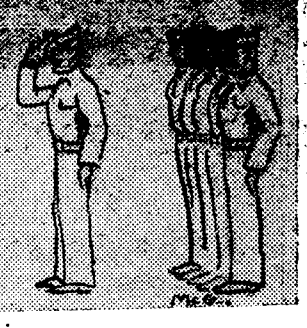




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Red Cross War Fund Drive Over Top

Soldier Award Plan Topped By Legion Of Merit

To encourage members of the armed forces to use their brains as well as their brawn in the fight against the Axis, the War Department has announced a series of awards for officers and enlisted men for suggestions which will improve the conduct of the war effort.

Top of the list of possible awards both for officers and enlisted men is the Legion of Merit. Recommendations and furloughs are also possible prizes to be won for the bright idea that helps streamline the daily work of the war machine.

The Morale Services Branch, Lt. Col. Joseph R. Byerly, chief, is in charge of this program in Camp Blanding. Any officer or soldier is eligible to send in his suggestions. The awards offered by the War Department are as follows:

Officers: Recommendation for Legion of Merit, Letter of Commendation, consideration for promotion.

Enlisted men: Recommendation for Legion of Merit, Letter of Commendation, promotion, preference in assignment, furloughs.

Commander Bids 'Report' Welcome



To the Editor, Camp Blanding Report,
Camp Headquarters.

This command is pleased to welcome the **CAMP BLANDING REPORT** as it launches its initial issue. Army Service Force troops of this post have needed such a publication for some time and through this new weekly they may now develop a greater unity and understanding. Through its pages morale can be boosted and our troops kept informed about the events of the day in this greatest military installation in Florida. Best wishes for the success of our venture.

Col. Walter E. Smith
Commanding.

ASF Soldiers Summer Garb Rules Given

Come in closer, G. I's, and get this straight, once and for all. This is official and comes directly from the Camp Adjutant, Major Henry R. Totten.

This is what Army Service Force troops and attached units can and cannot wear during the Spring and Summer months. It might be a good idea to cut this out and pin it up on the wall of your hut.

Uniform "A" (for duty on or off post) for enlisted men: cotton khaki shirt, trousers, tie, garrison cap (official name for cloth "over-seas" cap without visor), service shoes. When uniform "A" is worn within camp, tie is optional.

Uniform "B" (dress uniform) for enlisted men: cotton khaki shirt, trousers, tie, service shoes. Tie compulsory. Officers' uniform "B" will include service coat.

Field jacket is authorized with uniform "A" when worn within the limits of camp or for assigned missions outside camp.

Service cap (with visor) is authorized for officers only for wear at any time when not in formation with troops.

The service ("campaign") hat is authorized for officers only when on duty with troops wearing fatigue hat, or in inclement weather when worn with raincoat.

Tropical helmets are authorized for officers and enlisted men when not in formation. Enlisted men are not authorized to wear helmet ornament with the excep-

Camp Blanding Troops Give Generously To Campaign



Spicy Revue To Play Here On April 10th

STOP, LOOK & LISTEN, in this case, is not a railroad crossing sign, but the engaging title of a new USO-Camp Shows revue to play at Theater No. 4 April 10.

Talented performers with Broadway background, comedy, dancing and rhythm give the show a spice and novelty that promises to be one of the best productions to appear in Camp Blanding this year.

Stop, Look & Listen was the first of the new "Victory Units" assembled by USO-Camp Shows when the changeover was made to more streamlined types of road companies several months ago. It

With all but a few small contributions from scattered units unreported, the Third War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross received contributions from Camp Blanding officer, enlisted and civilian personnel totaling \$21,928.84, Field Director Charles V. Gross reported today.

Army Service Force units, together with Red Cross and War Department employees contributed a total of \$2,956.40.

"The generous response of all agencies at Camp Blanding to the Red Cross Third Fund Drive is extremely gratifying," Mr. Gross stated as the final returns were being tabulated. "The final total when completely compiled will add several hundred dollars more. Camp Blanding can be assured that it has done its share in backing the work of the Red Cross and the contributions are extremely appreciated."

The fund collected at Camp Blanding will go to swell the national fund which will, in turn, be used to obtain plasma for use in war wound cases; maintenance of the Red Cross' widespread system of clubs and clubmobiles in war zones and for other comforts, recreation and benefits for the armed forces.

The Third War Fund Drive was conducted throughout the month of March.

Red Cross Will Review AER Loans

The Army Emergency Relief Office, formerly under the direction of the Special Service Office, Army Service Forces, is now under the supervision of the Morale Services Branch.

Lt. Col. Joseph R. Byerly, chief of Morale Services, announced today that, in the future, all AER advances of funds to enlisted men will be made only after review by the local American Red Cross Field Director, Mr. Charles V. Gross.

This does not mean, he explained, that Red Cross and AER loan systems have merged. All applications to AER, however, will be checked through the facilities of the Red Cross before the advance or grant is approved.

Soldiers' Wives Offered Jobs

Soldiers with wives living near posts have now an opportunity to put the little women to work. Lt. A. S. Sweet, Camp Exchange officer, has announced that PXs have enough openings to absorb all qualified job-hunters available. Applicants may contact Mrs. Evelyn Jones at the PX Employment Office in the Bank Building on Connecticut Avenue near B Gate daily between 8 and 4:30, or telephone No. 939.

Personal Touch

Personal interviews with the enlisted men of Supply Detachment, Sec. No. 1, are responsible for an increase in their class "B" pay reservation bond sales from 43% to 83% in five days, last week.

