



# Camp Adair SENTRY



**CLUB 2 CLOSED FOR WEEK**  
Although the cafeteria and the library will remain open, Service Club 2 will close for one week beginning today . . . See Portland players in "Meet the Wife," Theater 2 on Sunday, 2 and 8 p. m. . . . In Sports, 70th Div. meets the ASTU at OSC tonight in basketball (story in sports section).

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## 4th Army Commander Lauds Six Trailblazers

The rare honor of personal praise, by name, from the commanding general of the 4th Army, Lieutenant General William H. Simpson, came this week to six enlisted men of the 70th Division, in the official transcript of Gen. Simpson's critique of the Trailblazers' 4th Army tests, received this week by Major General John E. Dahlquist.

### Those Praised

The coveted recognition went to: S/Sgt. Robert W. Drew, Co. L, 275th Inf.; Sgt. Herman Woebke, 70th QM Co.; S/Sgt. James A. Meyer and S/Sgt. West, 570th Signal Co.; S/Sgt. Frank Kannenberg, HQ Co., 276th Inf.; and Pfc. Richard Stahl, I & R Platoon, 274th Inf.

In addition, Gen. Simpson, singled out three units for special praise, the 2nd Platoon, Co. L, 275th Inf.; the 770th Ordnance Co., with special mention of the small arms section, operating under S/Sgt. H. J. Stuver; and the 1st Platoon, Co. A, 270th Eng. Bn.

For the entire division, the summary by Col. A. B. Meade, who conducted the larger share of the critique, gives the Trailblazers the following rating:

The division was given 729 tests. Of these, 122 were judged excellent; 569 were satisfactory; and only 39 were graded as unsatisfactory.

The following quotations are from Gen. Simpson's transcribed critique of the tests:

### Best of the Day

"Eighteen rifle platoons were given a platoon field exercise (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Prints of Pix in Trailblazer Mag Go on Sale at PX

Original photographic prints of the pictures that appear in the current issue of the Trailblazer Magazine will be placed on sale this weekend at PX 1.

Samples will be on display and orders may be left for any of the 144 shots in the book, Ball Studios, publishers of the magazine, announced. The original of the cover picture contains many additional men as only the center of the original plate was used for engraving. Soldiers of the 274th who took part in the formation at which the picture was taken may find themselves in the picture.

Prices for the prints will be reasonable and depend upon the size of the picture.

Of the 144 pictures in the issue, 65 were taken by photographers from the Public Relations section of G-2, under the direction of Capt. George Godfrey, Division public relations officer.

Captions, which make each picture tell a complete story, were written by Pvt. Edmund Arnold, and other members of the PRO section assisted in the preparation of the volume.

### Gay Reminder



Signal Corps Photo  
See epic story on page 12.

## Promotions Slated For Foot Soldiers

### Orders Recognize Dangers of Combat

There's good news for infantrymen in recent war Department announcements that some 275,000 of the foot soldiers are in for pay increases of \$48 to \$216 a year.

The War Department says that one-grade promotions are being given in recognition of the dangers and responsibilities the infantryman faces in combat.

The orders authorizing these promotions became effective Dec. 13 in 16 of the outstanding infantry combat classes. In some units as many as half the privates will be elevated to privates first class.

Others slated for one-grade boosts include squad leader assistants, who go up from corporal to sergeant; squad leaders, from corporal to sergeant or from sergeant to staff sergeant, according to their grade before the new order; section leaders rise from sergeant to staff sergeant; platoon sergeants, from staff to tech, and battalion sergeant majors, from staff to tech.

The units in which these promotions were ordered include: Infantry Cannon Company; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Infantry Battalion; Infantry Rifle Company; Infantry Heavy Weapons Company; Infantry Anti-Tank Company.

Newcomers to the ranks of 276th non-coms and sporting corporal's stripes are the following men of Co. E: Willis W. Black, James Giamo, William H. Young, Gordon F. Taylor, Charles H. Ruby, Henry S. Thomas, John I. Burch, Robert W. Blitzsch and Gordon L. McNeil.

## Distinguished Service Cross to Sgt. M'Carthy

Sgt. Kevin A. McCarthy, who earned the Distinguished Service Cross in the fighting on Guadalcanal, will be presented with this award by Major General William G. Livesay, 91st Division commander, to whose organization he has just been assigned.

### Payroll Clerk Unpopular???

The 200-odd men of Co. G, 275th Inf., had good reason to worry their heads off last week.

