

Divison Cagers Disband 91st, 70th Boxers to Tangle on Wednesday

Series Dropped After One Clash

Intensified Training Forces 70th and 91st To Discontinue Games

With only the first fray played of the projected three-game basketball series between the 91st and 70th Division, the matches were doomed this week with the announcement that, due to increased training programs, both cage teams were being disbanded.

The 91st hoopsters crushed the Trailblazers in the first game, Feb. 8, 50 to 28. A return match in the series was scheduled Tuesday night, with the final game Feb. 22. Both have been cancelled.

Faced with increasingly heavy training and an intensified schedule, the teams announced that meeting the basketball schedule was an impossibility.

Difficulties encountered in trying to reconcile rigorous training schedules with team practise schedules was a principal reason for the move.

"It was impossible, time after time," Maj. Blythe said, "to assemble the full team for practice scrimmages. Under these circumstances, it has been impossible to put a team on the court truly representative of the 70th Division."

Major Blythe also noted the absence of three first-string stars of the team at Yakima firing range, plus others on furlough or in the hospital, as a determining factor.

A survey to decide the status of other 70th Division sports is now under way.

In discontinuing the 91st team, the division can point to a near-perfect record, which included a loss only to the fast-breaking ASTU quintet from the University of Oregon, in the team's first game of the season.

Co. B Beats Co. F In 275th Regiment Basketball Series

Co. B, 275th, this week eliminated Co. F to gain the finals of the regimental basketball tournament by the crushing score of 36 to 6.

Schlieter scored 12 points for the victors to lead in that department, but the game was featured by the sterling defensive play of Chin.

Saturday Co. B meets Co. M for the championship. This promises to be a battle par excellence as both teams have been "hot" throughout the tournament.

Lineups of the Co. B vs. Co. F game:

B	F
Phelps	Voloski
Chin	Brown
Schlieter	Maure
King	Melandy
Harvis	Fidvald
Kuntzman	Kadoun
Harbough	Nelson
Satterly	Buckland
	Haynes
	Niswender
	McDonald

SECTION 8 MATERIAL

Washington (CNS)—Louis Saunders, 33, told a Federal District Court he failed to report for induction into the armed forces because he was "reborn" as a Moslem and is only 13 years old.

HER POUND OF FLESH

Tulsa, Okla. (CNS) — Ordered to pay his wife \$40 a month alimony, Frank Mosley, 54, sent her \$40 worth of pennies in a can of molasses.

91st Over 96th in Photo Finish



CPL. GEORGE FORNETTI (43) of the 91st all stars, who tossed in the winning shot in the closing minutes of Friday's game between the 91st and 96th Division, looks up as a 96th man fails to make his basket. No. 39 at extreme right is Tec4 Jack Hayne of the 91st. Photo courtesy Albany Democrat-Herald.

91st All-Stars Topple Unbeaten 96th Team

With a landslide of 12 points stalking their brilliant record at halftime, the 91st Division all-star cagers staged a "Paul Bunyan" in the second period as they fought their way uphill to a 37-36 victory over the previously undefeated 96th last Friday.

A pivot shot by hero Cpl. George Fornetti in the last five seconds of play rung up a Hollywood finish to the sensational game and gave the 91st that looming one point lead and victory. Until those last significant seconds, however, the 96th had been leading.

The victory marked the third straight win for the all-stars in their last three starts. In the last two weeks they overran the 70th Division 50-28 and swamped the Corvallis Air Base 88-14. Their only loss was to the outstanding ASTU team from the University of Oregon which beat them 42-38 in a photo-finish 3 weeks ago. The 96th was undefeated until Friday, having won over the 70th Division all-stars 48-33 last week in their only other game this season.

Friday's bout began fast as the 96th, passing beautifully and executing pivots with precision, burst out with a 12-4 lead in the first quarter. The 91st was sloppy in its ball-handling, passed poorly and in general looked bad in comparison. Cpl. Al Giovannetti of the 91st made a free-lance bid for points in personal sallies, but all he did was lose the ball. And by the end of the half, the 96th had piled up an almost hopeless advantage, as it led 19-7.

