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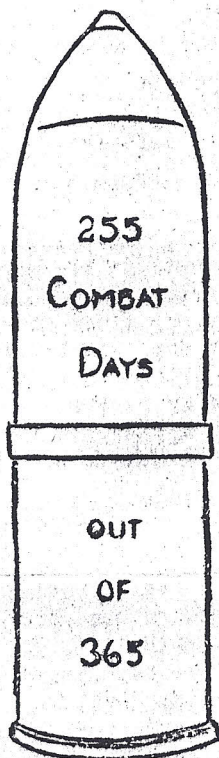


329 FA Bn

1ST ANNIVERSARY

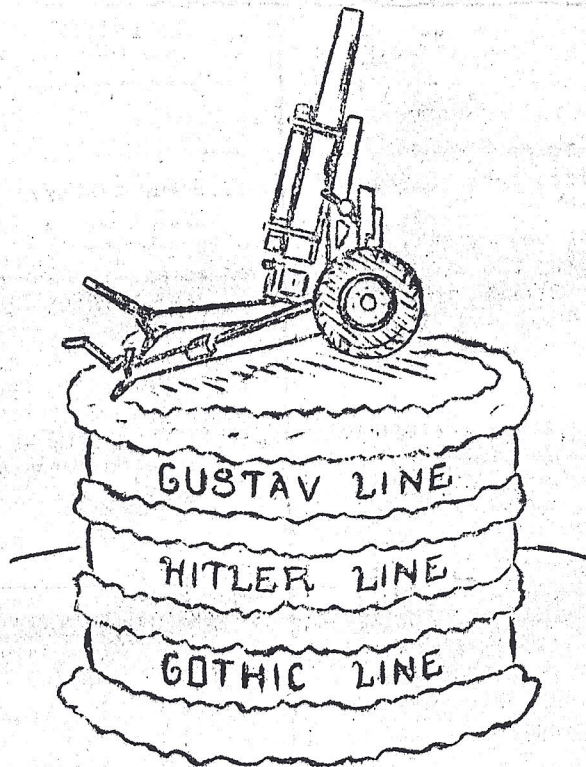
"NEWS FROM THE GUNPITS"

APRIL 9, 1945



255
COMBAT
DAYS

OUT
OF
365



GUSTAV LINE

HITLER LINE

GOTHIC LINE



144500
ROUNDS
FIRED

5781
MISSIONS
COMPLETE

A Year in Combat!

ONE year ago today, from an insect infested beach position south of the Garigliano river, Italy the 329th F. A. Bn. hurled its first 105 MM round against a supposedly impregnable force of the Nazi Wer Machine. A well trained, hard driving organization commended by Lt. Col. Le Roy A. Davis, National Guard Officer, Chicago, Ill. The Battalion is comprised of men from practically every state in the union.

Parented by the 85th, one of the first selective service divisions to engage in combat, the untried unit very quickly

proved its' worth when after jumping off at 2300 hours on 11, May, 1944 with a hammering 45 minute barrage, the 329th fired missions of every type throughout the night and well into the next morning against the famous "Gustav Line".

The untiring, and at times, almost super-human efforts on the part of the cannoniers has served to expedite a degree of efficiency and precision which enabled the Battalion to accord their battle partners the 338th Inf. Regiment, the close and accurate support it has constantly provided since its' first day in the lines,

on up thru the rugged and torturous mountain fighting, to its' present position in the Appennines. Its' accomplishments are synonymous with its' slogan "Sine Mor", "Without Delay". Fire missions have been enacted with such rapidity that captured Germans have declared their utter amazement at such intensity and accuracy of fire.

Solecciano Ridge

...Often referred to as "Bloody Ridge", was the first real combat mission assigned the battalion. Hill 131, a part of this ridge, was in the hands of Jerry who was well dug in and holding it with bull dog tenacity. To the doughboys of the 329th Infantry went the job of taking this hill.

The 329th Field Artillery Battalion adjusted in single pieces and with deadly and accurate fire, kept the Krauts pinned down in their holes and enabled our infantry to advance and take their objective. The entire battalion then concentrated mass fire on reverse slopes, practically obliteration enemy mortar and machine gun nests, together with ammunition and supply dumps. Time fire was employed with deadly accuracy on enemy personnel.

