

96th Celebrates 1st Year With Big Party

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A "picnic" lunch, consisting of the regulation Army "K" ration will be served to the guests of the division at 12:30.

All the organizations of the division will hold open house for their guests during the afternoon. Personnel of the station complement are invited to inspect the installations.

Feature event on the afternoon program will be a baseball game between the 96th All-Star nine and the Ft. Lewis Warriors. The game will be played on the field at 9th Street North and Avenue B.

Finishing off the day of celebration, there will be plenty of free entertainment for both officers and men from 8:00 p.m. until taps.

Among the distinguished guests who have been invited are: Earl Snell, governor of Oregon; ex-governors Charles Sprague and C. H. Martin; Sen. Charles L. McNary and Sen. Rufus Holman; Rep. James Mott, Salem; Rep. Homer Angell, Portland; Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg.

Other civilian notables present will be: Aaron M. Frank, of Portland; Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Secretary of State; Leslie M. Scott, State Treasurer; Harry S. Schenk, Chief Deputy Secretary of State; Dr. F. M. Hunter, Chancellor of Higher Education; Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon; Dr. C. A. Howard, president of the Oregon College of Education; and Willard L. Marks, chairman of the Board of Higher Education.

The mayors of nearby Oregon towns and cities have been invited to attend, including: C. H. Woodcock, Corvallis; Earl Riley, Portland; G. C. Knodell, Albany; R. H. Windishar, McMinnville; I. M. Doughton, Salem; Fred Bowersox, Monmouth; and M. J. Butler, Independence.

Many newspapermen and publishers will also be present. Among these are: C. E. Ingalls representing the Corvallis Gazette-Times; Phillip Parrish and Robert Notson of The Oregonian; Donald Sterling and Marshall Dana of the Oregon Journal; Alton F. Baker, publisher, and William M. Tugman, editor of the Eugene Register-Guard; George Putnam, editor of the Capitol Journal; Jack Bladine, publisher of the McMinnville Telephone Register; R. E. Cronise, publisher of the Albany Democrat-Herald; R. B. Swanson, editor of the Monmouth Herald; and Ralph Kletzing, editor of the Independence Enterprise.

275th Runs Into Snafu on Problem

Some things can happen on maneuvers.

You may be working on the best tactical problem ever written, but it's a foregone conclusion that something is bound to happen to snafu the situation sooner or later. Otherwise it just isn't a maneuver.

The recent field problem of the 275th Infantry was no exception. The enemy detail for the problem took off in their trucks and proceeded toward Monmouth. Along the way a guide met them and carefully guided them along a dusty road about two miles back in the bush country. Finally they entered a wooded area and proceeded to a cool, shady spot.

Everybody prepared to detruck when an enterprising young officer looked around and found (that's right, you guessed it), they were right in the middle of the enemy command post.

"This Is The Army"



EX-OPERA SINGER, T/5 Fordyce Waldo from the Trailblazer division, former bass baritone singing with the Chicago Operetta company, will lead songs and be in charge of the stage presentation in the Paramount Theater, Portland, for part of the Rose City phase of "This Is the Army" day next Wednesday.—Sentry photo.

Combat Teams of 70th Hold Field Exercises

By Lt. Gordon S. Thomas
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Early on a recent Saturday morning, while mist still hung on the Oregon hills, the 70th Infantry Division, the "Trailblazers," got a taste of what their name implies.

A mythical force of Japanese had invaded the coast of Oregon and had progressed inward to a line along the Little Luckiamute River. There they were met by a division of American troops who held the east bank of the Luckiamute. Small Jap patrols had succeeded in making a break-through across the river and had occupied positions on two hills west of Monmouth near Antioch School. The 70th Infantry Division was ordered to retake the occupied ground.

This problem, the third in a series of field exercises in which the 70th Division has engaged, was prepared by officers of the 275th Infantry to train troops to act as a combat team in the occupation and defense of an assembly area, in the advance to a line of departure and in the initial phases of the attack.

Japs Hold Hill

Two opposing forces were organized, the Blues, friendly troops, and the Reds, enemy troops. The Blue force, represented by the 275th Combat Team, was given the mission of capturing and holding the hills occupied by the Red, or Jap, patrols. The Red force were given the task of defending the hills.

The night before the problem, all troops connected with the exercise assembled for an orientation address, in accordance with the 70th Division's policy of acquainting each soldier with the problem in which they are to take part.

After the orientation lecture the 275th Combat Team entrucked and moved by motor to an assembly area southwest of Monmouth, Oregon.

There they organized to defend the area against a surprise attack by the enemy. The troops rested and were fed while reconnaissance reports of enemy positions were carefully studied by the staff officers of the combat team. Throughout the stay in this area many instances of good training were in evidence.

All vehicles, equipment and personnel were carefully camouflaged against enemy air and ground observation. Noise and lights of any sort were prohibited and, although all of the elements and installations of a combat team were there,

even friendly observers had a difficult time locating the area.

The Attack Starts

Soon after midnight, hidden by darkness and in complete silence, the combat team began to move westward toward the enemy. Progress was amazingly fast considering the heavy undergrowth and the rough terrain over which the troops had to travel. They passed friendly artillery installations and continued the march to the west until they reached a point southeast of the enemy positions. There, final preparations were made for the attack.

The enemy was resting quietly, shortly before dawn on Saturday morning when an artillery shell hit in their midst. This was the signal for a tremendous artillery barrage which soon began to fall on the hills. As the barrage lifted grey shapes were seen to rise from the mist at the bottom of the hill as the 275th Combat Team launched the attack.

