Div on the right.

The 10th Div, led by the 85th Inf, on the sixth day from the take-off raced out of the last slopes of the Apennines across the flat land of the Po Valley. The division had fought out through 18 miles of mountain spring points to become the first Allied troops into that vital valley.

Still carrying the brunt of the 5th Army attack, the division set ahead Task Force Duff under Brig Gen Robinson E. Duff, ADC, to the Po itself. The task force advanced rapidly along narrow roads, by-passing all towns, opposed only by snipers and occasional machine guns. The entire division advanced as fast as possible in the wake of the spearhead and assembled on the south bank of the Po by Apr. 22. Marching south unguarded alongside the northbound columns was a steady stream of prisoners.

Pfc Herman Vanderheide, now of Hq Btry, 25th FA Bn, was a member of Co L, 85th Inf, during the crossing of the Po on Apr. 23. He recalls the crossing in assault boats under heavy 20 mm and 88 mm fire. But in mid-river their boat hit a sand bar and they jumped out into the river to shove it off. When they reached the north bank they noticed that enemy artillery was zeroing in on them, and the place where they hit the sand bar was a huge geyser.

While crossing the Po, the division at the same time was fighting on both its flanks and at its rear and establishing a beachhead across this major river. The Po defense line had been broken by the 10th Div far more swiftly than the enemy had expected.

With the Alps now in view the 10th pressed forward to take several towns between the Po and Lake Garda and cut the main escape route to the Brenner Pass on Apr. 26. Mussolini's mansion at Gargnano, on the west shore of Lake Garda, was captured by Co K, 85th Inf, on Apr. 29 after crossing in DUKWs.

Moving up the east shore of Lake Garda toward the Brenner Pass the 10th ran into the most difficult fighting since the Apennines. Against this fierce opposition the division reached the head of Lake Garda by Apr. 30, with the end fast approaching for the German forces.

On May 1 Col William O. Darby, ADC, was killed near the northern end of Lake Garda. He had replaced Gen Duff, who was seriously hurt by a mine. Darby was promoted posthumously to brigadier general, and a US Navy ship bearing his name was one of the troopships carrying 10th Div personnel from New York to Bremerhaven in Operation Gyroscopic.

It was the 10th Div's CG, Gen Hays, who delivered the Wehrmacht's surrender ceremony to 5th Army headquarters. Hostilities ceased in Italy on May 5, 1945, and almost 300,000 well-equipped enemy troops quit.

After occupation duty until Aug. 1945, the division returned to the United States and was inactivated at Cp Carson, Colo., in November 1945.

The 10th Mtn Div had demonstrated its ability in combat. In preparation for a new peacetime role the division was redesignated as the 10th Inf Div on Jun. 10, 1948, and was reactivated at Ft Riley, Kans., on Jul. 1 as a training division.

The outbreak of the Korean conflict added greatly to the role of the 10th Div. Cadre for several hurriedly activated training establishments were furnished and a steady stream of specialists and combat soldiers were trained to support the operations in Japan and Korea.

During the summer of 1951 the 10th Div engaged in a new kind of battle—a struggle against nature in her most destructive mood. The rising water from the Republican and Smoky Hill Rivers on Jul. 10 hit Ft Riley, the worst flood since it was founded in 1853. The dikes protecting the fort were abandoned on Jul. 12, and 11,000 men and 100 Wacs of the 10th Div were evacuated from Cp Funston.

As the Army became more stabilized with the end of warfare in Korea, the 10th Div was changed from a training division and reduced to zero strength on May 22, 1954. The men and equipment of the 37th Div joined the 10th Div on Jun. 15, 1954, and it was reorganized as a Regular Army combat division. The colors and standards of the 37th were returned to the state of Ohio. By this time the 10th Div had trained 125,000 men and had graduated 13,000 from its leadership school.

Another first was added for the 10th Div when it was selected in October 1954 as the first unit to be sent overseas under the Operation Gyroscopic unit rotation plan. Replacing the 1st Div, which had been in Europe for 13 years, the 10th arrived in Germany in three increments from July to November 1955.

By plane, bus and rail, from all sections of the United States, Gyroscopic volunteers had poured into the 10th Div when first call went out in late 1954. Under Maj Gen P. D. Ginder as CG (now special assistant for reserve components at the Pentagon) and Maj Gen George E. Martin, at first ADC, and then CG from May 5, 1955, to Jun. 1, 1956, training for Gyroscopic progressed. By July, 1955, almost 12,000 men had been trained.

Under the new CG, Maj Gen Barkdale Hamlett, the 10th continues to make history as a combat ready outfit guarding its section of NATO's cold war defense line.



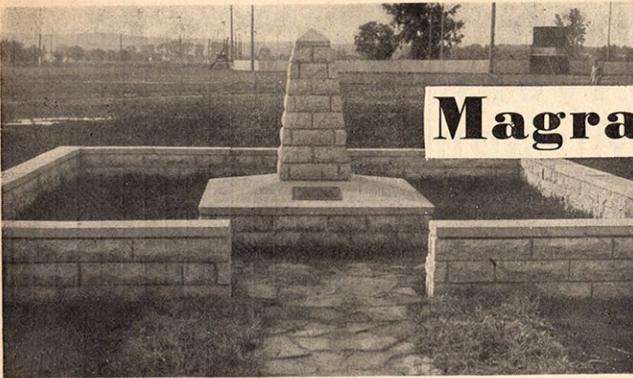
WHAT NUMBER WERE YOU CALLING?—As a barrage of Nazi mortar shells burst 100 yards away, a radioman reports the position to the Co K, 87th Mtn Inf command post, as the Mtn Div fights it out in Della Vedetta, Italy. (US Army Photo)



IT'S HOT, COME AND GET IT—Hot food for the troops in the middle of the Bavarian forests. Here the men of the 10th Div's 40th FA Bn are served hot meals by Pvs Edgar G. Gordon and Thomas Curth of Btry B. (Bauer, 40th)



WHO NEEDS HORSE POWER?—Mules are the order of the day during the preparation of the big "push" in Italy by the 5th Army. The men, mules and armor of the 10th Mtn Div and supporting tank units move forward on Bologna, Italy. (US Army Photo)



KANSAS MONUMENT—This quiet memorial, made of native Kansas stone, commemorates the deeds of the 10th Div's Congressional Medal of Honor winner Pfc John D. Magrath. Dedicated last year by the soldier's family, plus civic and military dignitaries, the monument stands in a landscaped area in the field in the 10th's old training area at Ft Riley. (US Army Photo)

FEATURE SECTION

Magrath of the 85th

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Except for one day in his life, we know very little about John Magrath, 10th Div Medal of Honor winner.

That one day, however, is well-recorded—in historical files, in newspaper morgues, on a bronze plaque in a Kansas ball park, even in the Congressional Record. But, outside of Apr. 14, 1945, when a concentrated, irate mortar barrage screamed and pounded down upon him, John Magrath's life is lost.

Small Points Lost

Lost to the extent of knowing specifics: what fish did he look for in Long Island Sound, in the choppy bay near his East Norwalk home; what suits did he wear; what western herd did he urge on at the matinee; what girl in high school made him roll restlessly in his adolescent sleep.

The specifics are gone, with the exception of a few pictures and a few casual notes, tucked in amid the hero talk.

Photographs taken not long after he'd entered the Army show a pleasant-faced recruit, with the typically Irish features found in any factory town along Connecticut's shore line.

His nose is straight, the chin is firm, the eyes evenly set in the head. On Sunday morning, back in the '40's, walking to Norwalk's Christ Episcopal Church, Magrath must have been indistinguishable from any other young New England male going to worship his God.

There was nothing about him to indicate that he would die before the half-decade was out, on an ancient Italian hill no one ever heard of back in Norwalk.

We do know he was an Eagle scout and held 21 merit badges. Later he became assistant scoutmaster of Troop 16, which met at old Christ Episcopal. We can suppose he wore the badges on a bandoleer at Scout Council meetings. Still supposing, he probably cheered the Cincinnati Reds when they won the '40 World Series, and the days school let out in June. But it's hard to scratch up any concrete facts.

Once he was in the Army, the conjecture became a little more easy, a little more sure. He must have pulled KP, sergeants must

have ragged him, weekend passes to the grimy, dingy, small soldier towns near camp must have been some relief.

Early in 1945, with only brief months till peace, Magrath landed near Naples with his outfit, Co G, 85th Inf. One last round of training within the smell of gunsmoke and then the 85th was committed.

Magrath was a radio operator in his company, probably so typical as to be unrecognizable—one of Bill Mauldin's India-ink figures finishing up a dirty job.

Then, only weeks before the Armistice, came daybreak, Apr. 14. Pleture mountains, mountains exactly like those the 10th had been trained to take. Imagine the 85th and Co G pinned down by enemy artillery and mortar fire, pinned down near a place called Castel d'Aiano.

Co G starts to squirm as the fire mounts, as round after round storms in on the unit's position.

Volunteering to act as a scout, armed with only a rifle, Magrath doubled out of Co G's location and rushed headlong into "withering fire." Getting a machine gun, Pfc Magrath (ASN 3122858) killed two Germans and wounded three. He captured the gun and took it with him as he moved across an open field blanketed with heavy enemy gunfire.

