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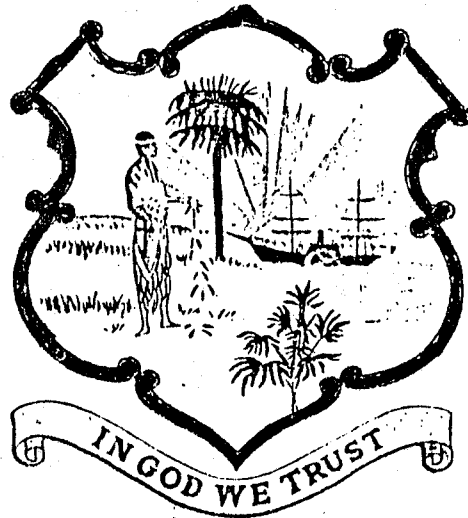
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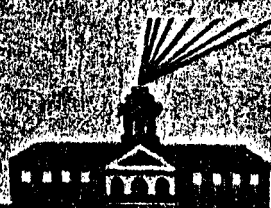
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ONE • TWENTY • FOURTH • INFANTRY •

Gators...



..at **FORT BENNING**



NINETEEN • HUNDRED • AND • FORTY • THREE •



To you, the men of the 124th Infantry, whose life at Fort Benning, Georgia, is depicted on the following pages, this book is dedicated.

You have come from the forty-eight states of the Union; given up your home life, vocations and professions, learned a new mode of living under conditions radically different from any you have ever experienced before.

Some of you came to Fort Benning well trained soldiers, but the majority came as recruits and in this short period have learned well your lesson in the Art of War. You are now a well trained and disciplined regiment of able bodied American men, ready to fight to preserve for posterity the freedom inherited from your forefathers and to free the world from the brutal, barbaric rule of the Axis powers.

You are justly proud of your regiment and at the same time humble in the consciousness of the great task that lies before you: firmly resolve to avenge Bataan and Pearl Harbor.

As this book is dedicated to you, let us all rededicate our lives, our futures, our all to the task ahead, the complete liquidation of Germany, Japan, and Italy as world powers and the punishment by death, without the benefit of clergy, of the guilty individuals wherever they may be found.

John A. Hill
Colonel, 124, Infantry
Commanding

• 124th Infantry •

GATORS

at

FORT BENNING



NINETEEN • HUNDRED • FORTY • THREE



MAJOR GENERAL LEVEN C. ALLEN, Commandant of The Infantry School, is an officer who has had three tours of duty at Fort Benning and who has watched the school grow from its infancy. The General has been Commandant of The Infantry School since February 1942 and was on the staff of the first school as instructor from 1920 through 1924.

Gen. Allen has spent all his life around army posts. He was born into the Army at Fort Douglas, Utah, the son of an Army man. His own military career began on November 30, 1916 when he entered the Army as a second lieutenant. He served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before going overseas in World War I as a captain in command of a machine gun company. Returning to the United States, he was assigned to Camp Lee, Virginia, for a short time before being transferred to Benning and The Infantry School in 1920.

BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE H. WEEMS, Assistant Commandant of The Infantry School at Fort Benning, was born in Southside, Tenn., September 27, 1891. He was graduated from West Point in the first war class, April 20, 1917.

Gen. Weems saw action in the Verdun and Chateau Thierry sectors and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross after the capture of Vaux. He was also awarded the Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with a Corps Citation and the Order of the Crown of Italy.

From 1935 to 1939, he was Plans and Training Officer for the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was appointed head of the U. S. Military Mission to Haiti in 1939 and was awarded the Haitian medal, Honeur et Merite, the highest medal of the Republic. The General came to the Infantry School as Assistant Commandant in March, 1942.





BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY P. PERRINE, Commanding General of the School Troops Brigade of the Infantry School is a graduate of West Point. His first assignment was at Fort George Wright, Washington, with the 14th Infantry in 1913.

Then followed many experiences and tours of duty in posts throughout the United States and Alaska. As the assignments rolled along so did the rank and in 1939 the General was assigned for duty with the Infantry School as a Lt. Col. In 1942 he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

His promotion to Brigadier General occurred in March and with it the duty as Commandant of the School Troops Brigade. Gen. Perrine has, during his tour of duty with the School, served as Chief of the Publications Section, Assistant Director of Training, Secretary and Executive Officer of the School.

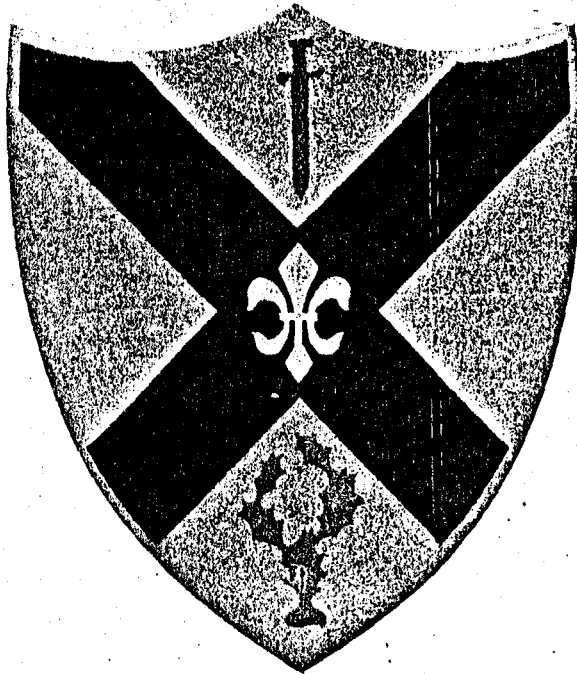
BRIGADIER GENERAL WALTER S. FULTON, Commanding General of Fort Benning, is a veteran Army officer well fitted for the multiple tasks of a post commander.

Heading the staff of a post whose facilities can be compared with those of a city of 150,000 residents, Gen. Fulton assumed command of the Fort on April 9, 1942, while holding the rank of Colonel.

Five months later, in September, 1942, he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general after being at Fort Benning in various executive capacities a little more than two and a half years.

A graduate of West Point Military Academy and a veteran of overseas combat in World War I, General Fulton has had an Army career full of important assignments in the last two decades.





Blazonry

DESCRIBING THE HERALDIC DEVICES OF THE GATORS

We are known as the GATORS because our history and heritage is one with that of the State of Florida, the Alligator state.

SHIELD

Our regimental shield is, an argent which is symbolic of purity of purpose. On the argent rests a saltire gules, or the red cross of St. Andrew. Between, in chief, is a Roman Sword, paleways point to base. In the base is placed a prickly pear cactus; both of these vert a Fleur de lis or Lily of France, of the argent.

WREATH

Argent and gules. Description: The predominant white population within Florida was of Spanish origin and accordingly the twists of the wreath are gold and red.

MOTTO

Efficientia et Erudito: Efficiency and Accomplishment.

COAT OF ARMS

The coat of arms of the 124th is that used as regimental shield. It has been accepted by the War Department as the official insignia of the Gator Regiment. Truly representative of this historic regiment, it symbolizes later day duty of the Florida Militia.

The shield itself is an argent; silver, which is significant of the fact that we are a maternal child of the Infantry, Queen of Battles. The silver denotes our reverence to the tradition of the Infantry; "Purity of Purpose."

The Saltire Gules or huge red cross of St. Andrew rests upon the argent in respectful memory of the Florida State Flag of the Confederacy, and the valiant courage of the Florida troops under that flag.

The sheathed Spanish Sword is taken from the Spanish War service medal and is placed upon the shield to commemorate Florida's volunteer service in the Spanish War.

The Mexican Cactus on the regimental shield denotes service of the Gators on the Mexican border in 1916-17.

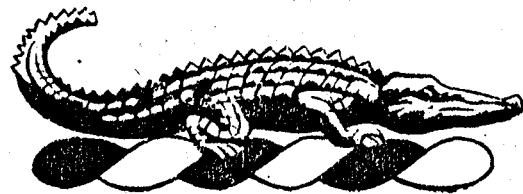
The World War service of the 124th Infantry is symbolized upon the regimental shield by the centered Fleur de lis or Lily of France.

STREAMERS AUTHORIZED

World War Without inscription
CREST

On the wreath, of the colors argent and sanguine, an Alligator statant proper. Description: The Alligator is a native of Florida, and rests upon the wreath signifying our affiliation.

(During our duty with The Infantry School we wear the shoulder crest of the General Headquarters Reserve Troops. We wear it as a shoulder patch. It is red, White and blue circle on a larger white disc.)



Foreward . . . march

THE STORY OF THE GATOR REGIMENT, DESCENDANTS OF THE OLDEST MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN AMERICA

"Let's go Gators" is our battle cry. No one knows where it originated. All we can say about it, is that it's here to stay. Wherever the Gators go that cry is and will be a familiar one; whether it's an attack upon the humid beaches of a Nip mandated isle in the Pacific, or a Gator siege upon an unfortified juke-joint in Ybor City, Florida.

"Let's go Gators" back in history, into our history; 100, 200, 378 years ago when Don Pedro Menendez established the first military garrison at St. Augustine, Florida. As surely as regiments have a spirit, our psyche was born with the military organization of those ancient Spanish Conquistadors. With these traditions, left us through the centuries by our forebears, how can we fail to live up to our motto "Efficiency and Accomplishment."

Under the changing flags of Florida the military establishments changed also and were known in succession as; "The Florida Militia", "Rangers", "State Troops" and the "Volunteers." In 1819 Old Glory was first flown over Florida and for 30 years her military history was one of sporadic but fierce warfare against the rampant Seminole.

As new settlers poured in and the Seminole was driven back to his last stand in the Everglades, interest in the state's military organizations was revived. When the Mexican war broke out in 1840, Florida was able to send many well trained troops into the field.

In the war between the states Florida sent many volunteers into battle with the Confederacy. Best known of these was the "Jacksonville Light Infantry" which is believed by many to be the parent organization of the 124th Infantry.

Though numerous independent groups are mentioned in the history of the recon-

struction period, they had little financial or official backing. But with the influx of the railroad in the 1880's, vast areas were opened for colonization and interest in military affairs was again awakened. At the outbreak of hostilities between the Cubans and the Spanish oppressor, 20 companies of "Florida State Troops" volunteered to a man.

Following the Spanish American War the state troops were reorganized. These units remained in state service until the Mexican border trouble in 1916. Close on the heels of the border trouble came the outbreak of World War I. The Second Infantry was then redesignated the 124th Infantry and sent to France in 1918.

After the return from France interest in military affairs hit a new low and it seemed that Florida's military traditions were doomed. Fortunately for the state however, a small group of World War veterans gave freely of their time and finances to reactivate the Florida military forces. In 1921, the 124th Infantry was again recognized as the First Infantry, Florida National Guard, and in 1941 redesignated the 124th Infantry.

The 124th Infantry under the command of Colonel Fred A. Safay, was inducted into the Federal service on November 25, 1940. In the months that followed the regiment participated in many of the peace time maneuvers that took place during this declared national emergency. The Gators' superior performances during the Carolina and Louisiana Maneuvers contributed greatly to their assignment as demonstration troops with The Infantry School on December 18, 1941.

This brings us to the period about which this book is written. In the following pages we will try to give you a graphic portrayal of, "The Gators At Fort Benning." Are there any questions? . . . Then "Forward March!"



BRIGADIER GENERAL FRED A. SAFAY, although no longer physically a member of the Gator regiment, is and ever will be, an integral part of the outfit he served so faithfully and commanded so well. In the hearts of the men and officers, to whom he was always a fine officer and good friend, he will always be a living symbol of the "Gator Spirit."

A man whose ability knew no bounds, Gen. Safay received his star, and resultant transfer from the regiment, in September, 1942. That was a sad day for both the General and his command. This regiment he was leaving wasn't just another Infantry outfit, this was his regiment, his men and his officers; his not only because of his years of command but because of his years of association.

Gen. Safay enlisted in the Florida National Guard as a Private on his 19th birthday in hopes of seeing action on the Mexican Border. To his disappointment his company was held in abeyance awaiting the call of the President. Before his first year was up the young soldier had held every non-commissioned officer's assignment his company had to offer and his officers recommended him for a commission. As a Second Lieutenant the young officer finally saw the combat he had dreamed of when he went to France with the "Blue Bonnet Regiment."

Returning from France, Lt. Safay and a group of his fellow officers deplored the dormant defenses of the post war nation. Through their efforts the 124th Infantry was reorganized. Had it not been for the far sightedness of this small group of men there perhaps would be no 124th today.

Advancement was sure for this civilian-soldier and in 1940 he had come up from the ranks to take command of his regiment, the 124th Infantry.

Regimental Staff

THESE ARE THE OFFICERS WHO MAKE "EFFICIENCY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT" SYNONYMOUS WITH GATOR REG'T.

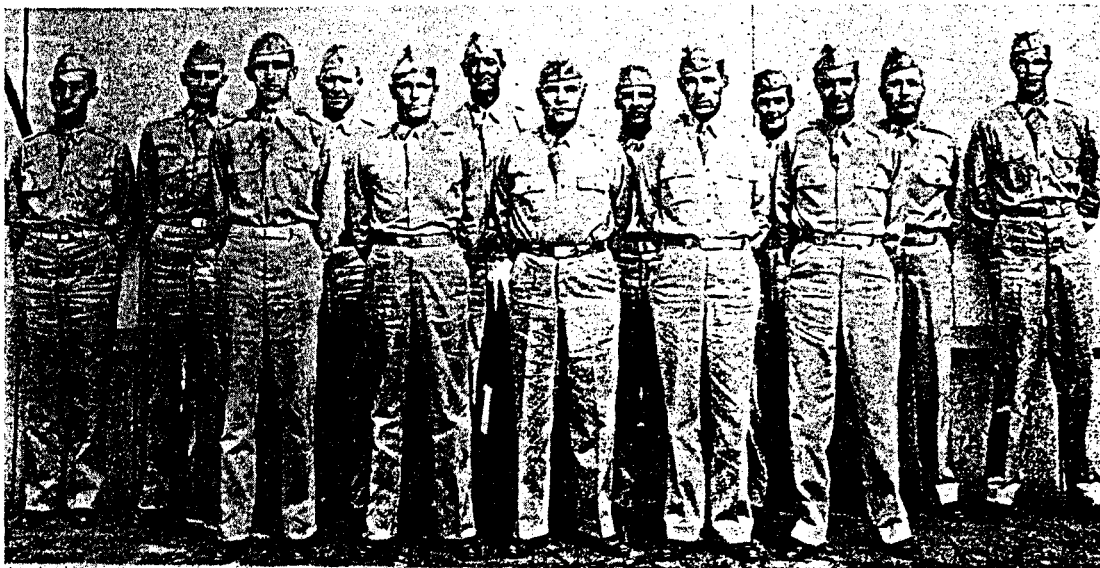
Gatorland might be called a city, a military city with the regimental staff as the city government. A city government charged by the Commander-in-Chief with the responsibility of training, feeding, supplying, entertaining, governing and commanding the Gators.

Upon the shoulders of thirteen men rests the enormous responsibility of having the Gators ready for any task the country might call upon them to do. In every case in the history of the regiment that duty has been ably fulfilled. Whenever the Gators were called upon to do a job it was achieved, not just fulfilled but completed in the best sense of our motto "Efficiency and Accomplishment."

While at Benning the Staff has changed considerably with the wide-

spread changes throughout the entire area. Col. Safay, now Brigadier General, was the Commandant when the Gators made their initial appearance on this post and was replaced by Col. John D. Hill present Commander. Previous to our service with the Infantry School and since 1921 the 124th has had as Commanding Officers: Colonel Raymond C. Turck, Colonel Vivian B. Collins, Colonel Chester H. Wilson and Colonel Preston Ayers.

Time after time in this book the words "Gator Spirit" are used. Whenever they are mentioned they could be construed as a compliment to the Staff for it is here that all spirit originates. If men have implicate faith in the officers who lead them they will have esprit de corps.



REGIMENTAL STAFF—(left to right) Captain William F. Bavinger, Jr. (Adjutant), Lieutenant Colonel Henry W. McMillan, Jr. (Executive Officer), Colonel John D. Hill (Regimental Commander), Major Ralph E. Hockenberry (Regimental Surgeon), and Major Richard D. Sutton (Operations Officer).

Rear row: Warrant Officer Kenneth D. Walker (Assistant Supply Officer), Captain William E. Griffith, Jr. (Assistant Operations Officer), Captain LeRoy F. Richards (Intelligence Officer), Major William B. Stinson (Supply Officer), Lieutenant Claude J. Hackney, Jr. (Personnel Officer), Lieutenant James R. Greer (Liaison Officer), Lieutenant James B. Brooks (Mess Officer), and Lieutenant Ralph H. Walker, Jr. (Liaison Officer).



The Alligator

The ALLIGATOR is "The best paper in the world for the 124th Infantry Gators." That's us, the same staff that burned the midnight oil making this Revue, burns it regularly publishing the Gators' weekly newspaper.

The ALLIGATOR recently celebrated it's 3rd anniversary and has begun it's trek through 1943 with Volume III. Volume I was the ALLIGATOR in it's infancy; a mimeograph sheet produced at Camp Blanding that made it's initial appearance in January of 1941. When the regiment moved to

Benning the Gator moved along and soon reappeared in formal attire, as a letterpress job which was Volume II.

With the changing personnel of the regiment, the ALLIGATOR staff has changed also. However the goal has always remained the same; "to keep the sheet one of interest to the men of the outfit and to the folks at home."

The GATOR climaxed it's career early this year, when it was selected as one of the best of eight hundred army papers by Camp Newspaper Service.

Reg. Hdqrs. Co.

DUAL MOTTO "GET THAT INFORMATION" AND "GET THAT MESSAGE THROUGH" KEEPS COOK MEN "ON THE BALL"

The Regimental Headquarters Company which was originally a part of the Florida National Guard was inducted in the Federal Service on November 25, 1940, from the city of Jacksonville, Florida. The company might well be proud of a few of the following former leaders; Lt. Col. Harry J. Lewis, Major Victor H. Kuschel, Major Richard D. Sutton, Capt. Ralph C. Crawford, Capt. Frank M. Green and Capt. Fred L. Smith.

Headquarters Company might be said to have two mottos which drive its men on to greater endeavor. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon's motto is "Get that information," and the Communications Platoon's motto, "Get that message through."

Those who pass by the Headquarters Company Area, every morning, usually see those famous "Amphibian Jeeps" lined up ready to roll out and put on T.I.S. demonstrations, 207 and 91. Many of the graduates of The Infantry School will probably remember the day they thought the German Army was invading Fort Benning when an enemy detail under the leadership of German speaking Pvt. Blumenstein, dressed in the uniform of the Third Reich and put on a realistic attack demonstration.

One of the Amphibian Jeeps handled by the skillful hands of Pvt. Rudy played a major role in rescuing some of the South American dignitaries from drowning in the deep and turbulent waters of the flood swollen Upatoi Creek.

In the summer of 1942, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon made an unforgettable trip to the Tennessee Maneuvers. This is the first time they served as an amphibian force. The Amphibians that they used on maneuvers were issued to them at Nashville. They received invaluable training while testing the vehicles.

The duties of the Communication Platoon have been many and varied since their arrival here at Benning. They have tested and approved much of the Signal Equipment now used by the Army. One of their most interesting duties is the establishment of mobile radio test net while testing the S.C.R. 300 radio, one of the Army's newest and best radios, for the Infantry test section.

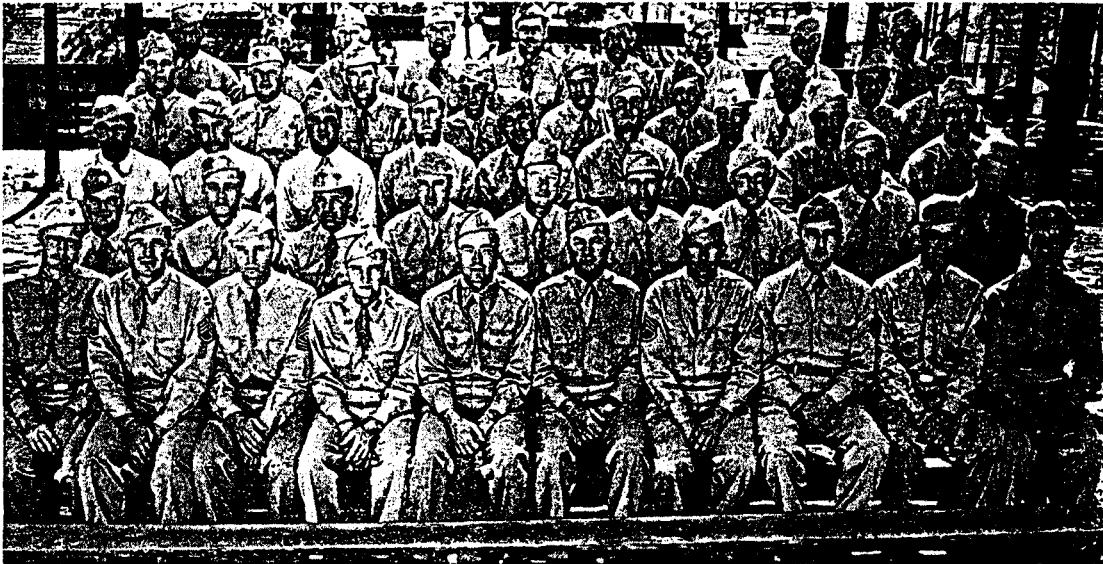
There were many days in the past when the men climbed into their jeeps and treked out to the Benning Hills to put on Command Post Exercises for classes from OC's to Generals. The platoon originated and has been credited with several new demonstrations, among these problems 195 and 196.

The senior enlisted man of the platoon, Master Sgt. Ralph G. Nelson, has served with the 124th Infantry since he was in his teens. He was originally with the gone but not forgotten Howitzer Company.

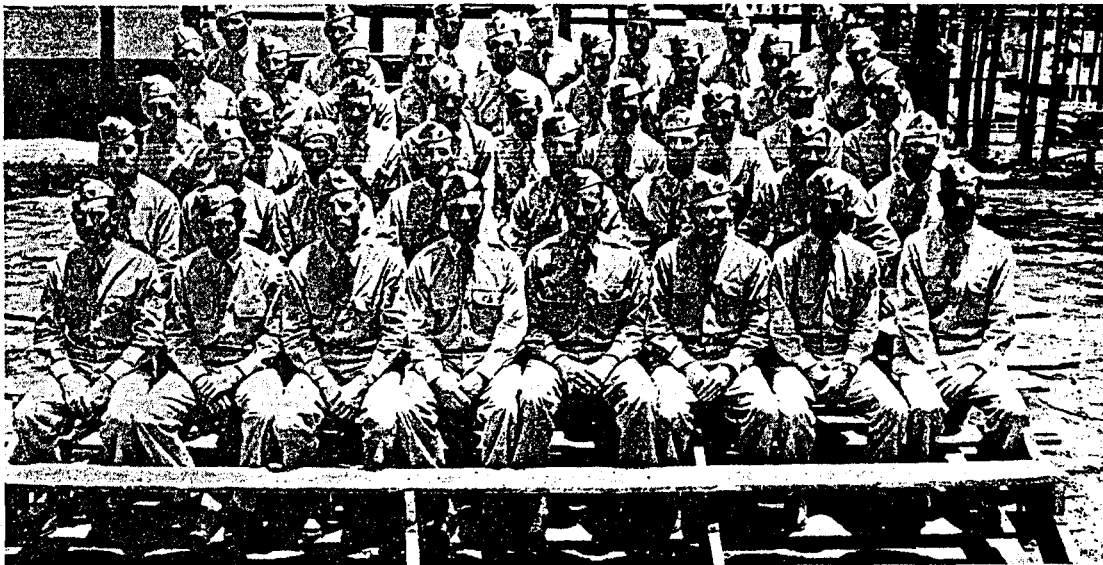
Athletics form a major portion of the recreation of the company. In the summer of 1942 we were runners up in the Regimental Baseball League. Almost any time one passes the area the sounds of a volley ball game or the clink of horse shoes can be heard.

There were many company parties that will long be remembered by the men. And when they think about some of these affairs, Staff Sgt. Wallace Rutland's excellent menus will naturally linger in their minds.

When looking into the crystal ball of the future one can see that the Regimental Headquarters Company will do its utmost to carry on the traditions and high state of efficiency and morale that has been instituted in the men and officers of the past.



COMMUNICATION PLATOON—(left to right) S-Sgt. Frank M. Hulbert, S-Sgt. Melvin H. Casper, 1st Sgt. Herman R. Tuten, 1st Lt. Willard L. Lambertus, C.O. Capt. Edward S. Cook, Jr., W.O. Charles Tuten, S-Sgt. James J. Prevatt, S-Sgt. Wallace E. Rutland, T-4 William J. Traynor, T-4 Joseph P. Indovino.
 2nd row: T-4 Burton L. Jamison, T-4 Venies B. McLain, T-4 Joseph N. Marranca, T-5 Ralph B. Bedonhamer, T-5 George L. Corbett, T-5 Daniel Sklepko, Pfc. Mike Keyock, Cpl. J. D. Hood, T-5 Leonard S. Beville.
 3rd row: T-5 Joseph S. Young, T-5 Charles E. Casey, Pvt. John J. Julius, Jr., Pfc. Harry J. Bennett, Pvt. Roy L. Ferguson, Pvt. Clarence E. Marshall, Pfc. Stoddard F. Coombes, Pfc. Thomas E. Compton, Pvt. Schuyler Ball.
 4th row: T-5 Cleveland Prescott, Pvt. Leroy T. Bullard, Pvt. Alexander Brown, vt. Anthony J. Bibinski, Pvt. William D. Abbott, Pvt. Eugene S. Jarosz, Pvt. Ira N. Green, Pfc. Lee M. Gantt, Pfc. Robert M. Carr.
 5th row: Sgt. Hugh L. Collins, Pvt. Arnold L. Forman, Pvt. Frederick Jaccob, Pvt. Dan R. Melton, Pfc. James E. Satterfield, Pvt. George T. Terwilliger, Pfc. Lyle J. Honeter, Pvt. John Vargo, Pfc. John J. Crifasi.



INTELLIGENCE AND RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON—(left to right) T-5 Willie S. Connor, Sgt. Ray Glass, Sgt. Herman A. Davidson, Lt. Melvin H. Stoker, Lt. Horace C. Whittenberg, S-Sgt. Kenneth W. Osborne, Sgt. Robert H. Tracy, T-5 James E. Emerson.
 2nd row: Pfc. Samuel Lucas, Pvt. Steve T. Starnik, Pvt. Austin M. Hiers, Pfc. Josef L. Blumenstein, T-5 Harry A. Ramatowski, Cpl. Frank J. Sochats, T-5 Charles E. Safer, T-5 Walter A. Gleason.
 3rd row: Pvt. John T. Mooney, Pfc. Harold G. Adams, Pfc. Donald W. Jarrell, Pfc. Oriie Garrett, Pvt. John Vogel, Pfc. Earl C. Roberts, Pvt. John B. Beausoliel, Pfc. John J. Antozzy, Pfc. Thomas E. Watkins.
 4th row: Pfc. Columbus J. Mattox, Pvt. George A. Poore, Pfc. Russell T. Taylor, Pfc. Julian P. McDowell, Pfc. Ralph Viggiano, Pvt. George Gallina, Pfc. Buford Lashley, Pfc. Jasper L. Whisman, fc. Hilbert A. Klem.
 5th row: Pvt. Kenneth R. Wallace, Pfc. Richard F. Merritt, Pfc. John W. Bayne, Pfc. Reece Spivey, Pvt. Anthony F. Gulliano, Pvt. Samuel J. Ridley, Pfc. Leo D. Green.

124th Band

ITS TIME IS OCCUPIED WITH SUPPLYING MUSIC FOR PARADES, REGIMENTAL REVIEWS; AND UNIT TRAINING

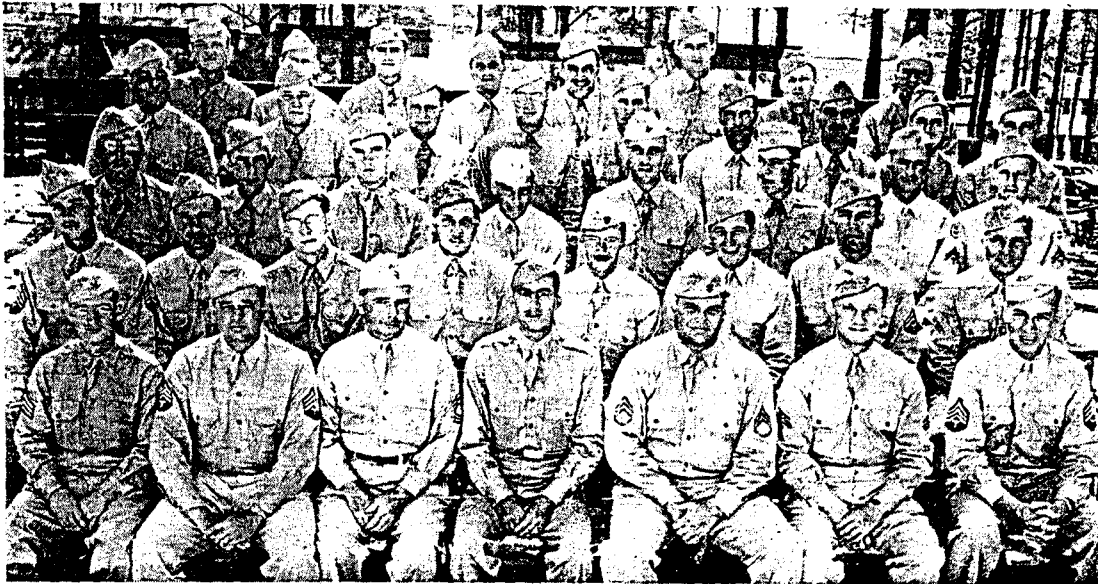
The Band, under the able direction of Master Sergeant Wiley B. Scott, has seen many changes, since its induction into Federal Service at the Jacksonville Armory. At that time, the strength of this unit was composed of twenty-eight enlisted men and one Warrant Officer, many of whom have transferred into other organizations; including Officers Candidate School, Air Corps (as Aviation Cadets and Ground Force Men, Army Specialized Training Program, and Warrant Officers' School of Music.

However, through it's years of duty, the band has found time to participate in the Ocala, Louisiana and the Carolina maneuvers; adding lustre to its career as

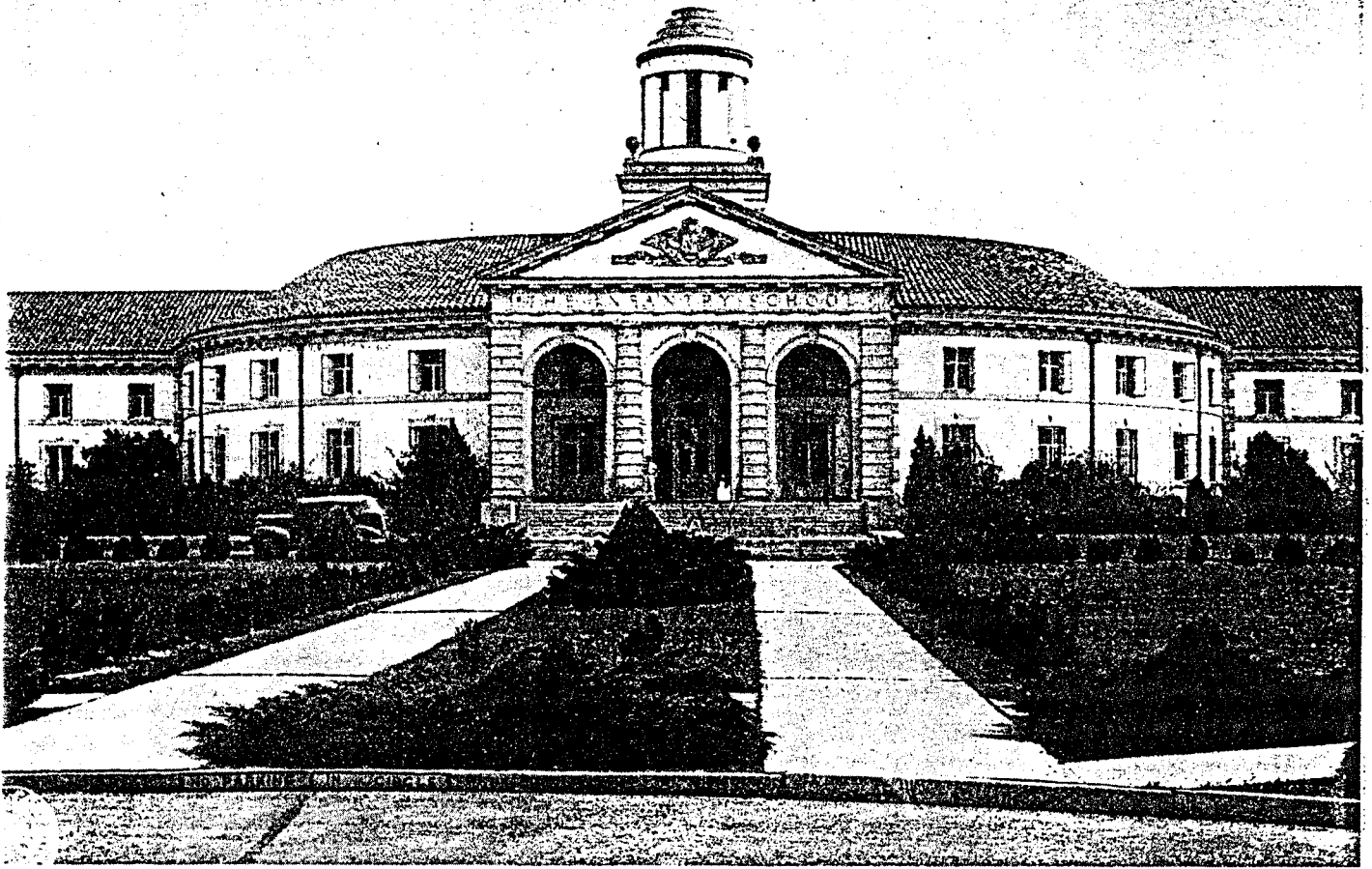
a Military Band and as a unit of real G.I.s.

Since its arrival at Fort Benning on Jan. 12, 1942, these Gator Musicians have played for Infantry School Graduations, Special Reviews, Guard Mounts, parades of all kinds, Regimental Shows, concerts and broadcasts; plus a variety of other programs too numerous to mention.

From this group of musicians a fourteen piece dance orchestra was also formed. The orchestra under the direction of Sgt's Gene M. Sutherland and Ace M. Joiner, has played a great number of dances, shows and broadcasts for the enlisted men as well as officers, these past months.



BAND—(left to right) T-4 David R. Haworth, T-4 Ace M. Joiner, Jr., Master Sgt. Wiley B. Scott, Lt. Bransford I. Frailey, S-Sgt. Edward J. Chapman, T-4 John E. Bush, T-4 Thomas A. Bonifield.
2nd row: T-4 Raiford F. Emery, T-4 Edmund Bennetti, Cpl. William E. Davis, T-5 William E. Hudson, T-5 Robert C. Moore, Cpl. Gene M. Sutherland, T-5 Samuel Caplan, T-5 Edward C. Weber.
3rd row: Pvt. Herbert A. Mack, Pvt. James A. Tarbutton, Pfc. Harlo C. Polk, Pvt. Jack B. Evans, Pvt. Lawrence G. Heath, Pvt. Kenneth L. Stair, T-5 Harold J. Wade, T-5 Cyril V. Handley.
4th row: Pvt. Peter J. George, Pfc. Robert W. Lambrecht, Pvt. Henry A. Sitnik, Pvt. James L. Gamble, Pfc. James J. Walker, Jr., Pfc. Earl D. Guy, Pfc. Walter H. Osborne, Pfc. Samuel J. Stippick, Jr., Pfc. Joseph Scheitz.
5th row: Pvt. Alto D. ohnson, Pvt. Oliver P. Hutto, Pfc. Lewis R. Lenzi, Pfc. Ubaldo S. Paliani, Pfc. Warren Canorro, Pfc. Heyward T. Carpenter, Pvt. Ernest W. S. Heil, Pvt. Henry J. Zier.



The Infantry School

*High above the Chattahoochee
And the Upatoi
Stands our school, our alma mater
"Benning School for Boys."*

A university professor said in speaking of The Infantry School: "It is probably the most important place in America." We, who have been a part of that school for over a year, realize the truth in that statement. We realize the scope of this mammoth institution dedicated to instruction of the American Infantryman and perpetuated for the sole purpose of making him the world's best.

Wherever Doughboys fight and die for the country we all love, you may be sure that the success of their activity can be attributed in whole or in part to the training their officers and specialists received at The Infantry School.

Possibly the largest school in the world; its size defies imagination. Wherever you go on this huge post you will find TIS classes, not classroom groups as one would find in most other schools but classes ranging anywhere from 200 to 800 students, all absorbed in the instruction and the resolve that they will practice what they are taught; to kill or be killed.

Service Co.

CAPTAIN McDANIEL'S MEN LIVE UP TO THEIR MOTTO "AS SERVICE COMPANY GOES, SO GOES THE REGIMENT"

Situated on the corner of Crosbie and Jamestown Roads in the 12th area is the Service Company, whose history dates back into the ages. It was organized as the St. Augustine Rifles at St. Augustine, Florida, in 1891. During its infant years it had enjoyed the distinction of names such as; Company D of the Florida State Troops and Company G, 1st Florida Infantry, at which time it served in the Spanish American War. Company D was broken up in 1916 and the personnel fought in World War I as replacements for the 31st Division.

After the War, a Supply Company was formed at Hastings, Florida, which was called into state service on February 27, 1920. This unit in turn was converted into Service Company of the 1st Infantry. During the same year, the company was assigned to the 154th Infantry and was transferred to St. Augustine in 1922. Two years later, the 154th Infantry was redesignated the 124th Infantry; thus marked the origin of Service Company of the Gator regiment.

Today Service Company boasts of the fact that they are one of the most efficiently organized companies in the outfit. As an Adjutant so aptly put it, "As Service Company goes, so goes the regiment." This has become the "Battle Cry" of the company.

The company is made up of three main sections with a company headquarters in supervision. They consist of a Staff Section, Transportation Section and (last but certainly not of the least importance) a Supply Section. The Staff Section consists of those men who are directly re-

sponsible for the administrative work of the regiment. Perhaps one of their most important duties (at least in the eyes of the average G.I.) is the making up of the monthly payroll.

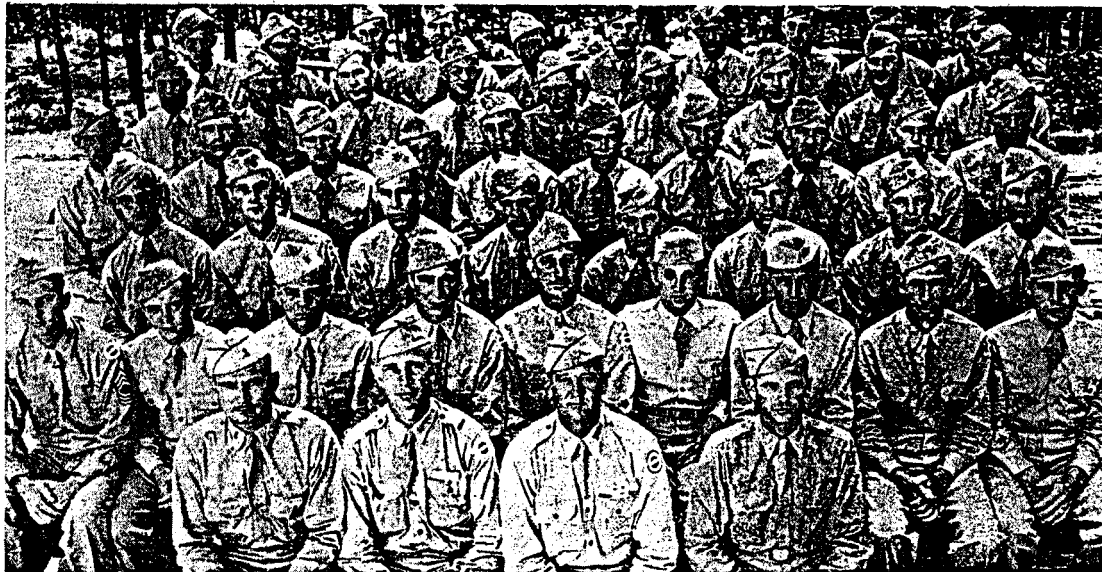
The Transportation Section consists of two groups; the drivers and the mechanics. It is their duty to furnish the transportation for the entire regiment, and keep the vehicles in excellent running condition. They are the men who "Keep 'Em Rollin'."

The Regimental Supply Office deals with the regiment in general also. More specifically, they are concerned with the feeding, clothing, and equipping of the regiment. Their task is a difficult one, but as far as they're concerned, the more reason that it be well done.

Behind the lines of these sections, and the coordinating factor between these sections, is the Service Company Headquarters. This group is made up of the Company Commander, the Company Officers and the usual company subordinates. They are responsible for the training and well being of the regimental specialists.

The company's mascot is a black, sad nondescript dog which they have aptly named "Blackout." Whenever and wherever you see Service Company's personnel on the march or in the field, you're sure to see "Blackout" tagging along.

Service Company is the cream of the regiment, and they keep going onward and upward; living up to their motto, "As Service Company goes, so goes the regiment."



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Mr. Peter J. Menten W. O. (ig), Lt. Douglas M. Johnson, Major William B. Stinson, Lt. James H. York.

