

Age, 56; 29 Years in Army, 'Old-Timer' Sgt. Bill Murray Has Been, Done, Seen

Most any newspaperman will agree that one of the toughest jobs in the world is to get an old army man to talk. Interviewing First Sergeant William E. Murray of Company E, 383rd Infantry, was no exception. However, from what we were able to pump out of him, anyone can see that the newest member of the elite 96th Division Old-Timers' Club has really been around.

Now approaching his 56th adventurous year, Sergeant Murray boasts 29 consecutive years in military service and has visited nearly every country on the face of the earth.

Picked Rugged Outfit

When at 26 he decided on the life of a soldier, he picked what was then the most rugged outfit in the book, the United States Marine Corps. From Quantico, Va., he shipped out to the big naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 1913. As a member of an advance base rifle company he was sent to Nicaragua two years later and politely assisted in escorting the Nicaraguan president out the country when his compatriots threatened to assassinate him.

The spring of 1914 found him aboard the U. S. S. Utah (sunk at Pearl Harbor) on a world wide good will cruise. No sooner had the man-o-war arrived home when she was ordered to proceed to Vera Cruz to quell the Mexican revolt. Murray landed with a Marine detachment at 5:25 a. m. on April 21, 1914, and twenty minutes later the Stars and Stripes were flying from the masthead of the Federal building. This incident was followed by three dull months of guarding the municipal water works to prevent the possibility of poisoning the government sympathizers.

In 1917 he went to Europe with the Fifth Marine Regiment, the same outfit which covered itself with glory in the occupation of Guadalcanal.

In Argonne First
His first active engagement

came in the Argonne Forest. As usual, he tries to dodge around any descriptions of what went on. Plain and simply, he said, "We'd just shoot and keep shooting and those who didn't know when to duck didn't come back."

Murray was 32 when he switched over to the army because he "hadn't slept in a bunk or eaten out of a dish for 26 months." His success was little short of meteoric and in 11 months he was promoted to first sergeant.

From the United States he went to the 14th Infantry in Panama and after a brief visit back home in 1926 he sailed for China and the best time he ever had in his life. Said he, "We could take in every night club in town and get our laundry done for the total expenditure of six bits. For two years I never made up a pack and we always used to marvel over the China boys who swept the barracks and did KP. They told us that they were never richer in their lives."

From 1929 he literally commuted between the mainland and the Hawaiian islands, with the exception of a year spent with a guard detachment at the military prison on Alcatraz Island in 1932. Then it was back to Schofield Barracks on Oahu in 1933 where he remained until 1937.

He took in the Texas and Louisiana maneuvers in 1939 and transferred to Camp Adair from San Luis Obispo last summer.

Although his predictions about the future are as good as anybody's, Sergeant Murray has definite plans for his 22-year-old son, William, Jr., who is in his third year at Princeton University.

If the old man can swing it, the youngster is going to be a lieutenant, tailor made at West Point.

What? No Butter to Go With It?



Dorothy O'Connell, home economics expert, cuts herself a slice from the millionth loaf of GI bread baked at the Camp Adair bakery. She is assisted by Warrant Officer Stanley and Col. Theodore A. Baumeister, post quartermaster. Public Relations Photo.

SPECIAL PORTLAND TRAIN

Saturday, February 27, 1943
ROUND TRIP FARE--\$2.00

LEAVES Wellsdale at 1:30 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 27.
For Return Trip
LEAVES Union Station in Portland at 8:15 P. M. Sunday Night.

Trip going and coming will be approximately four (4) hours.
Buy your tickets now from the Special Service Officers of the 96th and Timber Wolf Divisions or from the adjutant at post headquarters.

Supply Sergeant Rated 'Mr. Anthony' of Army

Genial, Hard-Boiled Guy Solves Problem of Officers and EM

Someone in the Army should write a song entitled, "Just Take It to the Supply Room." That is the first thought of officers, non-coms and privates when they have some article that cannot be left in the barracks or any other place because it would make the room unsightly. But the Supply Sergeant always has a nook or corner for it. One of his worries is to keep all kinds of property even though he has to use the art of camouflage so his supply room will pass inspection. The inspecting officer will not tolerate dust or dirt or slovenly arrangement of the supply room and he does not approve of the use of any corner as a catch-all. One of the thoughts to be worked into the song might be, "A place for everything and everything in its place."

