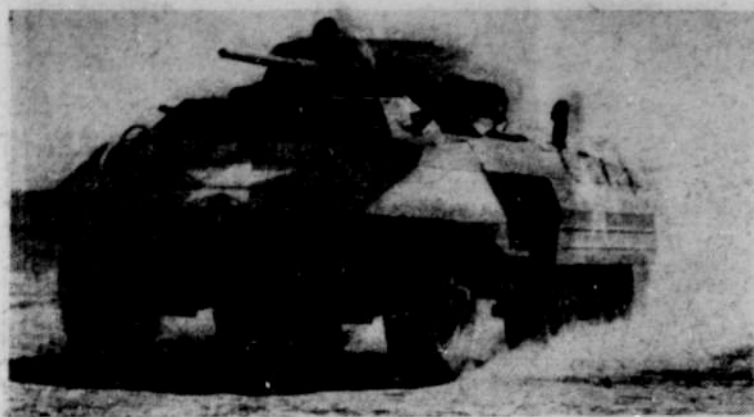


The M-8 — It Rides Like a Cadillac



Trailblazer Photo
FOR THE FIRST TIME west of Albany, Ore., here is an official picture of the "mysterious" M-8 armored car. Every other newspaper and newsreel in the USA having carried a photo of the M-8, the Sentries joins the parade with a shot of the Trailblazer Recon troops' own M-8s.

Army's 'Luxury' Combat Vehicle

M-8 Doesn't Bounce!

By Pvt. Roby Wentz

The Army's "luxury" combat vehicle . . . That's the M-8 armored car.

You've seen it by now in the movies, bounding across rugged terrain at high speeds, its six wheels making it look like some strange beast hunched to spring.

But take the word of Tec 5 Robert Byham, 70th Recon Troop, it rides like a big swing.

On an improved road, says Byham, who drives an M-8 himself, and ought to know, it's like the motion of any better-than-average passenger-car. It's infinitely superior to the riding qualities of the jeep or the jeep's big brother, the command and reconnaissance car.

Comfort—Neplus

But when the M-8 leaves the road and cuts off across-country, it's still a comfortable vehicle, even at fast speeds. It CAN get stuck, but not if you keep it moving fast, and that can be done without turning yourself into a mess of bruises.

Sitting at the wheel is not quite like piloting a Cadillac V-16, though, says Byham.

"You sit right over the front axle," he said, "so you can turn her a lot quicker, with less spin of the steering wheel, than a passenger car. Give her that much turn, and you'd find yourself going home before you knew it."

The fact that the car carries a 37 mm. gun means little to the driver, he said. "It sounds a lot louder to someone outside than to the men inside," he said. "And you feel little or no recoil effect."

But he didn't say he'd turn down a V-16 for an M-8 if he ever has the chance.

Kwajalein Atoll (CNS) — Marines were in the process of mopping up here when out of a dug-out ran a Jap yelling: "Don't shoot. I've got a brother in Brooklyn."

Red Cross Returns Mount to \$17,012

Membership Cards Total Tops 12,000

Although final figures have not yet been tabulated, up-to-date returns in the Post Red Cross drive show a total of \$17,012.35, representing a better than 100 percent gain over last year's collection of \$8,888, according to William E. Grainger Jr., Post Red Cross Director.

Breakdown of this total is as follows: 91st Division, \$6,487.39; 70th Division, \$4,935.89; III Corps, \$1,248.56; SCU and Civilian Employees, \$2,619.89. Included in the \$17,000 total are returns from two sub-offices of the Post Field Director: Corvallis Army Airfield, \$877.26, and Naval Auxiliary Air Station at North Bend, \$843.92.

The month-long drive ended March 31, and approximately 12 to 15,000 membership cards were issued by the Post Red Cross office, it is estimated.

Funds raised from the drive will be divided on a percentage basis among the four counties surrounding the Camp, depending upon the approximate soldier and soldier-family population of the counties, which are Marion, Polk, Benton and Linn.

Funds raised from the Corvallis Airfield go to Benton County's Red Cross chapter, and those from the Naval Air Station are used in Coos County.

Wasp Flyers Status Militarily Approved

Military status for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (Wasps, to you) was approved last week by the House Military Affairs Committee after General H. H. Arnold, Chief of the AAF, testified they are good fliers and that he plans to send all male pilots to fight.

Under the approved bill women pilots and aviation cadets would be appointed in the AAF on the same level with men performing the same duties.

Now totalling 534 civilian women, the Wasps ferry Army planes,

Non-Com Training to Be Stressed in 274th

The present phase of training in the 274th Infantry Regiment will lay more stress on the responsibilities and effectiveness of the non-coms in that organization, it has been disclosed by Major James C. Cross, new S-3 for the Regiment. Based on the theory that non-coms share the burden of close control over troops in fighting areas, Major Cross feels that training with the men has reached a point where teamwork and the resultant esprit-de-corps lies largely in the hands of that selected group.