Well directed and penetrating artillery barrages sent the Germans reeling backwards in a state of chaos. An attempt at reorganization was made by Jerry, who endeavored to wage a last minute counter attack. Superior artillery and Infantry coordination completely frustrated this move. It was easy to see, as our troops moved forward, the fierceness with which the battle had been fought. Masses of shattered and never to be used again equipment was strewn over the entire area.

Terracina

...On 22, May, 1944, two miles south of Terracina, the 329th F. A. Bn. moved into position on the left anchor of the "Hitler Line". This was the last natural Kraut defense before Rome. The battalions' mission was to give the Infantry maximum support.

The battalion at this point learned thru G-2 information that the Germans were using a tunnel (approximately one mile in length, extending from Terracina to Fielini) to bring

in supplies and reinforcements. Also the enemy was using this tunnel as a defensive position. Baker battery was called upon to move one howitzer into position so as to do direct laying on the mouth of the tunnel. The fire was so effectively placed by this single gun that it practically sealed the tunnel forcing the Krauts to evacuate and permitted the infantry to continue their advance.

Rome

...Baker battery of the 329th F. A. entered Rome as part of Trk Force Cole, on the night of 4, June, 1944, whose mission was to cut off highways leading to Rome and secure bridges in order to facilitate troop movement northwards. The next day, the battalion rode through the liberated city, immediately establishing positions in the vicinity of Maccarese, and fired on the Germans fleeing northward.

Mt. Altuzzi

...On Il Grogò Pass, a Nazi keypoint in the Gothic Line, and an objective second to none. The 329th F. A. Bn. was called upon to apply its' tremendous artillery pressure upon this heavily fortified concentration. The determined German counterattacks were subdued by the intensity of our fire. Its' coordination with the Infantry and other F. A. Bn. was proven by the destruction which was observed as the 85th advanced. Barracks, supply lines, mortar positions, pillboxes, rock emplacements, enemy dead were all semblances of the wreckage that attested to the power of supporting artillery fire.

With the enemy subdued and retreating our doughboys advanced thru Il Grogò Pass, with our Bn. the first artillery unit to follow.

Firenze

...Firenze was the scene of a bitterly contested struggle for control of a 4 corner dominating road junction. Evidently its' importance was justified by the suicidal defense of the Germans. The 329th was frequently displaced and in order to maintain its' fire power, had to assume positions on forward and exposed slopes. This coordinated effort greatly assisted the Infantry in capturing the town. Prisoners taken in this phase of battle

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were A-1 Troops, mainly paratroopers and various branch troops of reputed calibre.

Hill 711

...Overlooking the valley in which San Buco was located reared Hill 711, key to Cannonelli Ridge. This section was another scene of great activity for the 329th. Our artillery fire blocked all avenues of escape and enabled our 2nd Battalion Infantry to capture a great number of prisoners.

The continuous pounding of harassing and zone fires organized by 329th Fire Direction Center blocked the retreat or withdrawal of the enemy and resulted in many casualties. The incessant artillery fire eventually led to the capture of San Buco.

Mt. Delle Formichi

...Scene of the enemy's most determined and bitter fighting found the 329th F. A. Bn. once again taking a stellar part directing concentration after concentration on critical points to pave a way for the attacking Infantry, and also prevented enemy reserves from counterattacking. The precision and accuracy with which the artillery firing was conducted made it impossible for the enemy to retreat. A large number of prisoners were taken and many dead Krauts left behind. After the capture of Mt. Delle Formichi the 329th Artillery observers went forward with the Infantry and continued to adjust fire on many other enemy strong points ahead.

In Conclusion

...Through seemingly impassable terrain, mountains, roads, rivers, and King Winter, communication and supplies went through.

The important work of maintaining communications with our forward elements and the battalion network in general, was courageously and skillfully handled. Constantly exposed to deadly enemy fire, and usually under observation, shell torn wires were speedily repaired.

Over the same terrain, our supplies and ammunition trains went thru without delay. At times, passing road junctions and crossing bridges, many of which were under constant enemy shelling. The number of rounds expended and quantity of rations consumed are a good ex-

ample of the diligence with which this enormous job was carried out. True to our Bn. motto, "Without Delay", all missions were speedily accomplished.