To the E.M. (enlisted men) of the organization, the supply sergeant is "hard boiled." But those who knew him in his basic training period, remember him as a friendly fellow; always jovial and ready to "shoot the bull" with anyone who happened around. He was and still is interested in "wine, women and song" as is the next soldier. Pleasure has become his one "out" from long hours of work and worry. Although he doesn't handle much actual cash, his is just as much of a business as a merchant in civilian life and he has the same responsibilities that most small merchants have.

A few months in the supply room finds the sergeant's easy-going mannerisms disappearing and a firmness taking their place so that when his orders are given, they are accepted and carried out without question. The sergeant has the responsibilities of taking charge of and keeping the company's properties in good condition, of outfitting the men with weapons, clothing and equipment; looking after their laundry and dry cleaning; supplying cleaning materials and all other supplies needed in the barracks and mess hall. He is almost a nurse maid to the enlisted men for when their clothing wears out, he takes it in for salvage and exchanges it for new materials. When articles are lost, he makes a statement of charges so that new ones can be procured. His sole interests are in his company and the enlisted men within the company.

At times his patience is worn thread-bare by the carelessness of his men and their seeming lack of appreciation of his efforts. At his wits end to get his work done accurately and hurriedly in order to take as little of the men's time as possible, there are sometimes outbursts and so the sergeant is classed as "hard-boiled." But after such an explosion, real regret wells up from the depths of his heart for it isn't his nature and he doesn't like to be tough with his men. His success in the work, though, depends on his keeping this fact locked tightly away for he must be strictly business at all times.

Allied troops fighting in North Africa are familiar with rationing of the scarcest commodity there—water.

keeping your brass buttons gleaming, shining your shoes for inspection, and making your bed without any wrinkles.

This is the Army, and, although it's not exactly a musical comedy, it still has the greatest humor and gaiety of any Army in the world. This man's Army is patience, toughness, humility and Freedom. It's nothing that spells defeat and everything that spells victory.

This man's Army is YOU.

Soldier Pot-Pouri Is Seen in Army Barracks

Men from Texas to Maine Exchange Stories, Troubles, Homemade Cake

Ed. Note: "The Sentry," always on the lookout for interesting items to toss your way (and always ready and willing to steal same) came across the following feature in the Fort Scott publication, which we would like to pass on to you. Take it, Pvt. Frazier!

By Pvt. Bernard Frazier, 561st TSS
Being in the Army now is your personal contact with the richest experience of the 20th century. The Army is the U. S. A.; all the glory, loudness, humor, and magnificence of America are yours if you will but look and listen to what is all around you.

It's Infinitely Bigger
In the Army you eat, drink, shave, work laugh, march, study, read, take a shower, listen to the radio and swap talk of home and "the girl I left behind" with men from the biggest cities and the smallest towns, from the factories and the farms, from the mountains and the seashore, from the sweltering bayous of Louisiana and the dripping coast of Maine. You begin to see America as something infinitely bigger than your home town.

You can hear about the roads of Oklahoma and the hills of Kentucky from the guys in the double-decker bunk, two down from yours. You can listen to the dreams of California and the laughter of New York from the kids from L. A. and the Bronx.

"The Heart of America"
Hear the rambling-voiced Texan talk about women and cattle from the Lone Star state. Let the barber from Tallahassee, Fla., tell you about big oranges and sunny skies. Listen to the ex-song-and-dance man full of wearying, wonderful words about the old two-a-day routines at B. F. Keith's.

The barracks is full of men who are the heart of America and the hope of the world, the little guys who really live, who envy no one and accept everyone, friends from the start. They are part of the common people fighting a common enemy for a common cause all over the world.

