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2nd B., 274th Inf., Alerted! It's All OK, However, It's All for Sake of Simple Fun

Strictly GI—even down to being alerted to dance!

That's the story of the 2nd Battalion of the 274th Inf., whose men cast querulous glances at each other last week when the Warning Order was read to them by unit commanders.

Describing the situation as, "Hostile forces estimated 600 Amazons have landed on the western coast of Oregon. Advanced elements consisting of 200 luscious girls have pushed their way by use of tweezers, eyebrow pencils, mascara and bewitching looks to the cantonment area in the vicinity of Salem, Corvallis, Monmouth, Albany, Pedee and Tartar (Men, we're surrounded!!!)"

Followed up by a regulation five-paragraph field order with an overlay sketch to accompany it, the communication was made official by "Geesmo" and "Snafu." Clever-

ly written, the FO pointed several good-natured remarks at various men in the battalion from the commander down to the first sergeants.

Entertainment for the party consisted of several acts presented by 2nd Bn. EM in addition to the artists supplied by the special service office.

A dance contest judged Cpl. Gerard Schaefer of Co. F and Miss Audrey Ames of Eugene best in the waltz, Pfc. Don Brison of Co. E and his wife tops in fox trotting and Pfc. Marvin Branscum of the Medics and his wife the best jitterbugs.

The entire event was an EM show but the GIs couldn't pass up the opportunity of seeing Major General John E. Dahlquist cut a big cake which was the beginning of the evening's chow line.

Artillery Vehicles Named for Batteries

YAKIMA—Alligator and Anesthesia are in Battery A. Battle-wagon and Blondie in Battery B and Happy Sack belongs to HQ Battery.

Which means, those goofy names stenciled on the jeeps, peeps and trucks of the 882nd FA aren't so silly at all, because they all begin with the battery's designation-letter. You can tell at a glance which battery a vehicle's from.

It started back in the brave old days of horse-drawn guns, when the GIs of that era began naming their steeds thus, and the motorized steeds of modern warfare are named in like manner. For example, Soup Wagon in Service Battery is—you guessed it—the chow truck. And, since Service hauls the ammunition for the outfit, they've tried to name their vehicles according to explosive nomenclature—Safety Pin, Super Quick, Smokeless and Short Charge are examples. Although, a one-and-one-half tonner which was assigned to them just fifteen minutes before they left for Camp Adair is christened So Late!

Hq. Battery is on the ball with Hirohito Hearse (medics' truck), Heat Wave, the Bn. CO's C & R car, Hash House, the kitchen truck. Some of the names derive from peculiarities of the vehicle's jockey. The driver of Hot Tips always has 'em, or maybe it should be Hot Rumors. It's said that Hi Ball has something to do with the lack of hirsute herbage on its driver's

dome . . . We don't know about Hangover or Half Stewed.

Battery A has Awkward, Alberta and Augustine and Battery B has Bird Island, Boots, Brain Storm and Buck Eye. It's all good, clean fun and there's a historical note to go with it. It's not new; they used to do it the same way, back in the good old days.

NON-COMS SELL PASSES TO CALLOW RECRUITS

New Cumberland, Pa. (CNS)—A group of non-commissioned officers stationed at the New Cumberland Induction Center have been broken in rank for selling weekend passes to greenhorn inductees.

The non-coms, according to a post spokesman, took advantage of the recruits' ignorance of post rules, which permit them a weekend pass seven days after induction.

VERY SNAPPY, INDEED

Oroville, Cal. (CNS)—A local newspaper ran a classified ad with a snap to it: "Wanted—Pair of men's garters, new or old, if there is some stretch left. Price no object."

70th PTC Looking for Pot o' Gold—Rainbow Ends Right in 'Campus'

The boys over at 70th Division PTC are going around looking for that pot of gold . . .

Rainbows are infrequent visitors around an Army camp, possibly because the multi-hued arcs are traditionally harbingers of hope. But one morning last week as GIs looked across the "campus" toward Coffin Butte, there was a large and handsome rainbow dead ahead.