Fought On

With his captured gun, the ex-Eagle scout neutralized two more enemy machine gun nests and then crept behind four Germans who were firing directly onto his company.

He killed the four and went on to trade fire with their comrades, holding the captured gun on his knee in the middle of the Italian mountain country—far from Long Island Sound and the Christ Episcopal Church where Troop 16 met regularly.

Again as a volunteer, Magrath made one more sale to the front of his unit's position.

He was caught in a mortar barrage, up front alone, on a hill nobody in East Norwalk ever heard of.

Three years later, with the civic leaders out in full, he came back to the railroad station in Norwalk, and went from there to Riverside Cemetery, amid much pomp and circumstance.

He Remembers the 87th 'When'

ASCHAFFENBURG (87th PIO)—A leading contender for "Mr. 10th Div" honors is 1st Sgt Rollin P. Straight, Co E, 87th Inf, one of the few men in the 10th Div who wears the 10th's "bloody bayonets" on both shoulders.

Sgt Straight's service record can tell the story of the 10th Div, for five of his 12 years of active service in the US Army have been spent with the 10th, during WWII and in the gyroscope 10th.

Joined in 41

His story begins on Dec. 9, 1941, when he was ordered to the 87th Mountain Inf Bn, Ft Lewis, Wash.—the unit that was subsequently to become the hard-core and NCO element of the 87th Mountain Inf Regt.

At the time, the 87th Mt Inf Bn was formed of specialists from civilian life who were physically and mentally qualified by their former professions to stand the punishing techniques of combat that was to make the 87th the only fighting unit of its kind in the US Army. Sgt Straight was then master sergeant in charge of a weapons platoon.

Select Group

"I've never seen such a group of men since the old 87th Inf," Sgt Straight recalls. "Why, to get into the outfit, you had to have written recommendations from your former employers and you had to be a superior physical specimen. Oh, we had some men; every one of them was chosen on the basis that he was an experienced outdoorsman or sportsman with high mental qual-



M Sgt Rollin P. Straight

ifications. That was the case for the whole regiment all the way through its formation."

In June of 1941, the 87th Bn was split up to code the new mountain regiment. After two years of training, which Sgt Straight recalls as "difficult to compare with today's

training (we fought over mountains with picks and snowshoes and skis), but it was the toughest training of its kind the Army had," the 87th Mountain Inf Regt was moved in August, 1943 to Kiska Island in the Aleutian chain, to secure the island from the Japanese.

The 87th returned to Cp Hale, Colo., in December of 1943, with Sgt Straight still in the unit, for additional training at Hale and at Cp Swift, Tex. In December, 1944, the regiment embarked for the ETO.

Back to U.S.

In August of 1945 he returned with the Div to the United States after the German capitulation, the 10th having been the first unit of its kind to see action in both the Pacific and Atlantic theatres in WWII.

Straight was then discharged and remained out of the Army for three years. In September, 1948, he re-enlisted and served in Europe and on ROTC training duty until Mar. 19, 1955, when he volunteered to go to with the re-organized 10th Inf Div.

Wanted to Return

"When I volunteered I knew that men from the old 10th Div could request re-assignment to the new 10th by writing 5th Army Hq.

"My request was granted and I was assigned to the 10th, and from there was assigned, at my request, right through regiment, battalion and company to the 4th Plat, after 10 years absence."

Crusaders' Oldest Soldier -- at Twenty-two

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—At the tender age of 22, Sgt James W. Secrist claims to be the 86th Inf's "old timer."

On May 16 he celebrated his fifth year of continuous service with the regiment—a tour that has seen the 86th develop from a green National Guard unit to a combat-ready force stationed along the Iron Curtain.

Last of the Mobilians

"As far as I know, I'm the only member of the original outfit that's still serving with it," says Secrist, who is now the regiment's Drivers' School NCO.

Joining Co I of the 86th (then the 147th National Guard) at Dayton, Ohio, when he was only 17, he went on active duty with it Jan. 15,



Sgt James W. Secrist

1952, at Cp Polk, La., as part of the 37th Div.

After completing basic training and serving as a cademan he was chosen regimental commander's driver for Operation Flashburn in North Carolina.

From there he moved to Ft Riley with his unit, which was re-designated the 86th Inf of the 10th Div.

When the Crusader regiment was chosen as the Div's lead-off unit for Operation Gyroscope, Sgt Secrist re-enlisted for a chance to see Europe.

"It's a good outfit and I'm going to stay with it as long as I can," he says. And, as the regiment's senior man, who could know better than he.

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WALTERS



THE DIV IN GARRISON—The entrance to Conn Bks, Schweinfurt, is typical of 10th Div caserns all over northern Bavaria. The domain of the 35th FA Bn, Conn Bks, like most other barracks in the Div, was formerly home to German Army troops.

Div Hq Co

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Hq Co, the unit that furnishes the command and support for 10th Div Hq, was constituted on Aug. 27, 1942, as Hq Co, Mountain Training Center.

In September of that year, the unit was activated at Cp Carson, Col. The next year, the organization was redesignated Hq Co, 10th Div.

In Wuertzburg

One of the members of the separate battalion of troops here in Wuertzburg, that includes the MP Co, Sig Co, and QM Co, Hq Co is actually divided into two sections, Hq Co and Hq Det, both under the same CO and 1st Sgt.

The men in Det work in Div Hq, in the various staff sections, in PIO, Chaplain's office, etc. Hq Co troops make up the motor pool for Hq, the company mess hall, and other portions of the company administration.

Emery Bks is home to Hq Co, with the barracks right "under the gun," across the parade field from Maj Gen Hamlett's office windows.

35th FA Bn

SCHWEINFURT (35th PIO)—The 35th FA Bn was the first 10th Div Artillery unit to participate in Operation Gyroscope, moving out of Ft Riley with the first increment, on Jul. 9, 1955.

Back to '42

Its lineage goes back to the 605th FA Bn, constituted a part of the US Army on Dec. 19, 1942. In July, 1943, the battalion joined the 10th Light Div and served throughout WWII. On the unit's coat of arms are symbolized the two companies the outfit took part in during the Italian effort.

Now stationed here in Schweinfurt, the 35th acts as the artillery arm for the 85th Inf.

Div Medics

KITZINGEN (10th Med PIO)—Down here in Kitzingen is the 10th Div unit that is in sharp contrast to its brother outfits—as proclaimed on their crest, they are "Courageous Defenders of Life."

While the Div is committed to taking lives, in combat, the 10th Med Bn has the delicate and merciful task of wrenching the wounded from death, the sick from disease.

Back in September, 1942, when the current battalion was activated



Lon Hanson, 10th Med

at Cp Carson, Col., 10th medics used mules to carry the sick and the APC was still in its infancy as the "military wonder drug."

From Carson the Med Bn moved along with the Div, reaching Italy in January, 1945. On the unit's colors fly two battle streamers (for Po Valley and Northern Apennines), showing that where the infantryman goes, there goes the man with the red cross armband.

In the years that have gone by, both the 10th Med Bn and APCs have made their places in the sun. In the clutch, they're both nice to have.

10th MP Co

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—From an MP platoon, first formed at Cp Carson in 1942, the 10th MPs have spread to a company of picked men doing a specialized job on the edge of the Iron Curtain.

From crime prevention to guarding PW enclosures, the 10th MP Co is trained to handle the vast job that is the work of the Army policeman.

At Div Hq

Stationed here at Div Hq, today's MP Co performs the same duties, with the same clan, its predecessors did during WWII, going up the Italian boot with the combat 10th Mtn Div.

Gate guard, traffic control, apprehension of criminals, road recon—it's all in a day's work to the men with the MP brassard.

43d Ack-Ack

ERLANGEN (43d PIO)—Erlangen is about as far south as you can go and still be in the 10th Div territory. Maintaining the outpost in this collegiate town is the Div's only anti-aircraft group, the 43d AAA Bn.

CA Derivation

Derived from the 504th Coast Artillery Regt, formed in July, 1942 the 43d carries the Meritorious Service Streamer on its banners, along with four battle honors—Naples—Foggia, with arrowhead; Rome—Arno; Po Valley; and North Apennines.

Btry C, which traces its history back through the Indian and Civil wars, holds nine streamers on its company colors. Such names as Antietam, Virginia, 1862, and the Wilderness, fly from the colors of Btry C, testimony of a great tradition that lives on today under NATO.

85th Infantry Rams

BAMBERG (85th PIO)—A silver ram's head, frowning out from their unit crest, is the symbol and the nickname of one of the 10th Div's three tough line regiments—the 85th Inf, stationed here in this medieval city of churches.

Late Rotafers

Last of the infantry outfits to rotate to Germany, the Rams arrived here in November, 1955, roughly some 10 years after their previous appearance on the Continent.

That appearance opened on Jan. 13, 1945, when they landed on the Italian beaches near Naples. Shortly afterward, the 85th moved to

the front lines and began a drive that eventually took them north to the shores of Italy's Lake Garda. Near here, on May 2, 1945, close to 300,000 German troops surrendered to the 10th Div and its cohorts—one of the greatest mass battlefield capitulations in military history.

During the 10th's drive to victory, Co K, 85th Inf, made one of the war's most interesting conquests. On the 104th day after the landing near Naples, Co K reached the small town of Gargnano and occupied Mussolini's home, while, at the same time, confiscating many of his state and personal papers.

