

Caught by Flash Camera on Night Mission



316th Engr., 91st Div. Photo
THE FLASH OF the camera catches Sgt. Charles Calerman, a 91st Division patrol leader, as he shows the way for his men over hostile ground. Notice how he carries no unnecessary equipment that would possibly give him away, and how carefully he steps along through the tall grass, putting heel down first. The picture was taken as Co. H, 362nd Inf., began a night reconnaissance.

91st Division Training For Fighting at Night

When night settles down on the modern battlefield, the fight is usually just beginning, not ending. That is why the 91st Division has instituted an intensive training program for night-time black-out operations.

Must Fight at Night

"The individual must be able to fight almost as well at night as he does in the day time," said Major General William G. Livesay, division commander.

The latest program calls for long night problems covering every phase of patrolling, night-firing, infiltration tactics, maneuvering, shifting of units without discovery, and night attack.

The night work is part of the division's post-maneuver training intended to keep the personnel in battle trim.

Emphasis on Intelligence

With the lessons of the present war as the guide-posts, emphasis will also be placed on the operation of intelligence sections at night. The G-2s and the S-2s are the eyes and ears of the commander, and they must function smoothly and effectively in order for any outfit to be successful.

In the 361st Inf. patrolling by and H. A. Watson.

squads will be featured with one group posting security for a command post and another group acting as a reconnaissance patrol. The reconnaissance patrol will then attempt to capture the command post.

In the 362nd Inf. this week, problems in the tactical bivouac will serve as the opening phases of the new program.

The test will call for one company to attack another company in bivouac and attempt to capture the commanding officer. Tear gas, representing the more vesicant types, will be used in the attack.

Similar problems are also being run off in the 363rd. Most of the work being done this week was a preliminary to the more advanced operations contemplated by the G-3 section of the division later on.

The value of night tactics, well-executed, has been proven again and again by American combat teams, especially in the defense of Henderson Field on Guadalcanal.

New 2-strippers in Btry. B, 882nd FA: F. A. Dewing, J. Hanley, W. C. Hastings, J. J. Hughes, L. W. Hunt, W. R. Miller, D. F. Stewart, W. E. Streubling, C. R. Wagoner

The Machine Gun Barks; Dog Doesn't



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"GUN POWDER," MASCOT of Co. F, 362nd Inf., shows that he won't go AWOL under the stress of battle. He stands right by his pals, S/Sgt. Oscar Boren and Pfc. John Ward, as they put a 30-cal. light machine gun through its paces in a night problem. (P. S. Co. F even brags that the dog will retrieve the lead upon command.)

GI SHORT STORY CONTEST

Yank announces a short story contest, open to enlisted personnel of the armed forces. Stories must be original, unpublished and should run from 1,000 to 3,000 words.

Send entries to Fiction Editor, YANK, 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y. The author of the story adjudged best by the editors of YANK will get a \$50 War Bond.

The winning story and any others deemed worthy will be printed in YANK. Entries must be received not later than Mar. 1, 1944.

Two Captains Get Their Majority In 91st Division

Cpts. Elwood W. Geyer and Oscar Creech, Jr., of the 346th FA Bn. and 316th Med. Bn., respectively, were elevated to the rank of major last week, Major General William G. Livesay, 91st Division commander, has announced.

Maj. Geyer, at present battalion executive, came to the 91st Division at the time of its activation in August, 1942, after graduating from Motors School at Ft. Sill, Okla.

In rapid succession he became battalion motor officer, Serv. Btry. CO, and executive of the 916th and, later, the 346th FA Bn.

Maj. Creech, now CO of Co. D of the Med. Bn., has risen rapidly in the Army. He reported to active duty a little over a year ago as a first lieutenant in the Collecting Co. of the 316th, having finished a year in the Medical Reserve Corps as an interne at Charity Hospital, New Orleans.

Last January he was promoted to captain, and a month later was made CO of Co. B. He held this position until July, when he was moved to Co. D.

Initiation of Sgt. 1944 Cause for Festivity in 70th Spec. Trps Club

The hands of the clock scissored the minutes into seconds. It was midnight. The side door opened slowly and closed just as furtively, the noise of the movements drowned in the din and merriment inside. Stairs and bones creaked simultaneously, and the bent shadow was lost in the foggy darkness.

Mr. Old Year, the only person unwelcome and out of place, departed without a murmur of sorrow. His membership card in the Trailblazer's Sergeants' Club had just been permanently revoked.

A new member was immediately added to take his place when Sergeant 1944 was unanimously voted a year's honorary membership in the club.

The initiation of the new member was the occasion of one of the most successful social events in the short history of the Sergeants' Club, rendezvous of the non-commissioned officers in the first four grade ranks of the 70th Division's Special Troops unit and their ladies.

The program of entertainment for the hilarious reception of the Club's youngest member was arranged by S/Sgts. Keith Loftfield and O. K. Skanes of Div. Hq. Det., with Pfc. Phil Zoeller of Div. Hq. Co. adding stimulus to the gala affair throughout the evening and early morning.

The Club, scene of many enjoyable dances and informal gatherings in its rustic, log-cabin atmosphere during the past two months of its existence, is located on D Ave., just south of 1st St. So.

You're Right! THAT'S a Christmas Tie!



Trailblazer Photo
"I'M SENDING YOU this very UN-GI necktie for Christmas with the fond hope that you'll be able to wear it before the end of 1944." was the greeting on the card that came with the spotted beauty displayed here by S/Sgt. Carl F. Olson, of Div. Hq. Co. Sgt. Olson is laying it away in his foot locker with fond hopes of his own.

316th Engr. Bn. Liven's Orientation Program

Fifth speaker in the current orientation program being conducted in the 316th Engrs. will be Dr. T. O. Brandt, professor of languages at Oregon State College, who will speak on life in occupied Europe. The program will be held at Theatre No. 3 at 0900 tomorrow.

The 316th Engrs., under the leadership of Lt. Col. William C. Holley, have increased the interest in their orientation programs by presenting speakers who have had actual experiences in foreign combat zones.

Thus, the men are able to hear first-hand accounts of the enemy they will some day encounter.

Dr. Brandt was born in Vienna, and was in Austria at the time of the German occupation. After six months under the German regime, he came to the United States.

When the ASTU program was organized at Oregon State College, he was assigned to give instruction in European languages.

First speaker in the current series was Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean

of men at Oregon State College who painted a vivid picture of the Japanese people and their ways of life.

The assistant G-2 of the 4th Army and former assistant G-2 of the joint Army-Navy amphibious forces that took Attu, Major Le Bagley, was the second speaker to appear before the engineers. The subject of his lecture was booby traps and their uses in this war.

Third speaker in the series, Maj. Fred Merryfield, gave the engineers advice on living in the jungles from his personal experiences in New Guinea. He emphasized particularly the necessity of guarding against malaria, ringworm and other tropical diseases. "The most important thing in a combat area is know your own job and to know it well," the Major said.

Professor J. Lloyd Le Master, professor of law at Oregon State College, was the fourth speaker. He explained the uses of the Power of Attorney and the necessity of insurance and wills.

Toast for the Old; Toast for the New



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THE CLOSING MINUTES of the last night of the old year are bade farewell at the 70th Div. Special Troops Sergeants' Club by Sgt. John Carver and Dorothy Eskew, left, and Sgt. and Mrs. T. M. Swanson, Yep, that's coke (in the coke bottles.)