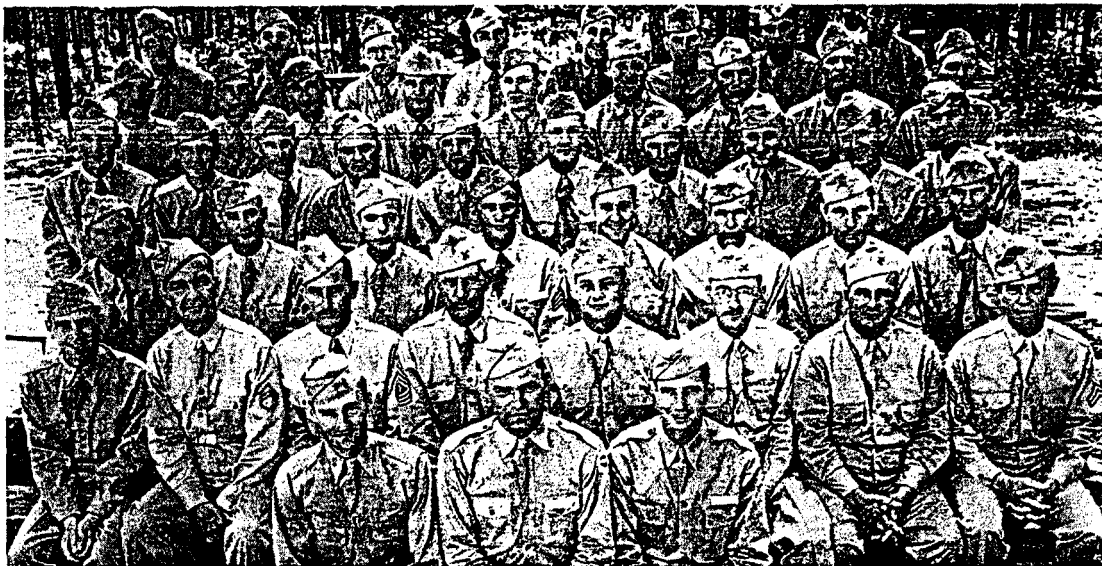
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3rd row: Pvt. John P. Browning, T-5 Harry E. Taylor, T-5 Ralph S. Martin, Pvt. John Yankewicz, Pvt. Paul Mason, Pfc. James V. McGowan, Pfc. Douglas G. Turner, Pvt. Dean D. Kocher.

4th row: Pfc. Jack S. Thompson, T-5 James L. Thomas, Pvt. Frank E. Woodland, Pvt. John C. Laughlin, Pfc. William G. Wagner, Pfc. George R. Taylor, Cpl. James C. Brown, Pvt. James A. Pousont, T-5 Clinton M. Johnson, Pvt. James D. Johnson.

5th row: Pvt. Nolton V. Blackwell, Pfc. Rabon L. Smith, Sgt. Horace H. Adams, Pfc. Richard T. Mitchell, Pfc. Albert C. DeKay, Pfc. William H. Reck, Cpl. John Colarusso, T-5 John T. Boring, T-5 Paul A. Capo.

6th row: Pvt. Lonnie C. Hall, Pfc. Chester G. Johnson, T-5 Wilbur E. LaPolt, Pvt. Julian W. Lackey, Pvt. Auburn L. Todd, T-5 Joseph V. Roche, T-5 Ralph L. Loftin, T-5 John McLeod, T-4 Stephen P. Triay, Pvt. Anthony Matti.



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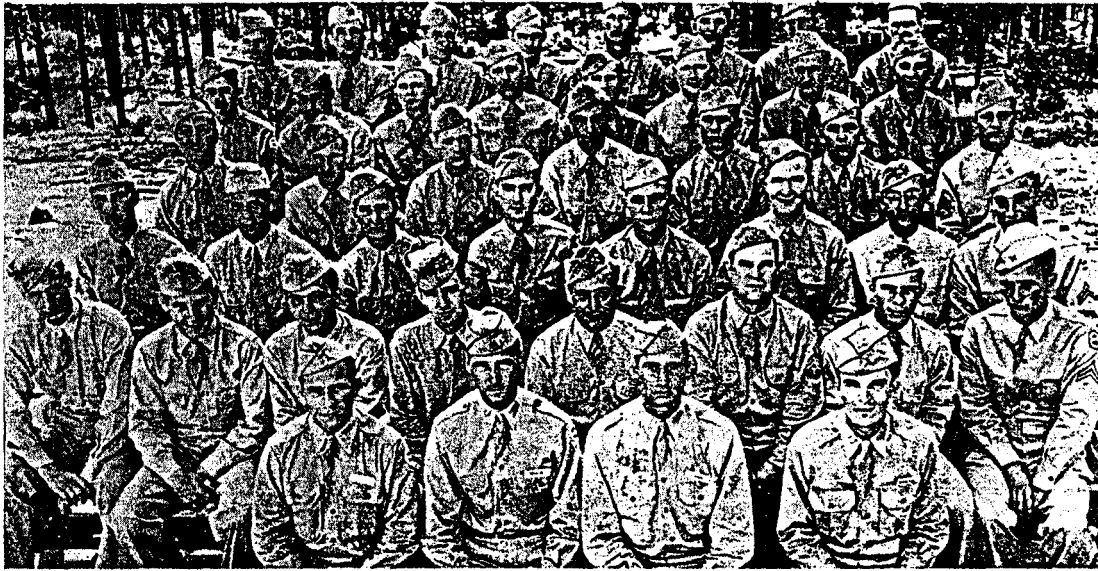
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3rd row: T-5 Joseph Sosenko, Cpl. Charles A. Gardner, S-Sgt. Edward J. Hamilton, Sgt. Charles J. McGoey, Cpl. Samuel Pearl, Sgt. Thomas M. Henry, S-Sgt. Fred King, Cpl. Hubert A. Lavery.

4th row: S-Sgt. Murrah M. Warren, Pfc. Harold Rolfe, Sgt. Wiley J. C. Ellis, Sgt. Ernest M. McKenzie, T-5 Edward C. Fogg, T-4 Henry Doneger, Cpl. Robert Henderson, Cpl. Arthur W. Homberg, Cpl. Sam E. Tindall, T-5 David E. Bailey.

5th row: Cpl. James L. Sanders, Pvt. Leonard A. Savulis, Pvt. Dewey L. Windom, Pvt. John W. Brewer, Jr., Pvt. John W. Kennedy, Pvt. Isidore I. Blank, Pfc. Ned T. Vanlandingham, T-4 Vivian J. Thigpen, Pvt. Roy E. Bair.

6th row: Cpl. Rupert T. Norwood, Pvt. Salvatore J. Piccione, T-5 Forest L. Chapman, Pfc. Arthur E. Zielinski, Cpl. Angelo J. Lattucia, Pvt. Tommy C. Smith, S-Sgt. William J. Khoury, Sgt. Eugene C. McDaniel.



THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Lt. Robert A. Lobdell, Lt. Donald J. Nelson, Lt. George L. Scharf, Thomas J. Richards.
2nd row: Pvt. Homer V. Reynolds, Pvt. Harry F. McLaughlin, T-5 Carlo Ammirati, T-5 William J. Murray, Pvt. Irving E. Liederson, T-4 Robert D. Myers, Pvt. James H. Christopher, Pvt. James D. Taylor.
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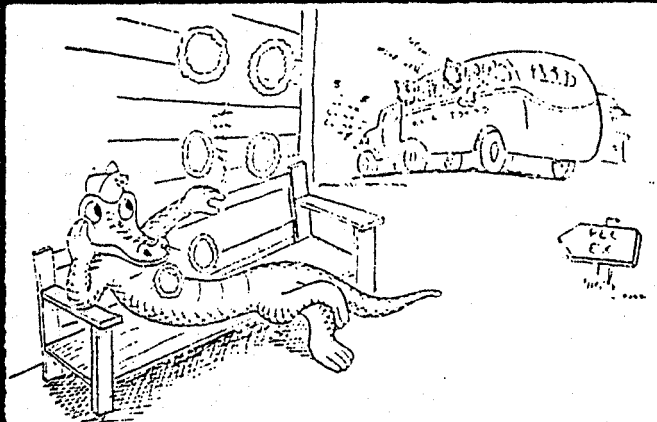


R. S. O. MEN HEP ON FIELD SUPPLY "Food, food, food" . . . That's the perennial G. I. cry when its chow time. The men work hard, play hard and when its time for mess, they want good solid, substantial belly filling grub. Its the job of the Gator Regimental Supply Office to see that the men get that food; get it on time and as regularly as clockwork. The work involved in supplying this food is tough enough in garrison, and yet, it's child's play compared to the supply men's duties in the field. Realizing that theirs was a job where snafus could not exist; where every detail must be handled in such a way as to keep the whole system of supply running like a precision machine; these Gator R. S. O. men have been going out in the field regularly and practicing ration breakdown exercises. With this hard working group of men handling our supplies, the test of any eventuality will find the Gators ready and prepared for whatever situation that arises.

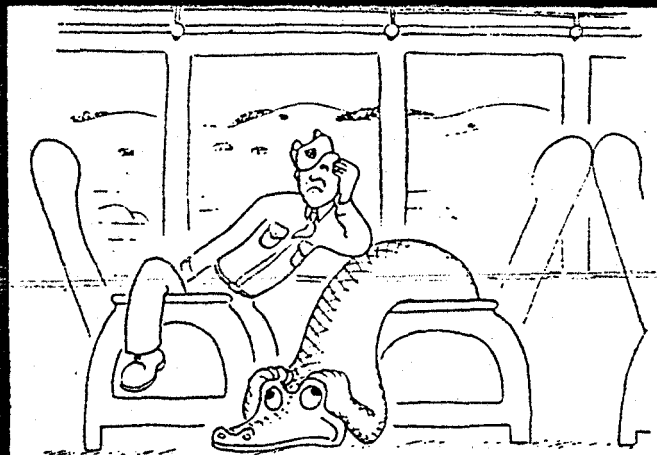
ADAM LAZONGA II . . . LIPUSZ

Our regimental newspaper the ALLIGATOR, carries each week a cartoon personifying the 124th Infantry soldier. It is a take-off on our mascot, a live alligator which swims about in an especially built pool.

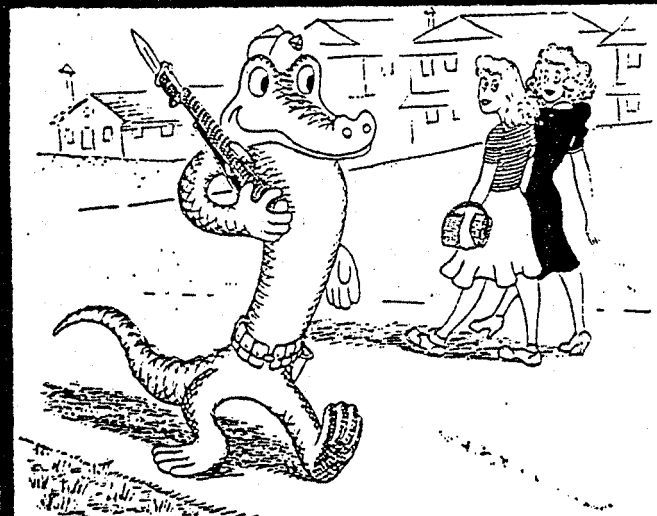
Adam is a typical doughboy and runs the gamut of G. I. emotions. It is drawn by Cp1 Andy Lipusz (3rd Bn. Hdqrs.)



Who Wants to Ride with Those Peasants?



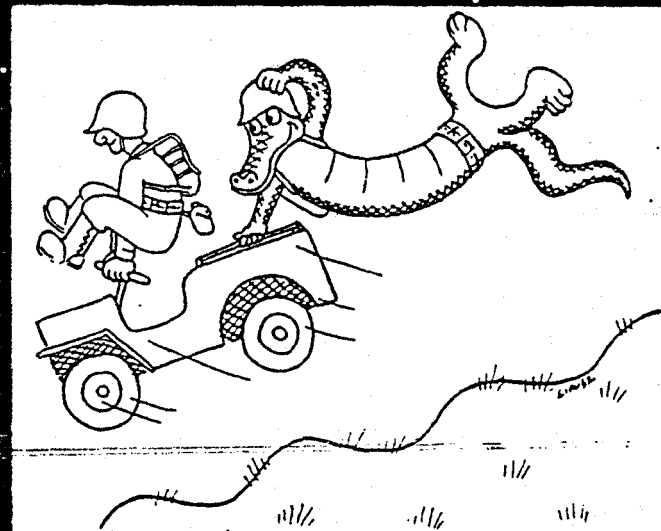
I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now.



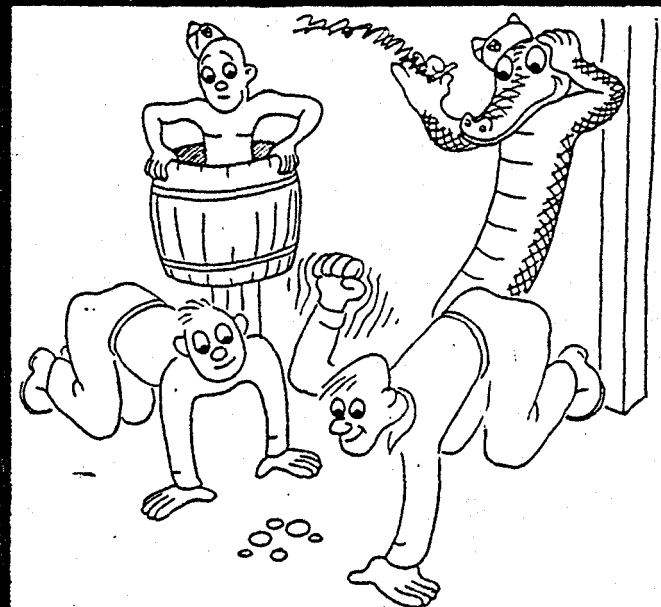
"... Keeping Always on the Alert."



Wow, Those Cookies Went As If They Were Coffee Beans



"... and They Wouldn't Accept Me As An Air Cadet"



Eighter from Dekater Got A Tail Like A Gator

Anti-Tank Co.

**CAPTAIN KIDD'S MEN ADHERE TO THEIR MOTTO OF
NUMQUAM DELINQUINMUS, (WE NEVER FAIL) DAILY**

130-131-132-144-139-140-133 - B, 29 - B, 27-477-470-457 and 230. A lot of figures aren't they? But to the Anti-Tanker brother, it means details and more details; 1000 inch range, Nomenclature of the 37 mm, Mine Laying, Shell Creek. The Anti-Tank personnel are used in almost every problem the regiment has pulled at one time or another. Up at 0430, back at 1830 or later; working before Reveille and still working after retreat. The Anti-Tanker was out in the rain and cold shuffling his guns long before most problems start. He returned late in the evening; cleaned his guns, washed his truck, and if he was lucky, had from 2000 until 2100 to launder his fatigues, wash himself and write letters home.

Our motto is Numquam Delinquinmus, "We Never Fail." Maybe the Anti-Tankers don't know how to fail! Their T. I. S. rating of 59 percent "Superior" and 41 percent Excellent" will certainly bear that out. This efficiency is understandable when commendations such as the following were sent to the commanding officer, Captain Richard G. Kidd, Jr., "The men of Anti-Tank Company, 124th Infantry are commended for their Superior instruction and Supervision during 1000 inch Range firing of O. C. Class No..... Their diligence, interest and constant supervision enabled them to qualify 15 out of the 16 students firing on their bays." SIGNED: W. A. Dodds, Lt. Col., Inf., Anti-Tank Sub, Group.

The Anti-Tankers are also a very sociable lot. Imagine 56 men each having a date at the same time with Noma, at 0500 in the morning and lasting until 1800 in the evening. Sounds like a break, doesn't it? Incidentally, Noma was the nick name and battle cry of problem 130-

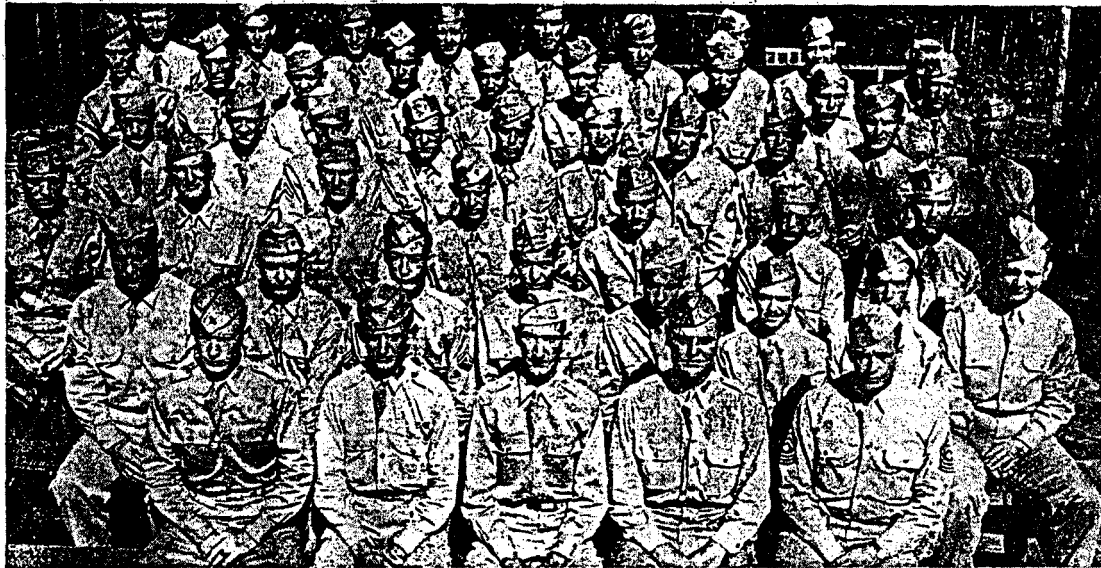
A or Nomenclature of the 37 mm Anti-Tank Gun. The Shell Creek problem, 144, should bring back pleasant memories under the title "It never fails to happen."

When the organization was relieved of this assignment on February 15, 1943, the following commendation was sent to us four days later: "This was the last appearance of the Anti-Tank Company, 124th Infantry on this problem. The Field Engineering Committee wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to the officers and men of Anti-Tank Company, 124th Infantry for the interest and effort they have taken in this problem." SIGNED: Captain J. B. Badgett, Corps of Engineers, approved by Colonel G. B. Troland; Corps of Engineers and concurred in by Colonel James Notestein, Chief of the Section.

Athletics played a big part in the lives of the Anti-Tankers. Baseball, Basketball, and Softball being the favorite sports. And of course the Regimental Championship Football team had a couple of Anti-Tankers on it; Sgt. Fritz L. Cox and Pvt. Stanley E. Ergler.

Remember the March of Dimes? The Anti-Tankers certainly marched the dimes in. Not only did they lead the regiment in this drive, but they accomplished the same feat during the Red Cross Drive. Are we proud? Sure! But the Kidd-men have been piling records on top of records since November 18, 1940 at Jacksonville, Florida where the company started. It was composed of National Guardsmen of the old Howitzer Company, 124th Infantry, with Captain Earl M. Shine, now Lt. Col. Shine, as Commanding Officer.

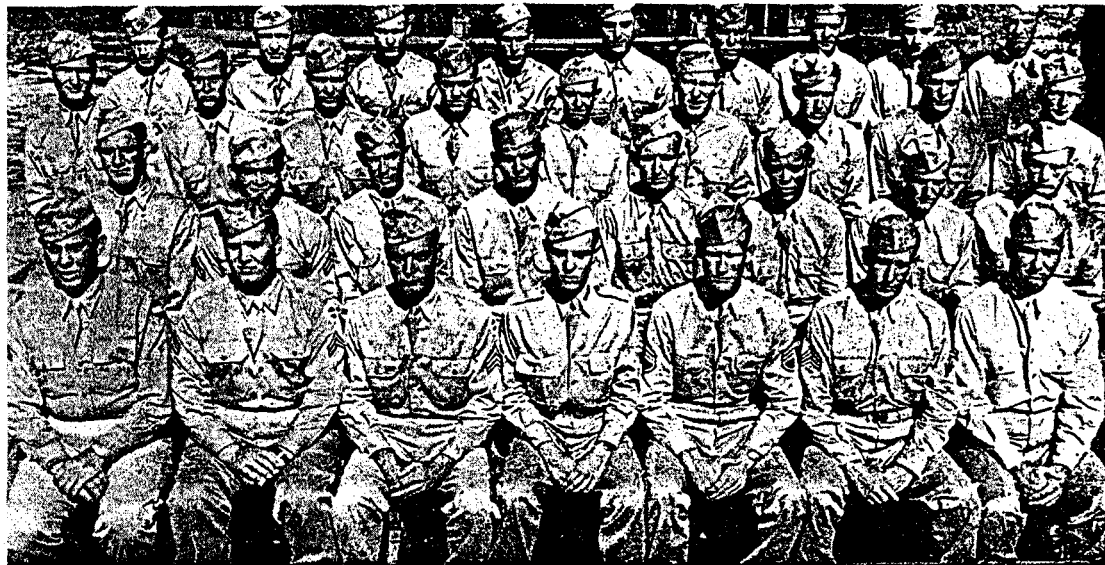
At the present time Captain Richard G. Kidd, Jr., is the commanding officer of the outfit, while First Sergeant Ernest J. Morris has 14 years of service with the old Howitzer and Anti-Tank Company.



COMPANY HEADQUARTERS & MINE PLATOON—(left to right 2nd Lt. William G. Collins, 2nd Lt. Lewis W. Christie, Capt. Richard G. Kidd, Jr., 1st Lt. Norris J. Layton, 1st Sgt. Ernest J. Morris.
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FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Bee Miller, Cpl. John E. Pryor, Jr., Sgt. Patrick E. White, 2nd Lt. Maurice W. Kendall, S-Sgt. Lloyd E. Merritt, Cpl. Gilford E. Long, Cpl. Fred J. Kinard.
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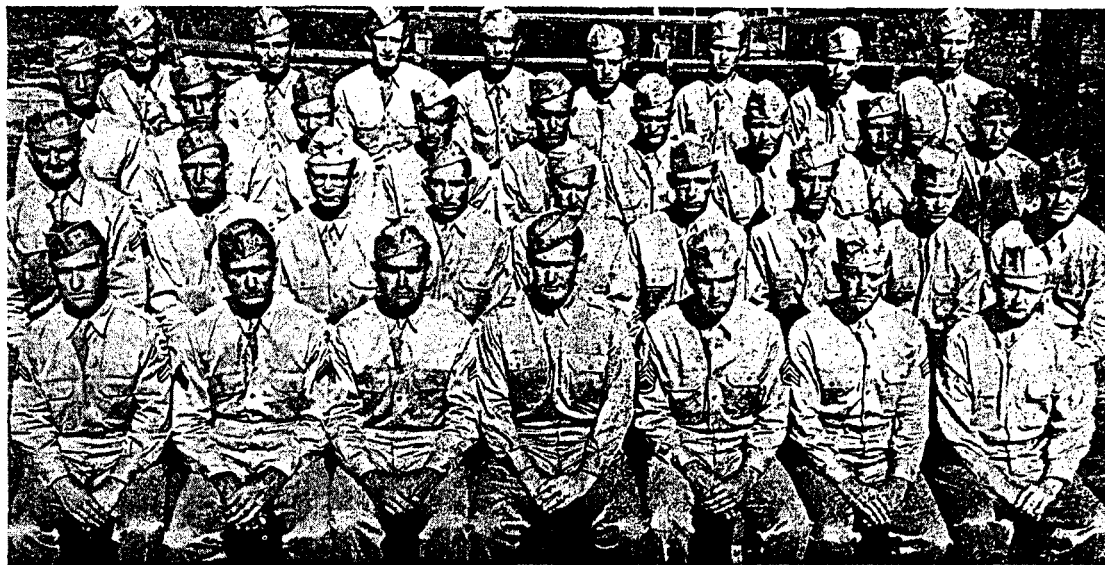


SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Johnnie C. Baker, Cpl. Charles C. Palmer, Jr., Sgt. Dan L. McLeod, 2nd Lt. William T. Kettering, Jr., S-Sgt. Rufus D. Crumbly, Sgt. Francis R. Simpson, Cpl. Herbert F. White.

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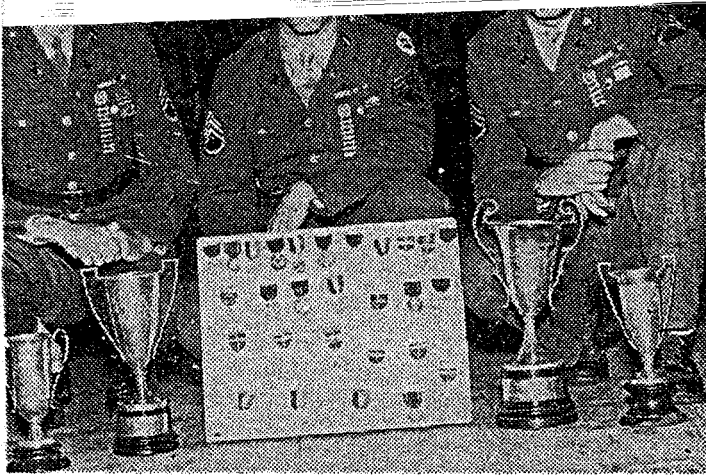


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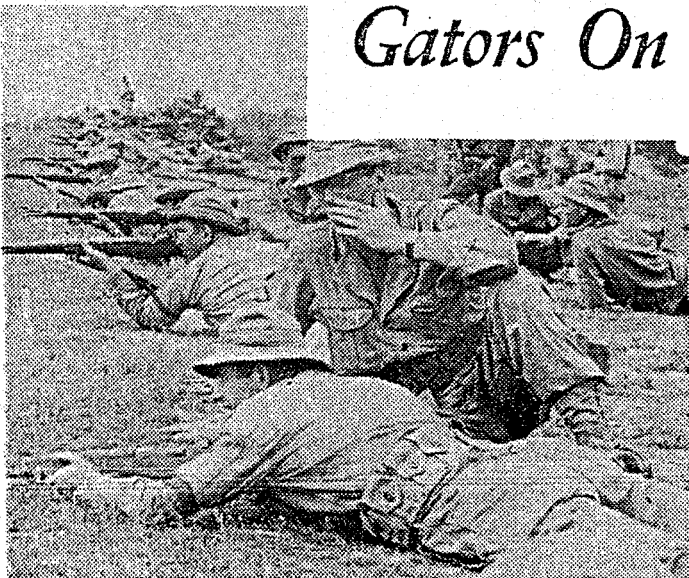


SHARPSHOOTERS DISPLAY THEIR TROPHIES. The above trio (right to left) S. Sgts. Shiferdek, Martin and Foster are the F-Men's pride and joy when it comes to handling them thar shootin' irons.



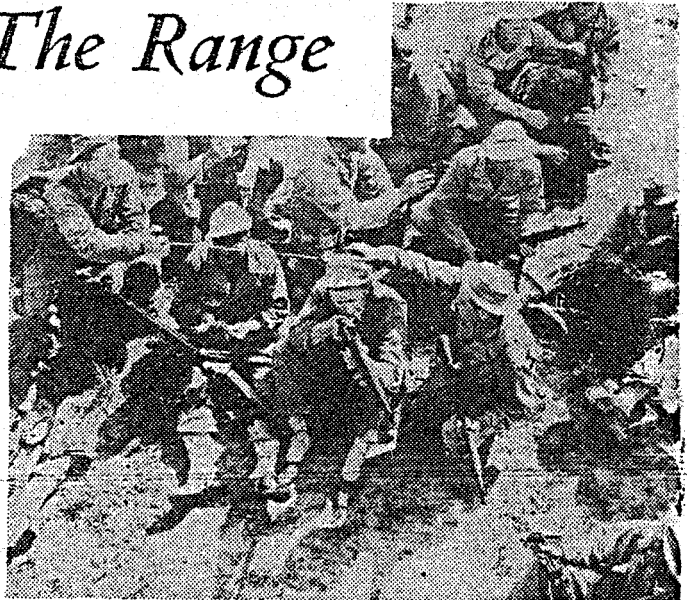
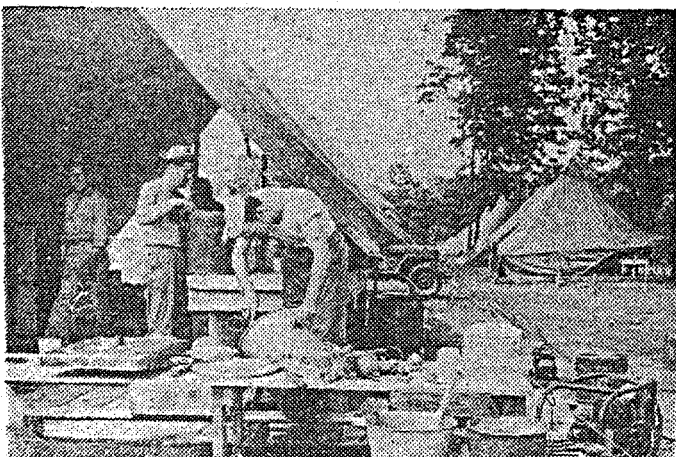
MMM . . . NOT BAD . . . NOT BAD AT ALL! S-Sgt. Henry Dike checks the scores with a critical expression on his face. What's wrong Sergeant, did someone bolo? Well, you can't expect everybody to be a Daniel Boone.

Gators On The Range



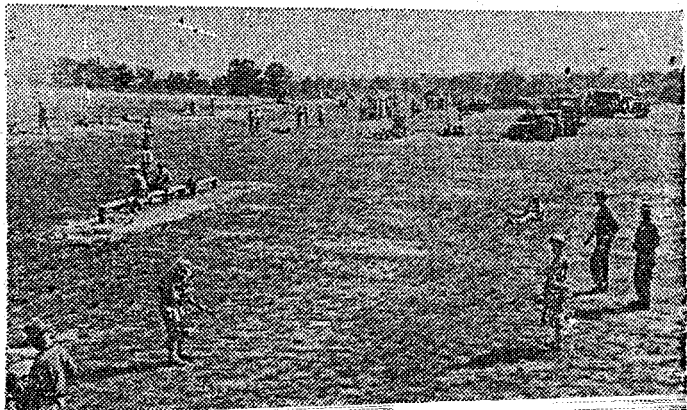
TARGETS UP. The scene above displays an order of Third Battalion men firing for record with the M. I. rifle at Fiske Range. When the cry, "Targets Up" was given, these men hit the dirt without the slightest hesitation and commenced firing. The man in the foreground seems quite impatient for the scores to be recorded.

WHAT'S COOKING, K. P.s? Pictured below are several Service Company men who made the unit's excellent showing on the range possible. While the other members of the Company excelled with "them thar shootin' irons" these poor K. P.s were left behind to help the cokies prepare food for the range.



A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES. Instead of taking it easy after three days of firing on the range, these men are taking time out to show the photographer how they hit that bull on the nose.

CAN YOU RECOGNIZE ME, MOM? If you Gators scrutinize the shot below closely, you might be able to pick out your image or a reasonable facsimile thereof. If not, the scene should bring back happy memories of your activities at Fiske Range anyway. Oh . . . Yeah!



Cannon Co.

THEY'RE CALLED "HELL BUSTERS" AND THEIR RECORD HAS SHOWN THEM TO BE SUPERIOR IN ALL ENDEAVORS

About a year and a half ago, the big boys of the Army Department in Washington were working on a new idea. They agreed that the Infantry Regiment must have Artillery support. As things were, the Artillery Battalion was attached to the Infantry Regiment whenever the mission called for it. This meant that the Liaison Officer would have to contact the Regimental Commanders, and receive all data that was needed to carry out the mission. But this procedure was too slow.

The question arose: Why couldn't there be a weapons platoon attached or even organized with the Infantry Regiment itself? Washington started on the idea. The next question was; What weapon would they use? Someone suggested a fast tank with a big gun mounted on it. The big boys went to work and in the month of January, 1942, the Tables of Organization for a Cannon Company was complete.

Captain Robert Harkness, Commanding H Company at the time, was evidently the best prospect as C.O. On July 8th he was given command of the Cannon Company having first choice in the selection of enlisted personnel. He chose Sgt. Claude Cason of Company H for the 1st Sgt.'s job. The unit began to form. Non-coms were transferred from H, Reg. Hq. and other companies in the Regiment. They were all hand picked men. On July 10th, the company was pretty well formed. The spirit was one hundred per cent. Why shouldn't it be? This was a new outfit starting from scratch. No strikes on them; all set for the task ahead, and believe me, they went right to work. School started one week later and the boys began to learn a new field. For seven weeks they learned to drive Tanks, Trucks and make minor repairs on them.

They also learned how to fire the new 105 Howitzer Guns. It was hard work those seven weeks, but after school was completed, they were ready for their first important job as a Cannon Company.

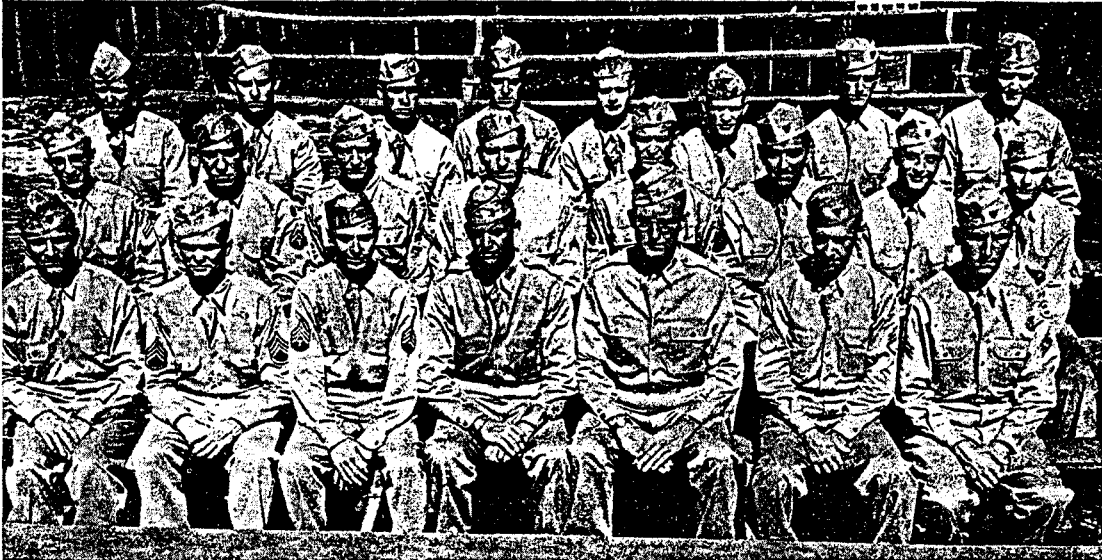
Talk about a bunch of kids with a new toy! Well, it was like that. Their first problem called for Cannon Fire on a Machine Gun Implication, and it took them one round to blast it out of existence. The instructors were speechless. Never before had they seen such an exhibition. The Cannon Company made a name for themselves. Their problems have been nothing less than superior, and that's a record that both they and the Regiment are proud of.

They're called "Hell Busters," and they haven't been overestimated. Even in athletics they're tops. At the time of this writing they are well on their way toward winning the Regimental Baseball Pennant.

About the last of November, 1942, 1st Sgt. Cason went to Officers' Candidate School as a handcuffed volunteer. Sgt. Leonard J. Witt, then a staff sergeant, took over his job.

To throw gas on the fire, the company met with more bad luck, when, in the month of January, 1943, Capt. Harkness was relieved of the command of the unit. Capt. Key, then executive officer, was made C.O. He was well liked, but it was only a matter of a few months when he too was relieved and 1st Lt. Streicher was given command.

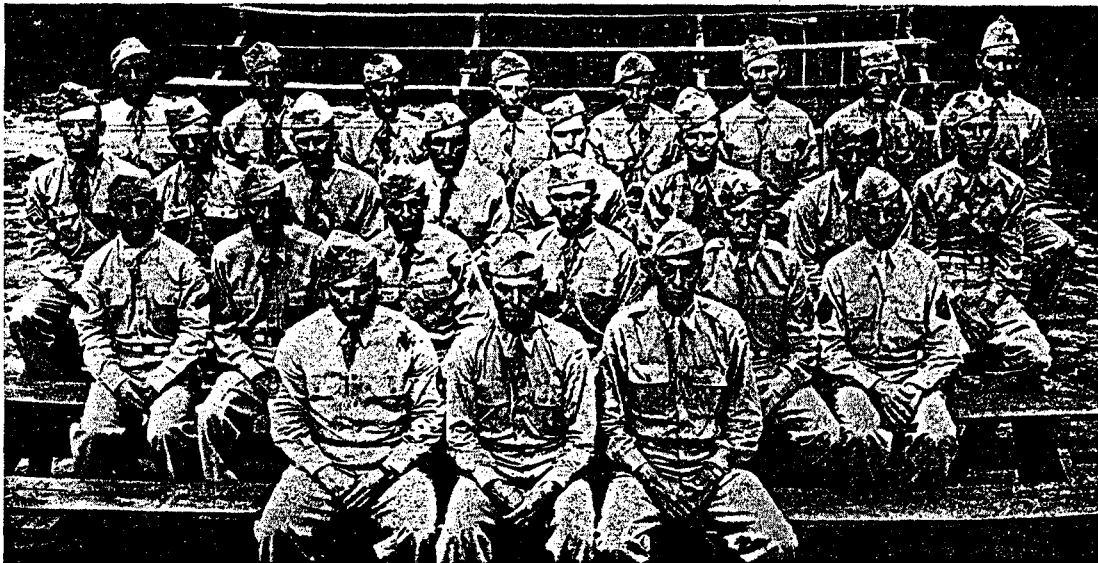
The members of Cannon Company have only one thing to say. "Company commanders may come and go, officers may come and go, non-coms may come and go, and last but not least, Tables of Organization may come and go; but the one hundred per cent morale and spirit of the company will always remain."



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) T-4 Lou's R. Trout, S-Sgt. Loyd T. Lee, T-4 Bernard Franblau, 2nd Lt. James C. Todd, Jr., 2nd Lt. Thomas J. L. Henson, S-Sgt. David T. Kohler, Sgt. Michael W. Nagy.

2nd row: Cpl. Beetem H. Strack, Sgt. Lavern F. Voelker, Cpl. Patrick D. Horne, Cpl. Tony Palermo, Cpl. James L. Dyal, T-5 Frank R. Flores, T-5 Ralph L. Marra, Pvt. John J. Quarles, Jr.

3rd row: Pfc. Houston S. Nolan, Cpl. Elmer L. Horne, Pfc. William A. Groover, Pvt. George D. Vaneman, Pvt. Lester A. Sigler, Pvt. Harry L. Manges, Pfc. John M. Beebe, T-5 Henry A. Schroer.

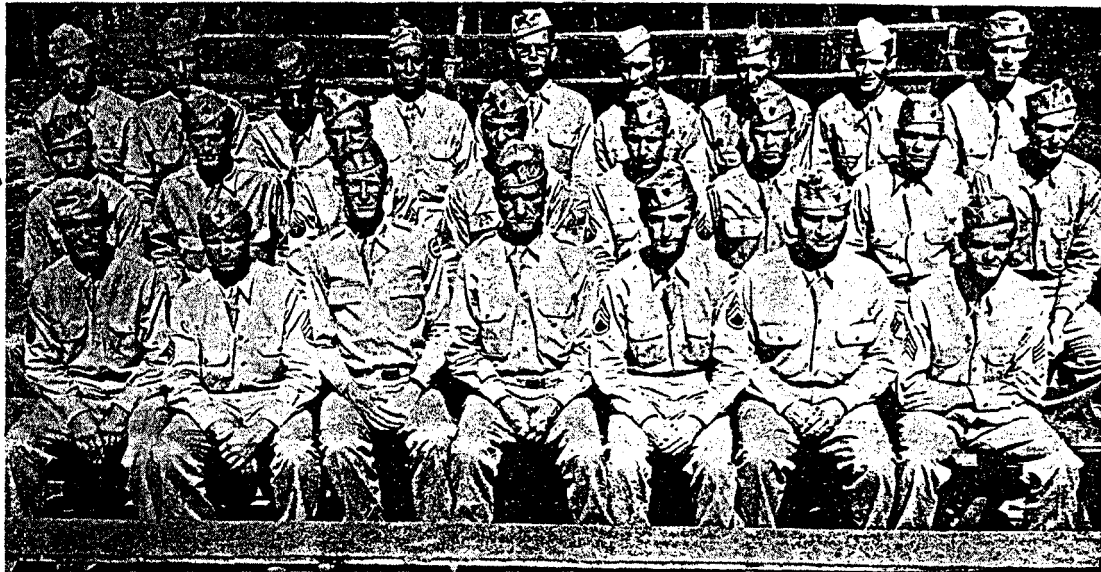


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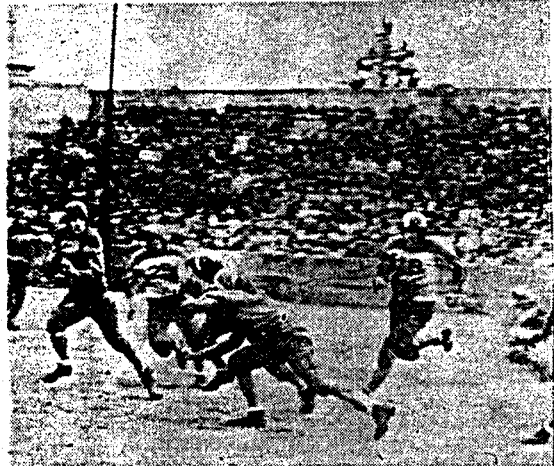
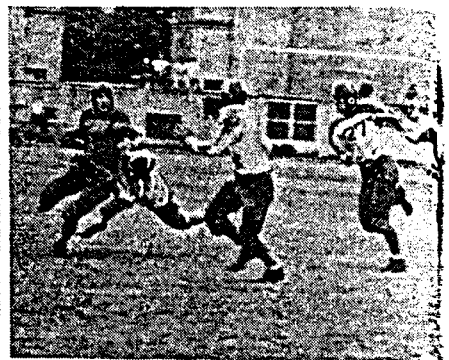
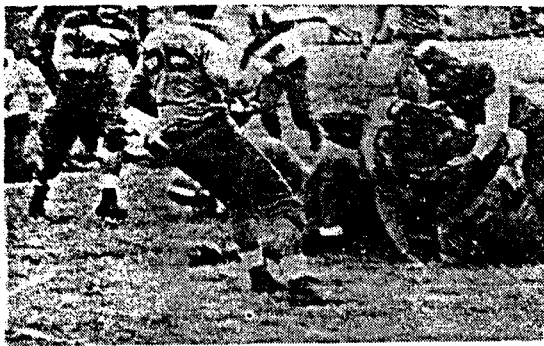


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2nd row: Cpl. Arvel Adkins, T-5 Aubrey N. Rye, T-5 Tony F. Joy, T-5 William S. Crawford, T-5 Jack C. Stanfield, Cpl. Jesse H. Duggan, Pfc. William D. Linton, Pvt. Pelam G. Rowell.
3rd row: Pvt. Roy B. Hildum, Pfc. William R. Beecher, Jr., Pfc. Edwin E. Brown, Pvt. Guadalupe S. Martinez, Pfc. Cephus Traylor, Pfc. Harmon R. Tyner, Pvt. Harry E. Rannefield, Pvt. Bernard C. Davis, Pfc. Leonard J. Pieton.