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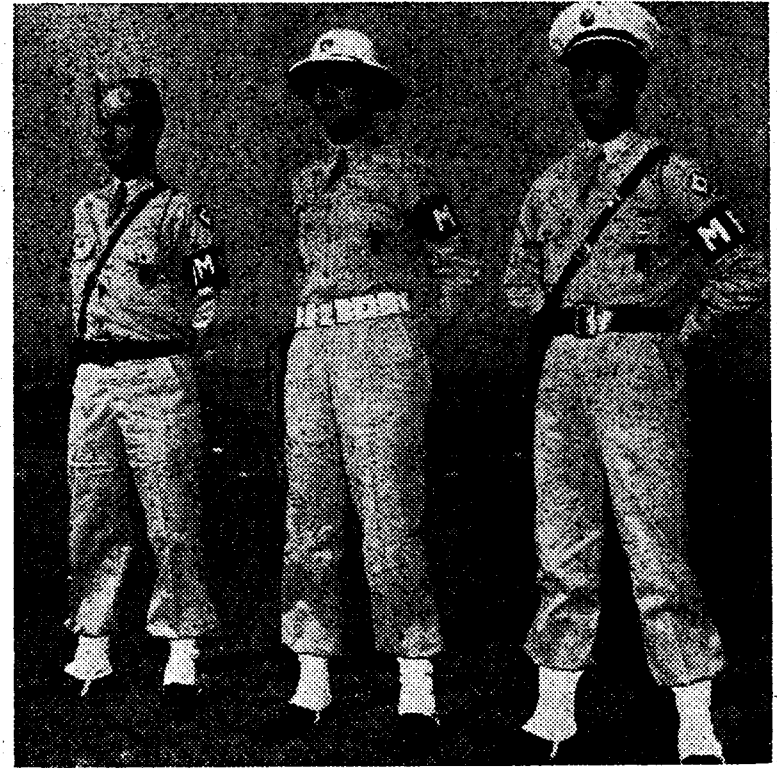
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BEYOND B GATE

SOLDIER NEWS: The new soldiers' voting measure became law last week; GI's send postcard applications (AGO Form 560, get them from your first sergeant, who gets them from Publications Office) to the Secretary of State of your home state; if you don't get a state ballot back by October 1 (you must apply before September 1), you get a Federal ballot form, if you're overseas; although the President has asked Congress to simplify the new law, best bet is for all GI's to get AGO Form 560 pronto, and mail it to Secretary of State of your home state... ASF GI's overseas six months may be commissioned directly from non-combat jobs, no OCS needed... 534 civilian women now ferrying Army planes due for gold bars under bill now in Congress... Other Congress bills plan "fight pay" for troops under fire, reserving certain U. S. jobs for veterans, free mailing of hometown papers to GI's... Capt. Don S. Gentile and Capt. Robert S. Johnson, with 22 "kills" each, lead AAF "aces" in European Theater... 173,527 wounded GI's flown by plane in '43.

WAR NEWS: U. S. Navy, with 50 aircraft carriers roaming the Pacific, has hit Palau, only 530 miles from the Philippines, while Truk, the biggest Jap stronghold only 1,000 miles further east took beatings from Army planes all week... The Navy has lost 159 warships since Pearl Harbor... AAF planes smashed 11,042 Axis planes in 1943, lost 2,885, and then the 17,000 U. S. airmen in Great Britain wrecked 2,100 more Nazi planes in eight weeks of 1944... Japs and Allies are waging separate, successful offensives in the India-Burma frontier jungles, but 100,000 Nips are trapped in South Pacific Islands... Russia has taken Rumanian soil from Nazis... April is the best fighting month in Italy, but fighting's all even.

HOME FRONTS: 30,000 P/Ws in the Fourth Service Command... 27,036 refugees (6,946 Germans) entered U. S. in last two years... Our strike troubles mild compared to England's, where over 235,000 walked out in March... Nearly 25,000 Americans returned from homes abroad to enter service... Of 7,000 recognized Conscientious Objectors (there were 84,000 in World War I) 1,200 work as attendants in insane asylums and 88 are parachutist forest-fire fighters... Induction stations must pass 1,008,000 men from March 1, to July 1... A 46-year-old father of 14 takes Navy tests in New York today.



BY THEIR UNIFORM YOU CAN TELL THEM—This Spring even the most un-G.I. civilian can tell what duty a Military Policeman performs by merely glancing at his uniform. Above, the three types of official dress are shown, decided upon by Col. Walter E. Smith, camp commander. Left to right: street patrol uniform; gate guard uniform; highway and motorcycle patrol uniform. In a preview of the new "Spring fashions" conducted at Camp Headquarters three M.P.'s obligingly modeled the three types of dress for hot weather wear. Left to right: Tech. Sgt. Manning H. Parnell, Pvt. Lee V. Mollers, PFC Norris F. Gregory.

The Camp Blanding Report

Col. Walter E. Smith.....Camp Commander

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Ready On The Right!

With this, the first edition of THE CAMP BLANDING REPORT Army Service Forces troops at Camp Blanding have, for the first time, a newspaper solely their own. Now that we are on the line and ready to open fire, the staff of THE REPORT wish to go on record that they will try to make this newspaper a credit to this station in every way possible. To our readers we also wish to emphasize the fact that THE REPORT is their paper. We invite criticism. We ask for, are hungry for, news from every branch of the station complement. Personal, newsy items of unit life, (go easy on the poetry, men!) say facts that make news will be eagerly accepted. Camp Blanding is the largest training center in Florida. Our Army Service Forces units are spread out over its wide terrain. Though the medium of THE REPORT it is our hope to bring all these units closer together. From now on, we are going to get acquainted as never before. We ask tolerance and patience as we inaugurate this new venture and every man in the ASF can help us grow. So, send in the news or any suggestions you might have to make and we'll do the rest.

Meet Your Camp Commander

Col. Walter E. Smith, commanding officer of this Army installation, assumed his present command on January 1, 1944. He succeeded Brig. Gen. L. A. Kunzig, who had previously been in command since July 15, 1941.

