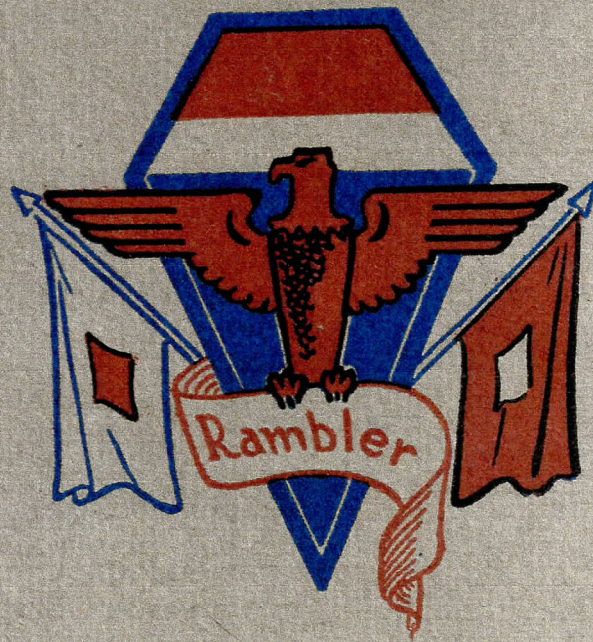
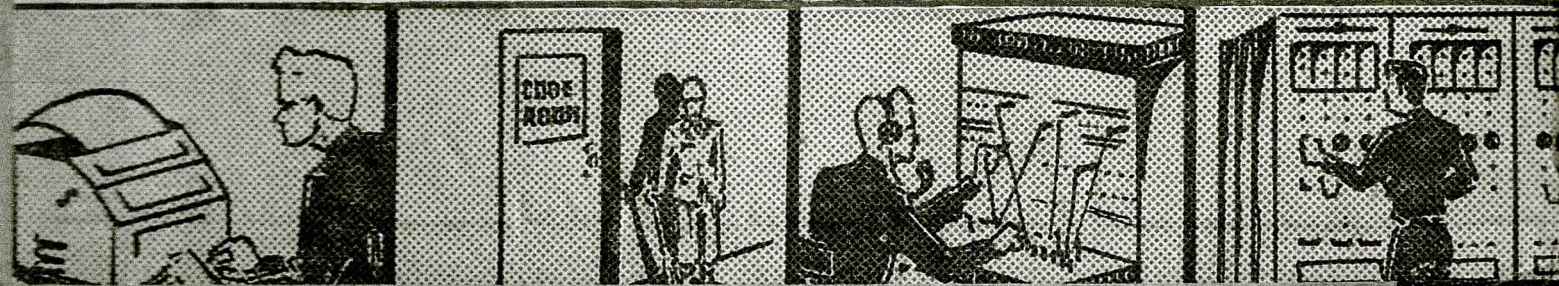
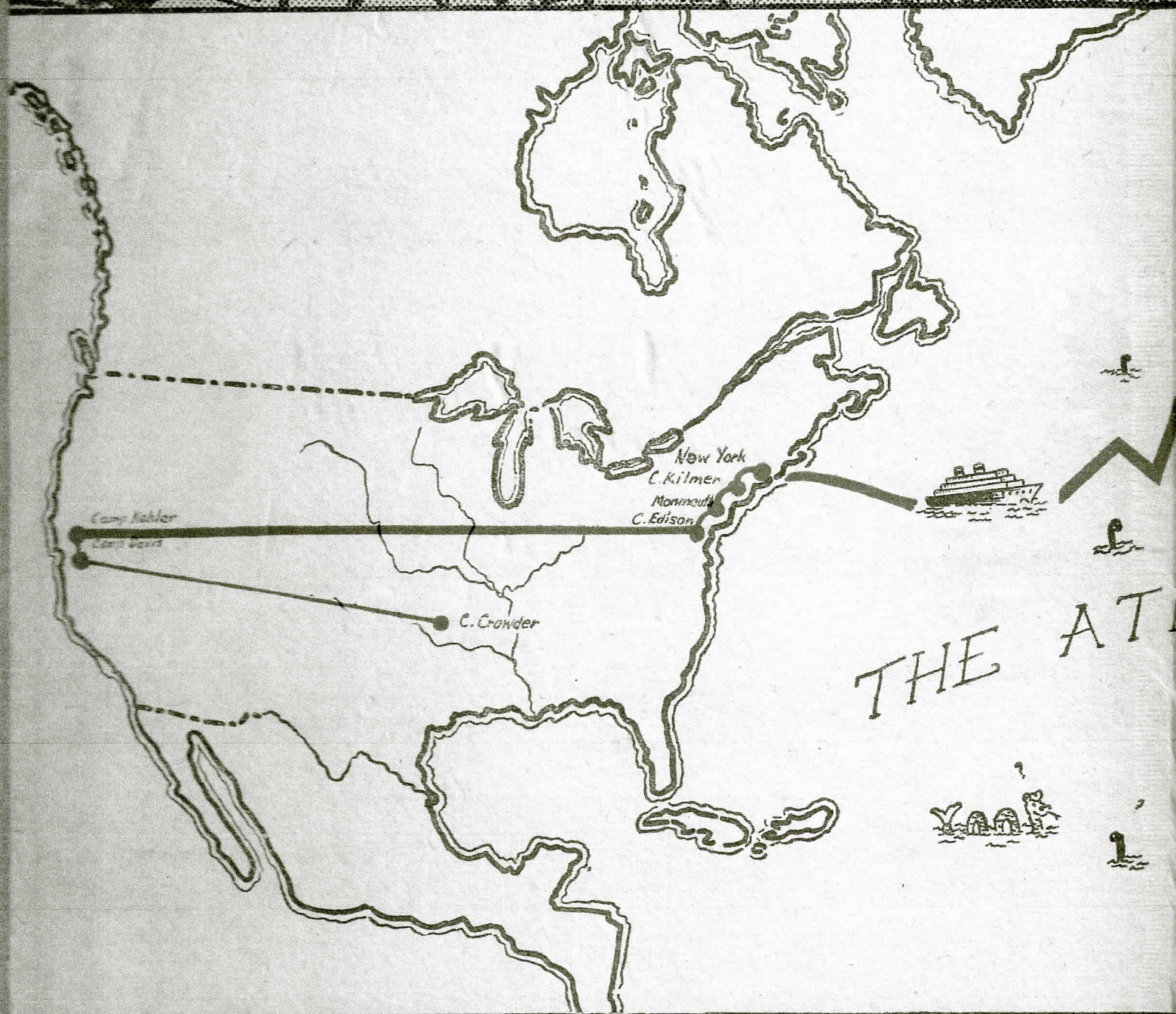
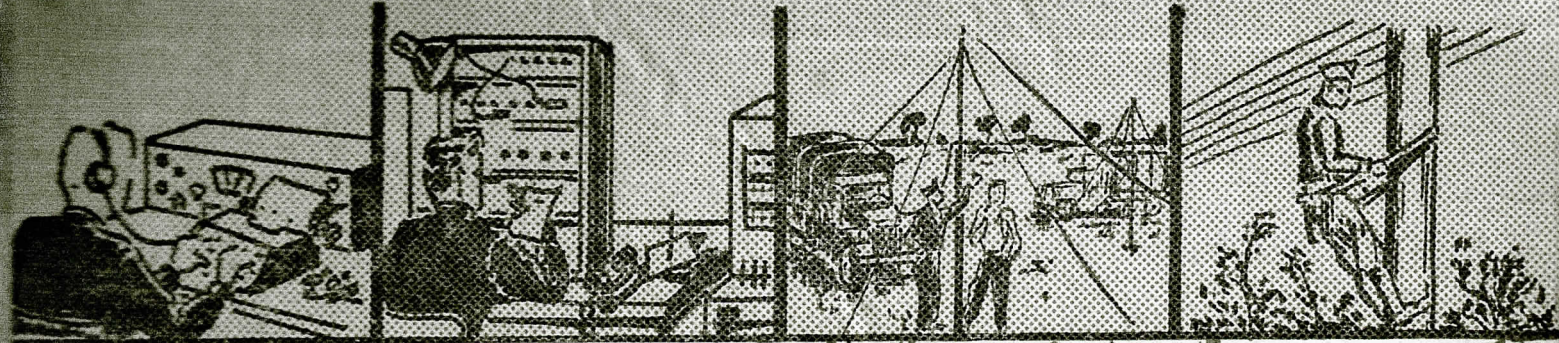


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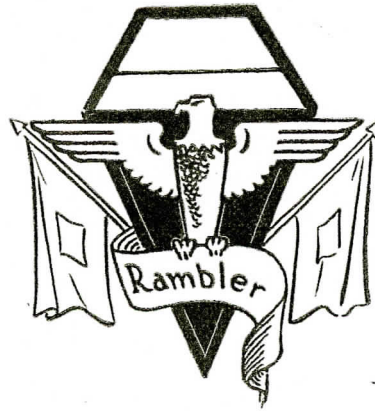
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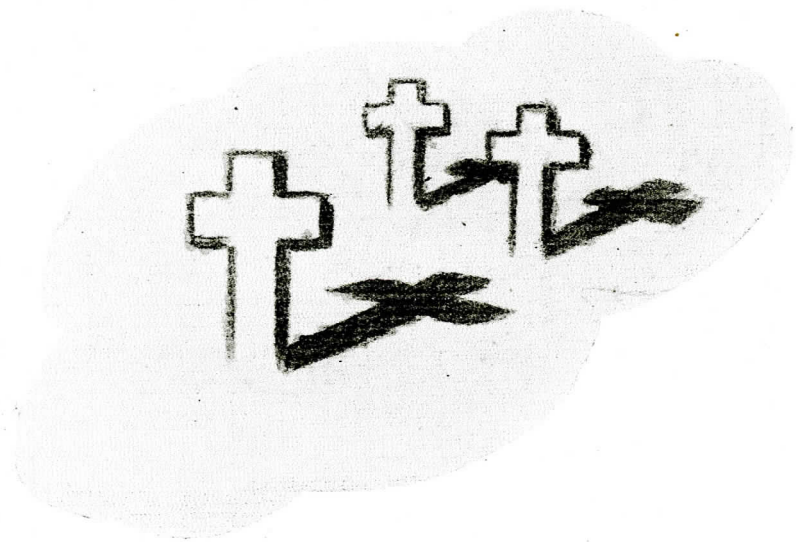
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The unsung heroes of the United States Army Signal Corps
who made the supreme sacrifice to maintain our army's
communications and bring the war to its successful conclusion,

this book is dedicated

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FORWARD

21 August 1945

The once formidable German Army has been crushed by the combined efforts of the Allied Nations. The body of Adolf Hitler supposedly lies in a shallow grave in the once beautiful garden of the Reichschancellory; Hitler's fellow conspirators either have committed suicide or are awaiting trial in lonely cells in Nuremberg; the great men of heaven are on bended knees begging General MacArthur for a "just" peace. With these things furnishing the headlines, peace has again come to the world.

Soldier, Sailors, Marines of all ranks will for the remainder of their lives discuss this conflict. Whenever two or more get together they will discuss their landings, their units, their CO, 1st Sgt., Officers, Non-Coms, the places they have been, the things they have seen, and above all the things that they did. Men will remember these things but they will forget what their friends looked like, as time goes on. We all have heard veterans of the last war say that they "knew him in the Army but can't remember what he looked like".

This Year Book is designed to show the work of the men and teams of this Battalion. It is hoped that in later years of our lives we all can, if we have the desire to, open up this book and renew our acquaintances with the men with whom we worked and played during the great World War II.

It is my earnest desire that you men return to your homes with my deepest appreciation for the excellent manner in which you have accomplished your part in the Mission of this unit. You and your family have given much to your Army and your Country; therefore, I wish you the best of luck, the best health and the best of everything for all times — "May Peace Reign Forever".

Donald G. Fug

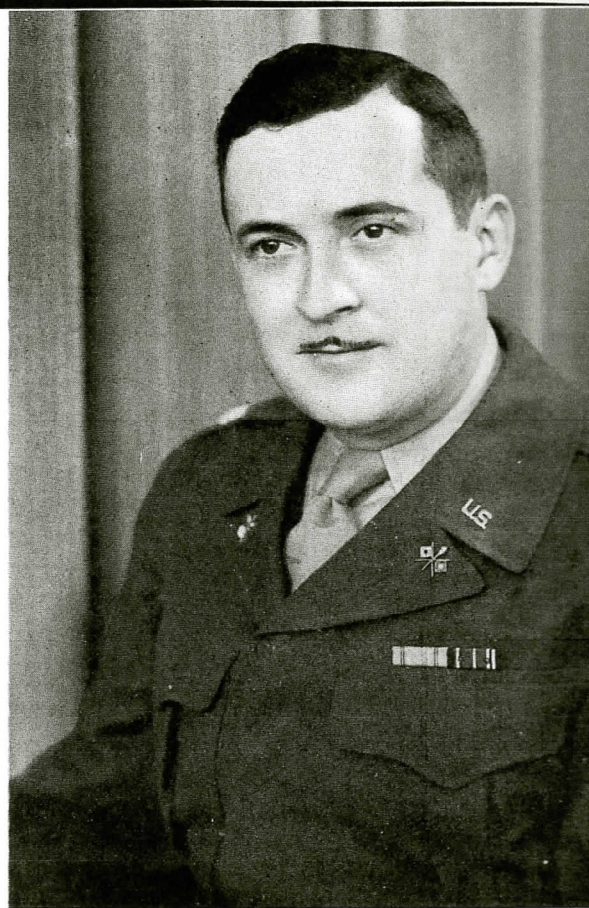
This is the Boss

This man is liked by every person who has had contact with him. Perhaps it's the gleam in his eye, denoting a man who enjoys life, or perhaps his pleasant, friendly personality. Responsibility, authority and accomplishment are no novelties to him. He has a voice of determination and decision. He is Donald A. Fay, Lieutenant Colonel, Signal Corps, Army of the United States, Commanding Officer of the 3187th.

Statistically, the record says 36 years of age; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 175 pounds; eyes, blue; hair, black; graduate of the Engineering School, University of Illinois; home, Rockford, Illinois.

The reign of Colonel Fay began a few days after the Battalion was activated at Camp Kohler, he being, for all practical purposes, its only commander. Prior to that his military history reads like so many other officers buried in the hurly-burly of the vast training army at the beginning of the past war.

Called to active duty from a reserve status in December of 1940, he reported to the 50th Signal Battalion at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. In the "old" 50th, he served as the Battalion's Executive Officer, Supply Officer and had a fling at commanding Headquarters Company. Late in 1941, he was assigned to the Replacement Training Center at Fort Monmouth as the Assistant Director of the Clerks' School. In 1942, he asked for and was granted a transfer to the new training center opening at Camp Kohler. There he took over the clerks again. During this period he attended the Army's Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From this military background, it was only a short step to the command of the 3187th upon its activation in 1944



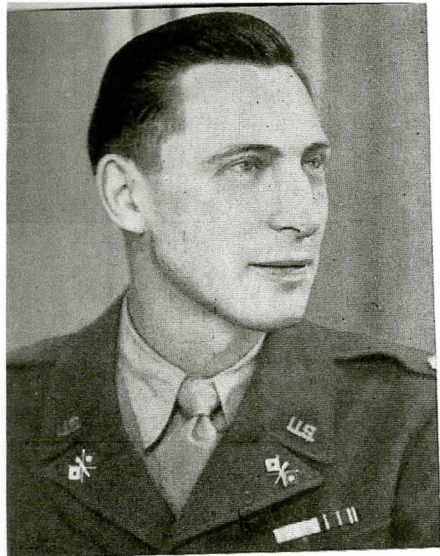
Colonel Fay accomplishes his ends with quiet dignity. Among Company commanders, he has come to be regarded as a sort of trouble shooter and Chaplain combined, because he has never turned down or given a brush-off to any man with a legitimate gripe.

In his spare time the colonel is a frequent visitor of the theater. He can also be found on the baseball diamond, walloping the horsehide. To his fellow officers he is known as the "Illinois Slugger".

Rockford, Illinois, near Chicago, is the place he calls home and is where his wife and parents reside. In his native town, before the war, he was employed as a heating and mechanical engineer.

Tireless research brought to light the fact that the "A" in the Colonel's name stands for Asa. However, that is one item that some of his most intimate friends do not know.

This, then, is the Boss, the old man, so many of us know. We won't think of him in those terms in years to come. Rather, it will be a sort of pleasant memory for all of the good and wise things he has done since we have been associated with him.



The Exec

Cyril A. Kelly, Major, Signal Corps, Army of the United States, Battalion Executive Officer of 3187th, began his military career in November, 1940, when he entered Federal service at Fort Ord, California, being assigned to the 102nd Radio Company. Holding the rank of Staff Sergeant when recommended for OCS, he graduated on the 30th of September, 1941. His first assignment was that of Company Commander,

Company D, 28th Signal Training Battalion, Camp Crowder, Missouri, then transferring to Camp Kohler, California in September, 1942, as commander of Company D, 2nd Signal Training Battalion. Various other assignments in an executive capacity followed until he joined the 3187th upon its activation.

Because of Major Kelly's services rendered in the field during hostilities, the operational efficiency of the battalion was materially increased and the fulfillment of the unit's mission was made possible. The result of his personal sacrifices and discomfort in giving assistance to the teams in the field during this time won him the Bronze Star Medal.

The Major is a keen sports enthusiast and has taken an active part in boxing, softball, skiing, and football. He is also regarded as one of the wizards within the unit when it comes to playing basketball.

His quick smile and cheery personality will be recalled in future years with pleasure by all who know him.

Major Kelly hails from Sacramento, California, where his wife and children are awaiting his return. Before joining the service he was employed by the Forum Investment Corporation of that city.

Introducing Alva C. Hicks, Jr., Captain, Signal Corps, Army of the United States, Adjutant of the Rambler chain. He is a constant hard worker, possesses great leadership, ability, and an outstanding personality.

Like many other loyal Americans, he enlisted in the Army when war was declared, was granted entrance into OCS, and graduated with high honor at Fort Monmouth on November 30, 1942. Upon graduation he became a company officer in C Company of the 2nd Battalion at Camp Kohler. After several similar assignments and a promotion to 1st Lieutenant, he was assigned to this organization upon its activation.

Since being with us he has done a fine job of holding down his position. He has gained the confidence and respect of all men and officers below and above him. On March 1, 1945, his outstanding and tireless performance was awarded with a well-earned promotion to his present rank.

A close checkup on his civilian career reveals that he is a graduate of Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, where he earned a BS degree in biology in 1940. He became an instructor in biology, general science and woodworking, shortly after receiving his degree.

His more favored sports are basketball and track.

Captain Hicks was born in Gravity, in the corn state of Iowa, which he still calls home, this being the place where his wife is waiting for his quick return.

All of us shall remember him for his loyalty and even temper when the going was the toughest. The unit is proud of the part he has played with us.

Let's just call him "an all-around good Joe", a phrase which describes this man. Fairness to all and clarity of reasoning has won him the friendship of every officer and enlisted man in the organization.

and Adjutant



The Administration



Staff Brass



Capt. Harold Davidson



Capt. Deane M. Farley

Capt. Harold Davidson, Plans and Training, Information and Education Officer — hails from Lawrence, Long Island, New York, and attended the New York Institute of Applied Agriculture.

Capt. Deane M. Farley, Battalion Surgeon — born in Nebraska — makes his home in Naperville, Illinois — took his B. A. degree at North Central College, his M. D. at Northwestern University of Illinois.



Capt. William A. Nylin



Lt. James F. Dean

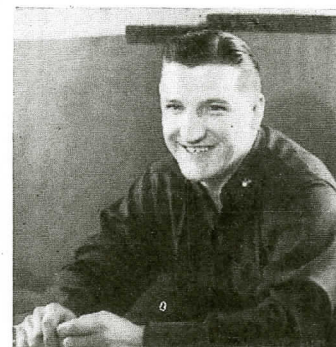
Capt. William A. Nylin, Battalion Dental Surgeon — born in Chicago, Illinois, now resides in Los Angeles, California — took his degree at U.S.C.

Lt. James F. Dean, Personnel Officer — comes from California but is originally from Oklahoma — was a first sergeant in the regular Army.

Lt. Medford D. Taylor, Battalion Supply Officer — from Urbana, Illinois and took his Agricultural Engineering degree at the University of Illinois.



Lt. Medford D. Taylor



Lt. Edward A. Casper

Lt. Edward A. Casper, Special Service Officer — from Tuckahoe, N. Y. — civilian occupation superintendent and foreman.

Lt. Leroy D. Philipps, Provost Marshal, Fire Marshal, head of E.J. team — comes from Wilmington, Delaware — used to be an Assistant Service Manager in civilian life.



Lt. Leroy D. Philipps



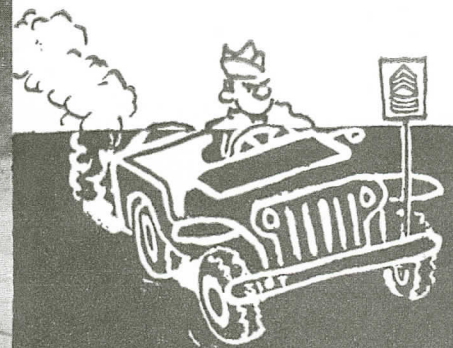
Lt. Edward W. Kahl

Lt. Edward W. Kahl, Battalion Motor Officer — comes from Bettendorf, Iowa — he worked in a credit office.

Battalion Hq Team



BATTALION HQ. ADMINISTRATION — Back Row, left to right: Robert Margis, Eric ton Allen, Donald Franson, Andrew Hiriyovati, Harry Hayne, Stanley Stagg — Front Row, left to right: — William Schaefer, Frederick Teske, Julius Soegard, Harvey McClellan



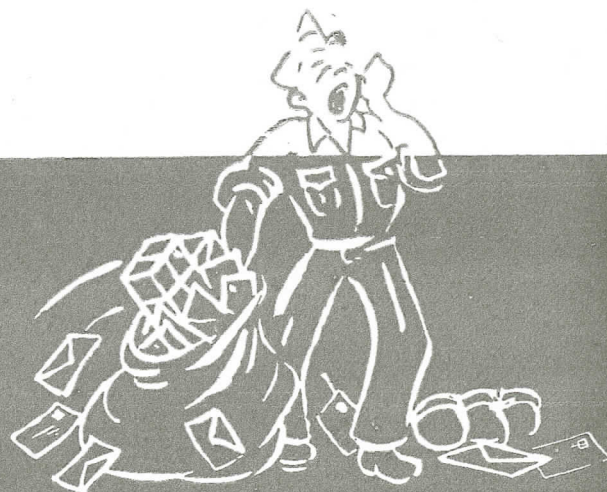


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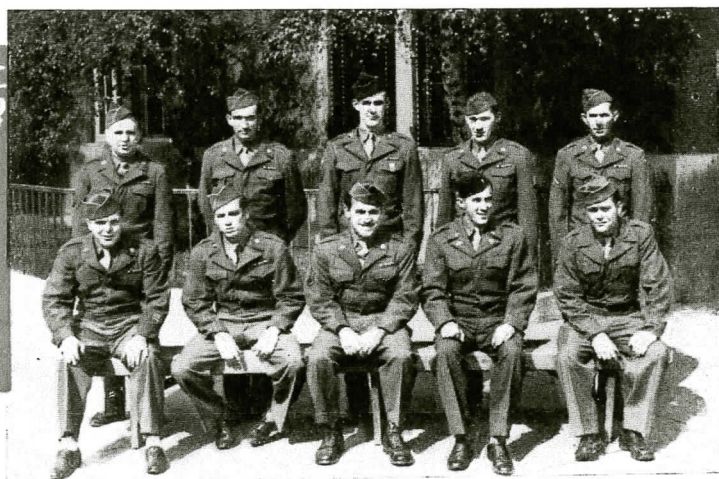
Capt. ROY W. LONG, Commanding Officer



HQ. Co. ADMINISTRATION—Back Row, left to right:—Ilija Kovacevich, James Barnett, Lt. Edward Kahl, Fred Crump—Front Row, left to right:—Lupe Guerrero, Jose Valencia, Emilio Garcia, Henry Mayhew

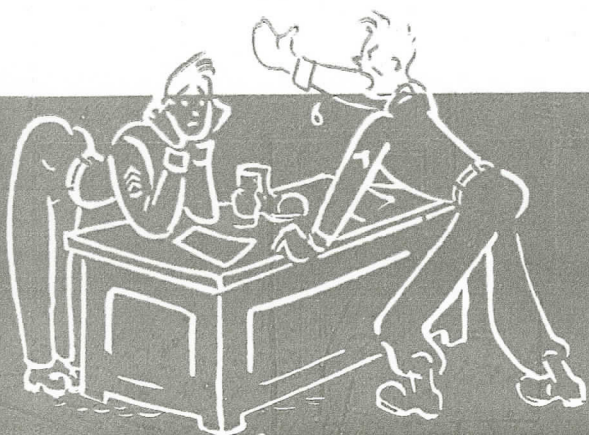


HQ. Co. COOKS TEAM—Back Row, left to right:—Edward Cavington, John Riley, Vaughn Booth, Charles Clauss, Leonard Phillips—Front Row, left to right:—Charles King, Beverly Thibodeaux, Tony Hughes, Lt. Edward Kahl, Paul Sharp

