

# Circus Star All Set To Perform at Adair

## Acrobatic Maus Is Now Private But Still Eager to Be Showman

"Under the Big Top," care of "The Bill Board," has been the address for a good part of the life of 25-year-old Bernard Maus. Now his address is more permanent since he answered Uncle Sam's call to the army. It is Pvt. Bernard Maus, Company M, Col. Arthur J. Touart's infantry regiment, Timber Wolf division.

Maus is an entertainer by profession and has travelled widely with circuses and to put on his act in theaters and night clubs. For several years, he and his uncle, Arthur Maus, appearing under the pseudonym of "The Mann Bros.," have featured two acts: "The Two Golfers on the Rolling Globes" and "Two Sailors on the Bounding Rope." Bernard's ambition at present is to have an opportunity to try out for performances given by Camp Adair soldiers. He has sent home for his Indian clubs and other equipment and is rounding into shape again before admiring groups of his buddies in Company M.

The soldier was born in the entertainment game, his parents having been acrobats and they travelled with circuses in the old country for years. Maus says that as far back as he can remember, he was billed on the programs and appeared in minor roles. As a youngster, he became adept at juggling and tight-rope walking. Later he learned to roll the paper mache ball up an incline and then down. In later years, he and his uncle featured this combination act. Bernard has the reputation of being a ball smaller than any other performer in the world in the ball act on the teeter-totter. He juggles his Indian clubs while performing this feat, thus combining three tricks in one. Bernard also became an expert at tap dancing, juggling and working with a lariat rope.

Art of Rolling The Ball  
Accustomed to this routine, "setting on the beam" or more explicitly "on the ball" is a trite saying with the Mann Bros. Bernard explains that rolling the ball up and down inclines takes very particular balancing. Some months ago, Bernard's uncle slipped and fell, breaking an ankle. The team he signed up for six weeks' engagement before soldier groups, if entertainment featured by the UO, when Bernard was inducted at this schedule had to be canceled.

The Mann Bros. have worked with Russell Bros., circus in Canada, with Hagenbach and Wallace and the T. G. Gray Shows in the United States. At Soldiers' Field and in theaters in Chicago as well as in night clubs, they have appeared in many return engagements. Maus remembers going to Detroit for a two weeks' tryout and it was 13 weeks before they could get away.

Acting and stage entertainment have been a family tradition of the Maus family. Three brothers were in this business. Bernard's father quit after World War No. 1 ended. His uncle, Arthur Maus, kept going and Bernard was still working with him when he was inducted last month. A third brother works in the New York theaters and night clubs. All have been very successful in this chosen profession. Bernard's father, Oscar Maus, and his wife, Dolie Manning, compose a dance team which gets plenty of billings around Chicago. —By Pfc. William N. Batdorf.

### SHORT A RAINCOAT?

A raincoat with the mark B-1360 was left at Louis' bowling alley, Albany, it is reported by Sgt. Bill E. May, in the 382nd Medical Detachment of the 96th Division.

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Flew for Finland

Tyko Laaksonen, now a private in the artillery of the Timber Wolf Division, was a lieutenant and reconnaissance flier in his native Finland, during the war with Russia.

Later he came to this country with the idea that he could be of service in the American army. He decided to enlist first and learn English later. He still knows little English, but the division has Lt. Leo C. Hardell, of Finnish ancestry, who acts as interpreter when needed.

Before joining up and being sent here, Laaksonen was a stock clerk in a Brooklyn store. He still hopes to get into war flying. Signal Corps photo. Statesman cut.

## A Sporting New Year! Athletics Boom Here

### Many Sports Blossom at Post And 1943 Prospectus Is Good

By Pvt. Bob Ruskauff (Sports Editor)

The great civilian world has had a rocky year in sports—so rocky in fact that 93,000 are still expected to jam-pack the Rose Bowl for the Georgia-UCLA classic tomorrow—but at this Post our half-year backward look discloses Camp Adair has made tremendous athletic strides.

The future, as far as anybody is going to look, is sound. Rationing won't bother our athletic maneuvering so much. Anyone can walk to Field House and since the elaborate gym has begun to house important events during the past six weeks, it has lived up to every advance expectation.

Field House has proved not only one of the best gyms in the country—on Army Posts or anywhere—it has been proved a high-perfect ball-room.

Tonite to Frolic  
And tonight, with the finest GI and civilian talent in the country (reading both ways from Division Street) performing on its new, proscenium-equipped stage, it is expected to prove itself acoustically ideal for shows such as the big Camp Adair New Year's Eve Frolic. But we were discussing the more athletic sports...

Camp Adair has taken into itself many phases of sport and is doing them up rather brown.

In basketball, for instance, we can salute the Timber Wolf division for the heat they've put into their "hot stove" divisional league, with 15 teams in action.

Timber Wolves Roar  
The Timber Wolf division team has made a more than creditable showing in roving competition. Lt. Bob Duffey's casters, stars in civilian days, have made plenty of progress despite the comparatively limited amount of time allotted to work-out. Their games will resume January 9.

In volleyball, the 96th division took a big and early bite into the situation. You'd have traveled many a merry mile in the old days to see a series any warmer than that in which the Signal Company team won the divisional finals from Battery A, at Field House December 16.

With volleyball fairly tucked away, the 96th is now rounding out its own divisional basketball league to start in January.

Boxing at the Post was put on the map with the rousing seven bouts in the Field House December 14. The card offered plenty of action but, more important, disclosed that there is a big fistful of pugilistic talent here.