A native of South Dakota, Colonel Smith was an instructor in civilian life at the outbreak of World War I. Upon entering service, he was ordered to one of the earliest Officer Training Schools and received his commission upon graduation. He was in action with the 35th Infantry and the 12th Division during the war.

A graduate of Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchell, South Dakota, he turned to Army educational programs, serving on educational committees of the War Department and as instructor at military academies after the return of peace. He was instrumental in formulation of Officer Candidate School programs, and served as instructor for the Kansas National Guard, with headquarters at Wichita. For five years he was professor of military science and tactics at South Dakota State College, and has in recent years met many of the commissioned graduates in service.

Having served in camps throughout the United States and Hawaii, Colonel Smith was on duty as executive officer of Fort Jackson, South Carolina, when called to command the newly-activated Camp Gordon Johnston, at Carabelle, Florida, in September, 1942. He held that post until ordered to Camp Blanding.

Himself an athlete and ardent sports fan, as well as a military educator, Colonel Smith has particular interest in educational and athletic programs organized on the post.

Soldier Awards

The civilian employees have been at it for a long time. They have been sending in suggestions to improve the service and many have won handsome awards. Now the GI's have their chance. Any suggestion coming from a soldier which helps to speed the war effort makes him eligible for awards ranging from the coveted Legion of Merit medal to burghs. Citations are also possible awards. Oil up the thinking box, men and shoot for the moon. Send your suggestions to the Chief Morale Branch, Camp Headquarters.

THE LAST WAR

Camp Joseph Johnston stood on the site of the present Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, and men training for war were paralleling the life of GI's at Camp Blanding. Trench & Camp was the camp newspaper of that day and in its yellowing pages are found similar and contrasting items of news to compare with today's happenings. Each week THE REPORT will take its readers back to the time of the "War to end all wars."

APRIL 5, 1928—One year ago today the world was tense and awaiting the fateful decision which came on April 6 when the United States formally declared war on the Central Powers.

From now on (APRIL 10, 1918) all Army transports will have a Red Cross worker aboard for overseas crossings, it was announced.

CIVILIAN NOTES

A new section has been formed for the purpose and aim of coordinating and facilitating employee relations. It is part of the total personnel program. Mr. James D. Seymour is Employee Relations Officer and this section coordinates its activities with placement, training, classification and wage administration. A few of its functions are—over-all employee relations program—Induction and orientation—employee counseling—exit interviews with all employees who have or contemplate resigning or who are leaving for any reason.

Grievances—Housing—Transportation—Recreation—and Absenteeism are a few additional functions. It is a service organization to be used by the individual and group in helpful and advisory capacity. The section is now trying to improve transportation by acting as a clearing house for all car owners and riders. A number of people seeking rides are already listed, however people having cars with vacant seats should also call in order to make it an active help to all. The phone is 142.

The section is also interested in any employee recreation plans or programs.

It is suggested that any news concerning using service operations be forwarded to the Employee Relations section as this column will be continued each week and will be devoted to the civilians on the post.

Pvt. Betty Zane Konick, now in training at the WAC center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., joined the women's army corps when her husband, Lt. Basil Konick went overseas. Formerly she was employed in the Ordnance Branch here at Camp Blanding. Pvt. Konick's home is on Route 3, Gainesville. She says she feels like she is backing up her husband by joining the WAC—and I'm enjoying it, too.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Your face isn't familiar . . . but your 'line' is!"

At The Service Clubs

TODAY

1. Open House. 2. Closed formal dance, 464th Parachute Battalion, 8 till 11 p.m. 3. Free voice recordings, 8 p.m. 4. Ping Pong contest, 8:30 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hospital-Hospital Soft Ball League. Professional Service vs. Dental Laboratories, 5:30 p.m. Movie; "See Here, Private Hargrove", 5 and 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

1. Soldiers' Show, 8:30 p.m. with Cpl. Helfenbein. 2. Movie, 8:15 till 8:15 p.m. 3. Formal Easter Dance, 8:30. 4. Pre-Easter Dance, 8 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hospital-Hospital Soft Ball League; Medical Supply vs Unit Supply, 5:30 p.m. Bingo party, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

1. Couple Dance 8 till 11 p.m. 2. Free voice, recordings, 8 and 10 p.m. 3. Bridge Party enlisted men's wives, 3 p.m.; 8 p.m., musical hour. 4. Letter-writing, voice recordings, 8 p.m. Red Cross Station Hospital, Services in Hospital Chapel B-16, 3 p.m., Services in Hospital Chapel B-16, 6 p.m. Hospital Soft Ball Leagues, Station Hospital Officers vs Hospital Special Service, 5:30 p.m. Patient Show, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

1. Bingo, 8:30 till 10 p.m. 2. Movies, 8:30 till 9:30 p.m. 3. Bingo prizes, 8 p.m. 4. Bingo, 8:30 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hos-

pital Movie, "Tender Comrade", 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

1. Talent Hour, 8:30 till 10 p.m. 2. Singspiration Hour, 3 till 4 p.m. Pvt. Gallagher and his guitar, 8:30 till 9:30 p.m. miniature nightclub, featuring the Bagaley Juvenile Theater from Jacksonville. 3. Easter Egg Hunt for children, 11 a.m., 4:30 Tea Dance, girls from Gainesville, Art Kenney orchestra. 4. Easter program, 3:30 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hospital. Opens, 10 a.m., music in Recreation Hall, 2 p.m. Music in Recreation Hall, 4 p.m. Music in Recreation Hall, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

1. Movies. 2. Service Club Players rehearsal, 7 till 10:30 p.m. Classical interlude, 9 till 10:30 p.m. with Staff Sgt. Scott Watson at the piano. 3. Open house. 4. "Opportunity Class", 6 p.m. Pokena Party, 8:45 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hospital-Soft Ball game, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Party, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

1. Formal Easter Dance, 8 till 11 p.m. 2. Bingo-prizes, 8:30 till 10 p.m. 3. Silver Springs Movie, 8 p.m. 4. "Opportunity Class", 6 p.m. Ping Pong match, 8:45 p.m. Red Cross, Station Hospital-Baseball game, 5:30 p.m. Silver Springs movie, 6:30 p.m.