Whatever happened during half-time when co-coaches Lts. Herbert Clark and Charlie Flynn attempted to reorganize their shattered team was not revealed. But when the 91st quintet came back on the floor, it was not the same one that had left.

Sparked by the aggressiveness of Sgt. Mel Atkinson, playing his first game with the team, the all-stars pulled out of the dive with 18 consecutive points almost trebling their score for the whole first half.

And by the end of the third quarter they had fought their way to a

25-25 tie. The final stretch came in the last stanza as the 96th attempted to recover from its slump.

Both teams see-sawed back and forth. Tec4 Jack Hayne, center for the all-stars, broke the tie as he tipped in a dog shortly after quarter time. But T/Sgt. Clarence Bolte of the 96th countered quickly to tie the score again. With only three minutes to go the 91st had finally eked out a 33-32 lead.

Giovannetti missed a foul and then with two minutes to go, Bolte pivoted in a basket to make the score 34-33, 96th leading. Pvt. Earol Cheyne of the 91st came back to give the 91st a 35-34 edge. Then with only 30 seconds to go Bolte again put his team in front, 36-35. Credit for finally tipping the scales in favor of the 91st goes to Fornetti who tallied in the dying seconds to make it 37-36.

High scorer for both sides was Pvt. Lester Witkowski of the 96th with five goals and two free throws for 12 points. Giovannetti was top for the all stars with 11 points.

96th Division		91st Division	
	Pts.		Pts.
Witkowski	12	Cheyne	5
Fosselman	8	Giovannetti	11
Bolte	4	Fuhrman	0
Plant	2	Mayne	5
Kutchera	4	Mutsnica	1
Owson	1	Fornetti	6
Kapac	3	Teahara	0
Nichols	0	Kedblock	2
Martin	0	Atkinson	7
	36		37

QUICK-THINKING SOLDIER SAVES HIMSELF WORK

Camp Blanding, Fla. (CNS)—Pvt. Peter Glod and a couple of other guys were drafted to move a batch of equipment from one building to another. A pal passed.

"Where you going?" he asked.

"Payline," said Glod.

A small mob heard this exchange and immediately fell in behind Glod. All were welcomed cordially by the officer in charge of the detail who gave them each something to carry although it wasn't a pay envelope.

Championship Playoffs In 70th Ping Pong!

Culmination of a two-months tournament will come Monday night at Service Club 2 when six regimental ping pong champions of the 70th Division will meet in playoffs to decide the division championship.

Titlists of 274th Inf., 275th Inf., 276th Inf., Special Troops, Engineers and Medics will be on hand for the final bracket of the tourney, starting at 1903.

A trophy emblematic of the division championship will be presented to Monday night's winner at a later date. The tournament was run by the Service Club and the Division Special Service Office.

276th's Basketball Teams Reach Finals

Cos. M, D Met for Trophy Last Night

The 276th Inf. this week moves into the final round of the battalion basketball tournament. Games have moved at a lively pitch.

The semi-finals found D Co. vs. Cannon Co.; F Co. vs. M Co. cavorting on the waxed court. M Co. and D Co. emerged victorious in hard-fought games.

The championship found the two companies in a scheduled contest last night at the Field House.

F Co.	fg	ft	fp	tp	D Co.	fg	ft	fp	tp
Wade	3	3	9	1	Smith	4	4	3	10
Blum'd	1	1	2	2	Swan	2	3	1	5
Pool	1	2	1	3	Ker	3	0	0	6
St'km'n	0	0	0	0	Stantz	5	0	0	10
Weber	0	0	0	0	Darling	0	0	0	0
P'k's'e	1	0	0	2					
King	0	0	0	0					
Stoltz	2	3	2	6					
	8	9	6	22		14	7	3	31

