

World War I Division Reborn; Ends 1st Year

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The Division also acquired a new superior when it was transferred from the jurisdiction of the IX Corps to the IV Corps. The family history was further complicated by the temporary adoption of a fire-eating nephew, the 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

And the 96th was becoming a pretty tough hombre itself. In March, men who had been entirely peaceful civilians a few months earlier began doing astonishing things to each other. Reluctantly, but wisely, the Army was teaching its sons the dirty technique of hand-to-hand scrapping that they might survive and triumph against enemies unacquainted with the words of chivalry or honor.

Close behind that mass mauling came the Corps physical fitness tests. They are recommended to any of our civilian friends who fancy themselves in good condition. Samples: four miles in 50 minutes under full pack; 300 yards in 45 seconds.

Adieu Adair

At April's end, the Division regretfully said "So long" to Camp Adair. A bagful of happy memories went along, for hard work had not by any means been the entire menu. The Service Clubs and the Division's own Officer's Club, nursed from just an idea to the "best on the Pacific Coast," had been the scenes of innumerable good times and the residents of the Willamette Valley had gone out of their way to make life pleasant. Departure meant farewell to thousands of friends.

But between us and our spirited neighbors of the 104th, Camp Adair was busting its seams. To give us the room we needed for training, the 96th was ordered to Fort Lewis, Washington, Headquarters of the IV Corps. The move was smoothly executed over a 15-day period, and by May 13 we were set up for business amidst the plushy splendour of that impressive post.

General Bradley chose May 15 for his second address to the Division. It was a fitting day — we were in a new "home" and down south, it was Activation Day for our baby, the 69th.

General Thrilled

"When I came up on this platform, I was thrilled," the General told his troops. "I am proud of this Division. But we still have a lot to do."

"I want this Division to be good. My reputation lies in your hands. I am ambitious for one thing. I want no higher command, but I ask you as a personal favor to so train and so work that I may go into battle at least once with you."

Busy days followed. The unit training program ended and the Combat team phase began. Infantry and artillery labored day after day, night after night, to learn the art of working as a team.

The IV Corps acquired a new commander, tall soldierly Major General Alexander M. Patch, back to pass on the battle wisdom learned in the grim classroom of Guadalcanal. The significance seemed clear—this was to be a fighting corps.

Mounted Review

On June 12, the Division staged a mounted review, its first, and a thrilling spectacle. The infantry, as usual, picked 'em up and laid 'em down, flowing by in a 27-man front, but all other units were on vehicles.

Again, on June 26, the Division A-HTK—GALLEY FOUR passed in review, this time on foot. And just in time, for the sands

were running out for the 96th as a garrison division. General Bradley had commented on May 15 that once a division started moving, it usually kept on the go, and events proved the 96th was no exception.

Maneuvers

In late June, the Division was ordered to the Oregon Maneuver Area for its "D" series, last phase of training before maneuvers, and on July 5 an advance party moved into the 10,000 square-mile expanse of sagebrush, juniper trees and dust, by the 15th, the entire Division was on hand.

The six problems of the "D" series were a wonderful school for the Division. We were enabled to sense far better than before what calamities can grow from little mistakes, from being five minutes late, from lighting a cigarette in the dark of the night. We learned to sleep where we could, to eat what we could get when we could get it, to discipline thirst, to put comfort behind military necessity. We did many things well, some things not so well, but above all, we learned.

This breathing spell at our old stamping ground, Camp Adair, is a happy and unexpected interlude, but soon we return to the desert for maneuvers. We hope we may so conduct ourselves in those two months that we will be chosen as worthy of fulfilling our destiny.

When the day of battle comes, we will be ready to write the brightest pages of our history.

Arab Overcome By American Gift

Zoucedraia Raha is an Arab who lives on an Algerian mountainside. All he knew about America was that it was across the sea, and that its soldiers had just licked the Axis armies.

One day, to his mountain home, came a package of clothing for his children—a gift from the American people.

He wasn't able to write, but he approached a British Staff Sergeant and dictated a letter to the President of the United States.

"I wish to thank you for the gifts which have been so kindly distributed to myself and family," he said. "It is good for our people to be so friendly and we all hope that when the war is over we shall know one another better."

The Arab then scrawled his signature, and the letter was sent to American Army Headquarters. It was finally forwarded to the War Department, who passed on the story.

OIL: The great military demand for gasoline and fuel oil has necessitated a new survey on the whole oil situation, with particular attention to reserves, James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization, announced.