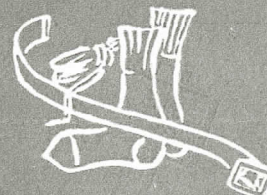


Company A

Capt. DORMAN T. McFADDIN, Commanding Officer



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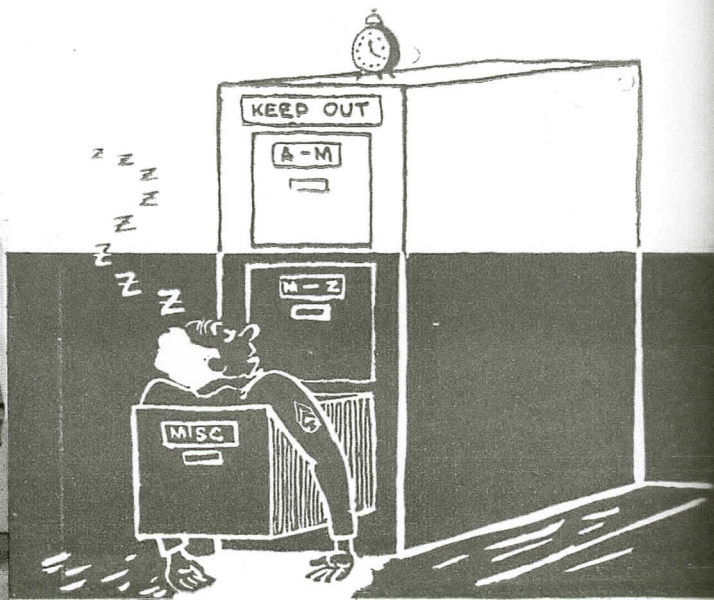
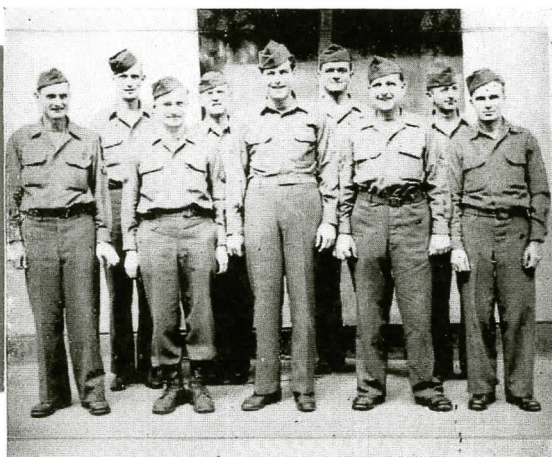
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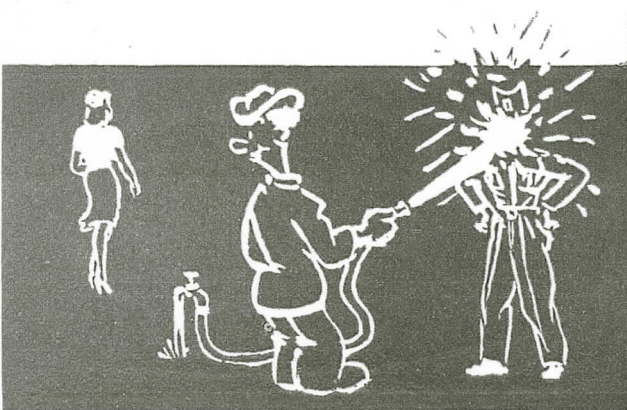


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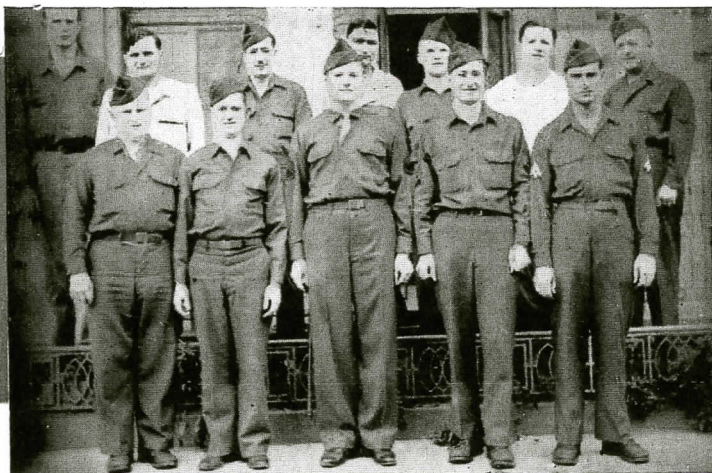
Capt. RICHARD E. TANKERSLEY, Commanding Officer



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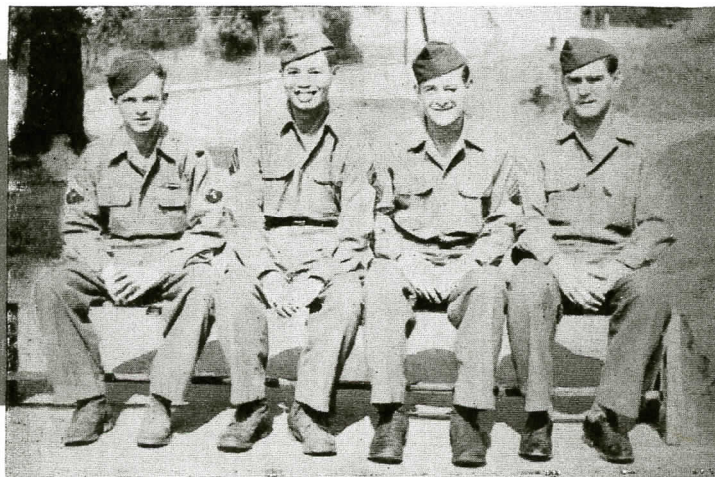
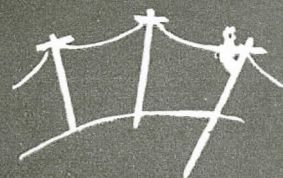


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Capt. JAMES BRIGMANN, Commanding Officer



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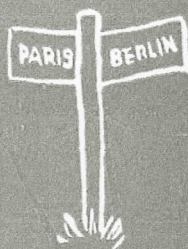


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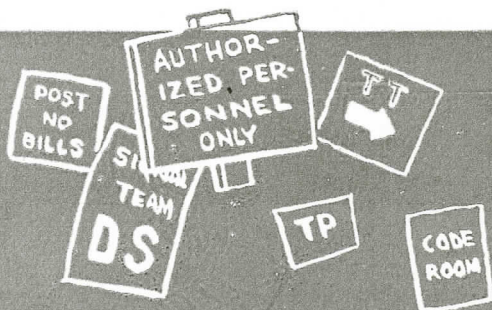
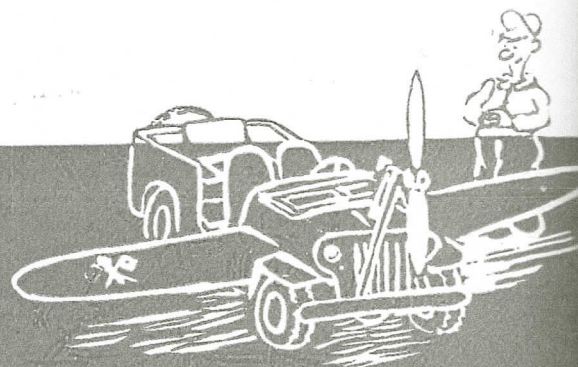


LT. IRA E. SCOTT, Commanding Officer

Company D



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Co. D SUPPLY GROUP — Front Row, left to right: Anthony J. Calvanico, Arthur Whitehead, Gerald Jung — Back Row, left to right: William Hagemann, Elmer Hanegan, Andrew Kovich, Cecil Jackson



The Record



Many an eyebrow was raised at the sight of the Table of Organization for this new signal service battalion. Here was a fresh departure, an untried wrinkle that could only be justified and proven by the exacting demands of our actual operation.

Training admittedly gave purpose, technique and direction to our teams. We grew in size and knowledge of our jobs. In January of 1945 came the mission and the orders which spread our teams across Western and Middle Europe, in the conclusive test of the worth of this, our 3187th Signal Service Battalion.

We've fulfilled our mission, we've done our job, and we are told we have done it well. Here, in the succeeding pages, is our record from activation to completion of this wartime assignment.



We Were Born

The 20th of March, 1944, was the glad and joyous day of birth. Under the provisions of the War Department and by order of Colonel Storms, Commandant of the Western Signal Corps School, the 3187th Signal Service Battalion was officially activated at Camp Kohler, California.

I remember that date. As a T/5 in P&T, it was hardly a "glad and joyous" day; for the labor pains of a newly activated outfit are paper work. Buddy, I tell you I must have gone through a ream of paper that day. At the time there was a T/4 who was riding my back, so I thought that maybe it might not be a bad idea to tieup with this new outfit.

Three days later, Companies R, S, and V of the 840th Training Battalion became A, B, and C of the 3187th. This switch affected mainly the barracks and drill grounds, as the personnel was nearly non-existent. However, the change-over did include a few men who are still with us, such as first sergeants, personnel clerks and cook teams.

The old 840th...some times I wonder what happened to their CO..."Timber!" You know the guy. And that first sergeant I had in basic. Very impressive guy until I learned that he was only acting and was really a T/5. That took a lot of the bite out of his bark.

The following day, Major Donald A. Fay became commanding officer of the unit and has kept that command to the present time.

The 25th of March brought in the first large contingent of men from the 840th. The men straggled in from the various training companies of Camp Kohler heavily laden with barracks bags grumbling vindictively at the forces that caused them to move their belongings across the camp.



And that's no stuff! When I read this, I still can remember how browned off I was that day. Here, I had wangled myself a three-day pass; I could see Frisco's lights in my mind's eye. And at the last moment, I had to make this move. Lord, talk about SNAFU! I was running around like a drunk in a dust storm. After I got set up in one barracks, I found that I was in the wrong Company and had to move again. Finally I just dumped my stuff in the supply room and took off.

By midnight of that momentous day, the TO was filled out with a total of 607 enlisted men and 31 officers. Now we were a complete organization . . . on paper.

That very day we had started out to earn our pet name, Rambler. For, of that 600 odd men, we only had about four hundred physically present. And many of them were not to stay around very long. Since then there has been no time in our history when our CO could look down the line and see more than three-fifths of his command together.

Back at Kohler, the battalion got a switchboard and needed a name for it. Some one who had an inside track on the future, hit on the happy name of Rambler. And, Brother, this outfit is really strung out. Even had some men who went through Brooklyn.

Our TO remained static for several weeks and during that period it looked very much like any well behaved service battalion's TO should look. On the 10th of April, however, we were reorganized with a set-up that resembled nothing previously known to the older men of the unit.

We had four companies; Hq., A, B, and C. Able was all radio, Baker was a combination of teletype,

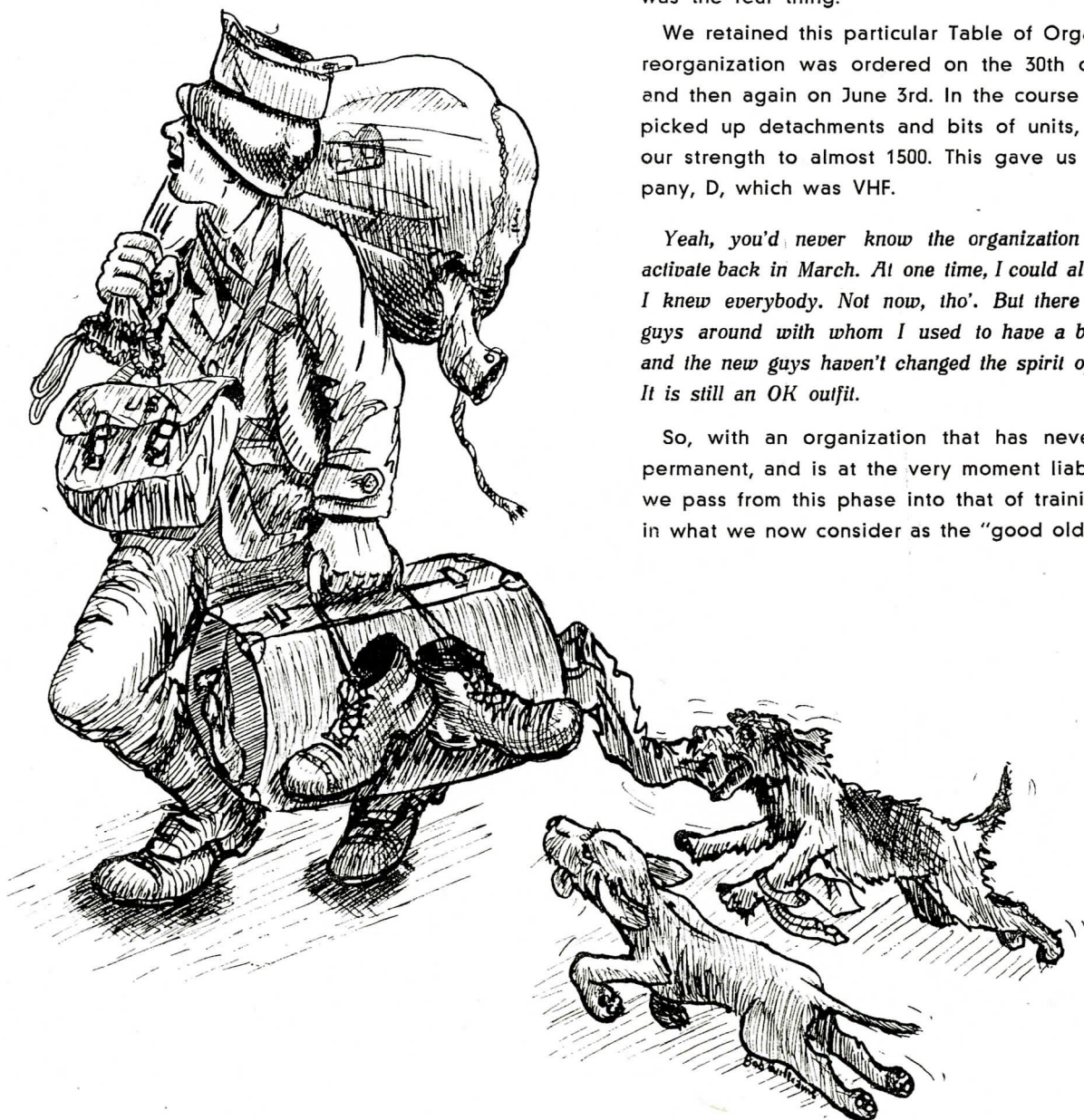
message center and wire operation teams, and Charlie was construction. With a total strength of 1110 EM and 72 officers, this arrangement seemed decidedly off balance. It appeared later that we were designed for the job of operation for the 12th Army Group and that was the reason for this arrangement.

On September 25, there was a switch pulled of 90 A Company men at Camp Edison. Before sending the radio operators overseas, UTC gave them a survey test on sending and receiving. These boys didn't make the grade, which necessitated exchanging them for operators from the 3161st Signal Service Company. The boys from the 61st, who had already been alerted several times, weren't particularly worried, but they soon learned this was the real thing.

We retained this particular Table of Organization until reorganization was ordered on the 30th of April, 1945, and then again on June 3rd. In the course of events we picked up detachments and bits of units, which raised our strength to almost 1500. This gave us another company, D, which was VHF.

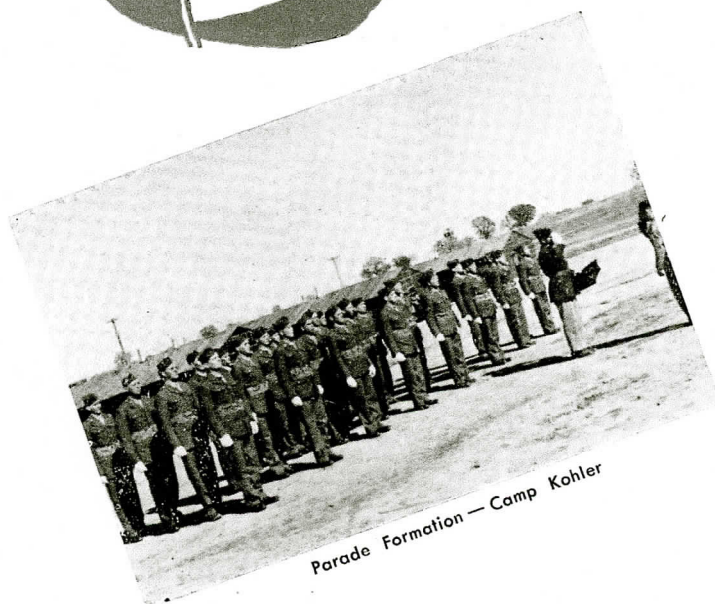
Yeah, you'd never know the organization that I helped activate back in March. At one time, I could almost boast that I knew everybody. Not now, tho'. But there are still many guys around with whom I used to have a beer in the PX; and the new guys haven't changed the spirit of the battalion. It is still an OK outfit.

So, with an organization that has never been very permanent, and is at the very moment liable to change, we pass from this phase into that of training schedules, in what we now consider as the "good old days".

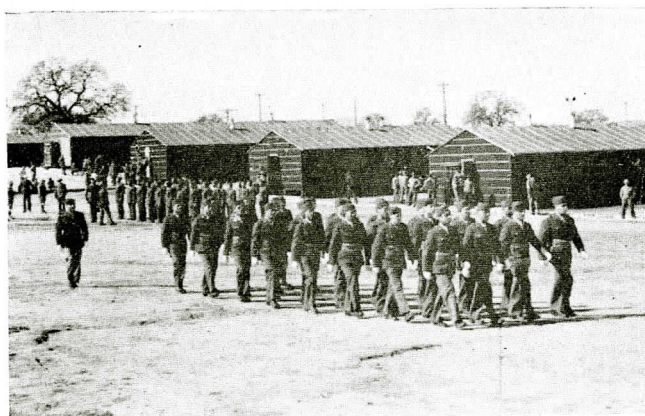


Training

• BASIC



Parade Formation — Camp Kohler



Close Order Drill — Camp Kohler, California

With the coming of the first large groups of men, training began. We didn't know just how long it would be until we started on the way to our assigned mission, and we had to be ready.

This phase was known as team training. It meant the installation of signal equipment and the combined use of that equipment by the men who in later days would work together. We set up class rooms with switchboards, teletypes, and radios. We went out into the field and operated our equipment in tents. And finally we started operating in practice installation as a complete unit.

Men went to Camp Crowder, Fort Monmouth, the AT & T Labs in Chicago, Press Wireless on Long Island, The Presidio of San Francisco, and Camp Davis for the purpose of learning certain special techniques.

Others, who stayed at Camp Kohler, went to work in the two practice signal centers in that camp, the one called Kohler Theatre Headquarters and the other known as 20th Army. These installations operated with a nation wide practice net that included the other signal camps and many field installations.

We used dummy messages, but in every other phase the operating procedures were identically those that we found here in the ETO. The men worked in 24 hour shifts and received much credit for the speed and efficiency with which they worked. These compliments were repeated later when we worked under battle conditions.

Some echelons of the battalion went to Camp Davis,



• SPECIALIST • TEAM

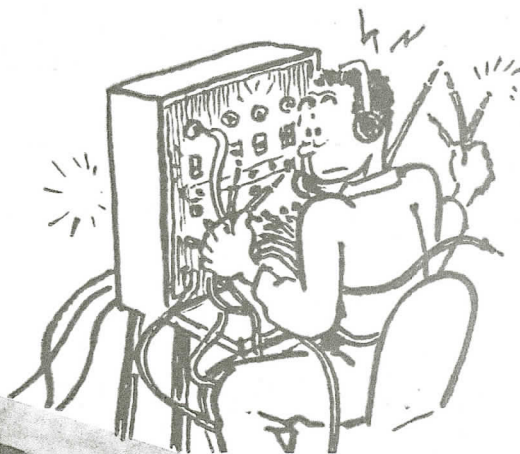
California, and installed a signal center that approximated those we later set up under field conditions. For several weeks the men lived in tents and ate in field mess halls. The training they received under these conditions proved invaluable when we arrived overseas.

Some of the groups went into the mountains in the vicinity of Lake Tahoe, one of the most beautiful spots in California. There they learned how to install equipment in rough terrain and how to live under such conditions.

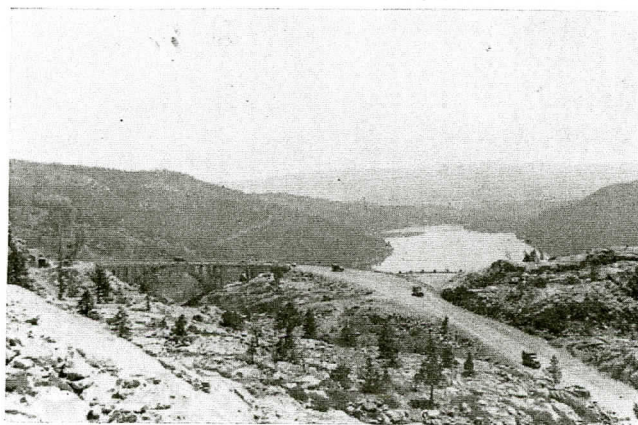
Close order drill, calisthenics, rifle firing and classes in basic infantry subjects gave the men a rudimentary knowledge of warfare so that in emergencies they could acquit themselves as soldiers. More important was the specialist training where the men earned their "spec" number. Eight hours a day teletypists pecked at keys. Neophyte linemen cautiously let their gaffs sink into pine polls, sometimes missing their hold and burning the bark to the ground. By the end of specialist training, each man was qualified to handle his particular job on a signal team.

Still others went to Camp Beale and Hunter Liggett to study operations under conditions of intense heat and in dry, sandy country. They installed and operated lines and radio circuits back to the installions at Camp Kohler, and found that communications could go on under any conditions when properly handled.

These various phases of training continued among the larger portion of the battalion until we were alerted for movement to a post somewhere in New Jersey.

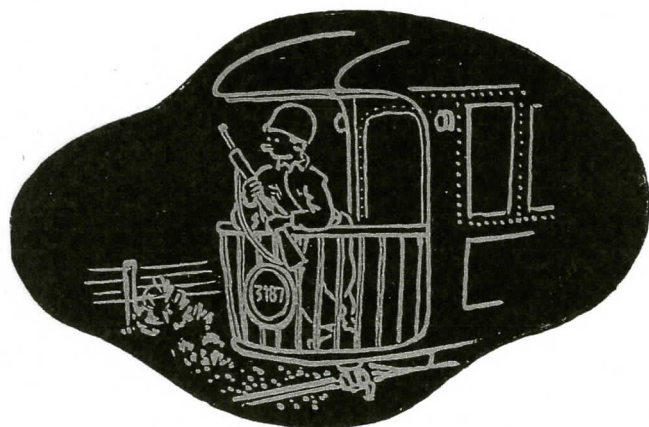


Team Training — Field Operations



3187th convoy on its way to Lake Tahoe, California





Weeks before our actual departure from Camp Kohler, Sacramento buzzed with the news of the battalion's departure. As usual the town knew that the 3187th was alerted, even before the rumor had circulated in camp.

In August we started our packing and preparation. Delays enroute were given instead of furloughs and we were given physicals and shots. The area was deserted except for occasional ball games because everyone within reach was pressed into service loading the box-cars which were to transport our equipment. It paid to make yourself scarce in those days.

After a dry run, the 3187th formed on the morning of September 1, 1944, ready to go. Accompanied by the Camp Kohler Band, we marched from our barracks to the warehouse area where we boarded the trains. When we were aboard, the band gave us a parting flourish and left us to sweat out several hours until the train took off.

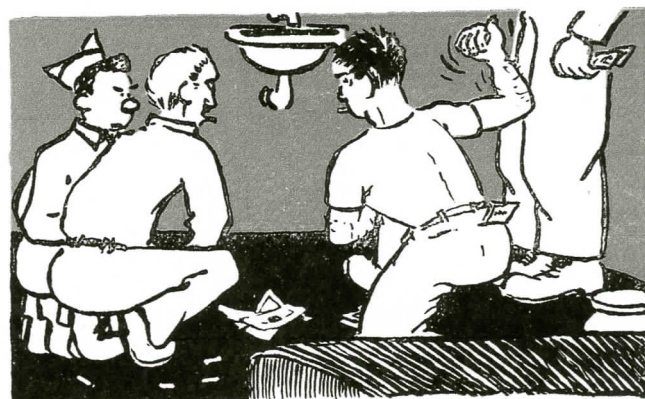
Rumors arose concerning our route, our mission, how soon we'd leave the States — and naturally, they were all wrong. Poker, blackjack, and crap games arose which lasted the full five days of our trip and which were interrupted only by occasional stops at places like Grand Forks and the Chicago railroad yards where we had a

bit of calisthenics to loosen up. Meals also interrupted the games since it was necessary to trek the length of the train to get food and go all the way back to eat it. At Chicago, details such as baggage shifting from one car to another, KP, guard, and fire watch in the kitchen, were posted. Men were restricted to their cars, but on the whole it was a fine trip.

The train was made up for the most part of antiquated Pullmans. There were a few troop sleepers but not an air-conditioned car in the lot. As a result, all windows were open until we came to tunnels, when there would be a mad scramble to close them. We got dirty, everything got dirty — even our mascot pup, Gus, who helped the cooks take care of the kitchen cars.

The kitchen was run very efficiently, even at 70 and 80 miles per hour. Meals were like picnic lunches: we were provided with paper plates, cups, spoons, and forks. The paper cutlery marked our trail across the country.

We passed through some of the most beautiful parts of the United States and saw a cross section of our country. We travelled over the Rockies and Sierra Nevadas, through beautiful forests, past range lands, over Great Salt Lake and the salt flats, through badlands



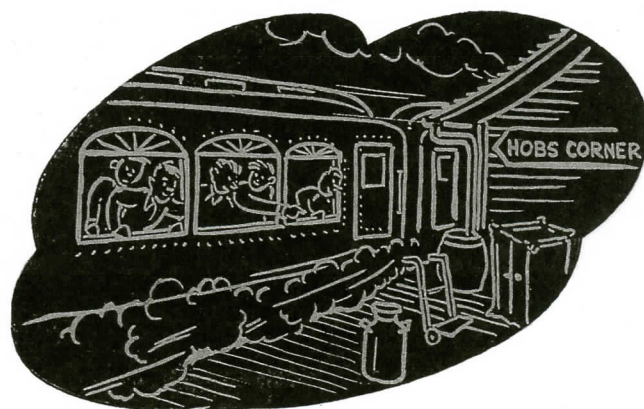
and beautiful farm land, over the Mississippi, and into the industrial areas in Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. We saw what we were going to fight for, especially those men who stood quietly watching and hoping to see their families or friends as the train passed through their home towns. Security regulations had prevented them from notifying anyone of our route and time schedule.

Late on a dark Friday night we pulled in at the Sea Girt station in New Jersey. We lined up and stumbled our way into Camp Edison. After distributing ourselves among the tents and dropping our packs we fell out with our mess gear, were shoved through a quick physical in the early morning hours and were then given chow. After chow, we fumbled around in the dark until we found our barracks bags, and then we finally got some rest.

The next day we organized our camp and started looking around. We found New York, Long Branch, Red Bank, and the Zulu Bar in Asbury Park. We learned that the only differences between the East and West coasts were the better beer, Brooklyn accent, and the climate.