Members of the Battalion have conducted themselves in such a commendable way in combat that they have received: Six Silver Stars with one Oak Leaf Clusters, 57 Bronze Stars, and eight Oak Leaf Clusters, two Soldiers' Medals 1 Legion of Merit, 35 Purple Hearts with four Clusters, four Air Medals, with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters (each representing 35 observation missions over enemy territory). Eighteen men have been awarded individual commendations by the Division Artillery Commander.



DID YOU KNOW THAT:-

the accrued mileage of the Bn. vehicles traveled approximately 1,000,000 miles during the past year?

the battalion has consumed 627,536 pounds of rations?

the battalion has consumed 61,880 loaves of bread?

the battalion has fired 144,500 rounds of 105mm Ammo?

the battalion has layed a little over 900 miles of wire?

the battalion has occupied approximately 35 firing positions

it has taken 960 trucks to transport the 144,500 rounds of ammo we have fired to date. This number of trucks placed at 50 yard intervals would stretch from the Oder River to Berlin.

TESTIMONIALS



Men of the 329th F. A. Bn.:

It is with considerable pride that I join with and congratulate the personnel of the 329th Field Artillery Battalion in celebrating the first anniversary of the initial engagement of the Battalion in combat. I know that it is with even greater pride that the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion review their accomplishments and the enviable record established during the past twelve months. No one will ever forget the high pitch of excitement and anticipation that accompanied the movement of the Battalion across the Garigliano river to positions south of battered Minturno, nor the satisfaction experienced with the first "On the way", heard on April 9th 1944.

Since that memorable morning the 329th FA has accredited itself with honor and distinction. From the world famed preparatory barrage which preceded the assault on the vaunted Gustav line, to the historical day the big guns of your Battalion moved silently through the joyous streets of liberated Rome, your Howitzers not only cleared the way for the attacking units of your combat team, but also constantly accompanied them with fire in their advance to new objectives, and protected them from enemy counter-attacks. Your effectiveness is shown by the outstanding success of that combat team in all its assigned missions.

When called upon to perform your most difficult task - that of supporting the assault of the famed Gethio line and the subsequent advance through the rugged and inaccessible terrain of the Northern Apennines, you responded with a drive and resolution that will never be forgotten. Overcoming the obstacles of adverse weather and terrain, no road was too muddy, no slope was too precipitous, no ground too inaccessible, no hostile position secure from the probing destructive fingers of your howitzers, in your determination to render effective fire support to your combat team and to the 85th Infantry Division as a whole.

Your success has been the result of individual and concerted effort and sacrifice, the product of hard training and exhausting work, and the determination to make yours an outstanding Unit it has proven to be. In these vital days of the war let us not waver from our purpose, let us be strong in our resolution of continued greater effort, so that in final victory we may, with justifiable self-organization and national pride, announce that pleasant phrase --- "Mission Accomplished".

John B. Coulter
JOHN B. COULTER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.



Men of the 329th F. A. Bn.:

On this, the first anniversary of the day your first shell was fired against the enemy, may I congratulate you all, both officers and men upon the splendid accomplishments you have made. Your initiation into action was not according to the book, for your first position was on a flat beach, infested with mosquitoes and heavily shelled daily by long range 170mm guns. Due to the efforts of all concerned in digging-in your casualties were light.

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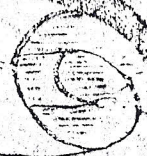
Men of the 329th F. A. Bn.:

For one full year of combat the 329th FA Battalion has supported the 358th Infantry Regiment. For two years prior to this time we worked together in training. The lessons learned in close cooperation between the two units have paid off in combat.

We have never called on the Artillery for a mission which they did not fulfill promptly and efficiently. This close cooperation and teamwork between the two arms have in many instances been

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Hall of Honor



SILVER STAR

Capt. W. T. Hayward*	Lt. E. P. Colleday Jr.	Lt. Dawson A. Farber
Lt. A. Gutterman	Lt. J. P. Lamb	Lt. J. W. Slocum

LEGION OF MERIT

S/Sgt. Frank A. Carmen

SOLDIERS' MEDAL

1st Sgt. V. C. Reimer	T/5 G. E. Fleischner
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AIR MEDAL

Lt. J. W. Hammett****	Lt. W. H. Schneider***
Lt. W. F. Mulligan***	Lt. S. A. Bachrach***

