

Tec5 Repaid These Jap Autographs



A JAP BULLET preceded Tec5 Vaughn Chadbourne's fingers through those pretty holes in his helmet and helmet liner, but only slightly creased his scalp in passing. While dodging Arisaka .25 cal. ammunition, Chadbourne killed four of the sons of heaven and collected the autographed Nip flag seen above.

Japanese Soldiers Superstitious

Magic No Protection from .30 cal. Slugs

"He's very superstitious," Tec5 Vaughn Chadbourne of the Trailblazer Hq. Co. said in describing the Japanese soldier whose staunch belief in magic was poor protection against the .30 caliber slugs from a modern Army rifle.

"Everyone of them carries a battle flag with the autographs or signatures of his buddies on it," the veteran of Attu continued, showing a large piece of white linen with a red circle representing the sun and various Japanese letter-characters which were the names of his buddies.

"It's supposed to bring good luck," Cpl. Chadbourne remarked. "The Jap folds the flag and wraps it around his waist, thinking that it will save him from getting killed. Of course, you can imagine how well this superstition worked for the guy who owned this one," he grinned as he held the flag aloft and pointed to five bullet holes in the cloth which he had taken from one of the four Japs he killed.

Probably one of the most interesting and unusual good luck charms is the Japanese "1000-stitch belt," to which every female acquaintance of the soldier contributes a stitch before he leaves for combat. This, according to legend, makes the son of Nippon immune to death in battle.

The Jap ladies believe that their thin threaded loops will ward off all enemy bullets, and thus permit their hero to return to them in workable shape. The belt is worn around their yellow waists, outside of the flag.

WILL EXCHANGE INSIGNIA

Determined to have the largest collection of unit insignia in the division, Lt. Charles M. George of the 274th Inf., is anxious to contact anyone who has shoulder patches of various outfits to exchange.

Since the hobby is in the embryonic stage, Lt. George will be glad to discuss "terms" with anyone who has something to offer. He can be reached at 2147 daily.

Let your shekels shackle Shickelgruber—BUY BONDS!

'Bond-Buyingest' Unit Challenges

Co. K, 276th Inf., claiming for itself the title of "bond-buyingest outfit in the Trailblazer Division," challenges other 70th Division companies to match their bond-purchase record, Lt. Shelby Dukes, division chairman for the 4th War-Bond Drive, announced this week.

Lt. Dukes revealed that the Bloody Axe outfit is buying \$903.75 a month in bonds through regular payroll allotments and "they have set themselves a quota of \$1511. They'll hit it, too. They're a typical rifle company; what they're doing other rifle companies and all other companies in the Trailblazers can do."

The division quota on the bond drive is \$133,063. Lt. Dukes declared that unit officers and assisting NCOs are working hard on subscriptions in their individual outfits before the bond campaign winds up February 29.

BARITONES BEER IT

Songs by a "beer-toned" quartet, plus a motion picture show were highlight of a beer party staged by Cn. Co., 276th Inf., Friday night. Songs—and brew—poured forth in the company mess hall until the "wee" hours.

Sign over GI scrap pile: "Every bit helps—get that lead out of your pants."

Rufus GI



"Yes, Rufus, I know they're pretty, and they are GI, but better wait until you're a general!"

Civilian Dorms: Home Away from Home for Post Gals



HERE'S A GLIMPSE of how lassies who work on the Post, and are thereby eligible to the privilege of residing at the recently-opened Civilian Dorms, spend some of their leisure moments. Grouped (left to right) about the piano are Lennie Tumlin, assistant matron; Ann Elliott; Mrs. D. I. Kendall, matron (at piano); June Powell; LaNell Duell; Jean Rodacker, Eva Reed; "Pat" Patterson; Judith Mozier and Vivienne Darby.

Civilian Dorms: Gals' Home Away from Home

It may not be exactly home to the feminine civilian employees of the Post—but the Civilian Dormitories, which opened Dec. 1 and are now going in good style, with a new Community Hall adjacent opening this week, are as close to a "home away from home" as a gal is likely to find.