Although there was an 85th Inf briefly during WWI, the present lineage is traced back to Jul. 10, 1943, when the current unit was constituted. Five days later, at C'Hale, Col., the regiment was activated and assigned to the 10th Light Div, the forerunner of today's NATO 10th.

Current commander of the unit is Col M. N. Huston. Col Huston led the 85th through their basic at Ft Riley and commanded them through their Gyro movement, which, incidentally, completed the Div's rotation to Europe and completed the first divisional movement under Gyroscope.

87th Infantry

ASCHAFFENBURG (87th PIO)—"We Conquer Mountains and Men." is the proud motto of the 87th Inf. Up here in this peaceful Franconian city—and they've got the record to prove it.

During WWII, the Conquerors were one of the few Army units to see action in both the Pacific and European theatres. Activated

in December, 1941, the 87th was the first mountain regiment in the US Army. Their troop complement was made up of select personnel, chosen for their intelligence and physical fitness.

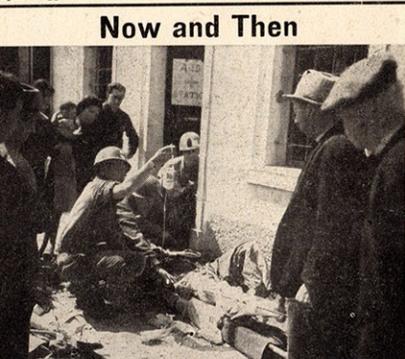
After intensive maneuvering and training, which polished them into one of the Army's hottest fighting forces, the 87th moved out for its first taste of battle. Sailing from San Francisco in July, 1943, the 87th arrived at Japanese-held Kiska in mid-August.

Quickly they climbed the precipitous cliffs and obtained their initial objectives on the Alaskan island, only to learn the enemy had secretly withdrawn. Nevertheless, the regiment's esprit de corps was remarkable as they moved to the assault and the 87th was earmarked for further duty—in Italy.

One for the Books

Along with the 86th and 85th, the 87th made the Div's record in Italy one for the books. The strong action of the 10th was in good part responsible for the final crumbling of German forces in Italy. Troops of the Conqueror regiment were the first Allied soldiers to cross the fabled Po river.

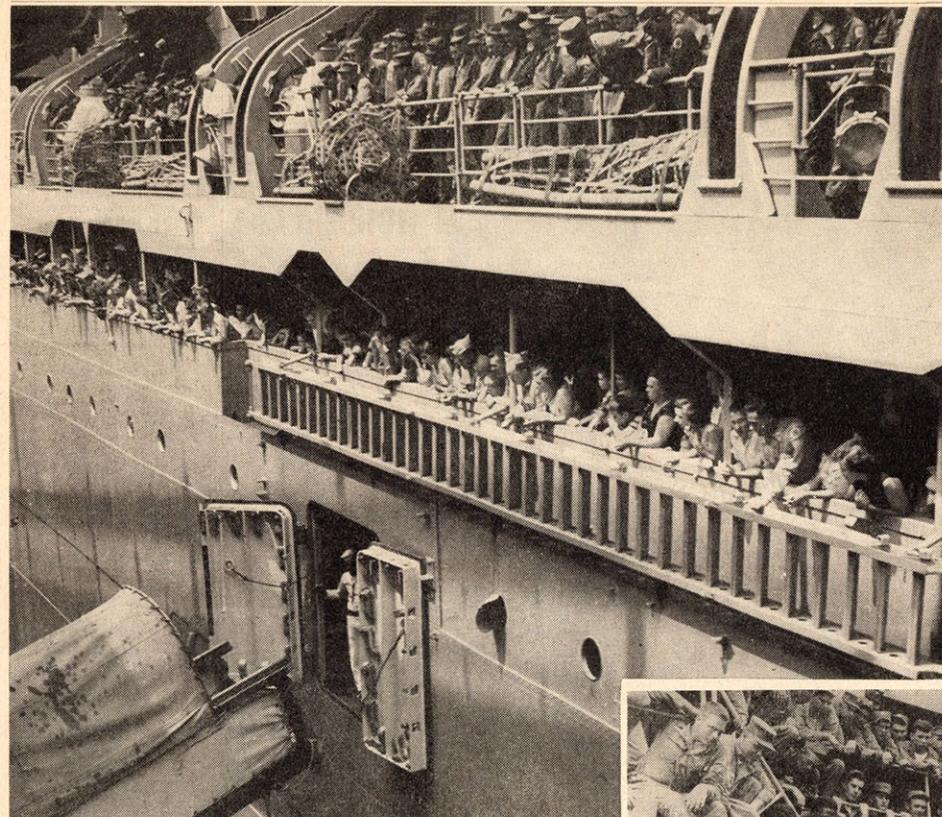
In all, the 87th's record in the WWII campaign was 393 men killed, 1256 wounded, and the unique mark of never having lost a man to the enemy as a prisoner.



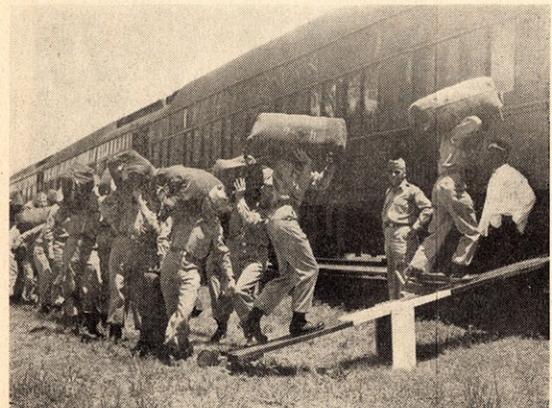
Now and Then



During WWII, medics of the 1st Bn, 85th Inf (top) gave blood plasma to a wounded German at an aid station in Villafranca, Italy. Below, present-day 1st Bn, 85th Inf, aidmen demonstrate their know-how during a mock medical emergency. (US Army Photo, Buzza, 85th)



SO LONG BROADWAY, HELLO SPITALSTRASSE—The gangplank is dropped and the first of the Gyroscope transports, the USNS Uphur, gets underway for the 5,000-mile voyage to Bremerhaven, Germany, with members of the 88th Inf. (US Army Photo)



HAND CARRIED—Troops of the first increment load up on Gyro trains at Ft Riley, Kans., heading for the New York port of embarkation and their new homes in Bavaria. (US Army Photo)

'Trooper's on the Tide'

For it's Tommy this, an' Tommy that, an' "Tommy, wait outside";
 But it's "Special train for Atkins" when the trooper's on the tide—
 The troopship's on the tide, my boys, the troopship's on the tide,
 O it's "Special train for Atkins" when the trooper's on the tide.

Tommy—Rudyard Kipling

On a singeing day a year ago last June, Operation Gyroscope found itself in full swing. Before then there were dribbles of advance parties and key men, but now it was the real thing. The docks at the Brooklyn Navy Yard were lined with the press—reporters, radio and television announcers, newsreel cameramen, photographers from America's largest newspapers and magazines bumped and shoved each other getting the story of the Army's greatest peacetime venture.

Inscribed in History
 Perhaps then the thousands of first increment soldiers realized that they were history makers, and the eyes of a nation were sharply focused on them. The 10th was chosen to try this new plan—this experiment the Defense Department would base nearly all its future overseas movements on. In all, there would be an exchange of nearly 40,000 men—two full-strength divisions—across the North Atlantic in three increments, evenly spaced through five months using four transport ships—USNS Uphur, Rose, Randall and Darby. The thought of the logistical problems involved would have made the best mathematician's head swim. But, the slogan was "Will do—the impossible, the improbable, the incredible."

And they did. Jobs like packing up an entire family's household, down to bronze baby shoe bookends and coat hangers, transporting it 5,000 miles around to the other side of the world and have the furniture unpacked by the time the family arrived. Or, having the refrigerator chock-full of groceries when the folks arrived in the far off places, like Aschaffenburg or Wuertzburg, when the lady of the house made the list, one dusty day in Kansas weeks before.

It Was Different
 Granted, the transportation situation was a little strange. Who in the Army, before the 10th, had the opportunity to transfer more than 380 pets—dogs, cats and birds—3,000 personally owned autos, and thousands of dependent wives, children and relatives. Plus, packing and shipping the personal belongings of Div personnel in more than 15,000 boxes and 7,000 crates.

But, most of the troops boarding the troop transport that first Gyroscope Day had no idea of the complete operation's

immensity. For the man on the gangplank, Gyroscope was a personal thing. Many had signed on for the Gyro cruise, volunteering for the Army to be stationed in Germany. Many were lucky US's who had filled Gyro vacancies early in the plan's conception, before the word brought volunteers from every part of the nation.

One Thought, One Deed
 To all, Gyroscope meant one thing—serving the United States overseas. The troopship was something new to most. Very soon, in that 10-day voyage between New York and Bremerhaven, they became intimately acquainted with shipboard routine.

A 5:30 call awoke them from their cramped four-decker bunks, and after chow they'll remember those troopship meals, and how they waited in line for their colored chow cards to be punched), there was always something to be policed... the aft deck, the forward deck, this bridge, that runway. And there was shipboard KP, guard and latrine details. There was relaxation too. Movies, sporting events, crew and troop variety shows and, of course, bingo.