BRONZE STAR

Lt. Col. L. A. Davis	Maj. J. E. Verrill*	Capt. S. C. Oliver*
Capt. D. A. Morrison*	Capt. V. E. Deixel*	Capt. C. S. Watson*
Capt. L. G. Deggingor*	Capt. M. E. Keane*	Capt. D. C. Ogg
Lt. C. F. Vollmer	Lt. D. L. Farber, Jr.	Lt. J. D. Wentling
Lt. J. T. Davis	Lt. E. P. Rabb	Lt. A. L. Mineck
Lt. J. C. Lamb	Lt. W. A. Moore	Lt. R. W. Galbreith
Lt. Northcutt	M/Sgt. M. C. Payne	1st Sgt. V. C. Reimer
1st Sgt. F. Reynolds	S/Sgt. G. L. Volantine	S/Sgt. J. B. Ridge
Sgt. J. Meradin	Sgt. G. Chancey	Sgt. V. D. Beaver
Sgt. C. W. Nethers	Sgt. C. C. King	Sgt. F. J. Austin
T/4 S. Schreckengast	T/4 R. E. Grant	Cpl. J. O. Kiser
Cpl. H. E. Fohl	Cpl. V. W. Samolovich	Cpl. M. Koleser
Cpl. J. J. O'Hara	Cpl. C. J. Taylor	T/5 E. M. Ovist
T/5 F. A. Tremper	T/5 A. J. Woelschleger	T/5 I. F. Barth*
T/5 J. L. Murray	T/5 J. E. Grinder Jr.	T/5 H. G. Giencola
T/5 R. F. Murray	T/5 J. K. Mathews	T/5 A. J. Grutz
Pfc J. Varbero	Pfc L. B. Hoffman	Pfc D. J. Laylor
Pfc C. Czerniejerski	T/5 G. E. Fleischner	Pfc H. L. Williams

PURPLE HEART

Lt. G. F. Vollmer	Lt. W. F. Mulligan	Lt. A. M. Bullock
Lt. A. P. Bockman	Lt. J. W. Slocum	Lt. A. Gutterman
Lt. W. A. Moore	Lt. M. Arnovits	Sgt. R. W. Cottrill
Sgt. L. Berry	Sgt. A. R. Unble	T/4 R. Applewhite
Cpl. J. A. Carlson	Cpl. E. A. Hamilton	Cpl. Stallworth
T/5 F. H. Tremper*	T/5 J. H. Smith	T/5 P. A. Dreiser
Pfc E. Goodman	Pfc M. H. Lyle	Pfc J. Stahl
Pfc E. J. Perkins	Pfc F. K. Herley	Pfc L. O. Spell
Pfc E. W. Gillentine	Pfc P. F. Baldi	Pfc A. W. Kunitz*
Pfc R. Montgomery	Pfc B. C. Eastep	Pfc R. D. Deppert
Pfc M. R. Wilkinson*	Pvt. T. E. Walsh	Pvt. W. A. Lennon
Pvt. P. C. McNeal	Pvt. J. V. Rahmes	Pvt. C. T. Knight

*Asterisk denotes number of clusters to awards.



From that time on your howitzers supported the 338th Infantry Regiment in the advance from one victory to another, S-RIDGE (Hill 131) LARIANO, MT. ALTUZZO, FIRENZUOLA, TRE POGGIOLI (Hill 966), M. DELLE FORMICHE, all of them the toughest kind of fighting. Your contribution to those victories was of the greatest value, and these victories especially those of LARIANO, MT ALTUZZO, and TRE POGGIOLI (Hill 966), paved the way for the advance of the 85th Division.

In the not to distant future we will again be on the advance, this time to final victory, may I wish you one and all good luck, good hunting and God Speed.

Pierre Mallett
PIERRE MALLET,

Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.



Let's Reminisce

What do you say we give "Father Time" to the "Rear March"? Remember Shelby? That a place! The "rear" of the Army! How we griped, nothing to do. Only messes, service clubs, movies, Hettiesburg, Columbia, Gulfport. Boy, wouldn't that be "Heaven" today? That 25 mile hike--my feet start to "Back redde" at the mention of it. Now wasn't that crazy, with all the vehicles in the motor park! Funny thing, that bad roll had to fit around the field bag, horseshoe type. Today it hardly fits into a 3/4-ton truck!