Most GIs have enough with one first sergeant, but at Co. G it seems that company clerk Cpl. James M. Cloney had made the payroll out so that the outfit had six first sergeants.

Even after lending a ten-spot to each of the five staff sergeants who were erroneously promoted and red-lined, Cpl. Cloney was still reported "the most unpopular man in the company."

The presentation will be made as soon as Sgt. McCarthy is released from the malaria ward of the Station Hospital, and a special review of the entire division will be held in his honor.

Sgt. McCarthy's feats of heroism were reported in both Life and Yank magazines, but actual presentation has never been made. He returned to the United States after 17 months in the South Pacific and joined the 91st Division Tuesday.

### For Extraordinary Heroism

The Distinguished Service Cross was awarded for extraordinary heroism in heavy fighting for Guadalcanal. "Attempting an escape from a surrounded outpost," the War Department citation reads, "18 marines, who had eluded their captors thus far, made their way through Japanese lines and were awaiting an opportunity to push their way across a 40-yard field of fire."

"Observing the precariousness of their position between rifleman and machine gun, Sgt. McCarthy, on his own initiative, risked his life to drive a Bren Gun carrier into enemy territory three successive times and return with 18 men.

"Most of them were completely exhausted or badly wounded, and he had to help them into the car." (Continued on Page 7, Col. 1)

## Switch Radio-cast To Club 1 Monday

The Trailblazer broadcast over Stations KEX-KOAC on Monday night will be broadcast from 8:30 to 9 o'clock from Club 1, due to the closing for a week of Service Club 2, it was announced yesterday.

Broadcasts of January 17 and 24 will emanate from Club 2.

This week the radio audience will be given a glimpse of just how the Trailblazer airwave's program is worked up.

The show of the following week is planned as soon as the night's broadcast is over, and from there on Cpl. Hugh A. Smith, who has written all the shows, writes the complete script.

## Col. Murray, 363rd CO, Leaves 'Best' Regiment

Col. Paul Murray, for the past 17 months commander of the 363rd Infantry, and for over 31 years an officer in the United States Army, left his command Tuesday morning on orders transferring him from the 91st Division.

His final act as commander of the regiment was to present 579 Good Conduct Medals at a regimental review held Monday afternoon to honor his departure.

### His Best Outfit

In a brief message to his troops, Col. Murray expressed his deep regret at leaving the 363rd, "the best outfit I ever had."

When the review was over he shook hands with each officer, and many of them were too choked with emotion to say even good-bye.

Col. Murray's long and colorful career spans two wars and includes service in the Philippines, Panama and numerous posts in the United States.

He received his appointment as a second lieutenant by competitive examination in 1913. Three years later he was made a first lieutenant and was sent with the 5th Infantry to Panama Canal.

### Captain in AEF

Shortly after the U.S. declared war in 1917, he was promoted to captain and the following year accompanied the AEF to France. On his return from overseas, he served as an instructor with the Officers Reserve Corps in Philadelphia.

Promoted to major in 1920, he (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

## Night Mission: Into Enemy Territory



IN THE SHELTERED protection of an abandoned barn, a night patrol of the 362nd Inf. goes over the plans for a dangerous mission through the dark into enemy territory. The patrol for this problem consisted of Pfc. Bob Rathacker and William Jacobs, Sgt. Charles Calerman, patrol leader, Pvt. James Wahl and Lt. Louis Snively, the instructor. This fine night-time photograph was taken by Cpl. George Hideman of the 316th Engrs.

## To Your Very Good Health, Soldier!

(Editorial)

There are two kinds of health in an Army camp. One kind the Army does a pretty good job of maintaining in your everyday life. The other kind you can lose in a hurry if you are the sort who goes around looking for "floozy" when you are out on pass.

Whatever the past may have been, the Army in this war has taken an honest and realistic viewpoint of the sex situation. Venereal disease is no longer the sub-rosa, hush-hush (Continued on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2)

## The World This Week

Monitored by Ted John Stump

THE UNCEASING AIR ATTACKS on the invasion coast, dominating the news in the world this week, appeared to have a dual purpose—the beginning of the long-awaited aerial offensive to soften up Germany's Atlantic wall and an aid to the Russians in their mighty western drive . . .

OPENING 1944 WITH A FIERY deluge on the doomed and smoking capital, hundreds of RAF bombers hit Berlin in another 1000-ton raid for the second straight night. It was estimated that (Continued on Page 2, Columns 3 and 4)