

Unsung Heroes Work Backstage



Trailblazer Photo

THE CHORUS ENTHRALLS the audience, the singing star comes back for another encore and the hero takes a bow. But the highly-important backstage work goes on unseen and unapplauded. Here is part of the stage crew busily painting scenery, etc., in preparation for the opening of "As You Were." Trailblazer show at Theater 5 tonight and tomorrow night. Left to right are Pvt. Howe Todd, H & S Co., 270th Engrs.; Pfc. Merrill Murphy, same Co.; Cpl. Ernest Johnson, Co. I, 275th; Sgt. Howard Townsend, producer, and Pvt. Edward Mitchell, director. Mrs. Pat Meriam, one of the three most responsible for the show, is not pictured.

Trailblazers Present All-GI Musical Revue

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talent, some of whom have played to big-time audiences throughout the country.

Directors of the show include Sgt. Howard Townsend, well-known pianist and former architect from Los Angeles; Pvt. Edward Mitchell, dramatics director and producer of several big shows in Cleveland; Mrs. Pat Merriam, director of Service Club 2; and Sgt. Bill Rhodenbaugh, orchestra leader.

The show is not restricted to soldier personnel only, the Special Service Office explained yesterday. Civilians can attend the show whether they are accompanied by soldiers or not. Admission price is 15 cents.

91st Military Band In Concert Sunday

The full military band of the 91st Division will present a concert Sunday at 1500 in Service Club 1, it was announced yesterday.

Under direction of CWO G. C. Brown, the band will present a well-ounded program featuring T/Sgt. Derold L. Simmons as soloist.

Included in the concert will be "The Doughboy March," by Mrs. Olga L. Livesay, wife of the commanding general, 91st Division; "Washington Gray's March"; "Concertino," by Sgt. Simmons, accompanied by the entire band; "Pomp and Circumstance," by Elgar; "Merry Wives of Windsor," by Nicolai; "Soldiers on Parade," by De Luca; "The Volga-Boatman," arrangement by Glenn Miller; "Rosamunde Overture," by Schubert.

Chorus to Present Handel's Messiah

"The Messiah," by Handel, will be presented by the Salem Civic Chorus of 300 voices Sunday afternoon at 1530 in the Leslie Junior High School auditorium.

It is under the direction of Dean Melvin H. Geist, with Professor Maurice Brennan at the organ. The following are soloists: Sgt. Fordyce Waldo, 70th Division, bass baritone; Josephine Albert Spaulding, mezzo soprano; Evangeline Merritt, soprano, and Michael Carolan, tenor.

The public is invited without charge.

III Corps M-Sgt. Appointed WOJG In 150th Ord. Bn.

Three years of consistent advancement through every enlisted grade culminated in an appointment to the rank of WOJG for Robert L. Agrell. Until last week a master sergeant in 7th Headquarters III Corps, he is now attached to the 150th Ord. Bn.



A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Agrell attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in botany.

His first assignment was with the 10th FA of the 3rd Division, later transferring to IX Corps Headquarters at Ft. Lewis. He was also with the IX Corps Special Troops 1st Hqs. at Camp White and the 2nd Hqs. at Camp Adair. He has been at Adair through the subsequent administrative changes in the various units that now belong to the III Corps 7th Hq.

New Radio Series On KWIL Tuesday

So that a better understanding between citizens of the surrounding community and the men of Camp Adair may be developed, a brand new series of weekly radio broadcasts will get under way Tuesday night at 2045 via KWIL.

The quarter-hour broadcast will originate in the KWIL studios at Albany, and will be under the direction of the Club Director, Mrs. Margaret Blodgett.

Purpose of the broadcast, entitled "Paging Private Jones," is to bring home to the people of neighboring cities the work of the Service Club in establishing recreational and educational activities for the Army personnel stationed on the Post.

AND TIPS, TOO?

Minneapolis (CNS)—Charles M. Peterson fell on the sidewalk, injuring his hand, and he couldn't shave for a couple of weeks. Now he wants the city to pay for the barber bills he ran up during that period.

PHONE RATES REDUCED

Effective March 1, the night reduced-rate period on long distance telephone calls will begin at 1800 instead of 1900; the Pacific Telephone Company has just announced.

This change has been designed primarily to spread the evening traffic load and to assist service men in their night long-distance telephone calls.

Camp Adair men, particularly those from eastern points, will benefit in that they will be able to put through their calls one hour earlier and still take advantage of the lower evening rates.

Exclusive 'Sad Sack' In New Trailblazer

Mag Will Appear on Pay-Day This Month

"Sad Sack" has joined the 70th Division!

Sgt. George Baker's world-famous creation, heretofore found exclusively in the pages of "Yank," will make his appearance in the new Trailblazer Magazine, out on pay-day this month, it was announced this week.

It's an original "Sack," drawn especially for this issue of the 70th picture mag by Sgt. Baker.

Any soldier who cannot be in camp on pay-day may leave the names and addresses of relatives to whom he wishes the magazine to be sent (with postage) at his company orderly room; Price of the magazine will be 25 cents.

There will be more than 130 pictures of Trailblazers and their activities in the new magazine, some full-page size, some even larger. Text and captions will accompany the photos, giving a well-rounded version of GI life in the liquid sunshine of Oregon.

