

"Men from Mars" Clean Up Some "Hot Stuff"



PART OF A CHEMICAL Warfare decontamination squad does its job on a mustard gas shell-hole. Things to note: the "shuffle box" in the foreground, the proper mixing of plain dirt and chloride of lime, marking of the contaminated area, and the complete protective clothing on the men working directly by the shell-hole.—Signal Corps photo.

Lesson in Decontaminating A Wall



A MEMBER OF a Chemical Warfare decontamination squad works on a simulated wall area that has been contaminated by a vesicant gas. Using the standard three-gallon spray apparatus which contains a slurry of chloride of lime and water, the man is carefully spraying the entire contaminated area. This same treatment is used on any contaminated wooden surface except floors.—Signal Corps photo.

Pretty Slick, These Chinese 'Ng' -- That's All, Sir

Maybe he's used to it by now. Or maybe he's cursing the fate that was responsible for giving him his last name and for causing him no end of explanations and embarrassments during his twenty-two years of life.

In any event, a recent addition to the Trailblazer Division is going to find Army life in Camp Adair very amusing or very trying—and all because of his last name.

At least he'll make his company clerk happy whenever his last name has to be written out or spelled out for any particular reason.

But when it comes to pronouncing it—well, that's another story.

When Private Ng—yes, that's all there is to his name—came in with a group of fillers from the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., last Friday, he presented a tough problem to the classification experts in the Field House when they tried to pronounce his name and even when they tried to believe that someone hadn't made an error in typing his name, leaving some-

thing vital out. But Private George T. Ng, Chinese soldier from San Francisco, confirmed the information on his card and insisted that Ng wasn't an abbreviation or anything else, just his last name, and they would have to take it or leave it.

And pronouncing it is easy, he said, if you have a fair tenor voice or your diction is still in good shape.

Take any word like griping, or kissing, or the sound of a bullet as you gratefully hear it ping into something solid a safe distance away, pronounce it right by stressing the last syllable, hang on to the sound—and you have the pronunciation of Private Ng's last name.

But he can smile, amused, too, and so do the Trailblazers who have already heard of Private Ng.

Picture a tough, impatient top kick, seeing the name Ng on the company roster for the first time in company formation, not believing his eyes and trying to capture the sound he should make to get his charge to sound off.

Fine Appearance Of 70th in Portland Wins Praise

The officers and cadre of the 70th Division created a fine impression upon the citizens of Portland when they were in Portland last week for the exercises before the Oregon premiere of "This Is the Army."

Major General John E. Dahlquist, divisional commanding general, received a highly complimentary letter from Mr. D. H. Bates, of Portland, which was printed in last Saturday's daily bulletin.

We reprint it here:

"Yesterday I watched a group of men parade down Fourth Street in Portland—the preliminaries to the Army Emergency Relief's opening performance of 'THIS IS THE ARMY.'"

"Never has such a well-groomed, disciplined outfit ever been on parade here. Officers and the excellent work of the non-commissioned officers reflect a good staff for your combat unit. I wish 'Hirohito' could see it in the making."

The nucleus of the 70th has established a fine reputation for itself in the short time since the Division was activated. With the fillers arriving, it is going to take hard training and strict discipline to maintain these standards.

Mess Sergeants Getting Medals

The War Department is now awarding medals to Mess Sergeants. That's right, mess sergeants.

One Army cook recently got the Legion of Merit.

He is S/Sgt. Edward Dzuba of Schenectady, N. Y., and the 305th Medical Bn., and was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. He originated many unusual and appetizing recipes for the utilization of left-over scraps. This ingenuity has greatly reduced food losses from waste and spoilage. His messes have been outstanding as to economy, appearance and cookery."

Must be some chow!

And nothing happens when he spells it out loud. Maybe he'll nickname him.

But whatever happens is a matter of conjecture.

In any case Private Ng was introduced to the Infantry and Army life when he was assigned to Company D of the 275th Regiment last Saturday.

How to Handle An Aerial Hot Foot



SGT. ROY SALVANO demonstrates the correct method of handling and disposing of an incendiary bomb. He has sprinkled dirt on the area around the bomb, and with a shovel has lifted the dirt and bomb together. He will drop the bomb into the pail of dirt on the right, where it will burn itself out without causing any damage. Note that the sergeant is very carefully standing on the upwind side of the bomb, as the fumes from it are noxious.—Signal Corps photo.

Chemical Warfare Men Do Large Job on Post

Under Maj. Armstrong Section Centralizes All C.W.S. Supplies

INSTRUCT NON-COMS

Though just a small branch of the Army Service Forces, the Post Chemical Warfare Office, under the direction of Maj. Earl S. Armstrong, does big-things in Camp Adair.

The principal duty is the receiving, inspecting and issuing of all C.W.S. supplies, including training ammunition, for the entire Post.

The C.W.S. Office acts as custodian and centralizes all the supplies, thus enhancing the security of the Post. This, in itself, is a highly specialized and technical job.

Another headache, to keep this small, five-man section of the station complement busy, is the packing, marking, and boxing of surplus supplies that have to be returned to the depot after being turned in by the units stationed in Camp.

The Chemical Warfare Section conducts regular, prescribed, 30-hour courses for the "gas non-coms" of the SCU and the non-division units stationed in Adair. The trained non-coms, in turn, conduct 12-hour gas training courses for the men of their units.

Cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense is another phase of C.W.S. work, and the men of

the section have given up more than one Sunday to conduct gas schools for civilian air raid wardens in nearby towns and cities.

With Col. Gordon H. McCoy, Post Commander, putting great emphasis on fire control, the section has added several hours of incendiary bomb-fighting instruction to the regular prescribed course in gas mask and gas chamber drill and gas identification.

Maj. Armstrong is the head of this small, but efficient section, while Sgt. Roy Salvano, a graduate of the Edgewood Arsenal non-com school, is his right hand man and top-ranking non-com.

With a minimum of personnel they do a maximum of work in a superlative way and deserve the praise and commendation of everyone on the Post.

Chemical Warfare Head, Ninth Service Command, Visits Adair Last Week

Col. John M. Morris, Chief of Chemical Warfare Branch, Ninth Service Command, visited Camp Adair last week.

Col. Morris was accompanied by Maj. E. F. Armstrong, Post Chemical Officer, as he toured the Post, inspecting the preparedness and gas training of the SCU and attached troops.

From here, the colonel proceeded to Camp Abbot.

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