



# GOD BLESS THE INFANTRY



The pride and tribute I feel in my heart for the Infantry and for the Infantryman is difficult to put in cold, printed type. To me it is not inanimate, just a name, a branch of service of the armed forces; it is a vibrant, living organization, the sum total of the hopes, desires, ambitions, ideals, and personalities of free men welded together who won and preserved their rights and liberties, who now challenge the despotism of tyranny, slavery and intolerance.

June 15th is not only Infantry Day, but the 70th Infantry Division also celebrates its first birthday as a part of the Armed Forces of the United States. As a division, we physically observe this occasion in the place of our birth. Through the thousands of our comrades-in-arms who have preceded us into combat on the world battlefields, this division

spiritually circles the globe.

A little of our hearts has gone with each one of them. Their future success or failure will always be entwined with our history. For them and for ourselves, we dedicate and reconsecrate ourselves to a standard of soldierly qualities that is beyond criticism in knowledge, in efficiency, in courage, and in daring; to the end that our nation, our homes, our churches, our schools, shall forever be free; that our families and our prosperity shall continue to have the right "to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness."

May God grant the prayer of our hearts that a just and righteous peace will result from the endeavor of our arms.—Loren T. Jenks, Chaplain, 70th Division.



NEXT WEEK

One of the big programs underway in the service that of rehabilitation, is important in the work in progress at Station Hospital. Next week the Sentry will treat with a feature on this subject.

## Camp Adair SENTRY

A yellow (Golden Harvest) Rose won grand sweepstakes prize as the 56th annual Portland rose show opened Wednesday at the Art Museum. Portland, you know, is internationally known as the "City of Roses," as is Pasadena, Calif. . . . National coal rationing will begin July 1, it was revealed in Chicago, Wednesday . . . Italian headline: "Rome left far behind as Yanks pursue foe" . . . Blood donors reached an all-time high Wednesday through the nation and war bond sales boosted 75 per cent in some quarters, as Americans rallied behind the army of liberation storming fortress Europe . . . Even the CIO urged striking workers of Wright Aeronautical plant, Lockland, O., to return to work Thursday.

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# Ship-Launching, Program Honoring 70th Birthday, Infantry Day Begins Tomorrow

In the Spirit of Infantry Day



Trailblazer Photo

THE U. S. INFANTRYMAN, the soldier who is bearing the brunt of the European liberation operations and fighting all over the world, is symbolized for Infantry Day, June 15, by Tec5 Douglas L. Smith, Anti-Tank Co., 276th Inf. Tec5 Smith was one of the first men in the 70th Division to qualify for the Expert Infantryman's badge.

## It's 'Swing 'n Sway' As Bond Drive Underway

Some units of Camp Adair—both in civilian and military personnel—have proved dead as cucumbers while a few, notably the Post Exchange civilian employees, are well started on the trip over the top in the fifth war loan drive, figures available to late yesterday revealed.

One officer bought a thousand dollar bond from Barbara Laws, war bond girl (whose desk is right inside post headquarters entrance), saying:

"No point in giving my name. I'm merely saving money by buying this bond."

The goal for post military is—increase your deduction if you have one; if you have not, make one and—buy at least one cash bond during the bond drive period. The goal for civilian employees is—increase your portion to 15 per cent deduction of gross earnings, buy at least one cash bond during the drive. It closes July 31.

## SS Trailblazer, 'Hull 73', Saga In Shipbuilding

By Tec5 Edmund Arnold  
Shortly after noon on April 29, huge derricks at the Swan Island shipyard in Portland dragged a massive keel in place on Way 8. A simple sign indicated that there Hull 73 lay a-building.

Today Hull 73 is the "S.S. Trailblazer" awaiting only her formal christening tomorrow before she takes to the water.

During those 42 days on the ways, only 35 of them working days, she has become a living symbol of the great industrial might and mechanical genius of America. The Trailblazer is a ship of statistics:

### Second of Six

She is the second of six ships to be launched by Swan Island during June; she is the quickest job (by 20 days) ever turned out there; she is the biggest type of ship built on the Pacific Coast; her total cost is \$2,700,000; she is the first ship to be named after a United States Infantry Division.

The Trailblazer is a ship of huge dimensions: from the tip of her weeping bow to the end of her arching stern she measures 523 feet six inches; her beam is 68 feet; her 26 cargo tanks hold 5,928,650 (Continued on page 11, column 1)

## Co. C, 276th, First In 1st Bond Report

First figures on results of the first week of the 276th's 5th War Bond Drive were released by the Regimental Bond Officer.

Leading the list of Bloody Axe bond purchasers was Co. C with a total of \$787.50. Other leading companies included: Co. E, whose personnel invested \$346.25; and Co. G, whose men bought \$325.75 worth of bonds.

The regimental total amounted to \$4042.75.

## 70th Program Cruxed By June 15 Ceremony

### Oregonians, Division Join In Salute to Army Ground Forces

By Tec5 John R. Wentz

The week starting tomorrow will be 70th Division Week. Beginning with the launching of the 12,000-ton S. S. Trailblazer in Portland tomorrow morning, the week will

### Ship Sponsor



MRS. JOHN E. DAHLQUIST, wife of the commanding general of the 70th Division, will sponsor the "S. S. Trailblazer," first ship to bear the name of an American Infantry Division, at its formal christening tomorrow at the Swan Island Shipyard.

climax with the joint celebration here, Thursday, of Infantry Day, and the Trailblazer Division's first birthday as a fighting unit.

### Join In Saluting

In the Infantry Day observance, the Trailblazers will join with Oregon State and city officials and prominent citizens in saluting the Army's ground fighters.

The birthday anniversary celebration will go hand in hand with Infantry Day rites. The twin events will be signalized by the parading of thousands of troops, a full program of addresses by high military and civil officials, including Major General John E. Dahlquist and Oregon's Governor Earl Snell and athletic and social events.

The general public is invited to be guests of the Trailblazers for the day.

### Program Begins

A formation of the entire Division is scheduled for 1000 hours Thursday in Bradley Bowl in the Division area. At that time, General Dahlquist and other speakers will voice the theme of (Continued on Page 3 Column 1)

<b>The World This Week</b>	• ROME FALLS AGAIN
	• D-DAY AT "LONG LAST"
	• RUSS MOVE AWAITED
Monitored by Tec4 John Stump	

THE LIBERATION OF ROME, stepping stone to the complete surrender of the enemy, came as a curtain-raiser to the great western invasion drama staged in the world this week. . . .

CLIMAXING AN ASSAULT THAT BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER from the toe of the Italian boot, Allied troops captured historic Rome Sunday after fierce battles through the suburbs of the city. The assault, which in 20 days has inflicted a major catastrophe on the Ger- (Continued on Page 2, Columns 3 and 4)