The cover picture will present a spectacular incident in Trailblazer training.

All in all, the new Trailblazer Magazine looks like the biggest, best book ever to be put out by a division in training, about itself.

Two Sets of Twins Do GI Papas Proud

If a couple of SCU men are seeing double these days, it isn't anything they might have been drinking.

To Tec/5 Elmer Hummel who passes his time in QM clothing warehouse came a rare gift on Valentine's day. His wife presented him with a pair of strapping youngsters—both boys. Their names—James Valentine and Joseph Valentine.

Not to be outdone, a late bulletin from the medics informs us that the wife of S/Sgt. George Silverman presented him with a pair of lovely girls last Tuesday.

This will serve to introduce the two fathers to each other and we dare say they have done an excellent job keeping things balanced.

Legal Advice Free To Adair GIs

Free legal advice is available to all military personnel at Post Judge Advocate's office in Post HQ each Monday and Friday evening between the hours of 1900 and 2100. This service is rendered free by the Oregon State Bar association. All military personnel desiring legal advice are urged to phone the Post Judge Advocate at 2988 before 1600 on either of those days.

Tonight Attorney Custer E. Ross of Salem will be on hand to advise GIs having problems of a legal nature. A phone call before 1600 this afternoon will secure an appointment.

Flame Thrower in Action



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BEAUTIFUL, BUT DEADLY; photographically pretty, but certain death for the entrenched foe. This picture was shot during a course of instruction on the flame-thrower by the 70th Division Chemical Warfare Section last week. Cpl. Ernest Miller, 276th Inf., looks closer but is actually 15 feet away, waiting to toss his demolition charge into the pillbox to destroy any of the enemy left after the initial onslaught.

Trailblazers Schooled In Flame-Thrower Use

Recent news releases of activities in the far-flung Pacific battlefronts have contained articles and photos of the use of the flame-thrower.

In step with the tempo of progressive modern warfare, the personnel of the Trailblazer Division has been receiving instruction in the technique of handling and operating this weapon during the past two weeks.

According to news dispatches this instrument, which made its appearance in World War I, is again figuring prominently in the total victory of World War II, Lt. Col. Day of the Chemical Section said.

Although many of its details are

restricted, the Allies have a most efficient weapon, he added.

"It is a psychological weapon in its demoralization of enemy personnel almost as much as it is a destructive weapon," the Chemical Officer explained.

The sixty-five pound weapon is a one-man load and may be operated by one person, but to provide assistance in handling the flame-thrower and to provide protection for the operator, a two-man team is necessary for each weapon.

It may be used advantageously for assault upon fortifications, such as concrete, steel, timber and earth emplacements, along with casualty effect upon enemy personnel, Col. Day said. Pill boxes are an easy target for the flame-thrower in the hands of an efficient operator, it was pointed out.

Ordinarily the equipment of combat engineers only, nearly every front-line unit in the Trailblazer Division will have a fair knowledge of the operation of the flame-thrower when the current course of instruction is completed.

Assisting Col. Day in the classes are 1st Lt. Anthony J. Apruzzese, M/Sgt. Marcellus T. Holtel, Tec3 Edward H. LaVelle, Sgt. Harold Vroom and Pvt. Harry Stephens.

91st, 70th Brain Trusters in Quiz

If you smell smoke emanating from Service Club 1 on Wednesday night, don't be alarmed. The building is insured.

The source, however, will be the strong grey matter of the brain trusters of the Trailblazers Hq. versus that of the Fir Tree Division. It will be the night of the quiz program super-de-luxe.

This is the first time the Hq. of the two divisions in Camp Adair have had a contest of wit and intellect. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if one member of the winning team weren't chosen as the guest GI Quiz Expert on the radio program "Information Please" to give Mr. Kiernan and Mr. Levant a little competition.

Officer (speaking to rookie during inspection): "Don't you know better than to point an empty gun at me?"

Rookie: "I know sir, but you see it ain't empty."

Salvage Sales Net High Cash Return

The wastes so carefully segregated in your mess hall; the worn out clothing and equipment you turn in for "salvage"; the cans, containers and wrappings in which food and equipment are packed; waste material in all forms is sold and the funds realized from these sales add up to quite a tidy sum.

The sale of waste material at Camp Adair last month returned almost \$3,700 to the government. The entire program is in line with the Army's strict policy for the conservation, re-use and final disposition of all materials.

The cash return from the sale of this waste material is exclusive of savings effected through salvage, repair and reclamation which amount to a far larger figure.

The magnitude of the activity can be gleaned from figures recently released by the Ninth Service Command. For the six-month period ending Dec. 31, a sum considerably in excess of 1½ million dollars was realized from the sale of all types of waste material. From kitchen wastes alone almost \$30,000 was received.

STEAK DINNER—25c

Sydney, Australia (CNS)—Servicemen in some parts of the Southwest Pacific can buy a steak dinner with two vegetables, dessert and coffee for 25 cents, thanks to the Red Cross, which fixes prices in American clubs and rest rooms on the basis of cost.

OOPS!

Bougainville (CNS)—The Japs recently dropped 12 bombs by mistake on their own positions near the American beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay.