

96th Div. Old-Timers Invited to Swap Dope

Veterans of Other War May Join Organization for Common Interest

(EDITOR'S NOTE — The 96th Division Special Services Office was recently presented with the suggestion of instituting an Old War Horse Club, or something similar, composed entirely of enlisted men who saw service with the AEF during World War I. During the next few weeks this column will take a peek into the public and private lives of these veterans so that Johnny Dough-boy at Camp Adair can get an idea of what kind of a soldier his pop was away back when. Additionally, the old boys might even be able to get together over a bottle of beer on Saturday night and see who can outdo the other in a bit of breeze shooting.)

A club such as this has loads of possibilities and company commanders who have any of these veterans in their outfits are cordially invited to submit their names to the Special Service Office by phoning 2459, and we'll do our damndest to send out a reporter to interview them.)

First Sergeant Rigdon
Opening our list of Old War Horses is First Sergeant Grover C. Rigdon of Durant, Oklahoma, who is currently with 96th Division Headquarters Company. Sergeant Rigdon donned his OD's for the first time on September 21, 1917, at San Antonio, Texas. He received his basic training with a machine gun battalion and went across with the 35th Division on May 3, 1918.

His outfit entered the trenches on July 3 and didn't come out until the Armistice was signed. During that time, Sgt. (then Private) Rigdon was under continuous bombardment from the German field artillery and prides himself in the fact that the only two days that he has been out of service in his nearly 23 years with the army was when a

shell fragment from a projectile, which burst 20 feet from him, imbedded itself in his right hip.

Sporting three stars on his victory citation, signifying participation in the battles of St. Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne, and the Barcarret sector, Sgt. Rigdon came back to the states in 1919 with his honorable discharge papers in his hands and immediately headed for home.

The "Urge" Got Him

There he resumed his farming and remained out of service until January 1, 1923, when the old urge got the best of him and he signed up with the Oklahoma National Guard. He received his first sergancy with the outfit in 1928 and went into active duty with them on September 16, 1940. On November 15, 1941, he was declared to be over the age for active military service and Uncle Sam released him into the Enlisted Reserve corps.

When it became evident that the overflow of manpower resulting from the expanding draft laws would require the assistance of as many men with former military service as could be found, Rigdon received notice of his recall to active duty on October 30, 1942, and came to Camp Adair shortly afterwards.

He is 53 years old and the father of three fine children. Mrs. Rigdon remained in Durant where she teaches school.

Frenzied Finance

by Sgt. Fred Ashworth

Things have been really "frenzied" at the Post Finance Office during the last week, with furloughs, discharges and hundreds of other vouchers to be paid. We hit the "dead-line" once again though and everyone was paid Monday, by the greatest morale building outfit in the Army.

Returning to duty from furlough this week are private first class Reed Dunn and private George Andrews. Reed visited Logan, Utah, and George visited Seattle, Washington. Both fellows report that they had a fine time "doin'" the home town bro.

For the last three weeks we have been trying to get a picture of the gang at the office for a little publicity in the Camp Adair Sentry. After ten attempts we have finally gotten one good shot. Generally

speaking, we have a group of good-looking boys, but speculation still runs high as to whose face spoiled the first nine attempts. Showing prominently in the foreground of the picture is the new Finance sign which we hope soon will grace the front of barracks 465, where Finance Section is, "at home to visitors from retreat to reveille." (And we're not kidding.)

Familiar sights around the office:

The original Mr. Five by Five of the Finance Section doing his stuff every day in the Commercial Accounts section.

Master Sergeant "Chick" Reynolds appearing at the office every morning at the stroke of eight, bright-eyed and ready for a hard day's work.

Corporal Jim Molloy computing furloughs. Every time he is about to finish the last hundred furloughs on his desk, someone comes in, pushes the piles of furloughs away until they can see Jim, and then gives him some more. Molloy grabs a handful of his curly locks and groans: "Fifty more furloughs. O-o-o-o-h."

Unfamiliar sights around the Office:

Sgt. Barney Barnhill in his new position in the Accounting Section.

Sgt. Louis Geirman in his new position in the Officer's Pay Section.

Sgt. Louis Geirman in his new position as head of the Officer's pay Section and Sgt. Cal Chandler in his new position as head of the Accounting Section.

The first time the Finance Section was seen together at a Camp entertainment was last Monday night at the SCU-IX Corps radio broadcast. The music was good, the entertainment was good and the girls were perfect.

Last Thursday night, Finance Section, representing Headquarters Company in the IX-SCU basketball league, continued their winning streak. 3428th Ordnance forfeited. The record stands four victories, three defeats.