For a time the enemy line held firm. Their positions were good, their fire power heavy and their observation excellent. As the enemy artillery began to fire at pre-determined targets in their midst, the attack of the 275th momentarily slowed down.

The break came suddenly. The 275th lobbed over a number of mortar smoke shells shrouding the base and the side of the hills and hiding the formations attacking the right flank of the enemy lines. As the attack pressed closer and the fire of the combat team grew heavier, the Reds mustered their forces and retired to a ridge near the Luckiamute River line.

Once started, however, the momentum of the attack grew. The 275th moved forward, overran enemy positions on the hills and continued on until the enemy were forced to withdraw beyond the river. At this point the umpires announced that the objective had been taken, the mission successfully completed thus ending the problem.

The entire problem was made as real as training can be made. Casualties were tagged and taken to the Battalion Aid Station where medical personnel treated them according to their injuries. Supply

96th 'Takes It'; Back In Camp 'Rarin' to Go'

Following a rigorous training exercise in the Bend area, the 96th Division has returned to Camp Adair for final "polishing up" before joining other divisions in the Corps maneuvers in Central Oregon, it was announced today.

The division completed its prescribed training in the Bend area recently and is expected to be ready for combat after battle maneuvers during September and October.

The rigorous training in the Bend area consisted of divisional exercises and maneuvers under all the conditions of war except actual bullets. Though the temperature varied from 32 degrees to 100 degrees, and roads, where existent, were over a foot deep in dust, the division did remarkably well, it was declared by Major General James

L. Bradley, Commanding General. The sick and accident rate was negligible and all of the division's 1000 vehicles came to Camp Adair under their own power.

Men lived with what they could carry and got along on one canteen of water per day. In spite of this and working continuously for over 24 days, they were "rarin' for more," the general stated. "They proved that they were in fine physical condition and that they could take it."

The division is occupying the barracks of the 104th Division which is departing to take the exercises just finished by the 96th. It returned to Adair to utilize the excellent training facilities available there which are non-existent in the desert.

Hollyw'd Entertainers Flying to Camp Adair

96th Takes Over Field House for Sat. Night Dance, Entertainment

70TH BAND TO PLAY

The big anniversary celebration that the 96th Division is holding tomorrow is going to feature, in the evening, a mammoth dance and entertainment at the Field House.

Service club cabarets have been cancelled, since the entire Camp have been invited to partake of the fun and merriment on the occasion of the 96th's first birthday.

By special arrangement, six motion picture stars (or at the very least, starlets) are flying up from Hollywood just for the party. Ed Lowry, famed in vaudeville, will accompany them as master of ceremonies.

Sgt. Cecil Birnkrant, of the 96th Special Services Office, will introduce a new dance called, "The Yankee Stomp." Advance reports claim that it will be something sensational.

The 17-piece 70th Division band, famed throughout the Northwest for its fine orchestrations and arrangements, has promised to play for the dancing. Many of the men in the band had three-day passes for over the week end, but by their own voluntary action gave them up in order that the 96th's dance be a complete success.

The festivities are scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. The 96th urges everyone in camp to join in the fun and see some entertainment which will be unparalleled for many a month.

Over-Affectionate Dog Discharged From WAGS

Mishawaka, Ind. (CNS)—Golden Boy, a 3-year-old English setter is a swell dog, all right, but he was too affectionate for the Army. After seven weeks' basic training at the dog training center at Ft. Robinson, Neb. Golden Boy was given his honorable discharge and sent home in a crate. He dashed through every room in the house, sniffing happily then scrambled across the street to see if his pal, 5-year-old Charlie Brooks, was still hanging around. He was and they went fishing together.

INFLUENZA: Navy physicians have developed a serum which they hope will prevent influenza. Tests on white mice have been 90 per cent successful.

EDITOR GOING—TO VISIT RIVALS, RETURN BLUSHING

Even before this week's issue of the Sentry was put to bed, the editor departed for a 17-day furlough to sunny Southern California.

While en route the editor will combine business with pleasure and visit such editorial sanctuaries as those of the Camp Haan Tracer, Fort MacArthur Alert, Camp Roberts Dispatch and the Santa Ana Army Air Base weekly, just to see why they have such nice papers. The editor may come back with some uplifting ideas. At least we are certain of one thing. He'll come back.

Police Capture Woman Kidnaper Of Albany Baby

The six-day mystery of the kidnapping of two-day old Judith Gurney from the Albany hospital was solved by the Albany city police last Monday night, when they took into custody Mrs. Catherine Wright, wife of Sgt. Jesse Wright, Hq. Co., SCU 1911.

Mrs. Wright was apprehended as she and her husband were preparing to leave for Portland with the infant. The sergeant professed complete ignorance of the kidnapping, and believed that the child was his own.

The baby was positively identified by its footprints. Hospital authorities and doctors further confirmed that Mrs. Wright had not had a child in the past week.

That Lucky Seven

Stoneham, Mass. (CNS)—Mrs. Florence Knight is the mother of one of the biggest babies on record in New England—a daughter who weighed 15 pounds 4 3/4 ounces at birth. Mrs. Knight has six other children.

officers and men worked continuously to supply the troops with sufficient ammunition and equipment while the engineers attached to the units labored throughout the night and day accomplishing missions assigned to them by the opposing commanders.

As stated by Colonel P. T. Wolfe, Infantry Chief in charge of the problem, "Everything was as close to actual combat as training can be—everything that is except the mistakes. Those made here will not be made in combat."