Listen to life, listen to the talk of the barracks on a rainy night just before lights out. It is talk of the real things, of home and love, of girls and food, a hamburger at the PX after the movies, a beer, an anxious face at mail call, a girl with spun-gold hair at the USO in St. Louis.

It is the life of the men who have been around and the innocence of the green kids from the sleepy towns of Indiana and North Dakota. It is a long distance phone call on Sunday night to the girl you love, hearing the sadness beneath her voice, being angry at not being able to do anything about it.

It's Ma's Cake
It is a box of chocolates and a cake from Ma and the impulsive generosity with which it is passed around the barracks. It is a week-old copy of the home-town paper with news of the soldier from Toledo, Ohio, who married a girl you used to know.

The Army is doing a hundred things you never did before and being a hundred things you never were before. It is sweeping the barracks in the morning and peeling potatoes in the mess hall. It's beefing about GI food and eating every bit of it. It's seconds on the pie at noontime chow and listening to the juke box for an hour in the PX.

Heavy Thinking, Too
It's getting some papers and envelopes from the service club and saying "Dear Ma"; it's walking your post in a military manner and doing a lot of heavy thinking between 2 and 4 a. m.

It's doing your own sewing and

Corvallis

Sales and Service
Modern Shop—Best
Mechanics
Wilson Motors
Phone 43, 2nd & Jackson

DR. CHAS. O. ANDERSON
Optometrist
Humphrey Bldg., 537 Monroe—Corvallis—Phone 424-J

USO CAMP ADAIR AREA
WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
National Catholic Community Service • YMCA • Salvation Army
Jewish Welfare Board • YWCA • National Travelers Aid Association

DATE	ALBANY 112-118 East Third St.	CORVALLIS Fifth and Madison Sts.	MONMOUTH Hwy 99W & Main St.	SALEM 692 Chemeketa St.
THURSDAY February 25	Informal Activities	Building open for your convenience — limited facilities available	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities 7:00—Dance instruction.	7:30 pm Stamp Club meet 8:00 p. m. Informal Dancing.
FRIDAY February 26	Informal Activities	Building open for your convenience — limited facilities available	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	7:30 pm Small games activities 8:30 Informal dancing
SATURDAY February 27	Informal Activities	8-11 pm Dance at Elks Hall, 3rd and Monroe, Orchestra.	1:4-3:00 pm Informal Activities. 2 pm Sewing and mending.	1:10 pm Canteen open 1:5 pm Registration for Home Hospitality 4 to 8 pm Register for sleeping cots. 8:11 p. m. Dance (Ballroom).
SUNDAY February 28	Informal Activities	Building open for your convenience — limited facilities available	1:00-11:00 — 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 5:15-5:45 pm Musical program 8:30 pm Singfest
MONDAY March 1	Informal Activities	Building open for your convenience — limited facilities available	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities	7:30 pm. Small Games activities.
TUESDAY March 2	Informal Activities	Building open for your convenience — limited facilities available	1:00-10:30 pm Informal 8 pm Contract Bridge instruction.	10 am to 2 pm War Mothers Meeting 8 pm Discussion group 8 to 10 Enlisted men's and wives' party 9 pm Singfest
WEDNESDAY March 3	Informal Activities	7:30-10:30 pm Dance (Cabaret Night) at Women's Club Bldg. 7th off Monroe. 7:30—Art Class in parlors at USO—beginners welcome	6:00-10:30 pm Informal activities.	7:30 pm Small games activities 8:00 Informal Dancing.

SERVICES AVAILABLE—Library, Showers, Snack Bar, Ping Pong, Reading Room, Writing Room, Craft Materials, Photography, Pool Tables, Small Games, Dancing Classes, Counseling, Valet Room, Information Service, Checking Service, Comfortable Lounges, Housing Information, Sleeping Accommodations, Distributions of Religious Articles.

