

First Ball Out; Another League Opener



SWINGING HARD at the first ball of the 370th Medical Bn.'s softball season is Capt. P. H. Mitchell of the Medics. Capt. Harold A. Krohn is catching. "Opening day" ceremonies took place Tuesday on the Medics' field.

All 16 Post Bowling Alleys Will Open for GIs Tomorrow Night

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ferred to those scoring a perfect 300. \$10.00 in War Stamps will be awarded to all strike and spare games of 200 on two or more alleys; then \$5.00 in War Stamps for all spare games of 190 on two or more alleys. There will be \$2.50 in War Stamps for all spare games on two or more alleys.

In high scores of the week: T/Sgt. Henderlinder, 70th Division Band, bowled 264; Ed Gathaway, Btry A, 725th FA Bn., bowled 250. Tec3 William Morrissey, 70th Div. Hq., led the individual bowlers by scoring for high total in three games, 635.

Bowling in the alleys will be from 1730 until 2200 through the week and from 1230 until 2200 on Saturdays and Sundays.

The management has stated that the bowling shoes are free to the kglers and requested the cooperation of the boys to return the shoes after they are finished bowling.

It has also been announced that units desiring to form leagues will elect a secretary and he will contact Earl Todd, Manager of the Camp Adair Bowling Alleys.

Double-Header for 370th Medics Opener

In an "opening day" featuring traditional throwing of the first ball ceremonies, the 370th Med. Bn. opened its softball tourney, looking toward a division title, last Tuesday afternoon.

Major Andrew Balko, commanding officer, threw in the first ball.

In the two games played, Co. A defeated Co. B 4 to 2, and Co. D defeated Bn. Hqs. Co 16 to 4.

Winners will play other teams in the battalion in the elimination process.

882nd League Opens; Hq. 6-1 Over A Btry.

Combining pitching and power, Hqs. Btry., 882nd FA, lambasted A Btry., 6 to 1 in a scheduled softball game last Wednesday. With 11 strikeouts to his credit, Tec4 Raymond Osgood had the fighting cannoneers of A Btry. eating out of his hand throughout the game.

Sgt. Henry Kessner of A Btry. held the "brain boys" of Hqs. with his fine pitching until the sixth, but the power of Tec4 Robert Nelson and Pfc. Russell Crandall exploded, driving through the needed runs that caused the defeat.

276th Softball Tourney Goes on As H Co. Wins Title for 2nd Bn.

After winning over H Company in a game that turned out to be a batting spree for the star-studded squad of F Company (16-4), fighting "F" has emerged as undisputed softball champs of the 2nd Battalion, 276. In a tight contest with the Hqs. squad on Saturday, F Company squeezed a 3-2 victory to go into the Regimental finals. Arm work by "Puppy" Pupkowicz, and polished infielding by Settling, Stultz, Stevens, and Stevenson featured:

F Company001 200 0 5 3 3
Hqs. Co.200 000 0 3 2 2
Batteries: Pupkowicz and Stultz; Peterson and Stacker.

S/SGT. KEATING POLE STAR AS HQ. WOPS A-T, 18-1

With S/Sgt. Harry Keating blasting out four hits in as many trips to the plate, Regimental Headquarters remained undefeated by slapping an 18 to 1 defeat on Anti-Tank Saturday afternoon.

Anti-Tank000 010 0 1 5 4
Hqs.805 140 0 18 19 1

Batteries: Herrington, Tilsner and King, Marshall and Crawford.

SERVICE CO. SINKS MEDICS IN 12-10 BATTING ORGY

Service Co., 276th Inf. showed the "pill rollers a few fancy tricks in defeating them in a softball game 12 to 10 Thursday evening. Case and Ray for Service Co. poled out extra base hits with a home run and triple respectively. Schwarz led the Medics with three hits out of four trips to the plate.

Service Co.304 302 0-12
Med. Det.500 300 2-10

G OVER 2ND BN. HQ. IN 13-2 SLAMFEST

G Company won from 2nd Bn. Hqs. Co. 13 to 2. Sgt. James Smokey Roddell, G Cos. ace pitcher came through with a two-hit game. Evans and Porcher were the big stickers with 3 for 4 and 3 for 3.

G Co.122 413 0 15 13 2
2 Bn. Hqs. Co 002 000 0 2 2 4

Notes to You

By Pvt. Paul Rosenberg
NOTATIONS:—Jess Stacy, long-time pianist with Benny Goodman and top 88-er on many all-American band polls, is organizing his own band, building his combo around several key men made "available for engagements" when Benny Goodman dissolved his aggregation... Gal trumpeter Stelle Slavin looks set to take over the leadership of Mitch Tyres band when Ayres goes into the Army tomorrow... Sinatra, Como and Haymes have some new competition. Harry Cool, formerly vocalist with Dick Jurgen's orch, is in New York for the first time and taking the town by storm... King Cole Trio set for permanent spot on the Orson Welles airshow.

DISC DATA—It's great to hear Jimmy Lunceford again, especially after such a long dry spell. Maybe a good many of the original men are gone, maybe Sy Oliver is an irreplaceable loss, but Jimmie still sounds better than most of the bands of today. This Decca disc, Back Door Stuff, Parts 1 and 2, has just about everything a Lunceford fan could ask for, a tricky arrangement well played and some solo passages of lasting interest.

BAND NOTES:—Frankie Carle Mr. 88's himself, doing righteous at the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York... Carmen Cavallaro sweet and soft playing strictly for dancing at the Palmer House, Chicago... Sending the cats down L. A. way are Freddy Martin, still at the Ambassador Hotel, Joe Reichman (Biltmore), Horace Heidt and the Musical Knights are packing the Trianon, South Gate...