Port Side? Starboard Side?
 "Say, buddy, what's the port side, anyhow?" "Can you really get cigarettes for 70 cents a carton?" "Gee, look at the porpoises, or something, jumping out there!" The men would hear things like these all days as the landlubbers found their sea legs and anticipated seeing the thin, crouching coast line that would be Europe.

In the Channel, Dover's white, chalk cliffs could be picked out of the mist, then the coastal islands of Holland, finally Germany poked a grey-green finger of land into the sea... and the men's destination, one that was chosen as their goal six months before on the grassy plains of Kansas, came into sight.

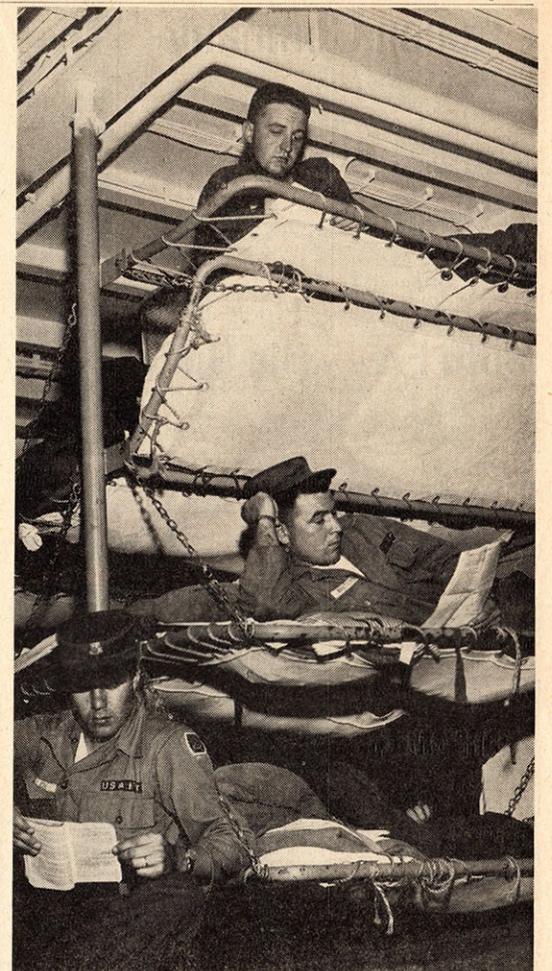
See You in 33 Months
 For some the first leg of Gyroscope was over, for others it was just beginning. At the German docks were the first increment of the 1st Div, the 10th's Gyroscope sidekick, waiting to board the troopship and return to the 10th's old station, Ft Riley, Kans.



THE ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP—A member of the 10th QM Co (left) tries to win the square ring championship in a contest with a USNS Randall sailor during one of the shipboard sporting events. Boxin' was one of the main events on the entertainment schedule of the troop movement. (DeBat, 10th Div PIO)



WELCOME TO DEUTSCHLAND—The Bremerhaven Port puts on a musical program to greet the Fighting 10th Div as it touches Div QM Co scowls at mess selection passing through the troopship galley as 88th Inf German soil for the first time in history. (DeBat, 10th Div PIO) KP smiles at the reaction.



SECOND STORY MEN—Letter writing, reading or just sleeping is the order of the day for the 88th RHQ Co troops in USNS Randall's compartment 4-4. (DeBat, 10th Div PIO)



BEANS AGAIN?—Pvt James Tierney (left), followed by Pvt Clarence Hass, of the 10th QM Co scowls at mess selection passing through the troopship galley as 88th Inf German soil for the first time in history. (DeBat, 10th Div PIO) KP smiles at the reaction.

Recon Company The 710th Armor Men--the 62d

KITZINGEN (10th Div PIO)—The 10th Recon Co is built like a clever middleweight, fast, shifty, but with a good solid punch.

Eyes and Ears
Often labeled the "eyes and ears of the Div", Recon Co is a combination of infantry and armor, banded together to form the Div's scouting force.

In peacetime, however, they have a second job—that of "Aggressors". On maneuvers, it's often their job to harass the troops of the division, to play the enemy and torment the friendly forces. In their odd green uniforms, Recon has won considerable fame for itself and for their anti-10th Div tactics.

Originally, it was the 10th Mtn Cavalry Recon Troop—back in No-

vember, 1944 when they were formed at Cp Carson, Col. The present designation was given in June, 1948. As a troop, the 10th Recon scored the Italian mountains during the Div's battles there. Photos in Pentagon archives show men of the Recon Troop riding horseback along winding dirt roads something in the order of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

Things Have Changed
Today there are no horses at Recon headquarters here at Harvey Bks. Dobbin has stepped aside for the tank and saucy jeep, and the fire power has picked up. But the job is still the same. When somebody back here wants to know what's going on up there, they call on 10th Recon.

KITZINGEN (10th Div PIO)—This dateline is Kitzingen, but it could be any 10th Div garrison town, for the men of the 710th Ord Bn are scattered like dips on a roulette table.

As an organic unit of an infantry division, the battalion's primary mission is to provide direct ordnance support to the Div. This includes third echelon of substantially all ordnance material within the Div, the handling, issue, evaluation and administration of ordnance supplies, inspector-instructor service, and administrative control of ammunition.

Platooned
To perform these duties, Ord men are attached, by platoons, to each RCT. Bn Hq is located here at Kitzingen. For a time, starting with Jul. 17 of last year, the 710th handled two divisions, the 10th and the 1st. They were responsible for ordnance support of all 1st Div units left in Europe until the third and final increment closed out. The unit's history goes back to Aug. 27, 1942, when they were constituted as the 123d Ord Medium Maintenance Co. They became the 710th Plt in 1943. The present battalion constitution came in June of 1954.

KITZINGEN (62d PIO)—The lineage of the 62d Tank Bn goes back to the 3d Armored Regt, 3d Armored Div, which was constituted Jan. 13, 1941, at Cp Bessemer, La.

Highly Decorated
From this regiment, which fought from the Normandy landing to mid-Germany, the 62d derives streamers and citations making it one of the most decorated units in the present-day 10th Div.

For instance, the 62d banners are entitled to be adorned with the Normandy streamer, Northern France streamer, plus markers for

Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe, and Rhineland.

Co A is entitled to a Distinguished Unit streamer, while Hqs&Sv Co is entitled to a Meritorious Service streamer. As a whole, the battalion is authorized the streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre, with silver gilt star.

Present Name

The present name was bestowed on May 23, 1948, when certain portions of the old 3d Regt were reconstituted. A few weeks later, the battalion got its assignment to the 10th Div.

Div Engineers

KITZINGEN (41st PIO)—Mention the 10th Div to many Germans and automatically they'll think of the 41st Engrs—a unit that believes in practical German-American friendship.

Since rotating to Europe, the engineers have rushed to the aid of many a stricken village in northern Franconia, building sports fields, digging foundations, clearing rubble, and on and on.

With one company in Bad Kissingen, the 41st Engr Bn has a fine cover considerable ground—and they do.

One Instance

Take the small border village of Eissenhausen, for instance, up on the East German zone line. The townspeople of that little dorf recently held a two-day fest celebrating the dedication of a soccer field that the engineers had built for them.

For the two days, the American soldiers were the guests of honor, with a round of parties toasting them as great things to happen in the town's entire history." The 41st made an impression there with their dozers and levers that will last long after the final goal has been kicked on the field.

Traces

The 41st traces their history back to the 128th Engr Mtn Bn, which was activated on Sept. 14, 1942, at Cp Carson. The 128th went all through the Italian campaign and the 41st proudly flies the two battle streamers worn during those days.

40th FA Bn

SCHAFFENBURG (10th Div PIO)—During WWII, one of the 10th Mtn Div's crack FA battalions was the 616th, activated at Cp Hale, Col. Jul. 15, 1942. The 616th accompanied the division throughout its mounting campaigns in Italy, gaining the reputation of being a first-rate artillery unit.

Today, here in Aschaffenburg, that same reputation is being maintained by the organization, under its new designation, 40th FA Bn.

Carrying On

Activated as the 40th on Jul. 1, 1948, the artillery arm of the 87th RCT still carries the honors of the 616th. Two battle honors fly from the battalion's standards—for North Apennines and Po Valley, two of the 10th Div's sharpest memories.

One of four artillery battalions in the present Div, the 40th came to Europe late last summer, as part of the 10th's second increment.

"Repple - Depple"

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—At the time the 10th Div was newly reactivated in June of 1954, the mission of the 10th Rep'l Co was defined as follows: "To receive, administer, and train replacements pending assignment to units in the 10th Div."

That pretty well sums up the job of the "repple" company since its activation in November, 1944, when it was formed as part of Hq, Sp Tps, 10th Mtn Div.

Pipeline

The pipeline through which the nearly all replacements move into the Div, Rep'l Co recalls the last of the "54 and the bulk of '55 as the "rough" period in its history.

During this period, the small (some 35 men) company processed thousands of troops, both green ones and vets—all on their way to bolster elements of the gypsocoping division. As many as 500 replacements were passed through the company in one day during this hectic period.

Cargo Job

Processing included providing food and quarters, screening records, issuing organizational clothing and equipment, and assignment. At the same time, the company also was engaged in preparing non-Gyro people for discharge and caring for the administration of personnel left behind by units of the first and second increments.

