

All Soldier's Mothers

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Honored by Adair GIs

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On Mothers' Day



ROYALLY ENTERTAINED SUNDAY by soldiers who played "proxy" sons, some 50 mothers from nearby communities were guests at the Post, at Club 1 entertainment and later at the Jack Benny Field House program. Photo at the left shows the 70th Division Infantry band, under baton of CWO Lorn Christensen, playing a

replete musical program. Photo (right) taken during morning services at the 275th Inf. chapel as women of the Willing Workers Club of Palestine, Oregon, helped "personalize" Mothers' Day by pinning carnations on the soldiers leaving chapel after services.

Trailblazer Photos

Two 275th GIs Honored by President for Gallantry in Pacific

By Pvt. Mack Freeman

They enlisted in the service together, from Boston, Mass., some four years ago. They fought together. They remain together today, as buddies in the same regiment.

And this week, the two Trailblazer soldiers, S/Sgt. Calvin Morse and Sgt. Ernest DiGregorio of the 275th Inf., were duly honored by President Roosevelt for their gallant behavior under fire during the invasion of Guadalcanal. Their story:

Originally part of Massachusetts' own Yankee Division, the 26th, they were shipped to Australia to become a part of the 182nd Infantry Regiment of the Americal Division. This Division gets its name from America and New Caledonia and is the only division that is not numbered. At the present time it is fighting on Bougainville and has received a citation from General MacArthur.

Four Combat Months

Sgts. Morse and DiGregorio spent eighteen months in the South Pacific where they were under combat for four consecutive months. The two jungle fighters were part of the first troops to be evacuated to the states for hospitalization and treatment for malaria. Now part of the 275th Infantry, they are assigned to the Anti-Tank Company.

The citation from the president reads as follows:

"The officers and enlisted men of the First Marine Division, Reinforced, on August 7 to 9, 1942, demonstrated outstanding gal-

lantry and determination in successfully executing forced landings assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions on Tulagi, Gavutu, Tanambogo, Florida and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, completely routing all the enemy forces and seizing a most valuable base and airfield within the enemy zone of operations in the South Pacific ocean.

From the above period until December 1942, this reinforced division not only held their important strategic position despite determined and repeated Japanese naval air and land attacks, but by a series of offensive operations against Japanese from the proximity of the strong enemy resistance drove the airfield and inflicted great losses on them by land and air attacks.

"The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order."

Maritime Recommendation

This is the first time in the history of our country that men of the army have been honored to receive a marine citation. It was recommended by General Vandergift of the Marine Corps.

The two sergeants will relate their experiences to their new buddies at an Orientation Period in the near future.

Receive Presidential Citation



Trailblazer Photo

TWO VETERANS of South Pacific battles, S/Sgt. Calvin Morse (left) and Sgt. Ernest DiGregorio, both of the Trailblazer Division, reading citation received from President Roosevelt for outstanding gallantry in action during South Pacific offensive.

Inspector-General



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MAJOR D. M. WITT, new Inspector-General, 70th Division.

New Insp.-General Takes Over in 70th

Major Arrives From Duty With III Corps

Major D. M. Witt, formerly of III Corps, was this week the new Inspector-General of the 70th Division.

Before assuming his duties here, he served as assistant Inspector General of III Corps, at Presidio Monterey.

Major Witt entered the service as a private in July, 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor. Previous to induction he held a partnership in an Amarillo, Texas, automobile agency.

He received basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas. He applied for Infantry Officer Candidate School, was accepted and received his commission as a second lieutenant in May, 1942. His first assignment as an officer was instructor at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., where he was also assistant supply officer.

Leaving Ft. Benning, he commanded a tank destroyer company, and served as S-3 in a tank destroyer battalion. He attended the Washington, D. C. school for Inspector Generals, and left it to become assistant Inspector General for the 35th Infantry Division. His assignment to III Corps followed, and his subsequent assignment to the 70th Division.

Repatriates Sailing Home on Gripsholm

En route home aboard the ships Gripsholm and Gradisca are 900 American and British repatriates, swapped for 700 German prisoners. The ships arrived at Barcelona Wednesday.

Among those returning is Larry Allen, Associated Press correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner, who was captured at Tobruk in 1942.

Story From Africa: Adair Alumni Tells Facts from Tunisia

(Editor's foreword: At long last the Sentry has a special sketch-story from overseas. W/O Charles E. Wolff, formerly of a Quartermaster Bn. at Camp Adair, tells "some things" Ernie Pyle did NOT say in his book, "This Is Your War". In a letter Mr. Wolff writes that "the boys here in Hq. and Medical Det. (and officers, too) 'eat up' the Sentry, which arrives regularly. I imagine its popularity is overwhelming chiefly because it reminds all of us what a swell time we had in and around Camp Adair . . . recent issues (we receive them about five weeks after printed) show a lot of pictures and plenty of interesting yarns.")

NORTH AFRICA NOTES

By Charles E. Wolff, WOJG

The country-side here is green and reminds me of Oregon this time of year. Tunisia is hot, dry and dusty during June, July and August. Contrary to belief, I have yet to see any stretches of sand.

Food has improved—fresh meat four times a week, plenty of fresh vegetables.

GI "Parley-Vous"

Our boys really "parlez-vous" French. GIs have Commanding General's permission to marry the French gals—one of our lieutenants is engaged to a local belle.

Must admire the French civilians for sincere self-sacrifice and unswerving pride in spite of past hardships.

Wood is scarce, fuel almost unobtainable, and winter mornings

Camouflage blinds the enemy! Tone down hands, face and equipment. Reflections attract the enemy.

are cold in Tunisia.

Visited Tunis, typical large African town and about as large as Elgin, Ill. Horse-drawn carriages and push-carts are seen everywhere. "Hole-in-wall" shops can get little merchandise to sell civilians; thriving black market exists. Nazis (called "Borsch" by natives) systematically pillaged all available vehicles, furniture, etc., which was shipped to "Der Vaterland."

Regular reclassification of wounded and psycho-neurotic combat personnel . . . heartbreaking stories.

Some Arabs (they are largely a dirty, stealing, disease-carrying Nomadic lot) are getting filthy rich due to easy spending and gullibility of our boys.

Mail Sought

Next to eating regularly, MAIL and plenty of it is sought eagerly (me too). A favorite refrain, due to irregular delivery, is "No, No, No Mail Today."

German prisoners are guarded by French Colonial troops. Battalion co-belligerents have been equipped with American uniforms and materiel. Wine has been added to the daily diet of Italian units, who are supervised by American liaison military personnel.

Things a fellow wants but can't have in North Africa: cokes, chocolates, American dates, box mattresses, good beer, cushioned theater seats, reading a daily news tabloid, American-speaking civilians, etc. . . . and so to bedlam.

Not Fish Nor Fowl; It's Doodle-Bug



Trailblazer Photo

THIS IS NEITHER a defunct cow nor yet one of those things you used to ride in on merry-go-rounds. No, this is a jeep, in this condition known as a doodle-bug. It is festooned with burlap, wire and green and brown paint, can be fixed thusly in one-half day, and is camouflaged so that its own maker wouldn't know it from a rock at 100 yards. In the front seat, left to right, are Lt. H. J. Rhode, 275th Infantry, inventor of the camouflage, and Sgt. Dominick Pioletti; rear seat, Cpl. Harry L. McKee, S/Sgt. William McMillan, all of the 275th I & R platoon.