Then we went to Louisiana for "mosquito innoculation". Did they "Innoculate" even brought their in-laws the "Chiggers". Now, will you please tell me why, unless they wanted to perfect the "Finger flexing exercise" (by scratching of course). Then somebody figured maybe the boys needed a sun-tan, so they sent us to the desert. We burnt up, not only at the weather, but at the "Brass". "Police this, Police that!!! That a place to clean up! They should have cleaned it out, before we got there!

Then to prove the world was round, they shipped us to Fort Dix, N. J.. Now hot was living! Rumors sprouted from everywhere; 85th Division will never go overseas, too old, not enough training. Guess they were right!!! 'Cause next top was Camp Patrick Henry, Va., who's famous words were, "Give me Liberty or give me death." So they gave us "Liberty", a ship, and overseas we went.

We landed in Africa, where they used mattress covers for overcoats, and it was so cold that Tarzan must have worn Drawers, wool OD, between scenes. The words froze, when the Sergeants gave the orders, so that we had to read the commands!!!

Then on to "Sunny" Italy, where the boys lived in "Igloos". Guess the desert raining was to get us used to the "Stoves" that were issued when Summer set in. A good hauling anyhow, develops the muscles.

HAPPY COMBAT ANNIVERSARY, MAY THE NEXT ONE BE WITH YOUR VIVES!!



the deciding factors in turning a doubtful situation into a positive victory for the Combat Team.

The rapid and effective fire of the 329th Artillery Battalion has upon innumerable occasions enabled the 338th Infantry to assault strongly fortified positions successfully and to hold newly won ground against repeated strong enemy counter-attacks.

It is a recognizable fact that the Infantry on occupying a new position is dependent on the curtain of steel thrown by the artillery until such time as the Infantry can reorganize and prepare the defenses. On all such occasions, the 329th has performed this mission in an admirable manner.

The Officers and EM of my regiment extend their heartfelt thanks and well wishes to their companions in arms--the 329th Field Artillery Battalion and express their earnest desire that the close teamwork of the past will continue as long as we are both members of Combat Team 538.

W. H. Mikkelsen

W. H. MIKKELSEN,
Col., 333th Inf.,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS REPORTS



The Excitement of the Great Western Front advances continues with most ears glued to all available radios "on the hour, every hour". Then, too, we in Italy, with suitable weather now on hand, can anticipate, once more great doings on the Southern Front.

BON VOYAGE---The first to go on furlough from this battery, T/5 Francis H. Tremper, Syracuse, N. Y. left a few days ago to start his journey homeward. "Tremper" was the most decorated man in the battery, having been awarded the Purple Heart with a cluster, and a Bronze Star Medal. One of our most rugged men, he really deserves a break! Smooth sailing, "Tremper" and kiss those wonderful shores for us.

GETTING UP IN THE WORLD---There have been several promotions this past week which you may not have heard of: T/4 Anthony R. Inncell, Bridgeport, Conn. made "Buck" Sgt., T/5 John A. Carlson, White Plains, N. Y. was promoted to Cpl.; Pfc Leroy Walker, Merietta, Ill., and Pfc Ewald Ovist, Iron Mountain, Mich. were promoted to T/5, and last but definitely not least, Pvts. Jack Humble, Joplin, Mo., and Robert McThirter were raised to the grade of Pfc.. Nice going, guys!

T/5 Gerald C. O'Brien, N. Y. C.'s own "Chamber of Commerce" left for the hospital with a light case of yellow jaundice. Capably handling his job (he says) is Pvt. Andrew (Umbrigo) Simmons of Nanty Glow, Pa.

Still managng "to manage", T/4 John Veltz, Lynn, Mass., was sent to 5th Army Rear to do some research on home town newspapers for our press releases. Some guys get all the breaks!

SCHOOL DAYS---T/5 Irwin Gerson, another one of Ohio's proud defenders, is back with the battery after spending six weeks in Naples. Everyones' been looking at him with a sly grin and asking if he had a good time. "Didn't you know he was attending code school? and don't you know Gerson?"

WHY?---I don't know why some articles stay on a bulletin board for months and others are removed in less than an hour, but that's war, I guess. Anyhow, a very interesting clipping was display-

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With this Anniversary Edition in honor of our first year in combat goes congratulations to Capt. Watson, his Jr. officers,

and men of Able Battery for the fine work they've done towards making the 329th F. A. Bn. the best outfit in the 85th. It is well known that in the most important phase of artillery, that of speed and accuracy, we of "A" battery are surpassed by none. That is something to be proud of, men! Congratulations!!!