Reports from overseas indicate that too little time has been spent on this type of training in some units. The difference between success and failure has often been in the ability and willingness of troops to abide by a non-com's decision.

Old Bird in Hand Adage Still Holds Sway, 275th Lieutenant Learns to His Dismay

Let's call him Lieutenant Zilch, and identify him no further than to say he was in the 275th Infantry. One dark night recently, the Lieutenant was in the field with his company.

Along about 2300 the problem was going well, and Zilch was taking a short breather, along with a sergeant. Suddenly the sergeant pointed.

"Look!" he breathed in a hoarse whisper. "A pheasant roosting, by

that bush!" "Quiet!" hissed Lieutenant Zilch. "Leave this to me." Gripping his carbine, he stole closer, step by step. He raised the stock of his weapon high, and brought it down on the defenseless bird. There was a loud squawk.

But the squawker was Lieutenant Zilch, rubbing his stung hands, and contemplating a smashed carbine. The "pheasant" was an odd-shaped tree-stump.

Trailblazer Rug



THIS HANDSOME TUFTED RUG, made to scale in Trailblazer colors in the 70th shoulder patch design, was worked by Mrs. James H. Satterlee, wife of Cpl. Satterlee, 276th Med. Det. The tufts are 1 1/2 inches long and 40 skeins of yarn were needed to finish the job.

Medics Election; Noncom Fandang Fete on April 22

The Non-Commissioned Officers Recreation Center (Medics NCO Club) at its tri-yearly meeting on April 20, elected officers and a board of governors for the coming term.

Tec 4 Jerry Liston was chosen president; Tec 5 John Mooney, vice-president; S/Sgt. Jacob Minkoff, secretary; Tec 5 John Edward Sheehan, treasurer, and Tec 5 Daniel Sullivan, sergeant-at-arms.

Members elected to the board of governors are 1st Sgt. John Easterwood, T/Sgt. Carrington Burch, S/Sgt. Rudolph Gross, Sgts. John Lynch, Alfred Skare, Matthew Tierney, Rex McCloskey and Tec 4 Irvin Caplan.

The newly selected officers will be installed at a reception to be held the latter part of this month. Plans are under way for the "Spring Fandango" to be held in the clubrooms April 22. Music will be furnished by Tec 4 Joe Sieff's orchestra and entertainers are expected from Portland to round out the show.

A smart salute is the sign of a good soldier. Salute all officers on the Post and in town.

Soldier Allotment Situation Clarified

Allowances Not Cut By Added Dependents

The Dependency Allowance Law now in effect clearly states the sum total to be paid all dependent. Eliminated are the confusing provisions of the old law which required that a serviceman's contribution be pro-rated among all his dependents.

The law has two distinct advantages: (1) The exact amount that any dependent will receive is easily determined, and (2) such amount will not be reduced by the addition of other dependents.

The Government's contribution is simply the difference between the man's contribution and the total family allowance. The soldier's contribution is fixed at \$22 if he has Class A or Class B or Class B-1 dependents and \$27 if his dependents include Class A AND either Class B or Class B-1.

The division of allowances between dependents of different relationship is fixed by law. For example: the allowance for a parent and one sister dependent upon the enlisted man for chief support is \$68. Where division is necessary this would be divided \$50 for the parent and \$18 for the sister.

Sometimes separate payment are necessary between parents and children or between parents and brothers and sisters. Here the law follows a principle of equal division between distinct classes of dependents. A typical case: separate payments are necessary for allowances due a wife and two children. Together they are entitled to \$100 monthly. This would be divided a \$50 for the wife and \$25 for each of the children. This rule of equal division between distinct classes is followed throughout.

274th Personnel Office Celebrates With Easter Dance

From the activity and preparations at the Benton Hotel ballroom in Corvallis last week, solid citizens of that community might well have thought that one of society's budding debutantes was about to make her Easter debut. But this beehive of activity only preceded a gala party sponsored by the Personnel Office of the 274th Infantry.

Each guest brought his favorite feminine interest of the moment to dance to the music of Joe Sieff's orchestra, imbibe in a bit of Oregon brew and sate his appetite with turkey dinner served in true banquet style. Consensus of opinion was that the partying was sweet and not too sorrowful.

As WAC Band, Fashion Show Raised Field House Rafters



Signal Corps Photo
PICTURED IS THE CLIMACTIC MOMENT last Thursday night when the 36-piece "Four Freedoms" WAC Band from Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, abetted by a Portland fashion show from World War I, performed before a packed house of GIs and their lady friends at Field House. The band was directed by Capt. Claire Sweeney and the bevy of beauties by Helen Meier, ex-Ziegfeld girl.

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