HOSTESSES AT EACH CLUB EVERY EVENING
USO-Your Home Away from Home

25 Timber Wolves Now 1st Lts.; EM Promoted

Promoted from 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt. were: Francis F. Bowen, George Gunderman, Jr., William C. Heckert, Jr., Thomas R. Kiggins, Joseph T. Kusacz, Thomas S. Lacy, John F. Ligon, Jr., Harry B. Malstrom, Vergil W. Olsen, Paul E. Radlinsky, Charles A. Rinehart, Robert W. Saunders, Denmon T. Sconyers, Mike A. Walters, William B. Whitney, Isaac Woltshock, Chester R. Young, Edward L. Zaluski, John B. McShane, Wayne E. Powell, Julius J. Zdebski, William H. Warren, Raymond LaPorte, Walter Leon, Cyril A. Walter.

Among the enlisted men, the following promotions were announced: From privates to corporals: B. C. Britton, D. T. Esposito, A. Genovese, W. W. Hofer, H. C. Hunter, A. Kempf, C. J. Kirov, E. H. Knutson, N. Massa, R. Nurni, F. H. Peterman, A. C. Pritchard, W. S. Snetten, R. Taldi, G. A. Weaver.

From privates to privates first class: M. L. Founds, R. O. Brown, P. J. Cochran, E. A. Coturri, P. F. Dehliqui, R. F. Davis, F. W. Fauble, E. P. Fearing, N. M. Fenati, T. A. Guinn, C. G. Janney, L. Jundt, J. R. Kam, F. R. Kapp, E. W. King, F. Muhl, S. N. Parrins, J. Pearson, L. R. Robertson, C. F. Roos, H. W. Triplett, F. J. Voller, C. D. Wadsworth, F. S. Zembo, F. R. Livermore, B. Levine.

Send Her FLOWERS TODAY
...by wire, bonded delivery service... Florist Telegraphic Delivery Association... ANYWHERE
Leading Floral Co.
'ho. 291, Corvallis, 458 Madison

Welcome Church of Christ

(Not Christian Church)
730 E. 5th St.
ALBANY, OREGON
MOOSE HALL
2nd St., Corvallis

Bible Class . 10:00 A. M.
Preaching . 11:00 A. M.
Communion . 11:45 A. M.
Prayer . 8:00 P. M.

to Worship
Soldier's Invitation
Claude A. Guild, Minister

You owe it to those at home!

Open Thursday and Saturday Evenings for Your Convenience

SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

BISHOP
Photographers
520 State Street - - - Salem

OFFICERS - NON-COMS SOLDIERS

WATCH THIS LIST AND CHECK ITEMS NEEDED
Or better still — come into either of our stores—at Albany or Salem—and go over the stocks with us.

- All Wool O. D. Shirts
- Serge Pants (All Wool)
- Shoulder Patches
- Chevrons for All Grades
- Web Belts, Brass Buckles
- Reg. Buckle Oxfords
- Officers' Slacks (Pink & Green)
- Sewing Kits
- 'T' Shirts (with Division Insignia)
- Souvenir Pillow Tops
- Top Kick Chevrons
- Metal Polishes (of all kinds)
- O. D. Army Coveralls
- O. D. Wool Sweaters (Wool, sleeveless)
- Shoe Brushes, Shoe Paste
- Leather Wallets
- Field Caps (100% Wool)
- Garrison Cap Rain Covers
- Whistles With Chain
- Uniform Buttons
- Garrison Caps
- Money Belts (With Zipper)
- Zipper Utility Kits
- Shoe Rags
- Slippers - Packed in Kit
- "Aunt Lydia's" Thread
- "Spiffy" Collar Stays
- O. D. Laundry Bags
- Gun Cleaning Brushes (Brass Wire — 30 and 45 Calibre)
- Glastic Dog Chains
- O. D. Scarfs (100% Wool)
- Soap Boxes
- O. D. Cotton & Wool Sox
- Officers' Raincoats
- Military Jewelry
- Tooth Brushes (Prophylactic)
- Stationery (Kits, folder or box.)
- Copper Button Boards
- Compasses--Officers'

ARMY & NAVY
"Your Dollar's Worth Always"
TWO STORES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
233 N. Commercial SALEM
206 W. Second St. ALBANY