

Theodore the Wolf



... now that we're off—what'll you miss th' most?

One of Nation's Best Chefs Cooks For Co. H, 275th

When the men of Co. H, 275th Inf., sit down to chow, they eat food prepared under supervision of one of the leading master chefs of the nation, S/Sgt. Warren T. Davidson.

Sgt. Davidson, before becoming mess sergeant at Co. H, catered to the discriminating appetites of diners at such luxury hostleries as the Winton in Cleveland, the Alexandria in Los Angeles, the Miramar, Santa Monica, El Rancho, Las Vegas, the St. Anthony, San Antonio, the Fontenelle, Omaha, and others.

Accustomed to handling best quality foodstuffs, Sgt. Davidson says, "The Army buys as good or better food than any hotel or club I ever worked in. Properly prepared, there's no reason why the food soldiers eat shouldn't be equal to that served in the finest hotel restaurants in America."

70TH HQ PROMOTES 10

Eight 70th Division HQ Detachment EM were promoted to higher grades this week, as follows:

To T/Sgt., Maurice G. Sanders; S/Sgt., Marvin C. Bruein; Tec4, Ernest E. Wampler; Tec5, Herbert C. Marschner, Joseph M. Mehalko; Pfc., Joseph W. Bailey, Eugene L. Stiffler, Theodore W. Szafran.

MASTER CHEF



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S/Sgt. Warren T. Davidson

14 DAYS IN 14 MINUTES

A new record for furlough processing is now claimed by the 275th Inf. personnel section.

Just 14 minutes after Pfc. Henry M. Stackhouse of Co. M walked into regimental HQ last Thursday, he was on his way home to Muncie, Kan., with an emergency furlough in his hand.

As Sgt. Fowler slyly put it: "He even had time to stop by the barracks and brush his teeth."

Double Trouble for the Axis



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NOT ONLY IS this the only BAR team in the 70th Division—and probably in the whole U. S. Army—in which the gunner and assistant gunner are identical twins, but it happens to be the crack Browning Automatic Rifle unit in the 276th Inf. Pvts. Raymond C. and Richard Ferrell, 18 years old and impossible to tell apart, are gunner and assistant gunner, respectively; Pvt. Benny Lawhon is ammunition bearer. Out of a possible 250 points, they scored 227. That isn't all—Richard is also an expert on the BAR, with 176 points, and both he and Lawhon are sharpshooters on the M-1.

They've Got a Word for It

The men from Co. H, 276th Inf. have always been mighty sharp when it came to mottoes, slogans, etc. Their company bulletin board proclaims: "Hold Those Breastworks—or Bust!"

Now the outfit's mortar platoon has come up with a motto: "A Boy's Best Friend Is His Mortar." A machine gunner invented it, although he can't explain why.

Theme song of the platoon is: "He Says, 'Mortar!' He Says."

Chief of Staff in 91st Scores with New 'Bazooka'

Colonel Joseph P. Donnovin, Chief of Staff for the 91st Division, considerably embarrassed several "experts" on the famous "bazooka" last Friday as he sent a rocket spinning through the target 100 yards away in his very first attempt at firing the new weapon.

Although slightly scratched from the flash-back, the colonel laughed it off.

"This is really a great weapon," he said, "and the role which it is playing and will continue to play in this war cannot be overestimated."

Several non-coms had previously tried to hit the mark without success. The firing of the anti-tank rocket launcher is part of the regular training of the division. All units are taking part in both familiarization and record firing with this weapon.

Hq. Btry., 346th FA Gives 40 Drivers, Mechanics Medals

At a special retreat formation on January 7, forty drivers and mechanics of Hq. Btry., 346th FA Bn., were presented drivers and mechanics medals by 1st Lt. Lemuel E. Walters, CO of the unit.

The medals were presented for proficiency in performance of their duties of driving and maintenance work.

The entire personnel of the battery, officers and enlisted men, were present at the ceremony.

'Dixieland' Band New 70th Radio Show Novelty

Why infantrymen are called "dogfaces" will be one of the secrets disclosed on the January 17 edition of "Oregon's Own," the Trailblazer radio broadcast at 8 p.m. over Stations KEX, Portland, and KOAC, Corvallis.

A distinct novelty, a brand new musical unit, makes its bow during the program—a Trailblazer Dixieland band of six members.

Sgt. Mattie Carnevale, who directs the rhumba band, will lead the new unit.

Push-Up Title at Stake in 276th

Second chance at the push-up championship of the 276th Infantry is coming this week to general hundred EM of the regiment in physical efficiency tests now underway.

Platoons selected at random are running the tests, duplicating tests taken in mid-basis.

The current spot check will indicate changes in proficiency developed by the rigors of basic and TC-87.

Good showings appeared in the early reports on the first platoons tested, despite rain and mud which lengthened times for the 300-yard run and the 100-yard pick-a-back.



"Oh, he goes to bed that way every night. He's an ex-pole vault champion!"

