



Camp Adair SPORTS

Runner-up and Champ, 91st Ping Pong Tourney



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IN ANOTHER CASE where a private who is a staff sergeant, Pvt. Willard LaMarche, Co. F, 363rd Inf., defeated S/Sgt. Harold Whitehouse, Co. D, 363rd, to carry off the 91st Division ping pong championship in a brilliant four-game finals match, 21-15, 21-17, 20-22, 21-17.

Pvt. LaMarche, 363rd, Takes Ping Pong Title

It was just a case of a private's natural superiority over non-commissioned officers last Tuesday night as Pvt. Willard LaMarche, Co. F, 363rd Inf., plowed through a rack of 12 swat-artists and finally put the lid on S/Sgt. Harold Whitehouse, Co. D, for the regimental ping-pong championship. LaMarche took Whitehouse three games out of five for the title.

The champ got off to what looked like an easy touch in the first pair of 21s as he took Whitehouse down the line 21-15 and 21-17. But as he sensed the championship slipping, Whitehouse tightened up in the third game and set LaMarche 22-20 in a classic duce tilt. However, LaMarche tipped the scales again in the fourth when he did an encore on his 21-17 for the crown.

Ran on the traditional bracket

system, the tournament consumed six rounds with LaMarche eliminating in turn Tec4 Martin Radella, Regt'l Hq. Co., Pvt. Herbert Walff, Cannon Co.; Sgt. Leo Reible, and Whitehouse. The runnerup on the other hand clipped in succession S/Sgt. Jack Crump, Co. H.; T/Sgt. Emmett Journeay, AT Co.; and Pfc. Walter Gies, Co. K.

EFFICIENCY REWARDED

As a result of the highly efficient manner in which he prepared gas and smoke screens during the recent 2nd Bn. problems, S/Sgt. J. C. Brooks, of G Co., 362nd Inf., was commended this week by the Division Commander, Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay; by the Regimental Commander, Col. J. W. Cotton, and by his Battalion Commander, Maj. E. K. Thompson.

Will Champ Defend His Title? Louis Still Ranks Tops

The big talk in the world of sport today is the possibility of Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the fistie world, defending his long-held title against the heavyweight ruler of the British Isles sometime in the near future.

The word going around now among the so-called ring generals is that Louis is about through as far as serious ring competition is concerned. They claim the boxing shows and traveling he has done throughout the country (the Bomber and his troupe were at Adair Oct. 28) has taken a lot out of him and the result is that he is not the "Bomber" of old.

Anticipate Bout

All the boxing world and more so our soldiers in England are anxious to see this fight come about because they believe Louis is still every bit the champion he was when he came into the service.

It will be interesting to those connected with the boxing world to see just how this will work out—will the champ miss the smooth

handling of the cagey Jack Blackburn—will he miss the clever minds of Julian Black and John Roxborough, his long time managers. Will he be the same cool fighting machine he once was or did the lay-off really hurt him?

Joe has always been a clean cut, hard working boy. He took his work seriously and to every performance gave his best and in most cases his best was much too good for the man he was fighting.

We who have seen Joe in his fighting days know he is a great champion and a great guy. While it is not up to me to say or to think out loud on a contest of any kind, I am going to stick my neck out and say: "If Louis defends his title in England, the boxing world will find him the great champion he was in former days."

316th Med. Officer Takes Singles Title

Treading heavily on opponents with some plain and fancy table tennis, Capt. Irving Katzman of the 316th Med. Bn, this week stepped into the 91st Division Officers' ping-pong championship as he outdistanced a field of 28 rivals for the coveted singles trophy. He also collaborated with Lt. Harland Nelson of the Division QM to capture the doubles crown.

Capt. Katzman climbed into the finals with Lt. Col. G. E. Fletcher, Division G-3, previously undefeated in the tournament, and took him down the line three games straight for the title. The scores were 21-13, 21-16, 21-17.

And in the doubles show he and his partner, Lt. Nelson, defeated Lt. A. A. Barbatta and Lt. John Churella 19-21, 21-17, 21-16, 21-16. The tourney called for three out of five, and when Barbatta and Churella tipped the second game, they couldn't recover and the title went to Katzman and Nelson.

362nd Sgt., Attu Vet., Gets Perfect '200' With Carbine

Tech. Sgt. Charles E. Johnson, of L Company, 362nd Infantry, has another decoration for his already weighted chest. He can, with perfect satisfaction, hang an Expert medal up there with the ribbons, for he made Expert with the carbine this week. And how!