85th FA -- Big Guns

KITZINGEN (10th Div PIO)—Strange as it may seem, the 85th FA Bn originally sprang from a cavalry regiment, the 19th, formed in June, 1917, at old Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt.

Later that year, the unit was redesignated the 7th FA Regt and fought through WW I. The regiment's colors are streamers reminding present-day artillerymen of the five battles of the old outfit went through—Aisne-Marne, Champagne, Moraine, famous St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne.

As the 631st FA Bn, the organization fought in southern Europe during the last war, gaining battle honors for Sicily (with arrowhead), Naples, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley.

In addition, Sv Btry is entitled to a Meritorious Unit streamer, embroidered "European Theater." One of four 10th Div Art'y units, the 85th packs the biggest punch.

10th QM Co

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Down here in Wuerzburg's Hindenburg Casern is a very good company to be friendly with—they feed and clothe you.

The 10th QM Co is the outfit in question—the keepers of the 10th Div's storerooms.

Back in Europe

Back in Europe since July of last year, QM lists among its proudest achievements the support of Wickenmayer Orphanage. One of the first Div units to take up the work here in Germany, QM has supported this local orphanage since early in the tour. QM troops were also among the first Americans to take part in Wuerzburg's 6th Fascching parade, during the Mardi Gras season.

Battalion Part

Their history goes back some 16 years, to February, 1941, when they were constituted as Hq&Det, 145th QM Bn. Later named the Hq&Hq Co, 10th QM Bn, they fought through Italy with the 10th, gaining two battle honors.

25th Field Artillery

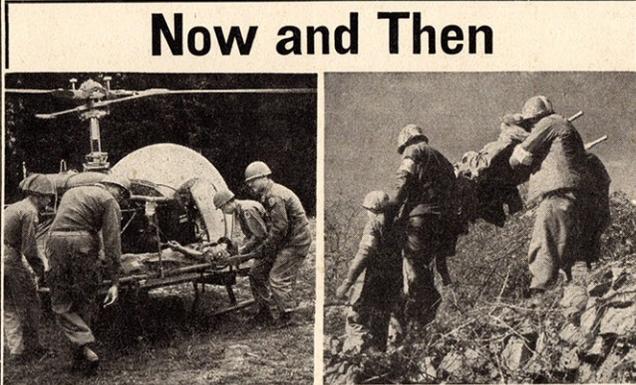
BAMBERG (25th PIO)—When they talk about big guns in this town, they're talking about one of the 10th Div's best field artillery battalions, the 25th FA—part of the 85th RCT.

Since '43

In one form or another, the 25th has been with the 10th Div since Jul. 15, 1943—only then the nomenclature was 604th FA Bn. As the 604th, the battalion accompanied the 10th Mtn Div through the Italian campaigns and returned to the U.S. for deactivation in November of 1945.

with 155 mm howitzers in the armory. The 85th acts as artillery support for any regiment in need and does not belong to one RCT in particular.

The present designation was given to the unit on Nov. 4, 1946. The battalion was assigned to the 10th Div on Jun. 18, 1948.



Medics of the 1st Bn, 57th Inf (left) carry a simulated injury aboard one of the regiment's helicopters. Right, aidmen of the WWII 1st Bn are sharply outlined against the Italian sky as they carry a real stretcher case down the slopes of Mt. Belvedere. (Rosette, 87th, US Army Photo)

The Crusader Regiment

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—Breathes there a USAREUR sports fan with soul so dead who has not heard of the Crusaders of Schweinfurt?

Well-known

The 86th Inf has made itself well-known athletically since coming to Germany—first, by putting out a gridiron team that was one of the major threats last season, and then,

second, by running away with the command egg title.

But not all the Crusader glamor is in the sports department. The 86th was the vanguard of the Div Gyro movement—the first 10th Div regiment to reach German soil.

In WWII, the 86th played a major role in the Div's successful offensive up the shank of the Italian boot, winning a campaign streamer for their action in the Po Valley battle.

Reactivated

The present 86th was reactivated on Nov. 25, 1942 (There had been a 86th for a short period during WWII), and joined the 10th on Jul. 15, 1943.

After WWII ended, the Crusaders returned to Cp Carson, Col., where the unit was deactivated early in 1946.

Back in Business

On Jun. 18, 1948, the 86th went back into business again, as a training regiment preparing rookies for overseas duty.

Kansas' famous flood of 1951 brought the regiment into the spotlight once more. The rushing waters hit Ft. Riley on Jul. 10 of that year, knocking out all communications, washing away roads

Cologne Calls Racing Fans



COLOGNE CATHEDRAL—A German camera fan sets his viewfinder on one of Cologne's famous landmarks. (Cologne Travel Bureau)

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—The gem of the Rhineland—Cologne—shines lustily only 100 miles from 10th Div stations, offering at tempting week-end diversion to the north-bound tourist.

Perhaps the city is most famous for its riotous Carnival season or Fasching as it is known in southern German. The city of 500,000 puts on its funny faces and greets the pre-Lenten holiday with an energy that is seldom seen outside of the north country. Hundreds of balls are scheduled for weeks until Ash Wednesday to take a halt to the festivities.

Carefree

The carefree attitude is seen all year around through this fast-paced city. Almost symbolic of the people's devil-may-care outlook is the Cologne race track—one of Germany's largest.

The world famous Weldenpesch race track, only a short drive from the city, almost in the shadows of the spires of Cologne Cathedral. Here are located the headquarters of the Jockey Club, and the seat of the German House Breeding and Racing Association. In the surrounding area are the well-known breeding centers of Roettgen, Schendethan and Roemerhof-Waldfried.

Many Races

Yearly many of Germany's most famous races are held at the local track: The Union Race early each June, the Jubilee Prize in April, the Grand Prize of Cologne in July, the Gerling Prize, and Oppenheim Race on Aug. 12 this year, and the Prize of the Winter Favorites on Sep. 30.

The city also displays a wonderful series of churches and architectural monuments dating back to the time of the Romans. Cologne is an ancient city. In 50 A. D. it was established as a Roman colony by Emperor Claudius and named Colonia Agrippinensis for his wife.

Beauty Spot

An education center in the northlands, Cologne offers one of Germany's best universities; it was established in 1388. The area is rich in museums and art treasures, but perhaps its richest gift is the beautiful Rhineland scenery that fills the Cologne valley.

Songster Red Knight Opens Soldier Show

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—With Allied Show No. 15A making its final performance next Sunday, Aug. 12, German Show No. 14 takes the Div club spotlight.

The Allied group list in its ranks pert songstress, Jose O'Donnell, comedy team Lynn and Morris Colleano, and roller skating team Ohl and Klennm.

German Show is headlined by home-span humorist Red Knight, who doubles in the emcee slot, singing a wonderful collection of

Vagabond-Bus To Scandinavia

NURNBERG (Special)—A special 14-day "vagabond-bus" tour of Scandinavia, through 2,000 miles of scenic countryside enroute, is currently being offered to NACom personnel for \$185.

Round-Trip

The tour includes round-trip transportation from Frankfurt, accommodations in first and middle-class hotels, and all sightseeing fees. Departure dates are Jul. 15, Aug. 3 and 24, and Sept. 14.

Highlights of the tour are a visit to Hamburg, where an optional tour of the port city's night clubs may be made, and a jaunt to the Viking museum in Norway.

Five Days

A five-day visit to Copenhagen and environs, plus an excursion to Halsingborg, Sweden, is another tour being offered through USAEUR Sp Sv. It costs \$50.

A third 10-day trip of Scandinavia by plane is priced at \$228. Further information on tours and other travel data may be obtained at local Sp Sv offices.

popular hits. Entertaining the troops with a back-bending series of acrobatic tricks is the flexible team of Gerdy, Jack and Johnny.

On the musical side, the accordion-playing Schwierkotts with their song-bag full of favorite numbers fill out the German Show cast.

The remaining schedule of performances are:

- Aug. 10 Officers Club, Aschaffenburg
- Aug. 11 El Paseo EM Club, NCO Club—Aschaffenburg
- Aug. 12 Sp Sv Club, Bad Kissingen
- Aug. 13 Flak Casern Sp Sv Club, Kitzingen
- Aug. 14 Emery Bks EM Club, Wuersburg
- Aug. 15 EM Club, NCO Club—Bad Kissingen.

Barbecue Pit Cooks-up Fun

KITZINGEN (85th FAPIO)—"Barbecue anyone?" This shout is heard around Btry B, 85th FA Bn now days.

The barbecue pit was constructed by the men in the battery with materials found here and there, plus a little extra money donated by a few of the troopers. With the addition of the barbecue pit to their already well equipped backyard, battery is well fixed to spend their off-duty time around the area.

In addition to the cooking pit, the battery has two sets of horse shoe courts, a baseball diamond, a volleyball court and tables and benches for a lazy weekend snack.

"The battery seems well set for summer," asked one member, "but what about the winter?" Another piped up with, "That's when we start working on an ice skating rink."

East of Broadway

by al debat

Being a paper-backed volume aficionado of the "Death in the Afternoon—The Sun Also Rises" variety from way back, I was quite exhilarated as I headed for Madrid's Plaza del Toro for the real thing.



Mod is "the center of the world" for bull fighting as Hemingway once remarked. And, during my stay there I saw 12 bulls dispatched to their maker, but I was rather disappointed.