We made a pretense at training but no one was very enthusiastic about it. Purposeless instruction was designed to fill empty hours, to focus the attention of the men on military duties. But we knew we would soon be on our way and we wanted to cram all the pleasure we could into our last few months in the states. The echoes of "Retreat" scarcely died away before crowds gathered around the orderly room to pick up their passes.

In the midst of the summer a hurricane hit, tore down and flooded our tent area and motor pool. It also did plenty of damage to the surrounding territory, and radio teams were dispatched to provide communications for relief work. Then followed a period of full-field and show-down inspections for the alerted First Echelon. A few ratings were given out, and the advance group was re clothed and fully equipped.



Finally, toward the end of October, the First Echelon formed with full equipment and moved off to the trains which were to take them to the POE. Once more a post band with blaring brass attempted to provide a dramatic



background. The remainder of the battalion watched the departure with mixed emotions, some thankful they still had some time left in the states. However, they now knew the SOP for the preparation and movement of the other five echelons. Soon, they would all be on their way.



POE = ETO



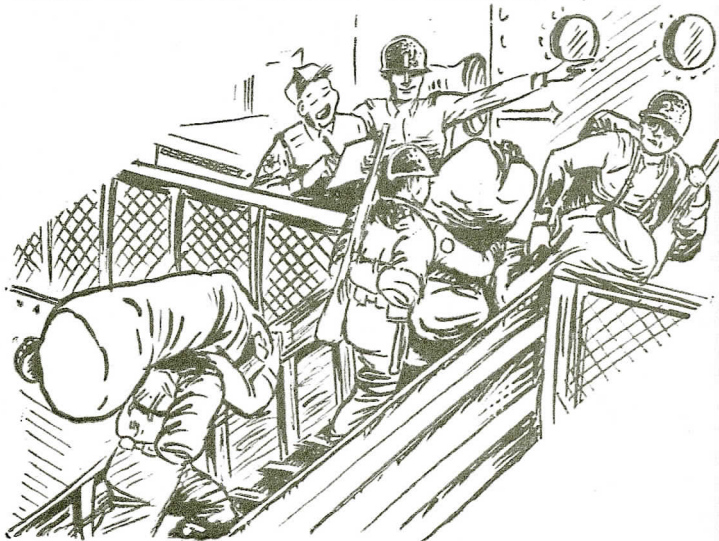
Once in the POE, the battalion was ready for its overseas movement. Two teams from the 3187th were already in Europe: a Photo Lab unit which departed from the states on 26th of May, 1944; the other was a DE (Message Center) team which left on August 10, 1944. That piecemeal movement was to be the pattern for the battalion, which was divided into six advance echelons, to cross the Atlantic over a period of four months.

Tension grows hourly in an outfit alerted for movement. Suddenly, the "Buy War Bonds" posters have a heightened significance. Motion pictures with heroes waving from the gangplank, once deemed melodramatic, now seem personal, factual. Eight-hour passes slipped away swiftly as the men tried frantically to make the seconds count. New Brunswick rocked at the earnest efforts of men being hilariously happy.

Advance Echelon No. 1, consisting of 31 officers and 452 enlisted men, was the first group to entrain for a port of embarkation, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Here, a short time was devoted to a final physical — a very short time. A day would hardly pass without a showdown inspection to check the men for white towels which were allegedly verboten to overseas personnel. Early in the fall morning, the first echelon clambered aboard a troop train, tugged their duffle bags on to a ferry, struggled up the gangplank until the last chalked helmet was on the deck of the "Ile de France", which left New York Harbor on November 1, 1944. This echelon arrived in the United Kingdom on November 12 and established headquarters in Leominster, England.

The PX at the POE was a noisy center of returning ground force veterans and air crews, their leather jackets

a painted record of their missions. Mingled in this happy crowd of men going home, Advance Echelon No. 2 quietly purchased the soap that they heard was so scarce in England and prepared for their trip overseas. Eighty-six enlisted men and seven officers of this echelon were processed at Camp Kilmer and shipped from New York aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" on November 21, 1944.



Hundreds of glowing cigarette tips burnt holes in the evening of the blacked out deck and ringed an unseen accordion player . . . "Night and Day You Are the One" . . . Even more than peaceful travellers outward bound to strange countries, soldiers on troop transports are besieged by sentimental thoughts which crowd out the questions of the uncertain future. They mask their anxiety with flippancy in the long chow lines; mark their confidence with feigned indifference to lifeboat drill; lose themselves in the seeming realities and complications of poker . . . "Beneath the Moon and Under the Sun" . . . But



cloaked in the anonymous darkness of the shullered deck, the men reveal their uneasiness, their worries, their fear . . . "In the Silence of My Lonely Room" . . .

Also embarking on the "Ile de France", Echelon No. 3 left New York on the 30th of November. Much had been heard about English mess, but the third echelon learned that experience is the only true teacher. Coffee lovers were amazed at the various subtle blends and tastes English cooks could achieve with American coffee. Some claimed they had never tasted the like before — others grumbled that if they never did again, that was all right, too.

Processed in Camp Miles Standish, Boston, Mass., Echelon No. 4, consisting of four officers and 191 enlisted men, departed for Great Britain on the "Marine Robin" on December 16. Seasickness is all in the mind. Or at least that is the glib assertion of some medical experts, who have not polled the wan-faced GI, hanging over the ship's rail. Those who grimly determine not to think of the mal-de-mer are the first to stumble towards the latrine, sweat sluicing down sickly green brows. Landing on December 28, the fourth echelon arrived in Leominster the day before the first three groups moved out to staging areas for the voyage across the Channel.

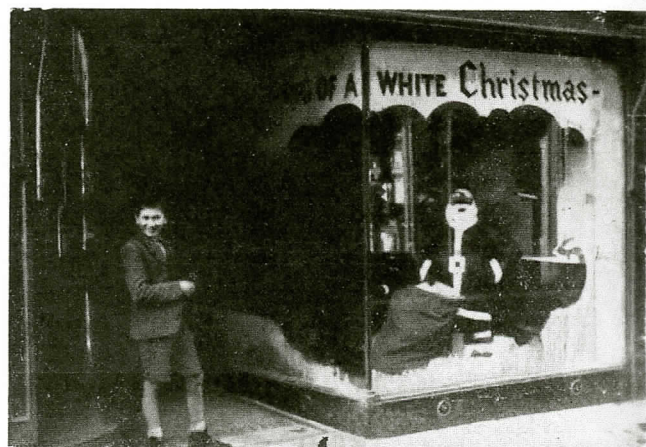
Since 1942 many quiet townships and somnolent hamlets in England have been invaded by the gum chewing, O.D. clad "Yank". On countless High Streets sauntered GI's practicing to pointed perfection the "Hello, blondie!" that was to sweep the continent. Once before, Leominster, a small town in the rich, agricultural county of Herefordshire, had billeted American troops. In November. Lend-lease again affected the town as the various echelons of the 3187th piled their gear on the station platforms and started to search for billets. Headquarters was located in a large country manor, Eaton Hill, just outside of town.



In quiet grandeur the noble manor house on Eaton Hill ignored the gum chewing "Yanks" and their noisy ways

Most of the battalion was billeted by teams in decrepit dwellings of ancient vintage and in long, unused shops. Floors were scoured; shelves erected; lighting installed. To combat the island chill, the men wheedled rusted stoves from harried ironmongers, scrounged for piping in junk piles. In the dark, pre-dawn mornings, Leominster natives turned restlessly in their beds as formations of clanging mess gears filed down the narrow streets to the livestock auction stable where the chow-hall was located. During the day, training was continued as much as conditions and equipment allowed. Classes were conducted.

The men, dressed in their Sunday best with breeches and leather puttees, looked up from their mugs of bitters at the two American soldiers who self consciously walked to the bar. Entering a small pub was like breaking in on a bridge game where you had been the chief topic of conversation; an uncomfortable silence followed. A ruddy faced, middle-aged woman behind the bar slowly slid a rag across the bar wiping away the wet circles of beer glasses. At the soldiers' request she grasped the spoke-like tap, sent beer foaming into the glasses. Change of a shilling . . . certainly. The soldiers moved towards the small fireplace sputtering valiantly to combat the early winter cold. Were the blessings of central heating conferred only on the United States? Perhaps that was what the country needed to thaw its spirit. One old gent turned from the group awkwardly greeting the soldiers with an observation on the weather. Eager to talk, the soldiers moved closer, pulled up chairs. The conversation began disjointedly, soon flowed easily. *The war, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Roosevelt . . . Have a cigarette . . . Tah, was the breathy, Welsh thanks. "Time gentlemen," interrupted the proprietor apologetically, "Time." Chairs scraped. Exchanging handshakes, civilians and soldiers stepped out into the street, dimly lit by a cloud fringed moon.*

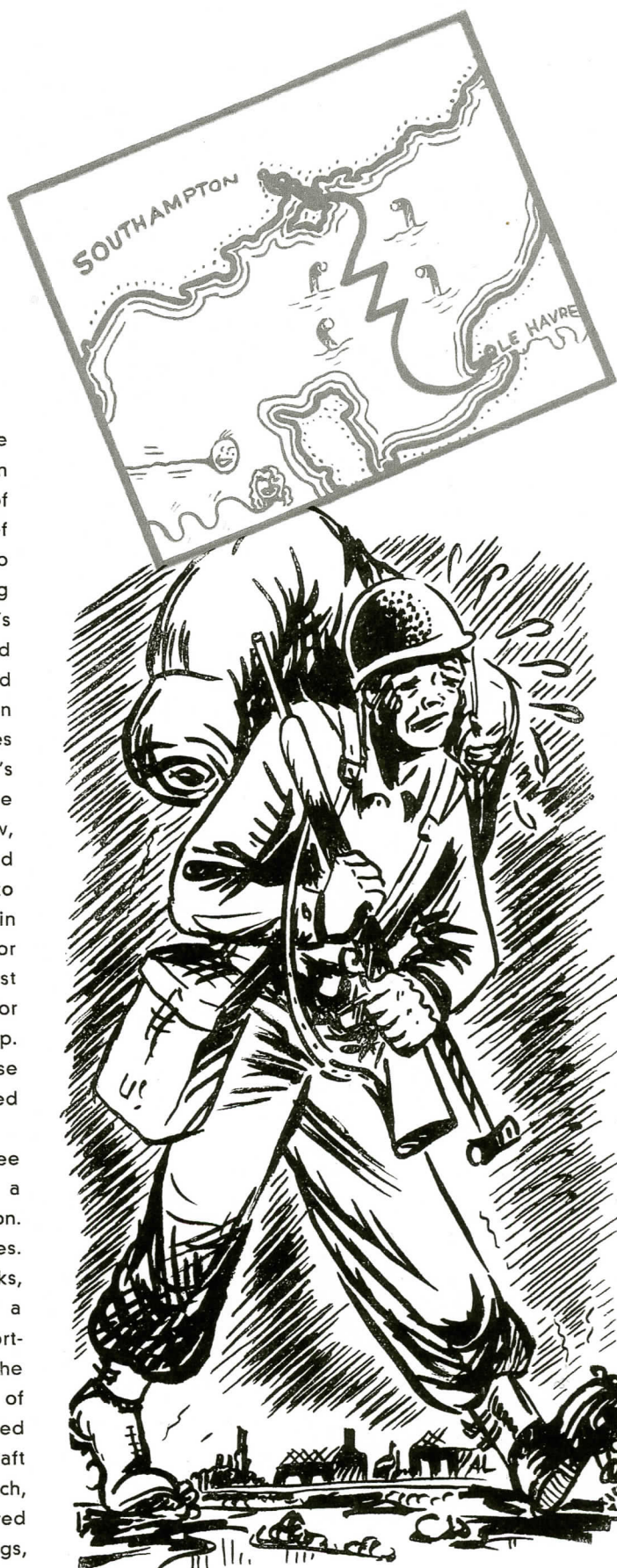


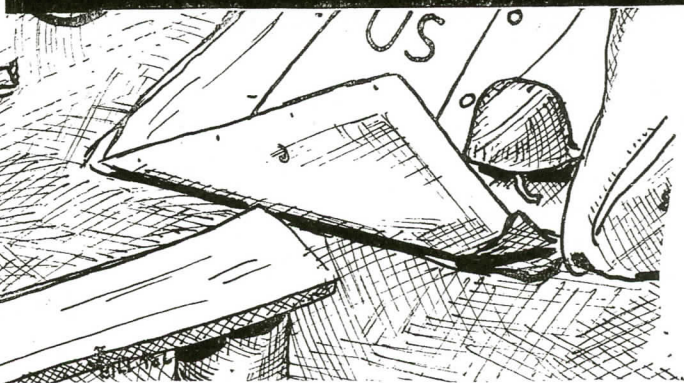
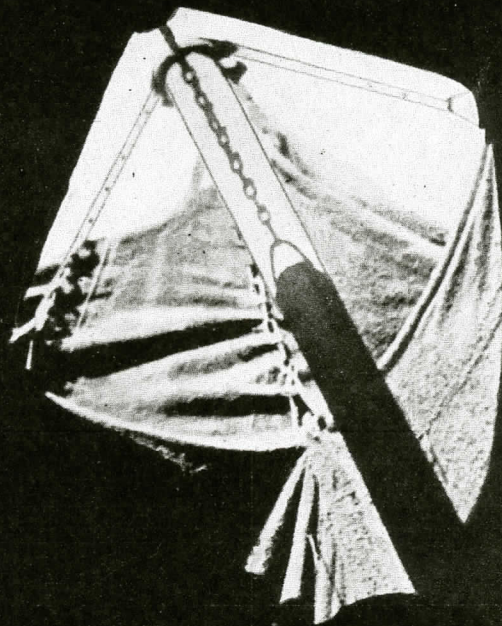
Xmas was not white but our PX window attracted a lot of attention in the staid old city of Leominster

LEOMINSTER SOUTHAMPTON LE HAVRE ROUEN

During the stay in England trucks and equipment were assembled from depots. By the 28th of December an advance party, headed by Lt. Col. Fay, rolled out of Leominster south to Southampton. In the numbing cold of mid-winter, the eighty vehicles skidded and slipped into the transit area; then powerful cranes with roped netting loaded the convoy aboard two Liberty ships. New Year's Eve found the convoy at sea. On one ship, an army band tried to inject a holiday mood into the men. But, propped up on mess tables or swinging in hammocks, the men thought of other New Year's Eves; of the Stars & Stripes headline, solemnly recording the success of Von Rundstedt's push towardt Liege and the fury of the Battle of the Bulge. Unable to stand in the warm quarters of the crew, the men huddled in the hold until the convoy entered the mouth of the Seine River. The voyage up the river to Rouen was a scenic wonder. However, three days in Transit Area X once more blunted the men's love for beauty and nature. After some indecision as to the most advantageous road to Rouen, the convoy headed for Verdun, France, headquarters for the Twelfth Army Group. There the men prepared the billets that were to house the rest of the battalion, excavated the ice-hardened ground to provide outside latrines.

On December 29, the remainder of the first three echelons left Leominster by train and proceeded to a transit camp, called C-19, just outside of Southampton. The excellent cuisine at this camp excites fond memories. On January 3, 1945, after a short march to the docks, they left Great Britain, blithely dismissing rumours of a torpedoed transport. The rejection of this rumour was fortunate for morale, as a transport had been sunk. Late the next day, the transport eased into the shattered port of Le Havre, gliding past scuttled vessels and the crumpled girders of dock cranes. Transfer was made to a landing craft which turned up stream, bore towards a gravel beach, where the landing ramp was dropped. The men staggered ashore with their full field packs and duffle bags,





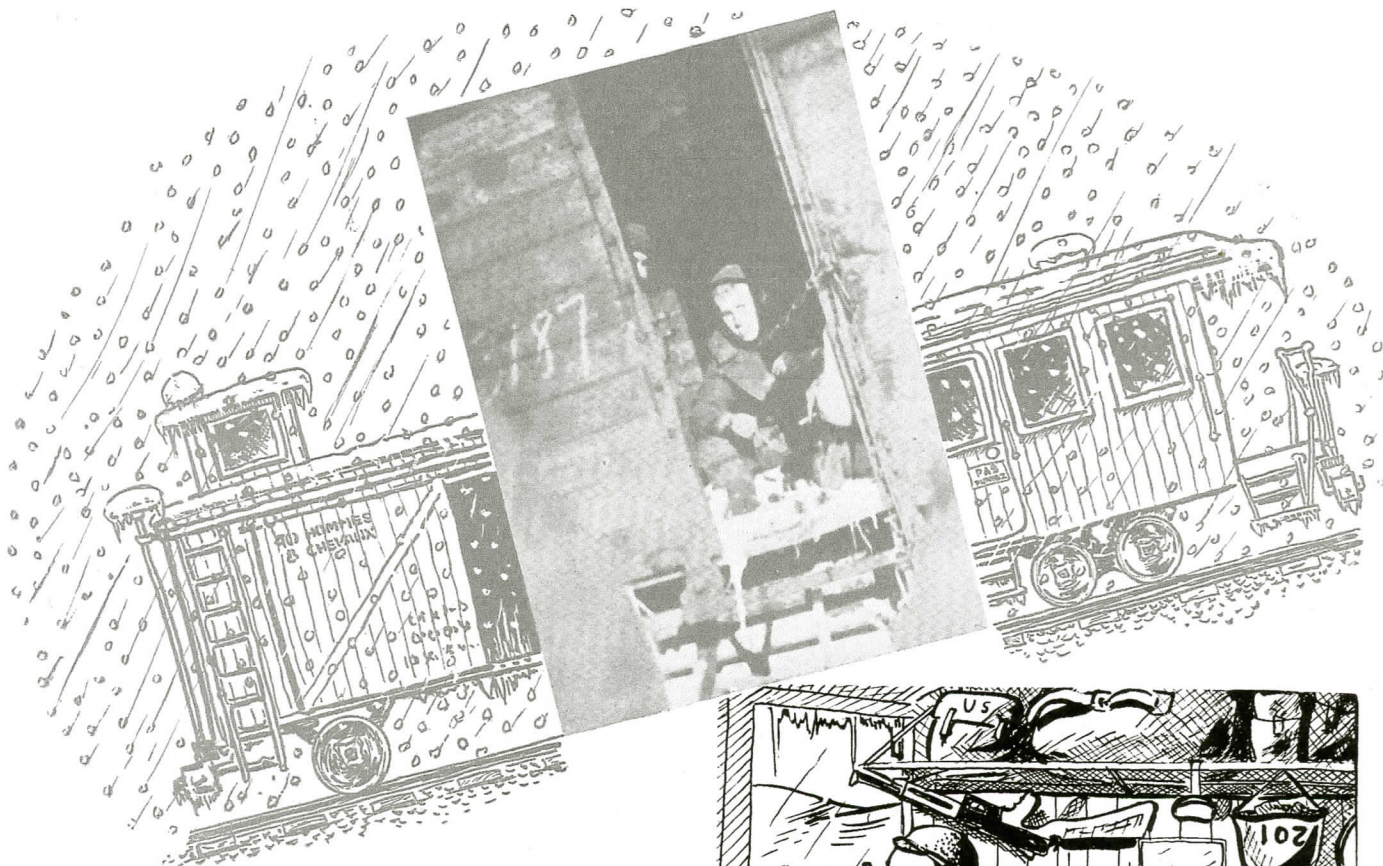
dropping the latter in an assembled heap. Cigarettes were lit in anticipation of the arrival of trucks.

Instead of trucks came the command "Forward March!" Then followed a nine mile hike, which will remain in the minds of the first three echelons as several hours of biting shoulder straps, dragging packs, and burning blisters. All of the tents being occupied in Transit Area B, most of the men bedded down in an open field, moving into tents on the next day to miss several inches of snow.

The days that followed were either spent in blankets or futilely trying to build stoves out of oil drums and flues from No. 10 cans. Every movement outside of the tent was an expedition to be soberly weighed. Minor

details of living mushroomed into major problems for consideration. Was it better to eat chow in the snow or rain while it was hot or should you risk spilling and chilling it on the gumbo path back to the tents? As the men scraped the caked, Normandy mud from their boots, they questioned the quartermaster's boast of waterproof dubbing. As they flexed their toes in the comparative warmth of their blankets, they longed for those overshoes, surrendered at Edison, that had gathered dust under bunks at Kohler. Along the road bordering the camp streamed armored divisions racing to stem the tide of the bulge.

On the evening of January 12, word was given to pack up. Outside the snow drifted to the ground in big gobs.



Things were going to become worse before they got any better. On January 13, 1945, the group entrained for Verdun on 40 & 8's and wrecked coach cars. Windows were hastily requisitioned from other cars standing in the yard. Shelter halves were thrown up where there were no available windows. Duffle bags doubled as seats during the day and as mattresses during the night. Gas masks, musette bags, and carbines heaped up in the passage ways blocked access to latrines. The kitchen was a window ledge and Sterno can. As the train wheezed out of Le Havre station, the men were wagering on the number of days it would take to reach the destination. An unshaven corporal penciled a "1" with his finger on the frost crusted window to denote the first day on board train. Three more digits were to be scratched on that window.

"Everyone is to sleep with their helmets on and their carbine close at hand." The officer picked his way through the coach over stacked barracks bags and reclining men. "Every night for the last two weeks a Kraut plane has strafed the run from Reims to Verdun. Don't return fire when you're on the train. Wait for it to slow down, then jump clear and return fire. OK, got it?"

The men shifted uneasily. A few basic training statistics raced in the mind: one bullet in every square yard...



a .50 cal. slug will go through nine inches of planking. Translating thought to action, a PFC pulled down his blankets from the roomy baggage rack near the ceiling and settled himself on the floor.

The train stood still more than it moved. Time hung heavily. The men concocted new recipes, scooping up snow in their mess cup and flavoring it with chocolate

VERDUN 1945



The bitter winter winds blew through the barracks at Eagle Rear

powder. After five days travelling, a begrimed, dirty, frozen outfit stiffly clambered off the train and marched into Eagle Rear in a straggling formation.

The remaining echelons, Nos. 5 and 6, were also on the move during this period. After processing at Fort Hamilton, Echelon No. 5, consisting of 15 enlisted men boarded the "Brazil" on January 3rd, and sailed directly to France, landing at Le Have January 16. From there they went to Camp Lucky Strike, where they remained three weeks awaiting transportation. The last leg of the journey was made by truck convoy, and the echelon arrived in Verdun on February 7.

One month later on February 5th, Echelon No. 6 with 12 officers and 221 enlisted men left Camp Kilmer and the states aboard the "Arawa". They landed at Avon, England, on February 16, and then went by train to Andover Junction, where they remained about two weeks. The next destination was Le Havre and Camp Twenty Grand where they spent two more weeks before taking the 40 & 8's to Verdun, arriving on March 3rd.

The movement of the entire battalion was now complete. The jump-off point of Verdun had been reached. From here the men of the 3187th fanned out through Europe with the armies of the Twelfth Army Group.



But as the seasons changed...



We found comfort in the old military academy



The various echelons of the battalion went into operation upon their arrival at 12th Army Group Headquarters. Personnel were placed on duty chiefly with the Ninth and Fifteenth Armies. Others went on duty with the First and Third Armies.

Headquarters of the 3187th was assigned to the Twelfth Army Group from the day it arrived at Verdun. The same was true for various elements of the four companies. The former administered, and the latter was concerned with Eagle Signal Center operations.

The Signal Center was located in Eagle Main, a few blocks from the battalion's billets at Eagle Rear, formerly a French military academy. Message center, teletype, telephone, radio, and cable splicing personnel supplemented the 302nd Signal Operations Battalion.

The traffic was extremely heavy as most of the lines from Com. Z, ADSEC, and SHAEF to the armies funneled through Twelfth Army Group Headquarters. Poor weather, jamming, and the uncertainties of German equipment hampered operations. The radio repairmen at the transmitting pool were busily engaged changing frequencies and making quick repairs to keep their sets on the air.

The greatest part of communications in the ETO was carried by wire. Every day from 300,000 to 400,000 groups went across the teletype lines at Eagle Signal center. The teletype and switchboard operators worked steadily at hard shifts. These men and their work have little headline interest, but their labors were vital in the war machine.

The terse challenge, "They shall not pass!" and a grim chain of grave-crested hills had made Verdun famous in World War I. The tide of World War II eddied around that city and had merely ruffled it. Its railroad yards were of paramount importance in bringing supplies to the front. Convoys skidded and slipped over the icy streets. GIs sauntered along the main drag to swivel-neck at brightly rouged mademoiselles and tried to investigate the authenticity of their fathers' escapades in '18. They wandered into shops, phrase book in hand and haltingly translated the battered signs of closed tourist bureaus... "Visit the Shrines of the War to End all Wars."



Verdun, France, between wars



World War I cemetery of Douaumont is internationally famous



The first 3187th troops to enter the city lived in tents on a bleak hill-side a few miles from town



We were taught use of the .50 cal. machine gun in anti-aircraft defense



Later troops relaxed in chilly, stone floored rooms at Eagle Rear



In off duty hours we toured the famous city and bought souvenirs in its picturesque stores



Power for our communications at Eagle Main came from a specially designed diesel generator on wheels



"Private Battle of the Bulges"

FAMILY

Standing, L. to R.:—Hugh Stuhler, Edgar Holmes, Richard Baker, Arthur Dickson, Harold Chaffee, Paul Hough —
Kneeling:—Alan Riefe, Eugene Gualano, John Kirwin, Louis Conte, Robert Wells

Standing, L. to R.:—William Daniels, John Terloskey, Will Alowin, Henry Barber, Joseph Cereghino, Ernest Madison, Laverne Bergman —Sitting:—John Kovacsosky, John Promen, Laurence Lesser, Robert Guice, Louis Moratti, Manuel Desnet



Standing, L. to R.:—William Steed, Ronald Smitherman, Robert Ostenberg, William Arnold, Arthur Agababian, Ralph Edwards, Delmar Skokan, Gerald Hill —Sitting:—William Ehrhardt, Kenneth Kilgore, Jack Christianson, Eugene Stair, Theodore Ellenoff, Joseph Ciaccio

Standing, L. to R.:—Murrie Godfrey, Chauncey Boyer, Carl Forsman, Will Ziemer, Francis Jeziorski, Lavern Borah, John Nelson, Vincent Boccia, Frank Callahan —Sitting:—Oscar Haughn, Ralph Sher, Richard Holden, Gus Kimball, Leonard Walsh, Walter Browning

ALBUM



Back, L. to R.: — Raymond Powell, Nathan Bushnell, Bartlett Jones
Front: — Frederick Butzke, Anthony Zacharevich, Norman Lee

Standing, L. to R.: — John Dwyer, Edgar Marburger, Edward Mergen, William Holohan, Lawrence Delaney, Chester Gifford, Ralph Carter, Thomas McConnell, Perry Coleman, Fred Kaiser, Charles Boudreaux, William Blodgett, Aston Cole --
Sitting: — Lester Bernstein, James Cahill, James Daily, Walter Lee, John Keltner, Duncan Henderson



Fred Teske, Lt. Melford Taylor, William Schaefer, and Andy Hiriyovati giving Stanley Stala a "GI Fitting"



Back, L. to R.: — Norton Taylor, Ray Bryan, Albert Bennett, Ewald Hartmann, Edwin Husk, Charles Beck, Richard Smith, Theodore Thoele, Glen Hines, Charles Feldhake, Lawrence Holman — Sitting: — Newell Adams, Donald Dunstedter, Harry Casmer, Donald Burk, Jess Gose, Elwood Pierson



Back, L. to R.: — Charles Birkemo, Lawrence Mangold, Dale Searcy, August Sehy, Carlos Dodge, Edward Stern, George Goodwin, Thomas Kenney, William Rollins, Richard Rolsen —
Sitting: — William Tol, Donald Carroll, Gene Overholt, Harold Niles, Herman Schertel, Albert Friday





Down through the massive pyramid of army organization reaches the binding web of communications. From the probing strand of field wire at the advance artillery OP to the heavy underground cable of higher echelons flows the intelligence that gives direction to armies.