MESS HALL MUSINGS

By Lt. C. S. Davis, SC.

(From Mess Sergeant's Notebook)

Finely chopped cabbage sprinkled over and around the usual type roast of lamb will give it a flavor "out of this world". The cabbage disappears by the time the roast is done. Mashed potatoes instead of flour gives a pleasant change in gravy, too.

Extending beef for hamburgers or meat loaf with 5 pounds of dry bread crumbs for every 40 pounds of beef not only conserves meat but also makes ground beef dishes more palatable. That's what mother did at home.

Properly rendered fat can be used for everything where shortening is required. One camp saved enough fat in a month by doing this to blow up a city block—in the heart of Berlin. Rendered fat should be simmered slowly. Pieces of raw potato or some celery leaves put in with the simmering fat for a few minutes after rendering and after using will remove objectionable flavors and odors. The pieces are removed when the fat is strained prior to boiling and storing in the refrigerator.

Along the same line, a piece of stale bread in the boiler with turnip green, cauliflower or cabbage will do away with unpleasant odors.

If you crack eggs on the edge of an unopened can of liquid you'll have very few broken yolks. The can acts as a shock absorber. Cracked eggs can be boiled for breakfast if you wrap them in a piece of greased paper.

Squeeze the juice of half a lemon into soup or broth or stew and you'll get that extra special taste. Rub a piece of garlic around your mixing bowl when you mix a salad—and you'll be surprised. Boil your link sausages for ten minutes before frying and the flavor will be improved. When you bake potatoes in the skin, cut a small piece off one end to let the steam escape.

Well, that's just a start.

Morning Greeting

MP at B Gate has a new approach when inspecting the badges of civilians driving in to work in the morning. He says, "Lovely, they're positively lovely today!"

Chapel Bells

By Chaplain Edwin B. Carter

Greetings and congratulations on the birth of a Camp Newspaper! It will fill a need of long standing for a periodical which will reach every soldier and civilian at Camp Blanding.

As the Post Chaplain opens his column, he feels somewhat like a prize fighter who hears the referee say, "And here in this corner we have . . ." Well, it probably will be a fight to meet a dead line every week in time for publication. Our policy will be to publish religious news of interest to everyone and to inform the general public of religious services and special programs each week. For instance, the special news this week concerns plans for Easter Day. Practically every able bodied Protestant tries to attend some worship service on that anniversary of the resurrection of his Lord. Easter services will be held in every one of the twenty chapels now open but Station Complement personnel will be particularly interested in the three chapels serving them.

The schedule will be as follows:

POST CHAPEL

8 a.m. Episcopal Communion
9 a.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m. General Protestant Service
11 a.m. Missouri Lutheran Service
7 p.m. Service Men's Christian League

HOSPITAL CHAPEL

7:15 a.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m. General Protestant Service
7:15 p.m. Evening Service

CHAPEL 17

10 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Evening Service
In addition to the above services, those who live in St. Augustine or happen to be visiting there, will want to attend the Sunrise Service at 6:15 p.m. on the top of the old fort at St. Augustine. This is an annual affair arranged by the civilian and military authorities, and the sermon this year will be delivered by your post chaplain. It is reported that there are usually about 1,500 people present for this observance.

Other civilian communities in this area are also providing Easter services of a special nature on April 9 and a cordial invitation to all military personnel is extended by the churches.

We have one admonition to give to all and that is, if you plan to attend church on Easter Day, be present at the service well in advance of the hour concerned.

Members of the Jewish faith will be interested in the announcement that the Passover will be celebrated at Camp Blanding on April 7 and 8. On each of these two dates at 8 o'clock in the evening, the Passover Supper will be served in the Field House. Those who plan to attend on either of these evenings must make reservations by calling the Jewish Chaplain at Chapel 18, telephone 393.

As a parting word, let me remind you that the freedom to worship is one of the four freedoms men are dying for "over there," and a freedom worth dying for is one worth practicing on this side of the several oceans.

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of Military Police soldiers. White caps are authorized for Military Police motorcycle troops or motor patrol. White helmets are authorized for military police wear for dismounted duty only.

These regulations apply to all units in Camp Blanding with the exception of the Infantry Replacement Training Center Troops and the parachute artillery units attached to the IRTC.

AMONG THE UNITS

Correspondents: Sgt. Albert E. King, Cpl. Frank Hatcher, Cpl. Lew Luster.

MPs

Sergeant Albert E. King will be correspondent for the MP Detachment. His recent furlough had nothing to do with his getting this assignment.

Furloughing these days are PFC Abraham L. Gloss, PFC Edward A. Givonetti, PFC James A. Clark, PFC Arthur V. Nault, PFC Ellis J. Stephens—as everyone in Pelham, Ga., knows by now—Pvt. Frank Pronesti, Pvt. Lewis Woodward, Pvt. William Schaeffer, Pvt. James W. Hebler, PFC William N. Nunley, and Pvt. George A. Knapp, who went all the way to Canada.

Hospital Bulletin

It's a good thing that promotions don't come every week for Capt. Catherine Mahoney of the Chief Nurse's Office just promoted to captain, broke her little finger this week.

Everything at Headquarters' office of the hospital is done according to well thought out plans. S. Sgt. William C. Ray, the sergeant-major, puts all additions to the office on a model scale before it is actually built.

Our President's wife, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, caused quite a stir when she made her South Pacific tour and rubbed noses with native women as a sign of esteem friendship. A private in the hospital doesn't think too much of the idea since having his smeller partly removed by the unfriendly bite of a fellow soldier.