WHAT'S BUZZIN' COUSIN? The hustle and bustle in the air is the result of teamwork this platoon of cannoners displayed. You will notice that each man is giving his utmost to the task at hand. The men are experts in their respective jobs and their speed and efficiency is comparable to assembly line..

This is just one of the many demonstrations the cannon-men put on for the benefit of the Officer Candidate Students. It is a problem demonstrating the proper way of firing the 105 mm Howitzer gun.



HE DOOD IT AGAIN Adam Lazonga's famous victory cry again peals the air as another opponent is downed.

Time Out!

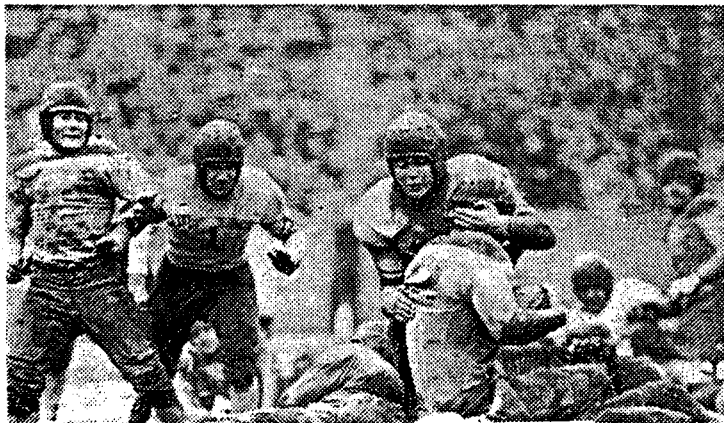
Sunday, December 6, 1942 will always linger in the memories of all Gator Grid Athletes and fans. This was the day that Benning's football battle of the year was waged. This was the afternoon when the Gators, the Fort Benning Conference Champs, trounced their close rivals, the 29th Infantry Blue Devils, 21 to 7 and completed the season undefeated.

This was also the day when the Gators were honored and crowned Post Champs. The presentation of the Fort Benning Conference trophy to the team and regiment was enacted just prior to the opening kickoff. Lt. Col. Finnegan of the Fort Benning Athletic Association introduced Brig. Gen. Walter S. Fulton, Post Commander, who awarded the trophy to team captain Roy Cestary, who in turn, placed the trophy in the hands of the 124th Inf. Commander, Col. John D. Hill.



CHAMPS' STAR RECEIVES TROPHY. Gen. Walter S. Fulton presents the Post Championship Trophy to Gator back, Roy Cestary

NECKING PARTY. On this line play between the Gators and the Blue Devils, one of the Devils below has tackled Roy Cestary when another Devil came up and pinned an affectionate embrace on Roy.



HEY! QUIT SHOVIN' Just like Coney Island on a Sunday afternoon.



Medical Detachment

ITS SOLE OBJECT IS "TO CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH OF THE UNIT TO WHICH IT IS ATTACHED"

The story of the Medical Detachment's growth with all its interesting incidents has paralleled with the development of the regiment and when the Regiment rushed to South Florida to aid those stricken by flood, the detachment was an active participant. In every instance where the regiment answered the call to duty, the Medical Detachment has lived up to its motto: "Exteditus Necessitate" (On hand in time of need). In Sanford on November 24, 1940, the detachment was inducted into the Federal Service. It remained there until December 18th, when they moved to Camp Blanding.

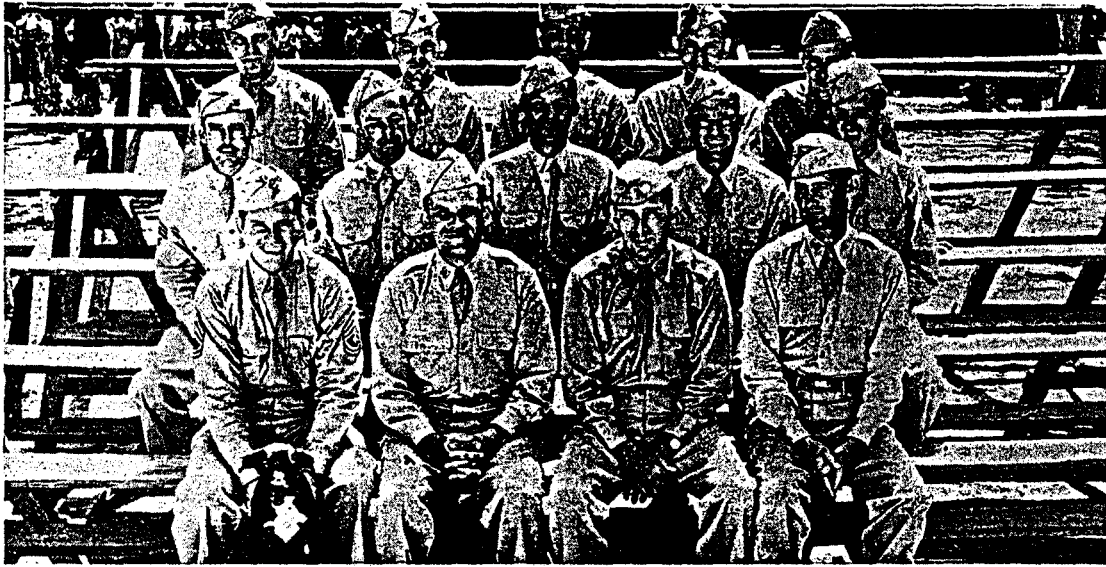
The Detachment, with large scale maneuvers in Louisiana and the Carolinas completed, accompanied the Regiment to Fort Benning. Its first problem for The Infantry School was B-222, which is an all Medical Demonstration. This exhibition has proven a constant amazement to the stands. A gas casualty is treated by supposedly removing some of his blood. This well practiced trick of drawing the artificial blood into a bottle has always shocked the students. A litter squad next on the scene brings a fracture case into the aid station, where the soldier is immediately cared for. The problem in its entirety leaves the students with an unforgettable picture of the importance of the Medical Soldier.

The detachment has sent aid details with every demonstration that the regiment has been called upon to do for The Infantry School. The school's desire is that the student must see the complete picture of how the combat job must be done. Demonstration B-191 is the fulfillment of the school's demand. The picture was made complete when the aid man dashed in front of the stands and, dropping to his belly, wormed his way to the

nearest casualty and hurriedly dressed his injury. The litter squad was next on the scene evacuating the injured to the rear.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull soldier, and understanding body functions, the Medicos have always participated in athletics. The Medical Men have continually excelled in team sports, and have participated in every regimental athletic event. The detachment took first place in the Basketball League in the seasons of 1941-1942, and placed among the top in the round robin at the end of the season. The detachment's soft ball team has been undefeated so far this season, and was runner-up in the softball championship last year. Strong support has always been given by the barks of their sleek mascot "Blackout," idol of the detachment. He was found just a pup, wandering along the Hourglass road, and has since become a full grown morale builder. He has never missed a retreat, and sits erect during the whole procedure. When the order "Dismissed" is given, he makes a mad scramble for the barracks, always managing to finish first, beating out the first group of chowhounds.

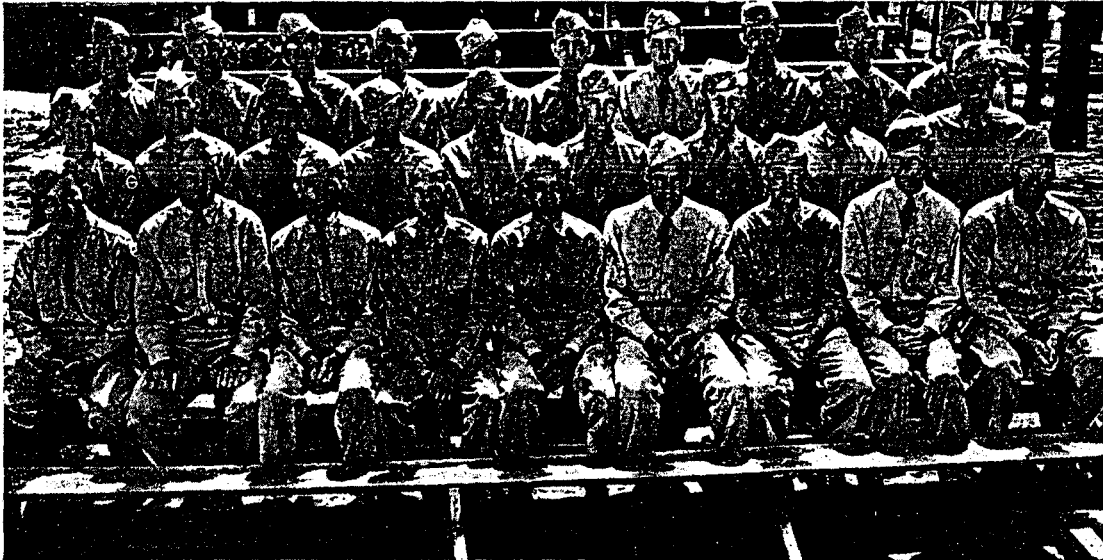
This brings the Medical Detachment's history up to date. During the past year there have been some changes. The detachment has received new officers and Captain Hockenberry became major and is key man in the medical set-up. New enlisted men have been added, and today the detachment as a function team under Capt. Davis looks into the future, its sole objective being to follow the purpose of the Medical Department of which it is a subordinate: **TO CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH OF THE UNIT TO WHICH IT IS ATTACHED.**



HEADQUARTERS MEDICAL SECTION—(left to right) 1st Sgt. James D. Colbert, Capt. Jacob R. Davis, Major Ralph E. Hockenberry, Capt. William F. Travers.

2nd row: T-4 Francis M. Wren, T-4 William O. Haisten, Sgt. Herbert A. Thurston, Sgt. Farris H. Dav's, T-4 Currie M. Goff, Jr.,

3rd row: T-4 Frank E. Simmons, Pfc. Kenneth W. Grove, T-5 Joseph A. Bessi, T-5 Leonard Harris, T-4 Alvis W. Mewborn.



FIRST BATTALION MEDICAL SECTION—(left to right) Pfc. Clifford V. Williams, Cpl. Oliver H. Howell, S-Sgt. Herbert C. Davis, Jr., Capt. James E. Cochran, T-4 Harry J. Austin, T-5 Leonard D. Starr, T-5 Burton F. Kelly, Pfc. Bonnie R. Windley, Pfc. John C. Darcy.

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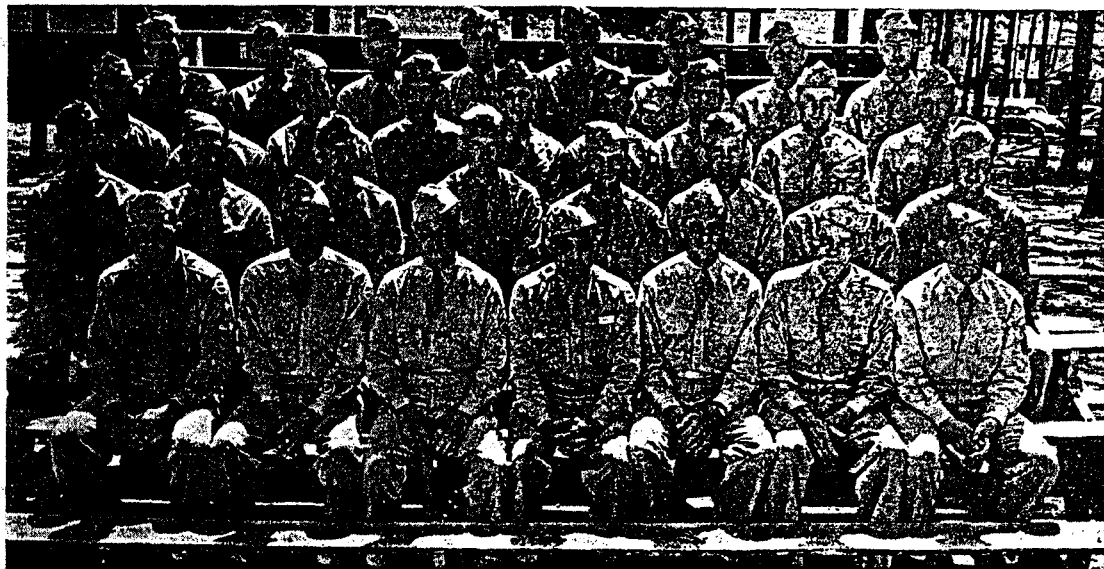


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2nd row: Pfc. Claude V. Gardner, Jr., T-5 Joseph W. Hutton, T-5 Jimmy W. Kellett, Pfc. Henry T. Dunn, Pfc. Oriole M. Mayo, T-5 Albert S. Pyzik, T-5 Harry E. Robson, T-5 Leonard M. Dickey.

3rd row: Pvt. Peter S. Mackiewicz, Pvt. James J. Lihos, Pfc. William V. Brooks, Pvt. Louis Bondy, Pfc. Daniel J. Kierman, Pvt. Richard M. Phelan, Pvt. George M. Sovie, Pfc. Edward F. Carter.

4th row: Pvt. Ernest A. Handwerk, Pfc. William J. Wallace, Jr., Pfc. Tuggle W. Webster, Pvt. Harold R. Meisch, Pfc. John R. Hill, Pvt. Wilbur R. Foltz, Pfc. Robert A. Howell, Jr., Pfc. Homer E. Mills, Pvt. John S. Taylor.



THIRD BATTALION MEDICAL SECTION—(left to right) T-5 James T. Brown, T-5 John B. Stapler, S-Sgt. Robert I. Marlowe, Capt. Andrew L. Petrillo, T-4 Fred D. Griffith, Cpl. Marion H. Wright, T-5 Eston W. Allen.

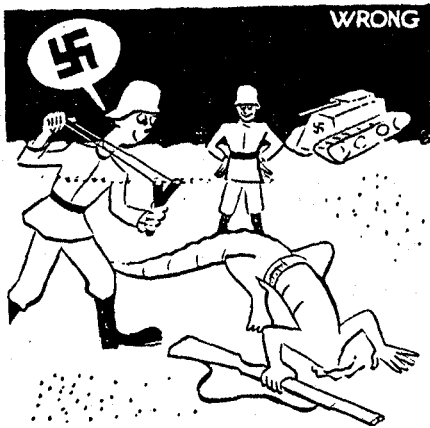
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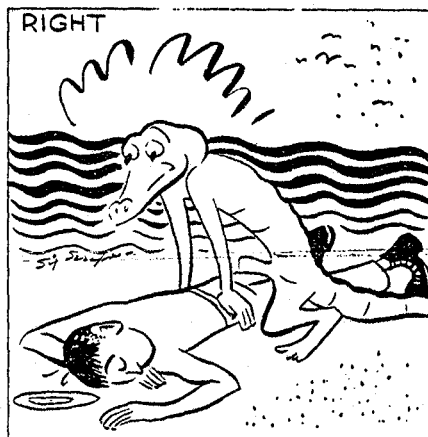
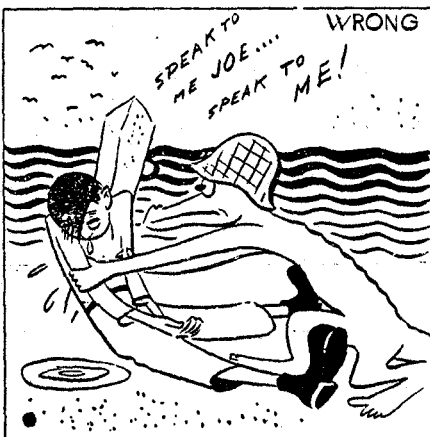
Adam Lazonga In Combat

REGIMENTAL MASCOT SERVES AS EDUCATIONAL MODEL TO INSPIRE ALLIGATOR STAFF ARTIST PFC. SIG SERAFIN



In the course of publishing a weekly regimental newspaper the ALLIGATOR, the question arose: "How can the ALLIGATOR said the average GI in remembering helpful hints concerning combat operations and present them in an interesting fashion at the same time?"

The result was a weekly cartoon in two panels. The first panel is marked "wrong." It shows Adam Lazonga in an incorrect maneuver which is definitely not the "school solution." The second panel shows the same Gator going through the same procedure correctly.



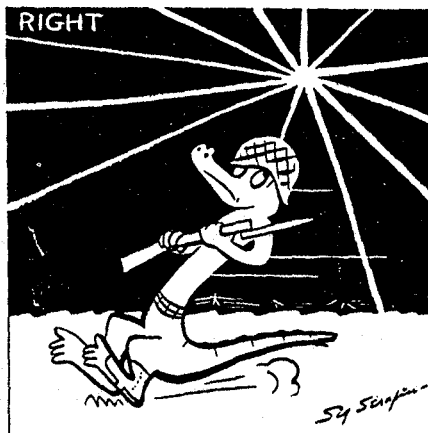
Adam Lazonga hews that in battle its DIG OR DIE. The American soldier has learned that the most important thing in infantry warfare is to dig for protection.

For the cessation of breathing caused by electrical shock, suffocation or drowning, artificial respiration is the only treatment. The prone pressure method is the latest means when mechanical aids are not available.

When operating in a combat area, the individual soldier will probably work at night just about as often as in daylight.

Since night operations are very dangerous, he would be well advised to learn to fit his training to the particular need at hand.

For instance, if you should find yourself in an open field when an enemy flare goes off, and you don't have time to duck for cover, DON'T RUN. By running you will be much more discernible to the enemy.



1st Bn. Hq. Staff

IT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WANTS OF EACH COMPANY
IN BATTALION, FROM TRAINING TO GENERAL MORALE

The Infantry Battalion Headquarters Section, though a non-administrative unit, plays an important role in the life of the men within the unit.

It is the staff's responsibility to see that each company doesn't want for anything. If a problem on plans and training, food, transportation, equipment, or general morale arises, it is the direct responsibility of the Bn. C. O., Lt. Col. Earl M. Shine to see that it is properly handled.

Surrounding the Colonel, in this important job, are Major Terry B. Patterson, Executive Officer, Captain Russell E. Whetstone, Operations Officer, Lt. Conrad D. Philos, Adjutant, Lt. George L. Scharpf, Supply Officer, and Lt. Robert F. Long, Transportation Officer. It is through the cooperation of these men that Colonel Shine's extreme responsibilities are somewhat lessened.

Major Patterson, in carrying out his

executive duties, generally aids the Battalion commander.

Captain Russell E. Whetstone who is in charge of the operations section, is directly responsible for all Infantry School Problems assigned the Battalion in addition to whipping up the various unit training programs that the companies go through.

Lt. Conrad D. Philos, the Battalion Adjutant is in complete charge of the Battalion Memorandums, Special and General Orders issued from this headquarters.

Lt. George L. Scharpf finds that the job of handling the supplies for this Battalion keeps him constantly on the move. All the necessities for the companies come through the work of this officer.

Transportation for School Problems, and recreational purposes is furnished by the Battalion Transportation Officer, Lt. Robert F. Long.



FIRST BATTALION STAFF—(left to right) Lieutenant Colonel Earl M. Shine (Battalion Commander), Major Terry B. Patterson (Executive Officer).
2nd row: Captain Russell E. Whetstone (Operations Officer), Lieutenant Conrad D. Philos (Adjutant), Lieutenant C. E. Holloway, Jr. (Intelligence Officer), and Lieutenant George L. Scharpf (Supply Officer).

Hq. Co. 1st Bn.

PERSONNEL PROUD OF 98% "SUPERIOR" RATINGS ON PIONEER AND DEMOLITION DEMONSTRATIONS NO. 226

Among the many National Guard Units which were mustered in November, 1940, came a small detachment from Sanford, Florida, consisting of 13 enlisted men and one officer.

Then came the Louisiana and Carolina Maneuvers where the men braved the cold, heat and the insects.

Being the first to leave for Fort Benning, the detachment now under the command of Lt. Raymond S. J. Sprague, felt, as did the men of other units of the First Battalion, that their early assignment with The Infantry School at Fort Benning, was due to much hard work, and cooperation with their superiors.

On Problem 226, 'Pioneer and Demoli-

tions," the unit has received more commendations than from any other in its course with The Infantry School. A rating of 98 per cent "Superior" is a record well worth remembering, and certainly a goal to strive for, for any unit.

All work and no play, however, makes G.I. Jack a dull boy. So the Hq. Co. has participated in every sport on the Gator schedule. Baseball, football, softball, volleyball, swimming and golf are among the favored sports.

It was during the sultry days of the summer of 1942, that Hq. Det. was promoted to a full-fledged company and is now under the command of Lt. Conrad D. Philos.



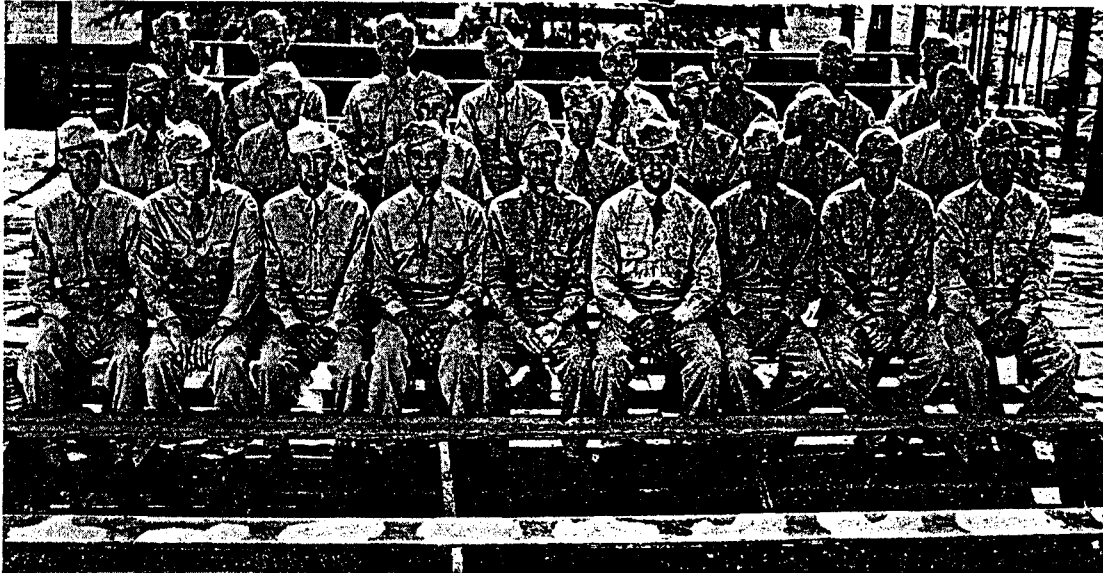
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5th row: Pfc. Robert H. Bean, Pvt. Anthony J. Kennish, Pfc. Francesco Cotroneo, Pfc. Elvin W. Valentine.



COMMUNICATION PLATOON—(left to right) S-Sgt. E. J. Harris, Sgt. Jack W. Evans, T-5 Parker Jesse, Pfc. Joseph Jachimski, 2nd Lt. Jewell A. Blankenship, Pfc. Angelo J. Berasi, Pfc. George B. Guntow, Pfc. George A. Harbeson, Pfc. Walter N. Schlitz.

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AMMUNITION, PIONEER AND ANTI-TANK PLATOONS—(left to right) Cpl. Patrick S. Perryman, Cpl. Orbie D. Bowen, S-Sgt. Vernon B. Smith, Jr., 1st Lt. Richard H. Koeller, S-Sgt. James C. Byers, Cpl. Orin L. Lick, Cpl. Hoyt P. Richberg.

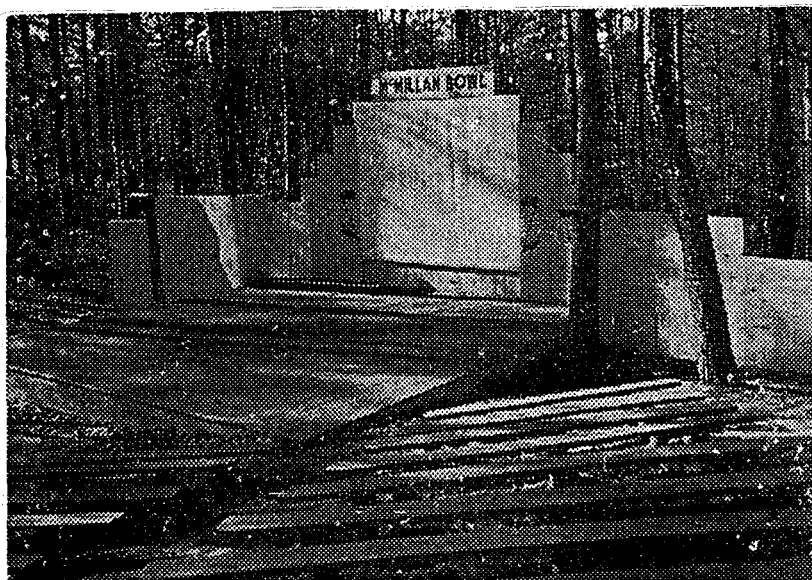
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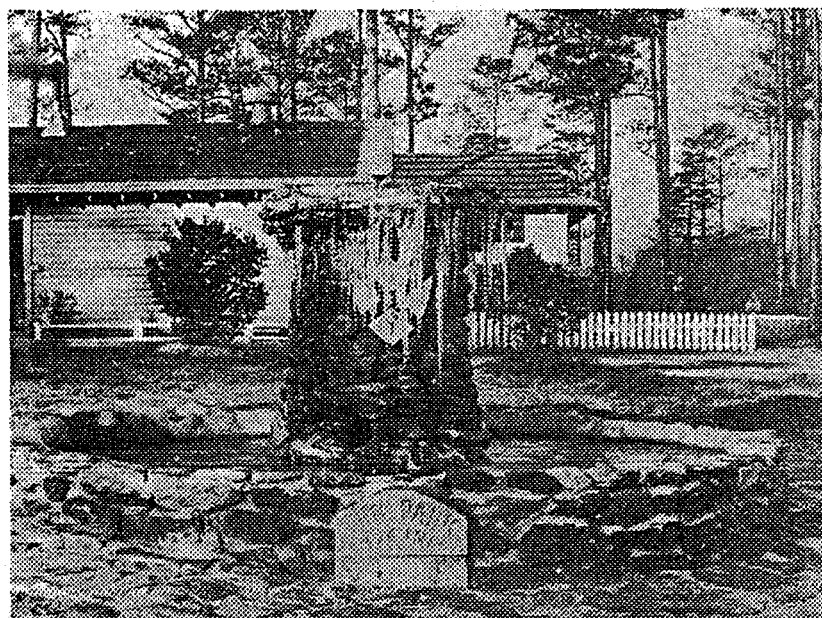
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McMILLAN BOWL built under the auspices of Lt. Col. Henry W. McMillan is an open-air theatre containing two dressing rooms, a movie size screen, a stage comparable to the size of Hollywood Bowl and a seating capacity of a thousand people.

Gatorland Scenes...



GATORS' TECHUMSEH. Since the construction of the First Battalion Wishing Well, last year, many Gators have discarded their rabbits foot, four leaf clovers, horse shoes and lucky coins.



HE FLOATS THROUGH THE AIR with the greatest of ease, the daring young pup of the fighting M.D.'s. At the command "Fall in," Blackout, the Medic's mascot will dive into the arms of any Medico from the barracks roof.

THE RETREAT SERENADERS. They're the guys that blow all that loud music around retreat time each day.



Company A

**CO-OPERATION, GOOD-WILL AND UNDERSTANDING ARE
TO THE MEN A POLICY TO BE PRACTICED DAY BY DAY**

Soldiers are, for the most part, closer to each other in thought and speech than any other body of men. The men of Company A, the first company of the regiment, are indeed a cohesive group of troopers. Co-operation, good-will and understanding are to the company's personnel not merely a politician's dirge, but rather, an every day policy practiced by each man in the outfit.

Instituted to some extent by difficult problems and hardships shared together, the men have invented a jargon of speech peculiar to the experiences of the company. One walking down the beautifully arranged company street would be amazed to hear such startling yells as, "Blocks out . . . bolts forward . . . covers down." These expressions are memorable of good old problem 112 (Machine Gun) or "Go ahead 400"; a throw back to the time spent by the A-men on problem 178 (Scouting and Patrolling).

The company is particularly proud of its record while on problem 156-157 (B. A. R. Instruction), and holds a perennial "Superior" for outstanding demonstrations on problem 188 (Battalion in Attack). Ours is an enviable record, one that does justice to the honor of the regiment. A glance at the company's records reveal that the majority of all details are listed as superior, and the minority as excellent.

Efficiency is never acquired by mere chance. No, plenty of hard work, Esprit de Corps and intelligent leadership inspire perfection. The efficiency as shown by the company's records, would easily be understandable were one to delve into the history of the outfit.

Company A, at its induction into the regular army at Camp Blanding, Fla. on Nov. 25, 1940, was comprised mostly of men from Miami, Fla.

Since becoming an active force of our great army, the company's personnel has changed considerably. Officers and men have come and gone. Capt. Macfarland commanded the company at the time of its induction and was succeeded by the able and soldiery Capt. Klein. Who, of his command can forget the old Captain? Succeeding commanding officers have more than kept the record of leadership set by their predecessors. Lt. Maloof, Lt. Jackson and the now commanding Capt. Key have more than proven their ability.

Athletics and recreation play a major role in the lives of our men. You may, at any of the men's free time see them spending it on some form of athletics. Too, there is the "Royal Palm Club," our day-room, where one may do anything from "chalking the cue" to reading a best seller.

There has been since the entrance of the company into the regular army, many unusual incidents that will long linger in the minds of the men. Some were highly ludicrous to the extreme. While others were on the more serious side. Who could forget the lad, who in his cups, emulated a paratrooper, and went head over heels down the stairs and through the door. Or the portly cook, who upon each return from town, sank to his knees upon the latrine floor and loudly confessed his sins.

Every conclusion to any tale must have a climax. And, who of the company can ever forget the thrill of satisfaction that was theirs when Generals Parks and Valdez personally recommended the highest commendation ever presented to any company for the superior performance put on by the boys one miserable rainy day on problem No. 178, (Scouting and Patrolling).

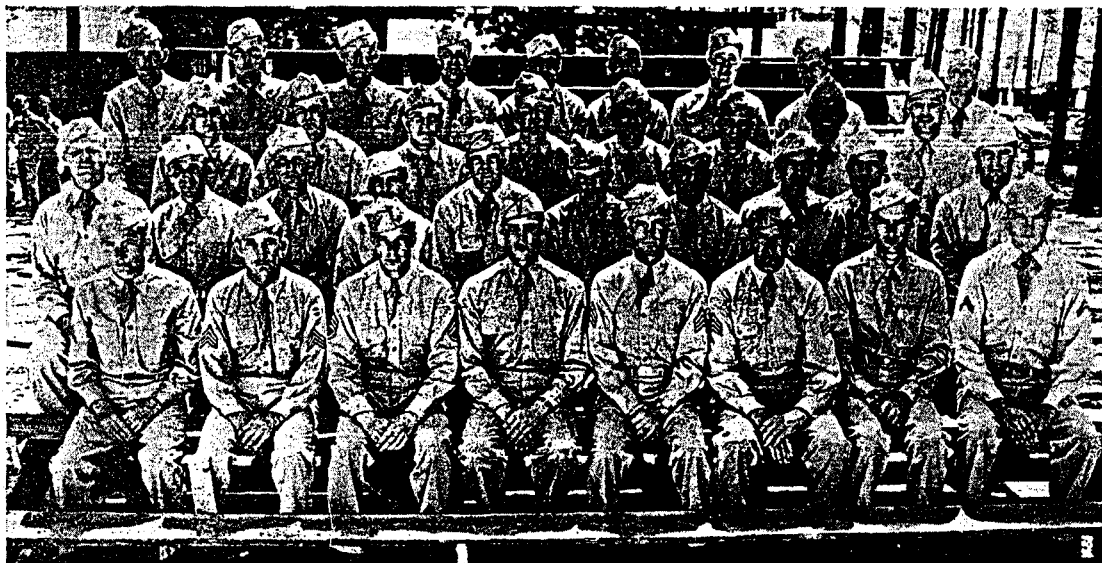


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2nd row: Pfc. John W. Cumbie, Cpl. Lawrence G. Sharp, Cpl. Homer J. Rood, Cpl. Kenneth W. Stickland, Pvt. Keva Morris, Pvt. Onnie Hill, Pvt. Walter L. Faick, Pfc. Ralph P. Buda.

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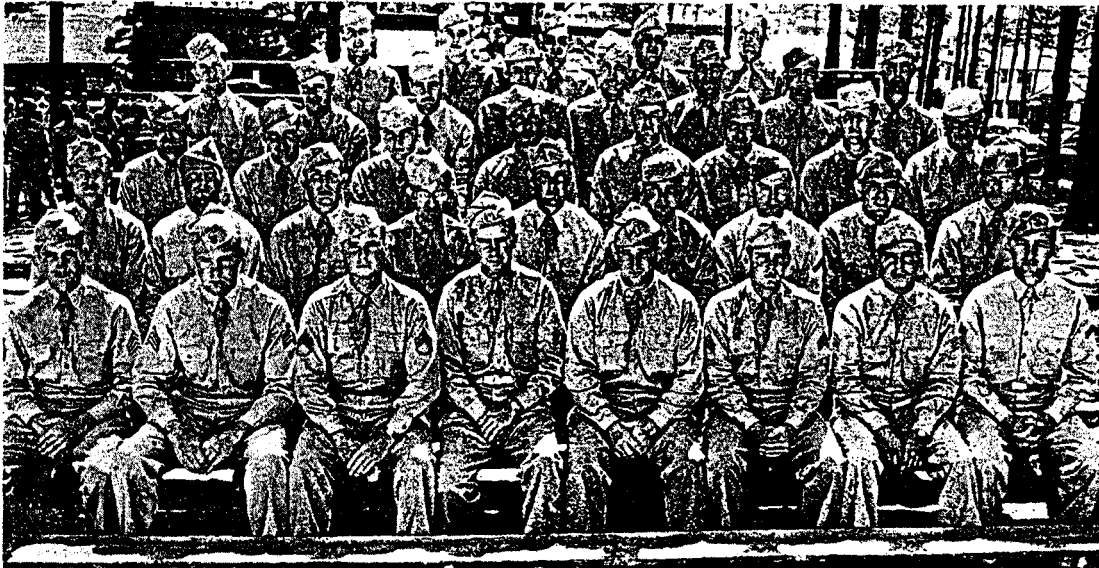


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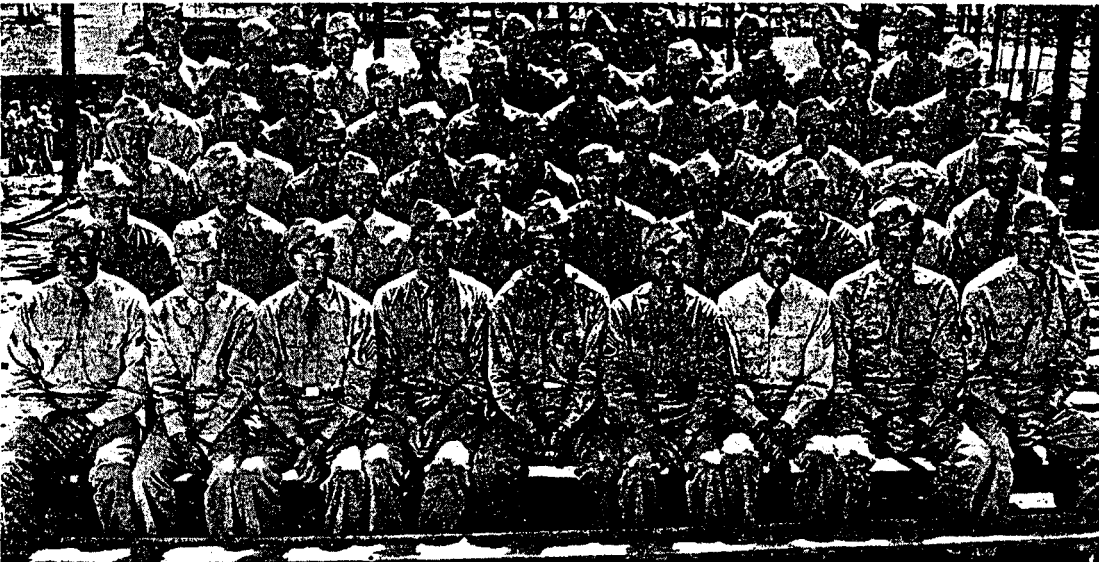
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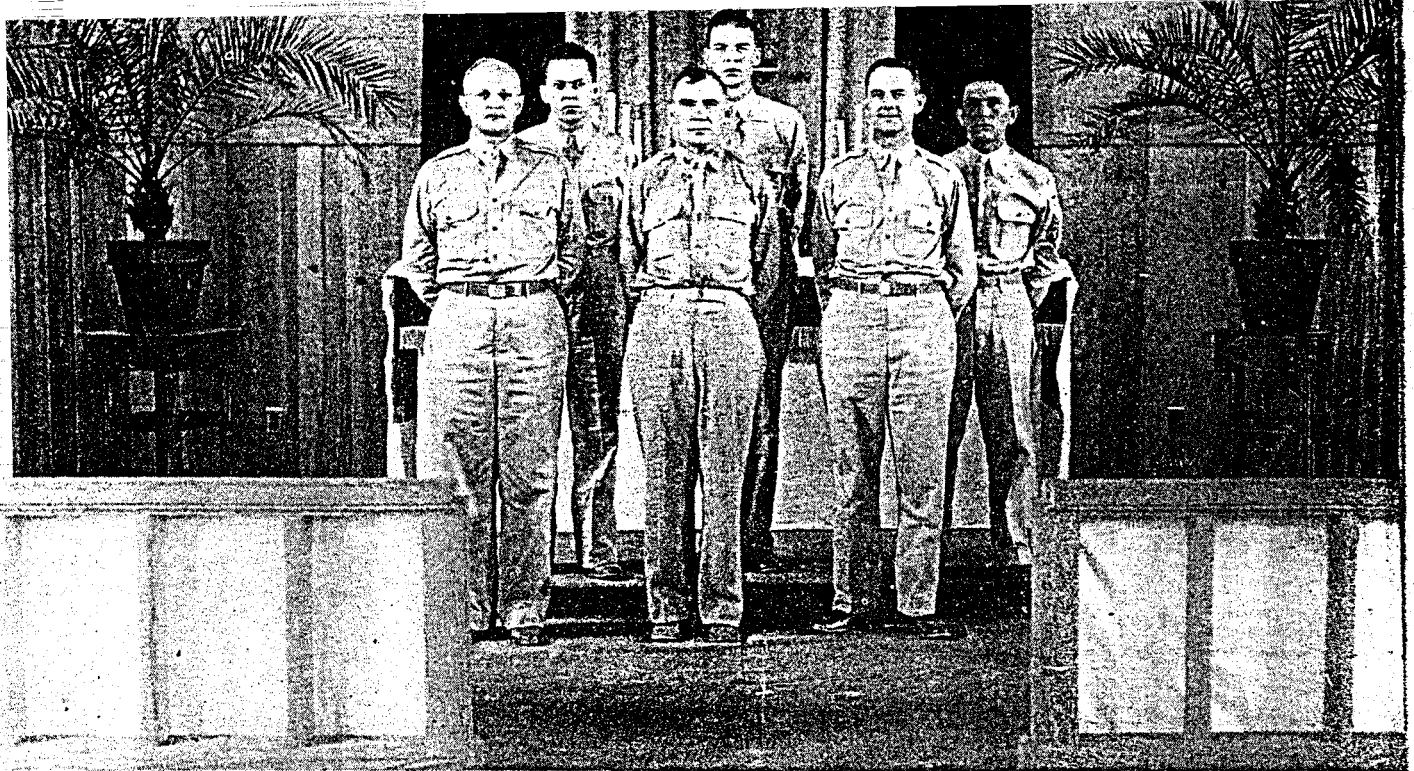
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THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Ralph G. Rainwater, Sgt. Thomas E. Smith, S-Sgt. Thomas H. Kirkman, 1st Lt. Lawrence E. Randall, 2nd Lt. James L. Mulcahey, Sgt. Ethan D. Fay, Sgt. Donald L. Ostrander, Cpl. Walter Stetser, Jr.
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FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Ralph B. Derry, Sgt. Paul B. Ragans, Sgt. Allan Miller, S-Sgt. Ralph G. McCall, 2nd Lt. Aubrey W. Wayland, S-Sgt. Joseph B. Willett, Sgt. Wendell J. Brown, T-4 Harris B. George, Sgt. Leverette F. Murphy.
 2nd row: Pfc. Samuel D. Rutter, Cpl. William W. Pierce, Cpl. Lawrence E. Duncan, T-5 Jacob G. Becker, Cpl. Joseph J. Dowling, Cpl. Mose W. Spence, T-5 William F. Raia, T-5 Harry C. Dick, Pfc. Peter A. Miskow.
 3rd row: Pvt. Andrew J. Adams, Pfc. Frank J. Alexander, Pvt. Clifford M. DeMonia, Pvt. Frank T. Woodrow, Pvt. Ralph H. August, Pvt. Abe J. Finkelstein, Pfc. Stephen A. Pipito, Pvt. Alex Privis, Pfc. Paul B. Hardin, Pfc. George M. Griffin.
 4th row: Pfc. William C. Bryant, Pfc. Lester Johns, Pfc. Angelo M. Pacella, Pfc. Clarence R. Markle, Pfc. Leslie Pierce, Pfc. Joe J. Szopinske, Pfc. Wallace W. Thornton, Pfc. Andrew J. Whetstone, Pvt. Lowell E. Hays, Pvt. Paul E. A. Spring.
 5th row: Pfc. William F. Plane, Pfc. Robert C. Covington, Pfc. Markel D. Clay, Pfc. Hobdy W. Hayles, Pvt. Zenon S. Starzynski, Pfc. John P. Morgan, Pvt. Vernon E. Conner, Pfc. Harris W. Phelps, Pfc. Alfred F. Miaczynski, Pfc. Ray H. Atkinson.