The story of this battalion is a small, but vital chapter in the record of the communications that linked together the armies of the 12th Army Group, as they pressed eastwards into Germany. It cannot be written to a flaming background of rushing action, for the theme is the round-the-clock industry of men shooting trouble in a carrier bay, encoding messages, oiling teletype equipment, ringing to the distant Aachen switch, or fingering a bug.

As the war progressed the value of VHF stations became increasingly apparent. Radio circuits could be installed more quickly than wire; the communications thus afforded by VHF were usually the only means of contact for some time. Eight mobile radio teams were given training in VHF and were assigned to a group that was to become Dog Company on June 7, 1945.

Throughout the war, the company furnished communications from "Tac" to the First, Third, and Ninth Armies, continually tearing down the station at one site and then racing against time to move to another location.

Several times during the war, before they joined the battalion, the technical training of the men became secondary in importance to their knowledge of infantry tactics. All the lessons that were learned in basic—and many more—suddenly became more than manuals and training films. During the "Battle of the Bulge," two stations were surrounded for five days by the Germans, but continued to operate. Only when the enemy advanced to within seventy-five yards of the station did the men evacuate their position. On another occasion, in the closing stages of the fighting, one station was attacked during the early morning hours by a group of German infantry, but after an hour, successfully repulsed the enemy.

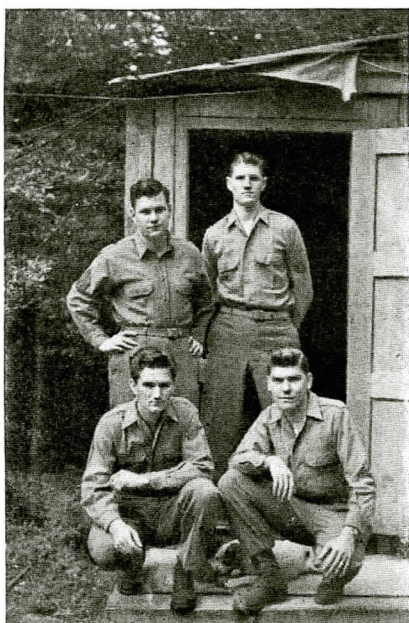
The VHF teams are proud of several technical feats: During the period between the 19—26 December, 1944 the VHF circuit was the only means of communication between Twelfth Army Group Tac and the First Army. Another achievement was the circuit installed between Victor Radio, Bischofsheim, and Jig Radio at Zugspitz which was unofficially the longest VHF circuit on record.



VHF school in Paris



Chow at Berlin

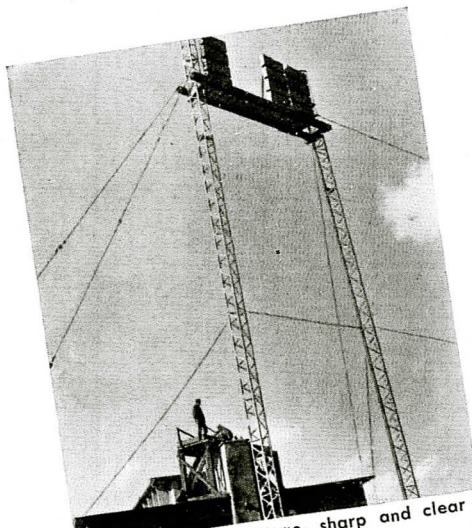
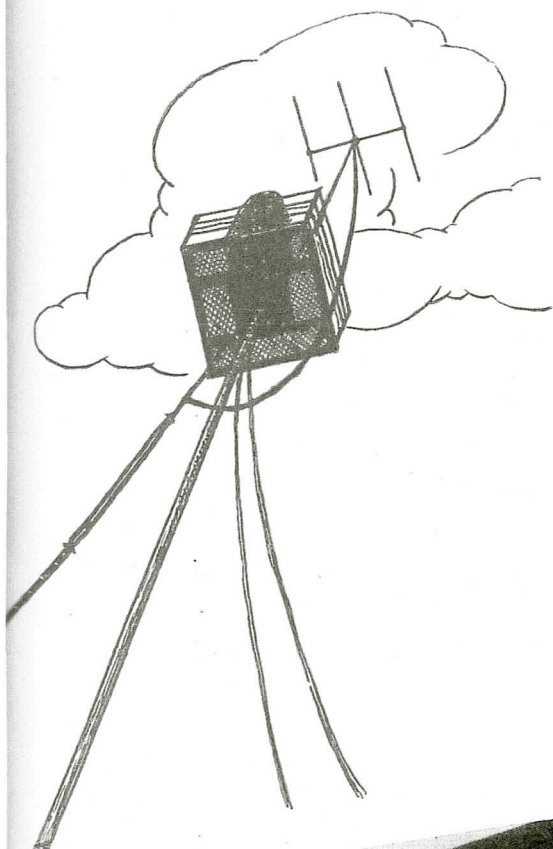


Men of Love Radio



Example of VHF men at their best





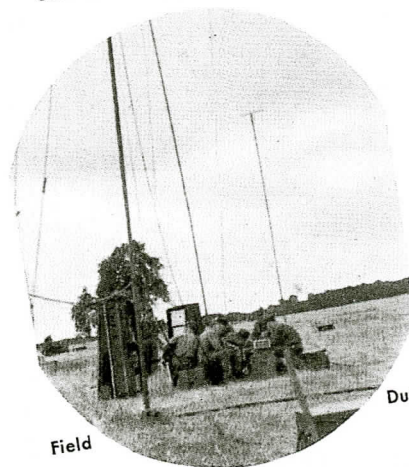
Out goes the message, sharp and clear



Smiling "Dog" Company Joes

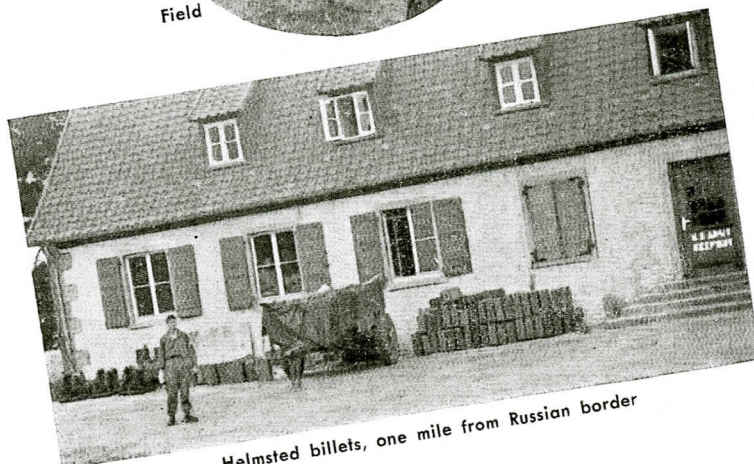
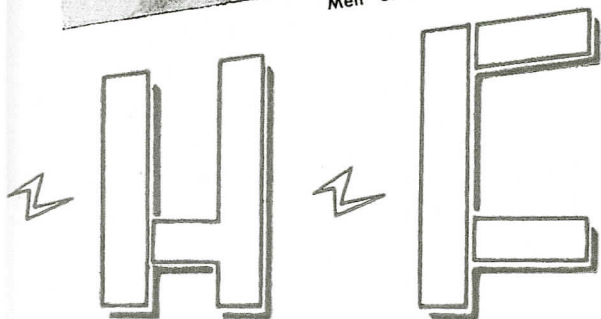


Men of Jig Radio



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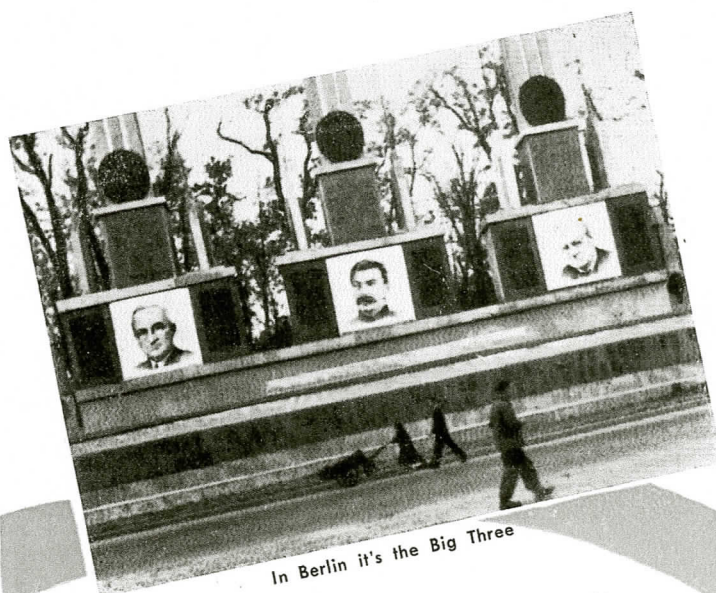
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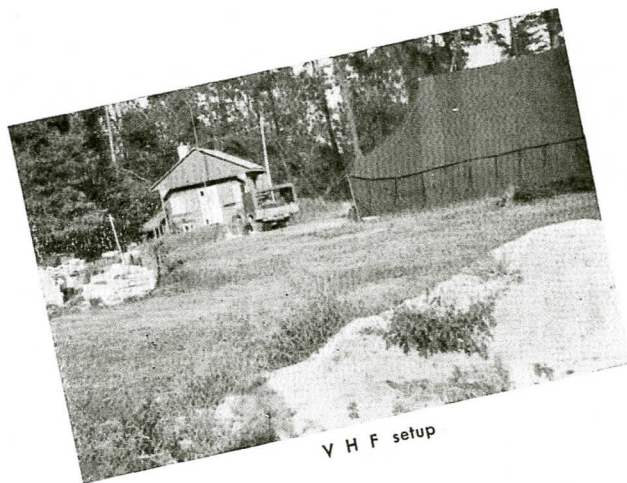
Helmsted billets, one mile from Russian border

What will probably be remembered with pride, especially by those who operated the Berlin terminal, is the circuit installed for the "Big Three" meeting in July, 1945. For the operation of this circuit they were highly commended by the Signal Officer of the Berlin circuit.

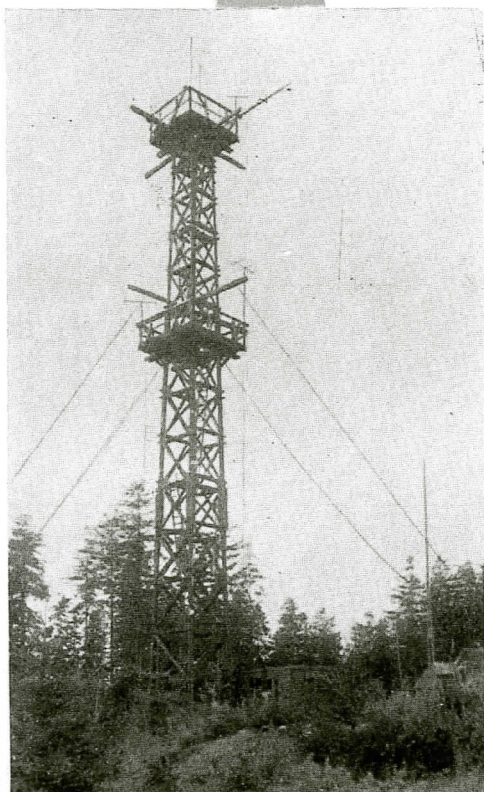
With the dissolution of the Twelfth Army Group, these teams were assigned the task of furnishing VHF communications for USFET Headquarters. In all, there were 1300 miles of such communications, and the company was operating almost 1000 miles of it. During the major part of this period they were set up to handle only 400 miles, and there was barely enough personnel for that. At the present time, there are circuits terminating at Frankfurt, operated to Bremen, Berlin, Bad Oeynhausen, Nürnberg, Bad Tölz, Heidelberg, and Paris. There is also a circuit, handled by the company from Dover, England, to Boulogne, France. Relay stations at Schotten, Kassel, Druxeburge, and Belzig were erected to maintain six channel, radio-telephone equipment. Covering such vast distances with so few men, all necessary army jobs called for versatility and ingenuity on the part of Dog company. Spreading almost 500 airline miles from east to west and 400 miles from north to south over Europe, the men from Dog Company feel themselves sophisticated citizens of the world.



In Berlin it's the Big Three



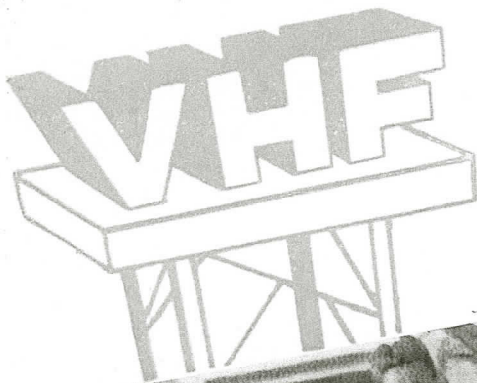
V H F setup



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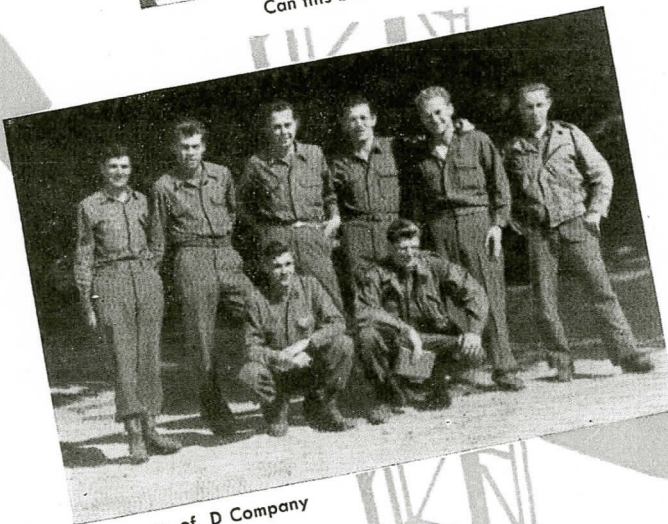
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Can this be the army?



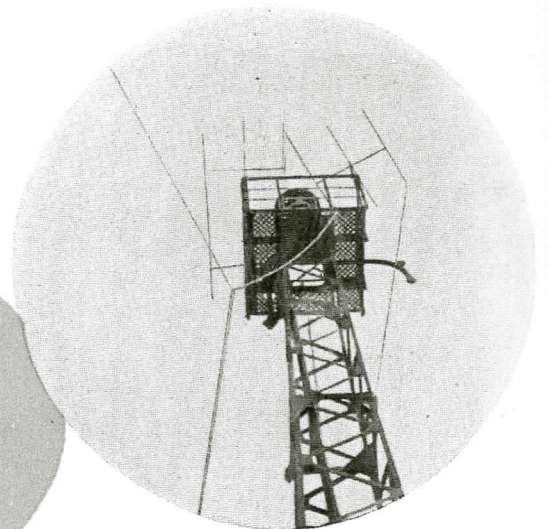
The men of Nan Radio



More men of D Company



The men of How Radio





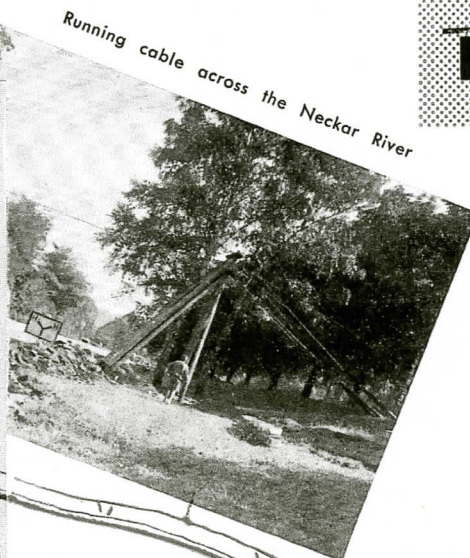
This is rough on cable crews

Buttressed by the seemingly inexhaustible resources of the United States, the Army has acquired a tradition for devil-may-care wastefulness. However, when it comes to signal equipment and cable, careful accounting has been necessary. To conserve valuable supplies of American cable and repeater equipment, a detachment of cable splicers left Verdun on February 21 for Aachen. They were to convert German equipment from Aachen to Cologne, and that assignment lasted until April. Much of this work while done under fire remained permanent.



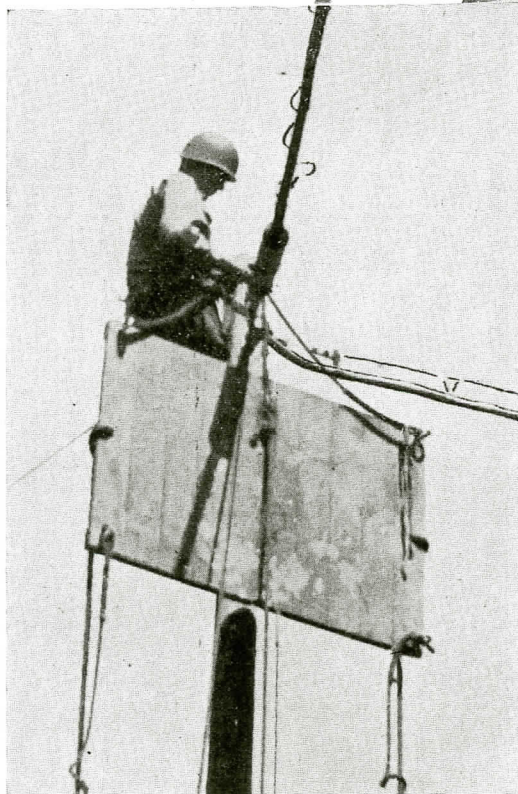
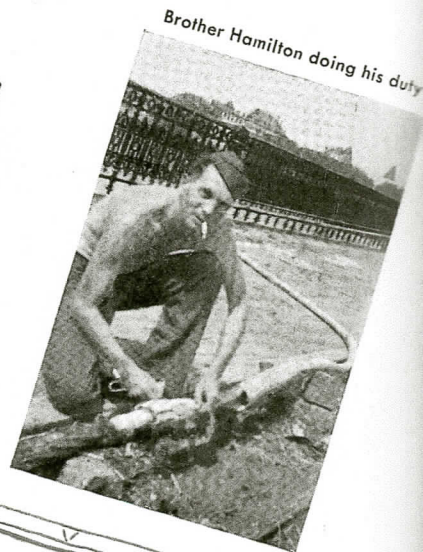
Crossing the Moselle River

Running cable across the Neckar River



More than

Brother Hamilton doing his duty

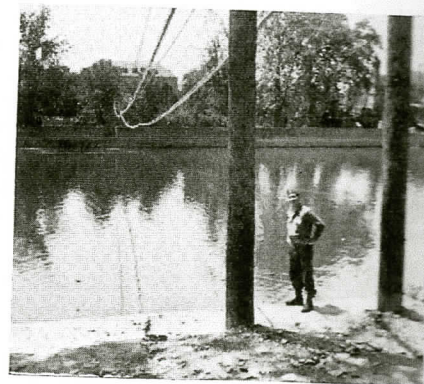
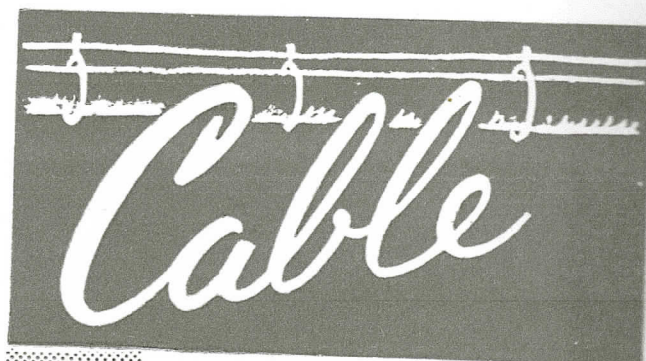


Aerial Cable over the Danub

After V-E day, their primary mission was to maintain and repair the German cable lines from Frankfurt to Berlin and to Munich. To date approximately 135,215 circuit miles have been rehabilitated. This work has carried several groups of men far into Russian territory. In fact, the small repeater stations, such as Berlin, Eisenach, Weimar and Weissenfels, contain the only American personnel in the Russian zone. On many occasions the Russians call on the Americans for technical advice in operating the German equipment.



C Co. team on their way up front

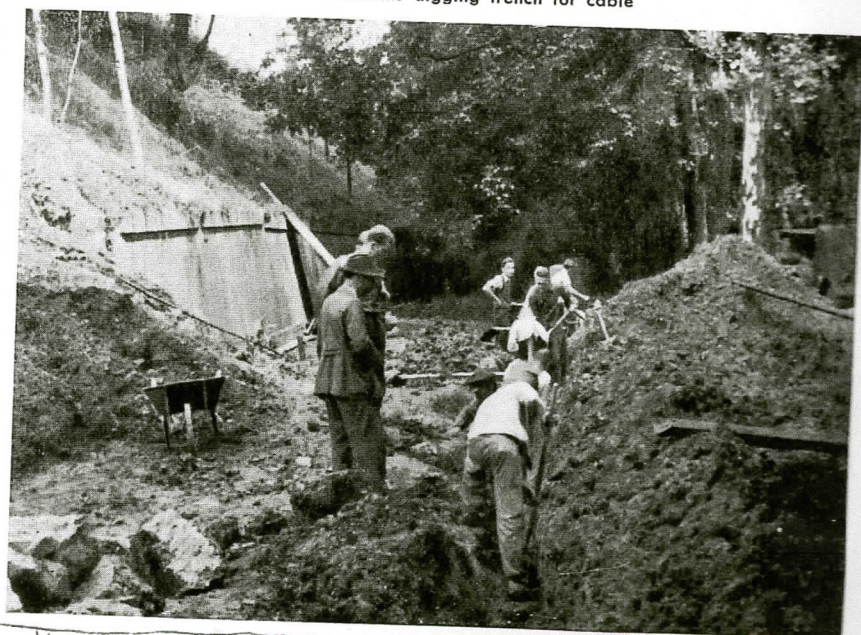


That's good work men

135,215 Circuit Miles



Buzzing cable in Stuttgart



Germans digging trench for cable

BERLIN-WEIMAR-EISENACH



Eisenach Repeater Station



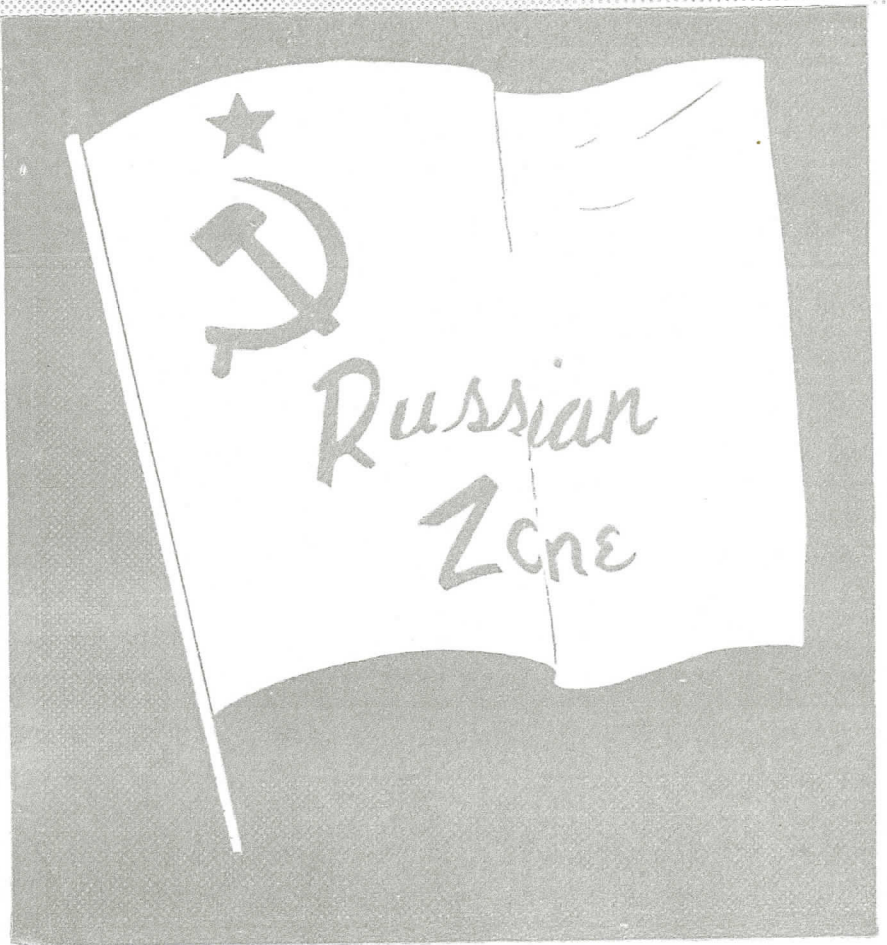
Weimar Repeater Group



Berlin Repeater Group



Russians and Americans share the facilities at the Eisenach Repeater Group



Frankfort Repeater Group

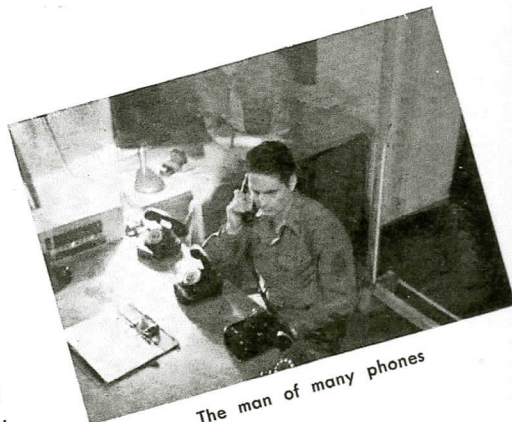
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REPEATERMEN

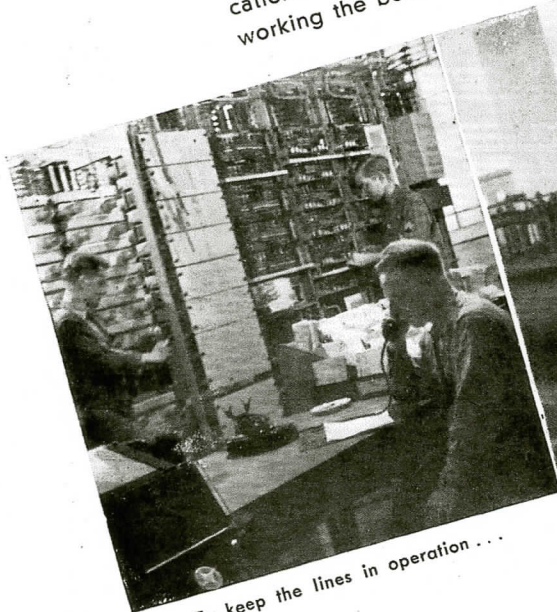
German personnel is also utilized with the Americans supervising. In Leipzig forty Germans were employed in maintaining the repeater station. Guarding this installation were Russian guards who had to answer with their lives to the commandant for the safety of the equipment and the lives of the GI's. The men soon grew tired of being under such close surveillance, although they could understand the personal interest.