Sports P. S.

By P. R.

Even though Billy Southworth, of the St. Louis Cards, said, "Not knowing what other clubs have, I would prefer not to make any prediction on the outcome of the National League pennant race this year," the gas house gang looks like they are due to run away with the senior circuit championship. They showed this in spring practice and now in league competition.

The Cardinals are in a class by themselves. Whereas every other club in either league has one weakness or another, the Missouri boys are all set in the way of pitching, hitting, fielding and with the managing of Southworth they can't be beat.

Verban, on second; Hopp, center field; Musial, right field, W. Cooper, catcher; Sanders, first base; Kurowski, third base; Litwhiler, left field; Marion, short stop; the pitching of Lanier, Munger, Gumbert will give the Cards coasting.

FOOTBALL: The National Football league prohibited all post-season games after the championship is decided and placed new restrictions on player trades.

Sports PS... Major Bobby Jones, one time golf champion, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in England... ditt Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, to commander at Manhattan Beach, New York... Buck Private Ferdinand Henry (Fritzie) Zivic, former welterweight king, holds a new record. Home on a 24-hour pass he broke 150 eggs in 45 minutes... Pete Krieg of Washington, D. C., has the right idea when he says: "Wars may come and wars may go—but baseball will go on 4-F'er and 4-F'er..."

The average man's arm is 28 inches long. The average woman's waist is 28 inches around. Ain't nature wonderful?

Mural Brings Old Mexico to Oregon



A BIT OF OLD MEXICO in Oregon is this wall of the day-room of Anti Tank Co., 276th Inf., with Artist (Pfc. to you) Earl H. Wolf in a professional pose alongside. Bet the weather's dry down there.

'Army Too Real' for Ex-Post Illustrator, So GI's Mural Not GI

The Army's a pretty big concern...

You find all kinds of fellows doing all kinds of jobs. Take Pfc. Earl H. Wolf, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. As a civilian, Pfc. Wolf was a commercial illustrator. He did illustrations for nationally-known business houses advertising in the Saturday Evening Post and like journals.

In the Army, however, he's in Anti-Tank Co., 276th Infantry, where he has just finished a mural painting covering the north wall of the company dayroom. It's a rather distinguished job.

Mural—Non-GI

It's non-GI and non-Oregon—twenty feet of Mexican peons, brown-skinned, in white clothes, going to market, pitting their

red-feathered fighting cocks against one another, working and playing.

In one corner a group of sturdy, attractive señoritas stand gossiping while the local boys eye them attentively. The background is a frieze of grotesque, dark-green saguaro cacti, with a huge century-plant in the center.

Wolf got the idea for the day-room mural on a trip he and three artist pals took to Mexico in 1936. Wolf likes portraits best "but I have a wife and a baby, so I went into commercial art. I'm what we call a Sunday painter."

In Anti-Tank Co., he's acting communications N.C.O. "Does the Army give you any ideas for pictures?" he was asked.

HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

After months of Congressional debate, the hotly-contested servicemen's voting bill has now become law, providing for a limited use of Federal "Official War Ballots" in the November general elections.

Under the provisions of the bill, servicemen may also apply for state absentee ballots in conjunction with state laws in primary, special and general elections between now and November. A United States War Ballot Commission has been established to help administer the act.

"The Official War Ballot," however, covers only the National election in November of President, Vice President, senators and representatives. Its use by soldiers with voting residence in any state depends upon whether the laws of that state allow it to be counted. It will be impossible to determine which states will okay the ballot and which will not until July 15 when state governors certify to the War Ballot Commission, the provisions of their laws for voting by State absentee ballots and whether their laws authorize Federal ballots.

Anyway, soldiers who will be able to use the "Official War Ballot" are the following:

1. Soldiers inside and outside the U. S. from states who have no state absentee ballot but do allow the use of the Federal one.

2. Soldiers outside the U. S. from states permitting the use of the Federal ballot who take an oath that they applied for a State absentee ballot before September 1 and have not received it by October 1.

There is nothing in the new law to restrict the right of soldiers to vote under State absentee voting laws which cover primary and special elections as well as general ones and make it possible to vote for state and local officials as well as Federal ones.

Any soldier who is uncertain about his eligibility to vote should write a letter to the secretary of

state of his home state right now and find out.

After voting eligibility has been established, War Department postcards may be used in further steps to get a ballot. The law provides for a new type of postcard but the Army has a large supply of the old forms (WD AGO Form 560) on hand and they are acceptable, too. In applying for a primary ballot, anyone using the old card must remember to write in his party affiliation.

Except for the possible use of the new WD postcard, no changes have been made in the procedure for obtaining and voting by state absentee ballots. Soldiers unable to vote in person may apply for an absentee ballot either in the manner prescribed by the law of his state, or by sending a postcard, new or old form, or a letter bearing the text of the new form to the secretary of state of his home state.

Some states will then send him the absentee ballot which he should fill out, get attested by an officer, warrant officer or non-commissioned officer (not below the rank of sergeant) and return immediately. Other states will send a formal "application for a state absentee ballot" which must be filled out according to instructions and returned before the state will send out the actual absentee ballot itself.

Postcards to be used in the November general elections will be delivered before August 15 for soldiers overseas and before September 15 for soldiers in the U. S., when that is practicable under military conditions. The procedure for obtaining Federal ballots for use in the November general elections will not be announced until the state governors have certified to the War Ballot Commission whether their states will permit their use.

Additional information on the new law will be found in WD. Cir. 128, April 3, 1944.