CHAPLAINS AND ASSISTANTS—(left to right) Chap. Clarence R. Ritchie, T-5 Byron L. Allen, Chap. Alexander W. Whitaker, T-5 David E. Bailey, Chap. Stephen F. Kuhn and T-5 Carlo A. Ammirati.

Chaplains' Haven

One of the busiest places in Gatorland is the 124th Infantry Chapel. A rustic traditionally Army church it embraces all faiths and creeds. Here all men; Catholics or Jews, Protestants or non-sectarians find sanctuary. This is the place where the personal troubles of the regiment are ironed out, where many social activities are planned. Whether it's an emergency furlough or a weakened pass, a company party or a spiritual need, Gators are sure to find a sympathetic interest by picking up a phone and calling 247.

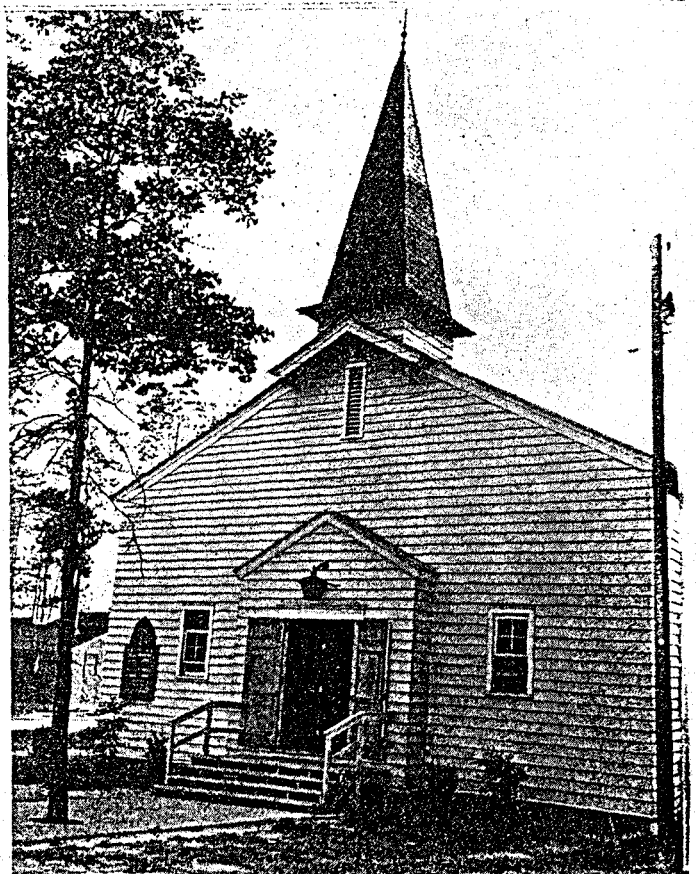
Personnel of the chapel consists of Chaplains A. W. Whitaker, C. R. Ritchie and Padre S. F. Kuhn with their assistants; Corporals Allen, Bailey and Ammirati.

The regular religious services consist of daily masses for the Catholic men of the regiment, as well as a Novena in honor of our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday evenings and two Sunday masses with benediction following the last mass. Protestant services are held on Sunday and include Lutheran and General Protestant ceremonies.

There are two active religious organizations whose activities are conducted from the Chapel; the Service Men's Christian League which meets weekly at the chapel and embraces all Protestants of the Regiment and the Holy Name Society for Catholics.

For the Catholic men of the regiment there is a Sanctuary set aside at the rear of the Chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is present at all times. Here the men at any time can spend a silent moment in prayer and adoration.

THE 124TH CHAPEL. Below is a picture of the entrance to the Chapel.



Company B

THEY WORK AND PLAY HARD WHEN THERE IS TIME
TO PLAY; THEY ARE ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

It was November, 1940 and in the bright and warm air of Sunny Miami there was a tingle of a fast approaching war.

Down home we were all prepared to do our bit for Uncle Sam, so on the morning of November 25 when that "durn" bugler blew assembly we were all there "Johnny on the Spot." We knew what we were getting into and there wasn't a man among that first 87 that made a sound when the "Old Man" asked if there was anybody who didn't want to go.

We have come a long way since then and we have been around some too. You "guys" all remember the Louisiana Maneuvers, the Ocala March, and the South Carolina Maneuvers. Well, it was out in those "dang" swamps of Louisiana that we were picked as one of the best outfits in this man's army, and were destined to do big things.

We have done our job and done it well and it wasn't easy work either, was it? You guys all know that, but we stayed right in there and pitched, pitched everything we had and don't forget we're still "pitching," (All for one and one for all) That's us; that's good old Company B. We have worked hard and played hard but there wasn't much time for play was there? Or do you remember when you used to get up at 4 a. m. and maybe you were finished at dark and maybe you weren't.

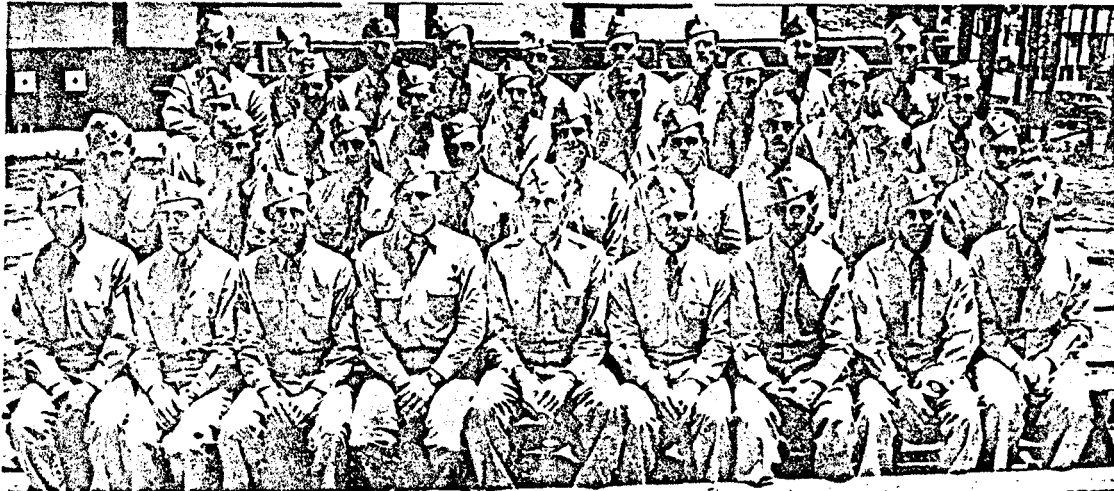
After we arrived in these here parts we soon set out to get a taste of real Army Life the good old G. I. way and it wasn't long before all one could hear was: "Blocks down, bolts forward, covers down—on your opponent's rifle move.

On left edge of stake and take a ten-minute break."

Fortunately we haven't lost all of the "old timers" for we still have such reliables as Staff Sergeant Lloyd W. Ayers (You know him—"459 Ayers") and there is the baby of the Platoon Sergeants, the guy with the creamy smile Staff Sergeant Russell E. Grooms. Staff Sergeant Jack Metcalf, is the Metcalf of Problem No. 188, and finally they gave us good old No. 152B (Third Battalion Couldn't Handle it) that's where we heard a lot from the long and lanky Staff Sergeant Levin H. Rollins, Jr. Last but not least among the fine Non-Coms is the Daddy of the Company First Sergeant James H. Moser. He is not only the Daddy of the company, but now he can be called the daddy of the regiment. The topper served in all grades having enlisted in 1930 and after 9 years was finally made

"Top Kick." In his time he has served under a great many company commanders which brings up to date the present company C. O. none other than First Lieutenant Heinz H. Volz, who by the way, before entering the Army was a champion wrestler in the army of Gobs.

Yes Sir, we have come a long way these last three years. And finally when Old Uncle says you guys can go back home; and once again when the sun shines and the air is bright and warm, you fellows will be much wiser, and better equipped to face the world, knowing that you helped to lick the Axis in the best company, in the best battalion, in the best regiment in the army. And how do we know that? Well its like this. When the regiment wants something done, they get the First Battalion, and when the First Battalion wants something done, they get the men of "B";



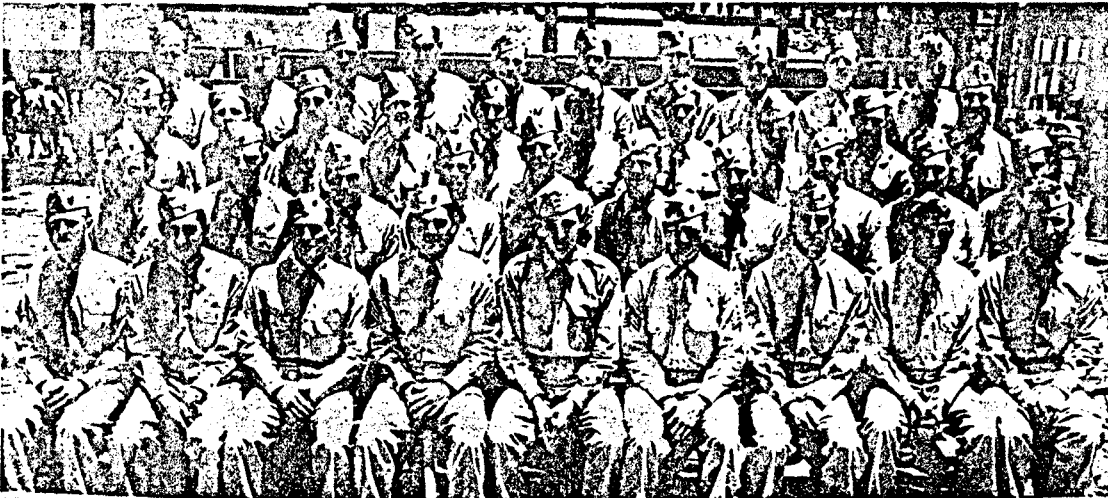
THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Saul Friedman, Sgt. Harris H. Lovell, Sgt. William G. Newbold, S-Sgt. Jack Mercalf, 2nd Lt. Ordway H. Cesgin, Sgt. Marlon H. Brookbank, Sgt. Henry Q. Stevens, Sgt. Ott's A. Noel, Cpl. John H. Germeyer.
2nd row: Pvt. Hoyt H. Rayburn, Pfc. George Ashforth, Jr., Pfc. Charles W. Vicars, Pfc. Millen N. Wilson, Pvt. Saul Rosen, Pfc. Daniel Lee, Pvt. Clarence A. Smith, Pvt. Alfa Tucker, Pfc. Harvel D. Barger.
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FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. James R. Nankivell, Cpl. Robert W. Cannon, Sgt. Cecil C. Hodges, S-Sgt. Levin H. Rollins Jr., 1st Lt. Thomas L. Temple III, Sgt. Dale E. Funk, Cpl. Francis M. Kelley, Cpl. Jeffery F. Price, Cpl. Harold T. Johnson.
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3rd row: Pfc. Dillon D. Brooke, Pfc. William Edwards, Pvt. Grady L. Shannon, Pfc. Henry Q. Duffey, Pvt. Jack Gillman, Pfc. John C. Bzdak, Pvt. Frederick L. Dick, Pfc. Walter J. Boland, Pfc. Charles F. Cooper.
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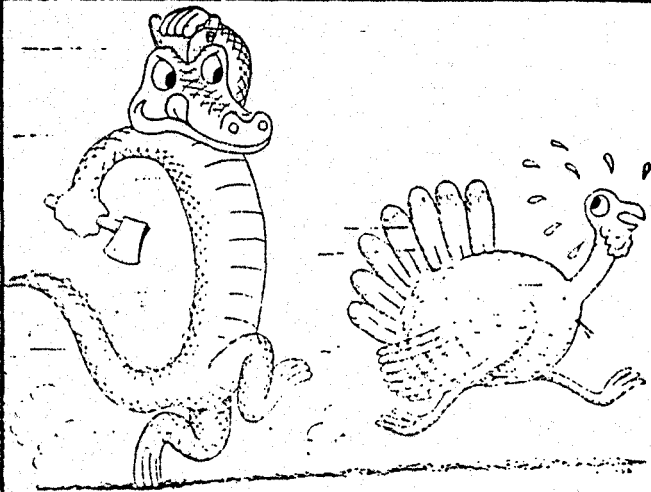


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 2nd row: Sgt. Leo K. Suhrbier, Sgt. Julius E. Hull, Sgt. Carlis B. Jackson, Sgt. Fred W. Carter, T-5 Howard L. Clown, T-5 Howell M. Detzel, Cpl. Ellis P. Hull, Pvt. Joe M. Gonzalez, Pvt. Junor Hill.
 3rd row: Pvt. Rastus W. Thrasher, Pfc. Carl Roberts, Pfc. Arley R. Flippo, Pfc. Carlis Mayo, Pfc. James W. Brookshear, Pvt. Thomas Alexander, Pfc. William A. Ashcraft, Pvt. Albert H. Budde, Pvt. Delbert E. Barnard, Pfc. Stanley Wegrzynowski.
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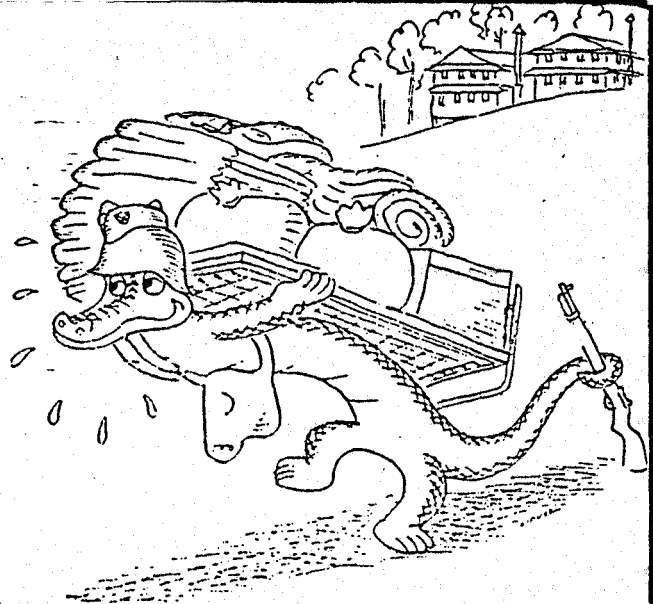


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 2nd row: Pfc. James C. Huggins, Pfc. Samuel Freeman, Pfc. Ralph V. Debo, Pvt. Martin V. Huckabaa, Pvt. John L. Holladay, Pfc. Daniel Kowal, Pvt. Ervin H. Berry, Jr., Pfc. Nick Chomyn, Pvt. Loren H. Foresman, Pvt. Thomas D. Spurway, Jr.
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ADAM LAZONGA II . . . LIPUSZ



C'mon Feet—Feed Yo' Stomach.



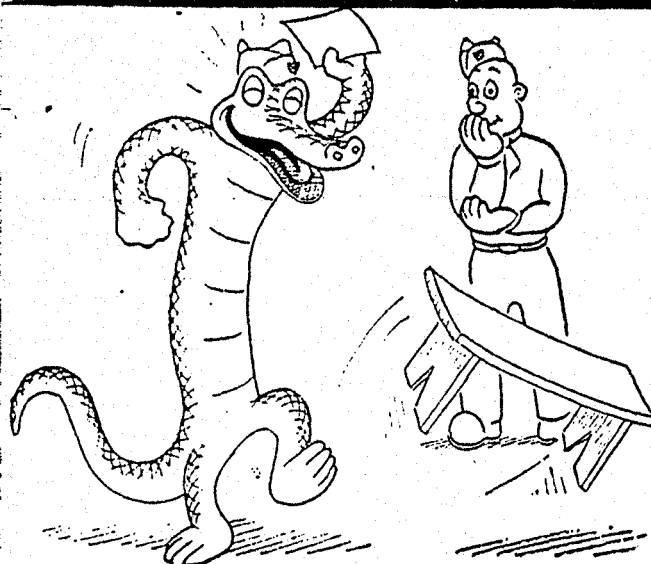
Boy, Am I Glad We're Not Having Inspection Too!



I Should Make Corporal for Solving the Sarge's Income Tax.



I Know That Blonde Winked At Me As We Marched By.



My Draft Board Wants Me to Report for Re-classification.



"A Book of Verse Beneath the Bough.
A Loaf of Bread, a Fishing Line and Thou."

Company C

WHETHER IT BE HERITAGE, WORK, EXPERIENCE OR SPORTS, THE C-MEN STAND WITH THE BEST OF THEM

In May, 1914 the present Company C was organized and mustered into service as Company L, 2nd Florida Infantry, at West Palm Beach, Florida. In June, 1916 they were activated into Federal Service for duty on the Mexican Border. In August of that year the 2nd Florida Infantry, was redesignated and called the 124th Infantry.

On October 16, 1918, Company L, 124th Infantry sailed for France to do its share in World War I. When the Armistice was signed bringing the war to an end, Company L, 124th Infantry was mustered out of service and disbanded.

In March, 1921, the old Company L, 2nd Florida Infantry, was reorganized and Federally recognized as Company C, 154th Infantry, their home station again being West Palm Beach, Florida. In 1924, Company C, 154th Infantry, was redesignated as Company C, 124th Infantry.

For the next 16 years Company C had its share of active duty. It was called out on active state duty after three hurricanes in 1926, 1928, and 1935. It also spent 18 months on active state duty, in Northern Florida, with the Mediterranean Fruit Fly Quarantine Service.

On Louisiana maneuvers the 'Dixie Division' earned its named of 'The Foot Cavalry,' a tribute given them for the long distances they covered on foot in short periods. Then came the Carolinas.

After Pearl Harbor, the 124th Infantry was assigned as School troops for The Infantry School, at Fort Benning.

On its arrival at Fort Benning, Company C dug right into the assignments given them by The Infantry School and established high standards of reliability and cooperation which they have never lowered.

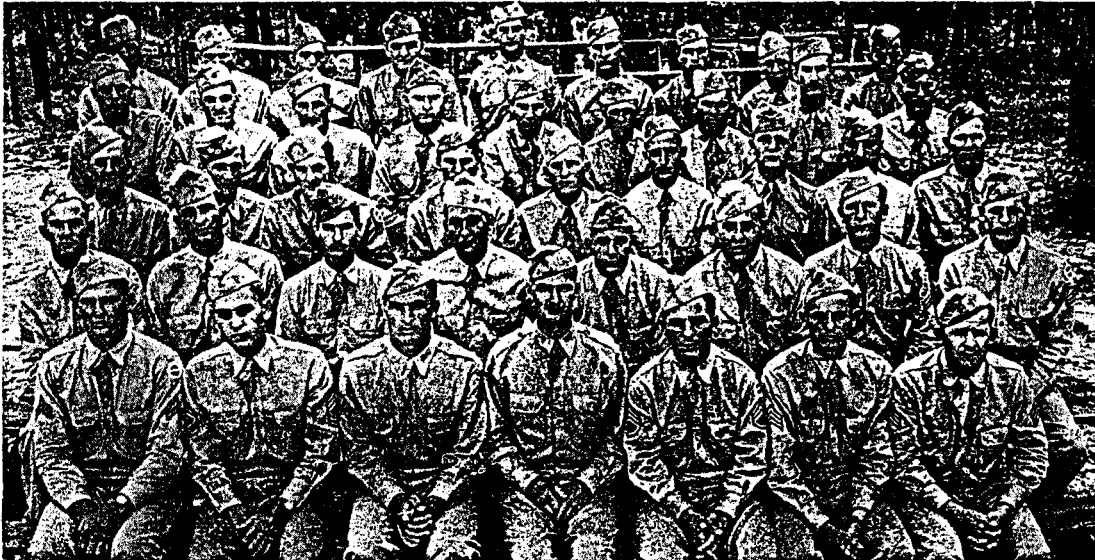
They've had two outstanding demonstrations. One was "Scouting and Pa-

trolling," that Company C put on daily and nightly for 8 months. On this demonstration they never rated lower than excellent with the percentage of superiors being in the higher brackets. It was also on "Scouting and Patrolling" that the performance of "Murphy" became nationally known to such an extent that "Life" magazine ran a series of pictures covering his activities in that problem.

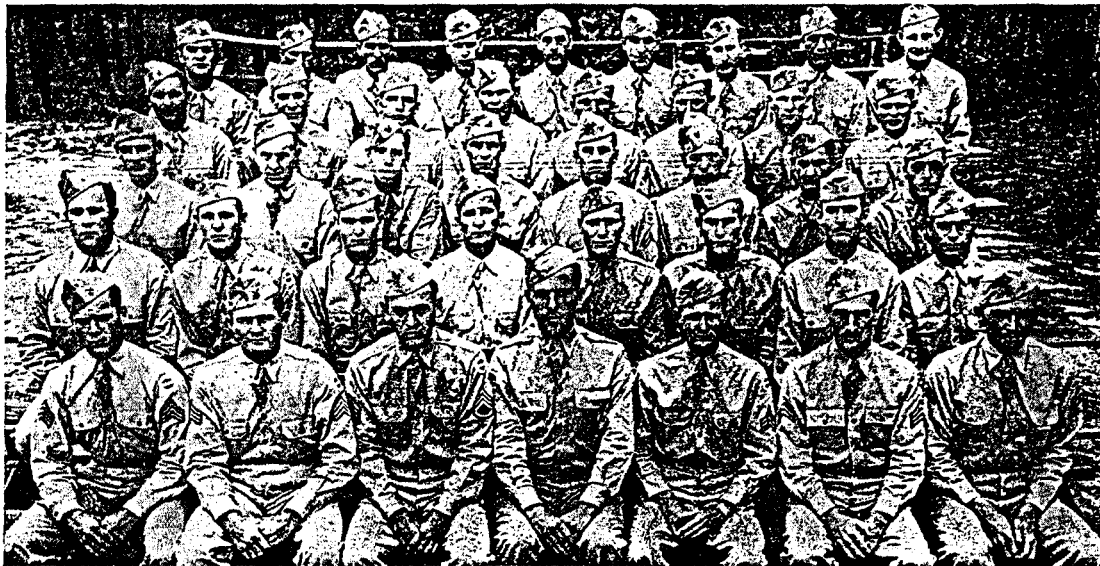
The other outstanding demonstration put on for The School, by Company C men was "Stream Crossing Expedient." During the 10 months Company C was assigned to it, recommendations for the performance on this problem came from General Allen on down. It was in March of 1943, that three men of the River Crossing group gained the highest recommendations in the form of being recommended for the Soldier's Medal. During one of the demonstrations when the Uptoi Creek was exceptionally high a group of South American newspapermen were thrown into the creek while inspecting a pontoon bridge. Three men of Company C were among the first to go to their rescue and were responsible for the safety of the victims. For this rescue they were presented with the Soldier's Medals at a Regimental Review given for their benefit.

The 1943 Baseball and Diamond Ball season found them with teams as good as the previous year. In the first three games Company C Baseball players ran up a startling total of 63 runs against their opponents. The season ended with Company C tied for first place in Baseball and in second place in Diamond Ball. To date Company C has had a representative on every Gator team put out.

Whether it be heritage, work, experience or sports, Company C, with Lt. Clarence Townsend at the helm, can take its rightful place with the best of them.



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Floyd T. Ashley, 1st Sgt. Darwin C. Peters, 2nd Lt. Sam H. Sharp, 1st Lt. Clarence A. Townsend, S-Sgt. Albert J. Zinni, Sgt. Thomas E. Kemp, Sgt. Royal Mollineaux.
 2nd row: Sgt. Robert K. Grenfell, Pfc. Walter E. Phillips, Pvt. Elmer D. Pinner, Cpl. Kenneth O. Chapman, Sgt. Julian A. Groover, T-5 Rannie W. Forehand, Cpl. Alex M. Timko, Cpl. George P. McNamara.
 3rd row: Pvt. John D. Budziak, Pvt. Michael J. Priestas, Pfc. Warren C. McIntosh, Pfc. John Soltas, Pvt. Marlin L. Palmer, Pvt. Ordean Olson, Pfc. Arthur L. Chapman, Pvt. Albert Tremoglie, Pfc. Samuel E. Stewart.
 4th row: Pfc. Howard Willis, Pfc. John R. Miller, Pfc. Clyde Parmley, Pvt. Earvin Parcus, Pvt. Roger I. Hurless, Pvt. Wm. Lloyd, Jr., Pfc. Pablo N. Aguirre, Jr., Pfc. Albert J. Margo, Pvt. James A. Price.
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SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Lorin N. Kite, Sgt. Lewis S. Conner, S-Sgt. Wm. R. H. Grenfell, 2nd Lt. Paul L. Wolf, Sgt. Hugh F. Brady, Sgt. Arthur J. Kearns, Cpl. Charles W. Savage.
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 3rd row: Pvt. Charles E. Moore, Pfc. Charles F. Shiley, Pvt. John F. Andes, Pvt. George R. Myers, Pfc. Wm. K. Marks, Pfc. Ross B. Pope, Pvt. Frank Stano, Pvt. Derwood K. Field.
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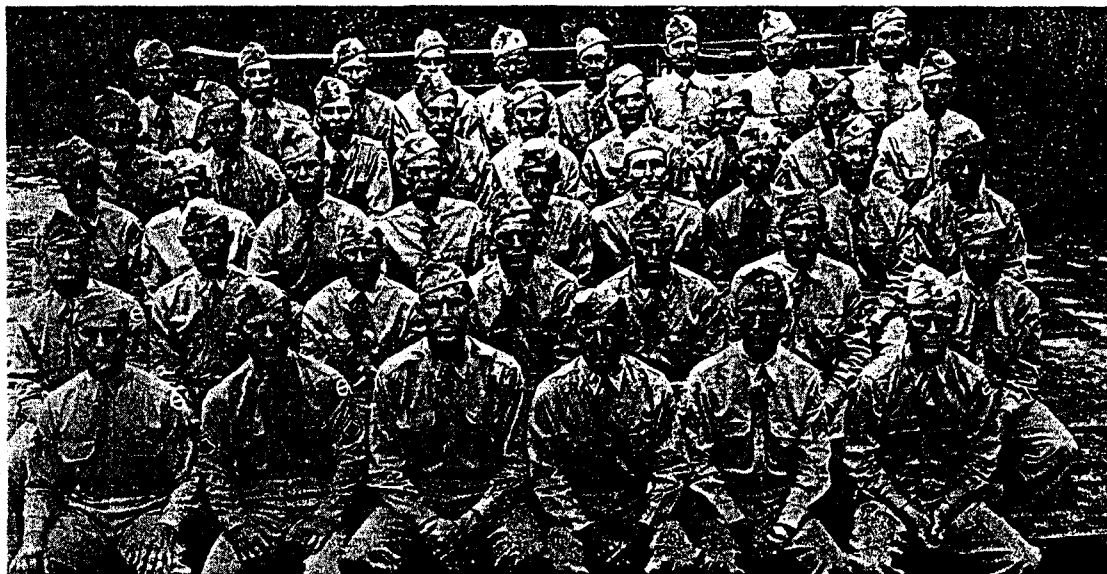
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2nd row: Cpl. Frank Sinkovitz, Cpl. Edward E. Palcher, Cpl. Clinton P. Barnes, Sgt. Victor V. Simone, Sgt. James M. Wingate, Sgt. Neal C. Hutchins, Pfc. John W. Wittenbrook.

3rd row: Pfc. George O. Hayth, Pfc. Fred A. Sienkiewicz, Pfc. George W. Maxwell, Pvt. Robert Olds, Pvt. Lawrence M. Fazio, Pvt. Martin R. Yannerilla, T-4 Edward A. Verboys, Pvt. John Parimuha.

4th row: Pfc. Wm. H. Gribble, Pfc. Michael Sunday, Pvt. Joseph H. Lewis, Pvt. James F. Ambrose, Pvt. Joseph A. Malkoski, Pvt. Frank J. DeLucca, Pvt. Jack H. Hornberger, Pfc. Chester P. Slabinski, Pfc. Wm. A. Rieger.

5th row: Pvt. Edgar G. Garrett, Pvt. George C. Starkey, Jr., Pfc. Mike Stefancik, Pvt. Bill Morrison, Pvt. Rubin A. Burns, Pvt. Fred E. Reda, Pfc. Hollis D. Tinsley, Pfc. James Smart, Pvt. Harry O. Sinclair.



FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Luther G. Myers, S-Sgt. Ralph W. Lariscy, 2nd Lt. Wm. J. Mangan, 1st Lt. Donald E. West, Sgt. John R. Church, Sgt. Alwyn L. Woodruff.

2nd row: Cpl. Milton H. Mauer, Cpl. Edward M. Rushing, Cpl. Larry H. Garner, Cpl. Jack M. Douglas, Cpl. Marion D. Bryan, Pfc. Rudolph J. George, Pvt. Willard Plegge.

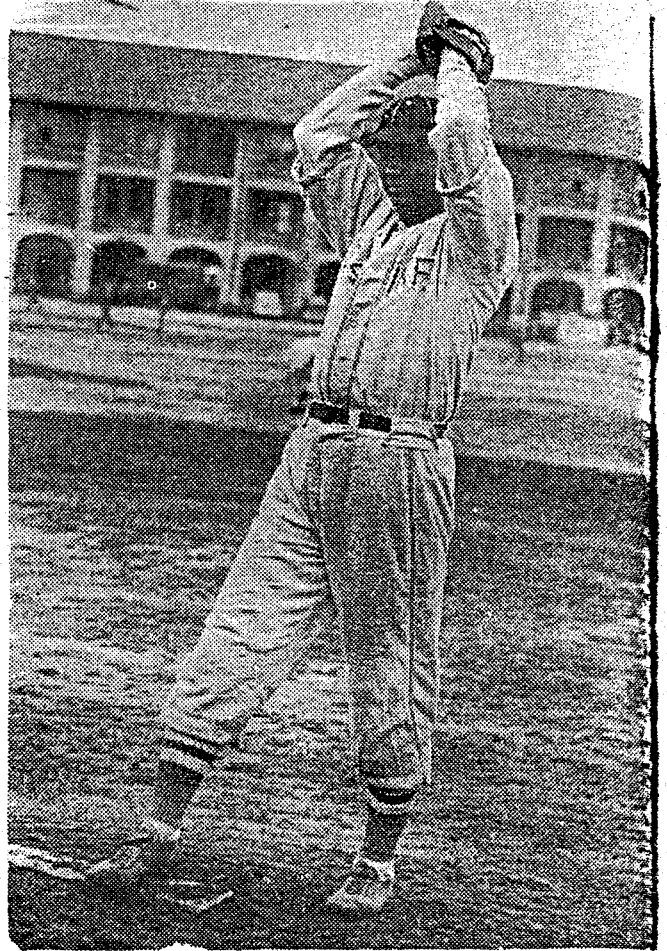
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4th row: Pvt. Jack B. Stadtmiller, Pfc. Richard E. Bow, Pvt. Sam Fedoruk, Pfc. Ralph H. Elliott, Pfc. Chester R. Lanios, Pfc. George G. Unger, Pfc. Clarence T. Rande, Pvt. Scott E. Nelson, Pfc. Wm. L. Howington.

5th row: Pvt. Wm. H. Tarpley, Pvt. Dominick J. Cerullo, Pfc. Manuel H. Near, Pfc. Theodore L. Pemberton, Pvt. David P. Myers, Pvt. Foyn T. McDevitt, Pfc. Eugene L. Himmelheber, Pfc. Ovid K. Glendenning, Pfc. Luther J. Hogsatt.



WHIZZ . . . RIGHT OVER THE PLATE. Above is a candid shot of Col. John D. Hill, regimental commander, just after he bourned the first ball across the plate to start the inter-regimental season rolling.

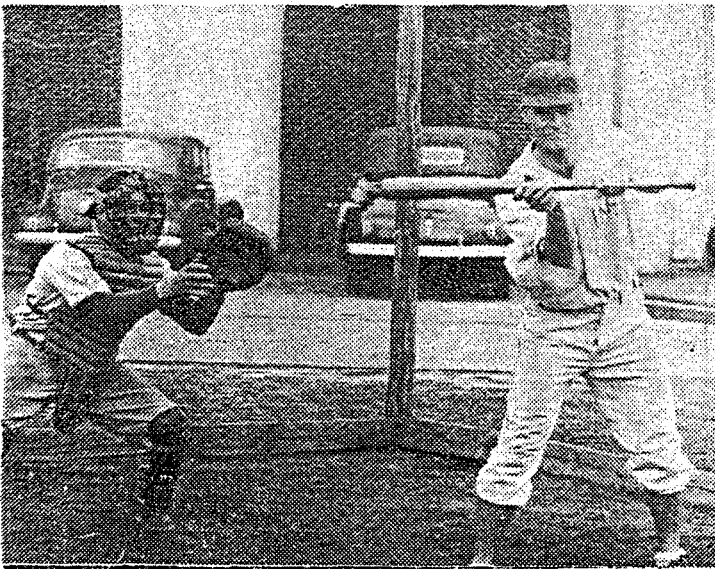


GETTING SET FOR OPENER. Pictured above is Lt. Donald A. Shaffer, Gator baseball coach, giving his men batting practice just before the opener.

GATORS SCORE AGAIN. Below is a Gator making the home plate to add another run to the 124th's impressive diamond record.

Play Ball!

LOOKOUT 300TH FOR BEELINE BELIN'S BATTING EYE. Gators' slugging first sacker, Clelin Belin is sharpening his batting eye for a tilt with the 300th Infantry nine.



Company D

**MOTTO: DURUS ET PARATUS (ROUGH AND READY) IS
PROVEN BY HIGH SPIRIT SHOWN IN EVERY ACTIVITY**

The "Rookies" machine guns were doing the jitterbug in conjunction with the bucking of a horse when they heard these loud words: "Relax. . . Relax, don't ride that gun." Today these gunners hear complimentary words such as "That was wonderful shooting and fine performance of the men and guns."

Praises have been given to Company D and outstanding men in the company since being inducted into Federal Service on November 25, 1940. That handful of men making up Company D left their homes at Sanford, Florida, on a beautiful morning to join the newly mobilized 124th Infantry. Their motto "Durus et Paratus" (Rough and Ready) thundered from their throats and its meaning was written on their statutes.

Our past Company Commanders are: Brig. Gen. Joseph C. Hutchinson, Colonel George A. DeCottes, Lt. Col. Harold C. Washburn, Capt. William F. Runge, Capt. George J. Votaw, Capt. Charles B. Shirard, Capt. Edward H. Wilson, and 1st Lt. James R. Greer. Other notables who have been in Company D are Lt. Col. Karl E. Nordgren and Capt. Russell E. Whetstone.

Enlisted men who have risen from the ranks since induction are: Capt. Frank S. Ray, Lt. Philip M. Vickery, Lt. William D. Ellis, Lt. Louis M. Lehinhard, Lt. Arnold P. Hart, Lt. William J. Patrick, Lt. Carroll W. Culpepper, Lt. Wilbur C. Hartman, Lt. Charles F. Green, Lt. Alvin C. Johnson, Lt. Russell C. Adams.

We also boast of our many records. "You're from D Company, 124th Infantry? I've heard about that company. You took important parts in presenting problems 459 (Battalion in Defense); 188 (Battalion in Attack); B-140 (Heavy Weapons in Attack); 197-A (Dawn Attack); 223 (Attack on Fortified Positions); and 227 (Stream Crossing Ex-

pedients). We furnished assistant instructors for machine gun and mortar classes. Yes, a large number of people have heard good things about us that they won't forget. Some have seen things which won't be easily forgotten. Company D participated in the Infantry School Demonstration, Battalion in Attack on April 30 and May 4, 1943, and have received this commendation from Lt. Colonel Davis, Lt. Colonel Stephenson, and the instructors in charge of this problem: "Best troop performance to date." These instructors have been conducting this problem almost two years.

Lt. Howard C. Bender, company commander is proud of the many letters of praise stored in the company file. Two men in Company D, Sgt. Harold Doker and Cpl. James B. DuBoise received the Soldier's Medal Award for heroism while participating in the Infantry School Demonstration "Stream Crossing Expedients" on March 6, 1943. These men saved the lives of one or more distinguished South American journalists from drowning in the deep and turbulent water of flood swollen Upatoi Creek. Presentations were made at a Regimental parade on June 9, 1943.

When our work is finished, we turn our thoughts to fun. In 1942, we finished at the top of the list to win the Regimental Baseball Championship and the Gray League Basketball Championship. We furnished the Regimental Football Team with two players and the Regimental Baseball Team with three of our men in the same year.

Company D maintains a high spirit of willingness in every field of activity. We have our "champs," heroes, expert machine gunners, expert gunners, and expert riflemen. Our Company is made up of these men and we are united to challenge any company who thinks they are better.



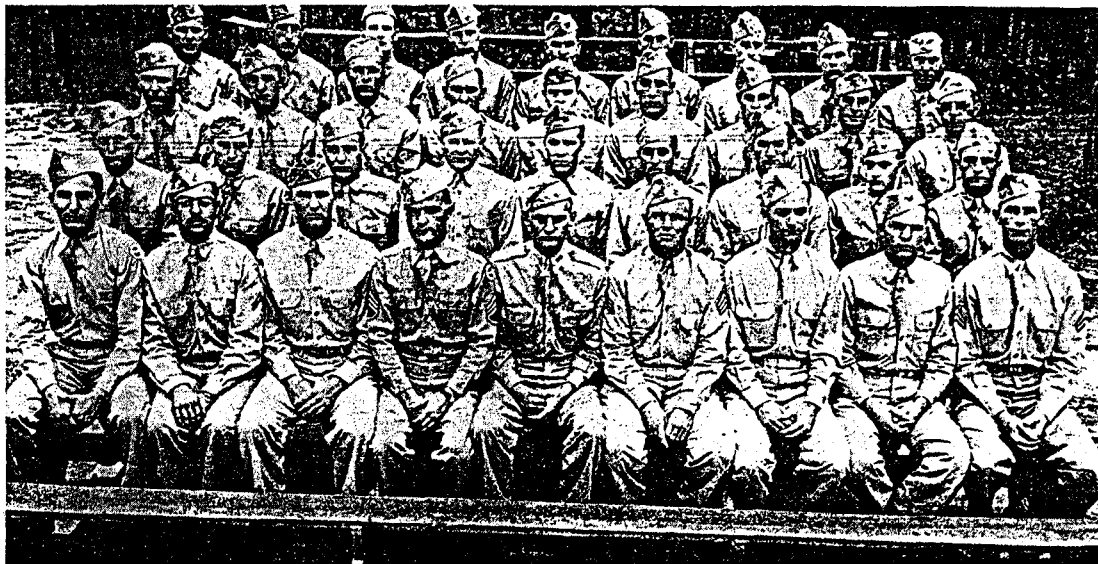
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2nd row: Pvt. James D. Delay, Pfc. John T. Aughtman, Cpl. Hubert W. Cox, Cpl. Ellis B. Rohrbaugh, Cpl. Lawrence B. Whitlock, Cpl. Truman C. Williams, Cpl. Alcide Giguere, Cpl. Luther L. Webb.

3rd row: Pvt. Sewell F. Johnson, Pvt. John F. Frazier, Pfc. Earl E. Grell, Pfc. Reeves P. Fritchey, Pfc. Robert F. Goetz, Pfc. Charles R. Rosensteel, Pvt. John A. Depaoli, Pfc. Edward M. Smith.

4th row: Pvt. James C. Bell, Pfc. David Enos, Pvt. Dana F. Grue, Pfc. Carroll F. Redding, Pfc. Stephen Baldyga, T-5 Hayden M. Wilson, Pfc. Michael Aulenti, Pfc. James H. Phillips.

5th row: Pfc. Elton B. Braley, Pfc. Charles G. Flumm, Pfc. Thomas A. Francis, Jr., Pvt. Abner H. Hall, Jr., Pvt. Archie R. Shepard, Pfc. Paul V. Rakestraw, Pfc. Delbert P. Easton, Pfc. Theophile M. Dias.