Sgt. Johnson received a personal commendation from his Regimental Commander, Col. J. W. Cotton, for attaining the highest score with the Carbine by any competitor in the history of the Regiment! Sgt. Johnson, firing the standard 40-round course prescribed by WD TC No. 87, made the "possible" 200!

Stop a minute, brother, and figure that out slowly. Hack away the alphabet that precedes that "possible" 200, and what have you got? Just this: Sgt. Johnson nailed the bull's eye 40 consecutive times!

A veteran of the Attu battle, where he was an acting weapons platoon leader, Sgt. Johnson has proved invaluable to L Company as a soldier and as a popular member of the outfit.

Co. E Leads 362nd In Fitness Test Program

By Tec5 Bernie Smith

There has been an unusual amount of puffing, grunting and groaning over in the direction of the 362nd Infantry the past two weeks, but out of it all has come some pretty remarkable information. The Regiment, you see, has just completed its session on the Physical Efficiency course.

Under the personal supervision of Regt'l. Commander Col. J. W. Cotton, and managed by Lt. H. Hassell, A & R Officer, the physical fitness test has proved most satisfactory in developing a competitive spirit among the men who participated. Each individual, platoon and company score was marked on a competitive basis, thus making it clear to all participants just where they stood at all times.

Near World Record!

Tied for top honors with 680 out of a possible 700 points, (the world's record is 693!), are S/Sgt. Victor Volpa of A Company and Pvt. J. D. Sutton, of F Company. To accomplish these high scores it was necessary to score a hundred points in all events except the 300-yd. run. Both sped through that one in 39 seconds!

In second position, Pvt. Frank DeMay, of C Co., and Pfc. A. Whiteley, of E Co., share the honors with 675 points each. Pvt. Thomas Owen, of C Co., is in sole possession of third place with 668; Pfc. Manuel Sigueros, C Co., in fourth spot, and Pvt. Orville Rorem, Hq. Co., in fifth place.

(Five top scorers from each company were to have met in competition for official Regimental honors last night. At press time this morning, the results were not yet compiled.)

Although many individual scores were high, it was the average scores of entire companies that most pleased the Regimental Commander, for as a whole the tests showed the 362nd personnel to be in exceptionally fine physical shape.

Leading organization in the Unit is E Co., with an average of 510.83. Company H is second with 507.90, and Company B is third with 501.00.

The others follow:

Co. F	493.67	Hq Co 2d Bn	450.48
Co. C	483.38	Co. A	449.12
Co. G	471.98	Co. D	443.46
AT Co.	466.23	Med Det.	441.91
Cannon Co.	462.19	Hq. Co. 1 Bn	428.90
Serv Co.	457.57	Co. I	419.38
Hq. Co.	457.31	Co. M	418.34
		Co. J	407.08
		Co. K	377.18
		Hq Co 3d Bn	363.18

COMMENDED

S/Sgt. Ortis R. Karriker, of Company E, 362nd Inf., was commended this week by Col. J. W. Cotton, his Regimental Commander, for "his thorough knowledge of first aid which he exhibited during the 2nd Bn. Defensive problem on March 1st and 2nd."

across the street from the new office quarters.

Post Response Good In Red Cross Drive

Half-Way Mark Finds Many Units in 100%

As Camp Adair participation in the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Drive passed the half-way mark, satisfaction with the results thus far attained was expressed on all fronts.

In commenting on the Camp Adair phase of the drive, William E. Grainger, Jr., Field Director in charge of Red Cross activity on the post, stated that he had encountered splendid feeling and cooperation in all units and activities and indications are that returns will exceed those of last year.

To civilian employees of Service Club 1 and Guest House 1 went the distinction of subscribing 100 per cent on the first day of the drive.

Complete figures are not yet available but better than half of all Adair military and civilian units have already reported in.

The participation of enlisted personnel was particularly gratifying in view of the fact that their participation was on a voluntary basis.

In fairness to those units striving to attain the 100 per cent goal, the list of units that have already done so is being withheld temporarily. It can be said, however, that a good proportion of the units that have made their returns have subscribed 100 per cent.

PX Warehouse and Office Relocated

This week the Post Exchange moved both its office and warehouse to new quarters.

The Post Exchange office, formerly opposite Post Hqs. building, has been moved to 1st Street South and D avenue, building T-7-452.

The warehouse, formerly on H avenue across from the Post Finance building, is now situated

200 Out of 200 Is 100 Percent



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FIRING FORM THAT enabled him to make that elusive "possible" is displayed by T/Sgt. C. E. Johnson of Co. L, 362nd Inf. His record—40 consecutive bull's eyes firing the carbine for record from all positions. A veteran of over three years service in Alaska and the Aleutians, he participated in the battle for Attu