Down at the Admission & Dispensation Office it's sorta hard to make up ones mind on what to do about smoking. One sign plainly says, "No Smoking," while another sign across the office warns, "Don't throw cigarettes butts or matches on floor!"

Ruth C. Jameson this week was appointed a second lieutenant as a Physio Therapy Aide . . . Lt. Harry E. Hubbard was promoted to rank of Captain . . . Major Richard V. Fletcher reported for duty from Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., . . . 2nd Lt. Ethel R. Hayden, ANC, was assigned for duty from Palm Beach, Fla.

176th Bandage Roll

The Infantry discover, even in Basic, that the Medics are handy people to have around. Despite the greatest care, and exercise of common sense, (the first rules drilled into soldiers) accidents do happen. Then the boys with the red cross brassard are quick to the rescue.

Distributed throughout the numerous firing ranges and bivouac areas of Camp Blanding, eating, sleeping and working with the Infantry are ten medical

corpsmen from the 176th Station Hospital. Working the "company aid trick" for the next two weeks are: Sgt. Wendell Putt, Tec. 4 William Rumps, Tec. 4 Albert Zegley, Cpl. Oren Boeing, Cpl. Frank Dragolic, Cpl. James Slatery, Tec. 5 Walter Clark, Tec. 5 Paul Pack, Tec. 5 Wallace Smith and Pfc. Nicholas VanCalcar.

WACS

Good Conduct Medals were awarded to 77 WACs of this post detachment on Monday, April 3, 1944. The ceremony, which was to be held during the drill period, had to be cancelled because of inclement weather.

The following enlisted women received the award:

S-Sgts. Lily Custer, and Myrtle Ryker; Sgts. Leona Hunter, Barbara Jordan, Clara Lechien, Julio Oatman, Dorothy Penton, Alice Pierce, Doris Sams, Virginia Scott, and Edna Walsh; T-4's Virginia Gasham, and Evelyn Nelson, Isa Jones, Cora Murphy, and Helen Popovich; Gpls. Clara Cross, Gladys Curtin, April Cook, Grace Fraseh, Alta Hendrickson, Mary James, Anna Luczejko, Esther Maruer, Betty Shiffer, Ella Testa, Fay Wilder, and Rose Mary Yannereia; T-5's Anita Dalera, Ida DeMar, Lucille Diaz, Jessie Ehrenzeller, Ehea. Fife, Ruph Garner, Rose House, Jennie Jacks, Sophie Karwowski, Alma Kirkley, Norma Wood, Mary Nycz, Ruth McCause, Hazel Moler, Mary Potapoff, Virginia Price, Charlotte Robert, Mable Schmit, Edith Shapiro, Fannie Smith, and Mary Tinker; Pfc.s Santina Tedeschi, Margaret Alexander, Eileen Bankston, Mary Berry Nora Boudreaux, Dorothy Coombs, Mable Englehart, Margaret Farrell, Helen Gentry, Anna Hagan, Annabelle Jacobs, Pauline King, Loretha Lally, Esther Libbin, Sallie Loupe, Helen Maynard, Josie Major, Rita McCarthy, Eleanor Mieczko, Martha Podhorez, Evelyn Reinelt, Lillian Saurage, Louise Sloan, Dorothy Szymkowiak, and Julia Wadiak; Pvt.s Irma Hobson, Betty Marchand, and Verna Vinson.

About twenty WACs made the trip to Silver Springs on Sunday, sponsored by the Catholic USO of Starke.

Among those who made the trip were: Sgt. Alice Price; Pfc.s Helen Williams, Marie Savasta, Rebecca Malone, Lucille Dillway, Mary Welsh, and Edith Reynolds; and Pvt.s Zadia Shores, Mildred Holland, Helen Montesino, Muriel White, Ida Cummins, Daisy McInnis, Erma Hoover Betty Marchand, Christine Brown and Mickey Swedo.

Induction Station

Corporal Frank F. Hatcher is correspondent for the Induction Station to the Blanding Report, and will accept any news tips at Telephone 137.

Commander of the Induction Station following the trip to the infiltration course last Thursday, are Captain Michael Weisberg—he led the group in true US Army Officer style—and Sergeants Robert M. Adcock, William L. Foosee and Mark E. Rupp. T/5s Paul Thompson and Wilfred Schrader, PFCs James C. O'Brien, Edward J. Luke, Jack E. Carter, Faw Crews and Harold C. Tabor, and Privates Edwin C. Aboline, Vincent V. Diaz, William B. Jensen, and Harvey E. Read.

Pfc. Robert Flores and Pvt. Jules Jernigan are enjoying ten day furloughs at their homes in Pensacola, Fla.

Sgt. John Spencer's sister, Miss Frances, who also is in the Induction Station is changing her name to Mrs. George F. Diaz. He is Lt. Diaz, formally of New York, now in the 68 Regt., IRTC.

Cpl. Albert Fairbrother, Jacksonville, Fla., and Pfc. Charles Nulter, Tampa, Fla., now on Detached Service from this organization to Camp Sibert, Ala., write that they are instructing. More power to them.



AFTER THE BATTLE MOTHER!—Headquarters Detachment, Section 1 forsook their administrative duties last week for a tussle with the infiltration course at South Range. The desk and blotter boys were given the works as Lt. "Shad" Bryant, operations officer, poured hot lead over their heads during the crawl across "no man's land." Covered with mud, the photograph was snapped at end of the course. Left to right front row, Tech. Sgt. Cecil C. Talbot, S/Sgt. Frederick W. Arton, Capt. Alex A. Dickson, Lt. R. L. Strickler, company commander. Back row, S/Sgt. William Schiow, Jr., T/ Hanson P. Anderson, Jr., Master Sgt. Andrew D. Heckaday, Sgt. A. Read, Sgt. Russell R. McGuire.