Two months ago a fine series of exhibition matches on the Lorenz Court injected Camp Adair enthusiasts with the handball virus. Among its participants it appears to be most deadly. Anyhow, the result is the Camp Adair open singles tournament which will start January 11, with two 16-player brackets expected to start belting the little black ball about.

Considering, when you get right down to it, that this is a very busy Post and the athletic program carries on when the rest of our curricular program is taken care of, we've proved ourselves pretty sporting, what!

## Gen. Bradley Predicts War Front Christmas

### In Holiday Greeting To Division He Leads

In the form of a General Order, adhering to military form, Major General Bradley last week addressed the officers, warrant officers and enlisted men of the 95th Division as follows:

"I take this means to convey the Season's greetings to every member of the 95th Division. Keeping in mind the meaning of our American Christmas, while we are far from our homes preparing for the battles that await us, let us rededicate ourselves to the service of our country.

"The spirit in which you have met the obstacles thus far encountered is in your training augurs well for your future conduct against greater obstacles. I anticipate we will celebrate our second Christmas together, as a combat division, in some remote battle area.

"Let us establish and maintain a reputation for the 96th Division of which we and our countrymen may be most proud. Our faith in our own capacities is reinforced by the faith and devotion of our loved ones at home."

## 332nd Depot Co. Activities

By Pvt. Harry Klüssner

Members of the 332nd Quartermaster Depot Co. really made merry on December 23. The Mess Hall was decorated by nine K.P.'s under the supervision of Mess Sgt. Guy Blackmore. Those working under him were Pfc. Ben Brown; Pfc. Everett Willman, Theodor Spier, Merrill Anderson, Homer Almond, Fred Kelly, Harold Bradley, Dewey Chenault and Alvin Drouth.

Woodman Sgt. William Trout chauffeured by Jack-of-All-Trades Pvt. William Liddell canvassed the hills for greens. On their journey they climbed many a tree to cut down mistletoe. At times they were temporarily halted while scaling barbed wire fences. In the end their efforts were appreciated by our gang because the Quarters at the 332nd Depot Co. had that holiday season appearance.

Sgt. Reynold Niemi was Master of ceremonies at the party. The program opened with "God Bless America." Pfc. Barney Siegel and Seymour Fienberg put on a few card acts. This was followed by a group of four community songs. Pfc. Ben Brown accompanied our group. Pfc. Jim Kennedy and Richard Lindberg sang two A Cappella duets. Several other numbers were sung by our whole outfit. The program closed with "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?"

The following day, Lt. Burnett, commanding, received a present from the men. It was airplane luggage and a card enclosed read: "From the Fighting Quartermasters." The gift was presented by Pvt. Ray Whitlock.

A great deal of credit for making the affair a success should go to Lt. Robert Seng who made it possible for us to acquire a piano from the 335th Quartermaster Depot Co.

Pvt. Chester Mowley has been a busy man for the past week. He had to fire the furnaces for both of our barracks and the orderly room. Pvt. Lester Cline was in the hospital, and it was impossible to find a replacement on such short notice.

The men in the company offer their best wishes to Pfc. Jay Backinger who was married on December 12 in Albany. His bride was the former Charlene Rieker of Rockton, Illinois.

Since the return from the hospital of Pvt. Johnny (doughboy) Vialobos, promoter Ray Whitlock is making arrangements to train him for the Camp Adair lantern weight title.

Eight more men will be on furlough by the first of the year. They are Sgt. Gordon Young who is at present spending his time in Seattle, Washington; Sgt. Ralph Lee who will be Ohio-bound to see his wife. The last time she saw him Sgt. Lee was just a buck private. Pvt. Ed Brown is going to Kentucky. Private Dewey Chenault will be headed post haste for Indiana to see his wife and new family member, a baby girl, and Corporal Walter Stellmach our mail man is traveling to Minnesota. Sgt. Guy Blackmore, our Mess Sgt. is leaving for Wyoming. Sgt. William Trout for Idaho, and Corporal Lute Defrieze for Kansas.

Sgt. Ronald Brock is as tough as they make them. At the warehouse he was hit in the nose by a meat

hook. Sgt. Brock went to the Infirmary to have the wound cleaned and bandaged. In a couple of hours he was back on the job. We're glad to see Pfc. Win. Quigley and Paul Witavchek back from the hospital. They were confined for a whole week with the flu.

Sgt. John Forber has been having a hard time giving orders this week. He has a slight case of laryngitis.

Pvt. Oral (Santa Claus Russell) has the respect of every man in the 332nd. Whenever a person is needed for a tough detail, Pvt. Russell always draws the assignment because he's such a willing and hard worker.

No one could have been more pleased with a present than Pfc. Robert Fassett. His brother and mother sent him a record which they had recorded. He listened to his mother's voice several times with a gleam of satisfaction.

Corporal Edger Becker is our general handy man. Our radio was on the blink; so he checked the wiring, went to Salem for a tube, and put our music box in tip top shape.

Pfc. Edward Patterson's sisters, Connie and Ruby came to visit him over the Christmas holidays. They live in Seattle, Washington. It didn't take Sgt. Art Dieleman long to get acquainted with them. Five minutes after he met the girls, Sgt. Dieleman was taking a picture with them.

Pfc. Roger Hugous received some phonograph records for Christmas which are the envy of almost every man in our company. His sister sent him the Valerius, Danse Macabre, and the Messiah.

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MEMORIAL UNION DANCES  
There will be a dance for men of the 96th Division at Memoria Union, Oregon State college in Corvallis, Jan. 9, and one for the Timberwolf division on Feb. 6.

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