

Three Braintrusters and How



They Worked to Produce



New Trailblazer Magazine



MAGAZINES SUCH AS THE NEW TRAILBLAZER, which goes on the newstands of Camp Adair's Post Exchanges Monday, don't "just grow," like Topsy. They are the result of painstaking, arduous work, and that means somebody does it. Above are pictured three principal members of the Trailblazer staff who hew to the line in G-2 offices under supervision of Capt. George H. Godfrey, public relations officer, 70th Div. How do they work? The above photos give you an idea. (Left) From sheaves of photographs that are stacked high on his desk, Pvt. Edmund Arnold, managing editor, selects the ones to appear in the Trailblazer Magazine and marks

Trailblazer Photos them out on the first working dummy of the new edition. (Center) Space for copy is at a premium in a pictorial magazine like the Trailblazer so captions have to pack a lot of punch in a few words. Pvt. John R. Wentz, news editor, assumes this pensive look as he tries to cram a 10-line caption into the four lines available. In a picture magazine such as the Trailblazer, the photographer is the key man. So Pfc. Chester Garstki (right), staff cameraman, has an even busier-than-usual schedule before publication date.

From Air Corps to Infantry; Good Soldiers

New 70th Men, Ex-Air Cadets, Experienced, Fought in Battle

(Ed. Note: Many former Air Corps cadets are recent additions to the personnel of the 70th Division. In the following article, one of these men gives a picture of the type of training which preceded their new life in the infantry).

By Pvt. Marshall Smith
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The 70th Division's ex-Air Cadets are all men who know the Army, having come from other organizations into the aircrew training program. Upon being taken into the Air Force, they were subjected to a stretch of Air Corps basic training.

Following this, the men were assigned to various colleges, in groups known as College Training Detachments. (C.T.D.) The expressed purpose of this training was to produce men worthy of becoming Air Force officers. Discipline was carried to the nth degree; no slightest infraction of discipline was overlooked.

Four criteria of correct military discipline were observed in the C.T.D.: (1) smartness of appearance and action; (2) neatness and cleanliness of dress; (3) respect for seniors and (4) prompt and cheerful execution by subordinates of both letter and spirit of the orders of their designated superiors.

Along with this military training went education in the field of aviation—such subjects as physics, trigonometry, history, English and geography of enemy countries and elements around them. Last but not least was physical training.

The physical requirements are high for air crew training, higher than for any branch of the service. With months of systematic exercises and cross-country runs that have to be accomplished in an allotted time, the aviation student develops every muscle in his body against the day when it may be the means of saving his life.

The social life was not extensive, but social activities were not the objective. Each evening, cadets had one hour of free time except on Saturday nights, when it was permitted to stay out until 0100. On Sunday nights cadets were back in at 2000. Time was short; every minute was utilized. With an hour of free time, 58 minutes were used by the men for their own purposes; the other two minutes were used, one to go, one to come, on the double.

The last and best phase of the

training was the actual flying. Not P.T., B.T. or A.T. ships, but small Interstate Cadets—but to the cadets they were the introduction to what they thought was to come, those silver wings. The final month of training included flying the planes and keeping up our studies at the same time. Ten hours of dual flying were all we were allowed in anticipation of our future flying.

At the end of the five months required by the A.A.F. for air crew college training we received a diploma, announced as the equivalent of a year's civilian schooling.

The air cadets have had college training and schooling, they've lived in hotels with private baths and telephones, have eaten at tables where one hand only is allowed above the table, and worn dress uniforms at all times—but they're not "college jerks" or "fancy Dans."

Some are men who have been overseas and are credited with enemy kills, some are prewar soldiers of the Regular Army—but whatever the case, there isn't a man in the country who can make a better showing for himself as a soldier than a former aviation cadet.

Favorite Pieces On Next Air-show

A pot-pourri program of popular favorites will make up the "Oregon's Own" radio half-hour from Service Club 1 Thursday at 2030 over Station KEX.