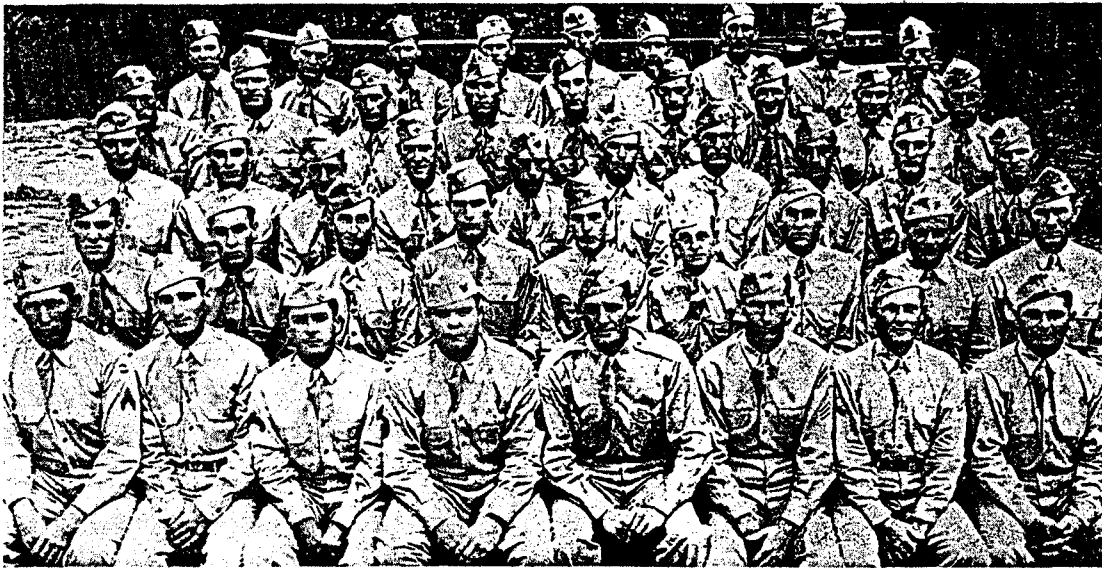


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2nd row: Cpl. Chester J. Sikora, Pfc. Eric W. Hope, Pvt. Matthew Short, Pfc. Charles Poplo, Pvt. Duel Earnest, Pfc. Dominick Bedini, Pfc. Halva F. Lindsey, Pvt. William D. Brion, Jr., Pfc. Vincent Monteneri.

3rd row: Pfc. Oscar R. Roper, Pfc. Michael G. Parrish, Pfc. Albert Ringley, Pfc. William L. Coursey, T-5 Nick Smith, Pvt. Clarence W. Bandy, Jr., Pvt. Leonard Brandt, Pvt. Leroy L. Jacobs, Pvt. Joseph W. Gagnon.

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THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Eugene K. Stovall, Cpl. Steven S. Pierzchalski, Cpl. John G. David, S-Sgt. James L. Renaud, Lt. Thomas R. Potts, Sgt. Ralph H. Geiger, Cpl. John J. Shull, Cpl. Loren E. Gemme.

2nd row: Pvt. Berthold Weiss, Pvt. Elmer S. Churchill, Pfc.ohn Dunleavy, Pvt. James M. Hicks, Pvt. Robert L. Fox, Pvt. Alton W. Houghton, Pfc. James R. Reagan, Cpl. Roy J. Strinson, Cpl. George R. Yeargin.

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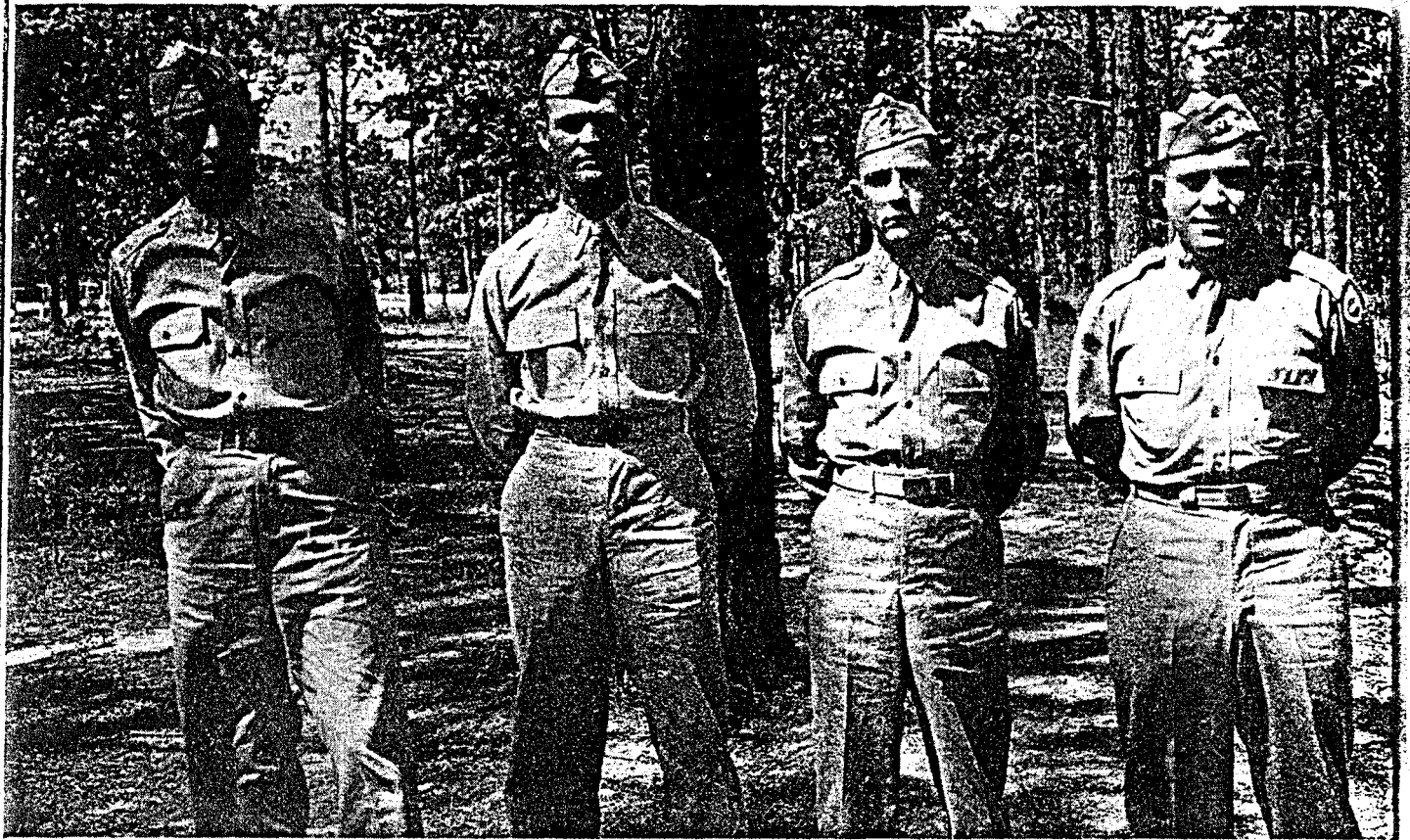
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5th row: Pvt. Henry R. Campbell, Pvt. George W. Pearson, Pvt. Clifford W. Tanner, Pvt. Millard Windon, Pvt. Edward Johnson, Pvt. Amon T. Guinn, Pvt. Ralph W. Pugh, Pvt. Fred Lovelace, Pvt. Stanley M. Puckett.



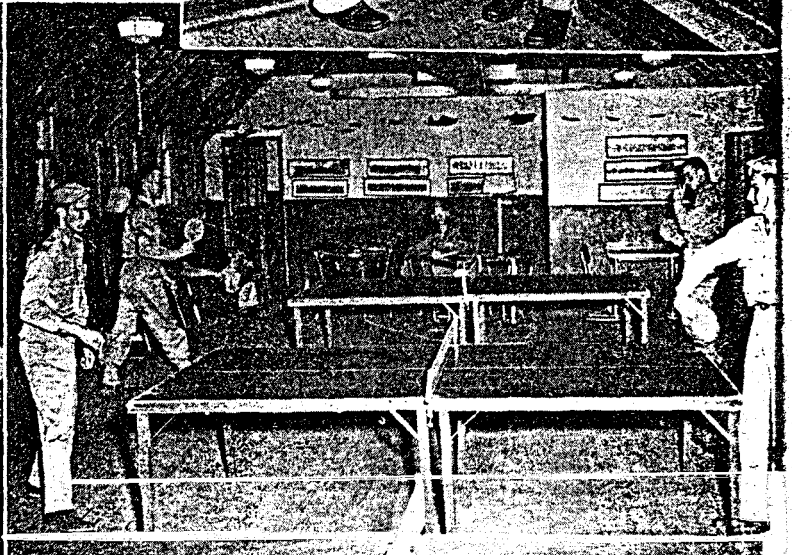
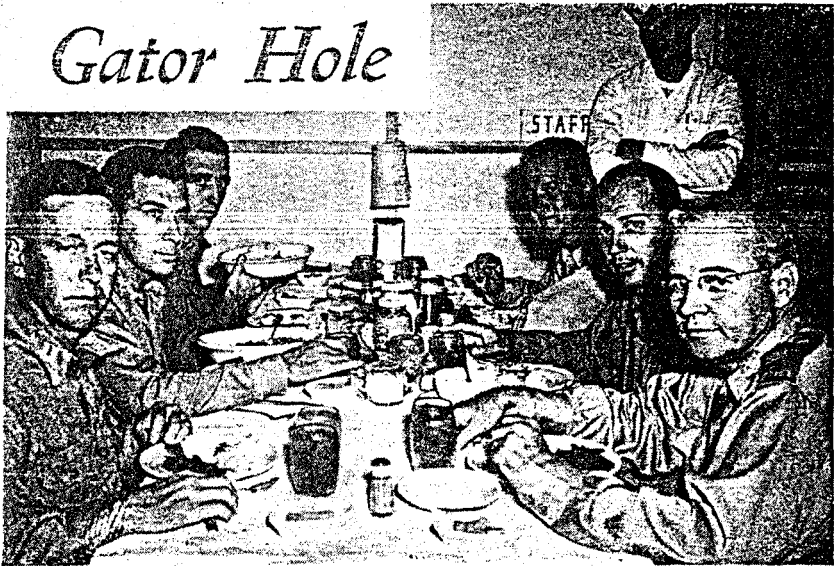
HITLER-RAT TRAP. During our stay at Fort Benning we've participated in many demonstrations for The Infantry School. These demonstrations, which were put on for the Officer Candidate Students, covered every phase of infantry warfare; from the most intricate tactical problem to the smallest infantry weapon. The Bender-men have had more than their share of the innumerable demonstrations handled by Gator Heavy Weapons Companies.

This is a demonstration in the best use of available concealment in open terrain. The men gathered around the 30 calibre heavy machine gun are: Cpl. Philip W. Flumm, Jr., Pfc. Theophile M. Dias and Pfc. Halza F. Lindsay.



OFFICERS IN SCHOOL. Shown above are Captains Wallace A. McDaniel, Edward Wilson, Kenneth F. Searcy and James Key who took time out from the Infantry School class they were attending, to pose for our staff photographer.

Gator Hole



2nd Bn. Hq. Staff

THE EFFICIENCY OF THE BATTALION DEPENDS ON
THE SOUND JUDGMENT OF ITS DIRECTING HANDS

Through the directing hands of a unit's Staff, the general efficiency of the enlisted personnel of the organization is erected and molded into a good or poor combat team. It can be said that the second battalion 124th Infantry is an exceptionally excellent organization because of the capability of the hands that guide it.

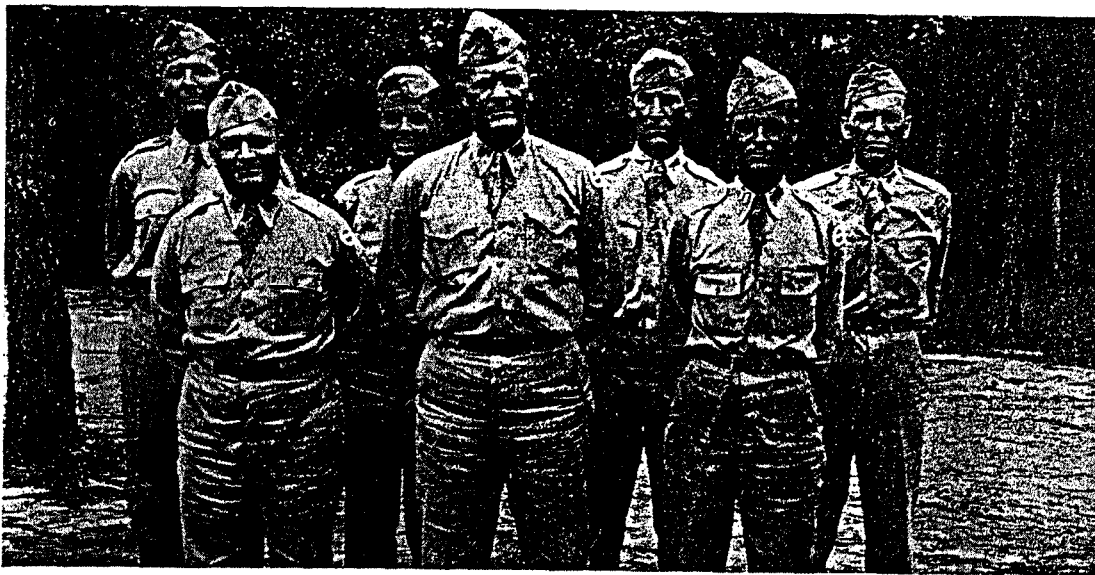
The roster of men who have been behind the growth of the second battalion, as it made the journey to combat trained GIs from one night a week civilian soldiers, includes such familiar Gator names as Lt. Col. Maxwell C. Snyder, Lt. Col. Harry Lewis and present C. O. Lt. Col. Louie C. Wadsworth. These men and their capable staffs have guided the destiny of the unit and built a battalion history in likeness of the Gator regiment: One of initiative, spirit and the will to soldier.

Col. Wadsworth is at present assisted by such competent staff members as Major Harold F. Milton, his executive officer, whose duties are many and varied; most important of which is the job of seeing to it that all branches of the command run according to schedule.

Next comes the operations officer, Captain Benjamin C. Price who sees that all battalion plans are properly executed.

The many reams of memos and general orders affecting the numerous activities are handled by the adjutant, Captain Erle Cocke, Jr., while Lt. Melvin F. Barnes handles the supply problems.

Lt. Edwin A. Willard, Intelligence Officer, keeps the personnel generally familiarized with what's what and who's who, and Lt. George E. Foley keeps the transportation rolling.



SECOND BATTALION STAFF—(left to right): Lieutenant Colonel Louie C. Wadsworth (Battalion Commander), Major Harold F. Milton (Executive Officer), and Captain Benjamin C. Price (Operations Officer).
2nd row: Captain Erle Cocke (Adjutant), Lieutenant Edwin A. Willard (Intelligence Officer), Lieutenant Thomas W. Jones (Assistant Operations Officer), and Lieutenant Henry F. Robbins (Assistant Adjutant.)

Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.

COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN ERLE COCKE, JR., IT HAS OUTSTRIPPED ALL UNITS AS THE "OUTSTANDING COMPANY"

Nothing can serve to illustrate the character of this company better than an incident that occurred on Problem B-192, last December. On this problem one of the men had to set off four dago bombs in a rack, run thirty yards and set off another set of four, which represent artillery fire. Right on the signal he lit the first four dago bombs which exploded immediately, blowing up the rack, bursting his ear drum and injuring his hand. At the same time, and without a moment's loss of time, the man ran to the other rack and set off the last "salvo," on schedule, in spite of the fact that he had suffered from shock from the explosion.

In sporting events the men can be counted on to do their best whether it rain or shine. We now have Cpl. Cestary, triple-threat running, passing and kicking

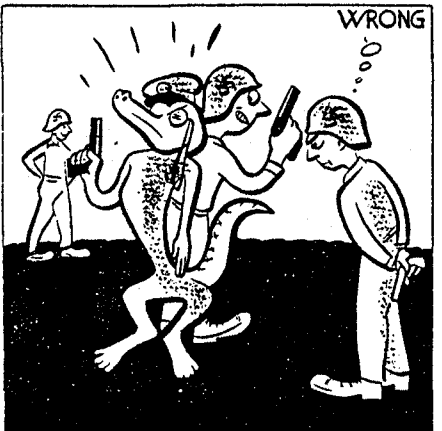
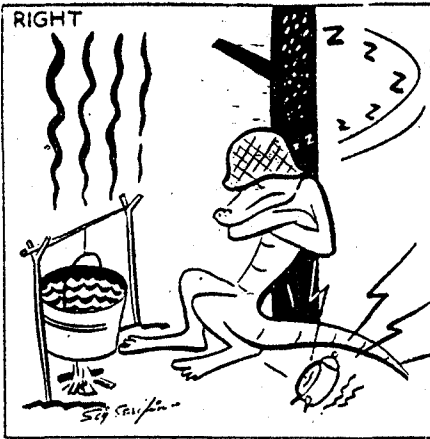
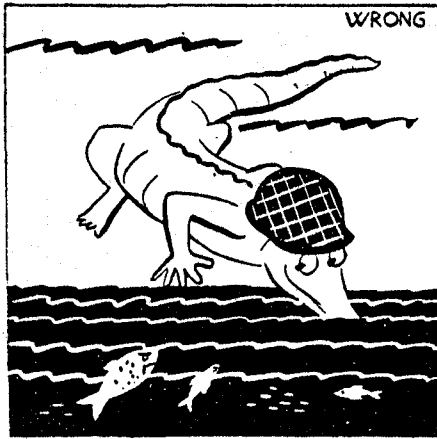
star of the football team. T-Sgt. Taylor famous at Ft. Benning as one of the best baseball twirlers on the Post. He was on the All-Star Team here at the Fort for the past eight years. Pfc. R. S. Rogers is added because of his outstanding performances as an outfielder for the Gator baseball team.

Efficiency and accomplishment have become realities with the men of this company. During their stay with The Infantry School, their performances on demonstrations have been either excellent or superior; nothing below that mark. The Second Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Louie C. Wadsworth, grants a banner to the outstanding company of the battalion every week. To date Hq. Co. has won it three times as compared with one for each of the other companies.



COMMUNICATION PLATOON—(left to right) T-5 Michael Tonosky, Cpl. Lawrence P. Metzler, Jr., S-Sgt. Niles A. Keen, 2nd Lt. Robert P. Snyder, Sgt. Charles H. Sams, Sgt. Charles T. Bailey, Sgt. Grover C. Dudley, Sgt. Harold B. Bragg.
2nd row: Pvt. Howard C. Ott, Pfc. Edward H. Titus, Pfc. Otto F. Karrer, T-5 Milton M. Goss, Pfc. Philip F. Livoti, T-5 Solomon Handler, T-5 Charles E. Hoburg, T-5 Chester W. Small.
3rd row: Pvt. Colon G. Perry, Pvt. Samuel J. Long, Pfc. Merton A. Jacques, Pfc. Roy P. Malone, Pfc. Charles J. Hogan, Pfc. Gifford J. Davis, Pvt. Grover C. Clark, T-5 James W. Harris, Pfc. Arthur W. Hunt.

Adam Lazonga In Combat



In the following cartoons Adam again shows how, and how not, to operate in combat.

Now every GI should know something about water discipline. If you happen to find yourself in a strange location do not drink from unapproved streams. Use water checked by your commander only. If you must have water and if the source is questionable dip a container into the stream and boil it for at least ten minutes after it begins to boil. At the end of that period the water will be sterilized.

While in North Africa Adam Lazonga got a leave of absence. Just before he left, his commanding officer told him that when Moslem women are seen in public, they are usually covered from head to foot by a white wrapper, with a white veil across their faces. He was instructed to observe the following:

- Never stare at one.
- Never jostle her in a crowd.
- Never speak to her in public.
- Never discuss women with a Moslem.

We must learn combat tactics by our buddies' mistakes. We must learn to hate, to fight and to kill our enemies.

We must realize that the Axis rats are crafty, cruel and treacherous. Relaxing for one minute may mean instant death.

We have learned that this isn't a gentleman's war. It hasn't been since that bloody 17-day massacre of peace loving Poland in 1939.

The boys overseas learned that when Nazis under a flag of truce opened fire on the unaware Allies.

We must kill these Axis rats whenever and wherever we can in the fastest and most efficient manner.

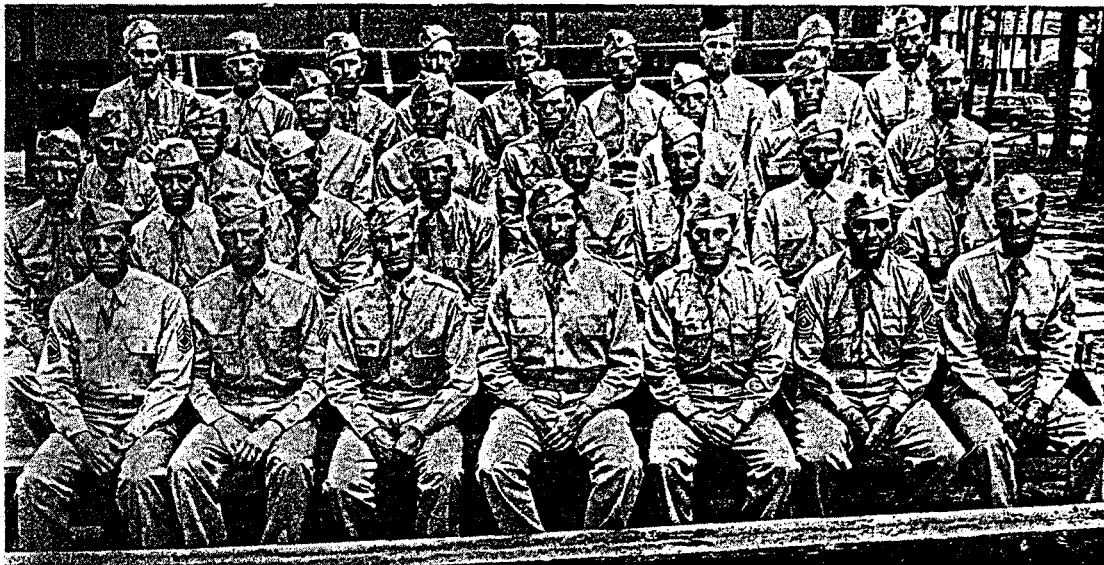


AMMUNITION PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Alexander S. David, Sgt. Peter G. Poulos, S-Sgt. Robert P. Lewis, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Hahn, 2nd Lt. George Thoms, S-Sgt. Walter E. Johnson, Cpl. Ralph L. Lopresti.

2nd row: Pfc. Braxton B. Hinton, Pfc. Harold E. Collins, Pfc. Noel Innocenti, Pfc. Davis M. Hinson, Pfc. Gordon Boney, Pvt. Walter Sedberry, Pfc. Boyd H. Chance, Cpl. Lloy G. Copeland, Pvt. Samuel T. Green.

3rd row: Pvt. Zack T. Myrick, Pfc. Fred W. Ayers, Pvt. Vernon M. Sprouse, Pvt. Lawrence J. Kern, Pfc. Ferdinand Talliercio, Pfc. Addolorato M. Liberto, Pvt. Clyde H. Wilson, Pfc. Louis A. Gazianis.

4th row: Pfc. Robert S. Rogers, Pfc. Philip Katzman, Pfc. Harris S. Kassel, Pfc. Dan A. Russo, Pfc. Joseph J. Rey, Jr., Pfc. James F. Coker, Pvt. Maston R. Greene, Pfc. Gino Paveglio, Pvt. Raymond F. Hock, Pvt. John A. Watford.



ANTI-TANK PLATOON—(left to right) Tech. Sgt. Sidney B. Smith, S-Sgt. Donald P. Rogers, 2nd Lt. George E. Foley, 1st Lt. Erie Cocke, Jr., company commander; 2nd Lt. Alex Bricker, 1st Sgt. John M. Sara, T-4 Amelio D. Mastrogiovanni.

2nd row: Cpl. Harry L. Martin, T-5 Royal J. Broxton, Cpl. William G. Wheeler, Cpl. John H. McGee, Cpl. Clifford Bell, Cpl. Ernest H. Cannons, T-5 Noah H. Connell, T-4 Frederic W. Maurer.

3rd row: Pfc. Charles E. Lodge, Pfc. Isaiah Kona, T-4 Wayne J. Dawson, Pvt. Wilson F. Bowers, Pvt. Allay R. Peek, Pvt. James P. McLamb, Pvt. Joseph S. Walker, Pvt. Lloyd P. Hersh.

4th row: Pfc. Jason L. Ray, Pfc. James R. Keen, Pfc. Newton G. Green, Pfc. Walter H. Whalen, Pfc. Paul A. Boentgen, Pfc. Dale E. Brehm, Pfc. Andrew P. Kocsis, Pfc. Russell W. Gritman, Pvt. Ernest H. Moody.

Company E

IT WAS THE FIRST COMPANY TO HAVE ENTIRE PERSONNEL QUALIFY WITH RIFLE AND RECEIVE REMINGTON TROPHY

Company E proudly hails from Live Oak, Florida; being first organized as the Suwannee Rifles in 1895. It was mustered into Federal Service for the Spanish-American War on May 23, 1898. At this time they were Company L of the First Florida Volunteers. On December 3rd, 1898, the company re-entered State Service as Company A of the Fourth Battalion, Florida State Troops. Between January 16, 1899, and April 9, 1900, it became Co. E of the First Florida Infantry and remained in State Service until its disbandment prior to the first World War. The company reorganized in April, 1917, and entered Federal Service August 5, 1917. Most of the company was broken up, upon arrival at Camp Wheeler to build up various units of the 31st Division. In February, 1920, the unit became Company E of the 154th Infantry. On May 12, 1924, the regiment was changed to the 124th Infantry.

Company E was the first company in the state to have its entire personnel qualified with the rifle. Not only did they do it once, but they did it twice, and brought the Remington Trophy back with them.

After plenty of hard training and maneuvers the Regiment had the privilege of participating in one of the greatest peace time maneuvers the Army has had, or ever will have. After two hard months in the mud and swamps of Louisiana, the company, along with the rest of the Regiment, was transported back to Camp Blanding, Florida.

We stayed at Camp Blanding for a short while after war had been declared, when we were ordered to get ready to move. We arrived at Fort Benning around the 10th day of January, 1942, to

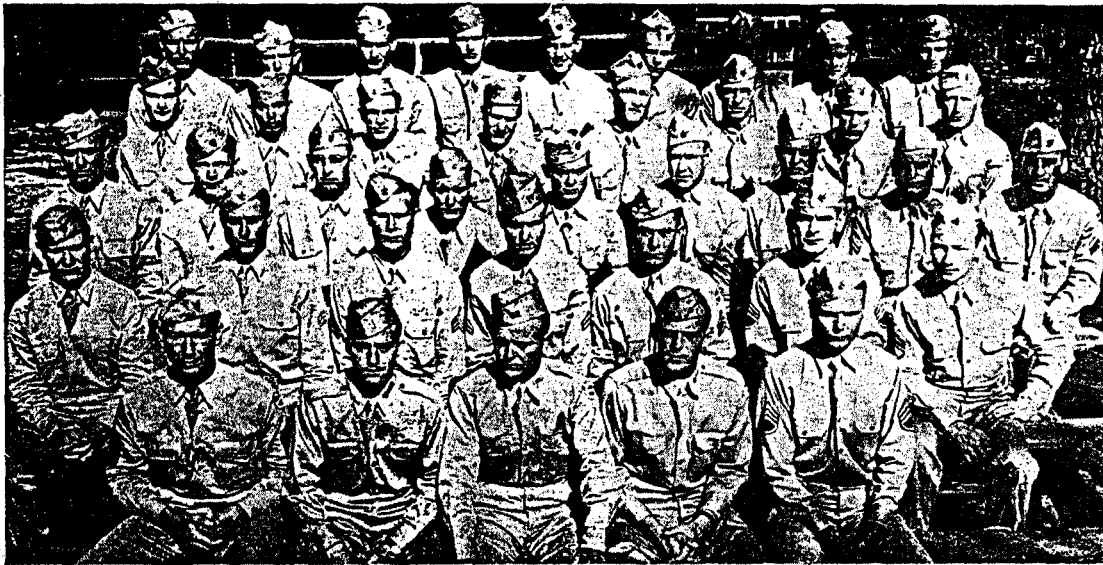
take up our duties. Our first duties were to become fully acquainted with weapons of all types and makes, to be qualified by The Infantry School as assistant instructors for Officer Candidates, with the M-1, the BAR, the Bayonet, and other Infantry weapons. Our stay at Fort Benning had been short, when Problem B-191 was given to the company.

Month after month we pulled "B-191" in the rain, sun, cold or what have you. During the months of July and August the problem developed an entirely new name "B-191 Fever," and any one who has laid out in that sun for hours and hours can very easily explain what we mean by "B-191 Fever."

In its time the company has had many commanding officers. Among them were: Lt. Col. Louie C. Wadsworth, Major Burnice H. Bell, Captain Frank M. Greene and Captain Mahone Rees.

In speaking of the commanding officers who have commanded our company we feel that Captain Maxcy S. Crews will stand among the best of them. We feel very fortunate in having him as commanding officer at the present and hope to have him for a long time to come. During his absence to attend school 1st Lt. Walter E. Roslund took command of the company and proved that he was well capable of commanding a company.

Our stay at Benning has taught us more than we could have possibly learned any other place we might have been stationed. We feel very fortunate in having had the honor of serving The Infantry School as demonstration troops. During our tour of service Company E has had many difficult duties to perform. We have never failed in anything we have undertaken, and never intend to.



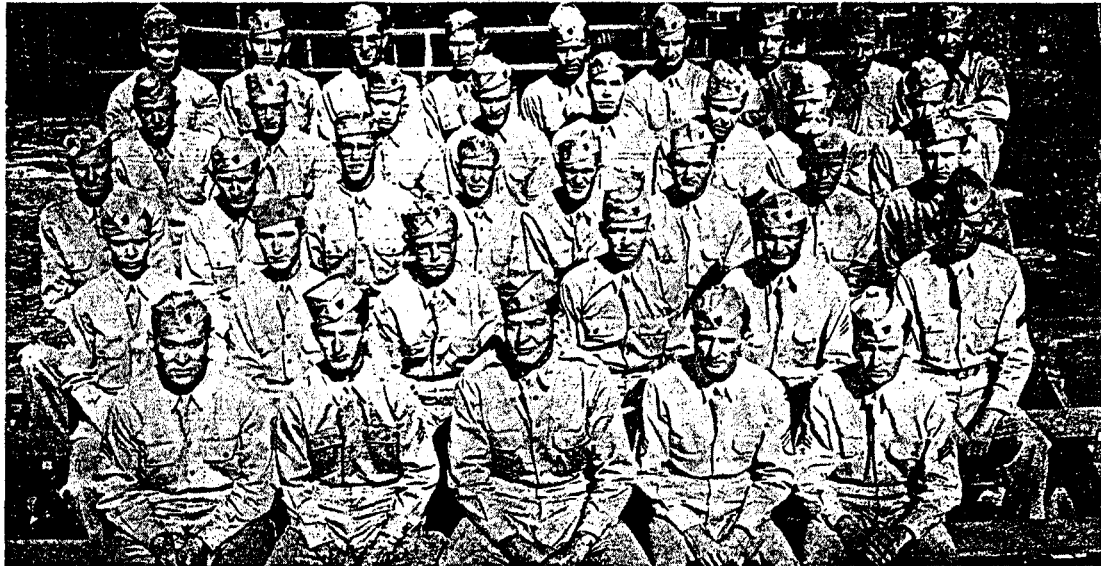
FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) 1st Sgt. Chalmer T. Yates, 2nd Lt. Charles P. Hammill, Capt. Maxcy S. Crews, 1st Lt. Walter E. Roslund, S-Sgt. Lawrence W. Lee.

2nd row: Pfc. Arthur L. Tapley, Sgt. Barney Lanier, Sgt. Marvin P. Brown, Cpl. Leslie A. J. Veach, Sgt. Clifton W. Greene, S-Sgt. Samuel R. Smoker, S-Sgt. Joseph C. Schneider.

3rd row: Sgt. Albert M. Johnson, Pfc. Vytautas B. Santackas, Pvt. Jessie L. Swain, Pvt. James G. Hall, Pvt. Leonard L. Parsons, T-Cpl. Steve E. Skinner, Pvt. William H. Atkinson, Cpl. Reid Bell, Cpl. Henry S. Prunier.

4th row: Pfc. Charlie E. Flannagan, Pvt. John Rhodes, Pfc. Melvin H. Drewery, Pvt. William L. Gubanic, Pfc. Dennis W. Gilliam, Pfc. Davis C. Boyd, Pvt. William M. Cain, Pfc. Ralph E. King.

5th row: Pfc. Cossie Mooney, Pfc. Milton A. Grinstead, Thomas H. Weatherford, Pvt. Carlton T. Kee, Pvt. Anthony L. Ellis, Pvt. David L. McComb, Pvt. Lee W. Brown, Pfc. William R. Swafford, Pvt. Morris J. Gunkel.



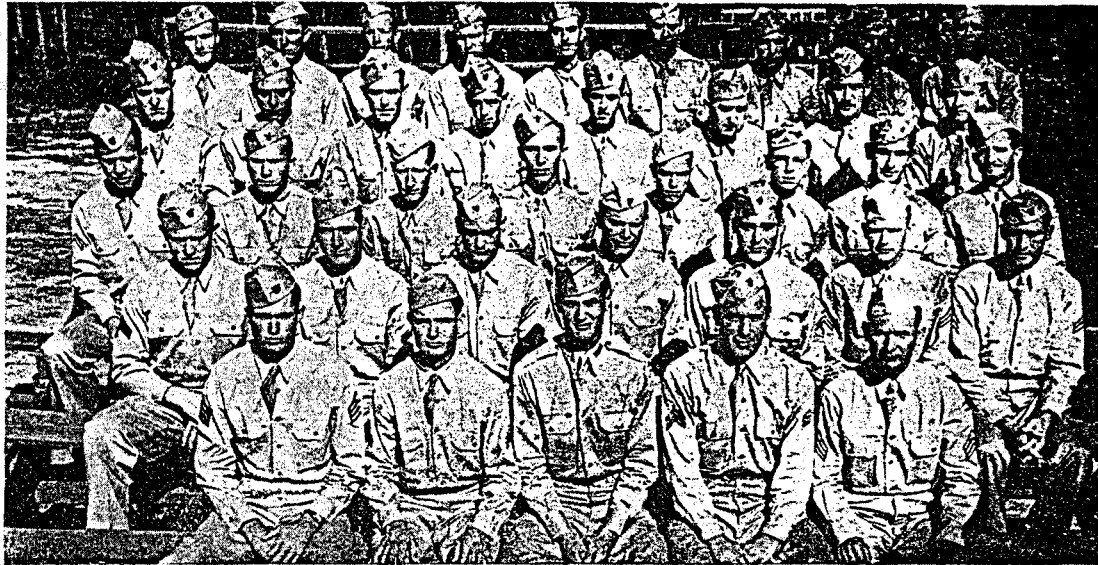
SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) T-Sgt. John L. Lee, Sgt. Ernest W. Collins, 2nd Lt. Jack L. McKewen, S-Sgt. Lavoughn H. Greene, Sgt. James H. Newton.

2nd row: T-Cpl. Meredith G. Schoen, Cpl. James W. Skidmore, Sgt. Homer F. Hayes, Sgt. Alexander D. Beasley, Sgt. Julian M. Morrison, Cpl. Ransom G. Chandler.

3rd row: Pfc. Clifford W. Stone, Pvt. George R. Orr, Pvt. George Spurrier, Pvt. Theodore R. Bush, Pvt. Charles B. Wilson, Pfc. Gus S. Matuscin, Pvt. Joseph E. Pawlen, Pvt. Diffie D. Bowman.

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5th row: T-Cpl. Carl Hulst, Pvt. Roy W. Hess, Pfc. William G. Halloway, Pvt. David O. Biggers, Pvt. Henry S. Jacobs, Pvt. Henry E. Blaich, Pfc. Nicholas L. Baikovac, Pfc. Henry A. Paggas, Pfc. John M. Vinson.



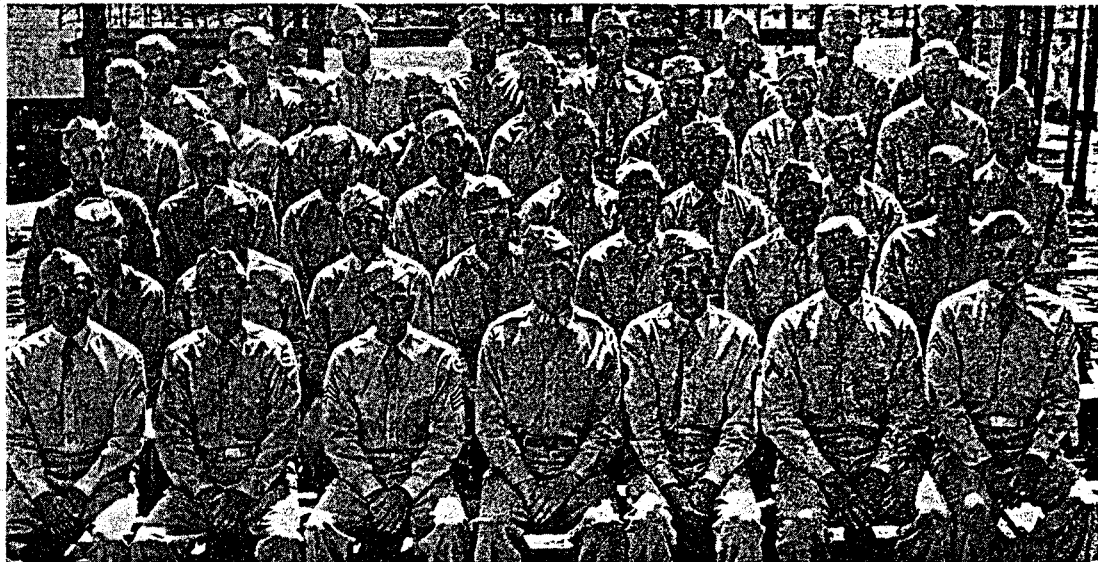
THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. William M. Harper, Sgt. James W. Yarchick, 2nd Lt. Donald R. Stewart, Sgt. Green V. Howard, Sgt. Glenn Smith.

2nd row: Cpl. Jasper H. Tew, Cpl. John W. Rogers, Cpl. Jack Golden, Cpl. David P. Allsup, T-Cpl. Carlton D. Knight, Cpl. James P. Williams, Cpl. Walter T. Tompkins.

3rd row: Pfc. Noel B. Peterson, Pfc. Theron R. Howard, Pfc. Ollie C. Reynolds, Pvt. Lloyd M. Dillon, Pvt. Carl F. Kauff, Pfc. Raymond P. J. Ouellette, Pfc. Henry J. Sponder, Pfc. John N. Veleno.

4th row: Pvt. Emmett W. Gunter, Pvt. Coy Blalock, Pfc. James L. Bell, Pvt. Joseph L. R. Mitchell, Pfc. Eugene B. Sullivan, Pfc. Michael E. O'Boyle, Pvt. Noble F. Achey, Pvt. Ralph W. Bailey.

5th row: Pvt. Durwood D. Oldham, Pfc. Dewitt L. Wix, Pfc. Francis M. Prevatt, Pvt. Richard T. Treakle, Pvt. Joseph L. Turim, Pvt. James L. Stanley, Pvt. Robert F. Miller, Pvt. Clyde Parrish, Pfc. Jesse H. Tew.



FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Harry F. Brannon, Cpl. John T. Owens, Sgt. Wilson P. Gibson, 1st Lt. David P. Roe, S-Sgt. Roy L. Bowles, Cpl. Wilmarth Strickland, Cpl. Melvin L. McMullen.

2nd row: Pvt. Lloyd W. Williams, Pfc. Frank M. Diaz, Pfc. Walerjan W. Majka, Pvt. James A. Hill, Pvt. John N. McCoy, Pfc. Leslie R. Lanier, Pvt. Richard T. Treakle.

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4th row: Pfc. John C. Zug, Pvt. William R. Moorhead, Pfc. Michael Bertolini, Pfc. Girlie G. Reese, Pvt. Marvin L. Morris, Pfc. William C. Gilreath, Pvt. Rinaldo Orsini, Pfc. Leon Carpenter.

5th row: Pvt. Gordon K. Greenlees, Pvt. Alfred F. Matalavage, Pfc. Richard A. White, Pvt. Dolon Blake, Pvt. Howard Mask, Pfc. William F. Leaman, Pfc. Pafford W. Warren, Pfc. George A. Farrar.



FIRST BATTALION CHAMPS. Fifteen minutes after this shot was taken, Company A volleyballers trimmed their Hq. 1st rivals in the Battalion playoff to earn the above title.

Inter-Reg. Sports

The Gator regiment has featured many sports in their inter-regimental activities. All of these have been sponsored on a large scale.

During the winter months, a basketball schedule, with approximately 360 games plus the finals was played off. Company F won the championship. A survey of the titlists revealed that 20 men actually participated in the sport and 60 men were ardent followers of the team.

With practice and league games, the basketball season provided up to 1500 hours of particular athletic interest for the men in the company. In the regiment as a whole, it was estimated that 1560 men derived 30,000 hours of keen competition throughout the season.

A gigantic 40-team schedule of 160 baseball and softball games was also set up. This brought out 1400 men; 700 that were active and 700 spectators. As the season progresses, the staggering figure of 115,000 hours of national pastime pleasure is being planned for the officers and enlisted men of the regiment.

Another active inter-regimental sport being carried on is the volleyball tournament. Figures haven't been compiled on this sport as yet, but the interest displayed by the companies proves that this activity is extremely popular with many Gators.



THE WINNER. Cardinale of Co. G coming in first in a Battalion relay race.

BANNERS ON DISPLAY. Below are the proud company representatives with their awards won during a 2nd Bn. field day.

HEAVE HO! The men are giving their all for the glory of their company. The strain seems to be terrific . . . uh!