The Germans exercised a great deal of ingenuity in building their repeater station camouflaging them as civilian homes. A man and his family lived in the home with the repeater station installed in several rooms. This was the case in Motzenhoffer, Bayreuth and several other places. GI's now live in those homes which are also occupied by the Germans. In the American zone, Frankfurt and Augsburg are centers for large repeater stations.

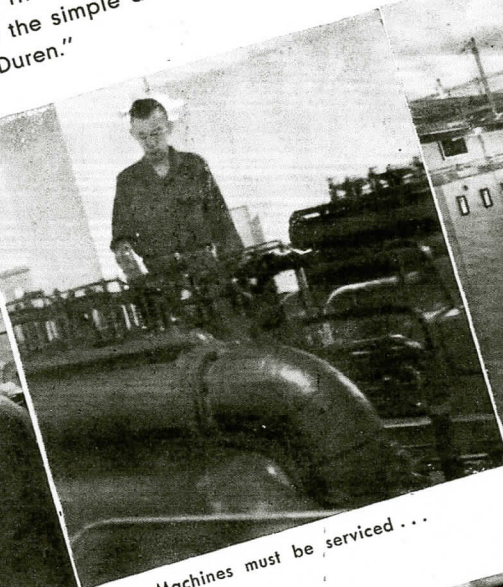
To the men operating at Twelfth Army Group Headquarters meaningless letters like JEPF and impersonal words like TRIUMPH became clothed in the personality of the battalion's detachment which were working the other end of the line. The tangled skein of communications was reduced to the simple denominator of "Joe's working the board at Duren."



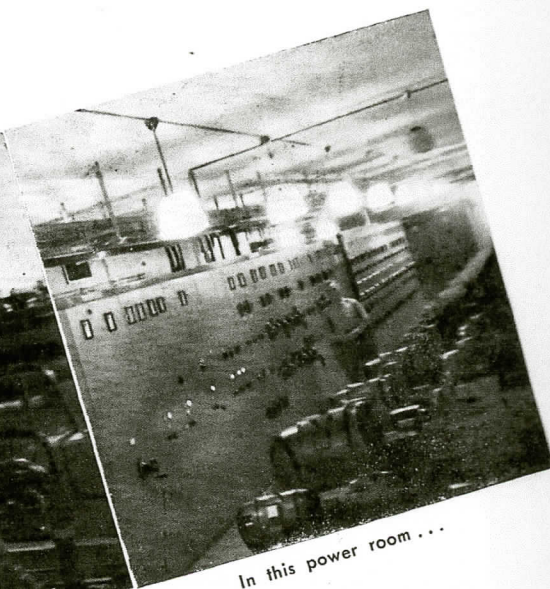
The man of many phones



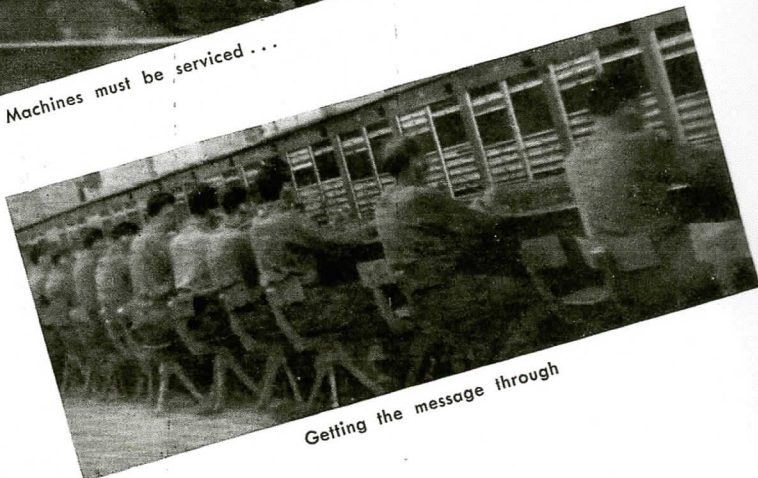
To keep the lines in operation...



Machines must be serviced...



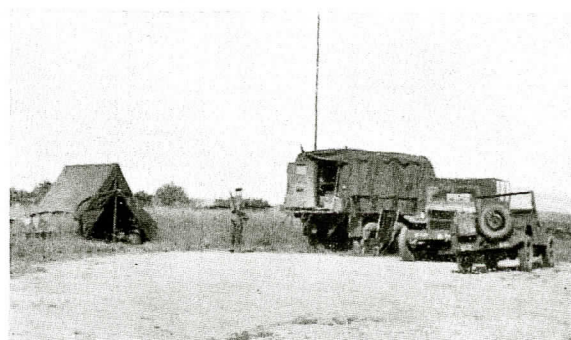
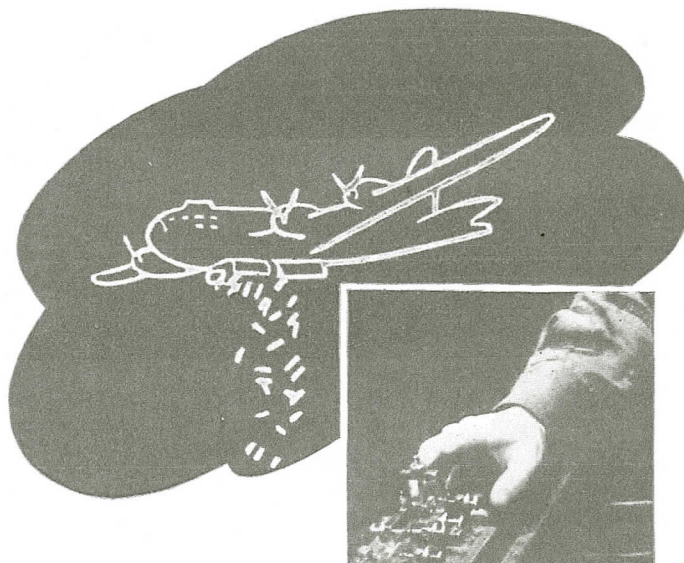
In this power room...



Getting the message through

Twelve mobile radio teams left Verdun early in March for temporary duty with units of the Ninth Air Force. These teams set up, operated, and maintained circuits for the G-2 section. Teams were sent out to the various echelons of Tac air forces, air commands, bombardment divisions, and reconnaissance groups, all of which were subordinate to the Ninth Air Force Advance Headquarters.

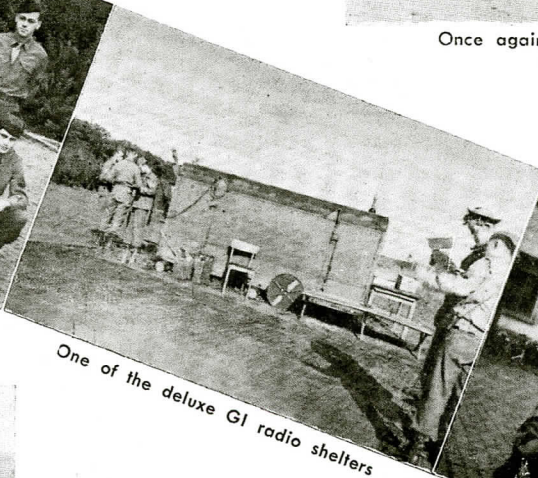
One team joined the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group which was located in Charleroi, Belgium. In swift succession the team moved from Gemund to Limburg and finally to Eschwege in Germany. Their mission was to report aerial observations to a bomber group back in Belgium. As their last official observation, the team witnessed and recorded the last German plane shot down in World War II. Other teams were similarly employed in relaying information concerning targets from observation squadrons to bombardment groups. Once the last bombing run was made, there was little need of mobile radio stations to spot check the bombardier's accuracy. Consequently, the teams reported to headquarters for new assignments. Where assignments were lacking, men were trained in new specialist's numbers and added to the over-burdened sections of the signal center where the traffic is given to the means.



Once again begins the unpleasant chore of installing aials



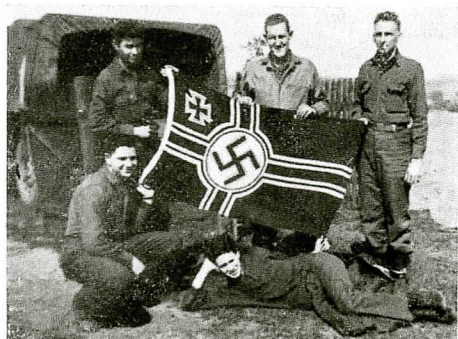
Fixed station radio operators



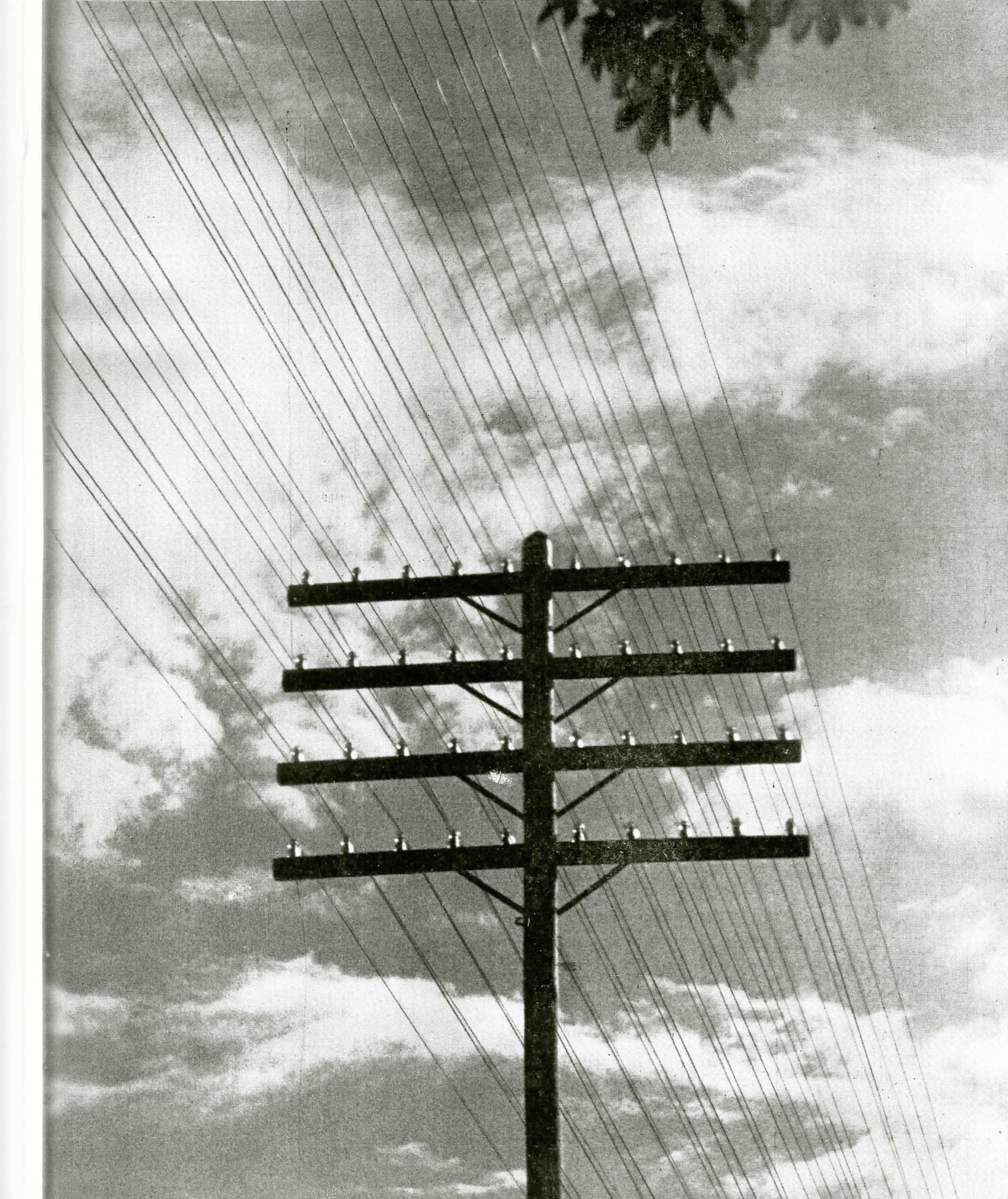
One of the deluxe GI radio shelters



Mobile station radio operators

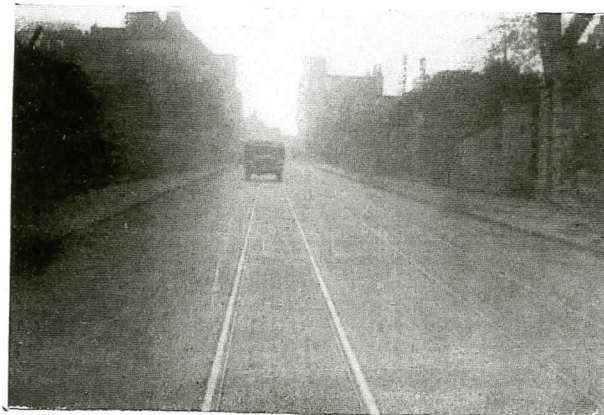


Dit-Da conquerors proudly display a captured Nazi flag taken in Haltern, Germany





Land of the Guilder, Wooden Clogs, Giant Windmills...



Rolling into Maastricht on Jan. 22 revealed a liberated city of disillusionment

MAASTRICHT,

Assigned for temporary duty with the Ninth Army Headquarters, a detachment of eighty-five men and five officers headed by Lt. Daymon Passmore and M/Sgt. Walter Lee left Verdun on January 22 and arrived in Maastricht, Holland. At that time both rear and forward echelons of the headquarters were in Maastricht. Communications were being maintained by the 310 Signal Operations Battalion.

For two months, the detachment stayed in Maastricht, working in message center, radio, teletype and telephone. Holland traditionally was the land of the guilder, wooden clogs, giant windmills, and rosy-cheeked children skating on the Zyder Zee. In the winter of 1945 Holland was a hollow-cheeked nation, half liberated and looking anxiously to the north where the Germans were still firmly entrenched.



Children's Catholic School complete with Empty Tavern served as an American Billet



Hart, Brink, and Smith trying to paint the town with watery beer. Don't let that bottle fool you

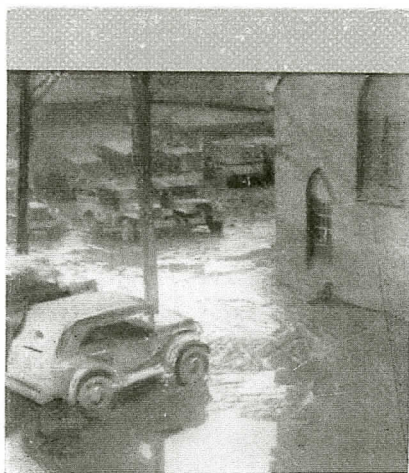


Cold winds and snows found us . . . always

HOLLAND

By late winter, after a desperate struggle, American forces had taken München-Gladbach. Ninth Army moved into Rheydt, a suburb of München-Gladbach on March 20. Part of the detachment remained at Rear in Holland to maintain the flow of communications until Main headquarters was functioning. By having one echelon of a headquarters leapfrog another, there was always an echelon to bear the brunt of work and communications. In this fashion the ponderous administrative machine of an army headquarters could keep within a reasonable distance of its forward elements.

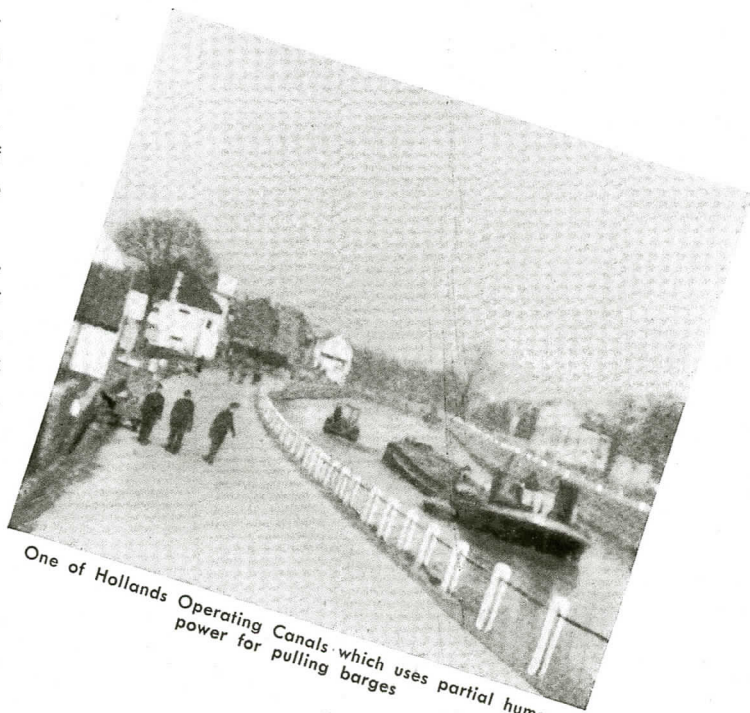
As American troops plunged deeper into Germany, carrier and repeater stations had to be set up to bolster the already overdrawn tenuous lines of communication. Motor messengers from headquarters had to travel, at times, 160 miles, to reach the rapidly advancing Corps Hqs.



Occasional Thaws made the Areas a sea of Soupy Mud



Dodson, Beauvais, and Radcliffe made G.I. cuisine a pleasure



One of Hollands Operating Canals which uses partial human power for pulling barges

MÜNCHEN-GLADBACH



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D. S. LIFE

1 GI APARTMENT ROW
IN MÜNCHEN-GLADBACH

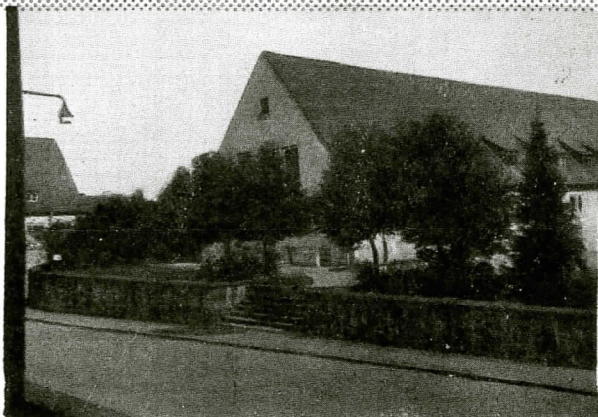
2 HAROLD BEAUDRY HUDDLED IN
HIS SECURITY HUT SURROUN-
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3 LEE, CARTER, AND HERBERT
GIVE THE FAMILY WASHING
MACHINE AN OVERHAULING

4 MAXWELL TAKING BROWN,
FILIP, SMITTY, PFEIF, AND JEN-
SEN TO THE SIGNAL CENTER

5 EUWEMA, SKOKAN, CURRUN,
EDWARDS AND GORDON
POSE ON A DESERTED CORNER

MÜNSTER, GÜTERSLOH



The Hermann Göring Luftwaffe college and barracks became the detachment home

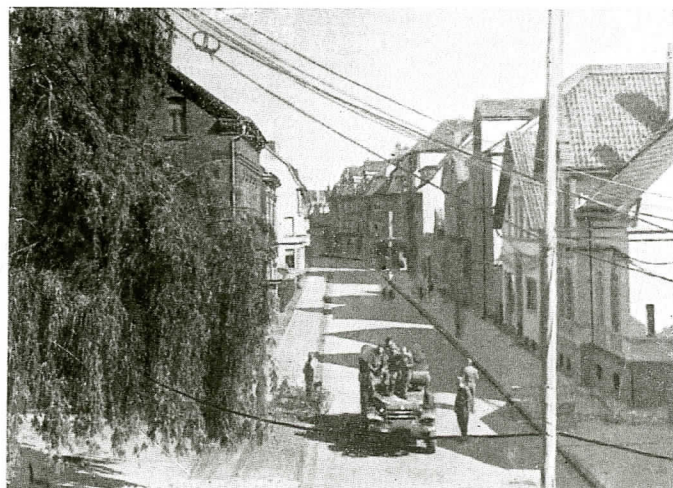
On April 18, headquarters again moved to Munster and was billeted in the Hermann Göring Luftwaffe College. During their free time the men tried to find the combinations to the impressive safes located in the buildings or else bedecked themselves in the fancy uniforms of the German Air Corps. The 97th Signal Battalion was now operating for the Ninth Army; this battalion was Lt. Passmore's old outfit when he was an enlisted man.

The last move was to Gütersloh on May 15, and as operational traffic dropped off, the detachment was recalled from duty with the Ninth Army and returned to the battalion being highly commended for its fine work by the Chief Signal Officer of the Ninth Army.

A shower of plaster pelted his back as he hugged the floor of the cellar. Curse that Kohler instructor who said switchboard operators dont go down below division. Another 88 landed up in the street, and the building rocked. The Krauts probably had a neat little circle on their tactical map of Rhineberg and had marked it off as a regimental CP for the 75th Infantry Division. It was quiet; the heavy stuff stopped although you could still hear small arms fire from the enemy 2,000 yards forward. He got up uncertainly and went back upstairs to his switchboard.



Lt. Daymon Passmore poses Texas style on the steps of the Gütersloh Sig. Center



Gütersloh street scene with Msg. Cen. in trees, and billets across the street



Wiesbaden bound convoy stops on the Autobahn — note deer crossing symbol ahead



Wehrmacht loses another motorcycle



Standing, L. to R.:—Forest Goodrum, William Hoogendyk, Wilfried Warmington, Dean Ence, Arnold Voss—
Kneeling:—Irving Chroman, Edward Taylor, Stanley Corak, Wesley Shellhammer, William Ware

FAMILY

Standing, L. to R.:—Fred Denny, Peter Kisley, Donnel Kuzenga, Birgil Coleman, Don Brassfield, John Waugh, Arthur Radiszewski — **Sitting:**—Channing Miller, Charles Harnlerood, Ralph Garnto, Joe Angello, Thomas Ruiz



Standing, L. to R.:—Robert Naregan, Robert Bryson, George York, Donald Hemphill, Eugene Mayhew, Floyd Cavanaugh, Lawrence Bowman, Leonard Everett, Harold Cottrell, William Watkinson, Charles Kennedy, William Henderson, Max Benjamin, George Lund — **Sitting:**—Harold Beaudry, George Jensen, John Thompson, Budd Gail, Winston Strain, A. Bloom



Back, L. to R.:—Ben Shatz, Wade Pool, Edward Leonard, Joseph Robertson, Charles Ferguson, George Tallman, Wayne Minium, Ronald Becker, Bernard Apol — **Sitting:**—David Finn, Samuel Parker, Eugene Martin, Everett Omohundro, John Brenk, Albert Haskell



Back, L. to R.:—Floyd Bixton, Manley Davis, Ernest Bachshas, Donald Smith, James Walker, Saul Sherer, Elward Lowe, Robert Spangler — **Front, L. to R.:**—William Budholtz, Orton Hoorn, Gordon Bent, Dorman McFaddin, Carroll Green, Edward Casper, Scott Grover

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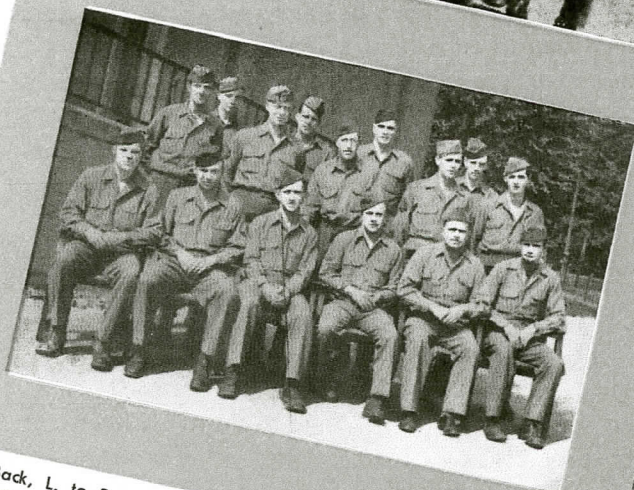


Medic about to become a patient

Back, L. to R.:—Capt. William Nylin, Artie Nichols, Jack Henson, Capt. Deane Farley—**Kneeling:**—Roy Schmunk, George Seelig, Rubin Kaplin



Standing, L. to R.:—Frances Himmel, Robert La Porte, Joseph Kaiser, Ellis Miller, John Sauer—**Kneeling:**—William Chandler, Dale Gullikson, Lester Fisher, Merwin Forster, Victor Nicholas



Back, L. to R.:—Joseph McMullen, J. C. Jones, Frank Billman, Bradford Burge, John Collar, John Erickson, William Fowler, Kenneth DeJong, James Johnson—**Sitting:**—Arthur Dahle, Harlan Arens, Will Stramler, Arthur Johannesen, Melvin Goodering, Edward Jaggers

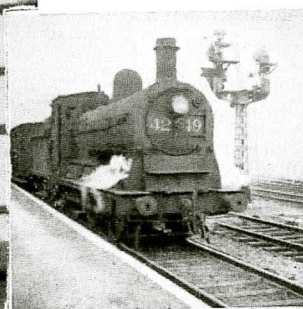


Standing, L. to R.:—James Ryser, Clarence Brown, Harold Smith, Linus Dreiling, Leonard Doll, Budy Harrell, Lowell Maxwell, Horace Swaim—**Kneeling:**—Henry Pfeif, Edward Klile, Harry Behrle, Albert Carter, Frank Webster, Robert Dohrer, Earl Henderson

BELGIUM



Main street in Houyet. Note the telephone ad that welcomed the Signal Corps



No. 4219, late as usual



Local R. R. station doubling up with the motor pool

Enshrouded in secrecy the Fifteenth Army had moved across France to establish its headquarters at Suippes, where they were organizing to move into Belgium. Several days after the first echelon had arrived at Verdun, a detachment of 85 men under the command of Lt. Elmer Willhelm and T/Sgt. William Holohan, were sent to Suippes to supplement the 303rd Signal Operations Battalion which was then handling communications for the Fifteenth Army. The detachment was composed of message center personnel, teletype and telephone operators.