WACs Find Extra Jobs In Camp Blanding Off-Hours

By T/5 Jessie Ehrenzeller

GI payday is only part of the story for many Blanding WACS. Twenty WACS are now working at night in fourteen different PX's in addition to their regular duties. They sell tickets and do cashier work and they help morale.

Lt. Andrew Sweet, Post Exchange Officer, is enthusiastic about them. According to him they have proven "very, very efficient, their discipline and character are beyond reproach, and they are always well-groomed and attractive."

"There have been no cases of friction between civilians and WACS and they work in very well together."

"As far as morale goes, the men like to see the girls. It could be that they find them an added reason for the second sundae, or that extra 'purchase' that they don't really need."

The girls themselves enjoy the work, as well as find the added "filthy lucre" comes in handy. One WAC said that the additional money made it possible for her to take her furlough and go home—to California. Another girl finds that it not only fills up her evenings and makes the time pass faster, but it is very profitable too.

The following girls are working in PX's either full or part time: Sgt. Edna Walsh; Cpl. Rosemary Yanerella; Tec. 5's Rose

House and Mildred Harrison; Pfc. Ann Blaze, Norma Bordeaux, Mary Zubal, Tommie Jones, and Dorothy Symkowiak; and Pvts. Ida Cummins, Nancy Chiappetti, Leah Angus, Victoria Szewedo, and Edith Reynolds.

Six WACS also work at the camp theatres under the supervision of Lt. David S. Yoakley, Theatre Officer, who has also expressed high praise. Working in Camp Blanding theatres are Cpl. Gladys M. Curtin, Cpl. Clara Cross, Theatre No. 1; Pvt. Anna Mitzak, Pvt. Cecelia M. Popp, Theatre No. 5; PFC Evelyn F. Reemitt, Pvt. Lucille M. Bassett, Theatre No. 8.

REVUE

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has been enthusiastically received by service men in numerous camps throughout the country. Admission will be free.

Following are the acts in the order in which they will appear: Jack Leonard, master of ceremonies; Carmen De Rivero, Latin American dancer; George and Perry Mayo, "funologists"; May Blouddell, comedy dancer; Jack Leonard act, "Fun by the Ton"; Emerald Sisters, rough comedy knock-about acrobatic act, and Melville Morris, pianist and musical conductor.



MORALE BRANCH CHIEF OPENS ORIENTATION CENTER—Lt. Col. Joseph R. Byarly, Chief, Morale Services Branch, Camp Blanding, is shown above discussing one of the many map displays that are a part of the new Orientation Center, or War Room, now open to all soldiers of the post in the building which formerly housed the Bakers and Cooks School south of Station Hospital. In the Orientation Center are maps, literature, language guides and other material which is available on request to any soldier who wishes to keep in constant touch with war developments. At given intervals tours of the center will be conducted with lectures on matters pertaining to orientation. In the future films and other additions are planned for the center.

176th Formed From Merger Of Two Units

By Cpl. Lew Luster

The 176th Station Hospital is not a young organization, as youth is figured in this army. Two mature full-fledged station hospitals, the "old" 176 and the now inactivated 320th have gone into making the 176th as it is today, and over fourteen months have elapsed since the activation of the original 176th unit.

The "old" 176th was activated at Fort Hancock, N. J. on 25 January, 1943, with Major Russell L. Hiatt, MC, in command. The cadre of enlisted men came from Fort Jay, N. Y. and were later joined by the filler of enlisted men from Camp Barkley, Texas. All officers, with the exception of one, allotted under the Table of Organizations, joined the command on the date of activation.

From April through June of 1943 the entire personnel of the 176th, less a skeleton crew left behind to maintain its headquarters, were attached to Halloran General Hospital.

On November 8, 1943, Major Hiatt was replaced as commanding officer by Major Charles S. McWilliam, MC, who remained in charge of the unit when it moved from Fort Hancock to Camp Rucker, Alabama, and absorbed the 320th Station Hospital.

320th Activated At Camp Davis
On April 26, 1943 the 320th Station Hospital was activated at Camp Davis, N. C. Cadre and original nucleus of three officers were supplied from the 32d General Hospital at Camp Bowie, Texas. On the 27th of April the main filler of enlisted men arrived from Camp Pickett, Va. During the ensuing months the organization gradually built up to full T-O strength. On May 17, 1943, Major Robert C. Riggs, MC, assumed command and the unit was given a tough and comprehensive training.

On December 17, 1943 the 320th left Camp Davis for Camp Rucker, Alabama, full strength in Officers, Nurses and Enlisted Men. For a few days the unit retained its identity under the command of Major Riggs. It was inactivated and combined with the 176th on December 23, 1943. Shortly thereafter Lt. Col. Leo B. Sedlacek replaced Major McWilliam as commanding officer.

THEATERS 3 & 4

WEDNESDAY
THE YOUNG IN HEART
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.—Paullette Goddard (1 hour 52 mins)

THURSDAY and FRIDAY
FOUR JILS IN A JEEP
Kay Francis—Carole Landis (1 hour, 50 minutes)

SATURDAY
THE COWBOY AND THE SENORITA
Roy Rogers (1 hour 47 mins)

SUNDAY
MEET THE PEOPLE
Dick Powell—Lucille Ball (2 hours, 10 minutes)

MONDAY
No. 4 USO Camp Show
STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN (1 hour, 30 minutes)

TUESDAY
LADIES COURAGEOUS
Loretta Young—Diana Barrymore (1 hour 47 minutes)

Theater 3 shows at 7 and 9 p.m. (and 2:45 p.m. Sunday)
Theater 4 shows at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. (and 2 p.m. Sunday)

THEATERS 1 & 2

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
SHINE ON HARVEST MOON
Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan (2 hours, 4 minutes)

FRIDAY
THE FALCON OUT WEST—Tom Conway—Barbara Hale
JAMBOREE—Ruth Terry—Don Wilson (2 hours 27 minutes)

SATURDAY and SUNDAY
BUFFALO BILL—Joel McCrea—Maureen O'Hara (2 hours)

MONDAY
YOU CAN'T RATION LOVE
Betty Rhodes—Johnnie Johnston (1 hour, 50 minutes)

TUESDAY
THE YOUNG IN HEART—Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.—Paullette Goddard (1 hour 52 mins)

Theater 1 shows at 7 and 9 p.m. (and 2 p.m. Sunday)
Theater 2 shows at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. (no matinees Sunday)

Softballers Start Second Season Here

The Station Hospital Medical Detachment softball league under the supervision of Cpl. Harold Brown starts its second season this week. Proved by far the most popular sport amongst patients and enlisted personnel, this years' circuit will carry six flashy teams.