"Norwegian Rhapsody" by the Trailblazer band, the tremendously popular and new "Holiday for Strings" by the 70th Rhumba band (which has no strings in it) and selections from "The Desert Song," by Sigmund Romberg, by the band are high spots of the program.

The popular melody "Let's Go Home" by the Trailblazer dance band and "Home on the Range," sung by Sgt. Fordyce Waldo, top off the hour.

Oh! Mrs. Bonton. Whatever Shall We Do With You?

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Earl Bonton left a street car, then discovered she had left her purse behind. She flagged a passing motorist, overtook the street car and recovered the purse. Then she discovered she had left her fur coat in the stranger's car.

Send Home Your Free Voice Record For Mother's Day

John Weldon, who handles the Pepsi-Cola voice recording machine at Service Club 1, advises that he will be on duty throughout the week-end to accommodate expected crowds of soldiers making records to send home for Mother's Day, May 14.

Since Weldon arrived at the Post more than two months ago, several thousand soldiers have made voice recordings.

He advises that prepared messages are available for soldiers who cannot think of anything particularly to say.

New Trailblazer Mag May Be Mailed Free!

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Men may send as many copies of the magazine as they like, under this arrangement. But the books must be dropped into the company mail-box.

The Trailblazer will be ready-wrapped when placed on sale, suitable for addressing.

General Dahlquist's reasons for making free mailing possible are his knowledge of how much parents, relatives and friends enjoy seeing actual pictures of their service men's training and the value of a pictorial record of military service in years to come.

The new Trailblazer Magazine, containing over 150 pictures and representing every unit in the Division will be on sale at pay-tables Monday. They will be on sale at all PXs on the post.

Col. Shrader Speaks As Salem USO Opened

Acting as the representative of Major General John E. Dahlquist, Lt. Col. Harold D. Shrader this week told Salemites that Trailblazer soldiers are deeply grateful for the good offices of the USO.

He made the statement at the opening of a new USO, under the auspices of the Salvation Army.

"I know General Dahlquist feels that the service men's centers of this type have been a positive factor in maintaining good morale among men of the 70th Division," Col. Shrader declared.

It Would Seem So

Richmond Hill, N. Y. (CNS)—Irrked because his draft board wouldn't classify him 1 A, Sam Wilson punched the board chairman in the eye. "I'm a fighting man," he explained to police.

"Trailblazer" No. 4 Out Monday; the Best

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back cover depicts two GIs, one in a captured Nazi uniform, in some rough-shod bayonet action. You turn the inside front cover and bingo! the main reason why Milt Caniff is the favorite of all GI artists slaps you like a soft wet sponge. The subject, of course, is "Lace"—a half page of her.

New USO Show 'What Next'

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Balance of the show features: Jack Waldron—Comic master of ceremonies. Taylor, Trout & Mickie—Man & woman, novelty comedy hoop spinning. Paul McWilliams & Co.—Man & woman in suave deception. Johnny Curtis—Tap dancer. Paula Peiry—Hula and novelty dancer. 3 Tones—Harmony singers. Edward Charles Freivogel—Pianist and musical conductor.

No War Prisoners Here, NSC Reports

Current rumors about using a portion of Camp Adair for war prisoners have been quashed by the Ninth Service Command via Associated Press wire reports yesterday from Salt Lake City that "No plans to use any part of Camp Adair's facilities for war prisoners' housing is now contemplated."

Buy War Bonds

'Little Giant' Has Sinking Spell



FOUR JOES AND A JEEP are having a rough time in this picture, taken on—or in—the Yakima River, Wash. The boys, from Cannon Co., 275th Inf., were washing the little giant when the bottom gave way under it. A truck winch was the answer. In the picture: Sgt. Willie C. King, Tect Cecil W. Younger, Pfc. Delmar Reed and Floyd Mock.