Company F

ORIGINAL KEEPERS OF ADAM LAZONGA, VICTIMS OF B-191 "STRIVE TO ACHIEVE BIGGER, BETTER RESULTS"

"What is the situation?" Ask any member of F Company these little words. With a grimace and a shudder, they'll invariably answer "B-191." For thirteen months, six days of every week F Company demonstrated the Rifle Company in Attack for OCs, Advanced and Division Classes. Because of the constant repetition day after day most of the men participating in the problem knew the instructors' script from memory and they could answer all questions and situations that arose in the course of the demonstration. F Company received more superior ratings from The Infantry School for this one problem than any other company in the battalion did for one of theirs.

Company F was activated in Jacksonville, Florida, and boasted such past and present members as General Safay, Major Wadsworth and many others who since have departed for new stations. Many an enlisted man has received commissions because of the help and confidence he was given through the aid of the officers and enlisted non-commissioned officers. Among the notables of the company is Staff Sgt. Lyle E. Shipperdek who holds the second highest B.A.R. record in the Army. He has competed, along with many other members of Company F, in the championship matches held every year at Camp Perry, Ohio. In the course of these events he has accumulated enough medals to start his own salvage drive.

Besides being proficient in school problems, C.O. Manheim's men have an outstanding record in the field of athletics.

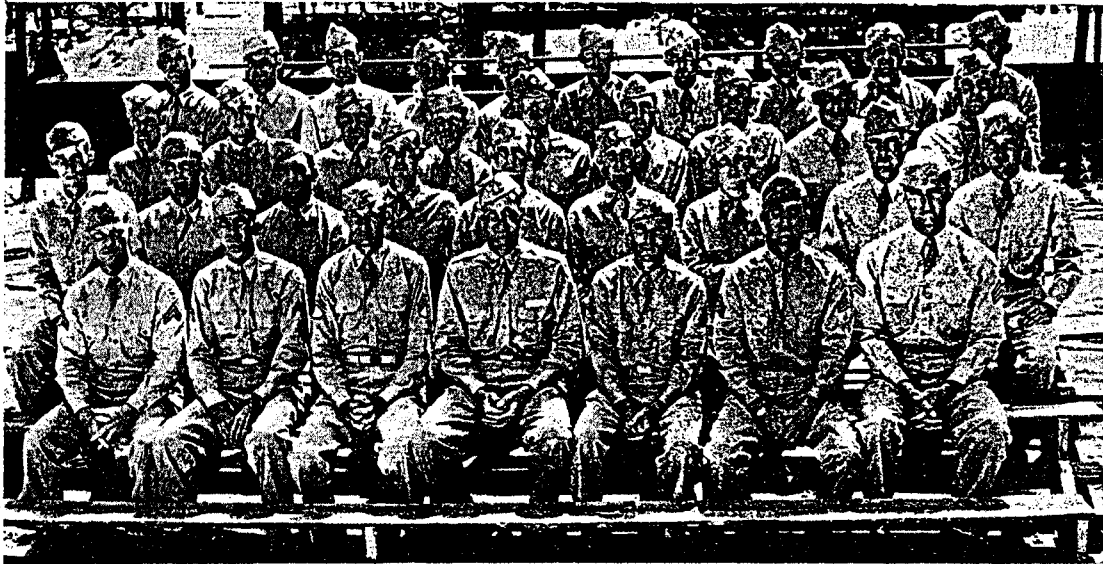
For two consecutive years they have won the regimental basketball championship. The team was captained by 1st Sergeant Clelan (Junie) Belin who with Pfc. Keller and Hamlin sparked the football team to the Post championship.

The famed "Adam Lazongas" of the Regiment were the exclusive property of F Company and brought much good luck to the outfit in anything it undertook. Adam Lazonga the Second died recently and we all feel the loss. Let's hope our new mascot, Adam III, will be just as lucky as Adam II was when he was alive and kicking.

The men of Company F take personal pride in their mess hall which is presided over by Staff Sgt. John T. Gilmer. The mess hall is conceded to be the finest in the Regiment. Besides his kitchen handling, Sgt. Gilmer is also an expert artist and has done innumerable paintings and sketches which have won wide acclaim.

We might try to list just a few of the many fine things about F Company but that would take up much more space than that allotted us. We realize that each company has its own specific reasons as to why it considers itself the outstanding company in the Regiment, but our record speaks for itself and the men will always strive to achieve bigger and better results no matter where they rest their duffle bags. We feel that the motto below best expresses the feeling of the men who comprise the company. It is not original and we hope the creator will allow us this privilege.

"The difficult will be done immediately;
The impossible will take a little longer."

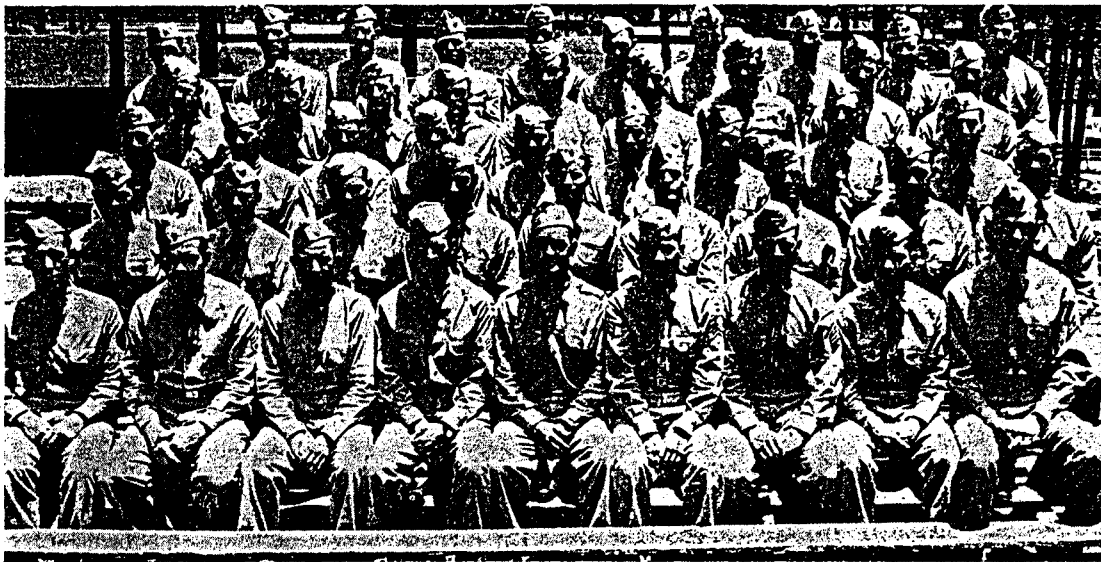


THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. John D. Harper, Jr., Sgt. Joseph A. Garcia, S-Sgt. James E. Foster, Lt. George E. Smiley, Sgt. Henry C. Meadows, Sgt. Marcus L. Norton, Sgt. David O. Scheffer.

2nd row: Cpl. Francis G. Graham, Pfc. Louis Kaplan, Pfc. Richard I. K. Carnett, Pvt. William J. Braswell, Pvt. Harvey B. Townsend, Pfc. Andrew J. Fedak, Pvt. Walter C. Owens, Cpl. Bernard B. Douglas, Pvt. Frederick E. Hoey.

3rd row: Pfc. Francis J. Bullis, Pvt. George M. Cook, Pvt. Edgar Johnson, Pvt. Charles W. Fullerton, Pvt. Darrell B. Gray, Pvt. Clyde N. Harshbarger, Pfc. Dom Gianoscoli, Pfc. Patrick Stones, Pfc. Charles Eble, Pfc. Vernon S. Kaegel.

4th row: Pfc. Raymond A. Gwynes, Pfc. James A. Crews, Pfc. Raymond C. Brillhart, Pfc. Julio Gambino, Pvt. Jerome B. Satoris, Pvt. Irvin E. Smith, Pfc. William J. Driscoll, Pfc. Edward Charen, Pvt. Abraham Brandt, Pvt. Daniel Cekinovich.



WEAPONS PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Dewey A. Beasley, S-Sgt. John T. Gilmer, S-Sgt. Theophilus G. Barry, S-Sgt. Lyle E. Shiferdak, Lt. Donald S. Myers, Sgt. Charles F. Perez, Sgt. Lewis A. Shockley, Sgt. Steve F. Perez, Cpl. Robert L. Weatherly.

2nd row: Sgt. William E. Kennedy, Pfc. Eugene E. Riester, Cpl. William C. Conner, Pfc. Hillis F. Jenkins, Cpl. Louis Eisenberg, Cpl. John A. McGrath, Cpl. Vennis R. Blanton, Cpl. Rommert C. deVries, Cpl. Joseph Herring.

3rd row: Pfc. Bennie M. Griffin, Pfc. Harry G. Norton, Pfc. Paul J. Sink, Pvt. Harry B. Carruthers, Pfc. LeRoy H. Barnaby, Pfc. Roy D. Durner, Pfc. Daniel Cross, Pfc. Gardner W. Joyce, Pfc. Louis J. Freda.

4th row: Pfc. Chester W. Daley, Pvt. William Cavanaugh, Cpl. Robert F. Guest, Pvt. Herman C. Jarrell, Sgt. Joseph Hancock, Pfc. Albert Reeder, Pfc. William Rokosz, Pvt. Clarence R. Hallman, Pfc. Elmer Hammond.

5th row: Pfc. Dom Giannoscoli, Pfc. Walter T. Frey, Pvt. Rupert W. Jessup, Pfc. Leslie B. Crews, Pfc. Ambrose Minton, Pfc. Daniel Kendall, Pfc. Marvin R. Brooks, Pfc. Albert J. Butler, Pfc. Woodrow Echols, Pfc. Harold W. Keller.



Gator Beauty Contest

The Gators are an energetic lot. Their motto seems to be "Never a dull moment" for they certainly live in that fashion.

Among the many activities that were sponsored this past winter, probably the most popular one was the Beauty Contest run by the ALLIGATOR. The winner of this contest was to be named Miss 124th Infantry. As usual, the response was enormous and the results were more than gratifying.

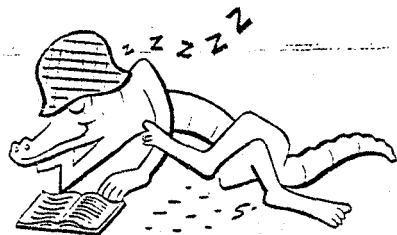
The voting by popular ballot for Miss 124th Infantry, came after five weeks of selection and elimination by the regimental staff. Throughout the preliminaries beginning with the issue of January 20th, the ALLIGATOR printed two weekly winners as selected by the staff. On February 24th, pictures of all ten elimination winners and a ballot for all Gators to use in voting for Miss 124th appeared in the regimental newspaper.

As soon as the tabulation of ballots was completed, the Special Service Officer at that time, Capt. Harold F. Milton, announced that Mrs. Lucy Lee Hinton had been selected as Miss 124th Infantry.

As the winner, Mrs. Hinton was the recipient of an engraved sterling silver compact; while her husband, Pfc. Hinton, was presented with a portable radio.

Close on the heels of the winner came Miss Margaret Ann Simpkins, submitted by Lt. Larsen of Co. M, while Mrs. Alice Kearns, submitted by Sgt. Art Kearns, came in third.

MISS 124TH INFANTRY. The winner of the Gator Beauty Contest, Mrs. Lucy Lee Hinton, is shown in the above reproduction of the prize winning photo.



POPULAR GATOR ACTIVITY. One of the most popular activities in the regiment is the Enlisted Men's Guest House. The house, built by the enlisted men of the regiment and sponsored by the former Gator Commander, General Fred A. Safay, is a low rambling log lodge used solely by the enlisted GIs, their friends, wives and families.

Situated in the regimental area, directly opposite the Anti-tank Co., this structure has been a haven for all Gator visitors since it was officially opened last September.

Many new features have been added to enhance the appearance and improve the facilities of the house. Shown below are several guests taking advantage of one of these new additions.

GOING TO TOWN. When shadows fall and duties end many Gators usually get away from it all by going to town and relaxing with their best gals or "better halves."



Company G

G-MEN, OF PROBLEM 152-B FAME BECOME G. I. UNDER THE ABLE GUIDANCE OF CAPT. FRANCIS W. MAXWELL

"Can you see that next ridge?" You probably don't recognize it. The G-men do, though. They recognize it because they've attacked it, captured it, lived it and even dreamed about it, day after day through the Gators' long stay here at Benning. It's hill 56 on the 152-B area and they know it as well as they know their Garands, and "Moe," that's good.

Rain or shine, winter or summer; whether Ol' Sol's rays beat down as mercilessly as they can only in Georgia's summer, or whether they were as conspicuously absent as they can be in Georgia's winter, the G-men run 152-B. They donned full field packs and equipment, slung their M-1's, loaded into cattle trucks and hied themselves into the field to demonstrate Rifle Platoon Tactics to The Infantry School classes.

Although 152-B was the big heart throb on the G-men's date calendar, there were many other problems that entered into their scheme of things. Company G personnel was used in almost every problem the regiment pulled.

The G-men piled up an enviable record, one that added to the regiment's prestige considerably, with 63% of the details rated Superior by the school, 29% Excellent and the rest Very Good.

Such efficiency is understandable when the history of the company is looked into. With a list of alumnae that any outfit could well be proud of, the G-men boast of men like Lt. Col. Robert N. Hill and Lt. Col. Maxwell C. Snyder, Major Burnice H. Bell and Major Hugh S. Wilson, and Captains Benjamin C. Price, Maxcy S. Crews, Alphonse H. Fritot, Robert H. Harkness and Lewis E. Ball who are a few of the many . . . many of whom rose from the rank of private to commanding officer of Company G.

What is now Company G was origin-

ally Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, at Starke, Florida, but was later redesignated as Company G, 124th Infantry, Florida National Guard, and established headquarters at the Duval County Armory in Jacksonville, Florida.

Although men and officers have changed considerably in the company, 1st Sgt. Emory L. Anderson had been a permanent fixture until his recent transfer. He was replaced by S-Sgt. Clarence Wilson.

Athletics play a big part in the lives of the G-men. If you walk into the company street any time when there are men around with spare time on their hands you'll find many of them spending it on some form of athletics; from touch football to badminton or from a jam session behind 16 oz. gloves to a ping pong game.

No true G-man will ever forget the lusty yell 'We want Hegerty' that never seemed to work. Remember how Coach Milton would look at "Fran," grin and send Poulos into the game? Will any G-man ever forget the basketball game when the company team was behind 15 to 6 at the half, 23 to 9 at the third quarter and lost the game by only a two point margin, 26 to 24?

Surely no one has forgotten the incident on 152-B (the weapons platoon won't let you) when a group of visiting foreign generals who were observing the problem remarked after the mortar crews had bracketed in on their target, "Ye Gads! Do all the U.S. mortar crews fire like that?"

Probably the most unforgettable thing in Company G's year is the statement we heard day after day, month after month, after we'd run 152 and filed into the stands for the critique "I will of necessity address my remarks to the attacking platoon. You men can sit back and listen to someone else catch hell for a while."



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) 1st Sgt. Emory L. Anderson, 2nd Lt. Paul H. Lovelace, 1st Lt. Francis W. Maxwell, 1st Lt. George S. Burks, S-Sgt. Clarence M. Wilson.

2nd row: Cpl. Julian Acosta, Cpl. Vinton A. Mann, Cpl. Ernest Bergandi, Sgt. Charles B. Herndon, Sgt. James K. Dulaney, Sgt. Clarence D. Bolton, Sgt. Robert J. Flaherty.

3rd row: Pfc. Frank H. Lloyd, Pfc. Edward N. Storck, Pfc. Edward J. Pietrzak, Pvt. William B. Medlin, Pfc. Peter Galisin, Pfc. Mario P. Acosta, Pfc. Walter D. Allen, Pvt. Joseph R. Paul, Pvt. Howard S. Grindstaff.

4th row: Pfc. Frederick A. Lee, Pfc. Charles J. Laporta, Pfc. Stephen B. Kolwicz, Pfc. William B. Lickfield, Pvt. Alfred E. Kugler, Pvt. Stewart E. Dorward, Pvt. Calvin C. Clayton, T-5 James R. Andrews, Pvt. John C. Brown, Pfc. James M. Allen.

5th row: Pvt. Vito J. Labarbera, Pfc. Joseph S. Strucki, Pvt. Anthony Matarazzo, Pvt. Martin L. Roberson, Pvt. Howard M. Yates, Pfc. Johnnie J. Roberts, Pvt. Robert M. Knight, Pfc. Robert W. Willis, Pvt. Ray B. Johnson, Pvt. Robert H. Newsom, Pvt. William B. Smith.

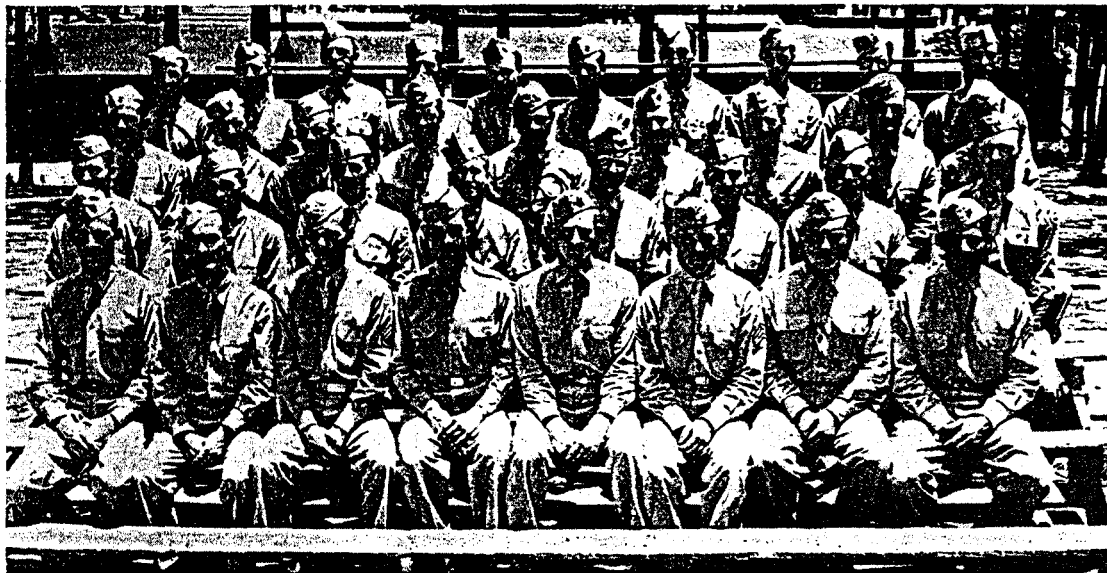


SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) T-5 Arthur S. Olcott, Sgt. Herman Price, S-Sgt. William S. Newsom, S-Sgt. Josia L. Rickenbacker, 2nd Lt. Donald K. Tuxford, Sgt. Virgil O. Nelson, Sgt. William R. O'Cain, Sgt. Walton L. Carter.

2nd row: Pfc. Walter B. Williams, Pvt. George D. Nicholas, Pvt. Michael S. Stupka, Pfc. Joseph E. Merkel, Pvt. Raeford J. Smith, Pfc. Arthur T. Lee, Pvt. Ephraim O'Neal, Cpl. John T. DePree, Cpl. Clarence L. Hall.

3rd row: Pfc. Amos Brady, Pfc. James W. Mears, Pvt. Clyde H. Carrick, Pvt. Paul E. Britt, Pfc. Jacob S. Hummel, Pvt. George E. Sauls, Pfc. Charles E. Hulboy, Pvt. Aloysius S. Stefanic, Pvt. Anthony F. Fortun, Pfc. Benjamin S. Sooy.

4th row: Pvt. Harold L. Rabinowitz, Pfc. James H. Yeaman, Pvt. John W. Howard, Pvt. Berthol Nissen, Pvt. James E. Hoover, Pvt. Crawford F. Carpenter, Pvt. Lenard E. Barr, Pfc. James L. Widman, Pvt. Floyd M. Glascoe.

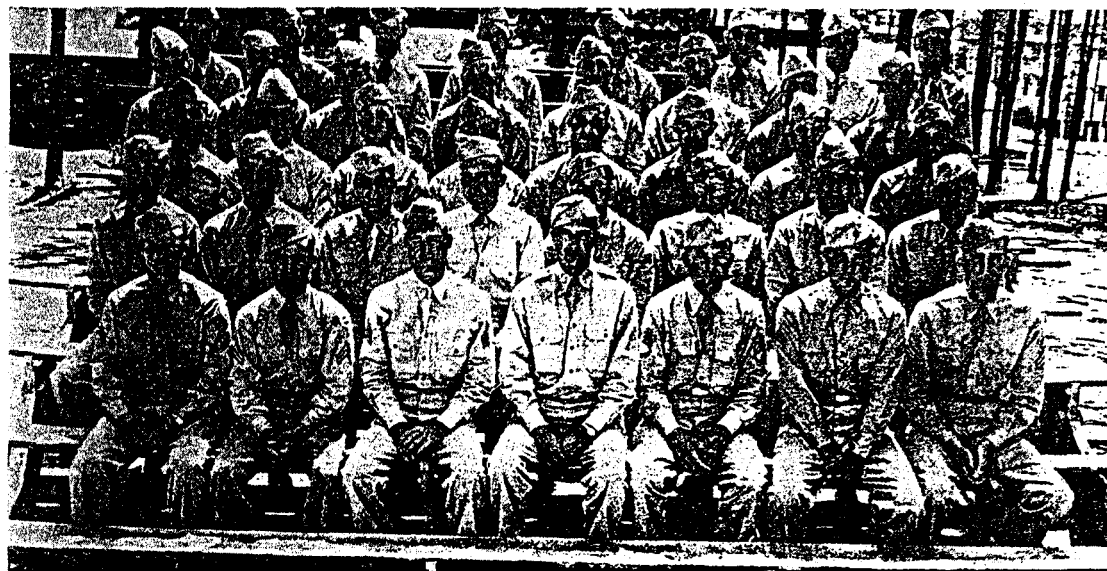


THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Henry F. Brand, T-4 Edwin G. Scott, S-Sgt. Ira E. Dent, 2nd Lt. Myrle L. Umbach, Sgt. Talmadge E. Stinson, Sgt. Lawton P. Allen, S-Sgt. Charles C. Howell, Sgt. Sam M. Albert.

2nd row: Cpl. Bart F. Shea, T-5 Harrison Hoey, Cpl. John Serrian, T-5 Richard S. Broughton, Cpl. Henry B. Renk, Pvt. Harry E. Stonesifer, Pvt. Raymond E. Yates, Pvt. William J. Clodfelter.

3rd row: Pfc. William Krokönko, Pvt. Ethelle Barnhill, Pvt. John A. Puszko, Pvt. Franklin D. Thomas, Pvt. Ralph G. Cohen, Pfc. Francis J. Hegerty, Pvt. Henry F. Smeltzer, Pvt. Walter L. Stawiariski, Pfc. Robert E. Metzler.

4th row: Pfc. Herbye J. Lanoux, Pfc. William R. Basford, Pvt. Nathan A. Lilly, Pvt. Dan C. Ellis, Pfc. John F. Oconnor, Pfc. James K. Lucas, Pvt. Robert A. McConnell, Pfc. George R. Sellers, Pfc. William D. Anderson, Pvt. Edward H. Miller.



FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Earl A. Troup, Cpl. Antonio Cardinale, Sgt. Robert H. Clanton, 1st Lt. John L. Ledgerwood, S-Sgt. Hilton D. Hickox, Sgt. Joseph A. Gazdik, Cpl. Fredrick W. Kugler.

2nd row: Pfc. Jesse D. Alford, Pfc. Valent J. Kutarna, Pfc. Robert E. Murphy, Pfc. Clifford A. Peeples, Pfc. Joseph J. Gittlen, Cpl. Charles B. Smith, Cpl. John S. Howe, Cpl. Robert F. Fargel.

3rd row: Pvt. Gordan D. Hughes, Pfc. Charles W. Konecny, Pfc. Herbert F. Aland, Pvt. Sidney L. Levine, Pfc. Leo W. Joos, Pfc. Elmer J. Klingler, Pfc. Saul H. Levine, Pfc. Louis A. Santacross.

4th row: Pvt. Grant M. Miller, Pvt. Mathew M. Rigsbee, Pfc. George J. Pailloz, Pfc. Hurley C. Manning, Pvt. Gerald I. Spohn, Pvt. Eugene Lopatin, Pvt. Bernard J. Zappacosta, Pfc. Dewitt H. Green.

5th row: Pvt. Adam P. Delorenzo, Pvt. Walter R. Bumgardner, Pvt. Leroy Rubin, Pfc. Malcolm U. Barrentine, Pvt. Bill Banks, Pfc. Walter Suchanoff, Pfc. Norris L. Prescott, Pfc. Curtis A. Goff.

Life With A G. I. Twist

THE LITTLE MAN WITH THE MOUSTACHE TYPIFIES THE AVERAGE PRE-WAR CIVILIAN; THEN HE TURNS G.I.

With the assumption that induction into the army will change a man by reason of experiences both strange and new to a civilian, as well as the change in the environment, SIG SERAFIN, the ALLIGATOR staff artist, has created a weekly laugh cartoon depicting "JOHNNY DOUGHBOY'S" transition from civilian life to the "good old G. I. way."

LIFE WITH A G.I. TWIST has been an ALLIGATOR feature for the past six months. During that time the "little man with the moustache" has been entertaining 'Gator readers with his "fall guy" situations. And now the GATOR REVUE is devoting two pages in reminiscing of the foibles of the average G. I.

First, our man is taken back to pre-induction days. There, he is pictured going about his daily business. Then a corresponding scene comes up, only he's "in the army now." His new life begins with reveille and goes through chow, calisthenics, unit training, field assignments, K. P. guard duty, and what have you.

The cartoon is divided into two panels. The first panel shows our little man before induction; the second one shows him in uniform. His only comment is: "Everything happens to me."



Company H

CAPT. JAMES B. FRAZIER IS COMMANDING OFFICER OF "THE BEST HEAVY WEAPONS COMPANY IN THE ARMY"

Company H, First Infantry, was first organized and mustered into service at Lake City, Florida, on February 3, 1901, under command of Captain Nelson Holt Cox who was assisted by 1st Lt. Joshua Kinard and 2nd Lt. Humbolt Helvenston. One of the company's distinguished services was the splendid work done at Jacksonville's (Fla.) big fire in 1901. This company was disbanded on April 10, 1909, and was again organized at Lake City, Florida, on April 16, 1920, under command of Captain Talmadge C. Young. It was then called Company G, 154th Infantry. It was redesignated Company H, 154th Infantry on December 7, 1921, and redesignated as Company H, 124th Infantry on May 12, 1924.

Under the very able command of Captain Edmund A. Wright, assisted by Lt. Robert B. Harkness, the company was on Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine duty at Ochlocknee River from July, 1928, to February, 1929. Two squads of the unit were sent to Florida State Penitentiary to guard Zangara, the man who fired at Franklin D. Roosevelt and killed the mayor of Chicago in March, 1932.

Since that time Company H has been commanded by a number of officers. These were: Captain Robert B. Harkness, 1st Lt. Hugh A. Wilson, now major, 1st Lt. Harold F. Milton, now major, 1st Lt. James H. Jackson, 1st Lt. Harold P. Claus, 1st Lt. William S. Horne, Captain Robert B. Turner and at the present is under the command of Captain James B. Frazier 3rd. It has often been said that we have changed company commanders more often than a deck of cards changes dealers.

When this organization was inducted into Federal Service, it was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida, and later transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., as Infantry School

Demonstration Troops. The officers and men have upheld the organization's reputation and made it one of the outstanding companies in School Demonstrations.

Company H has been commended by high ranking officers of The Infantry School on every problem we have taken part in. For problems B-191, the outfit carries the honor of being the first Heavy Weapons Company to give the Rifle Companies competition at double time and always arriving at their objective on time.

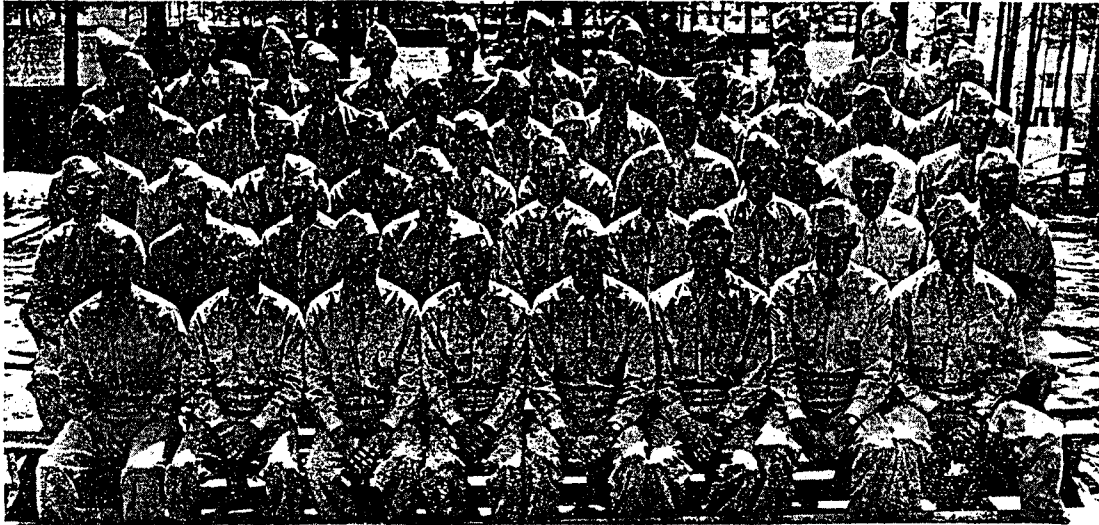
In addition to taking part in most of the problems for The Infantry School, the company has found time to qualify all its personnel on their respective weapons.

All demonstration problems put on for the School are given grades for the performance of the troops. Of the total grades received by the company, sixty-five per cent were "Superior," thirty-four were graded "Excellent" and only one per cent was "Very Satisfactory."

Company H has played an important leading role along the line of sports. Starting off, we had the football coach, Major Harold F. "Big Red" Milton and Roy D. "Snake Hips" Cestary, outstanding Gator back, represent us on the 124th Infantry football team. We also had a very good baseball season last year, and have already won top berth in the first half of the baseball league this summer.

The company has also given the Army very valuable officers who have come up from the lowest ranks and attended the Officer Candidate School.

The attitude of the men in the company is that they are the best Heavy Weapons Company in the Army. They will argue and prove their statement or gladly prove their contention. Thus far no one has doubted their word or tried to duplicate their performance in the field.



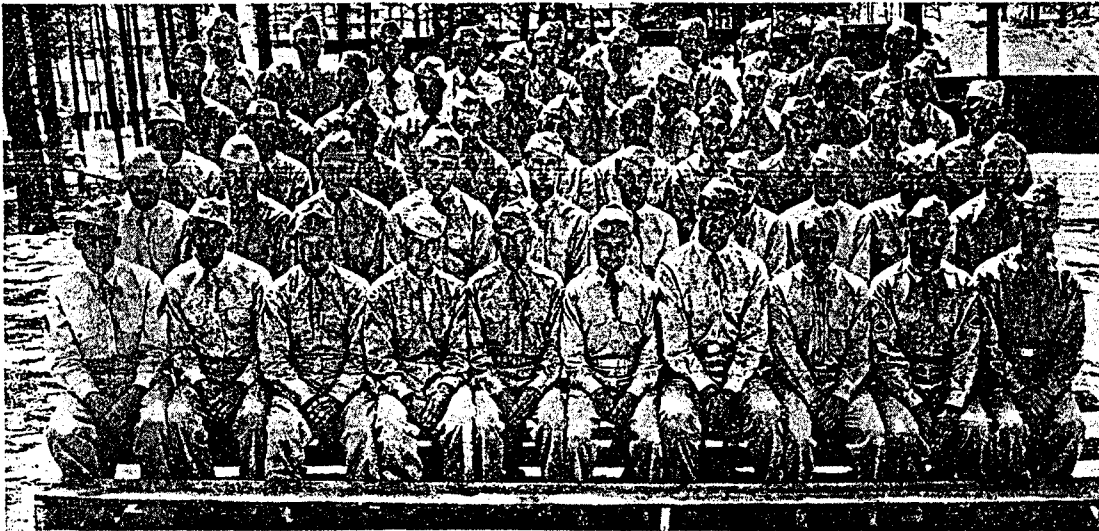
HEADQUARTERS SECTION AND FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. James L. Roberts, Sgt. Elias D. Thomas, 1st Sgt. Earl G. Bedenbaugh, Capt. James B. Frazier, III, 1st Lt. Guy M. Fleming, Sgt. Johnnie J. Milton, Sgt. Seeber E. Keene, Sgt. Robert L. Green.

2nd row: Cpl. James A. Cooper, Cpl. Wilbur L. Purdy, Cpl. Herman D. Vaughn, Pfc. Kenneth H. Wade, Cpl. Earl R. Keene, Cpl. Cecil R. Hiller, Cpl. Charles B. Mader, Cpl. Charles R. Johnson, Cpl. William G. Hohner.

3rd row: Pfc. Eugene J. Vigosky, Pfc. Michael Yurmonovich, Pfc. Carl Kashubara, Pfc. Michael J. Bujnak, Pvt. Robert E. Thomas, Pfc. John D. Cisko, Pvt. Charles R. Kavinsky, Pfc. Ralph S. Hagy, Pfc. Claude Brown, Pvt. Thurston L. Williams.

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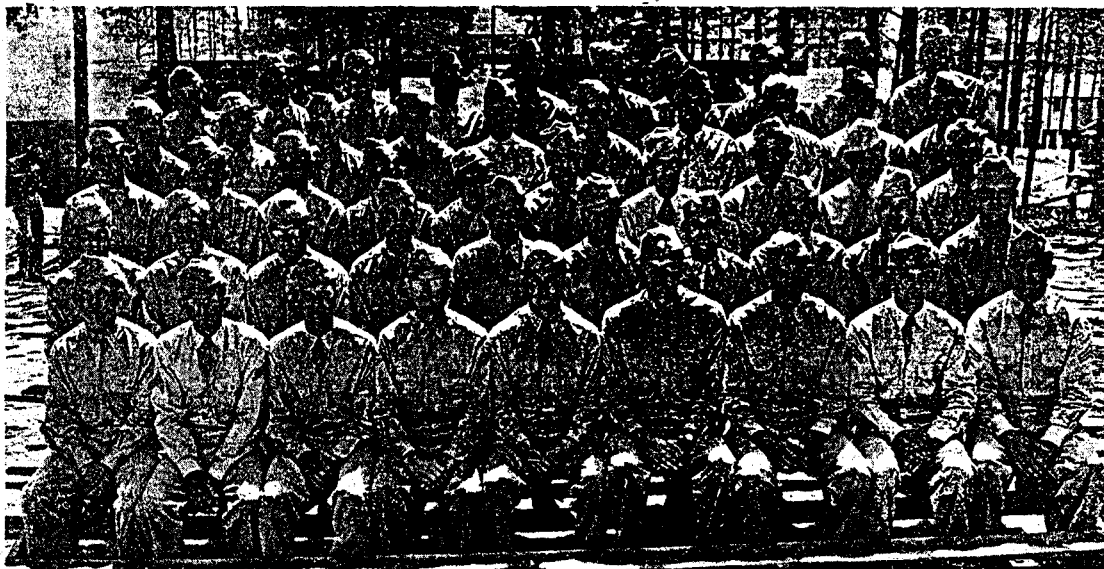
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4th row: Pvt. R. A. Millikan, Pvt. James Walters, Pfc. Melvin B. Watson, Pfc. Frank Slivinski, Pvt. Jasper W. Deckman, Pfc. Steve Novath, Pfc. Bert Buganski, Sgt. Philip E. Johnson, Pfc. Walter Kisley, Pfc. James L. Fretlose.

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2nd row: Cpl. William B. Hirst, Pfc. Clayton D. Purdy, Pfc. George A. Sixel, Pvt. Russell W. Reber, Pvt. William J. Godwin, Pvt. John V. McDonald, Pvt. Nicholas Z. Kaczur, Cpl. James F. Hutchinson, Cpl. Arthur L. Prior, Cpl. Mitchel E. Czechowski.

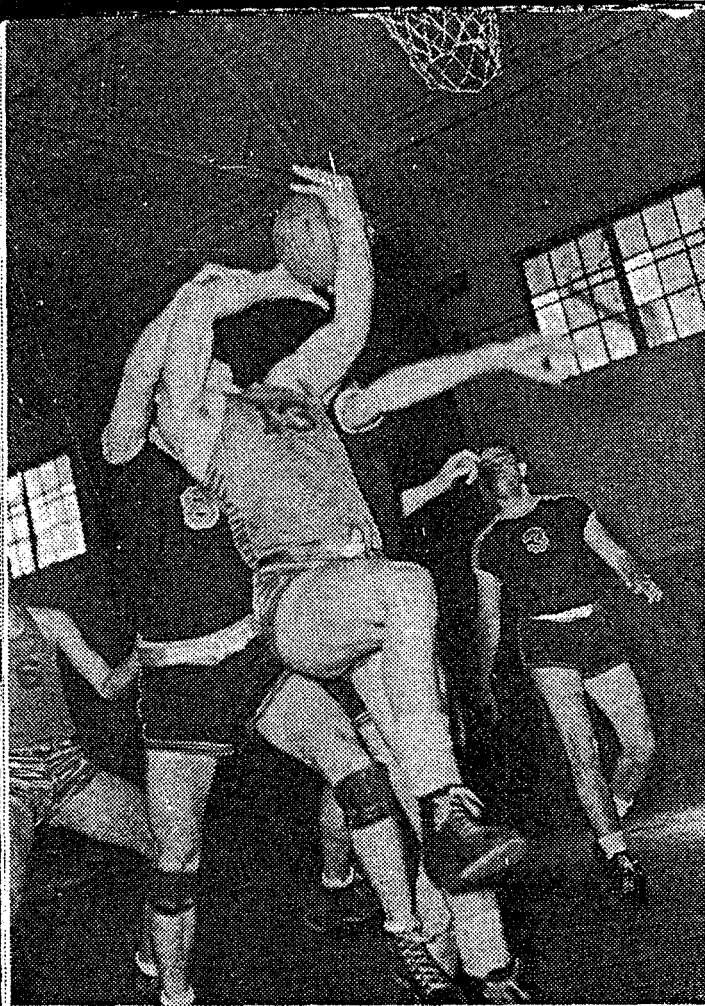
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4th row: Pvt. Onie Johnson, Pvt. James Farkas, Pvt. Tony F. Filipski, Pvt. Joseph J. Fetz, Pfc. Samuel Inoff, Pfc. Theodore A. Hyla, Pfc. Andrew J. Keene, Pvt. James D. Chaney, Pvt. William I. Kordon, Pvt. Edgar L. Perce.

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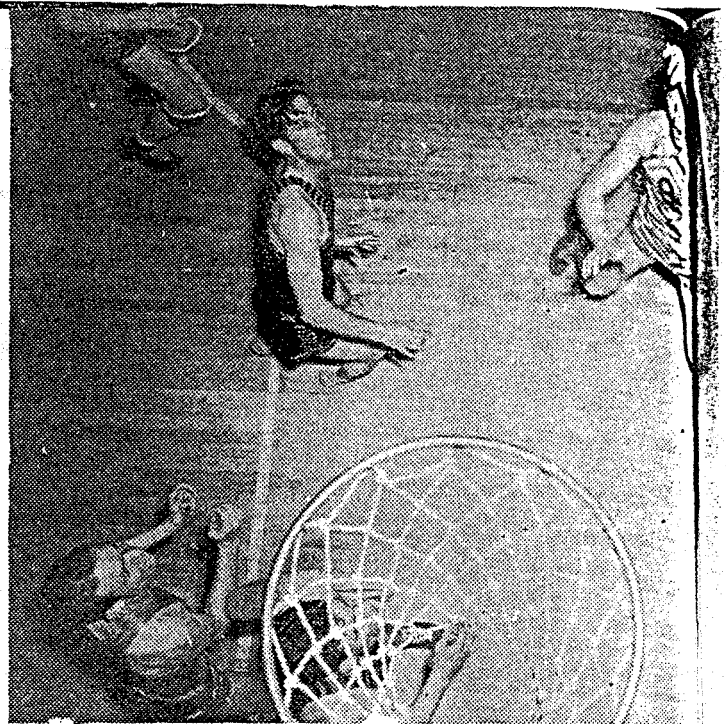
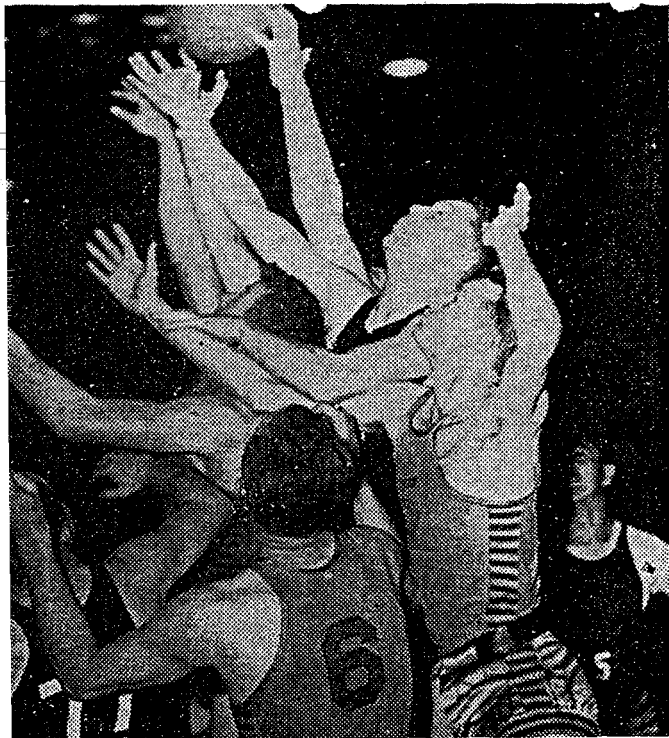


THE SITUATION IS TACTICAL and if this was a television picture you would probably hear Cpl. Wm. T. Green saying to Pfc. Frank Slivinski, "Gun will be mounted here, direction of fire to my front . . ." Pfc. Stephen Czajka is coming forward with his machine gun to put it into action.