With the news so good on the Western Front, everyone has been dropping all restraint and drinking their three bottles of Coca Cola straight. Just ruggid, that's all, just ruggid!

This battery has developed a mania for volley ball. And with the development of the mania we've developed some manics of the game. We have T/5 Mathews of S. C. who flattens volley ball after volley ball with two hands he uses for hands; T/5 Casgrove, of Bklyn. who with Cpl. Persons of Fla. tries to out-talk Cpl. Pauly of Ky.--- but you know the line Pauly slings. George and John don't have a chance; S/Sgt. Chapman of Ala. who has developed an over-hand serve which is out this world---just about where the ball goes when he serves; Pfc Heckman of Penn. and Pfc. Hartman of N. Y. who face each other across the net and are continuously trying to plow through the net---but their efforts coincide, the results being that they plow into each other, leaving the net intact; Cpl. Thomas of Miss. and Pvt. Greene of N. C. who are our stars, each trying to hook the ball down the others throat. As yet we haven't lost any volley balls in this manner.

The Fish Eaters were surreptitiously dealt with this Good Friday. But they came through by trading chicken for beer, and they drove a hard bargain too! I lost three cans of beer myself, but for such a lovely breast of chicken!

Did you hear about the latest award in the battery? After years and years of her work and good soldiering, Sgt. Haddock of Penn. received a "Good Conduct" medal. The boys of his section were so overjoyed that they showed

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BAKER BRIEFS

To Capt. Verlon E. Deixel, Yonkers, N. Y. Commanding Officer of Baker Battery--"A Word of Praise". His superior leadership and keen judgment ever prevalent thru our combat are prevented numerous casualties and greatly served to eliminate the many obstacles which confronted the battery personnel over the hard toiled trek of the past year.

The other evening during the course of a typical G. I. Bull session discussion arose as to the state with the largest representation in the Battery, also the number of states the men comprised. Mild at first the pros and cons became very heated, finally reaching the wagering state. Following is a resume:

....Lst. Sgt. Reynolds and Pfc's Roney, Schreiber and Pvt. Gagle of Texas placed wagers with Sgt. Goraj, Pfc's Cievardini, Pope, Tunnell, and Treidel of N. Y. that Texas had greater representation than N. Y. Said wager aroused the curiosity of T/5 Vetter, Pfc's Hunter, and Vestenhaven of Fla. who in turn entered dispute with T/5 Walling, Pfc's Berkery, Fitzpatrick and Van Sickle of N. J. that Fla. topped N. J. An unbiased side were: Sgt. Perkins, Ind., Pfc Galvan, Ariz., Pvt. Jones, Cal., S/Sgt. Coate, Mich., Pfc Koslowsky, Conn., Pfc Stickner, Mo., Pvt. Kozmierczak, La., Pvt. Halsey, Minn., Cpl. Tingley, Miss., Pfc Flickinger, Wash., Oratowski, Ill.

In order to settle the point a staff was selected to survey the records. It consisted of:

Lt. Colledge, Wash. DC. Pvt. Moore, Ky.
Sgt. Valentine, Miss. Pfc Tublis, Ga.
Pvt. Williamson, Iowa. Pfc Stewart, Ky.
Sgt. McAdams, Kan. Pvt. Halvey, Ill.
Cpl. Baudreaux, La. Sgt. Buckner, Ark.
Sgt. Kressell, Minn. Pvt. Mendez, Ariz.
Pfc Mc Hale, Me. Cpl. Hickey, Conn.

Then an inspection team to insure a fair poll under the direction of Lts. Herring, Va., Edgren, Ill., and Slocum, Kansas, was composed of: Cpls. Freese, Iowa, Alcock, Wis., Baiers, Costabile, N. Y., Methemoy, Ohio, Pfc's Barth, Neb., Sgt. Andrews, Tenn., Pfc Mattasin, S.C., Cpl. Ward, Miss., Sgt. Rindorf, Tex., Cpl. Martinez, Tex., Pfc's Schwartz, Ohio, Jenley, Iowa, Stock, Ill., Pfc's, Talkingstick, Okla., Halvey, Ill., Weiers, Mich., Fridley, V. Va., Pfc Laerte, N. H.