Defending champions and favorites to repeat is the Medical Supply team which will open defense of their crown against Unit Supply on Thursday evening, April 6. Medical Supply again will enjoy the services of veteran S. Sgt. Joe Suarez, present hospital baseball manager, and Sgt. Sal Ciolino hardest hitting softball player in the league. To seriously challenge the champs will be two teams which open their seasons play on Friday evening, April 7. The teams are the MAC Officers and Special Service. The officers are a well balanced organization with such outstanding performers as Capt. Harold Howland, and Capt. Richard Carvath, while Special Service is paced by Cpl. Harold E. Brown, who has twirled in the fast St. Louis leagues.

Monday evening, April 10 puts Dental Laboratory against Unit Supply and on Tuesday evening, April 11, Special Service is scheduled to meet Medical Supply. Professional Service is the other team in the league.

Hospital Champ Defeats Rival In Return Matches

Sgt. Frank Puskus, hospital table tennis champ, defeated PFC Alfred Marshall of the Infantry Replacement Training Center Monday night at the Red Cross Recreation Center, Station Hospital, winning three games out of five in a return match. Marshall, Michigan state champ, had beaten Puskus, the former Hungarian title holder, three games out of five in a previous match.

Monday night Marshall took the initiative by winning the first match, 20-22. The second game, Puskus called on his form and came back for a 21-14 win. The third game was another tussle, Puskus winning out by the narrow margin of 19-21. Marshall took the fourth, 21-13, and Puskus clinched the fifth with a 21-16 final score.

ASF To Fire Anti-Aircraft

Troops of the Station Complement will fire on the miniature anti-aircraft range Thursday and Friday, April 13-14, Major William F. Runge, plans and training officer announced today.

THEATERS 5 & 6

WEDNESDAY

THE FALCON OUT WEST
Tom Conway—Barbara Hale
JAMBOREE
Ruth Terry—Don Wilson
(2 hours, 27 minutes)

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Buffalo Bill
Joel McCrea—Maureen O'Hara
(2 hours, 1 minute)

SATURDAY

YOU CAN'T RATION LOVE
Betty Rhodes—Johnnie Johnston
(1 hour, 50 minutes)

SUNDAY

THE YOUNG IN HEART
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.—Paulette Goddard
(1 hour, 52 minutes)

MONDAY and TUESDAY
FOUR JILLS IN A JEEP
Kay Francis—Carole Landis
(1 hour, 150 minutes)

Theater 5 shows at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. (2 p.m. Sunday)
Theater 6 shows at 7 p.m.
(No matinees Sunday)

HQ Defeat Mess Depot In Softball Game

Induction Station softball fans got their first glimpse of the new season Tuesday afternoon, March 28, when Headquarters sent the Mess Department skidding to a 9-2 setback.

Winners were backed by Sgt. Charles E. McEssy's steady hurling and a seven run outburst by his mates in one inning. On the opposing rubber was Sgt. Melvin Berry who turned in a good mound performance save the one big frame.

An Induction Station league with teams from various departments will play a full schedule of games this season. All games are played on the Induction Station field and are seven innings.

Swim Season Launched At Blanding

The official swimming season at Camp Blanding opened April 1, and the following beach assignments for State Complement troops were announced by Col. Walter E. Smith, camp commander:

Kingsley Lake: Station Hospital Area and bath house no. 2806, Station Hospital, Medical Detachment Section 1, and 176th Station hospital personnel; WAC Detachment Area: WAC Detachment, No. 1, Civilian Personnel area, civilian personnel; C-2 Area and Bath House 2807, Headquarters Detachment, Section 1, Supply and Service Detachment, Section 1, MP Detachment, Section 1, Induction Station, 315th MPEG Company, 575th MPEG Company; Station Complement Officers and Nurses Area, Station Complement Officers and Nurses; Officers Club No. 3 Area, Officers Club, No. 3; Bathing Beach No. 2 (Whitmore Lake), Troops in D-5 area.

Bathers will be required to wear outer garments over their swim suits going to and from bathing beaches. Robes or raincoats or fatigues will be sufficient. All bathers are requested by the camp commander to cooperate at all times with lifeguards on duty at the various bathing areas.

No loitering on the beaches will be tolerated after taps.

Income Tax Forms Due By April 15

Deep in the heart of Blanding are some officers or enlisted men who will be required to fill 1944 declarations of estimated Federal income a victory tax by April 15.

The editor and staff of The REPORT are not income tax experts (who is?). All we can give you are some negative quotes and then you figure out your own problem.

"As a rule of thumb for single men, no officer or enlisted man who is single and remains single through July 1, 1944 will need to file a declaration unless his taxable military pay (allowances and the first \$1,500 being excluded) and other income amounted to \$500 in 1943 or is expected to amount to that much during 1944.

"No simple rule can be stated to show when a married man will not be required to file a declaration."

Medicos Drop Game

Camp Blanding's station hospital squad dropped a 5-4 opening game to St. Augustine's Training Station Wednesday evening. The medics, who were Blanding's best last season outhit the winners by six hits. Art Uriage was the soldier's moundman and he went entire route allowing just a half dozen hits. Sgt. Ralph Ellis, a product of the Atlanta Crackers, smashed out a 400-foot home run to aid in the four runs acquired by the medics.