Not that I'm a SPACer who wails about the fate of bulls. It's not the death that bothers me—for as someone astutely pointed out the bull's brothers equally reach their demise under the slaughterhouse hammer, without the pomp and ceremony that the sword brings.

My objections are what might be called sporting, or perhaps even artistic, considerations. But, first, for those not too familiar with the spectacle, I'll outline the program briefly.

After the bull enters the ring, the matador has the choice of working with the large cape or not; then the picadors and banderilleros do their job. The matador continues with the small cape (muleta) and sword, killing the bull.

Then the picadors, men on horseback with lances or pica, provoke the bull to charge. When the animal makes his attack (sometimes goring the horse even though the horses are heavily padded) the picador sinks his lance deep into the bull's shoulder muscles—the object is to weaken the bull, particularly in the neck so he will charge with his head down and the matador make the final thrust later. Picadors lance the bull four, five, six, seven and occasionally even eight times.

My objection lies with the severe punishment that the bull receives from the picador. Here in this critical part of the fight, I've seen bulls slashed and ripped into cowardice. They were piced and piced in a relentless attack, until the bulls were too easy to handle, if a fighting bull can be that way. Too much vigor was taken out of the animal to make the match seem a contest between the matador and the bull.

I don't think the problem is only personal on my part, I noted the following in the *New York Herald Tribune European Edition Travel Guide*: "Picadors in modern fights often seek to half-kill the bulls. But their work is very necessary to the progress of the fight. The situation is best summarized by saying that everybody in the industry knows exactly what minor changes in the picador's equipment would prevent the bulls from getting too much punishment—but nobody is willing to enforce such changes and be responsible for the toreros' lives that would unquestionably be lost to bulls that got too little."



CinemaScope Film Shown in 16mm

NURNBERG (Special)—European Motion Picture Sv this week announced the inauguration of CinemaScope in USAEUR's 16mm theaters, with the musical "Guys and Dolls" to initiate the 153 new wide-screens along the EMP's circuit in Germany, France and Italy.

35 mm Have It

While the command's 35mm theaters have been CinemaScoped for some time, only recently have arrangements been made for completing installation of the revolutionary new process in the 16mm theaters which serve smaller troop locations.

"Guys" First

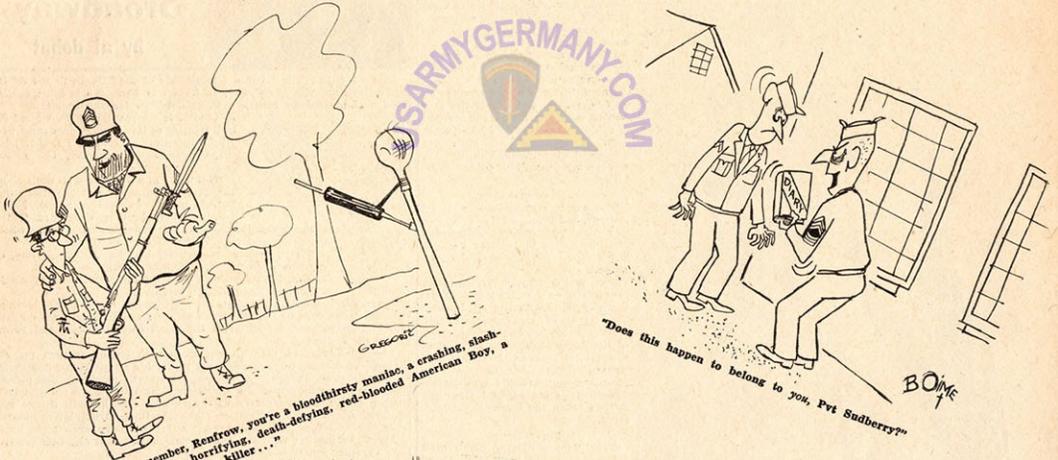
In addition to "Guys and Dolls," to be released during the first week in August, coming attractions in 16mm CinemaScope include: "The Lieutenant Wore Skirts," "The First Posan," "Commande," "The Man Who Never Was," "On the Threshold of Space," "Carousel," "Forbidden Planet," "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit," "The Proud Ones," and "Trapeze."

Classes are conducted on off-duty time for Army personnel wishing to go beyond the fifth elementary grade.



"HERE'S MUD IN YOUR HAT"

Laughter Up From the Ranks



"Now remember, Renfrow, you're a bloodthirsty maniac, a crashing, slashing, bonecrushing, horrifying, death-defying, red-blooded American boy, a reckless, devil-may-care killer..."



The Driver



GREGOIRE



The Rider

Hanson



"Sure-footed company, aren't they!"

PROFESSIONAL. Pvt Daniel Gazzola, Co I, 85th Inf, has been in the cartooning game since he graduated from New York's Cartoonists and Illustrators School. The 21-year-old, Bronx-born artist has been published in *Adventure*, *Stag*, *Laugh*, *Humorama* and *Truce*.

ANOTHER 'slick' cartoonist is Pfc Al Boime, Hvy Mort Co, 85th Inf. He hails from sunny Los Angeles. The Army found a place for him as a surveyor with Hq Pfc, but in civilian life he's given laughs to readers of *Collier's*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *Truce* and *Pageant*.

GLOBETROTTER Pfc Greor F. Gregoire, 2d Bn Hq, 85th Inf, is a product of the University of Illinois art department. Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the 19-year-old Campaign III, cartoonist aimed most of his pre-Army efforts toward college humor magazines—most often *U of I's* off-campus publication, *Shaft*.

ARTIST Pfc Lon A. Hanson, Amb Co, 19th Med Bn, focuses his humorous attention on Army life. The skillful pen and ink artist is an Army ambulance driver. Coming from Minneapolis, Minn., Hanson entered the Army after spending a year at the University of Minnesota.

DRAFTSMAN Sp3 Burt Mader, DivArty Hq, has had extensive experience in advertising art. The 25-year-old, Needham, Mass., artist finds most of his cartooning ideas artillery subject matter. The artist used his talents for commercial art in civilian life.



"YEAH, this is 'Snow White'—wann'a make somethin' out of it."

New Coaches Greet Rams



READY TO ROLL—Two of the players upon whom 85th Ram fans pin a great deal of their hopes for the coming season are quarterback Denny Lozon, and lineman Walter Mallett. Lozon is a former first string quarterback at the University of Detroit, while Mallett is a veteran of Army football, having played for the 145th Inf at Ft Polk, La., and in 1954 for the Rams at Ft Riley, where he was selected to the Div all-star squad. (Buzia, 85th)

Thomason Tops in 87th Inf When it Comes to Hurling

ASCHIAFFENBURG (87th PIO)—Behind the brilliant chucking of pitcher, Don Thomason, Med Co's softball team looks like a good bet to walk off with the much coveted 87th Inf softball crown.

The team currently has an over-reach when it comes to hurling.

Car Agenda Announced

GIEBELSTADT (10th Div PIO)—President of the Wuerzburg Sports Car Club, Alan Wolf, announced recently that the club's first road race will probably be held this coming September. If negotiations with the Air Force go through, the club, which usually meets on Sundays at the recently finished Giebelstadt concrete airstrip, expects to add new members to its already rapidly growing group.

Two Sojourns
So far the club has held two rallies, drivers of everything from Jaguars to Austin-Healeys, participating. The forthcoming road race will be a race of regularity, or a race run against the clock. Contestants will be allotted a certain amount of time to drive a pre-arranged distance.

All personnel of surrounding military units, as well as German nationals interested in revving their engines this coming September, should attend the club's meetings, the first and third Thursdays of every month at the 31 Merгентheimer Strasse in Wuerzburg.

Mentors Unsure of Potential

BAMBERG (85th PIO)—Perry Katzenstein, recently appointed head coach of the Rams, revealed that Raymond Kenaga would fill the assistant coaching slot.

Kenaga, a quarterback, is a former member of the 1952, '53 and '54 University of Michigan varsity squad and learned his sport under the present Wolverine coach and former All-American Bernie Osterbaan.

The fleet back began his college days as a first string defensive half-back under the now-outmoded two-plotation system but switched to the quarter-back slot in the famed Michigan single-wing with the advent of single-plotation play. His main assignment on the Ram coaching staff will be the tutelage of the backfield, while Katzenstein, former University of Toledo star tackle, will handle the line.

"Because of the Gyroscope movement, the 85th was unable to field a team in the 1993 season and we are starting from scratch this year," stated Katzenstein. "About the only thing one can say at this point is that we're hopeful—otherwise, the coaches don't know any more about the team than the players' names, weights and shoe sizes."

In an effort to overcome this handicap, Katzenstein has prepared an intensive program of training for team candidates. A former pupil of Bob Snyder, present Pittsburg Steelers football coach, the Ram mentor indicated that he intended to teach the split-T offense in the coming season.

4th in Row For Signal Co

WUERZBURG (10th Sig PIO)—The 10th Sig Co won their fourth straight game in the Sp Tps Bn softball playoffs as they downed the QM Co here by a 12-0 score.

Hot Hurling
Jim Bingham pitched one-hit ball for the winners last Monday and was backed up by the big bat of Jerry O'Brien, who collected two homers, one of them coming with the bases loaded.

all record of 21 wins and two losses. In league competition they have won nine games and lost one.