The 303rd had installed a signal center for an advance detachment of the Fifteenth Army at Dinant, Belgium, but had destroyed that installation and retreated as Von Rundstedt's divisions rolled towards the Meuse River in the Battle of the Bulge.

The stay at Suippes was highlighted only by the arrival of overshoes, and just in time. Toes began to thaw and wiggle feebly. A few malcontents complained that they were issued two right boots. However, all their weeping was to no avail, as they began their movement to Belgium by truck on January 26.

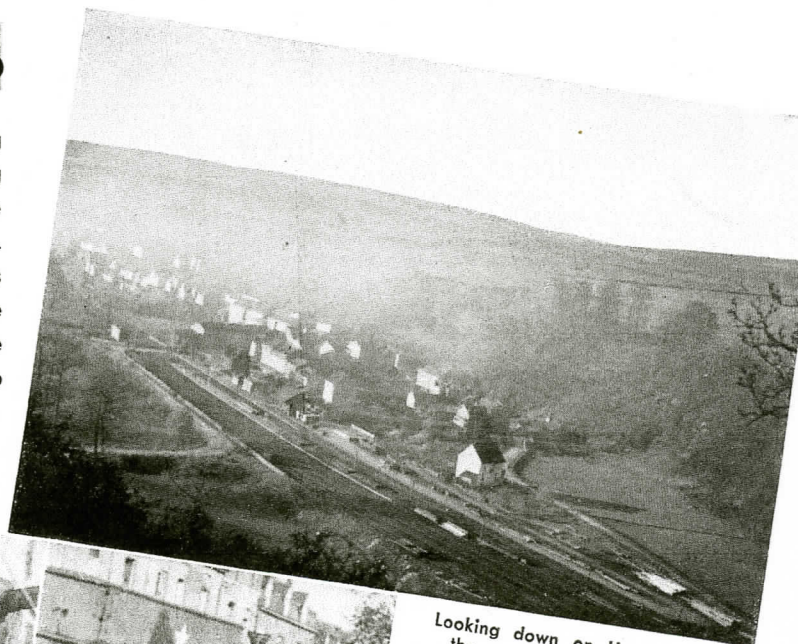
The central headquarters of the Fifteenth Army was located in Dinant; Forward was located in the Chateau d'Ardennes, at one time the palace of King Leopold.

The troops who operated the Dinant installation were at first billeted in a Chateau along the bank of the Meuse River in Waulsort, but early spring flood waters forced them to move into a hotel in town.

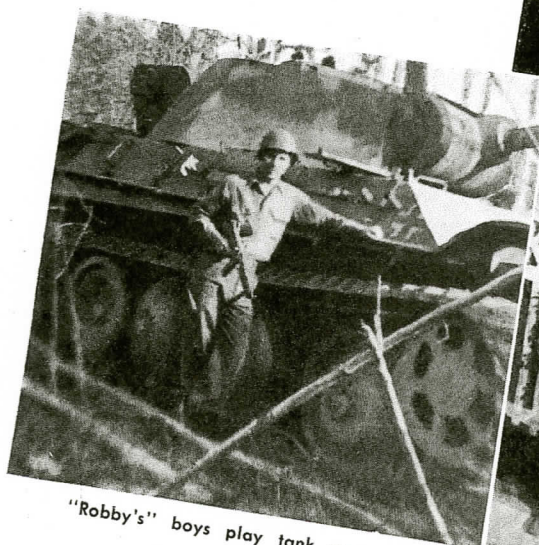
The other section of the detachment, moved into civilian homes at Houyet, a small farming community near the Chateau d'Ardennes. Each Belgian family greeted the soldiers billeted in their home as members of their family. The little pot-bellied stoves located in the all-purpose kitchen, living, dining, and utility room became the favorite spot of GI's who had not been very warm since the day they left a dreary, and wet old England. Each home had the equivalent of a connecting garage that housed the undeclared livestock so badly needed in the large cities. Pigs were born, lived, and slaughtered without ever seeing an outdoor pigsty. The orderly room was located in a down-town hotel, but the men thoroughly enjoyed the lack of communication between top-kick and detail personnel. Military courtesy suffered and the almost forgotten civilian niceties once again came to the fore. On washdays GI's and husky mademoiselles wrestled with the hand washing machine, with the mademoiselles laughing and the soldiers, as usual, cursing aching backs and serious cases of dishpan hands.

HOUYET-ARDENNES

Signal traffic, heavy for the Fifteenth Army was acting as an administrative clearing house for troops landing in France and Belgium. The men were first assigned to the Fifteenth until one of the other armies requested them. In the latter part of the winter, the Fifteenth Army was building up its unit strength for an early summer drive where, as a fresh army, it would have an important role in any forthcoming push. Circuits were extended to various Army, Division and Corps Headquarters.



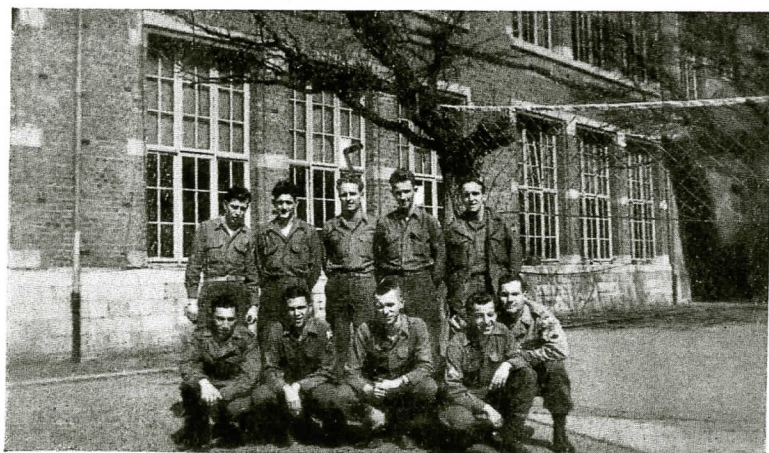
Looking down on Houyet from the grounds of the Chateau



"Robby's" boys play tank crew



Swanson, Drerup, and Hemphill pose as the "Three Blind Mousequeeters"



Loaned 3187 personnel get their picture snapped with 303rd message center men in Dinant



"The lowing herd" moves slowly over what is left of the lee just outside Aachen going to Bad Neuenahr



Rambler detachment of 82 men who operated and maintained signal center at 15th Army Hq.

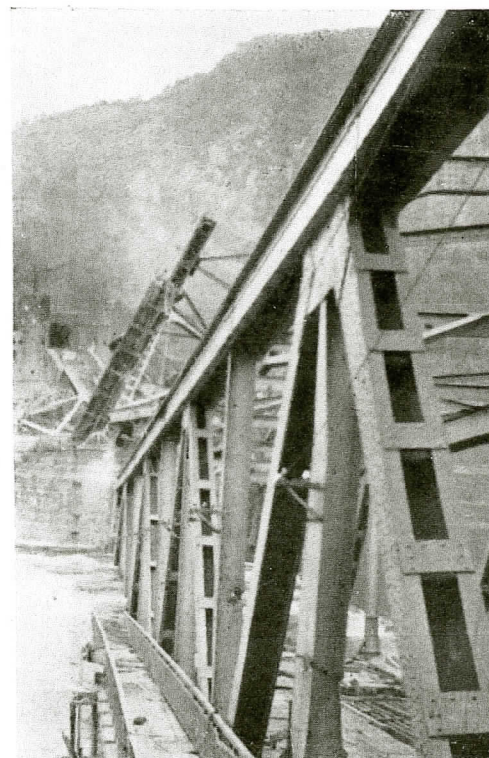


Moving forward from Houyet, Belgium, to Bad Neuenahr, Germany

From the top of a truck it was possible to look out over the whole town of Duren



Blanked topped tables indicate poker or payday. This is payday with Capt. Tankersley, Lt. Buchanan, Lt. Simmons



The Wreckage of historic Ludendorff Bridge across the Rhine at Remagen site of American breakthrough, 4 km from Bad Neuenahr

After the west bank of the Rhine had been secured, the advance echelon of the Fifteenth Army moved into Bad Neuenahr, a small resort town between Bonn and Coblenz. The signal center was established in the offices of a bathhouse, with a VHF station nearby. Employing a complicated relay system, (more flash than a trick pin-ball machine registering "Tilt",) the teletype maintenance men installed a dial system which linked printers with perforating machines.

Cascading sheets of winter rain sheared through the night and clawed at the window. The T/4 shook his head ruefully and went back to his carrier bay to check his lines. On a night like this with wet cable and with lines grounding out as the wind rubbed them against trees, there would be plenty to do. The teletype trick-chief would probably blow a fuse himself. A sharp br-r-ring jangled the stillness of the small room. Fault control was on the phone, "A low flying L-5, trying to get home, just cut a cable that crosses the Rhine at Andernach. It'll be some time before it's in again." He put the phone on the leather case and walked towards the window.

The end of the war saw the Fifteenth Army in an occupational capacity. Traffic dropped and circuit after circuit was closed. In August, the detachment having been complimented on its work, returned to battalion hq.



Procession of women and children honoring special Catholic church fete, being held for first time since 1939



Routing mail at physical message center with Lt. Willhelm, Ashton Cole, Don Hemphill, Bill Holohan



Lt. Vermillion, Tom McConnell, and Bruce York searching for action addressees in electrical message center



Radio teams at Bad Neuenahr where high in the hills with their station at a German lookout tower



Standing, L. to R.: — A. A. Sperling,
W. F. McManaway, J. P. Batchelder
Sitting: — R. J. Schwimmer, H. Rehm

FAMILY

Co. B Officers — Standing, L. to R.: — Elmer Willhelm, John
Tobin, George Lager, Frank Perz, Arthur Neuwirth, Herbert
Buchanan, Eli Frysinger, Robert Wiley, Louis Lemoine,
Daymon Passmore, Wayne Vermillion, Thomas Kipps, Robert
Schnapp — Sitting: — Donald Ruhl, Harold Davidson, Richard
Tankersley, Eli Wallenmeyer, Shelby Henson, Rud. Thompson

Standing, L. to R.: — Milton Pohlmann, Fred Millard, Hayden
Gilliand, Lyle Church, Louis Anderson, George Froming,
Clifford Paynter, Laurence Dimmett, George McMullen, Orin
Watson, John Lagorio — Sitting, L. to R.: — Virgil Barton,
Leonard Murphy, William Supernaw, Edwin Husk, Worth
Coffey, Kenneth Halter



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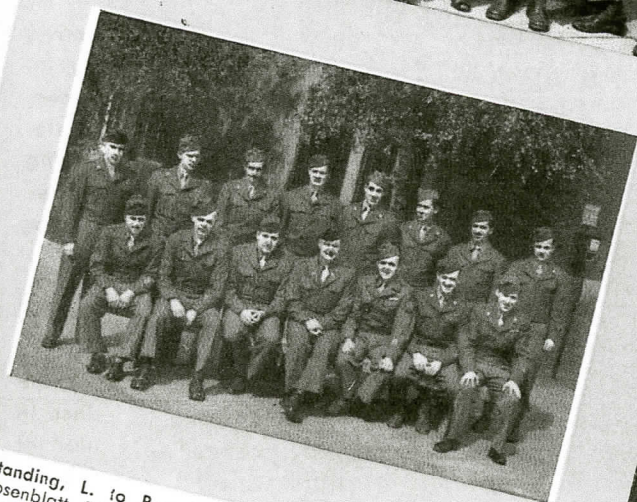


Standing, L. to R.:—Gerald Ahrens, Jack Kattz, William Lesko, Jack Misner—Kneeling:—Fred Edgeworth, George Zeppenfeldt, Edward London

Standing, L. to R.:—Lloyd Rodlin, Clarence Armstrong, Paul Cline, Eldean Glebe, Stanley Brockway—Sitting, L. to R.: Stanley Dale, Gene Massone, Ernest Cude, Lt. Edward Kahl, Walter Iverson, Charles Ruengert



Standing, L. to R.:—Charles Polvino, William Moody, Earl Meinershagen, John Meredith, Donald Butler, Morris Kessler, Joe Beatty—Kneeling: Anthony Rossi, Ralph Young, Norman Horton, Fred Hahn, Anthony Zacheravitch



Standing, L. to R.:—Paul Brown, Sherman Pyle, Emanuel Rosenblatt, Edgar Baumann, Peter Gherardini, Robert Harker, Leon Rosenthal, Stephan Werbek—Sitting:—John Celletti, Harland Kreutz, John Cassone, Leroy Philipps, Elmer Keppler, Joseph Fitzsimmons, Tom Lenahan



Standing, L. to R.:—Leo Goldstein, Yale Ginsberg, Reginald Skiles, Irwin Cohen, Saul Weller, Joseph Lane, Peter Blasberg—Kneeling, L. to R.:—Eugene Keitz, Wilfred Penfold, Charles Asa, Irving Brush, Foley Smartt

WIESBADEN MILITARY

On the rainy morning of May 4, the battalion entrucked for Wiesbaden. Rambler headquarters was to be a former SS Police Kaserne in Biebrich, a suburb of Wiesbaden. A great improvement over the barracks at Verdun, as the buildings had steam heat, working latrines, showers and — to the delight of T/5's and PFCs, Polish DPs to do the KP.

Sometime later Baker Company and ten Able Company teams moved into the Taunus and Central Hotels which were located in the heart of Wiesbaden. The Taunus Hotel and the compound were favored with a well appointed bar, stocked with liberated champagne, schnapps, beer etc. Clever dealing with champagne factories in the French area increased the daily ration of the old grape.

The cellar was dark and dank. His fingers felt their way along the rough, unfinished basement walls. These damn advance party deals, he thought to himself. He had been in Wiesbaden for four hours — and all of it spent on detail. Not one moment off so a guy could contact a fräulein, or maybe negotiate for a Luger or Leica. And then that stripe-happy staff had suggested scrounging in the cellar for mattresses. An outstretched hand touched planking in his path . . . a heavy door. It swung open with surprising ease, and he stepped inside carefully. This would be a helluva place to keep mattresses, he thought and struck a match. It flared brightly for a second until a strong draft blew it out. Excitedly, he fumbled for another match. Were those really wine bottles, he wondered. He again struck a match, shielded it, and looked around. There must be at least three thousand bottles — filled with champagne. He wrestled the neck of the bottle . . . These advance parties aren't so bad.

With the battalion's personnel scattered all over Europe, the administration teams had many problems. Orders and pay had to be delivered each month throughout the ETO. The dispersion of personnel naturally affected the mess teams who also split up to go along with the various detachments. To reach the detachments in the field, the mechanics of Headquarters Company had to keep their vehicles in fine shape notwithstanding the worst weather conditions and shortages of equipment. From the day they received their vehicles in Leominster, the mechanics have been busy keeping them rolling. The maintenance of men, more important than machines, have kept the medical teams, occupied in swabbing throats, giving shots, and handing out pills. Throughout the long winter, queues of men filed through the dispensary. The dental clinic, was also engaged in caring for the men's teeth aggravated by army chow.

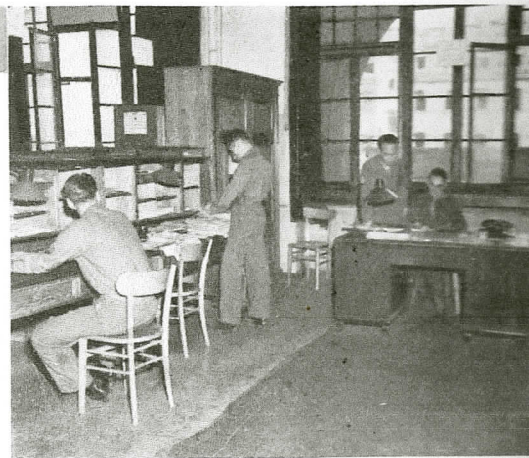
The Signal Center in Wiesbaden was located in the town "Postamt". The selection was a wise one, since in Germany most postoffices also perform the function of PT & T buildings. Some conversion, was necessary to adapt the German equipment to our circuits, but the telephone teams soon restored the civilian dial exchange and coached the German wiremen.

Shortly after the Battalion's arrival, the war ended. Signal traffic started to die down as the armies of the 12 A Gp, began redeployment and occupational duties. Various detachments returned to Rambler headquarters and by August, 1945, operations had practically ceased. The Twelfth Army Army Group dissolved and some of its units went home. The 3187th then took up its occupational role under the command of Wiesbaden Military and USFET.

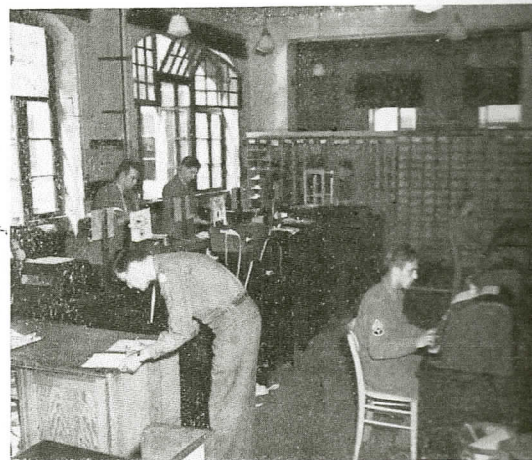
SIGNAL CENTER



Carrier bays are vital to communications and must be maintained constantly



Message Center — hub of communications



Over these machines go hundreds of thousands of words each

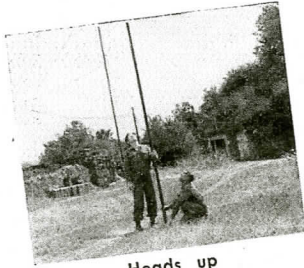


Signal Center and Taunus Hotel on Rhinestrassé.



Signal Center Guard getting eyeful while on duty

TRANSMITTERS



Heads up



Inspecting the set-up

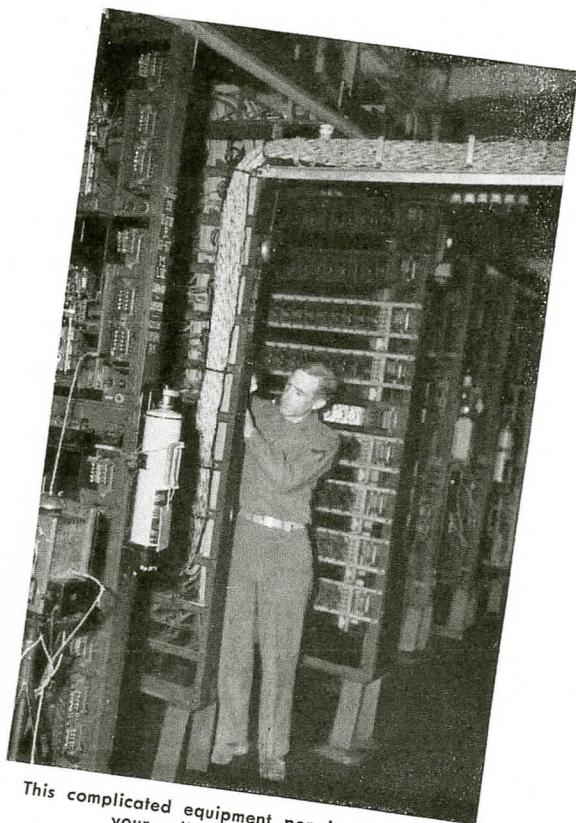


Preparing the circuits for transmission

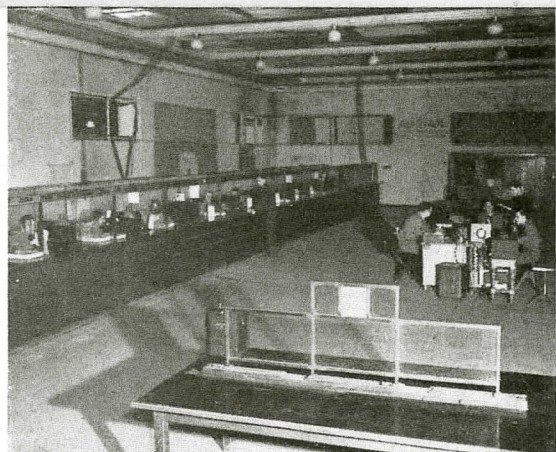


Radio operations in the field

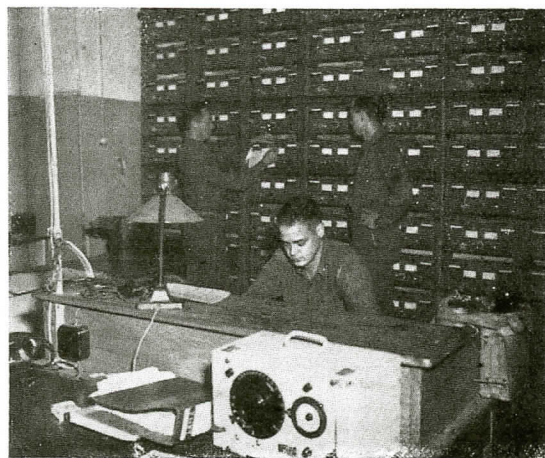
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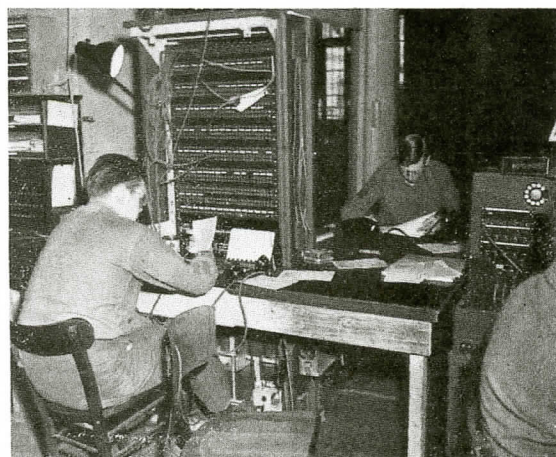
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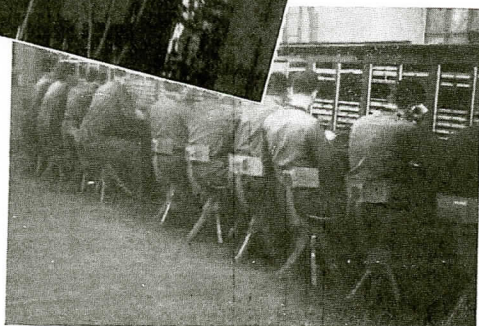
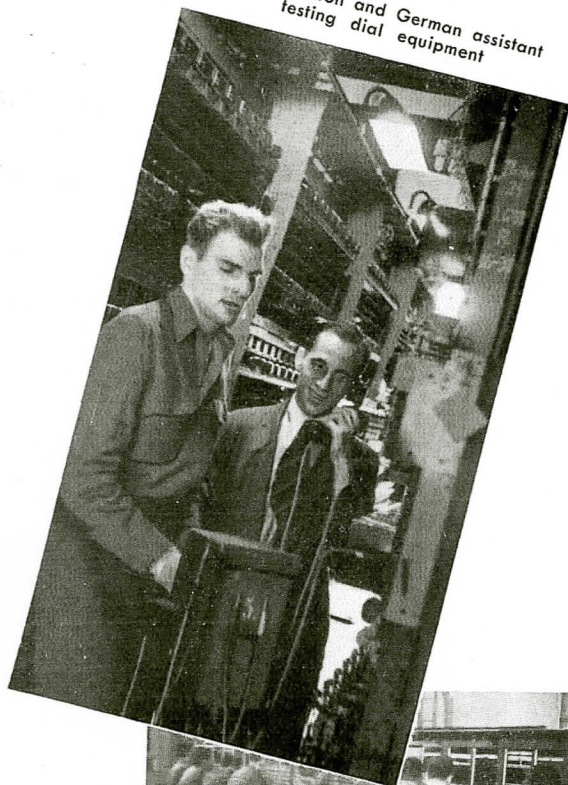


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*John Erickson and German assistant
testing dial equipment*



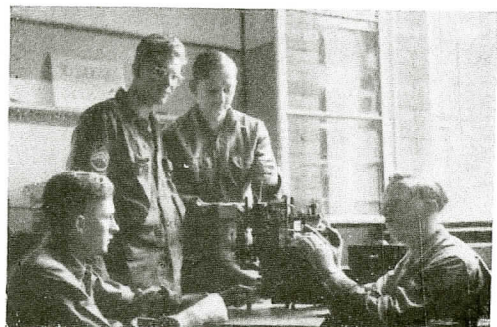
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Teletype — The bulk of army communications



Counting the words and then the messages



Teletype machines are kept in top shape



Checking the machines

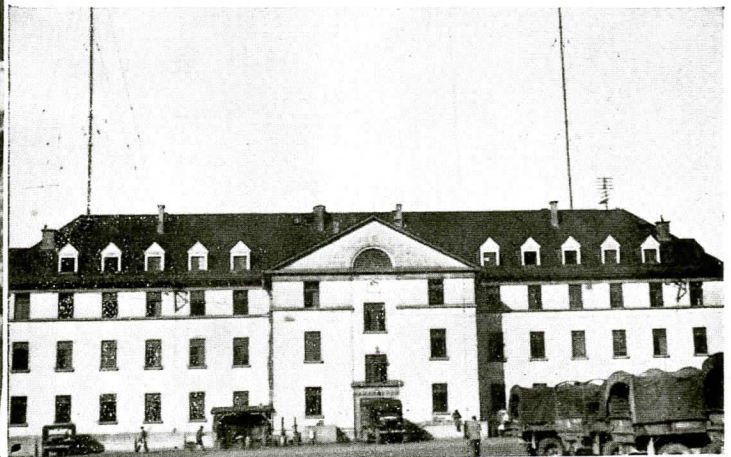
HOTELS



Good food and beds at the Taunus for men working the Signal Center



The Central Hotel, summer home for operational transients



Rambler, former SS barracks, that became Battalion headquarters



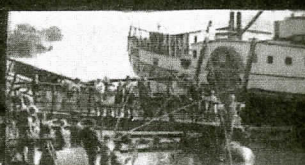
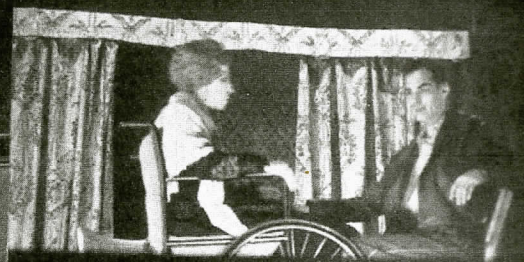
The officers eat well...



