

Play Begins in Post Cage Loop

Teams participating in the 1944 half of the Post's basketball tournament played opening contests this week. Here are the results:

Service Company defeated Company A, 55th Battalion, 33 to 8.

Co. A, 56th Bn., defeated Co. B, 56th, 24 to 13.

The Medical Detachment squad edged out Co. C, 57th, 31 to 27.

Co. A, 58th, handed the MP's a 53 to 17 drubbing.

Co. C, 54th took Co. A, 54th, 27 to 16.

Notes From C-58



By Pvt. Charles W. Ferguson training has been completed with a great number of men having made good records.

Pvt. Leonard Bergendorf of the First platoon scored 116 points during the shooting of 25 rounds of ammunition at the end of the second week to become high man in the company, but many came close with well over 100.

Tryouts for the company basketball team brought out men from all platoons and created much enthusiasm. Several practices have been held under the coaching of Pvt. Abe Rankin, former coach of an independent team in Dallas, Tex. Watch out for the champions!

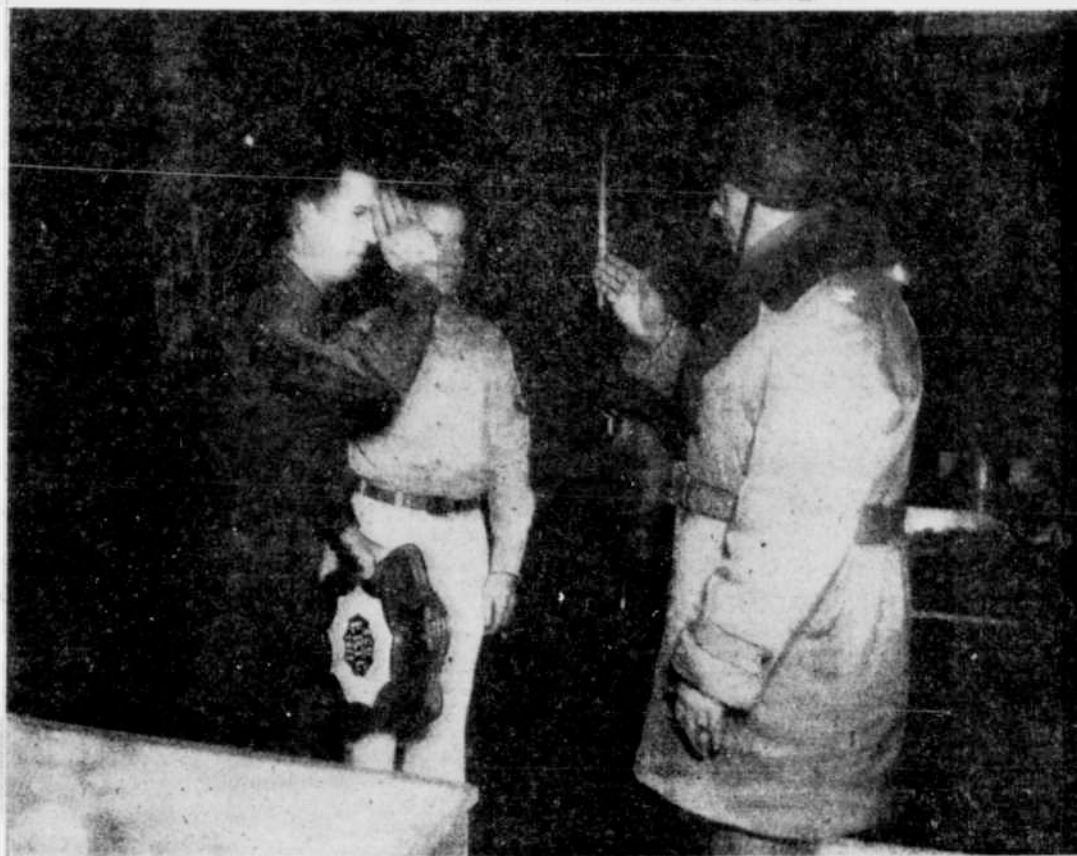
Christmas came a little late for the men in this company. During the past week many packages have been received which contained cakes, candies, fruits, nuts, tobacco, articles of clothing, fountain pens and name bracelets. Needless to say, the edibles didn't last long.

Those who haven't seen Company C's miniature castle of the Corps of Engineers on the corner of 6th street and Warehouse avenue should make a special effort to see it. It is painted red and white and mounted on a huge tree stump. Under the castle is written "Essayons" which is French for "let us try." On the stump in larger letters is "C-58."

IN GENERAL—The cake and coffee hit the spot out on the range last Saturday during the brief intermission. C-58 pulled targets, kept score, supplied ammunition and wore out 12 pairs of Maggie's drawers for A-57. Hello, Captain Zwick!

GAS HOUSE BLUES—Casualties were kept at a minimum while going through the gas chamber several days ago because of the cadre's incessant drilling of the platoons in the

FOR OUTSTANDING MESS



S/Sgt. Roy C. Keller, mess sergeant for Company C, 55th Battalion, is shown accepting a plaque from Col. Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, as a reward for having the outstanding mess at Camp Abbot. After making the award, the first of its kind here, Col. Besson announced that, due to the interest expressed by personnel of the Post in the food conservation program, three plaques will be awarded in the future instead of one. Units eligible are those of the 11th and 12th Groups and those under the Headquarters Commandant.