It Was Only for One Day's Problem, But M-Sgt. Takes Over Battalion in 91st

M/Sgt. Mathew Gress of the 316th Med. Bn. was just an ordinary guy this week and just a little deflated, but it was a different story last week when M/Sgt. Gress

was nothing less than the official battalion commander.

Well, for one day anyway.

It all happened like this. Last Thursday, Gress, the sergeant major of the medics, was at headquarters busily writing a personal letter when who should come up to him but the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Paul Breecher.

"Sergeant," he said with a wry smile, "you're the new battalion commander!"

Sgt. Gress picked himself up off the floor and with an incredulous look in his face said, "Yes, sir, anything you say, sir," and gulped.

"In fact," the colonel went on, "the whole battalion is going to be run by the non-commissioned officers this afternoon on that aid station problem. The officers are going to stand by and be the umpires."

And as a matter of record, the non-coms did run the difficult maneuver scheduled for the afternoon. Sgt. Gress was battalion commander. S/Sgt. David Summers was the executive officer, Tec5 Thomas Willis was S-1; Cpl. Willard Bowman, S-2; Tec5 Harold Franzen, S-3; and 1st/Sgt. Stephen Miretti, S-4. Pfc. Albinas Kiskis was Motor Officer.

The companies were commanded by 1st/Sgt. Lemuel Turley, Co. A; 1st/Sgt. Hilbert Lieke, Co. B; S/Sgt. Wilborn Pickle, Co. C; and S/Sgt. Kossie McCord, Co. D.

The problem called for setting up a battalion aid station, a collecting station and a clearing station in support of two infantry regiments holding the bank of the Willamette River against a fierce enemy attack.

The "officers of the day" responded to their new role with energy and initiative and succeeded in accomplishing their mission like veterans.

PROMOTIONS

To Captain
91st Division: James B. Sweeney, John W. Moehring, Neil L. Jiles, Thurston T. Tazewell, Donald S. Decher, Roy L. Moskop, Hal G. Stewart and Fred B. Beech.

To First Lieutenant
91st Division: Ernest L. Fieberling, John P. McDonnell, Bernard J. Sheeler, Charles W. Rohlfen, Leslie E. Griffiths, Charles W. O'Donnell and John A. Volko.

70th Division: Stanley A. Williams and Lloyd J. Ogren.

To Technical Sergeant
363rd Inf: Arthur P. Merrick.

To Sergeant
274th Inf: Albert J. Fiddler, Norman K. Phillips, Darrio S. Rolle, William F. Cooley, Robert E. Conter, Roman R. Wrabek, Ray Pearce, Forrest L. Rambo, William L. Fletcher, Bruce J. Williams and Frank K. Bolthie.

To Corporal
274th Inf: Frank J. Serresseque, Douglas Z. Bant, Clarence R. Jensen, Louis M. Rogner, George L. Bantex, Sanford D. Buxter, Wilbur A. Schroeder, Basil P. Bigham, Anthony Magno, Herbert J. Deist, Leonard G. Hepler, John W. Hovey, Michael P. Maniaci, Paul C. Briggs, Nicholas P. Metrovich, Theophilus M. Schnell, Vincent P. Valicento, Frank L. Segel, Burt A. Allen, J. Park, F. Morgan, A. Scott, P. Meyers, P. Alford, M. Young, N. Hlesovsky, R. Eben, E. Worth and H. Trier.

To Technician Fifth Grade
274th Inf: Clair A. Palmer, Leonard F. Hamrell, James T. Mullikin, Charles E. Fournier, Rudolph A. Bantex, Harold W. Cuckler, Charles C. Thomas, Charles D. Spark, Ernest W. Brook, Gervase I. Stulock, John A. Binek, Jr., Robert W. Sparks, John A. Smallden, John G. Root, Joseph L. Previti, Robert H. Kivadden, Theofil Tringert, Loyd D. Cook, Ivan A. Boldrey and John K. Baird.

To Private First Class
274th Inf: D. S. Shook, C. J. Shiveley, H. Sutherland, C. Zawislak, E. Ortega, I. L. Smith, O. J. Burnquist, J. J. Novak, J. G. Slocum, C. A. Massey, I. Austin, G. Sonnenbiter, S. J. Tolwinski, S. S. Callas, L. W. Davis, C. W. Weaver, E. E. Freeman, V. James, V. Bower, Wright N. S. Madson, E. J. Bailey, D. C. Query, R. E. Nickum, R. E. Weeks, R. K. Larson, N. B. Inman and J. E. Church.

TARAWA BOOM-TEE-AY

Tarawa (CNS)—Lt. Earl J. Wilson of Washington stopped a native after the bloody battle of Betio, Tarawa Atoll, and asked him what he thought of the fight. Replied the native: "Betio—boom, boom—good."

Battalion Commander . . . For 1 Day Only, Though



M/Sgt. MATTHEW GRESS, acting battalion commander of the 316th Med. Bn. for the day, receives a salute from his "executive officer," S/Sgt. David Summers, during the recent battalion maneuvers. The enlisted men of the battalion took over command for an afternoon while the officers stood by and saw how it "should" be done.