CONVALESCENT GYM HELPS STRENGTHEN WEAK MUSCLES—Above is shown a view of the convalescent gymnasium at Camp Blanding's Station Hospital, a part of the ultra modern Physio Therapy Clinic operated under the supervision of 1st Lieut. Emily Fairbanks of Wakefield, Mass., physio therapist. In the photograph, convalescent soldiers, recovering from leg, foot, hand and ankle injuries are shown utilizing the facilities of the gymnasium to strengthen the weakened members. In the foreground is a stationary bicycle which tones up muscles of the leg, foot and back; right center, a technician assists a soldier in the practice of picking up pebbles with his toes, thus exercising virtually every muscle in the toes and foot. Left, by window, a soldier works on a horizontal roller attached to pulleys which strengthens wrists and fingers. In the background, Lt. Fairbanks supervises the exercise of a soldier with foot injuries, now on the mend, as he descends a practice staircase used for such purposes. These facilities in addition to the modern equipment of the other units of the Physio Therapy clinic produce marked improvement in hundreds of cases of injury or strain to legs, arms and back muscles of soldiers in training.

Talented Vocalist-Pianist To Sing At Easter Services

Included in the Easter Service to be held in the Hospital Chapel at 11:00 o'clock Easter Morning is a program of sacred music, arranged by M-Sgt. Paul Stuart, sergeant major of the 176th Station Hospital.

Miss Vicki West of Jacksonville, one-time top flight radio and stage prima donna, will make her first public appearance after over four years retirement, following a serious illness in which she lost her eye sight.

Miss West, an excellent pianist, excels in voice. She has two distinct ranges for singing; one a high soprano for classical or operatic music and the other a deep "blues," which she uses for popular numbers.

In her diary of past conquests are listed: an extensive national tour with Toney Martin, Rudy Valle, The Town Hall, 12 weeks as prima donna of Show Boat with Conrad Theibault and Charles Winneger, and 42 weeks as star at the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville.

For her Easter program here, Miss West will offer a solo, "The Holy City" by Adams and a duet "He Arose", with M-Sgt. Stuart. Sgt. Stuart, who was largely instrumental in bringing about Miss West's comeback, is also a singer of note, and is on the program for

one solo, "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Pvt. Roland N. Moffat.

Clearing House For Auto Riders Set Up On Post

With transportation for civilians, to and from camp, presenting an ever-increasing problem, the Employee Relations Section of the Civilian Personnel Branch, Capt. Samuel G. Harden, Jr., acting chief, has set up a clearing office to handle all problem pertaining to automobile hauls to camp from nearby towns.

The office has offered the following suggestions to drivers: All persons having space for additional riders may contact Mr. J. D. Seymour in the Employee Relations Branch, telephone 142 and list their cars with him.

Two rides from Middleburg to camp, and two between Kingsley Village and the post, have been announced by the Employee Relations Section so far. Requests have been received for rides to Gainesville, Jacksonville and Starke.

Army Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow, by proclamation of President Roosevelt, the nation will celebrate Army Day, in honor of "America's valiant soldiers (who) have been welded by the fire of battle into a mighty army of liberation."

The proclamation, coming on the anniversary of America's entrance into the World War, declares that the men and women of the American Army "must face during the coming year a burning test of their courage, their resourcefulness and their physical prowess. No special observation is scheduled on post.

Officers' Store Closed

Starting today, the officers' clothing store in Warehouse No. 17 will close Wednesdays. Recent reduction in personnel is responsible for the change, Lt. Thomas F. Gardine, Quartermaster property officer, explained.

WACs Bow To Draw With G.I. Keglers

By T/5 Jessie Ehrenzeller
Wac Detachment bowlers last week faced IRTC's D. Company, 227th, and team won one game, out of four, aided by a handicap of 100 points. The squad, composed of ten members, was divided into two groups of five each and pitted against five men of the 227th, each bowling two games.

The first WAC team, composed of T/5 Sophie Karmowski, T/5 Ida DeMar, T/5 Mary Jane Tinker (Captain), Pvt. Maline Germakian, and Pvt. Lucille Bassett, lost to a team made up of Cpls. Wehrle, Corjot, Lewis, Schmutz, and Memmel, by a score of 711 to 642, including the 100 point handicap.

The second WAC team, consisting of Pfc. Margaret Farrell, Pfc. Betty Jones, Pvt. Christine Brown, Pvt. Helen Montesinos, and T/5 Jessie Ehrenzeller, won their first game, the handicap giving them a total of 682 points to their opponent's 677. The second men's team was comprised of Pvts. Deor, Zola, Wildung, Jacuyma, and Bish.

Men Forge Ahead

The second game, in which there was no handicap, saw the men's teams out in front with scores of 675 to 590, and 732 to 562, respectively.

High scorers for the evening for the WACS was Pfc. Farrell with total score of 263 points, with Pvt. Brown second, tallying 254 points. For the 227th Cpl. Memmel was high man with a score of 358 and "runner-up" Pvt. Bish totalled 348.

Although defeated in their first two matches, the WACS hope eventually to be able to hold their own and not have to use a handicap.

The officers of both companies had a "meet" of their own in which Lt. Scheid of the WAC was high scorer with a total of 590 points, to Lt. Fidler's (227th), total of 202, and Lt. Stillman's (WAC), 110 points. The latter, a beginner, bowled only two of the three games played.

The WAC squad have reserved Thursday nights for their games and are anxious to meet other teams.

Passover Observed At Camp Blanding

The Jewish "Passover" will be observed at a "Se'ar" by over 2,000 soldiers on Friday and Saturday evenings at eight o'clock at the Field House, sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board of Jacksonville.

Chaplain Isaiah Rackovsky will officiate.

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(2 hours, 1 minute)

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