The person who is largely responsible for the team's success is pitcher Thomason, who currently boasts a low earned run average. His bread and butter pitch is a blazing fastball.

Very Experienced
The shy, soft-spoken chucker has been pitching for various softball teams since his freshman year at Great Bend public high school, in Great Bend, Kans. It was here that Thomason launched his softball career, as number one moundsman for a team that won the state softball championship two years in a row. Thomason started and pitched every game!

All-around Star
While in high school, softball wasn't the only sport that the rugged athlete excelled in. He also lettered in football four years and was named as captain of the team his senior year. In track, he also gave a good account of himself, by placing third in the state meet in the broad jump, with a leap of 21 feet, nine inches.

Rhymes of The Times

WHEN YOU LEAVE THAT HOLIDAY SCREE TAKE A TAXI FOR YOUR SAFETY

The ROSE BOWL

by Al Rose

The Rains of Bavaria

After a wet four-day wait, the playoffs for the Cen League title finally got under way last Sunday in Schweinfurt. Even then, the daily rains threatened to postpone this one as a downpour sent the large crowd scurrying for cover shortly before play was scheduled to start.

However the sun, at last it looked like the sun, it's been so long, finally came through and the Crusaders and the RedEggs went at it. The main item that gave the Crusaders the game was their ability to fight back. Down two runs in the very first inning, things looked dark indeed for the Div representatives. Bill Vanderver, nicknamed *Hollywood* by the Crusaders fans because of his fancy sunglasses, seemed to have the 8th completely baffled with his assortment of "junk" pitches.

But Jay Germand's two-run homer started Mr Vanderver on his way to the showers and once again the Crusaders had come through. Chuck Gorman gave everyone, including this correspondent, a scare when he doubled up in pain after being picked off of second base. Gorman, who was the starting twirler, limped off the field with a bum leg, but displayed enough heart to keep the RedEggs in check until he wisely removed himself in the seventh when he tired. On came Crusader ace Ed Davies and he showed why he was selected as an all-star pitcher when he set the RedEggs down to give the Crusaders the game and the edge in the series.

After Larry Costello's blast in the sixth the once noisy RedEggs dugout quieted down. Incidentally, Costello and Bill Newkirk are being kept quite busy between USAREUR baseball and CISM basketball. We've heard unofficially that there are some 40 basketball players down at Nurnberg trying out for the CISM team. Among them are such top players as Frank Selvy and Willie Gardner.

Exhibition Games Carded
The fact that the league football schedule doesn't officially open until Sept. 15 doesn't mean that fans will have to wait that long before viewing some ball. Almost all the teams in the Div are planning to play a few exhibition games, primarily to smooth out the rough edges before they begin the long road that leads to the USAREUR title. At this writing most of the teams are concentrating on conditioning and the basic fundamentals with heavy contact work scheduled in the near future.

Since Sp Tps will not field a team, the names of the Sp Tps players were put in a hat and drawn out by the four coaches.

Les Temple, the Div's top boxer, will be going to the All-Army or Olympic trials. The reason—Les hurt his back while doing, of all things, shadow boxing.

Crusader Softball Near End; Cos M and L Lead Way

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—With the second half of the co-jevy softball season at the 86th Inf coming to a close there is a two way tie in the American League between Co M and Co L, with three wins and one loss, while the Medics in the National League hold fast with a 3-0 record.

The winners of the first half of

the two-part season were Co L and the Medics. Both had an impressive 8-1 record. Runners up were Cos D, F and G.

In recent competition Co A handed Co M its first defeat in a hard fought 3-2 contest. Co G won the RHQ 10-5, while Co B downed the boys from Co C, 8-3. The season's first no-hitter was thrown recently by John Marino of Hq. 2d Bn in a regulation seven inning contest against Co F. The final score was 2-1. The lone run was scored on an error.

In determining the regimental champions, the winners of the two leagues will play a best two of three games series in early September.

10th Med Bn Goes to Clinic

KITZINGER (10th Med PIO)—Thomas Fitzsimons, 10th Med Bn, has been selected to represent the Div at a 14-day soccer clinic to be held at Rhein-Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany, soon. When he returns to his unit, he will conduct soccer clinics throughout the Div area.

Fitzsimons has been a star player and the team captain for the 10th Med Bn soccer team this season. This team recently won second place in the Div soccer championships.

Headhunter Tells Deer Rituals

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—One of the biggest advantages the US Army can afford a man as far as Wildcat Chadwick is concerned is in the chance of bagging game an international millionaire sportsman would envy.

Chadwick, a member of Div Hq Det, is a hunter of long experience, exploiting his huntsman's ability in the United States, Korea, and Germany.

From Jun. 1 to Oct. 15, Chadwick, along with hundreds of other hunters, both German and American, takes his place in a tree blind somewhere in the spacious green forests of Bavaria to wait hours on end for a shot at the internationally renowned game animal, the German roebuck.

The Facts Man

Before leaving recently for his favorite "hochsitz," or tree-blind, Chadwick related some of the vital facts about the smallest game animal of the deer family known to man.

Making a few last minute checks on his six power "scopes," mounted on a 8 mm bolt-action Mauser, Chadwick pointed out that the early months of the summer is the time to weed out the "abchsuss" roebuck or the roebuck with malformed horns, sick, or the one that shows unwanted breeding qualities. "We try to get rid of the abchsuss bucks now, before they mate in the latter part of July," says Chadwick.

In addition to the line of abchsuss buck is the "murderer" roebuck. The "murderer," instead of having the usual six point horns three on each side, develops pointless horns through some freak of nature.

Dangerous

This leaves the seemingly harmless deer with five inches of lethal, dagger type horns. With these weapons, the murderer will destroy many a good roebuck during the annual battles of mating seasons. Not only that, but it has been known on occasions to disembowel some unwary hunter, with the ferociousness of a maddened bull, when disturbed at the wrong time.

Is Better

"Actually," Chadwick stated, "the abchsuss buck is considered by 'old hands' as the better trophy than the easily bagged six-pointer."

"As far as I know," continued the holder of 65 roebuck horns, "the rarest set is the one that have not fallen off the buck the previous season. The following season the next set of horns grow below the previous ones still intact, sometimes blinding the deer. Next to those, I would consider the 'murderer' buck's horns for hanging in first place on my den wall."

Small

The roebuck itself is small and is sometimes mistaken for a medium sized dog by the novice hunter. Standing only three to four feet in height and weighing from 35 to 40 pounds, the roebuck's meat is tender, and makes a feast fit for a king when baked properly.

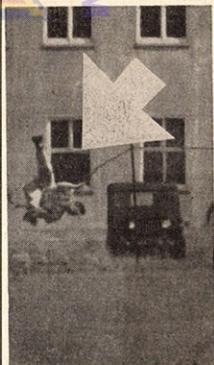
The best time to bag the roebuck, which is smaller than the American antelope, is after 6 o'clock in the evening. Chadwick, a member of long and good standing in the Wuerzburg Rod and Gun Club, is already licensed by the German

Golf Meet Ahead

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Sp Tps is having a golf tourney Aug. 13-14 at the nine hole course at Bad Kissingen.

The 36-hole medal play will feature open and senior competition.

hunting authorities. He has but to contact the nearest Civil Affairs office, and the Hunting and Fishing Department will arrange a date for him with a forestermeister who will guide him to a "hochsitz" where the woodsman has observed game running frequently.



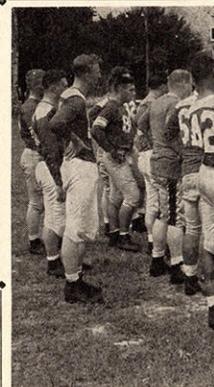
OVER THE FENCE—Redleg outfielder Bill Rogers falls over the left field fence trying to catch Jay Gernand's homer. The 86th won this one 5-3.

Stars Hot At CISM

WUERZBURG (10th Div PIO)—Crusader Al Griffith and Ram Bob Linne both upheld the athletic tradition of the Div when they came through with sparkling performances in Berlin recently in the big CISM meet.

Griffith won the 400-meter championship with a creditable 47.1 performance and then came through again to help give the USA the 1000-meter relay title.

Linne, who was the top pole vaulter in the Div all season, placed third in the CISM meet with a 13'6" performance. Both of the trackmen had recently shown well in the Div and USAREUR track meets.



BIG JIM SPEAKS AND EVERYONE LISTENS—Crusader Jim Schradler, line coach of the 86th, briefs a group of players on what to expect for the coming season, at Conn Bks in Schweinfurt. (McCullough, 86th)

Those Amazing Crusaders do it Again

Beat 18th FA Gp In Ansbach For Cen Crown

ANSBACH (86th PIO)—The amazing Crusaders swopt to the Cen League baseball crown by downing the tough 18th FA Gp Redlegs twice in succession last Sunday and Monday.

The double win vaulted the 86th into the quarter final of the USAREUR playoffs against the 503d Airborne this week.

The story of the Crusaders' victories is readily attributed to good pitching and clutch hitting. In the first game on Sunday the Crusaders came from behind to take a 5-3 win. Tight pitching by player-coach Chuck Gorman and reliever Ed Davies, plus roundtrippers by Jay Gernand and Larry Costello spelled the difference.