Cruiser's Ex-Gunner Switches for M-1

By Pvt. Max Katz (Medical Detachment)

Squeezing off an M-1 is a far cry from firing the eight inch rifles of a heavy cruiser's main battery, but Pvt. Jack "Major" Wilson, Co. A 55th Bn., is making the transition.

Wilson served a four-year hitch in the U. S. Navy from 1929 to 1933 aboard the now battle-scarred but then new heavy cruiser, the U. S. S. Salt Lake City. His station was in the Fire Control Room and Wilson's duty was to regulate the fire of the main turret batteries of eight-inch guns and the dual purpose five-inch rifles of the secondary batteries. The Fire Control room is on the foremast, high above the ship's superstructure and from that vantage point often only the fire control crew could see the target which was hull down over the horizon. With

use of gas masks. This is one subject in which no one beefs about having too much drilling.

WEATHER REPORT—It isn't exactly cold, but every night the hose pipe comes in the Second platoon's barracks and cuddles up under the stove.

VOCALISTIC—"Parlez vous" verses are very popular march songs in this company because each platoon uses them as a medium to compliment (?) each other.

his eyes glued to the eye-piece of the giant range-finders, Wilson regulated the vertical adjustments of the big guns and another seaman handled the horizontal adjustments. When the guns were on target, Wilson pressed a trigger which fired the heavy turret guns. The Fire Control Room also gave firing data to the secondary batteries and helped spot for these smaller guns.

The "Major" claims that when he was in the navy, the concern of the Captain of the ship upon waking would be first Wilson, and then the cruiser. For next to the skipper, Wilson was, at times, the most important man on board. Of course, these were the days on which intership smokers, baseball games, or a big whaleboat regatta was to be held. For Seaman 1/c Wilson was the heavyweight boxing champion of the U. S. S. Salt Lake City, the stroke of the ship's whaleboat crew, and the clean-up hitter on the baseball team, and the loyal crewmen from the skipper to the newest apprentice seaman placed their month's pay upon their athletic competitor. Although Pvt. Wilson does admit that at times his stock did drop he was usually a pretty good investment, for he managed to win the heavyweight boxing championship of the "First Division of the Scouting force for the Salt Lake City. As stroke of the whaleboat, he

paced the cruiser to victory in many regattas, and in 1931 at the All-Fleet regatta at Panama his boat came in second only to the crew of the mighty USS West Virginia, a 35,000 ton battlewagon. Wilson was the home-run king of the baseball squad and usually batted clean-up on the team which lost only to the USS Antares, the champion of the Scouting Force which later in the season won the All-Fleet trophy.

"Yes, on that day on Narraganset Bay when I rowed stroke against the Antares, Wyoming and Utah," reminisces Wilson as he lolls around in a red Medics bath robe nursing a slight cold, we were ahead three lengths when—"

MORE ABOUT Combat Lanes

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is ahead. The squad must seize it and deactivate demolitions on it, fighting if necessary, and then defend the structure until the rear company moves up. After this, the squad meets a road block which it must seize and defend. Finally, as the last exercise in this first phase, the men are fired upon by a superior force. They deploy, dig in and send a message to the rear for reinforcements and start shooting it out.

During the ninth week, a film, "Baptism of Fire," is shown and the men are again formed into squads. The problem is one of attack. Two squads attempt to take a hill defended by one

squad. Groups are rotated to give each squad both offensive and defensive training.

During the 14th week, an eight-hour period of combat is held. The task is to mop up isolated enemy units that have been bypassed. The men form combat patrols, wipe out a six-man patrol and meet a 12-man squad entrenched in fox-holes with a concealed machine gun. They eliminate this threat and proceed to where they meet a squad of enemy soldiers which they attack and rout. As they approach the end of the lane they see a house defended by enemy troops. Quickly they place riflemen so that every avenue of escape is covered, and then throw a grenade in the window, finishing the work with bayonets.

In discussing cause and effect of the training, Lt. P. T. Willets of the Training Division said: "Our only objective is to win the war. Combat is the only way to win it. In our combat training course we merely put together, as realistically as in battle, everything that has been learned about weapons, drill, patrol, discipline, fortifications and so on. That's what the men will have to do when they meet the enemy, so that's what we do here."

CHURCH RITES

LOCATION OF CHAPELS

Post Chapel, Bldg. 208; 11th Gr. Chapel, Bldg. 1255; 12th Gr. Chapel, Bldg. 1542; Hospital services, Red Cross Recreation Hall.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—7:30 p. m. Post Chapel (Bldg. 208).

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday—7:30 a. m. Red Cross Recreation Hall, Mass. Open to others besides hospital personnel. Confessions before mass, 9:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Monday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Tuesday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Wednesday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass. 9:00 p. m. 12th Group Chapel, Study Club.

Thursday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Friday—7:00 a. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Saturday—6:30 to 9:00 p. m. Post Chapel, Confessions.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—9:00 a. m. Red Cross Recreation Hall, Services. 10:00 a. m. Post Chapel, Services. 7:30 p. m. Post Chapel, Services.

GENERAL SERVICES

Sunday—5:15 p. m. 12th Group Chapel, General (Quarantine) Services for 59th Bn.

DENOMINATIONAL GROUP SERVICES

Wednesday—7:00 p. m. 11th Group Chapel, L. D. S. Services.

Thursday—8:00 p. m. 12th Group Chapel, Christian Science Services.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS)—A janitor cleaning out the city courtroom at midnight found a lonesome man sitting in the prisoner's dock. He had drawn a three months jail sentence earlier in the day but the bailiff had forgotten about his completely.

Male Call

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



Things Are Not Always As They Seem