The analyses revealed Pa. with 18 men was 1st! Their names are:

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CHARLIE CHATTER



From manuevers in Louisiana to the battle front in Italy, has been a long, hard, and toilsome road--but we can justly say that we are proud of our selves. Proud in the fact that we are a part of the 5th Army which routed the Jerries out of their "Gustav and Hitler Lines" and eventually Rome. The first time in history that Rome has fallen to conquering forces from the south!

Our men proved their integrity on the night of May 11th, when all the artillery in Italy opened up on Jerry to show him we meant business. Overhanging fire from our third section gun started ammo in the pit exploding and creating great fires, which sent seven of the men to the hospital. With courage and calmness they removed as much ammo as possible and extinguished the fires. Acts like this are characteristic of the American G. I. and the men of Charlie Battery are no exception. Such acts should not go unrewarded!

Lt. Al Gutterman of Bklyn. N. Y. and Cpl. Harold Wilkens of Hibbing, Minn. are at least on their way home on TD. Ah---mo, it must be a grand feeling--but, how they must have sweated out those last few days. Lt. Gutterman is going home to a brand new wife--and Cpl. Wilkens to a "bambino" who has never seen his daddy. Bon Voyage, fellows, and lets hope you will never have to leave the states again.

Our Pittsburg boys, Pvt. Adam Renko, Cpl. Eddie Svcek, and Pfc. Earl Dunlap, say "Pittsburg", of course, will not regard the partial eclipse of the sun, July 9th, as anything extraordinary

A new arrival to the battery, Pvt. Milton Gois who hails from Milwaukee, Wis. and only over here two months, says "things in the states could be worse. The original curfew was sounded at sunset". Incidentally, "Milt", how did it really feel to sit down to your Knas dinner at home, and are those revived speakasies still selling the same old stuff" right off the beat"?

From Charlestown, N. C., comes word from Sgt. E. Turner, Wash. D.C. that all goes well with him, and expects to be home in short notice. Good going "Chubby"---take it easy, and keep the "brass band" warmed up. We too, hope

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SERVICE WITH MILES

A "Supply Medal" to Service Battery under the supervision of Capt. Louis G.

Begginger, Jr., for its' brilliant maintenance of the supply lines. From dusk to dawn, in rain, sleet or snow, the necessities of the cannoncers were always of primary importance. The drivers, the ammo sections, the ration crew, the Bn. maintenance, were all part of a coordinated team. May we continue our "Service" to Berlin!

With all the "Stars" appearing in our area--thought that we were having classes in astrology or perhaps it was the "Milky Way".

The way the "Bombers" are blasting away at Berlin looks like they are going after "Dimaggio's" hitting streak!

"Chub" Kaneskie, Shamokin, Pa.
"Bob" Rowen, Asteric, N. Y., "Nick" Mezza, New Brunswick, N. J. were part of the "Wolfpack" that went "chicken" hunting back on the G. I. farm--U.S. They brought "Doc" Lewis, Springtown, Okla. with 'em just in case!!! They tell me Italian "Chickens" ain't bad.

Just wondering---if we had a woman president what would be the duties of the "First Man".

What chief of section is walking around talking to himself cause he has to pay for a "First aid" kit--sez--it ain't his fault???? Fine talk for an old supply man!!

Welcome back Sgt. Nick Sgrianelli, Harrisburgh, Pa. Your looking so well the boys all want to see your "operation" or isn't it visible to the naked eye?

"Sorbiscuit" Herth, Newberg, N. Y., was spotted giving away raw carrots to some G. I.s!! What does he think we are, "Rabbits"!!

"Little bull" Stone, Altan, Ill. had the switchboard looking like a stock market scene in his tenure as C.Q. Guess he doesn't know the difference between a "plug" and a drop key; probably wanted 5 cents for the next 3 minutes!!

The recent "Chief of Section" meeting made the "Big 3" look like a "High-school Farley"!!! Suggest you leave the "guns" and "Bass Knuckles"

at the door---next time!!!

Way the Russians are closing in on the Eastern Front, and our Buddies across the Rhine---guess the Jerry rodents will have to look for their "Lieber-treum" in "Hades". Wonder if the "Devil" will have them????

SERVICE BULLETIN*****Squelch that "Rumor" if it's false it's misleading--if it's true, it may fall into enemy hands!!!

