

Empee Hates to Leave Mother



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WISTFULLY, "EMPEE," THE Post MP's new German shepherd detachment mascot, says "adieu" to her mother, Patsy, who will have to stay at home at the Post Stables to take care of the rest of the pups that were sired by Wolf, of the K-9 Corps. The formal presentation of the official mascot took place last Monday when the owner, Maj. J. H. Brandt, post property officer, presented the young dog to Capt. Gilbert A. Waite, Post adjutant. Lt. George Kressaty, commanding officer of the MP Detachment, in turn, received the new member of his company from the Adjutant.

Liaison Plane Section Of 70th on New Field

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One of the little publicized branches of the Army is the Liaison Plane Section of the Field Artillery. The little "Grasshopper" planes composing this section have become virtually the eyes of the artillery.

The section which is attached to the 70th Division Artillery recently settled in a new home just southwest of the 882nd FA Bn. Hq. Having moved planes and equipment to its new field, the section is now able to work in closer conjunction with the Trailblazer artillery training units. It is, moreover, taking advantage of smoother and better runways.

Elevated OPs

The liaison plane has definitely

proven its worth in this war. On the African front, they fairly "got in the Germans' hair," and when they went up to observe, enemy batteries would cease fire for fear of giving away their positions to these "elevated O.P.'s."

These Taylor Cub planes can observe where it would otherwise be impossible, but in addition have many other valuable uses.

In the evacuation of sick and wounded, they are priceless, landing and taking off where other planes cannot. They are just about the best means of convoy control, flying from front to rear of the column and keeping them together.

For dropping messages and getting into tight places with emer-

gency food, first aid equipment and supplies, they can't be beat. Moreover, they can be equipped with skis, pontoons or wheels and will operate in any climate.

The Trailblazer Division has 10 of these L4-H planes, as they are officially known. In charge of the section is Capt. W. L. Keller, and he is assisted by Lt. Lewis. T/Sgt. Harris is supply sergeant for the section, and T/3 Hassman is the chief mechanic.

Enlisted men with each FA Battalion pilot these observation and liaison planes. These men must first, however, go through an intensive course of training. Ten weeks with the Air Corps are followed by liaison pilot training for the artillery at Ft. Sill, Okla. Following graduation from Ft. Sill, the men were assigned to the 70th.

"Best To Be Had"

Capt. Keller is proud of his men and is not stinting in praise for them. "The men, and especially the pilots of our air section, are the best to be had—all high-type and efficient personnel, as well as good soldiers."

In the part of the section that works with the 882nd FA Bn., S/Sgt. Steenerson is the pilot, T/3 Nardini is the mechanic, and Pvt. Himilowitz is the ground crew helper.

For the 883d FA Bn., S/Sgt. Graff pilots, T/3 Riplowaki is mechanic, and Pvt. Isaac is the helper for the ground crew.

In the 884th, the pilot is S/Sgt. Loveland, the mechanic, T/3 Nemeth, and ground crew helper, Pvt. Ferree.

S/Sgts. O. E. Marks and J. N. Marks are both piloting for the 725th FA Bn., T/3 Mierzejewski is the mechanic, and the two ground crew helpers are Pvts. Ekland and Telles.

ARNULFO GOT WISE QUICK!

Los Angeles (CNS) — Arnulfo Perez was walking along the street minding his own business when two men—one of them in a cop's uniform—jumped out of what appeared to be a paddy wagon and pushed him into it. Several blocks away they took \$9 out of his pocket and threw him out again. "I knew then," said Arnulfo, "that it wasn't a genuine patrol wagon."

POWER PLAY IS RIGHT



CANNONEERS OF THE 276th Infantry Regiment claim enough power to smash any line. This crack crew as demonstrated in action reads (from left to right) Pvts. Mike Vukish, No. 1 man, who sets the elevation and does the actual "trigger pullin'" on indirect firing; Robert Stroup, No. 5, who handles direct firing; Acting-Cpl. William McPherson, chief of section; Pvts. Ralph Burns, No. 2, loader; Kenneth Trombley, gunner; Ted Zelazny, No. 4; Chester Vannoy, Arthur Weerkmeister and Brant White, No. 3, who prepare the ammunition for firing.

HERE SOMEONE OFFERS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Do you think that faith and hope are dead? Of course, you don't!

Further proof lies in this recent notice seen on a barracks bulletin board:

"Any enlisted man who wants to work on his furlough instead of going home may do so by contacting S/Sgt. Benjamin Tow-sky at Post Headquarters for full particulars."

That, friends, bespeaks a faith before which one can do little but stand in reverence.

Here the Big Boy Digs in



PREPARED FOR FIRING is this 105 mm howitzer with Acting-Cpl. William McPherson, standing center, as straw-boss of the operation. Working the elevating mechanism, left, is Pvt. Mike Vunitch, while S/Sgt. William E. Smith shows the rest of the crew how the weapon is lowered into firing position.

Infantry Packs New Power With Cannons

Man of 276th Cannon Co. 'Right on Bubble'

The hard-hitting United States Infantry is putting new power into its punches these days, and the Cannon Co. of the 276th Inf. Regt. is providing plenty of that power for the Trailblazer Division.

The Cannon Co. was just recently incorporated into the infantry, and the 70th Division has a group of gunners that are—to coin a phrase—"right on the bubble," as they've had a chance to train with their guns from their first days at Adair.

Their weapon is a wicked 105-mm. howitzer. For the benefit of non-cannoneers, a howitzer is a short-barrelled cannon. This particular job is equipped for direct or indirect fire. It is adaptable to high-trajectory firing and will act like a big brother to the mortars.

The Trailblazers can fire four rounds per minute and can maintain sustained fire of two rounds per minute till the Japanazis yell "Uncle!" It can reach out (censored) yards to drop its high explosive shells where they'll do plenty of damage.

The weapon weighs well over a ton and is towed by a 6x6. But when it is maneuvered around by its gun crew, its weight automatically gains at least another ton. The boys of Cannon Co. solemnly testify that this is a fact they have verified by personal experience.

"All we want now," they say "is a chance to show just how potent we can make this blasted infantry!"

3-in-1 Man



SGT. KENNETH A. KROHN of Co. D, 276th, who recently got the Purple Heart for wounds received in the Attu attack, is now showing 'em how one man can do a three-man job by putting a 80 mm. mortar in action in only 46 seconds.

HAMBURGERS!—IN SOUTH SEAS

South Pacific (CNS) — Joe's place, a quiet little hamburger joint on a South Pacific Island, gives the American touch to this area.

Joe is Joseph Maurice Hayden of Middleboro, Mass., a commissary steward in a Navy Seabee outfit (construction battalion), who persuaded his officers to buy a herd of cattle he spotted on the island. Joe then enlisted the aid of Seabees in building his hamburger stand, which he operates 24 hours daily. He now serves 600 pounds of fresh beef daily—all of it hamburger.

The SERGEANT Said, 'Swab That Deck, Sailor!'



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DREAMS COME TRUE, after 20 years in the Army, for 1st/Sgt. John Easterwood of the Med. Det., SCU 1911. He's always wanted to give a sailor orders, and as the camera shows, he's finally doing it. The unlucky bell-bottom boys are Seamen Second Class Franklin Ragsdale, of Mill City, Ore., and Calvin Samuel, of Salem, Ore. Both were hospitalized when they got sick while on leave, but while awaiting further orders now that they are well again, the sailors make themselves useful around the Station Hospital.