M Co.	fg	ft	fp	tp	Cannon	fg	ft	fp	tp
Liptak	5	1	1	3	Ryan	3	6	3	9
Sele	2	0	0	4	Werk	3	0	0	6
Shaffer	7	0	0	14	Vukich	0	0	0	0
Schwent	2	0	0	4	Trounbl	2	3	0	4
Duree	1	0	0	2	Hansen	1	0	0	2
Kuapp	0	2	1	1					
Evora	0	0	0	0					
Ingram	0	0	0	0					
Thp's'n	6	0	0	13					
	20	3	2	42		9	9	3	21

Co. F Moves Into Finals in 274th Hoop Tournament

The "Flaming Devils," flashy five of F Co., 274th Inf., moved into the final round of the regimental basketball tournament as a result of their 25-21 victory over H Co. in a fast game played last Tuesday. Officers and GI's interested in the game were surprised at the excellent teamwork shown by the comparatively unknown hoopsters and decided that this combination has definite possibilities of becoming an outstanding team.

Although the Flaming Devils led the scoring throughout the game, there was never more than a few points lead at any time. The H Co. quintet put up a defense that tested the abilities of the F Co. cagers.

Cpls. R. J. Boles, T. J. Mitchell, and Pfc. G. J. Klass led F Co.'s brilliant offensive play. The work of Cpl. C. R. Brown, Pfc.'s F. J. Bruns, H. E. Gerlach, C. N. Jewell, Cpl. T. W. Kieffer, Pfc. W. P. Rosewag won deserved acclaim.

The Flaming Devils won 2-0 over A Co. last Saturday, by default.

A RAT FOR THE RATZI

England (CNS)—Nearing their target in Berlin, crewmen aboard a Halifax bomber found a rat scurrying around the floor of the plane. They dropped it on the German capital.

Fistic gladiators of the Trailblazer and 91st Divisions will meet in personal combat next Wednesday at the Field House, it was announced yesterday.

Teams of fighters in the usual weight categories will represent the two Camp Adair divisions. Outcome of the battles will decide the camp boxing championship.

It is expected eight bouts will be fought, in flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight classes.

Points will be scored at the rate of one point per bout, it was announced. Thus a perfect score would be 8-0. Since such a score by either team is extremely improbable, a method has been agreed on for settling a possible tie.

In the event of a tie, the bouts would be rescored at the rate of five points for knockouts or TKO's, three points for a decision.

Tec4 P. E. Ambrose is coaching the Trailblazer team, assisted by Pvt. Joe Pittore. Lt. Sam L. MacCorkle, 363rd Inf., will coach the 91st team.

Bands of both divisions will be present to supply music for the event. Admission is free to GIs and the public.

Co. M, 274th, in Hoop Semi-Finals

With an eye toward the 274th regimental championship, hoopsters of Co. M defeated the Cannon Co. quintette to bring them into position for a chance at the trophy.

Playing at the Field House on Tuesday afternoon, these teams met in a fast and furious encounter. The outstanding passing and teamwork of M Co. resulted in the team's final victory, 33 to 16, with Langston netting 12 points for the winners.

The next 274th basketball encounter will bring Co. M and 3rd Bn. Hq. Co. together to decide which team will play Co. F for the championship.

Sports Slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Lt. Buddy Lewis, ex-Washington infielder, is a paratroop plane transport pilot overseas.

CPO Tony Zale, world's middleweight champion, is a top man in the physical fitness program at the Sampson (N.Y.) Naval Training Station. His sparmate there is Seaman Tommy Campanella, Brooklyn light heavyweight.

CPO Bob Feller still has plenty of smoke on the ball. He recently pitched his team to a 9-0 victory over another Navy nine in a New Hebrides game.

Big Ed Levy, discharged by the armed forces for physical reasons, may replace Charley Keller as the New York Yankees regular left fielder next season. Keller recently accepted a commission in the Maritime Service leaving the left field spot vacant.

Pvt. Gerry Priddy, Washington second baseman last year, has been transferred from Ft. MacArthur, Cal., where he was processed after his induction last month, to McClelland Field, Cal., as a private in the AAF.

Lt. Col. Edgar W. Garbisch, All-American football star at West Point in 1922-23-24, has assumed a new assignment as the Army's district engineer for New York.