Jolting Jay

Gernand's homer came in the fourth inning with Bill Newkirk on base. The 86th tied it up in the sixth with Costello blasting a homer. The lucky seventh proved to be just that as the 86th moved out in front to stay. Catcher Bill Fisher walked.

Davies' bunt caught Fisher at second. Bill Sims grounded to first baseman Bill DiJulio who attempted to get Davies at second. All he accomplished was to plunk Davies on the back. Jim Myers popped out, but Dick Sullivan's easy grounder to second resulted in a wild throw allowing what proved to be the big run, to score. The 86th scored an insurance run in the eighth on Fisher's double.

Again!

In the second contest, which was played in Ansbach, the Crusaders jumped off to a 6-0 lead and then withstood a late Redleg surge to win 8-4. Bob Vanasse and Ed Davies combined to give the 86th their second victory in a row over the Redlegs. Joe Nunn started for the losers but just didn't have it and gave way to Bill Jensen.

In this game the winners unleashed a 13-hit attack to route the Redleg pitching. Bill Fisher's big bat kept the 86th in front. Bill bashed out three hits, all of them coming at a vital time.

Six errors were committed in the contest, three by each team.



YOU'RE SAFE—Redleg centerfielder Jack Pollett slides safely into third on a long fly to center. Pollett took off after the catch of Bill Rogers' long drive. Waiting for the throw is Jay Gernand, 86th third-sacker. (McCullough, 86th)

Hard-running Back Ready to Help 86th Roll

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—With the 1956 gridiron season now officially open, football fans will again have a chance to see Crusader Don DeFeudis, former All-England halfback in action.

DeFeudis began his football playing at Worcester Trade High School, where he was selected for the All-City team as a halfback in 1948-49.

Earning an athletic scholarship, the aggressive grid star entered Boston University where he played four years of creditable ball at his usual halfback position. In 1953 the Associated Press selected him for the All-New England team.

Stars for 86th

Last year, the 169-pound Crusader was a member of the 86th squad. Don earned the distinction of being the leading scorer in USAREUR with 12 touchdowns.

"DeFeudis is one of the best backs I've ever handled . . . he's a hard worker," says Coach Coffield. In a single contest last season he scored as many TD's against the 18th FA Gp Redlegs.

Among his other talents is baseball. At Boston U he led the team in RBI's with 21. As a member of the Crusader diamond squad he is one of team's best defensive outfielders.

To Coach

At the termination of his tour of duty with the Army, the hard charging Crusader hopes to return to Worcester and coach football at his old high school.

Lots of Work For Gridders

SCHWEINFURT (86th PIO)—With the opening league football game a month away, the 86th Inf Crusaders have begun a rigorous training program under Coach Leon Coffield.

Work

Running, line-pulling, passing, kicking, blocking and calisthenics are the order of the day. The average day's schedule also includes a light contact scrimmage game.

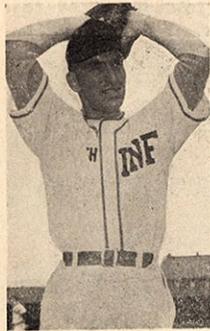
The lineman, coached by All-American Jim Schradler, and Gene Paluzzi, formerly of Wichita U, have been getting first-hand instructions from two of last season's top performers.

Coffield Coaches

Coffield, handling the tutoring job in the backfield, has been working closely with his two quarterbacks, Bill Humphries and newcomer Don Byer. Knowing his line is relatively unchanged, Coffield has been concentrating on the backs, who could make the difference between a winning and losing team.

The Backfield

Heading the list of veteran backfield men this year are fullback Joe Bratcher, halfbacks Don DeFeudis, George Fish and Paul Dombrowski, all of whom should make the Crusaders a top contender in the Cen League. Halfback Dick Kenchur, workhorse of last year's squad, will see only limited service this season because of his impending release from the service.



Sterling Singley

SPORTS ALBUM



Les Temple

A Panorama of the Men and Events that Made 10th Div Athletic History

The 10th Div has an athletic history that is both colorful and exciting.

In 1954, when the Div was redesignated the 10th, the men gave a hint of the things to come when they turned in great performances in basketball and football. In the court sport, Jack Dennison added a touch of Hollywood to the 1954-5 season when he sparked the Sp Tps five to a thrilling 104-101 victory over the team from Hq Co, 5021st AU, from Ft Riley's Main Post. It took a hectic three overtimes for the Div team to emerge victorious.

But if the basketball victory was rewarding, then the football triumph the season before was even more so. A young lieutenant by the name of Chuck Harding played brilliantly as a determined eleven from Ft Riley pulled one of the major service upsets of the year. A strong grid team from Ft Carson, Colo., had been traveling to various installations and winning all their games by large margins. They were recognized as the 5th Army champions and they finally ended up at Ft Riley for a game with an all-star Ft Riley team. They went up against the Kansas team with two All-Americans performing for them and a victory for them a foregone conclusion. The Riley team was composed largely of Div players.

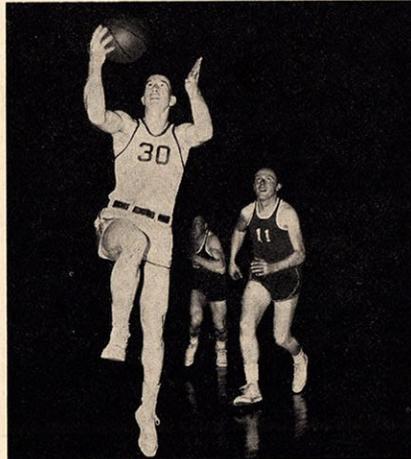
But, sparked by Harding's passing and excellent coaching by Bob Kadenhend, the Kansans racked up an astounding 40-0 win. It was one of the sweetest victories that a Div team has ever annexed. Willie Register, a guard, now with the 86th Inf, also turned in a great game.

The 1954 softball championship went to the 87th Inf while this regiment's volleyball team took the volleyball title and fourth place in the 5th Army tourney.

The golf team led by Monte Sanders and Bob Lowery won the 5th Army championship and Sanders added to his laurels by finishing third in the All-Army meet, only three strokes behind Billy Maxwell, who is now a leading pro. Sanders is also a touring pro today.

As the new year, 1955, roared in, a Div boxing team roared, sweeping the Topeka, Kans., Golden Glove tourney, and showing impressively in the Kansas City AAU championships.

Two of the boxers on the squad,



COSTELLO IN ACTION—Larry Costello was the prime reason for the 10th Div's success on the court during the Div's first year in Germany. His play sparked the 86th to the command title and won him a place on the All-Army squad named by the Armed Forces Press Service. (McCullough, 86th)

welterweight Alexander St. Clair and middleweight Salter Barksdale, went to the All-Army meet, with the latter runner-up for the middleweight title. The team was coached by Sid Bryant, who today is with Div Hq.

Baseball got off to a good start in 1955 but was interrupted by the Div's movement to Europe under Operation Gyroscope. The title was taken by Sp Tps in an abbreviated season. An all-star team, composed largely of Div personnel won the 5th Army championship. Pitching star for the team was Sterling Singley, who is currently a member of the 85th Inf.

The first of the regiments of the Div to make themselves known in Germany was the 86th Inf. They fielded a football team composed of such greats as center Jim Schrader, former Notre Dame All-American, and such established pro stars as Joe Holley and Dick Kercher. They were quarterbacked by a little bundle of dynamite in the person of John Nunziato, former Boston U star athlete. The 86th, nicknamed the Crusaders, swept the Cen Con title and advanced to the semi-finals in USAREUR before being upset by the 4th Div Sp Tps in Frankfurt on a cold autumn day.

But if the Crusaders were denied the big title in football, they were not to be stopped in basketball. A likeable young man by the name of Larry Costello, a former All-American and professional star, turned the team into a potent scoring aggregation and topped the 85th Inf for the Div title. But they weren't through here.

The team, spurred on by the superlative play of Costello, shot through the quarter-finals and semi-finals and then, with a home crowd urging them on, whipped the V Corps Guardians 86-78 to become USAREUR kingpins of basketball. And who was the coach of the five that had brought the Div their first USAREUR title; none other than the same Mr. Nunziato. Boxing saw Les Temple, a hard-hitting middleweight advance to the semi-finals in USAREUR competition before being dethroned by Jim Wakefield.

The Div golf title went to Jim Urruh of DivArty who ran away from the field to end up with a 278, 10 under par for the 72 hole meet. Second place went to Jim Steinbaugh, also DivArty, and the third place slot went to Bill Bullman of Sp Tps.

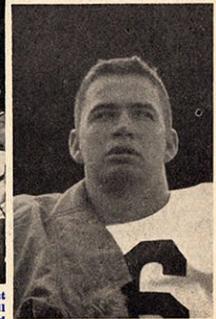
Jim Mania, of the 85th Inf, took the top honors in the spring bowling meet as he out-rolled all of the other men in the tourney.



John Nunziato



USAREUR TITLEHOLDERS—The 86th Inf team that took the USAREUR cage crown this past season consisted of, left to right, Cliff Lothery, Bill Gilkey, Paul Donahie, Elwood Robinson, Leonard Newkirk, Warren Wood, Art Gross, Bill Steen, John Borritz, Larry Costello, Leonard Yalen, and coach John Nunziato. (McCullough, 86th)



Jim Schrader