The dorms are open to unmarried feminine employees or to women whose husbands are not on the Post and, as outlined by Mrs. D. I. Kendall, matron, they offer a pleasant and attractive living arrangement.

There are a total of 64 single rooms, renting for \$15.00 monthly and 40 double rooms at \$10.00 per month. This includes maid service, linens furnished, use of central laundry and shower rooms. Applications to reside may be obtained from the dorm or from Civilian Personnel Office, Post Hq.

Visitors (male variety) may not enter the main dorms, but may be entertained at the Community Hall, which is open to the girls until midnight. The hall, now being decorated, already contains a grade A juke box and good floor for dancing and a ping-pong table.

Girls From Eugene and Monmouth Have Grand Time at 517th Party

Capt. Jerome M. Leibel, CO, Lt. Alexander Tulos, who arranged transportation for the girls, and the members of the various committees were gratified to see their efforts rewarded as the social tendered by the 517th Ord. Co. last Friday night turned out to be a huge success.

In the gaily decorated rec hall adjacent to the company area 70 girls from Monmouth and Eugene attended a dance, the first of its kind sponsored by the 517th.

The toe-tinkling strains of a band from the 274th Inf., vocals by Tec4 Joe Dougherty and Pfc. George Sticha, together with an exhibition of trick skating by Tec5 Bill Steir took care of the music and entertainment. Mess/Sgt. George McGuire provided the refreshments.

By Pfc. Allen

WANNA PET?

If you own a small screw-tail black bulldog (with half-white face), he's now at the K-9 Corps kennels waiting for his owner, or someone who wants a good pet, to pick him up.

Kennel officials report that the dog is apparently an excellent one, so that are holding him for his owner. Call extension 2831.

Adair's "President's Ball" at Field House

Girls, dancing, a special floor-show and a grand good time are all scheduled for the Field House tonight as the big Trailblazer celebration of the president's birthday takes the traditional form of a ball to aid the March of Dimes fund.

Paced by Sgt. Mattie Carnevale's pulse-quickening 70th Division rhumba band, the evening will feature not only all the dancing GIs and their girl-friends can use (well, almost, anyway) but some top-notch acts, including girl numbers in both the dancing and singing categories.

There will be no admission charge, as is customary at all Field House events, but all attending will be asked to contribute to the March of Dimes to whatever extent they are able.

Included in the show numbers will be a skating act, a girl trio, a mysterious number entitled "A GI Ballet," solos by Tec5 Fordyce Waldo and the Meisinger girl accordion quintet of Salem, complete with baton-twirler.

Non-Coms Elect Soon; Party Tonite

Among affairs at SCU Non Coms club, a committee to choose successors to three retiring officers was picked Tuesday night, at which time plans were also completed for a dance to be held tonight, for club members and their lady friends. A nominating committee composed of Tec5 Murray, S/Sgt. Geo. Green and Sgt. F. E. McDonnell will choose nominees to offices being retired by Sgt. Fred Thornton, president; Sgt. Orville Shrontz, director purchase and supply, and Sgt. Clement Lunenschloss, secretary.

Cozy Quarters



"PAT" PATTERSON, "DRAFTING" a letter at one of the compact desks which are fixtures in the neat, comfortable rooms provided for the girls.

In Charge



MRS. D. I. KENDALL, matron in charge of the Camp Adair Civilian dormitories, for feminine civilian employees on the Post.

SWAPS COLUMN

Losses — Funds
Wants — Sales
et cetera

LOST: Two spiral notebooks (one address book) in 275th area, Pvt. D. S. Jardine, 3rd Bn. Hqs., 275th Inf. Phone 2210.

FOR SALE: 5-tube Packard Ball radio with built-in aerial, \$30. Also 7-tube Airline radio with built-in aerial, \$50. Both in A-1 condition. Cpl. Hartenberger, B Btry, 916th FA, 91st Div.

LOST: 15-Jewel Elgin wrist watch (black dial) between 70th Div. Hq. Co. and 70th Div. Hq. Reward. Return to Sgt. John Begley, G-3 Section, 70th Div. Hq.

WILL PAY cash for used car. L. J. Bird, 735 East Sixth St., phone 757-R, Albany.