... and the EM fairly well

OPERA HOUSE

Recreation



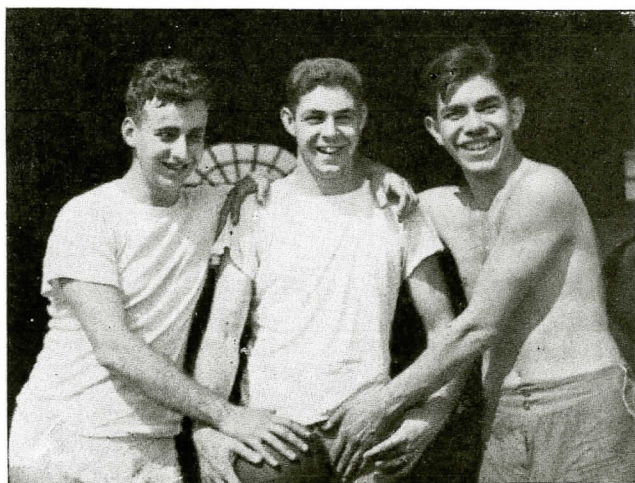
PARK CAFE EST. 1928 TANK BAR

Sports

31 87th
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Left to right: William Powers, Robert Stephenson, John Rae, Harvey Ivie, Fernando Marrujo, Harold Chaffee, Anthony Rotunno and Richard Watkins



"Mook" Stan, "Bunky" Koerner and "Moose" Marrujo of the Clowns smile lustily after defeating Belchers for title

Whether it be bangtails, badminton, or basketball, the battalion has always taken its sports seriously. At Camp Edison, where no formal program for sports had been arranged, softball teams crowded the parade grounds.

In England various football teams sprang up in the battalion. Company B soon had an informal schedule with teletypists battering the wiremen. Company A had intramural competition between its radio teams. The weather was raw and the players were without equipment. Lt. Casper organized an A Company team which completed all its games undefeated, untied, and unscored upon. One afternoon in early winter A Company played the teletype section, a B Company eleven that had been victorious in several games. The power of the A Company team blunted and wore down the B Company attack, ending in 6-0 score for the radio men.

BASKETBALL - GOLF - HUNTING

After settling down and acquiring a gymnasium, we started forming a basketball team. Lt. Casper, special Service Officer for the Battalion laid plans for the coming season. Many fine players turned out and the Battalion produced a splendid squad. Early in the season many players were lost because of operational duties, but the remaining boys still kept going and, when the final whistle of the basketball season blew, our team had 5 victories and 2 defeats.

The club consisted of the following men: Chaffee, Koerner, Joyce, Rotunno, Murrujo, Ivie, Watkins, Ernst, McCoy, Gottfried, Stephenson, Scruby, Rae, Miller, Powers, Kassens, and Stan. The biggest score the boys rang up was an 87-26 trouncing of the 1776 Engineers.

"Battering the 3527th Ordnance with their steady play, the home team won easily. Joyce again was the big gun, scoring 16, while Chaffee banged home 12.

3527th Ord.	5	5	2	6	18
3187th "A"	14	10	8	12	44

"High scoring marked the game as the gang's offensive got under way, smothering the 37th MRU 65-12.

37th M.R.U.	2	0	2	8	12
3187th "A"	12	14	14	25	65

SCHEDULED GAMES:

January 27	Co. A . . . 41	Co. B . . . 25
February 3	Co. A . . . 41	3527th Ord. . . 18
10	Co. B . . . 65	37th M.R.U. . . 12
14	Co. A . . . 87	1776th Engr. . . 26
18	Co. A . . . 29	302nd Sig. . . 69
21	Co. A . . . 43	749th AAA . . . 47
24	Co. A . . . 50	37th M.R.U. . . 20
	356	217

A Roughhouse Basketball League was organized in August of '45, and is serving at the present time as prelude to a Battalion team for the coming season. The league provides entertainment as well as exercise.

THE TEAMS AND THEIR CAPTAINS

Clowns	Koerner
Special Service Stars . .	Chaffee
B Belchers	D. K. Smith
Murderers	Hughes
3190th	Avary
Bobby Socks	Kenny
Bulldozers	Barnet
Schlomoils	Lenahan
At Bombus	Scott
CBI Bounders	Bozza
Eight Dits	La Porte

The rolling greens at the Eagle Golf Club were hardly mobbed with GI's bellowing "Fore." However, despite a shortage of clubs and golf balls, many men participated in impromptu matches throughout the summer and most of the fall. In October Bates, representing the battalion and TSFET, attended the ETO tournament at Biarritz.

To give variety to the menu, armed with M1's, carbines, and various other weapons, battalion huntsmen aboard Jeeps and 3/4 tons chased the elusive sweetmeats of the forests. Soldiers bagged enough elk and deer to provide an entire battalion with an elk steak meal, which served as one of the most favorite feasts when only 10 and 1 or other field rations could be drawn from ration dumps. The brush country around Bad Schwalbach teemed with game and was the choice preserve in the Wiesbaden area; which is almost as famous as Bavaria for wild duck, rabbits and pheasants.



Sgt. Millard "follows thru"



"The proof of the pudding is in the eating"



BASEBALL

The Baseball team, after getting off to a poor start, proved to be the outstanding team in the area during the last half of the season as it added an amazing streak of six straight victories, and seven out of eight games to terminate a great drive.

Although the Ramblers finished in the fourth spot, they were one of the most feared clubs. The 3118th, for instance, were undefeated in the season's play, having won eight straight. The combined efforts of "Romey" Quinn and "Big Mike" Mikan quickly put an end to that as the Ramblers won a 3-2 thriller.

The 526th Armored Infantry was all set to win the Wiesbaden Championship; all they had to do was to beat us in their last game. If they lost, they went into a three way tie for first place. Our boys really put it on that day, making a record eight runs in one inning and going on to victory, 9-5. In two games we threw the league into a real scramble.

The season opened on the 17th of June with a game with the 72nd Publications Service Battalion, and we closed competition on September 1st with a 3-2 win. The team's final won and lost record was 8 and 4. We played most of our games at the Eagle baseball field, and on occasion traveled to Frankfurt.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE:

June 17	3187th Bn. vs. 72nd Pub. Sv. Bn.	4-5	Quinn, Rae, Bent
22	3187th Bn. vs. Hq. Co.	0-4	Quinn, Rae, Bent
July 2	3187th Bn. vs. 302 Sig. Opn. Bn.	6-2	Mikan, Quinn
6	3187th Bn. vs. 825 T. D. Bn.	5-6	Mikan
8	3187th Bn. vs. 203 M. P. Bn.	2-3	Mikan
12	3187th Bn. vs. 3137 Sig. Bn.	10-1	Quinn
18	3187th Bn. vs. 1776 Engr. Bn.	1-0	Quinn
20	3187th Bn. vs. 825th T. D. Bn.	6-5	Quinn
August 1	3187th Bn. vs. 3118 Sig. Sv. Gp.	3-2	Mikan, Quinn
8	3187th Bn. vs. 526 Armd. Inf.	9-5	Quinn
10	3187th Bn. vs. 825th T. D. Bn.	3-4	Quinn, Bent
Sept. 1	3187th Bn. vs. 863 AAA Bn.	3-2	Quinn

BATTING AVERAGES:

Koerner	.478
Mikan	.463
Quinn	.444
Twele	.384
Rotunno	.333
Kenny	.284
Nelson	.280
Overholt	.270
Diadium	.266
Bozza	.265
Pan	.263
Ruiz	.263

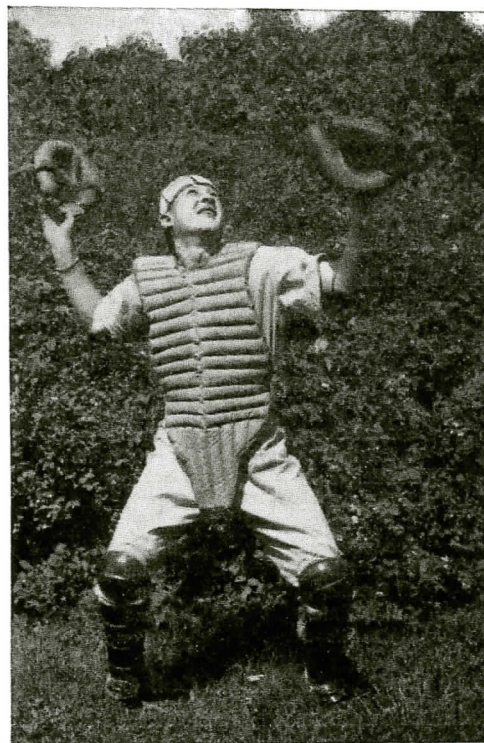
PITCHING RECORD:

	Won	Lost
Quinn	6	1
Mikan	2	1
Bent	0	1
Rae	0	1

TRACK

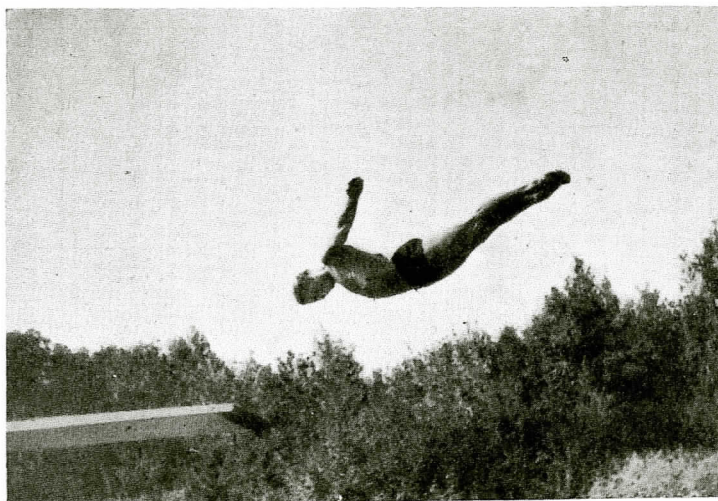


Rambler Baseball team — Standing: — George Diadun, Anthony Rotunno, William Quinn, Thomas Kenney, and Gene Overholt — Kneeling: — Elmer Bozza, Noah Koerner Jr., Joe Pan, and Vernon Ruiz



Catcher Joe Pan taking off after a high foul

SWIMMING



Chuck Scruby taking a dive during swimming meet . . .

The 3187th was represented in track by a seven-man team. The team worked out at the Rambler gym and the Eagle softball field. During the Spring intra-battalion meets were held in the compound. These meets always drew a good crowd and prompted the boys to develop a team worthy of the men's support.

Chaffee, high jump, Powers, 200 meter dash and broad jump, and Lt. Walker, 100 meter dash, participated in the Wiesbaden Finals, but the other four members of the team, D. K. Smith, high jump, Quinn, 100 meter dash, Seelig, 880, and long distance man, and Meyers, discus and shot-put, did not take part because of operational duties.

The Saturday afternoon track meets would invariably be followed by a swimming meet. These are members of the team and their specialities:

Chuck Scruby . . . fancy diving
Steve Stevens . . . 80 meter free style, breast stroke, and back stroke
Dick Ernst . . . 40—80 meter free style
Harold Chaffee . . . breast stroke and back stroke
Joe Batchelder . . . 40 meter free style and back stroke
Bob Woods . . . breast stroke

Though they didn't enter any outside meets, most of the boys did provide plenty of action for themselves and battalion. In the 4th of July swimming meet at the Eagle Pool, Chuck Scruby represented the battalion, and finished second in the fancy diving event.

In the gymnasium at Rambler, Special Service had made available fencing and boxing equipment. Those anxious to participate in sports had little reason to be frustrated for lack of equipment.

SOFTBALL



. . . and then trying a back-flip

Under the able leadership of Norman Horton and Freddy Hahn, the softball team left its mark on numerous victims through the "Verdun—Wiesbaden Campaign", winding up the season with 17 wins and 7 losses. At Verdun the boys won 8 out of 9 games, their best showings being a 16—3 victory over the 749th AAA, and 15—1 shellacking administered to the 3907th Signal Bn.

Moving to Wiesbaden, the team entered the Eagle softball league, coming through with a 9—6 record, good enough to finish in second place behind the 526th Armored Infantry. Members of the softball team were Horton, Hahn, Hill, Dessaur, Teske, Brown, Tankersley, Rotunno, Bozza, Murrujo, Tingle, and Lesko. The leading hitter of the club was 1st Sgt. Brown, with a .500 average.

SOFTBALL					
March	1	Co. A	vs. Co. B	1—0	Verdun
	3	Co. A	vs. Medics Hq. Co.	2—0	
	4	Co. A	vs. Hq. Cooks and Med.	7—2	
	5	Co. A	vs. 4th Gen. Hosp.	7—0	
	21	Bn.	vs. 3907 Sig. Bn.	15—1	
	22	Bn.	vs. Hq. Det.	0—4	Wiesbaden
	24	Bn.	vs. Btry. A 749 AAA	16—3	
April	1	Bn.	vs. 37th M.R.U.	11—0	
	4	Bn.	vs. Svc. Plat. Hq. Co.	5—4	
May	14	Co. B	vs. 302 Sig. Opn. Bn. B	6—4	
	15	Co. A	vs. 302 Sig. Opn. Bn. A	1—9	
	17	Co. B	vs. 302 Officers	1—0	
	17	Co. A	vs. 3907 Sig. Bn.	10—0	
	18	Co. A	vs. 3907 Sig. Bn.	12—0	
	22	Co. B	vs. 507 Car. Co.	0—1	
	25	Co. B	vs. 302 Sig. Opn. Bn. A	3—4	
	26	Co. A	vs. 302 Officers	9—3	
June	5	Co. A	vs. 507 Car. Co.	0—2	
	11	Bn.	vs. 749th AAA	12—0	
	15	Bn.	vs. 302 Sig. Opn. Bn.	7—5	
	22	Bn.	vs. 970th	9—10	
	29	Bn.	vs. 749th AAA Btry. C	5—4	
July	13	Bn.	vs. 72 Pub. Sv. Bn.	9—4	
	20	Bn.	vs. 317 Sta. Hosp.	1—5	

HORSE-RACING

Thousands of horse racing fans were thrilled when the first horse race meet in the ETO was held here in Wiesbaden. Under the supervision of Lts. Casper and Petok, the affair caused so much favorable comment and entertainment for GI's from near and far, that horse racing became a regular feature. The horses came from a stable in Wiesbaden, and though you'll never see any of them on the turf at Churchill Downs, they gave creditable performances.

The battalion offered several fine jockeys — Kerwin, Moody, and Polvino from A Company, plus Celetti and Nichols from Headquarters Company.

The first meet took place on July 29. It was a gay afternoon, with Jawohl being crowned "King of the Horses" as he won the "Victory Handicap", the main event, composed of the winners of the previous races. The names of the horses brought smiles to the faces of the GI spectators. Veedee Gal, Notenuf Points, Empee, Hangover, Brownose, C. B. Eye, Section 8, Dumbkopf, Cushey Avec, D. P. Gal, and many other ridiculous names put everyone in the mood to enjoy a swell afternoon.

Nominal betting was held to create more interest, and the neighborhood of the mutuel windows was the scene of many spirited discussions. The Red Cross was on hand with coffee and doughnuts, and music was provided by the 104th Ground Forces Band.

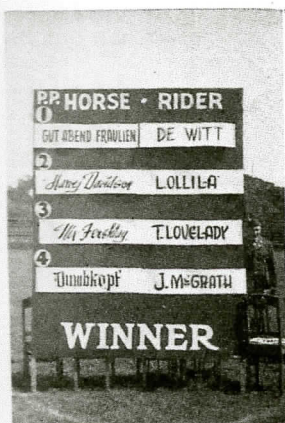
Everyone connected with the running of the races was happy at the success of the enterprize. They're to be congratulated on providing the boys with a lot of good clean fun, not only for the members of our own battalion, but for fellow soldiers throughout the area.



They 're off at the Wiesbaden Oval



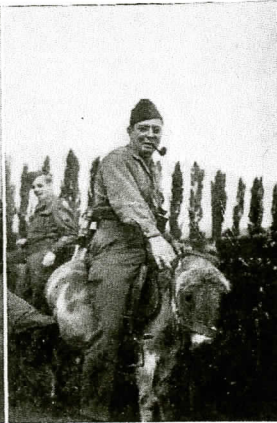
The Jocks who steered the Hay-Burners



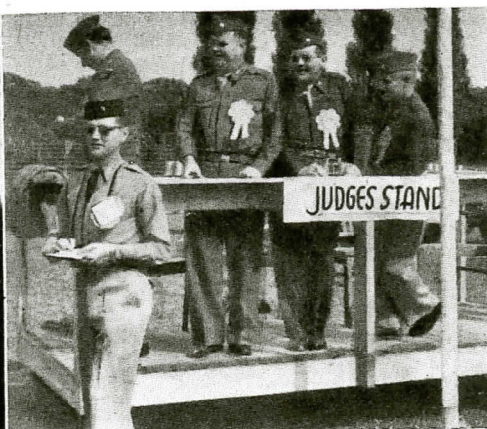
The "Tote" Board



Promenade



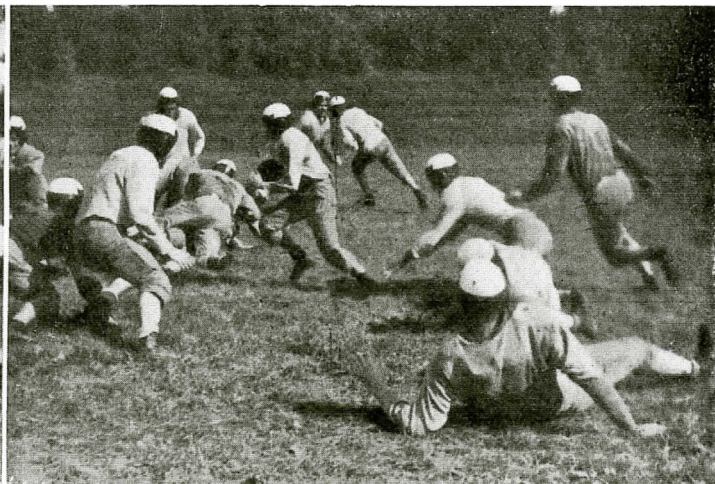
Kessler and lead pony



Judges watch — await finish



An end around sweep by Stevens of the Battleaxes is good for eight yards



This off tackle play gained the Battleaxes another first down

FOOTBALL

Although the battalion had the best of football equipment and invitations to meet teams in famous stadiums throughout Germany, little interest was shown in the practice scrimmages of the Rambler team. Without the old collegiate excuse of losing men through graduation, Coaches Casper and Rotunno decided to merge forces with the Battleaxe team of the 526th Armored Infantry Battalion.

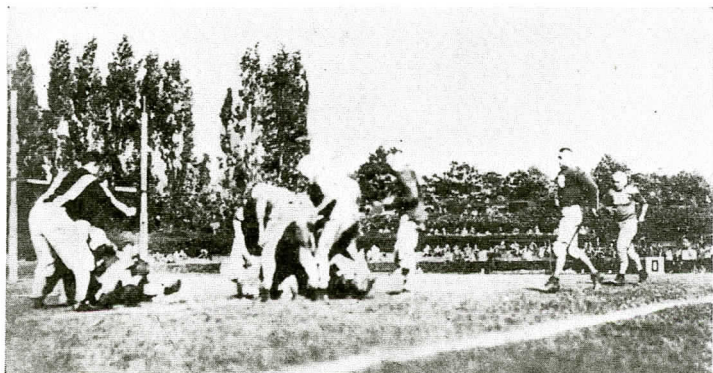
To date the Battleaxe team sustained three losses against two victories and showed much promise. The losses were to the USFET invaders, 10—7, to the 508th Parachute Infantry, 7—0. In the latter game the Battleaxes had pummeled the paratroopers for downs but lacked sufficient scoring power. With a minute of play left in the game, the paratroopers heaved a pass to a receiver who broke away to score. A Berlin team composed of players from the 1151st Engineers was the last team to beat our boys at the tune of 7:0. The two victories were registered, when the Battleaxes completely outclassed a highly favorite "Hypo" eleven, composed of players from the 97th General Hospital, by the score of 21—6, the other victory was earned against the "Polecats", a team made up of players from the 3118th Sv. Sig. Gp., the score being 19—13 in favor of the Axes. Our own Chuck Scruby played his first football game on this occasion, and was the outstanding player on the field, averaging six yards per play.

3187th men on the Battleaxe team are Bob Myers, Wendy Ball, Gene Overholt, Ray Smith, Jim Barrett, Nate Bushnell, Tom Kenny, Art Nichols, James Barnett, Chuck Scruby, and Buster Lape.

"BATTLEAXES"



Rambler members of the Battleaxes team. Back, L. to R.: Gerald Haines, James Barnett, Roy Smith, Wendall Ball, Fitz McCoy Jr. — Kneeling, L. to R.: Harold Chaffee, Duane Wallace, Nathan Bushnell



James Barnett, right end for the Orange and Whites scores on a 40 yard pass



Drama

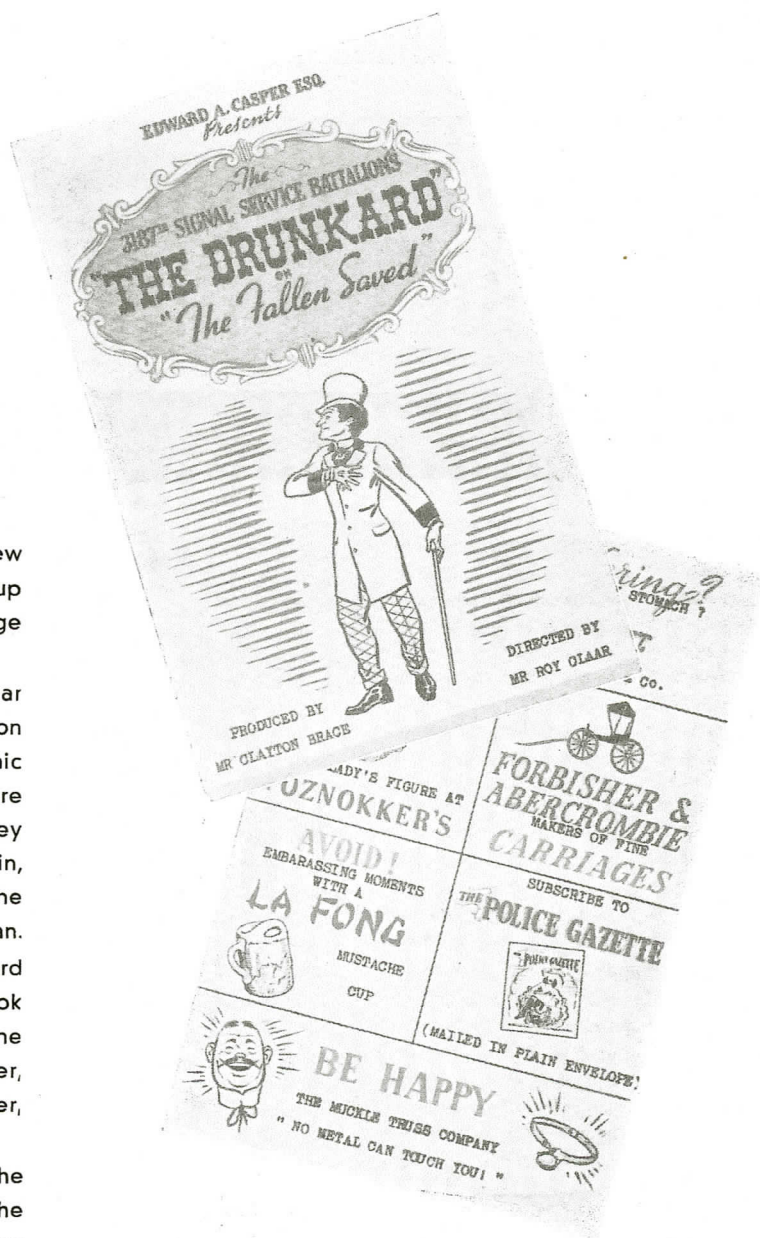
In the dramatic rush of the last months of the war, few could assert that the "play's the thing." A drama group had little time to develop beyond the embryonic stage of hastily conceived skits and well worn parodies.

In Leominster, England, Clayton Brace and Roy Claar sired "Sack Time," a short, snappy review for a battalion party. Warmed by the success of their first histrionic adventure, Bruce and Claar started to plan for a more elaborate "Sack Time" using the same cast of Stanley Pearson, James Keiran, Jack Sheehan, Leo Goldstein, Gene Gualano, Dave Lippi, and Pete Blasberg. The battalion's forward movement to France shattered that plan.