(BAKER BRIEFS CONT'D)

Sgt. Stefl, T/4 Seubert, Cpl. Lefevor, Cpl. Schmolze, T/5 Breining, T/5 Whit T/5 Sokolnicki, rfc Evans, rfc Freeman, rfc Herber, rfc Matthews, rfc Reber, rfc Sedor, rfc Tello, rfc Thomas, Pvt. Cole, Pvt. Shinn, Pvt. Young.

35 of 48 states are represented

Lt. Bullock, Btry. I & E. officer has evidently aroused much interest in group studying. Groups studying on Math are, Pvt. Warren, Calif., rfc's Stewart, Craft, Ill., Imman, and Williamson, La.

Various baseball classes have formed, with rfc's of rfc's of rfc's on same include S/Sgt. John, S/Sgt. Gregory, Sgt. Aniol, of Texas. T/5 Criswell, Masters, and rfc's Bebout, Scott, and Beal, of Ohio.

The Btry volley ball team under direction of rfc Floyd, Va. has rounded into good shape. T/5 Rouse, rfc Shelton, Wright, and Lucas from Va. have bolstered the squad considerably.

During our next off the line period, our revamped baseball team will issue a challenge to all batteries. The line-up is as follows:

rfc Grugett, Tenn. r. Pvt. DeVito, N.Y. T/5 Anglin, Tenn. C. T/4 Hurling, N.Y. Cpl. Bryant, Tenn. 1b rfc Ryan N.Y. 1f rfc Jackson, Okla. 2b rfc Krist, Mich. Cpl. Rogers N.Y. of Pvt. Lodato N.Y. rfc Veil, rfc Thompson, rfc Ziolkowski of Mich. in reserve.

If any of you are in doubt as to the comprehensiveness of this column I will explain, or at least try to, in next week edition.

Until then I remain your battery correspondent S/Sgt. Cermen, N. J.

P. S. May our next Annisversary be celebrated on the "terra firma" of the good old U. S. A.

SYNOPSIS OF A G.I.



Entered the 35th back in May-'42" comes from "Badger" State of Wisconsin has that perennial smile on his face all the time--does conspicuous work in a very inconspicuous manner--no detail too big or too small--takes the same diligence no matter what the assignment when it came to "retainers"--the "Brooks" were always against him---but he's a soldier all the way. Back on maneuvers a vehicle he was driving, overturned--he was wedged in--his first words were "How bad were the other men hurt". His favorite band is "Lawrence Welks". His face sparkles when his radio catches the tunes---he's the kind of guy like you and you that goes to make this man's army roll ahead on all fronts----Know him? His name is Gilbert N. Scheuer, a Pfc in Service Battery.

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on the bulletin board last week---only to be rashly removed. Did you see it fellows? Pretty good, eh? And that that low destiny!

And while we're tossing bouquets around, here's one to Capt. Mark E. Keene of Chicago, Ill. He's been doing a splendid job as Battalion I&E Officer, and as consultant for this paper. Most men don't realize all the time he spends on this kind of extra activity. Did you ever see the box full of G. I. "prop" he carries?

TIME STAGGERS ON! TA! TA!---Now with the full realization that a year of combat is behind us, I imagine a lot of us look in those dainty r. X. mirrors and wonder if we've really changed much in the past year. I think the guy that's gotten the most grey hair over it is T/5 Richard Gochonaur, Morgan Ind.. With a baby face, his rapidly greying hair makes quite a contrast. Did you know that Dick's the father of two husky kids?

Well, fellows, that's the "Big picture" for this week. How about some suggestions, criticisms, and any kind of ideas you may have. We'd sure appreciate it!

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their happiness by clapping him on the back---head---face! G. I.s are always over-doing it!

Sometime ask Pfc "Cowboy" Herman how he likes learning a trade in the Army!

T/4 "Tony" Pizzarello of Blym. has been asking me when this paper will come out. The Editors have been wondering the same thing. Don't worry "Tony", when it does come out I'll see that you get two copies to send home to the folks.

Have you seen "LBS" Arthur O'Rourke of R. I. with those sharp white leggin's? Arthur is the only Pfc in the Army with 20 men under his command, and he has the deep commanding baritone voice for the job too!

Too much for this weeks' reports. 'Til next week then, you guys keep making the news and I'll continue to misconstrue it!



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