Sleepy on Week-Ends? Corvallis Has Beds

Soldier, if your theme song on week ends is "I'm Getting Tired So I Can Sleep" and you are in Corvallis look up the Defense Recreation office there and they will provide sleeping accommodations for you.

Some 60 beds are now available for sleepy soldiers through the USO and SMC (Federated Churches) along with "groceries" on Sunday morning. A small charge is being made for the sleeping and eating service and arrangements are being made by Corvallis officials for 30 or 40 more beds to be supplied by private families.

D. C. Stripe

Another stripe has just been added on the long sleeves of Monte Snyder, now a master sergeant. Why is this news? M/Sgt. Snyder is the personal chauffeur to President Roosevelt. Some detail.

129th Liberty Ship Christened



Mrs. Gordon H. McCoy, wife of Colonel McCoy, commanding officer at Camp Adair, Sunday christened the George M. Bibb, 129th Liberty ship launched at the Oregon shipyards.

SPECIAL WEEKEND TRAIN TO PORTLAND!

Well, we did it! Yes, the Special Train to Portland last weekend arrived at its destination just three hours and forty-five minutes after leaving Wellsdale (Camp Adair to you), and exactly fifteen minutes ahead of schedule, giving the boys plenty of time to plan their evening activities. This is the best run through the Willamette Valley since the days of Lewis and Clark. No, they are not members of the SCU! But to get serious for a moment, don't you think we did pretty good? And this coming weekend we promise you another four hour run, and we are looking forward to your continued support and cooperation. So... if you really want something to write home about, don't miss the Special Weekend Train to Portland, Saturday, February 6, 1943.

May we remind you...

1. Train leaves Wellsdale, Oregon, Saturday, February 6, 1943, at 1:30 p. m., and for the return trip, leaves the Union Station in Portland at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, February 7, 1943.
 2. Roundtrip fare is \$2.00. Yes, that all...
 3. Men in the 96th and Timber Wolf Divisions may purchase their tickets from the Special Service Officers at Division Headquarters.
 4. Men in the Service Command and attached troops may purchase their tickets from their Company Commanders, or from 1st Lt. Gilbert A. Waite, A.G.D., Adjutant, at Post Headquarters.
 5. After 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, February 5, 1943, tickets will be available only at the Wellsdale Station and at the Oregon Motor Stage Bus Depot.
 6. One special coach is reserved for Commissioned Officers.
 7. Bus facilities are as inadequate as ever, and no buses will leave Camp Adair for Portland, until 6:00 o'clock, Saturday evening, February 6, 1943.
 8. Purchase your tickets early and avoid last minute rush and confusion.
- Confidentially... we were surprised at our record run too... Be seeing you Saturday.

QUARTERMASTER

"QUOTES AND QUERIES"
Pfc. F. Smith—Sgt. M. Gaines

Surprise, surprise — we're here again. Bringing with us mental pain. For all who read this—awful stuff. To them we say: "Had enough?"

Flash! Flash!! Outside of the opening of the Allies' Second Front, we believe that we have the biggest new story of the present war. Here it is: Sgt. Austin, QM's wrecker of CCC Camps, had a ten day furlough and travelled no further from camp than Dallas. (A town just 50 miles away.) Now, we're not trying to discredit Dallas, BUT if that's not grounds for the opening of Section Eight (8) proceedings, we'll admit that we like Oregon.

While on the subject of furloughs, we'd like to welcome back S Sgt. "Bud" Newman and his wife from one spent at Laguna Beach, California. By the time this "hits the streets" or "streams" of Adair, he will have lost that little sunburn that he had acquired.

To Native Oregonians: Sanburn is a reddening of the skin that has been exposed to EXCESS SUNSHINE.

Via an underground stream, which Oregon has a surplus, we've heard that Sgt. Lorch, of the QM Orderly Room, is "sweating out" a transfer to the WAAC's. If, when it comes through, a line for tops on how he did it forms outside his barracks. To all concerned, you'd better make your reservations early.

Blame for which must go to Pfc. Fortunazza's package from home. (Hawthorne, N. J.)

Mess Hall Remarks: Not only are we being paid "candle wages" but now they're feeding us rice. If all this is because China is one of our allies, let's do something one way or another, before they have us pulling "rickshaws."

To Hibernians of the future we offer the name of Pfc. "Wee Willie" Sheldwert as the "Schickelgruber" of World War No. 2. (You see he's the company painter.) "Portland Will," start growing that mustache.

Quartermaster Quin-Ten: For quite a while now, we've been hearing our guests comment on our after-dinner privileges. That is, the cakes, bugs, pies, etc., that grace our menu every once in a while. All of which brings us to today's Quin-Tenyer, Sgt. Millard Spencer, baking specialist of the first order. Spence, before he donned Uncle Sam's khaki, wore the white uniform of his sailing at the famous Sun Valley Winter resort in Idaho. Which should explain to those who haven't sampled his wares yet, just why the QM's plates, like Jack Spratt's and his wife's, are flecked clean.