WHO SAID 13 WAS AN UNLUCKY NUMBER? This Gator evidently doesn't think so. Why should he? It looks like his lucky day.

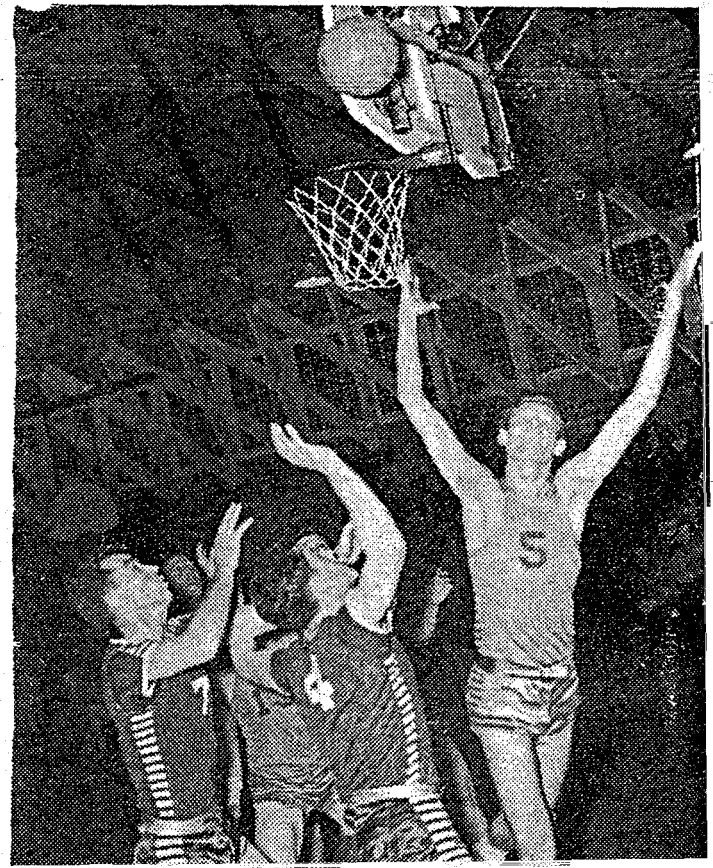
WHICH'S WHICH, WHAT'S WHAT, WHO'S WHO? In this mad scramble for the poor little ball, we see three Gators (Vats Waller, No. 6, Tony Foster, No. 5, and Val Kutarna) in the middle as usual.



SIGHTED BASKET; SANK SAME. Kutarna (No. 9) of the Gators is pictured just as the ball left his hand toward the basket in the game against the Academic Reg't.

Court Men .. At Work

IS THIS THE SCHOOL OF THE DANCE? On closer scrutiny however, the answer is 'No'! It's only the Gators leaving their rivals stunned with the old one-two.



3rd Bn. Hq. Staff

LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN A PRIME FACTOR AND OUTSTANDING ELEMENT THROUGH ITS C.O.'s EFFORTS

Father Time has brought about many changes in the personnel of officers who have had assignments with the staff of Third Battalion, 124th Infantry. The majority of these changes have taken place since the Regiment was mobilized in 1940.

Lt. Col. Robert N. Hill, the Battalion Commander, has diligently watched over the progress of the individuals as they became qualified to meet the necessary specifications set up by the School. Leadership has been a prime factor and outstanding element in the Third Battalion through his untiring efforts.

Major Burnice H. Bell is one of the two present members of the Battalion staff who were assigned to the Third Battalion at its beginning. He too has had other assignments but is back displaying his fine character and encouragement to "Do your best under any difficulty" as Executive Officer.

The job of S-1 is a difficult one at best,

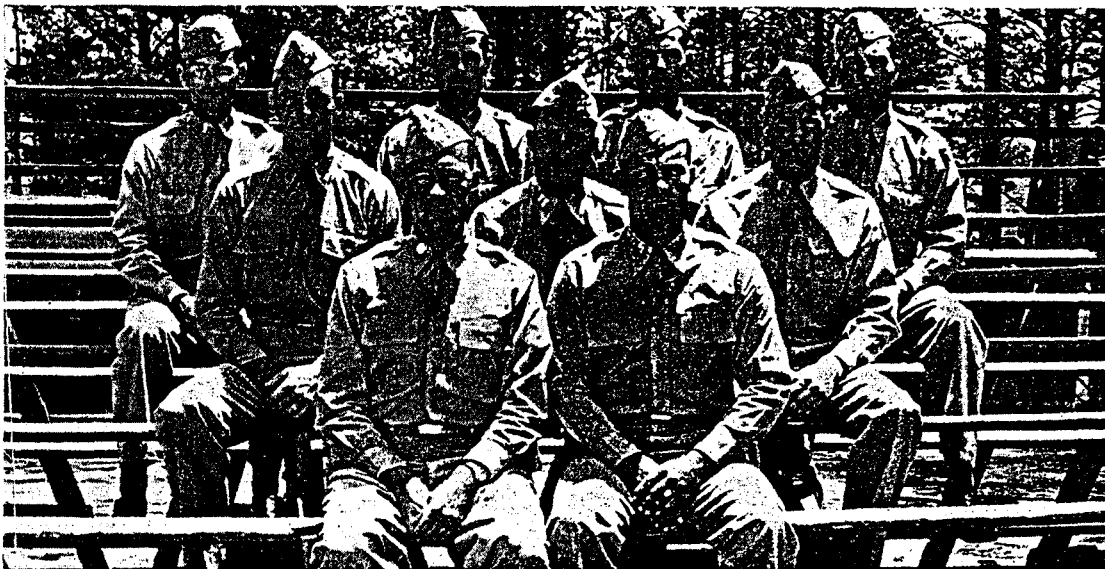
but has been ably handled by Captain Hugh T. Lawson.

Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. Victor Bragaw, with his hard work and earnestness has brought about gratifying results.

Captain William G. Lundy tactfully and consistently has been the man behind the plans and training for the Battalion. A key man on the staff, Captain Lundy is the other original member of the Battalion having over 13 years of continuous service to his credit.

The assignment of handling supplies and equipment has been placed in the capable hands of 2nd Lt. Huemmer assisted by 2nd Lt. Reed. Both officers have handled this difficult task in an admirable way.

1st Lt. John A. H. St. Peter, who has recently taken hold of the transportation reins for the Battalion, has already proven himself efficient in the capacity of Transportation Officer.



THIRD BATTALION STAFF—(left to right): Lieutenant Colonel Robert N. Hill (Battalion Commander) and Major Burnice H. Bell (Executive Officer).

2nd row: Captain William G. Lundy (Operations Officer), Captain Hugh T. Lawson (Adjutant), and Lieutenant Victor Bragaw (Intelligence Officer).

3rd row: Lieutenant Edgar W. Rapin, Lieutenant William R. Murphy, Lieutenant Francis J. Haskell, Jr., and Lieutenant John T. Orlandi.

Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.

MODESTY PREVENTS THEM FROM COMMITMENT; THEIR ONLY CLAIM IS "WE DO OUR SHARE AND HOLD OUR OWN"

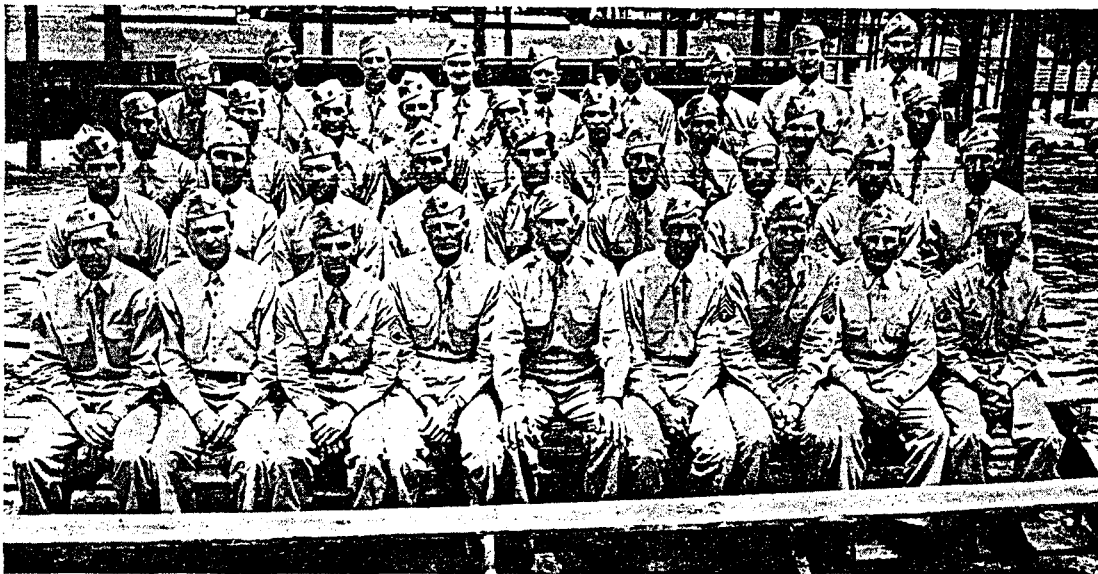
Since January, 1942, when the Gators first came to Fort Benning, there have been three groups of recruits added to the strength of the company. The first group came from Fort McClellan, Alabama, the second from Camp Wheeler and the third was new to the Army.

With the approach of the 1943 baseball season, Lt. Fowler instigated and supervised the team. All the officers and men in the company contributed to the fund to get uniforms and equipment. The team did very well considering the time spent on practice. But it lost a star when Pfc. Elmer Kersten was chosen to play on the regimental baseball team. From

then on, the team didn't do as well.

Our group went into the heart of the woods one day as part of unit training. And when they returned, one Yankee was dragging the carcass of a three foot rattler behind him. It seems the rattler must have had some "Wheaties" for breakfast, and got a mite atrocious. He didn't realize that he bucked a tough outfit.

A dog belonging to Pvt. Cecil C. Powell, has, through no fault of his own, been selected as the company mascot. His name is "Joe." He is a full-grown German Sheppard Dog and is extremely liked from C.O., 1st Lt. Edgar W. Rapin, to the newest private.

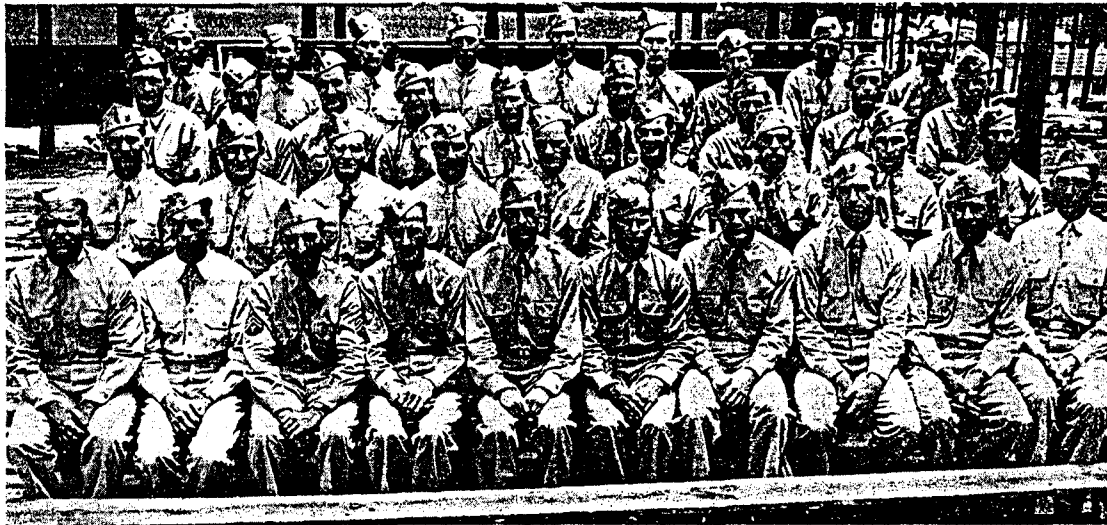


COMMUNICATION PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Fred L. Tolson, Sgt. William R. Barber, S-Sgt. Rex D. McIlvain, S-Sgt. Charles H. Davidson, 1st Lt. Albert L. Fowler, Jr., Sgt. Dallas W. Guinn, T-4 Ervin R. Beville, T-5 Stephen Uhring, T-5 Richard F. Farmer.

2nd row: Pvt. Richard S. Kulwicki, Pfc. Wilbert G. Ihrig, Pfc. Roger W. Yingling, Pfc. Frank J. Poidmore, Pvt. Michael Stopar, Pfc. Elmer Kersten, T-5 Myron Lombardo, T-5 Samuel Lapidus, Cpl. Charles R. Ealy.

3rd row: Pfc. Joseph O. Giannone, Pfc. Arthur S. Jacobsen, Pvt. Joseph Cascio, Pvt. John M. Panuska, Pvt. Jacob S. Brooks, Pvt. Albert M. Olsakovsky, Pvt. Edward McClesky, Pvt. Michael F. Chappie, Pfc. Herman M. Lowe.y.

4th row: Pfc. Charles McLain, Pvt. Park L. Gardner, Pfc. Robert C. Meeks, Pfc. Allan W. LeBeau, Pvt. Roy P. Woodward, Pvt. James H. Wright, Pvt. James Malone, T-5 Andrew F. Lipusz, T-5 Eugene Waiters.



AMMUNITION AND PIONEER PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Emilio E. Garcia, T-5 Paul B. Haddock, Jr., T-4 Pasquale Lima, S-Sgt. Joseph W. DeSear, 1st Lt. William R. Murphy, S-Sgt. Lucious J. Maddox, T-4 Vance L. Elliott, T-4 Forrest E. Hodges, Sgt. Sam H. Rich, Cpl. Oakley A. Bullington.

2nd row: Pfc. Albert J. Lorkowski, Pfc. Paul Krywinoc, Pfc. John S. Sfera, Pfc. Frank L. Martucci, Pfc. Alick K. Sowers, Pfc. Casey T. Malik, Pfc. Joseph Librizzi, Pvt. Edward S. Patrick, Pvt. James E. Slusher, Jr.

3rd row: Pvt. Henry F. Head, Pvt. Carmen A. Rocco, Pvt. Joseph Fedorchak, Pvt. Edward G. Laczyniski, Pvt. Oliver C. Kerr, Pfc. Wilson L. Ginwright, Pvt. Peter P. Kalafus, Pfc. Walter E. Roberts, Pvt. Harry J. Engel.

4th row: Pfc. Roy S. Thompson, Pvt. Cecil H. Nunn, Pfc. Hansel Brown, Pvt. Chester Batchelor, Pfc. Harold A. Anderson, Pvt. Kenneth R. Bloom, Pvt. John B. Grimes, Pfc. Albert B. Senn, Pvt. Walter J. Harris, Jr.



ANTI-TANK PLATOON—(left to right) Pfc. William E. Sanders, Pvt. Frederick Schoepke, Sgt. Jauquin V. Hugas, 1st Sgt. Aubrey L. Blount, 1st Lt. Francis J. Haskell, Jr., S-Sgt. Wilbur Bevil, Cpl. Benjamin E. Groves, Cpl. Chester T. Delikat, Cpl. Robert R. Gray, Jr.

2nd row: Pvt. Cecil C. Powell, Pfc. John J. Cassidy, Pfc. William H. Carter, Pfc. Escar L. Stephens, Jr., Pfc. Horace Mayfield, Pvt. Anthony G. Gavita, Pvt. Morris H. Lindsey, Pfc. Herbert R. Parrish, Pvt. Guy H. Simmons.

3rd row: Pvt. Martin F. Kramer, Pvt. William C. Boody, Jr., Pvt. John R. Cummings, Pfc. Thomas H. Hilton, Pvt. Bernard H. Morris, Pfc. George A. Buel, Pvt. Edward R. Druzba, Pfc. Anton J. Lankiewicz, Pfc. Robert L. Horton.

4th row: Pvt. Terrence P. Hogan, Jr., Pfc. Rocco Mele, Pvt. Charles T. Villella, Pvt. Joseph J. Zapf, Pfc. Salvatore Guarraia, Pfc. Dominic J. Restivo, Cpl. Raymond T. Powell, Cpl. George C. Johnson, Pvt. Albert L. Borkovich, Pfc. Leo S. Dodge.

Night Life of Gators

The Gators pack as much activity into their after-dark hours as they do in daylight. They take everything in their stride, from picnics to dances; from suds parties to chicken dinners.

Generally they supply their own entertainment. However, on numerous occasions, professional talent has been invited to take over.

To list all the company parties that have been held during the recent months would fill ream upon ream. Still, we might state that the boys will dish up a shrimp and suds get-together at the drop of a beer bottle.

And then there are the WAC's! They made their 124th Infantry debut last March and have added sparkle to the numerous shin-digs ever since.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season was the reopening of the McMillan Bowl last April. And wow! What an opening. Entertainers from three local night clubs were on hand to tear the roof off the "joint," as they called the huge amphitheatre.

We hate to be called "kill joy." But Gator Night Life covers much vaster fields than have been enumerated above. For instance, Gator Night Life might include items such as scrubbing details, preparing for inspection, not to mention those nights of star-gazing during those long drawn out night problems.

MMM . . . FOOD AND GIRLS. Below are shown Co. H men entertaining the Harmony Church WAC's at a bang-up blow-out at the Brigade Rest Camp.



CAN—CAN YOU TAKE IT? Linda Gale came fresh from a local boite to can-can for the Gators and is definitely proving here that she certainly can—be in our future shows anytime.

UGH! BIG POW-WOW IN CHEROKEE LODGE. This shot depicts Hq. Co., 1st Bn. braves swinging to the chant of the drums. First Sergeant George "Chief" Barber (at left) leads his squaw during a war dance. What, no feathers?



Company I

ORGANIZATION HOLDS SPLENDID RECORD; AWARDED BEST DRILL CUP AND REMINGTON, TALIAFERRO TROPHIES

Company I, 124th Infantry, was first mustered into service on December 20, 1923, as Company I, 154th Infantry, at Palmetto, Florida. Federal recognition was given Company I, 154th Infantry, Florida National Guard, on January 15, 1924.

When the 154th Infantry was later redesignated the 124th Infantry, the unit at Palmetto, Fla., was designated Company I, 124th Infantry, Florida National Guard.

The unit's first call to active State service came in 1927 when the 124th Infantry was called to Tampa, Fla., to guard an axe murderer against mob violence. Its second call to active service, in 1929, was for one of the most unusual and most valuable services ever rendered by National Guard Units in peace time. It served for more than ten (10) months during the Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine.

As Company I, 124th Infantry, Florida National Guard, this organization has made a splendid record in many ways, gathering under its banner many honors. These were; The Remington Trophy, The Best Drill Cup, The Taliaferro Trophy (the best 5-man rifle team), and other awards.

With the threat of impending war, the Florida National Guard was mustered into Federal Service on November 25, 1940, along with the famous 31st Division. From Nov. 25, 1940, to July 29, 1941, we went through strenuous Basic Training in Camp Blanding, Florida. The period from July 1, 1941, through December 1, 1941, was spent in Army Maneuvers in Louisiana and Carolina where Co. I, as well as the rest of the regiment, was rec-

ognized as an outstanding organization.

On January 14, 1942, this Regiment moved to Ft. Benning, Ga., for duty as Demonstration Troops with The Infantry School.

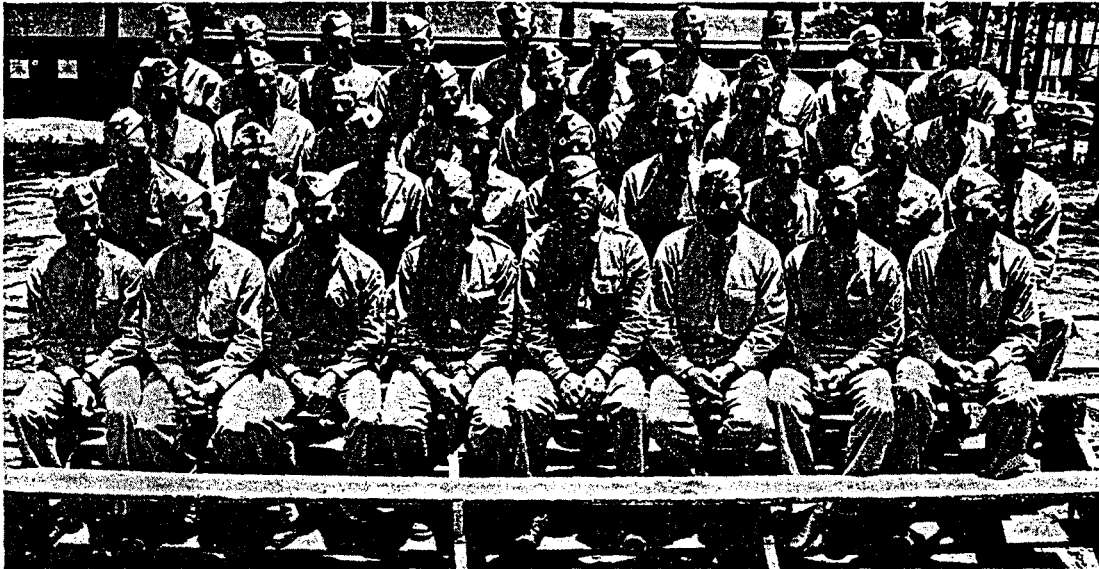
During our stay at Ft. Benning Company I has specialized in various demonstrations. Among them; Combat firing of Rifle Squad (183), Chemical Warfare Service (231, 232, etc.), Bn. in attack (188), Anti-aircraft, Small arms fire against air attack (173) and numerous others. Co. I has made a splendid record at The Infantry School and has received high praise and many excellent reports from the instructors of The Infantry School. Only once has the infamous "Black Ball" rolled our way.

There have been many belly-laughs in the company, some of them have leaked out to give the rest of the regiment moments of mirth. Once the company apprehended a foxy creature who had been messing up the detail on problem 183 for some time. The ALLIGATOR made some crack about 'foxy fox foxed in fox-hole by foxy fox-hunters from I Company.' The entire outfit got a good laugh out of the I-men but the fun was well worth it all.

Since being mustered into Federal Service, Co. I has sent many men to Officer Candidate School, Army Air Corps and other branches of the United States Army.

Many of our officers and non-commissioned officers now hold responsible positions in and out of their former organization.

Lt. Benjamin G. May is acting company commander, while Captain Joel McMillan is attending school.



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Wilbur M. Hickox, Sgt. Robert L. Sumner, S-Sgt. Clinton K. Reynolds, 1st Lt. Benjamin G. May, 2nd Lt. William S. Corey, Sgt. David L. Holland, Sgt. Harlie B. Weatherington, Cpl. Gus Bridges.

2nd row: Cpl. Harry H. Spivey, Pvt. Edward E. Pope, Pvt. Howard P. Sullivan, Pfc. James H. Hodge, Pvt. Henry Lewis, Pfc. Andrew Root, Pvt. Joseph M. Misenda, Pfc. Francis D. Siverling, Pfc. Charles E. Dekle.

3rd row: Pfc. Sam B. Reid, Pfc. Thomas M. Stanley, Pvt. Alfred Puzakowski, Pvt. Edward J. Sobola, Pfc. Reed C. Sires, Pvt. Jack R. Avant, Cpl. Martin Beno, Pfc. Jue W. Willis, Pvt. Early F. Owens.

4th row: Pfc. Fred N. Gray, Jr., Pvt. Hewitt Wilson, Pvt. Charles D. Grant, Pfc. Mitchell S. Suboski, Pfc. Ernest Nettles, Pvt. Joseph V. Yodis, Pvt. Cal E. Bailey, Pvt. Walter B. Rucinski, Cpl. Colbert F. Kanady, Pvt. Arthur J. Beaty.

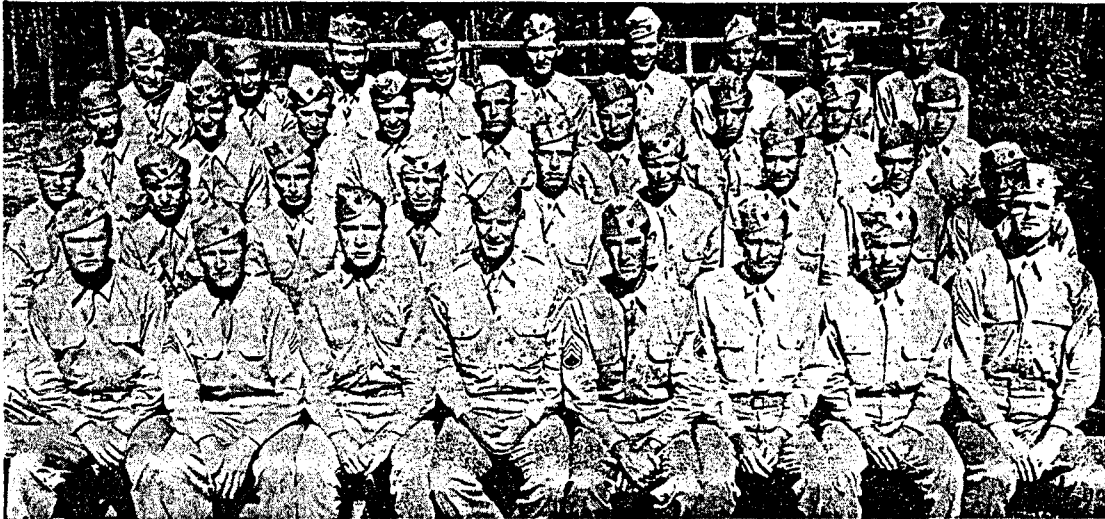


SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. James A. McCullough, Sgt. Marion A. Myrick, 2nd Lt. George M. Davis, S-Sgt. Ben F. Sutton, Sgt. Lawrence B. Williams.

2nd row: Pfc. Elmore L. Crosby, Pvt. Samuel E. Norris, Pvt. Alfred Puzakowski, Pvt. Stephen C. Batcho, Pvt. John R. Hosier, Pvt. Michael G. Hricak, Pvt. Joseph J. Hudock.

3rd row: Pvt. Ferdinand T. Pawlicki, Pfc. Arthur G. O'Neal, Pvt. Murray T. Pettitt, Pvt. Robert G. Botts, Pvt. Calvin Woodruff, Pvt. David Cerny, Pvt. William E. Benson.

4th row: Pvt. James J. Piesto, Pvt. John P. Zemko, Pvt. Paul E. Adams, Pfc. Robert L. Swinson, Pfc. Kenneth L. Broxson, Pvt. Walton W. Parrish, Pvt. Ralph Smith.



THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. Bogan E. Haynes, Sgt. Garland C. Johnson, Sgt. Harr's G. Church, 1st Lt. Thomas A. Larsen, S-Sgt. Lyle Garcia, Sgt. Edward C. Cook, Cpl. Julius H. Wilkinson, Sgt. William R. Cadenhead.

2nd row: Pvt. John J. Malloy, Pvt. William P. Marsicano, Pfc. Jerry J. Hodge, Jr., Pfc. Burney Wilkinson, Pfc. Wade W. Rosenberger, Pfc. Albert Mills, Jr., Pvt. Jack Piscotta, Pvt. Samuel H. Jones, Pfc. Paul Simek.

3rd row: Pvt. Thomas W. Koziol, Pvt. Daniel E. Higgins, Pfc. George W. Cope, Pvt. Alfred Bianchini, Pfc. Harry I. Wells, Pvt. Reed A. Hetrick, Pvt. Irvin Gorin, Pfc. Arlie B. Long, Pvt. Virgil T. Keefer.

4th row: Pvt. George E. Vasko, Pvt. Samuel Sorrentino, Pvt. Frank Sackela, Pfc. John P. Wagner, Pvt. Chester J. Urban, Pvt. John W. Carver, Pfc. Harvey B. Robinson, Pvt. Lyle J. Mooney, Pvt. James R. Blankenship.



FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Pfc. Oscar R. Curry, T-4 Alexander J. Vilcsek, T-4 Joseph H. Walker, 1st Sgt. John M. Meade, S-Sgt. Walter H. Powell, 1st Lt. Thomas W. Larsen, Captain Joel McMillan, 1st Lt. Zeb Vance, Jr., Cpl. Daniel A. Q. Willis, Sgt. Tolliver E. Curry.

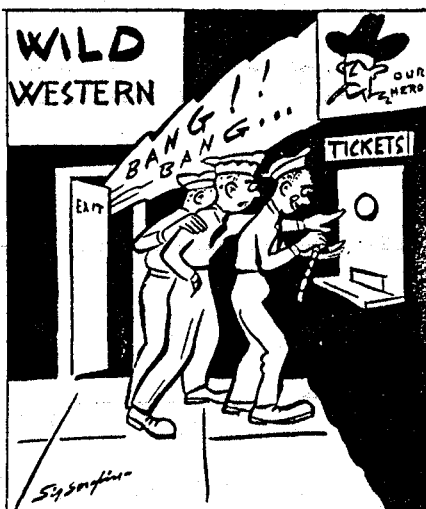
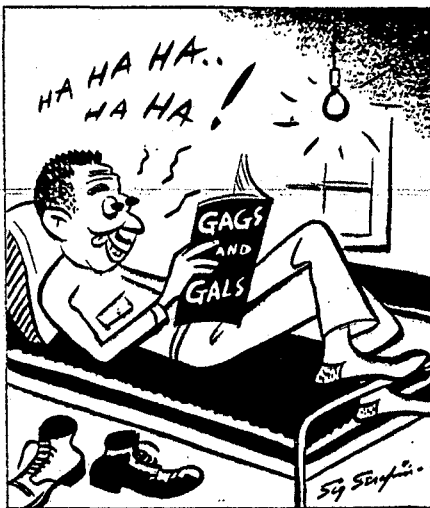
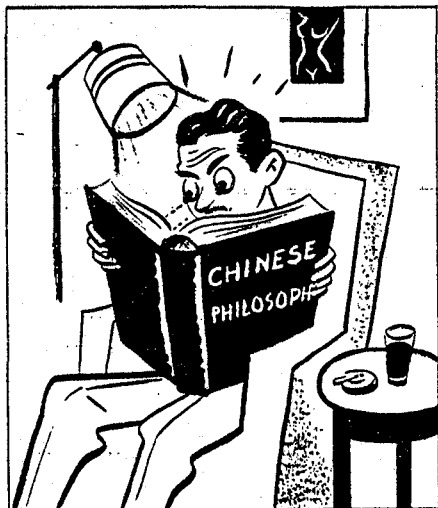
2nd row: Pfc. Bert W. Street, Pvt. Albert W. Moyer, Pvt. Albert Serafini, Pvt. Robert F. Michalski, Cpl. Eston F. Willis, Pfc. Eugene V. Alfonso, Pfc. Earl F. Leighton, Pfc. Homer A. Love, Pfc. Joseph P. McNicholas.

3rd row: T-5 John S. Percharka, Pfc. George H. Johns, Cpl. John T. Henderson, Pfc. Edwin M. Scott, Pfc. Milton J. Myrick, Pfc. Artis Dugger, Pfc. Samuel Gartner, Sgt. Spero W. Calos.

4th row: Cpl. Francis E. Horne, Pvt. Hobert Oliver, Pfc. Lafayette A. Maynard, Pfc. Ernest E. Brooks, Pfc. Clarence Meyer, Pfc. James H. O'Steen, Pfc. Walter F. Beirne, Cpl. William A. Dugger.

Life With A G. I. Twist

JOHN DOE AS A CIVILIAN; THEN HE TURNS DOUGHBOY



Company K

THE K-MEN ARE GOOD SOLDIERS, GREAT SPORTSMEN,
AS WELL AS BEING THE BEST SHOTS IN THE 3RD BN.

Since its reorganization in Orlando, Fla., in the early 1920's, Company K has had a long and interesting history. At that time and until a few months ago it was composed of mostly central Floridians. Now it has swelled its ranks with men from all parts of the United States. It is an out-growth of the Florida Rangers and First Infantry, Florida National Guard, later designated as the 124th Infantry.

After the regiment's induction into Federal Service in Orlando, Florida, and brief service at Camp Blanding, we arrived here at Ft. Benning Jan. 12, 1942, for duty with The Infantry School.

We'll always remember the battalion schools we attended, our first few weeks up here, to prepare us for our work as assistant instructors.

The Infantry School problems which we pulled varied according to the phase of work the class was in. Problems ranging from B-94 (Umpire Demonstration), up through No. 477 (River Crossing Detail). One of the problems we had quite often was No. 179 (Night Scouting and Patrolling), where we were in a defensive position and the officer candidates, our enemy, tried to filter through our lines. This problem was better known as the "Skeeter Patrol" because of the mosquitoes which continually harassed us with their infernal attacks in "dive bombing" formation.

On all of our problems we had a very high percentage of superior and excellent ratings, with a minimum of the efficiency reports marked good.

The week spent on the range again proved that Company K was "on the ball." In the Browning Automatic Rifle firing we walked off with the battalion high scores by the expert shooting of Pvt.

Homer J. Faulkner, who was battalion high scorer, and Pfc. Chester S. Kingure, who was runner up. We are also proud of the fact that all forty-five men firing the B.A.R. qualified, with the majority of them firing expert. The final outcome was 25 expert, 11 sharpshooters and 19 marksmen.

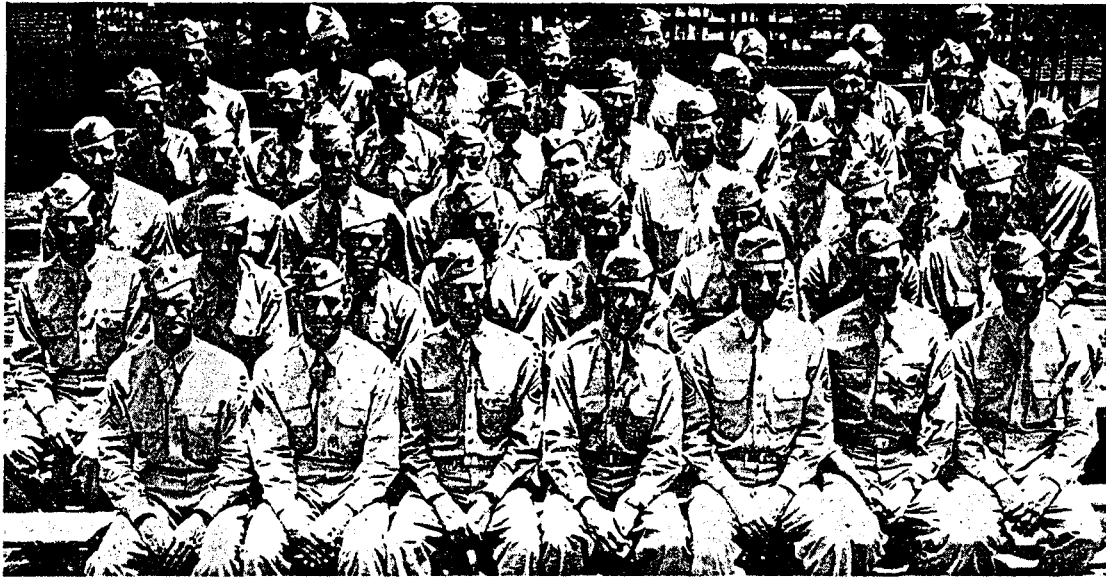
With the M-1 rifle we also proved our worth by having two of the battalion high scorers. They were: S-Sgt. David M. Kilbourne and Sgt. Ralph S. Cammack.

Last year in basketball we won the first half championship without a struggle and were all set to cop the regimental championship, when the regimental team decided that they needed the services of our four star players; Sgt. John B. Herndon, Pvt. Stanley R. Gilbert, and those two speedy forwards Pvt. Raymond E. LeVan and Cpl. Kenneth R. Sims. Even without the help of these four stalwarts we were still high up in the league and were eliminated from the regimental playoff by only one point.

In baseball we also proved that we could keep up with any team in the Regiment. While participating in the playoff consisting of a four way tie, we were defeated and thus eliminated from the first half finals.

Looking back over our past record which we established, there is no wonder that we are so proud of our company. Not once have we possessed the well-known "8-Ball," which is presented by the Gator Operations Officer to any company failing to do their work in the usual creditable manner.

However, this is easily understood when you consider the capable C.O., Lt. O. T. Dalton, the other officers, 1st Sgt. St. Clair Little, the office force and the high quality of cooperation shown by the entire personnel in the outfit.



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) S-Sgt. Jessie B. Jackson, Sgt. John B. Herndon, S-Sgt. David M. Kilbourne, 2nd Lt. Orren Beatty, 1st Sgt. St. Clair Little, Sgt. Jewel D. Kincaid, Sgt. James L. Griffis.
 2nd row: Pfc. Gaylon S. Williams, Pvt. Stephen R. Kaston, Pfc. George Toulomelis, Pvt. William C. Gatch, Cpl. Kenneth R. Sims, Cpl. Quinton K. Eldridge, Pvt. Jessie W. Murray, Pfc. Lawton S. Barber.
 3rd row: T-5 Alex L. Roback, Pvt. George W. Conway, Pvt. Eugene Sibley, Pfc. Nicholas T. Aaron, Pfc. Leslie E. Davis, Pfc. Clifford Harris, Pvt. Milton Hirschl, Pvt. Amos E. Evans, Pvt. Frank M. Hollis.
 4th row: Pfc. Charles E. Dike, Pfc. Thomas V. Johnson, Pfc. Amaziah Waldroff, Pfc. Louis F. Knabel, Jr., Pfc. Willard L. Herring, Pvt. John D. Hamlett, Pvt. William J. Michael, Pvt. Lionel N. Evans.
 5th row: Pvt. John B. Brand, Pfc. Julian M. Hannah, Pfc. James G. Nicholson, Pfc. Burley F. Bishop, Pvt. John P. Farbacher, Pfc. William T. Glenn, Pfc. Ira M. Raker, Pvt. Charles G. Boggess.



SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) T-5 John R. Smith, Cpl. Lonnie R. Newham, Sgt. Lewis A. Reeves, 2nd Lt. Guy F. Boyd, S-Sgt. Henry W. Dike, Sgt. Ruffus H. Lloyd, Sgt. Scipione D. DiPierro, Sgt. Maxwell I. Love.
 2nd row: Pvt. Roy Wimberly, Pvt. Kemp E. Stegal, Pfc. Michael P. Minnow, Pvt. Robert H. Darling, Pfc. Henry White, Jr., Pvt. Russel W. Recchion, Pfc. Ezra Turner, Pvt. George H. Eastis, Cpl. Marvin J. Gilleon.
 3rd row: T-4 Hubert L. Wilson, Pfc. E. L. Cherry, Pvt. Joseph M. Duerr, Pfc. Joseph P. Dumas, Pfc. Eimer Calloway, Pfc. William P. Blankenship, Pfc. Clyde W. Benefield, Pfc. Carl J. Braun, Pfc. Donald C. DeNice.
 4th row: Pvt. Homer A. Irizarry, Pvt. Henry J. Busby, Pvt. John N. Kay, Pfc. Walter A. Goodman, Pvt. Byron Bullington, Pfc. H. B. Lamb, Pfc. Robert P. Maloy, Pvt. Herbert Gu'hrie, Pfc. Ernest Gresham, Pvt. Foister Williams.
 5th row: Pvt. Richard H. Van Brunt, Pvt. Andrew Lezen, Pfc. John F. DaBell, Pvt. Morris Galonsky, Pfc. Joseph R. Roberts.



THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Cpl. W. H. Crawford, Sgt. Charles A. Tatum, S-Sgt. Milburne C. Cassady, 2nd Lt. William K. Stauss, Sgt. Joe F. Hill, Pvt. William L. Patrick, Sgt. Bruno Sieracki.

2nd row: Cpl. James S. Simmons, T-4 Angelo L. Frole, Cpl. Selvin King, S-Sgt. Tom T. Crumley, Pvt. Edward R. Kulnis, Pvt. Wallace Gardner, Pvt. Charles R. Lewis, Sgt. Harold M. Witherow.

3rd row: T-5 C. J. Smith, Pvt. Alvah L. Brown, Jr., Pfc. Peter Lombardi, Pfc. Clifford L. King, Pvt. John A. Masenas, Pfc. John H. Magnan, Pvt. John Kernaghan, Sgt. Arnold J. Jones.

4th row: Pvt. Jeff B. Downing, Pfc. James L. Fitzgerald, Pfc. Frank J. Miklave, Pfc. Chester S. Kingure, Pfc. Lester E. Callahan, Pfc. Jack Aughtman, Pfc. Carl C. Williams.

5th row: Pvt. William A. Russ, Pfc. John C. Countryman, Pvt. Jimmie W. Hallman, Pfc. Lenard J. Woodard, Pfc. Hampton F. Sharon, Pfc. Cleetis W. Mann, Pvt. DeWitt Price.

