

Theodore the Wolf



275th Inf. Celebrates Trailblazer Anniversary with Luncheon, Dancing

To School



Trailblazer Photo
TEC5 DAVID BAER JR., with several years of legal experience before he entered the service, will leave this week for Judge Advocate General Officer Candidate School. Cpl. Baer is in Anti-Tank Co., 276th Infantry.

Appointment for JA OCS Received By 276th Inf. EM

Tec5 David Baer Jr., 276th Anti-Tank Co., has been accepted for admission to the Judge Advocate General's Officer Candidate School in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Formal notification of his appointment came to the technical corporal from the War Department in Washington, May 19.

A graduate of Washington University's Law School, Tec5 Baer was a member of the St. Louis bar for 15 years. He was president of the Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The 275th Regiment went all out in participating in the 70th Division Anniversary celebration.

After taking part with the rest of the Division in the morning activities, the officers and men, accompanied by their feminine guests, were served specially-prepared luncheons in their respective mess halls. The streets of the regimental area were bright with the multi-colored frocks of the ladies and presented a very pleasing sight to the eyes of the men.

At 1400 all gathered in Bradley Bowl to watch the athletic activities of the regiment and also went to the Dispensary quadrangle where an exhibition of weapons and other army activities were displayed.

At 1600 a tea dance was held in the area between the officers' club and the NCO club, which were both open for the men and their guests. The dance was on the portable dance floor and tables were placed all round it for serving purposes. Dance music was played by the 275th Cocktail band under the co-direction of Frank Beck and Mort Herbert. During the dance the new regimental song, written by Tec5 Ted LaPlante, was introduced by Tec5 Yale Rodkin.

Entering the Army August 25, Baer was assigned to the Bloody Ax's Anti-Tank company, but was soon sent on detached service to regimental headquarters, where he acted as assistant to Capt. Leroy Young, Regt'l Personal Affairs Officer, aiding many of the regimental personnel in their legal problems. The new OC appointee was also instrumental in wrangling out income tax troubles for many of the officers and enlisted men.

Tec5 Baer has to report at Ann Arbor on July 15.—Cpl. Arnold Fine.



Trailblazer Photo
THE NON-COMS write the problems, run them and hold the critiques in the 276th, these days. Here Sgt. Merle Larimore, of Co. I, gives a platoon the situation before the situation becomes tactical.

ODB Has Six Million Allotment Accounts

Changes in Status Almost Equal Volume

When the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits reports six million family allowance and Class E allotment-of-pay accounts on its books, that is merely half of the production story of that huge war agency, an activity of the Army Service Forces.

While processing and paying these six million accounts, the ODB is doing an almost equal volume of business in changes of status, it was announced today by Brigadier General H. N. Gilbert, USA, Director.

More than 4,500,000 changes of status have been received and processed to date. They continue to pour in at the rate of 300,000 a month.

Change of Status

A change of status, it was explained, is any change in a dependent's circumstances or living arrangements which effect the account being administered on his behalf by the ODB. These changes include marriage, birth, death, divorce, change in financial status, a change in address, and in case of children or minor brothers and sisters, the celebration of their 18th birthday, making them no longer eligible for family allowance payments.

They include also changes in the amounts, or discontinuances of Class E allotments-of-pay assigned by Army men from their own pay primarily for the support of dependents.

Of the four and a half million changes of status so far received, 1,412,476 have been changes in address.

In family allowance accounts alone, there have been 761,624 changes and 704,000 Class E allotments-of-pay have been changed.

A quarter million of the family allowance changes involved the addition of a child to the family circle.

Realistic and Thorough Training in Field:

NCOs Direct Problems

By Cpl. Arnold J. Fine

Non-coms of the 276th are thoroughly trained as instructor-tacticians. They are—in accordance with a new policy inaugurated by the Bloody Axe staff—now writing their own field problems. These problems, covering situations likely to be encountered in combat, are run by the various units involved—from squads to companies. Even enemy details are used, providing an added stimulus of realism.

Results have been encouraging. Observing officers have noted interest and enthusiasm on the part of the author-supervisors. They realize that there are numerous solutions in the missions created. An opportunity is provided to watch others lead, and often maneuver quicker and better than the writer of the problem would have himself. Especially of merit is the tactical thinking in the situations of those who have less than a year's service in the army.

SWAPS COLUMN

Losts — Founds
Wants — Sales
et cetera

WANTED: Ride to Nebraska around June 26, for EM and wife on furlough. Will share expenses. Pfc. Maynard, Co. B, 370th Med. Bn., or phone 705-W Corvallis.

WANTED: Used sedan, '34 to '37 Ford or Chevy, good rubber. Will pay cash. Call 2922. Pfc. M. C. Gough.

PROMOTIONS

To Be 1st Sergeant
SCU: Vincent, Cantone.
To Staff Sergeant
SCU: Donald R. Yearsley.
SCU: Otto B. Swanner, Robert H. Hen-
ry.
To Technician Third Grade
SCU: Richard W. Skuppin.
To Be Corporal
SCU: Andrew G. Hart, Mark Stark.
To Technician Fourth Grade
SCU: Garland J. Porter.

New Merchant Uniforms

New York (CNS)—Men in the Merchant Marine are going to get a new uniform, according to Capt. Harry H. Dreany, assistant commandant of the U. S. Maritime Service. The new outfit is blue and will be the same for winter and summer, except for material weight, said Capt. Dreany, who added that it will resemble officers' uniforms except for gold or black buttons.

"A man can work up so quickly to an officership that it seemed a good idea to make it so he could keep the same clothes and just change the buttons," Capt Dreany explained.

Complete Orientation

An excellent example is Sgt. Meryle Larrimore, Co. I, who was inducted last August. In the topic he concocted, titled "Rifle Platoon in the Approach March and Attack," a complete orientation on the duties of all leaders in the platoon is made.

Sgt. Larrimore, former head of city parks in Fairmont, Minn., set up his situation in the area surrounding Lewesville School. His enemy occupied a large hill adjacent to the school. The platoon to be tested is allotted certain boundaries, a line of departure, and simulated supporting units.

The actual securing of the hill and destruction of enemy is up to the platoon sergeant. If the Co I. non-com notices improper orders or obvious mistakes, he halts the problem at that point and makes corrections. Upon completion of the problem, a critique is held in which the actions of the platoon members are discussed. During these critiques and opportunity is afforded all participants to contribute any ideas or suggestions on the phases run.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

MAINTENANCE NOMENCLATURE
VERY UNOFFICIAL TALK FOR THE
G.I. CAMSHAFT GRENADEER



GREASE JOB



Tool-Happy Terminology