They'll Be Firing in a Matter of Seconds

DETRUCKING WITH A rush, the gun crew of a 105-millimeter howitzer prepares for their part in the demonstration to be held in Portland as part of the premiere of the Warner Bros. technicolor movie, "This Is the Army." Total receipts of the showing of this picture will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.—Sentry Photo.

Pvt. Keeps Watch On Bronx Time to Keep Girl Friend

"Hey, Joe, what time is it?"
"Three-thirty."
"You're batty. We just had chow a while ago and it can't be that late already."

"That's the correct Bronx time."
"Bronx time? We're on Pacific War time."

"To heck with Pacific War time! I go by New York time. I'm not taking any more chances."

And Private Joseph Bonvicino of the Trailblazer Division Headquarters Company doesn't intend to turn back the hands on his watch or to take any more chances, no matter what time zone he is in. For several months he has kept his wrist watch three hours ahead of what would normally be Adair time, thus giving him the correct Bronx time.

Private Bonvicino explains it this way: The last time he went home on furlough, he forgot to set his watch to jibe with what he calls "Bronx time." As a result he was two hours late for a date with his girl friend. Which, he says, made her pretty sore.

"So, I'm not taking any more chances. Once more like that, and zip . . . no girl friend."

Camp Abbot Officially Dedicated on Sept. 2

Adair's neighbor to the southeast, Camp Abbot, a new Engineer Replacement Training Center, will be officially dedicated on Sept. 2. Plans are being made for a colorful program.

Distinguished military and civilian persons will be invited to participate in the dedicatory exercises.

The Camp is named for Brig. Gen. Henry L. Abbot, noted Civil War Soldier-engineer, who camped on the present site of Camp Abbot about 88 years ago.

No Man Will Go Away Empty-Handed A.E.R. Wants To Help

Dedicated to the principle that the Army takes care of its own, the relatively new Army Emergency Relief has become a highly effective organization. Operated by the War Dept., with the Undersecretary of War as president and high ranking officers as directors, it functions without the use of any funds for overhead.

What does the AER mean and how can it help any enlisted man or officer in need of financial assistance? As explained yesterday by Major Lloyd V. Harmon, Post Chaplain, and president of the board of three officers appointed by the Post Commander to administer the fund at Camp Adair, it means simply this:

How To Get Help
An enlisted man or officer wishing financial aid may apply through his Company Commander, Unit Chaplains or directly to members of the administrative board. In addition to Major Harmon, the board consists of Lt. Walter E. Sindlinger, Assistant Special Service Officer and Lt. George W. Hynes, Postal Officer. All carry on the work in addition to their other duties.

If in need, do not hesitate! The merits of your case will be discussed with an administrative officer. There will be a minimum of red tape. In the case of a loan there is no interest charge, a fact which will be appreciated by those who can recall some of the loans they made as civilians. In general, the AER set-up follows:

At Camp Adair the administration and personal interviews in connection with Army Emergency Relief are carried on in the office of the Post Chaplain. Major Harmon eloquently expressed his personal feelings when he said that he was determined that "no man is to come into this office in need and go away empty-handed."

Source of Funds
Funds are acquired through personal contributions from civil-

ians and Army personnel, from civilian organizations and receipts from entertainments. A notable example is the "This Is the Army" stage show and its technicolor movie version. All of the profits are being turned over to Army Emergency Relief. The movie is being premiered throughout the West during the week starting Aug. 15.

Army Emergency Relief serves all Army personnel regardless of rank or length of service. Its work is based on the principle that a soldier free from worry is a better fighting man. It does this by extending a friendly, helping hand to service men whenever emergencies arise. It is particularly concerned with those conditions which have unavoidably arisen as a result of military service.

Aid may take the form of an outright grant or a loan for which the applicant often makes his own terms. The nature of this aid is determined by carefully evaluating the merits of the case. When deemed necessary, investigations may be initiated and carried out in cooperation with the American Red Cross. There is no charge of any kind for the service rendered nor is there any interest charge on the loan itself.

It is a notable fact that despite the relative ease with which loans are obtainable and the consideration which is given every worthy case and every reasonable request, the records in the Post Chaplain's Office show that there have been no losses charged to the fund. Many applicants pay back their loans far in advance of the date on which payment had been promised.

In Army Emergency Relief the soldier will find an appreciative understanding of his problems. Commanding Officers and Chaplains are prepared to advise any soldier, whose problem requires financial assistance, how to get immediate help from the Army Emergency Relief.

Machine Gun Crew That Will Help in 'This Is the Army' Show



A MACHINE GUN crew from the 70th Division that is going up to Portland to participate in the Prologue of the Oregon premiere of "This Is the Army." The 70th Division is cooperating with civilian committees in making every effort to assure the success of the movie's opening.—Sentry Photo.