The pay-off came when they realized that the "end of the rainbow" was directly over the Provisional Training Center!

Benefits to Veterans Described By 'Yank'

NEW YORK—An article of vital importance to every man in uniform is featured in the March 17 issue of "Yank."

This article deals with the service offered by the Veterans Administration to honorably discharged members of the armed forces. It presents every detail of disability benefits and explains the procedure for applying for such benefits.

The March 17 issue will be available at PXs during the week beginning Mar. 10.

Nine Million Yanks, of 22 Million, in Service

Washington (CNS)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, has released a breakdown of the draft situation in the U.S. which shows that of the 22 million men now registered for the draft, more than nine million are already in the service.

Gen. Hershey's figures, which cover draft registrants between the ages of 18 and 38, follow:

Total living registrants	22,138,000
In the armed forces (inducted)	6,540,000
In the armed forces enlisted	2,430,000
Disqualified physically	3,357,000
In process of classification	1,090,000
Occupational deferments	3,834,000
Dependency deferments	4,645,000
Deferred for other reasons	152,000
Unclassified	90,000
Included in the 1,090,000 men now in the process of classification, examination or induction, are 43,000 men who have been found qualified for induction for limited service under present requirements but whose services have not been required by the armed forces as yet, Gen. Hershey said.	

KELLY, WINNER MEDAL OF HONOR, ONE-MAN ARMY

Italy (CNS)—Number One hero of the Italian campaign—to date—is T/Sgt. Charles E. Kelly, of Pittsburgh, who has received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his extraordinary achievements in action.

Kelly fought at San Pietro, Cassino and in the Rapido River crossing. He's had 70 days of active combat and is credited with killing at least 40 Germans. But his biggest day was last Sept. 13—near Altaville.

On that date he established the position of the enemy by crawling through sniper, mortar and artillery fire, then worked with another patrol which he "assisted materially" until he ran out of ammunition. The next morning Kelly peppered an enemy advance with rifle, mortar and bazooka fire until his unit had a chance to withdraw. His wounds during this action consisted of a skinned nose and some small cuts on his hands—from shell fragments.

Floats in Oregon Breeze



FLOATING PROUDLY OUT on the Oregon breeze, the new regimental standard of the 275th Inf. takes the air with its color-guard, ready for the battle-streamers to come. The guard, left to right, Cpls. William O. Griffith, Clyde Copeland, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Silbernagel.

Men of 274th and Girls from Local Institution Entertain at Hospital

One of the most successful programs ever presented to men at the Station Hospital took place last week under the auspices of Mrs. Winfield R. McKay, wife of Colonel McKay, CO of the 274th Inf., and Mrs. Raymond E. Bell, wife of Lt. Col. Bell of the same regiment.

Berge, original piano and vocal renditions by Cpl. Kenneth Millar and several musical saw numbers by Cpl. Ernest Brook.

Army Boasts no Typhus Deaths so Far in War

Comprising a full hour of entertainment, the show featured a host of talent from the 274th in addition to other attractions from the Division and civilian organizations. Popular among the latter group were Miss Betty Erickson of Oregon State College, a Hawaiian dancer, and a vocal sextette of feminine charm from the same institution.

Hitting the high spots of the recent 70th Division show, "As You Were," Sgt. Howard Townsend sang and played the piano, giving a well-acclaimed interpretation of some original compositions, assisted by Sgt. Howard Don Tabler doing the vocals.

(ANS)—The Army is mighty proud of the fact that so far in this war not a single death due to louse-borne typhus has been reported among Yank soldiers.

In fact, the preventive methods used by the Army have been so successful that there hasn't been enough typhus even to try out the new and improved anti-typhus treatments developed.

American forces have been exposed to typhus in Egypt, North Africa and other localities, but the preventive methods—especially the new delousing powders and vaccinations—have done their job.

Other entertainment consisted of violin solos by Pvt. Clifford through a garnished net.

