

**Non-Coms Solve the Problem**



SGT. RICHARD PIERCE of the 361st Inf. explains the route of the first mission that his squad will undertake on their three-day patrol to Pfc. Connie McNeill and Pvt. Harold Hansill. The men will be entirely on their own for three days with Sgt. Pierce in charge.

**NCOs Direct Squad On 361st Problems**

"Sergeant, your azimuth reading is 183 degrees; you have your instructions; you will be on your own for the next three days. Are there any questions? Very well, the squad is in your hands; move out."

With this order the second squad, second platoon of Co. C, 361st Inf., started out on their three-day squad tactics problem with only non-coms in command.

For four weeks the 361st has been going out on overnight bivouacs, training men in night reconnaissance, scouting and patrolling.

Now this experience is being put to test by the three-day problems that are currently being run in the regiment.

**NCOs In Charge**

From beginning to end the problems are handled entirely by NCOs. The only officers present are the umpires attached to the enemy forces that set up the problems.

These "three-day missions without resupply" test the initiative, resourcefulness, and imagination of the squad leaders to the utmost. Not only do they have to solve the tactical problems that are presented, but they must see to the care and feeding of their men for the entire mission.

"C" rations are used at all times, but the problem of water is ever present. The squad leaders must choose bivouac areas each night, keeping in mind that they are operating in enemy territory at all times.

When in trouble or need, see your chaplain or go to the American Red Cross.

**GAS RATIONS CUT**

Beginning this week, gasoline allotments for passenger automobiles are being cut, according to the ride-sharing arrangements of the owner, it has been announced by the Benton County War Price and Ration Board.

Reductions have been necessitated by the fact that civilian consumption of gas for December exceeded supply allocation for the Pacific coast by 15,000 barrels a day.

**Capt. Scott Named Motor Pool Officer**

Added to his other duties Capt. George W. Scott, Post Rail and Transportation officer, has assumed duty as supervising officer of the Post Motor Pool.

Capt. Scott, who came to his Camp Adair duty from Boise Barracks, is experienced in the work and at his former post was in charge of the Motor Vehicle Operator's Course, set up to train drivers of the Ninth Service Command.

**GUESS SHE TIRED OF HIM**

Washington (CNS)—Mrs. Olive Tomey, 14, won a divorce from her sailor husband, Delbert E. Tomey, 22, whom she wed a year ago in an elopement. She is the youngest person ever to win a divorce in Washington.

**Sister Sends Last Message to Brother as**

**70th Insignia Stirs Things in NYC**

It's all right to ask Major Leo Silverman, Trailblazer G-4, for a match, but for the love of Pete, don't help yourself to a folder of matches from Kenney General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. They are a treasured souvenir.

Last week the Major was hard at work getting supplies for the 70th when Pvt. Abe Rosenblum walked in and handed him the book of matches. The Major looked, looked again, and finally on suggestion of the private of Albie Battery, 884th FA, looked inside.

There was a scribbled note from his sister, Lt. Beatrice Silverman of the Army Nurse Corps, who is now "on her way" from some eastern POE.

She was just entering the Latin Quarter in New York City as Rosenblum was coming out. She recognized the Trailblazer shoulder patch, asked him if he was stationed at Adair and asked him to take the message to her brother who treasures it now as his last word from his sister.

That shoulder patch got Pvt. Rosenblum involved in many a conversation. Few Trailblazers having had furloughs since the 70th was organized, and the insignia not yet appearing in compilations of patches, the red, green and

**Before and After — 200 Pounds of Dynamite**



TONS OF ROCK and debris (left) form a fountain against the sky as 200 pounds of explosive blast a road block for the 316th Engrs. in a recent demolition problem. The earth flew more than 300 feet into the air. At right, Sgts. Edmund Wasielewski and John H. Gonzales examine the crater left by the explosion. It was 30 feet in diameter and over 12 feet deep.

316th Eng., 91st Div. Photo

**'Oregon's Own' Will Move Into Thursday Spot**

The 70th Division's weekly radio program, "Oregon's Own," broadcast from camp over KEX and KOAC, will move to a new time beginning Thursday, Feb. 3. On that date, and each Thursday thereafter, the half-hour program will go on the air at 8:30 p. m.

Last of the Monday night programs will be broadcast from Club 2 at 8:30 p. m., Jan. 24.

Along with fine musical entertainment featuring the band and rumba band of the 70th, the interesting story of an impromptu show staged while on a recent sojourn in the field will be told.

Plans for the broadcast on Feb. 3 call for a fine array of Trailblazer talent.

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**316th Engrs. Bust 'Em With Dynamite, TNT**

There was a deafening explosion, a roar, as tons of rock, mud and debris hurtled hundreds of feet into the air. The 316th Engrs. over 400 feet away, took cover behind trees and stone.

Giant clots of mud crashed earthward, close to the rugged engineers who always stay as near to the action as possible.

When it was all over, a yawning 30-foot crater stood in the center of the road. Another in the new series of demolition problems currently being conducted by the 91st Division engineers had been completed successfully. The road was effectively blocked against the movement of any motorized equipment.

This was the mission, the construction of a road block that would halt any type of wheeled equip-

ment, and the 15-foot-deep hole is just about the most effective block known.

It took five 40-pound charges buried five feet in the ground to do the job.

The closest that any person could approach was over 400 feet, and even then the concussion and falling earth were dangerous.

Besides making road blocks, the demolition experts also felled giant trees. One 75-foot maple, four feet in diameter, was literally broken in half by the impact of eight blocks of TNT exploding simultaneously.

While the hazardous work in demolition requires expert training, the 316th Engrs. boast a crack outfit. There is no special demolition crew. Every man in the battalion is trained thoroughly in every phase of the work.

Destruction of bridges, road building, blasting pill boxes, laying mines and a dozen other typical engineer operations call for the professional use of explosives. That's where these engineers shine.

"Just give us a chance," one private remarked as he cringed the end of a blasting cap, "and we will blow Japan right back into the sea."

**All Started by Trailblazer Shoulder Patch**



Trailblazer Photo

MAJ. LEO H. SILVERMAN, AC of S, G-4, 70th Division, reads the message his sister wrote on the inside of match book which Pvt. A. B. Rosenblum, Btry. A, 884th FA, brought back to Adair after his furlough in New York City.

**Match Book That Traveled from New York**



Trailblazer Photo

THIS MATCH BOOK from Kenney General Hospital brought a last message to Maj. Leo H. Silverman from his sister, Lt. Beatrice Silverman, ANC (picture above), just before she sailed from New York City for overseas duty.