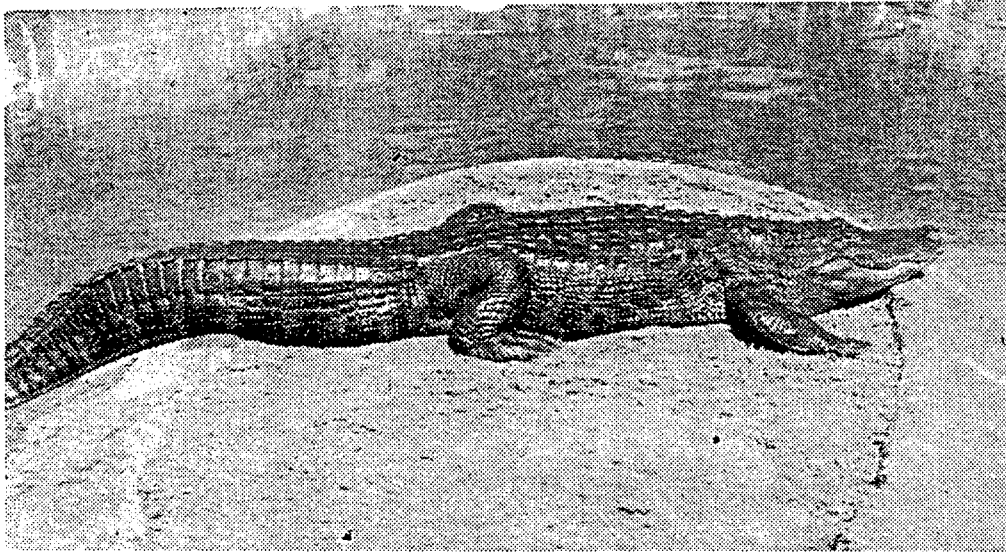


FOURTH PLATOON—(left to right) Pvt. George H. Hamm, Cpl. Walter P. Kelly, S-Sgt. Samuel B. Carter, 1st Lt. O. T. Dalton, Jr., 2nd Lt. Edmund A. Jordan, Sgt. William F. Wilson, Sgt. Ralph S. Cammack.

2nd row: Pfc. Robert E. Morris, Pvt. Raymond E. LeVan, Pvt. Stanley R. Gilbert, Pvt. John P. Murray, Pvt. Homer J. Faulkner, Pvt. Edgar E. Chapman, Pvt. James W. Hair, Cpl. Constantin Matausch, Pvt. Clarence F. Deputy, Cpl. Arthur R. Howell.

3rd row: Pfc. Walter J. Linert, Pfc. Jamus J. Mangin, Pvt. Edward L. Hanley, Pfc. Thomas E. Taylor, Pvt. Allen B. Cauthen, Pvt. Roman G. Pope, Pfc. Charles C. Fox, Pfc. George A. Turner, Cpl. Melvin L. Hair.

4th row: Pfc. Wilbur G. Rex, Cpl. Howard J. Goldstein, S-Sgt. Robert L. Leynes, Pvt. Walter B. Johnson, Pvt. Earnest W. Gordon, Pfc. Walter B. Wells, Pfc. Hoke J. South, Pfc. Julian F. Smith.



BOUDOIR SCENE. Adam Lazonga, the well cared for 124th mascot, is shown here testing the water for his bath in his newly erected apartment. In these days of clicking cameras even a self-respecting Alligator has no privacy in his more intimate moments.



REGT'L 8 BALL. The above G.I. sadly displays the infamous eight-ball which was presented to his company for not being "on the ball."

Regimental Area

When the Gators first moved in, it might be said that the regimental area didn't even contain the bare necessities. It consisted of a group of buildings in God's country.

In the span of a year and a half two parks, several victory gardens, an open air amphitheater and a pool for Adam Lazonga have aided in making our area one of the best.



KEEPERS OF THE GUEST HOUSE. Sgt. and Mrs. Barber's main objective is to keep the guest house attractive and see that the guests enjoy their stay with us.

ADAM LAZONGA HOST OF 2ND BN. PARK. Now that the flowers are blooming and the "boids" are singing, Adam Lazonga invites you to pay him a visit at his summer estate and enjoy a mint julep.

GATORS RIDE VICTORY GARDEN BAND WAGON. Pictured below are several Service Co. G. I.s admiring the fruits of their 100-foot by 35-foot Victory Garden.



Company L

L-MEN, COMMANDED BY CAPT. ROBERT W. BRIGGS STICK
TO THEIR MOTTO, PARATI SUMUS OR (WE ARE PREPARED)

Company L was activated on May 26, 1926, at Bradenton, Florida. Capt. Francis N. Theriot was in command of the company until 1940, retiring and turning it over to 1st Lt. Jones S. Joyner. He was appointed captain shortly after the unit was inducted into Federal Service.

Through the ranks of this outfit many outstanding officers have passed, such as, Lt. Col. Fred W. Kushmer, Majors Jones S. Joyner and William D. Stinson; Captains Earl Klinger, Lewis M. Hamner and William E. Kennedy; First Lieutenants John W. Robinson, Phil C. Patterson, Harry Harrison, Paul Taglione, Paul H. Ridgell, Curry P. Wilson, William Keeton, William H. Wainwright, Robert P. Clack, Donald Ramsey, William Dewberry, Irving Altman, and many others.

Since being assigned to The Infantry School the men of this outfit have instructed with the various weapons of the Infantry; such as the M-1 Rifle, Browning Automatic Rifle, Machine Gun and Mortar. The early morning hours found 1st Sergeant Cooper calling names for the various weapons details and many other assignments. The personnel of this unit has attained a good record with The Infantry School. They boast one of the best records in the Third Battalion with more men qualified on these weapons than in any other company in the battalion.

Its personnel have also participated in many demonstrations. Problems B-188, Battalion in Attack, led the way. In fact it came around much too often. Other problems were B-222 Medical Demonstration, 94 Umpiring problem, and 152X Village Attack.

This outfit was represented on the Gator football team by Sgt. Shelly Davant, Pvt. Irving Knopman and Joseph Taverone. Athletics play a big part in the lives of the men in this outfit. When they have any spare time, you will find most of them spending it on some form of athletics.

Another factor contributing to the popularity of sports within the outfit is the caliber of the men representing the company. The company has one of the best baseball teams in the Regiment. At the time we are writing this story, they are leading the regimental league at the end of the first half.

During the past year the personnel of this company have been entertained with several parties. One never to be forgotten affair of this unit was the shrimp supper given in honor of Colonel Fred A. Safay, our former regimental commander. Among the notables attending the supper were the Colonel's Staff, Captains Robert Davis and Lewis M. Hamner and their wives.

The most enjoyable party was a shrimp supper held at the Hamner Victory Pond Rest Camp. It was followed by a dance. Ahh! The WACs were guests.

At this time there is a commendation in order which goes to S-Sgt. Eunice Watts and his staff of cooks. They all did more than their share to put over each and every party held by the company.

When the men of Company L are called on for any job, you may rest assured that it will be done to the best of their ability. We have and always will continue to live up to our motto, Parati Sumus. "We are prepared."



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) S-Sgt. Eunice L. Watts, 1st Sgt. William D. Cooper, 1st Lt. Robert W. Briggs, 2nd Lt. William D. Murchie, S-Sgt. Toliver M. Gilmore, S-Sgt. James M. Keene.
 2nd row: Cpl. Allison R. Yates, Cpl. Bernard J. Holda, T-5 Earle F. Miller, Sgt. Sesal C. Levins, Sgt. Walter D. Goldman, Jr., Sgt. James W. Daniel, T-4 Paul B. Westbrook, Sgt. Samuel S. Corbett.
 3rd row: Pfc. John Fisher, Pvt. Douglas M. Goldberg, Pvt. Thomas Nobilio, Pvt. Thomas E. Clements, Pvt. Robert L. Boozell, Pfc. Thomas Dennis, Pvt. Vincent Caravan, Pvt. Cutler Tyler, Pfc. Johnnie F. Cannon.
 4th row: Pvt. Granville L. Clark, Pfc. Donald D. Suggs, Pfc. Charles R. Spinner, Pvt. Charles H. Morgan, Pvt. Daniel P. Surrusco, Pvt. Philip Curcio, Pfc. John Neuburger, Pvt. Arnold Carver.
 5th row: Pfc. Alvin L. Green, Pvt. C. L. Harris, Pfc. Travis W. Hatcher, Pvt. Dallas Finch, Pvt. John Gibson, Pfc. Arthur B. Carmichael, Pvt. George Farole, Pvt. James A. Kerr, Pfc. Buford W. Edenfield.



SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Joseph W. Cantrell, Cpl. Stanislaw S. Samson, Sgt. Elwood E. Rich, Sgt. Wesley R. Roberts, 1st Lt. Robert H. Lewis, Jr., 2nd Lt. James T. Eaton, Sgt. Earl D. Williams, S-Sgt. Marcus L. North, T-5 Stanley H. Klemetsrud.
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 4th row: Pvt. Thomas Murphy, Pvt. Edward B. Gautreaux, Pvt. Anthony Gruppo, Pvt. Patsy Yosco, Pvt. Milton B. Scott, Pvt. Howard C. Stewart, Pfc. William M. Bramlett, Pfc. Woodrow A. Harvell, Pfc. Leon J. Coker, Pfc. Deward B. Turner.
 5th row: Pvt. Louis Varga, Pfc. Wesley Leavins, Pfc. John B. Gore, Pfc. Wilmer E. Wood, Pfc. William A. Hawkins, Pfc. David N. Clements, Pvt. Blake C. Warren, Pvt. Oscar Davis, Pfc. Raymond D. Wilson.



THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Adam E. Skillin, Sgt. Grover C. Bedgood, 2nd Lt. Harold F. Hutchins, Jr., S-Sgt. Willie F. Logue, Sgt. Harris N. Walden, Sgt. Raymond E. Bowren.

2nd row: Pvt. William H. Holtzclaw, Pvt. Henri E. Kent, Pfc. Woodrow Harris, Pfc. Porter S. Stokes, Cpl. Elton B. Eldridge, Cpl. Andrew J. Wingate, Cpl. Lester L. Pittman.

3rd row: Pfc. Arthur J. O'Toole, Pvt. Abe Wax, Pvt. Eugene C. Wonderling, Pvt. Abram H. Haffling, Pvt. Gibb A. Newsome, Pvt. Daniel J. Heiser, Pfc. Morris C. Ward, Pvt. James Cutchins.

4th row: Pfc. Joseph J. Pisciotta, Pfc. James W. Russell, Pvt. George H. Hartstein, Pvt. Wilce Sawyers, Pvt. Paul E. Smyers, Pvt. Harrison C. Queer, Pvt. Donald C. Jones, Pvt. James L. Haney.

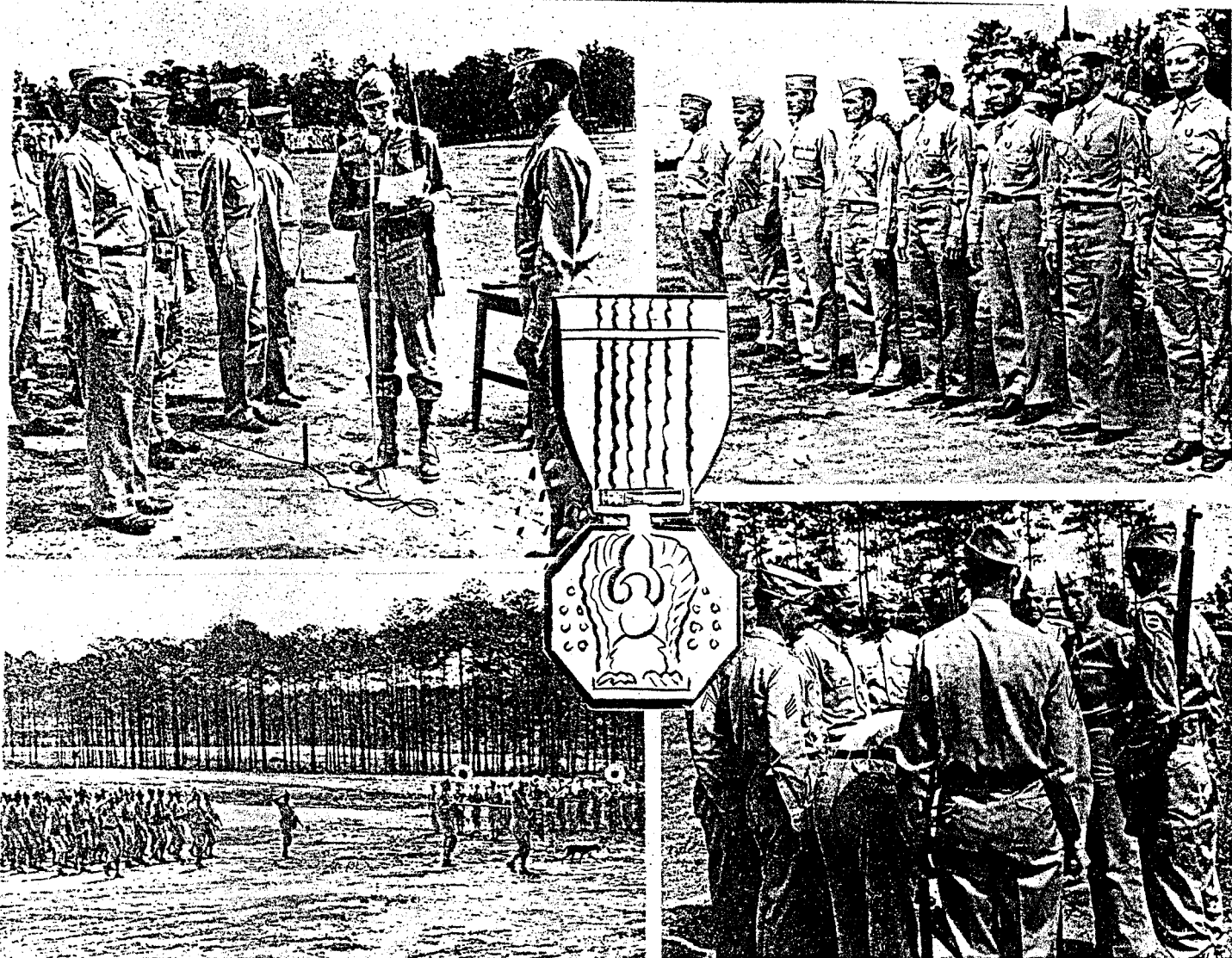


HEAVY WEAPONS PLATOON—(left to right) Pfc. Anibal Diaz, Cpl. Lee O. Thompson, Cpl. Marcus T. Davsi, Cpl. Carl Wilcox, 2nd Lt. James J. Mendler, Sgt. Shelly H. Davant, Cpl. Michael J. Falcetta, Cpl. Oscar Tomlinson.

2nd row: Pvt. Jesse Parrish, Pfc. Orin C. Combs, Pvt. Donald C. Jones, Pfc. Harvey G. Tipton, Pfc. Matthew Caldwell, Pfc. Clyde Hyde, Pfc. James C. Mann, Pvt. Curtis H. Busby.

3rd row: Pfc. John Bracken, Pvt. James E. Elias, Pvt. Francis W. Durrance, Pfc. John F. Wolsky, Pvt. Martin Gamble, Pvt. Ralph C. Jones, Pvt. Troy B. Patton, Pvt. Melvin A. Steranko.

4th row: Pvt. Leon P. Mooney, Pfc. John E. Standland, Pvt. Telford C. Miller, Pvt. Irving Knopman, Pfc. Leamon Burkett, Pfc. Robert E. Fogarty, Pfc. Raymond R. Taylor, Pvt. Rufus H. Lennon.



Gator Heroes

The Second Battalion Field was the scene of much parading and fanfare on June 9, 1943. The occasion was the presentation of Soldier's Medals to five Gator Heroes and an Oak Leaf Cluster to Lt. Col. Andy Lipscomb from the Infantry School. Col. Lipscomb and the five enlisted men were instrumental in saving the lives of a group of South American journalists when a pontoon bridge they were standing on submerged and they were washed into the swollen Upatoi Creek.

In the upper left photo Capt. William F. Bavinger, Jr., Gator Adjutant, is reading off the citations while Cpl. James B. DuBoise stands before General Henry P. Perrine, who is about to pin the Soldier's Medal on his chest. To the left of Capt. Bavinger stand

Gen. Henry P. Perrine, Col. John D. Hill, Lt. Col. Andy Lipscomb and Staff Sgt. Harold Doker.

The shot on the right shows (left to right) Gen. Perrine, Col. Hill and Lt. Col. Andy Lipscomb, the recipient of the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Gator Heroes, Staff Sgt. Harold Doker, Cpl. James B. DuBoise of Co. D, and Pfc's Rudolph J. George, Kenneth R. Scott and Harold E. Thacker of Co. C.

Everyone was present and accounted for in the bottom left. Even "Blackout," the Medico mascot, was on hand to head the pill-rollers with Capt. Jacob Davis, Medico's C. O.

The group to the lower right is comprised of the proud GIs as they are congratulated by (right to left) Gen. Leven C. Allen, Gen. George H. Weems and Gen. Henry P. Perrine.

Company M

M-MEN'S BELIEF, ULTIMAS ERIT PRIMAS OR "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST" BACKED BY C. O. LT. THOMAS JONES

"ULTIMAS ERIT PRIMAS" or "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST" is literally true of Company M the last company in the last battalion of the Regiment. Boasting an enviable string of citations and commendations from The Infantry School, M gallantly backs up its motto. Composed of the rugged type of American Manhood that stays on the ball and not behind it, the men say "Look alive" and are proud that they have not received the Regimental "EIGHT BALL" during their stay at Fort Benning. The company has chalked up a large percentage of "Superiors" for their participation in School Demonstrations.

Company M hails from the State Capital City of "Gatorland," Tallahassee, Florida. It was mobilized into Federal Service November 25, 1940, with Captain McMillan commanding. The outfit shared full responsibility as part of the Regiment while the Regiment was part of the Thirty-first Division's successes in the Louisiana and Carolina maneuvers in 1942.

Heading the list of individualists in the company is the First Sergeant James W. Marsh, a tall quiet spoken man who has seen foreign service with the "Fighting Marines." He was in Peiping, China, in 1936 when the Japs started their undeclared war and knows how it feels to see those little "Yellow Rats." He is above the average in marksmanship and recently chalked up the highest score on the M-1 rifle for the Third Battalion.

Some of the lesser lights but none the less important are such men as: Sgt. W. W. Long of the transportation group, who can tell you what it is to bear the brunt of driver problems and all his men deserve a lot of credit that they never get.

S-Sgt. Joseph R. Turner (1st Platoon 30 Cal. Hvy. Machine Guns) has a reputation as being an expert bayoneteer and

was a member of the cast of the Pathe Motion Picture "This Is America."

S-Sgt. Clive T. Yancev (2nd Platoon 30 Cal. Hvy. Machine Guns) who has been the mainstay for Recruit Training; his patience and diligence is well remembered by the many that have come under his influence.

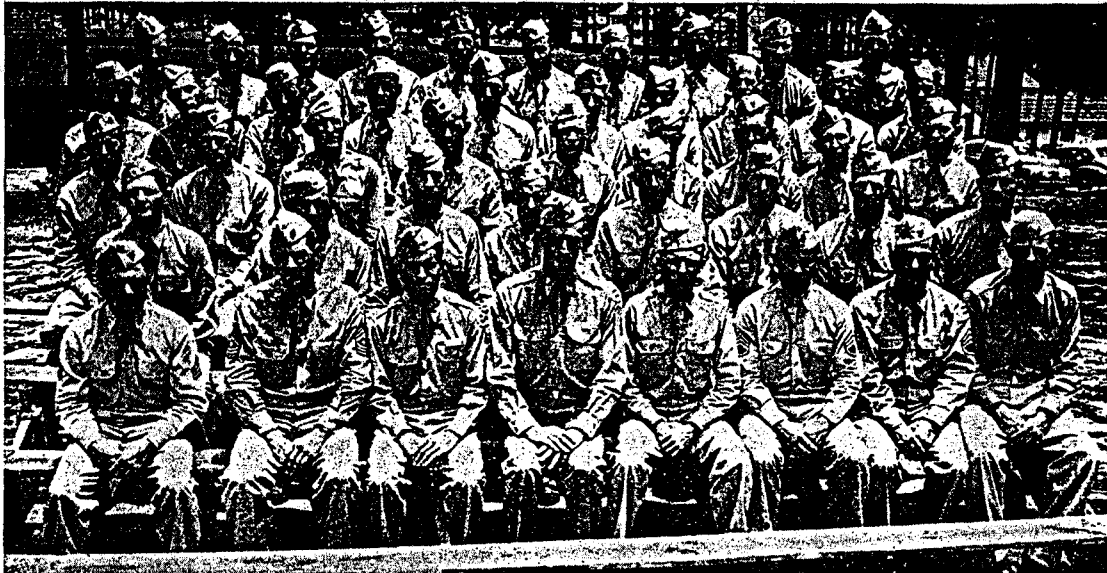
S-Sgt. Tasco R. Wilson (3rd Platoon 81 mm Mortar) recently put on a demonstration, which was witnessed by Lt. Col. Hill and Major Bell, using only the Mortar, minus the bipod and base-plate. He scored five out of six rounds as hits in a thirty-five yard circle at five hundred yards; proving that the 81 mm Mortar can be fired in that manner.

As "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST," M and the Third Battalion was the first to do problem B-188. "Battalion in the attack." A demonstration that requires the utmost coordination of a heavy weapons company. This problem is considered one of the most elaborate to be presented on the entire Post.

That familiar "Walk slowly through this area" and "You will learn to eat Your chow cold" still reverberates in the ears of the gunners along with the command, "Commence Firing." Here it was that a "dago" bomb misfired and hit a second lieutenant (his initials were Larsen) in the posterior. The men still laugh about it because it was the first time they had ever seen a second lieutenant get shot in the rear.

Problem B-188 was commonly termed "The Battle of Benning" by the men. Its intensity and magnitude awed future officers who viewed it. M men will not soon forget B-188 that they pulled, "come hell or high water."

You would have a job convincing an M man that "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST" is not the best in the Regiment.



FIRST PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Roy D. Johnson, 1st Sgt. James W. Marsh, Lt. Richard A. Jacks, Lt. Ross H. Calvert, (Company Commander) Lt. Richard F. Baldwin, S-Sgt. Joseph R. Turner, S-Sgt. William V. Hicks, T-4 Quintus G. McLaughlin.

2nd row: Sgt. Albert B. Claycomb, Cpl. James E. Tallon, Cpl. James N. Dunham, Pfc. Tom B. Rouse, Cpl. Jack H. Dupont, Cpl. Francis J. Folsom, Cpl. Hobson Dozier, Cpl. Fred L. Langlois.

3rd row: Pvt. Shelley Cox, Pfc. George Q. Halbrook, Pfc. Forest T. Pope, Pfc. Frank M. Lyons, Pvt. Carl M. Herring, Pfc. Cecil H. Allman, Pfc. Ben L. Hogan, Pfc. Lawrence R. Rouden, Pfc. Virgil F. Holtsclaw.

4th row: Pvt. Edward V. Dean, Pvt. Joseph Casper, Pvt. John F. Mangan, Pvt. William H. Reyer, Pvt. James V. Chason, Pfc. Frank H. Ahrman, Pfc. Woodrow C. Butler, Pfc. Charles H. Young, Pfc. Homer C. Carraway, Pfc. Thomas B. Linton.

5th row: Pvt. Howard Tanner, Pvt. James E. Toomey, Pfc. Vito H. D'Incecco, Pfc. Henry R. Rufe, Pfc. Sam Ostrofsky, Pfc. Wade C. Stephens, Pfc. Fred P. Davenport, Pfc. Jessie W. Connell, Pfc. Henry F. Haefeker, Pvt. Albert D. Blizzard.



SECOND PLATOON—(left to right) S-Sgt. Clive T. Yancey, Sgt. Wallace W. Long, Cpl. William N. Johns, Lt. Francis L. Hale, Lt. Ernest D. Ankrom, Sgt. William A. Eilertsen, Cpl. Samuel Linton, Cpl. Clyde C. Crews, T-5 Downey T. Frazier.

2nd row: Pvt. William F. Kronenberg, Pfc. Norris Hall, Pvt. Alexander W. Terry, Pfc. Louis S. Maklari, Pfc. Leonard Delgado, Pvt. Kenneth J. McDonnell, Pfc. Morgan H. Chestnut, Pfc. Herold M. Dean, Pvt. Charles W. Merson.

3rd row: Pvt. Edward W. Kutulis, Pvt. Arvie R. Large, T-5 William E. Surret, Pvt. John D. Coleman, Pvt. Dempsey Best, Pvt. John W. Davenport, Pvt. Cephas Thomas, Pfc. Albert N. Ault.

4th row: Pvt. John J. Herman, Pfc. Grover C. Bullock, Pvt. William E. Irvin, Pvt. Alton B. Beach, Pvt. William L. Parker, Pfc. Sylvester Antolak, Pfc. Samuel T. Jenkins, Pfc. Marion M. Bradshaw, Pvt. Michael J. Antonucci.



THIRD PLATOON—(left to right) Sgt. Luther Q. Harvey, Sgt. James A. Dabbs, S-Sgt. Tesco R. Wilson, Lt. Guy W. Mack, Lt. John A. Scranton, Sgt. William T. Anderson, Cpl. Ben R. Haire, Cpl. William D. Herrington.

2nd row: Cpl. Cyrus W. Haagen, Pfc. George Berkowitz, Cpl. Edward M. Dworsky, Cpl. Charles E. Hancock, Cpl. Lawrence F. Cabler, Cpl. Harry R. Zollars, Cpl. Gordon P. Hayes, Pfc. Hobson Watts.

3rd row: Pvt. Roy D. Wooten, Pfc. Leon W. McCall, Pvt. Paul B. Cash, Pfc. Charles C. Hansen, Pvt. Paul S. Lukacs, Pvt. Rayford J. Gordon, Pvt. John Mandak, Pvt. Robert C. Kotchey.

4th row: Pfc. Mathew Consagra, Pfc. James R. Robinson, Pvt. Jacob V. Carr, Pfc. Clarence B. Ray, Pvt. Weaver A. Thomas, Pvt. Clarence C. Schroyer, Pvt. Herman D. Rhodes, Pvt. Howard W. Shaffer.

5th row: Pfc. Jessie B. Dalrymple, Pvt. John D. Flowers, Pfc. James H. Hensen, Pvt. Leo J. Butinski, Pfc. Vernon S. Godwin, Pvt. Bernard Teague, Pvt. William F. Seay, Pvt. Albert N. Venable.

6th row: Pvt. William H. Harvey, Pfc. Darwin C. Armstrong, Pvt. Richard S. Howland, Pfc. Zigmond C. Staszak, Pfc. Samuel J. Harrell, Pfc. Amory V. Seagraves, Pvt. Albert T. Trent, Pfc. Ralph H. McRae.



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! FIRE! Depicted above are two groups from Co. M demonstrating the "School" way of firing the 81mm Mortar and 30 caliber heavy machine gun. The men, who were more than pleased to re-enact a typical every day T.I.S. scene for our staff photographer, have been putting on O.C.S. demonstrations for over a year and are experts with their weapons.

The men demonstrating with the 81mm Mortar in the photo on the left are (left to right): Staff Sgt. Wilson, Pvt. W. A. Thomas, Pfc. Armstrong, Pvt. Larga, Cpl. Rowland, Pvt. Schroyer and Sgt. Harvey.

The men with the 30 calibre machine gun in the right hand shot are (left to right): Cpl. Langlois, Pfc. T. B. Linton, Pfc. Young, Pfc. Ahrman and Pvt. Mangan.



LT. ROBERT A. LOBDELL



LT. DONALD A. SHAFFER



CPL. PAT MURPHY



CPL. ED E. FOGG

Special Service Office

If it's a Gator activity just call it one of Lt. Robt. A. Lobdell's chicks and you can rest assured that you have hit the nail on the head. Every regimental activity comes under his direct supervision; from barber shops to athletics, from the ALLIGATOR to entertainment.

In addition to these, there are many other duties just as important but not as well known; Regimental Public Relations, the Gator Book-nook, Regimental Guest House. In addition to all of these official jobs the S.S.O. has become a sort of moaning chamber where Gators come for information, and to gripe.

Lt. Donald Shaffer is assistant spe-

cial service officer and doubles in bats as manager of the Gator Diamondeers.

Cpls. Pat Murphy and Ed Fogg work as recreation and entertainment directors of the regiment, respectively.

In our year here at Benning the Gator SSO has distinguished itself as one of the most active in the Army. Conducting charity drives, it proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that Gators are a civic minded group. They had contributed over \$500.00, half of the contributions of the entire post, in the President's March of Dimes.

During our stay here both Major John G. Macfarlan and Major Harold F. Milton have served as Special Service Officers.

Gator Sports

THESE ACTIVITIES TEND TO FOSTER A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT SO VITAL IN MAKING OUTSTANDING SOLDIERS

The Gator regiment is comprised of American soldiers from every state in the union and they all are sportsmen from the word GO. The "life-blood of a nation" is the soul of the 124th Infantry. The essence of everything Gator; that's the place athletics hold in our regiment. Wherever you look in the Gator area you will find Gators engaged in some kind of competitive sport; that is, in their off duty hours. There are many times when there aren't enough men in the area to play a good volleyball game. These are the many days when the requirements of the Infantry School take every bit of man-power the regiment has to offer.

Gator sports do not stay within the rigid confines of civilian sports. There are many activities which we think of as sports that wouldn't be found between the covers of a book of games. Primarily, we are soldiers with a job to do, and in our daily life no matter how prominent a position things like basketball and baseball hold, our main aim is to be good warriors. The best way to accomplish this end, in garrison, is through a fierce competitive spirit between various units and men of the regiment and other Army Units.

In bayonet drill every man is in competition with the man next to him; trying to attain a greater degree of skill. So it has been with all of our work from our football team to combat firing practice. Ever the competitive spirit was present, driving the men on to excellency, spurring the regiment to its place as one of

the outstanding units within the Army of the United States.

If a march was the order of the day each company set out with the firm resolve to best the other company marching before or behind them. The goal was to complete the hike with the fewest number of march casualties and to come back to Gatorland in better condition than the next man or organization.

When the Gators moved to Fort Benning they were already famous for their spirit: many an outfit had met them on maneuvers and learned at first hand what the phrase "GATOR SPIRIT" really meant: The will of an outfit accustomed to competition that didn't know what it was to lose a man on a 20 or 30-mile hike; an outfit schooled and instilled with a never-say-die spirit that kept them forging ahead when others had given up hope; a regiment that didn't seem to know the respective strengths of regiments and brigades, particularly if the regiment was the Gators and the Brigade was the enemy. Time and again the Gators moved into the attack against a numerically superior foe, to emerge victorious.

That's the "GATOR SPIRIT"; a thing minute in itself that has won fame and praise wherever it has been encountered by opposition; a thing that has made the Gators probably the most feared contestants in all Post Athletic Tournaments and kept the word Gator near the top, if not at the top, of every form of organized athletics they competed in on the Post.

Football

MAJOR (BIG RED) MILTON AND HIS POST CHAMPION GRIDIRON MACHINE ADDED TO SPIRIT OF GATOR

Probably the largest single factor in building the Gator spirit as it stands today was the 1942 Gator gridiron machine. Coached by Major (Big Red) Milton and captained by swivel hipped Roy Cestary, the company made the rest of the post ball clubs do everything but stand on their heads.

Opening the season against a strong and experienced Chattanooga University Mocassin, the Gators lost their first tussle at Chamberlain Field in Chattanooga.

The next game was played against the Auburn B team in Auburn's new stadium, and again a group of college boys whipped the soldiers. Both Cestary and Hackney spent the majority on the bench.

Spence Field at Moultrie, Georgia, was next up for the Gators and with that game, a one-two-four win streak was begun that hasn't been broken to this writing.

After the Spence Field game, the Gators went into Post Conference play with their game against the 3rd Armored Dragons, defeating them 20 to 0.

Then followed the four remaining conference games. The 11th Armored

Tankers took it on the chin 20 to 6. The 117th went down 20 to 7. The Engineers met the steam roller and came away second best with a 45 to 20 score.

With the conference championship in the bag, the Gators went into the game against their arch foes from the 29th Infantry and again emerged victorious, beating the Devils 21 to 7.

Probably the greatest thrill of the year for the Gator fans was watching the 124th return the whipping they'd been administered earlier in the season by the miniature Tigers from Auburn..

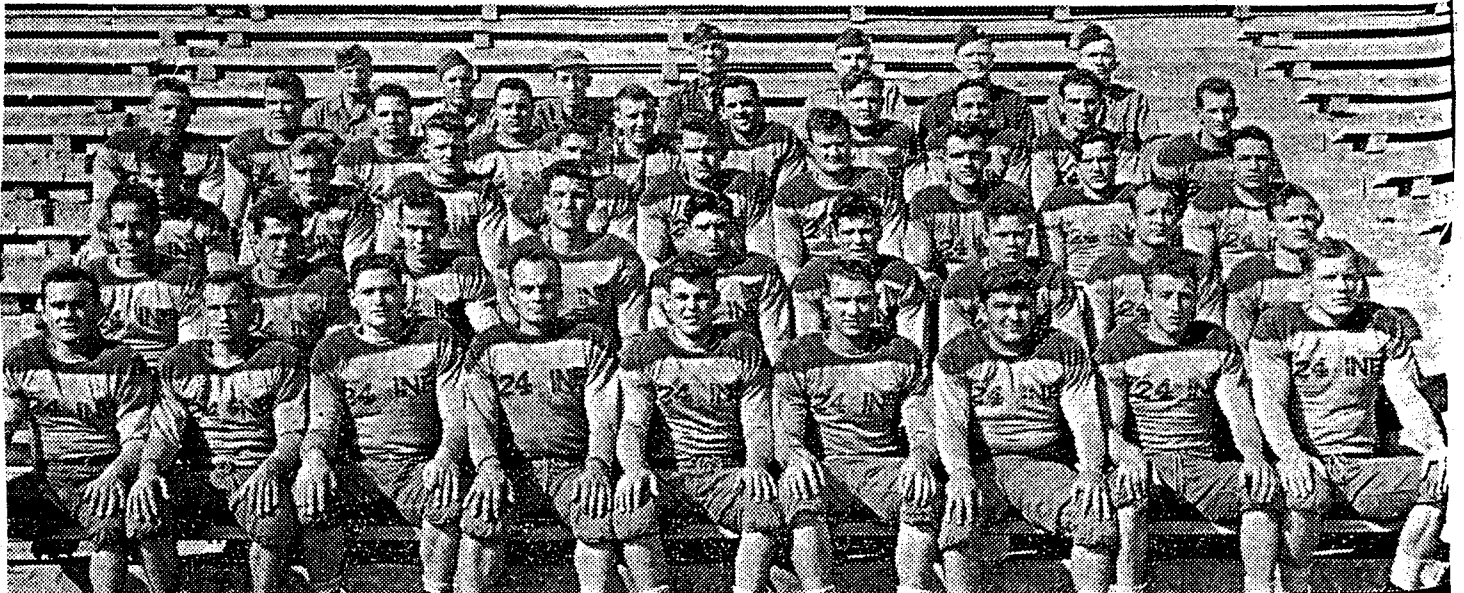
An overall total of seven straight victories with the Gators running up 146 points to their opponents' 40.

Now another season looms for the Gator Gridsters and from where we sit the possibilities look excellent for another bang-up season. Games are scheduled with both post and college elevens.

Most of last year's team is back in strength and many new faces adorn the new squad, among them many of the '42 season's college stars.

On to another Post Championship. Let's Go, Gators!

FORT BENNING CONFERENCE CHAMPS. Here they are, the rollicking Gator gridmen of the 124th Infantry who clinched the 1942 Post Championship. (Reading from left to right you'll see) 1st row: Tavarone, Hamlin, Knopman, Falcetta, Keller, Joos, Chakurda, Katurna, Pieton. 2nd row: Berasi, Calos, McCullough, Rollins, Gallo, Soltas, Monroe, Dyal, Brookbank. 3rd row: Tew, Smith, Curry, Bryan, Suhrbier, Green, Buttrowicz, Hegerty, Aulenti. 4th row: Howard, Belin, Hackney, Ergler, Cox, Poulos, Davant, August, Cestary, McIntosh. 5th row: Asst. Managers Stefancik, Gardner, and Leader; Asst. Coach Major Bill Stinson; Commanding Officer, Col. John D. Hill; Head Coach Major Harold F. Milton; and Manager, Capt. James Brooks.



Baseball

GATORS FOLLOW THE NATIONAL TREND, SPEND THEIR SUMMER FREE TIME WATCHING OR PLAYING BASEBALL

The favorite pastime of the Gators coincides with the pastime of our entire nation. You've guessed it, when the men of the one-two-four are looking for something to do they usually end up with a ball and bat. It's a regimental custom that has held its own ever since we were mobilized. We've found that no matter where you go you can always find a field large enough to play ball in.

Since we've been at Benning baseball has been organized athletics with us, there have been hundreds of games played in the regimental area and throughout the baseball season the battle for the regimental championship wages hot and heavy between the various companies.

Last year was our first year at Benning and the contestants waged a continuous diamond battle all season long. When the final tallies were in, D Company was on the top of the heap after a fierce playoff in which Regimental Headquarters Company was nosed out in the finals.

Our regimental round-robin serves another purpose. You might consider the company teams sort of farm teams for the regimental club which represents the Gators in outside play. Outstanding company players are selected for trials with the major club, then the best of the lot retain berths and represent the Gators in the Benning

leagues as well as in play with pro and semi-pro civilian teams.

In the Gators' first year of competition on the Post, they stayed near the top and finished in the show position in the final league standings. It was a new thing for the Gators, this outside regimental play and they were satisfied with their spot with the leaders.

When the 1943 season rolled around the 124th was ready and waiting with open arms. Lt. Shaffer was selected to manage the Nine. The team started slow, but once the slots were filled, with the Gators best, they began to roll. The slow start had ruined their chances in the first half of the race and although they were ever a dire threat to the league leaders the half ended with the Gators in fourth place.

The second half was another story, they'd found their spot and were heading toward a pennant. The fight was a bitter one in which only three teams had a look-see. The Gators, the 176th Infantry Spirit and the oldest Gator rival, the Academic Regiment Profs. Who will win is still the unknown quantity, but you can bet your bottom dollar that when the chips are down the Gators will be in there fighting.

GATOR DIAMONDEERS. (Left to right): Hanvey, Inoff, Wilder and Smith. 2nd row: Gallo, Ankrom, Blackwell, Belin and Stoker. 3rd row: Manager Shaffer, Ellerston, Rogers and Kerston.



Basketball

ADOPTING THE FAMOUS NOTRE DAME STYLE COACHES BENDER, JACKSON BUILT UP 3 COORDINATED UNITS

Positive proof of the fact that the outstanding motif prompting our success this past season was fine coaching, lies in the fact that Coaches "Howie" Bender and "Andy" Jackson had not a single 'name' player to build around. It was through the tireless efforts of the coaches and players, their daily three hour practice sessions, and their good condition, that the unit was worthy of representing our outfit.

Finding silently that they had no nucleus player on their squad, Bender and Jackson built up several complete units, adopting this style from famous Notre Dame. It had amazing results. In this way Bender would send fresh fives into the game at will, each well-unified, via the fact that they mainly practiced with their own respective unit all week long.

Thus the 124th pitted three well-coordinated mediocre units against, in most cases, one strong five. The fact that the ISSC edged us in the first half, and the 2nd Student Regiment, with its pro-players took our measure in the second half does not detract an iota from the cunning effort of our maestros.

Precision, teamwork, and untiring effort was the keynote of our club. There was no star player, there was no "starting five," there was no substitutes by name.

The boys, well uniformed in their new sparkling orange and blue suits were equally sparkling in their behavior. All were gentlemen, even in toughest predicaments although they never lacked the spirit of aggression necessary to competitive sport.

GATOR COURT-MEN. The 1942-43 basketball team, coached by Lt. Howie C. Bender, were strong contenders in the Fort Benning Conference League. Shown below are: Gilbert, Head Coach Bender and Coach Jackson. 2nd row: Katurna, Cestary, Pfeiffer and Williams. 3rd row: Dyal, Waller, Mangan, Foster and Herndon.



Softball

GATOR TEN RECIPIENT OF 1942 POST CHAMPIONSHIP PLAQUE FOR OUTSTANDING RECORD IN SERIES PLAY

Probably the least heralded of Gator sports, yet one the most successful has been softball. The first regimental tournament played off in the summer of 1942 was the brainchild of Major John G. MacFarlan who was assisted in this "baby" by Cpl. Pat Murphy.

The schedule lasted throughout the summer months and terminated in a playoff in which Medico, Co. I and Co. C battled it out with Co. I taking the honors in the final with Medico.

Outside teams were clamoring for games with a Gator club so the regiment decided to oblige them. A regimental all-star team was the answer; judges were selected and they in turn picked the all-stars to represent the regiment.

Games were scheduled and the Gator All-Stars began mowing down their opposition. The Dale Mahbre Field Ten, an undefeated Florida service team, went down under the superb team play of the 124th aggregation. Columbus and Ft. Benning clubs were set up like ten pins, only to be bowled over by the Gators. The Columbus Reds lost a two out of three series, the 29th Inf., Lawson Field, Academic Regiment, the Columbus Manufacturers and many others faced the powerful softballers only to drop by the wayside. In the All-Stars' season they played 25 games and won all but three of them.

In recognition of this brilliant record, and although

there had been no organized schedule the Post Athletic Office awarded the Gators with a Post Championship Plaque for having beaten the outstanding teams in series play.

At the time of this writing the regimental season for 1943 is under way with the contestants battling it out for the honors. The Gator representatives in the Post Softball League are doing all right in their domain also. A little bad luck in the first half of the season shoved them off the peak to the second place in the race. In the second half they have lost only one game and seem to be taking the hill in high gear with their eye on the top step of the conference ladder.

The ten boasts one of the best, if not the best, under-arm twirlers on the post, in the person of "Lefty" Hamm, who has thus far in this year's play hurled 30 wins and only 3 losses. That's putting them over the plate in any man's league.

Just ask any small diamond player or fan in the regiment if the softballers have that Gator spirit. By way of answer he'll probably shove a sheaf of statistics your way and let you answer your own question.

REGIMENTAL SOFTBALLERS. (left to right): Cerney, McCullough, Pawlen, Zinni, Black and Sklepko. 2nd row: Boring, Sutton, Hamilton, Bradley, Gilman, Soltas and Groover.