SAVES BULLETS FOR NAZIS

Pvt. Fred L. Smith, Timber Wolf Infantry, who resides in Spartanburg, S. C., says that he'd like to save some ammunition for his brother, who is in the Army of the United States fighting the Nazis. When he went on the machine gun range last week, Private Smith qualified as a machine gunner but still had 45 rounds unused when he finished firing. Almost every round that was fired had reached its mark. If the gunner had fired all as accurately, he would have made first gunner, easily.

Capt. Hale Commends Soldiers of Command

Provost Marshal is Off For 3 Months of School

"Of all the troops with which I've worked and have instructed, this is one of my finest outfits. The co-operation has been wonderful. Every man is a gentleman."

Capt. Julius Hale, Provost Marshal of SCU 1911, and battalion commander of Military Police and Post Guard, made that statement to a Sentry reporter just before he relinquished command to depart for a two months' "refresher course" in Provost Marshal work at another post.

During his absence, Lt. Walter Padrick will be acting Provost Marshal. Lt. George Kressaty is the new commander of Military Police.

Capt. Hale worked his way up from the ranks. He became a second lieutenant in the United States Infantry in 1923 at Spokane, Wash., a first lieutenant November 12, 1928, in the 6th Corps Area, Chicago, Ill., and was commissioned captain in Camp Adair last September 15. He was one of the first officers in Camp Adair. Previously, he had been assistant Provost Marshal at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Overseas in World War I
He went overseas with the 363rd Infantry, 91st Division, in the first World War, and was overseas 13 months, returning with the Third Division in July, 1919.

In his youth he was a champion professional middleweight boxer, and an outstanding big game hunter. His posts have included those in the Philippines, Honolulu and Alaska. He has been commander of the American Legion Post at Longview, Texas. He organized the ROTC unit in Roosevelt high school, Honolulu. He did similar work at Beloit, Wis.

Few of his men here knew that Capt. Hale graduated as a mess sergeant from the Cooks and Bakers' school at Fort Ritey, Kansas. He was interested keenly in good food for his men, as well as insisting that uniforms at all times be neatly pressed.

Capt. Hale also went through the Infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga., as well as the clerks' school, and the Chemical Warfare school at San Francisco, Calif.

Regiments in which he has served include the 14th Infantry, 363rd, 58th (of the Fourth Division), 31st, D.E.M.L., seventh, and the 30th at the Presidio, San Francisco.

He is a member of the Masonic lodge and Consistory at Spokane, Wash.

In his absence, Mrs. Hale will continue in residence at Corvallis. His daughter, Dorothy Hale, resides in Spokane.

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DATE	ALBANY	CORVALLIS	MONMOUTH	SALEM
THURSDAY February 4	11:15-11:30 am Informal Activities	BUILDING FLOWERS POOL REMODELING	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities 7:00 Dance instruction	7:30 pm Stamp Club meet 8:00 pm Informal Dancing
FRIDAY February 5	Informal Activities	BUILDING FLOWERS POOL REMODELING	6:00-10:20 pm Informal activities	7:30 pm Small games activities 8:30 Informal dancing
SATURDAY February 6	Informal Activities	2-5 pm Informal activities 7:30-8 pm Singfest 8:11 pm Dancing and entertainment	1:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	3-10 pm Canteen open 1-5 pm Registration for Home Hospitality 4 to 8 pm Register for sleeping bags 8:11 pm Dance (Ballroom)
SUNDAY February 7	Informal Activities	10-12 pm Deputis and coffee before and after church 2:10-3:30 pm Informal activities	1:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	9 am to noon Visit the church of your choice 9 am to 10:30 pm Canteen open 2-5 pm Ballroom dancing 3:15-5:45 pm Musical program 8:30 pm Singfest
MONDAY February 8	Informal Activities	7:30-10:30 pm Game night and informal activities	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	7:30 pm Small games activities 8 pm Informal dancing
TUESDAY February 9	Informal Activities	2:30 p. m. Army Wives' Club 8 p. m. Beginning dance class 9 p. m. Humba & Cozz. 7:30-10:30 p. m. Leath. aerials	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities 8 pm Contract Bridge instruction	10 am to 2 pm War Mothers meeting 4 pm Discussion group 8 to 10 Enlisted men's and wives party 9 pm Singfest
WEDNESDAY February 10	Informal Activities	7:30-9:30 p. m. Art Class in Pastel 7:30-8 p. m. Singfest 8:10-10 p. m. Dancing	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities 8:00 pm Dancing	7:30 pm Small games activities 8:00 Informal Dancing

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