

Fire Power in Defense



Demonstrated by 70th



Civilian Notables Attend



Demonstration Of Fire-Power

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sought to turn west and capture coast range passes. The 70th Division, having fought delaying actions, was now ready to attempt a repulse of the enemy from its own main line of resistance, then attempt a counterattack.

Following registering fire from artillery, signal flares called for concentrated fire on positions where the "enemy" was known to be advancing.

Artillery and cannon company 105. mm. pieces, light and heavy machine-guns, mortars, BAR's and M-1 rifles poured concentrated fire on the "enemy" at three stages of his advance. The final concentration of high explosive detonated a mere few hundred yards to the front of the spectators.

The Realistic Touch

Smoke shells fired to obscure enemy observation of battalion defensive gun positions added a realistic touch, as did the burning farm buildings to the front of the positions, ignited by artillery fire.

A scant few of the men involved in the defensive operation within a relatively small area were visible to the naked eye.

General Young is authority for the statement that approximately 17,000 man-hours of labor are required to construct such a defensive position—which would take the average battalion about 20 hours if the men worked continuously. Tactical wire used required 130 spools, or about 52,000 linear feet. More wire would have been used in actual operations, were it available, he said.



ROBERT CAVAGNACRO, Associated Press, (upper left), fires a mean bazooka in Wednesday's 70th Division demonstration of battalion defense tactics. Cavagnaro was a guest of Major General John E. Dahlquist. (Upper right) General Dahlquist (center) points out to special guests, including newspapermen, the effect of defensive artillery fire on "enemy" concentrations. Bazookamen in foxhole, foreground. (Lower) Some of the more than 300 Trailblazer officers who "went to school" Wednesday at the Division's battalion defense demonstration. Here they are being oriented on the problem by Brig. Gen. Robert N. Young.

Trailblazer Photos

American Troops Said 'Behaved' in England

Amid cheers, Home Secretary Mons Thursday that the complaint one member made against behavior of American troops in Britain "did not give either a fair or accurate picture.

House member William D. Kendall, an Independent, had declared "It is unfit for a woman to walk unescorted through a town at night, due to the ineffectiveness of American military authorities to deal with the improper behavior of American forces, and the complete failure to prevent unconcealed immorality and give proper protection to women."

Army 'Gob'



Signal Corps Photo

M/SGT. GEORGE FLETCHER, Trailblazer being retired after 23 years of service.

Nazis Expect Special Sun. Announcement

German DNB agency has instructed German editors by radio to stand by for "a possible special announcement" Sunday at 1:30 p. m. (4:30 a. m., PWT), the Daily Herald reported. The nature of the expected announcement was not mentioned.

The reported broadcast was linked by some observers with the impending allied invasion of western Europe, but the ministry of information said it had interpreted the message merely as a standby order for the start of DNB's routine news report.

HERE IS ONE CASE OF RIGHT GI IN RIGHT JOB

When he was a civilian, he was for three years head instructor of mechanics at Ft. Crook Ordnance Base School. Now he is regimental motor sergeant at the 275th Motor Pool.

Yesterday ex-Tec4 Russell Davison was being congratulated as M/Sgt. Davison.

M-Sgt. Fletcher, GI Gob, Back to Texas

Army Sailor Retires

By Tec5 Ed Arnold

The Trailblazer Division's only GI gob (and one of the few in the whole Army) will retire Wednesday after 23 years of service—on land and on sea. He is Master Sergeant George L. Fletcher of the 883rd FA Bn.

The sergeant has the unique distinction of having been in the Army's "navy" during practically its whole existence. At one time, in the early 20's, the Army had its own boats to lay mines for coast defenses. Fletcher took to the sea so readily that he made several longer cruises through the British West Indies in addition to coast-wise trips and wound up as an instructor to navigation officers and marine engineers.

He will retire with the permanent rank of first sergeant . . . but getting all those rockers was a long process.

Ratings Darned Few

"Ratings aren't very plentiful in peace-time Army," the sergeant explains. "Why, there wasn't even a staff sergeant in the T/O of most companies. I was a buck sergeant for nine and a half years and I knew a guy who was corporal for 12 years."

But Sgt. Fletcher made the grade and now his only worry is how he's going to keep from being bored in civilian life. First on his post-Army agenda is to hurry down to Texas and "absorb some sunshine" and then "anything to keep busy."

Happiest stretch of his military hitch was spent in the Cavalry. He served with the 8th Cav. which is now a part of the famous 1st Cav. Div. that made history by abandoning its mounts and walking into the best troops Japan had . . . and walking out of the fight under their own power.

The sergeant has seen foreign service in Panama and in Hawaii, serving at Schofield Barracks. He transferred into the artillery and was with the 91st before coming into the Trailblazers on cadre. Here he was at Divarty Hq. and the 725th and now closes his service with the 883rd.

New SCU Orientation Classes Start Tues.

In Japan, death is the penalty for discussing pro or con any actions of the government. Germany has a system which is as unique as the Japs. Their discussion periods consist of telling the army the news. Not all the news, just what they want the men to hear.

Both of these nations have Orientation, but Orientation which comes only from one source; from the leader to the men. They do not have free discussion periods, they are not encouraged to wonder why they fight. They are told why they are fighting, they are indoctrinated with theories of a super race. The axis system of orientation is telling. They are told all; they reason nothing.

Group Discussion

Starting Tuesday, at this camp, the Orientation program has been broken down into group discussions. There through our own

reason, we will be able to find out why we are fighting. There through our own volition and understanding will we get to know our axis enemies. No one will tell us what to say; this will be our meeting. This will be our chance to bring forth our ideas of this conflict.

Each week a new subject will be discussed. Miss Shumaker, our librarian, has set aside a shelf for informational material. The list of the discussions will be posted one week in advance, so there will be plenty of opportunity to supplement our knowledge on the subject. The Orientation Center will also provide reading materials.

Remember, starting Tuesday, May 30, the new discussion groups will begin. Sharpen the wits and oil the tonsils, as it's your meeting. It's the enlisted man's chance to speak!