When the unit was established in Verdun, Lt. Edward Casper, who had become Special Service Officer, took interest in the project, and the variety revue became the more formal Drama Group replete with stage manager, George Goodrich; designer, Robert F. Peters; writer, Aubrey Dahl; musical arranger, Ken McCollum.

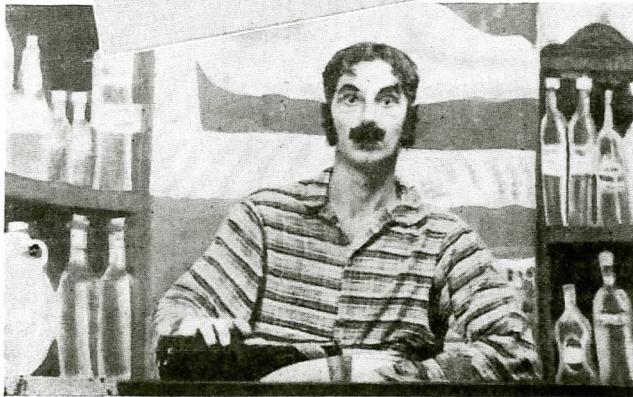
In five days time, the curtain came up revealing the charm of the male chorus line of "Sack Time No. 2." The skits had polish; the performance had continuity—more important, it had a bonafide woman, WAC Adele Fabarius. Expressing the battalion's approval, Colonel Fay in a letter of commendation hoped that another show would be staged. However, the Group disintegrated as the men went on detached service with their teams.

After V-E day many teams reported back to the parent organization at Wiesbaden; no immediate movement was in sight. Lt. Casper decided that this was the proper time for a production in the Hollywood sense of "colossal." A trip to Paris was made for costumes and makeup. Rather than employ hirsute GIs in the roles of dainty women, the Drama Group prevailed on Miss Jane Ellen Ball, supervisor of the Red Cross Cine Mobile unit to allow four of her girls to appear in the show which was to be a revival of "The Drunkard."



Marriage scene during "The Drunkard" or "The Fallen Saved"

Roy Claar as the villain, gets caught by the policeman



Aubrey Dahl as the bar operator



Stanley Pearson as Mr. Renneselaur



First curtain call of the entire "Drunkard" cast



- Gene Gualano piano accompanist for "The Drunkard"
- The Bowrey Octette accompanying Miss Pat Austin (ARC) in the number "For me and my Gal"
- Stanley Pearson and Aubrey Dahl during the performance of the "Babbitt and the Bromide"



"The Drunkard," a five act play was once produced as serious drama to aid the Temperance movement. Later it was successfully revived as a comedy.

Mustachioed waiters conducted the audience to their seats and served pitchers of ice-cold beer. Gene Gualano at the piano set the mood with nostalgic melodies of the gay Nineties. The cast consisted of Lauretta McGlaughlin, Josephine Harris, Pat Austin, Allene Haberfield, Milton Brown, James Keiran, Roy Claar, Stanley Pearson, Aubrey Dahl, William Axelrod, George Goodrich, Harry Weiger, Carroll Hutchings, Patsy Noto, Jay Sandar, Robert Peters, and Clayton Brace.

The show was a smash hit. Requests for tickets poured in from other outfits. Gen. Omar A. Bradley, commanding general of the Twelfth Army Group, attended the last performance of the first run. On the second run Maj.-Gen. Leven Allen and his staff attended.

The "Drunkard" proved that the drama group had come of age. The goal of producing first class entertainment using the talents of the members of the battalion had become a reality.



C.G. ARRIVES



- Producer Clayton Brace and Director Roy Claar in a pre-performance conference
- Lt. Col. Donald Fay welcomes General Omar Bradley to the Rambler Playhouse to preview "The Drunkard"
- General Omar Bradley and party seem to enjoy themselves during the play



Band

It all started when Lieutenant Casper, our Special Service Officer, decided we were going to have the best band in the ETO. The talent he needed was scattered all over Europe in the true Rambler style, and the instrument situation was very dark. But the boys started coming back and things began to look up. At first it was pure racket. Then, one lunch hour, we introduced "Sweet Alley Boogy", and afterwards many a meal was enlivened by the band's music.

After practicing on our men, the band began to click and soon was playing for numerous clubs and champagne parties. Despite the terrific toll of late hours and wild parties, the band's record continued to show progress. Better instruments were secured and old ones renovated.

An example of how these boys helped themselves along is the story of the conversion of Moody's guitar to electric sound amplification. K. O. Eckley designed and built the pickup and amplifier practically singlehanded from used parts. He claims, however, that the toughest part of the job was teaching that dit-happy radio operator, Moody, how to adjust the apparatus.

Here are the men in the band:

Gene Gualano, leader and pianist, has had quite a bit of experience with his own bands playing in Chicago night spots since 1932. His postwar plans are to resume his position as buyer for Marshal Field & Company and to make music a profitable hobby.

William H. Gardner, arranger, clarinet and sax man, comes from Detroit and intends to return there to play for drinks and kicks. Mainly drinks.

William Moody, guitarist, is a wizard with the box. Someone always wants to steal him after hearing his clever style and weird improvisations. Came from Seattle, Washington, and still doesn't know what he'll do without the Army.

Charles Polvino, percussion expert, beat the drums in the better clubs (also the dives) around New York City. Cut "Must Be Jelly" and other records with Glenn Miller's band. Intends to return to school.

Kermit O. (K. O.) Eckley, trombonist and sound technician for the band, played with various bands and road shows until 1937, when he went into the radio and horse trading business in Lewistown, Montana. Intends to return to Montana.

Hugh Stuhler, New Jerseyite, plays the bass fiddle and has beaucoup ideas of his own on how it should be done. His callouses from beating the doghouse would put a scrub woman's knees to shame. Hi plans to pull teeth instead of strings after the duration plus.

Alan Riefe is a hot trumpeter and low-down singer. Apart from his musical talents, he is good for a million laughs a day. Likes music for the kick he gets out of it and readily agrees with everyone that it will not be his livelihood when he returns to New York.

The consensus of opinion among the band members is that they want one last big jam session together when they return to the States — the chief beverage being milk.



Gene Gualano and his band getting set for "Here goes that song Again" . . .



The brass section blowing it out in "Shoo, Shoo, Baby" . . .



An enjoyable evening comes to an end with "Good Night Ladies" . . .



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New Quotas GI Universities

This week we have received a new set of quotas from Army Headquarters for men who desire training at civilian and army university agencies. They are as follows:

1) The Wiesbaden area has been allotted a total of 10 persons for study at the American University Center, Biarritz, France. Classes start on 29 October.

Here is the quota breakdown:

Agriculture	1
Commerce	3
Education	1
Engineering	1
Fine Arts	1
Journalism	1
Liberal Arts	1
Science	1

Applications must be submitted later than 4 October.

2) For civilian agencies, been allotted 1 student per country following are the courses:

Sorbonne University in France
French Language and civ.
Pharmaceutical Society
Britain, London - Pharmacy
Headmasters' Conference, England - Teaching in Public Schools.

Fire Fighting - No details available.
Wholesale Distribution - No details available.

Application must be submitted 11 October.

We are pleased to announce we were able to send Herman of the 3190th off to attend session at the Army University, Shrivenham, England.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY
MEMORANDUM TO THE
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1. Memorandum, this
ember 1945, is rescinded.

2. All "YANK" editions
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BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BROWN
ROBERT F. GUBIER
Captain, AGD,
Ass't. Adjutant.

Ella Logan Entertains Rambler Personnel

Notice to Rambler Readers

There will be no further issues of the RAMBLER until November 3rd, pending publication of the battalion yearbook "The Eagle Messenger".

This one month vacation is made necessary due to a heavy taxing of printing and engraving facilities, and to enable the contributing staff of the RAMBLER to assist in an early publication of the yearbook.

Plans are under way for a five column, six page newspaper for Saturday, November 3rd, 1945.

EDITOR

Popular Radio Singer Gives fine Performance

by Saul Bornstein

The weather frowned, but fate smiled, and Rambler was pleasantly surprised by the superb performance given to us by Ella Logan, Thursday night.

This bonny lass, who for years has thrilled theaters and night clubs throughout the states with her wondrous singing, outdid herself by comedy with romance, and any a long face to brighten in glow, and then burst out in laughter as she added timed gestures to the act. With practically nothing, y lass" held the spellbound or an all too fast hour and ways completely in hand. Rolling laughter into wistful singing such beautiful "Candy" and "I Get a Kick in" as only she can do it.

Popillo, Accordionist.

That all, Frankie Papilla, an accordionist, and orchestra taking his sixth tour overseas with Ella) came with sparkling arrangements "Body in Blue" and "Begin the Re" The applause he received beyond a shadow of a ability to squeeze those

with time pressing close. a farewell speech to the coming serious for a moment. and us for our warm response. role show

In turn, thank you Ella and it was a great show, but that, you made us feel a

er Kohler Now Billeted Frankfurt

9th Motor Messenger Commanded by Captain "Mac" is now billeted in Frankfurt. Former Camp Kohler outfit has familiar faces. Some of the include 1st Sgt. Cannon, Sgt. Foley, Lt. Garin, and Lt.

Their outfit moved here from Paris recently.

Cat. II Boys on V. H. F.

All men transferred from the 3187th to the 3299th recently, and who are stationed in Heidelberg for Category II purposes, are now out on various sites working VHF equipment.

Company friends in Frankfurt this week.

Late News Flash

The football game that was to be held in the Victory Stadium in Frankfurt this afternoon between the "Battleaxes" and the "Engineers" has been canceled, according to an AFN news broadcast.



George Seelig



Wes Treloar



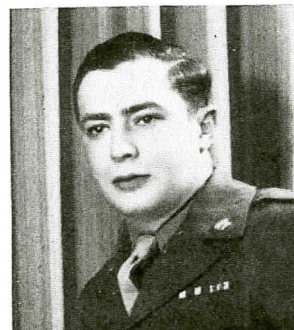
Bruce York



Joe Berger

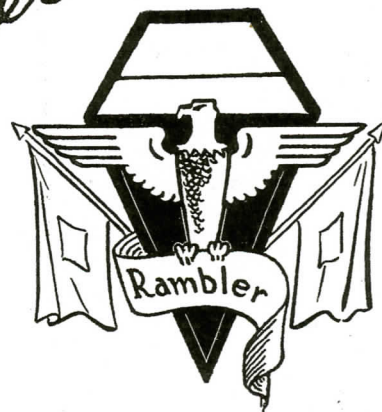


Jack Meredith



Morrie Kessler

The Eagle Messenger



The anxiety of men to capture the fleeting moments of their activity has increased manifold since Neolithic man crudely chipped on slates of stone indelible record of his prowess in the field. Nowadays, any organization worth its salt, be it the Kiwanis or the Irrigation Division of the Soil and Conservation Bureau of the Department of Agriculture, feels compelled to assemble a pictorial, literate handbook extolling their virtues, citing their achievements.

Capt. Harold Davidson felt certain that in future years the men of the 3187th would appreciate a record of their first year overseas. To give flesh to the idea a staff was assembled in the persons of George Seelig, Editor-In-Chief, Phil Ader, Associate Editor, Wesley Treloar, Art Editor, Anthony Rossi, Production Manager; Hale Zimmerman, Staff Photographer; Joseph Berger, Business Manager. Facts and words were knitted together by Ted Ellenoff, John Meredith, and Morris Kessler. Cartoons and page layouts were artfully conceived by George York and William Tol.

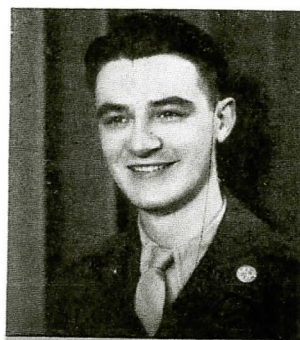
Like incipient fathers or racehorse owners, the staff was faced with the problem of a name. Veterans in army procedure, the staff neatly sidestepped that problem by bucking it back to the battalion: a contest was conducted to find a name for the yearbook with a bottle of Scotch for the winner. Robert Weinand submitted the winning title, "The Eagle Messenger."

Germany, dazedly shovelling out from under debris, was scarcely a propitious place to publish a book. Immediate difficulties were encountered in securing paper. Most of the paper stock in Wiesbaden was burned in the last air raid. The project would have stopped right there were it not for the invaluable aid of C/WO Donald Daly, US Group Control Council, who contrived to secure 10,000 sheets of paper for the battalion. Many basic materials had to be found and collected before the book could assume the three dimensional, real state.

The one publishing house in Wiesbaden large enough to do the whole job was closed because of its Nazi party affiliations. Thus, printing had to be parcelled out to a small shop in Biebrich; engravings were shuttled between one establishment in Frankfurt and another in Offenbach. Printing was further complicated by using several colors, a process which demands running a series of pages through the presses several times.

Next came the problem of communication, physical and lingual. We are grateful to the personnel of the Battalion Motor Pool who uncomplainingly rode all over Germany in the quest of ink, paper, and, on one harried trip, a good deep zinc mine. At the outset, lingual obstacles loomed largest. When the vocabulary can go no further than a preliminary skirmish with a fraulein, it is difficult to explain to a German pressman that you would like to use a half-tone tint block... even if you are good in charades.

It is hoped that "The Eagle Messenger" will occupy a niche close to the family album where, in years to come, an occasional perusal will restore to memory the men of the battalion and the places they worked 1944/45.



Art Lessard



Tony Rossi



Ted Ellenoff



Phil Ader



Hank Zimmerman



Willie Tol



WIESBADEN



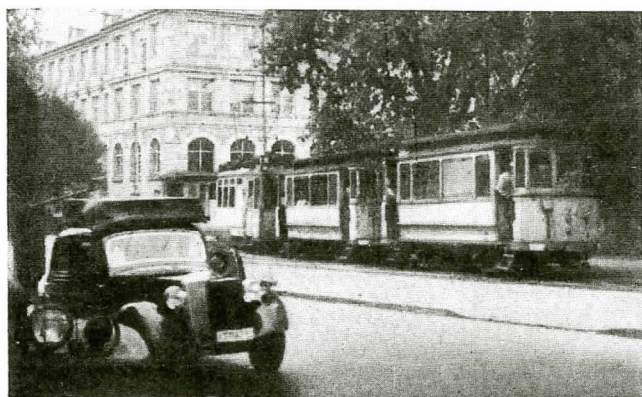
The city digs out from under



Germans scan swap column



In front of the Central Hotel, the kids watch for their candy rations

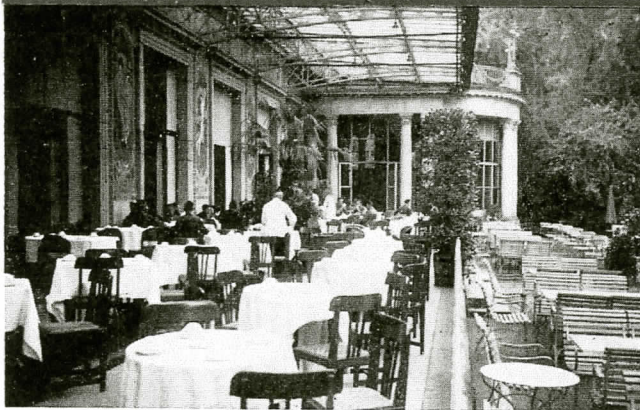


For 30 Pfennigs you can hear the clang, clang, clang ...

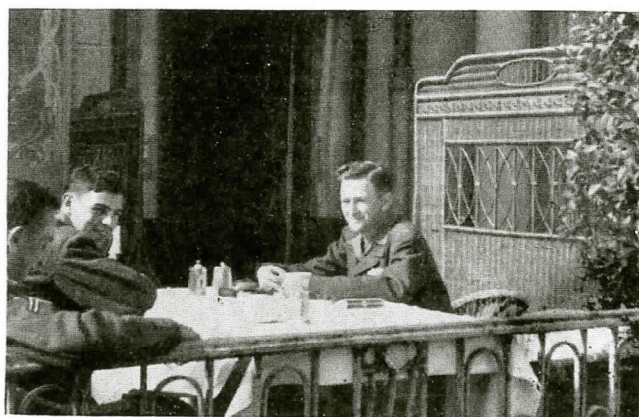


Remodeling of the town in full swing

KURHAUS-EAGLE CLUB



Cool summer breezes made the terrace popular



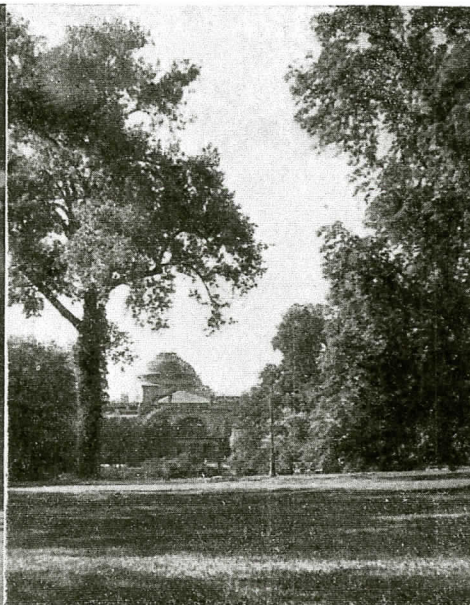
Off duty GI's consume a portion of the 8,000 do-nuts made daily for the ARC Eagle Club



Stately columns mark the front entrance to the old Kurhaus — renamed the Eagle Club



No loaf of bread, no jug, and no thou, but sunshine and shade were plentiful

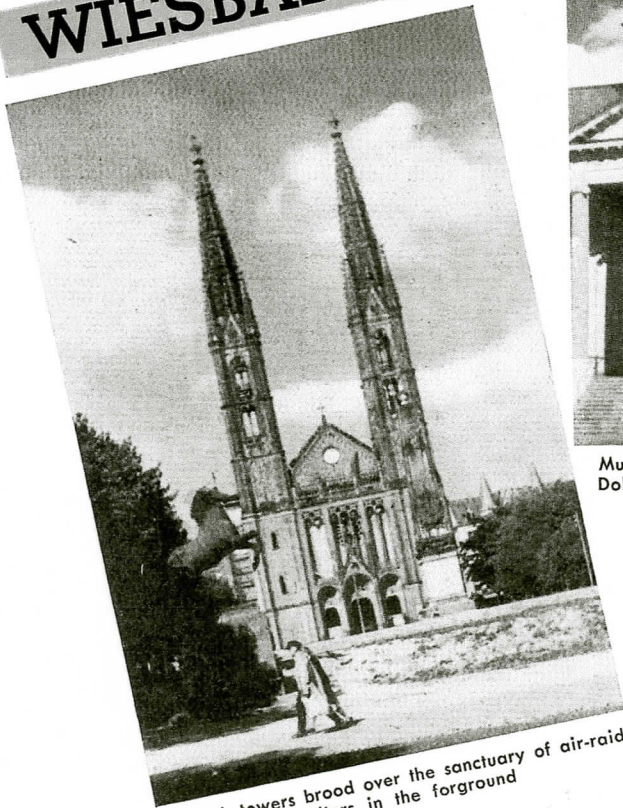


The grounds surrounding the Kurhaus provided a placid setting for those seeking solitude



An artificial lake on the Kurhaus grounds made boating possible — if you call kyats, boats

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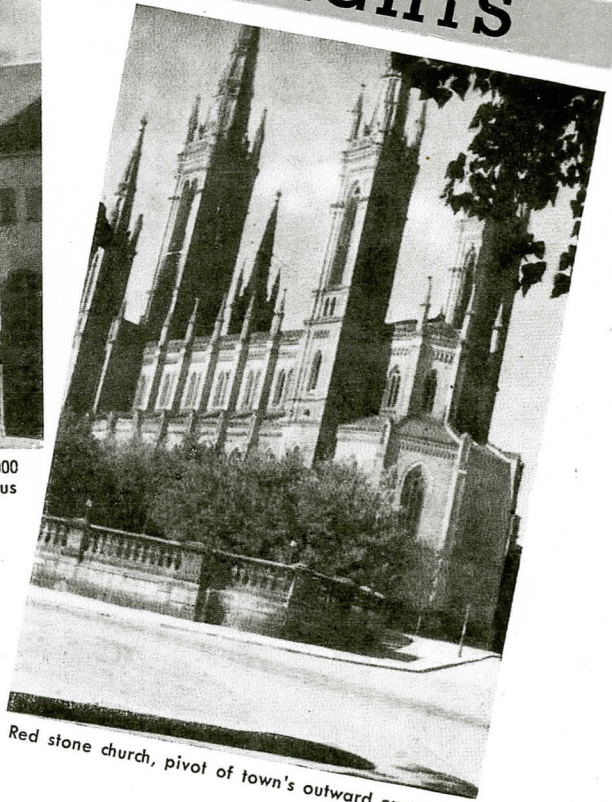


Church towers brood over the sanctuary of air-raid shelters in the foreground



Museum repository of 3000000 Dollar stolen art and religious objects

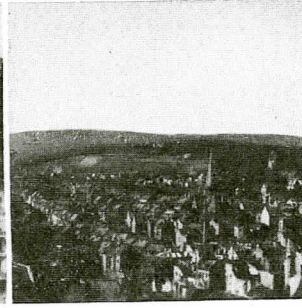
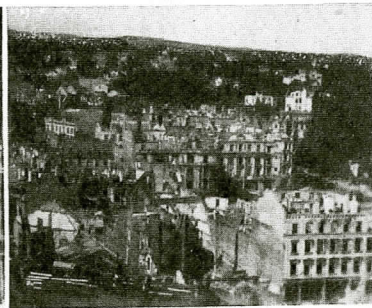
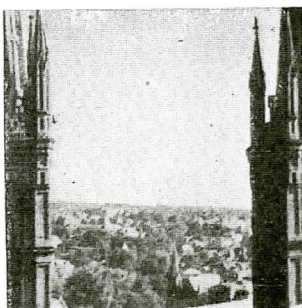
SIGHTS



Red stone church, pivot of town's outward expansion



Sun-flecked fountain before Eagle Red Cross Club



Church steeple view of Wiesbaden and surrounding country

WIESBADEN



Site of Hadamar Asylum murder trials the Landeshaus serves as headquarters for Military Government



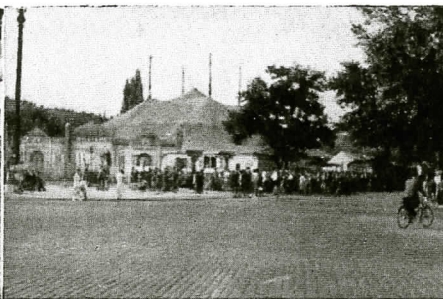
Undamaged wing of the Wiesbaden Opera House



Kids test ruggedness of GI vehicles



Crowd throngs to scene of bicycle — jeep collision



Circus comes to Wiesbaden



A little muscle flexing to impress the Frauleins

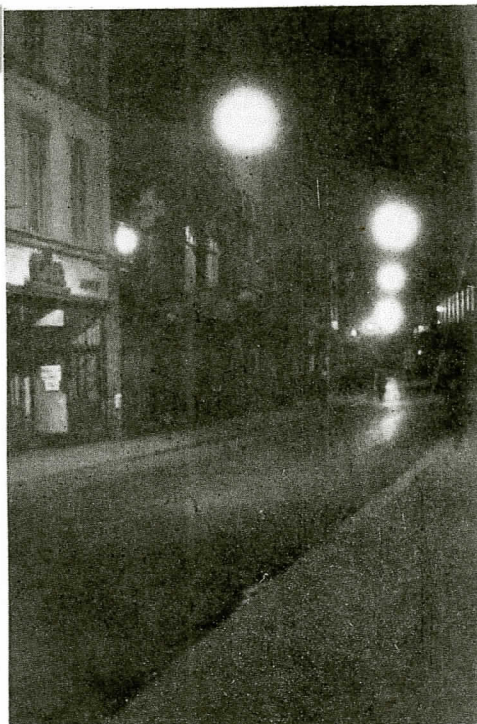


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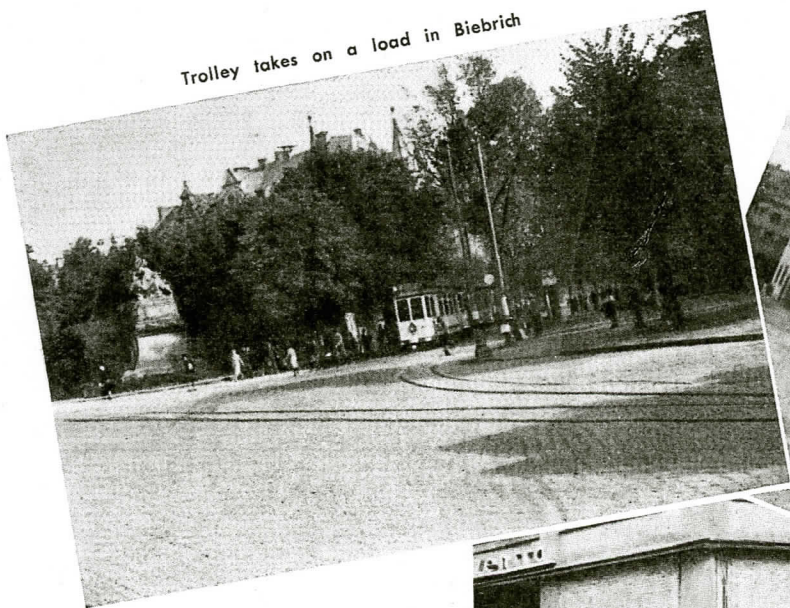
Occupying large, modern department store, the PX is at the right of the main drag

Untamed stallion commemorates German war dead

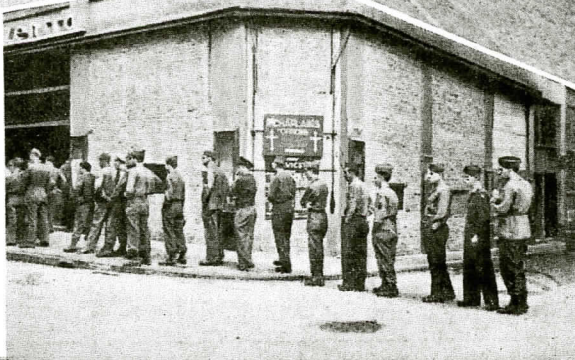
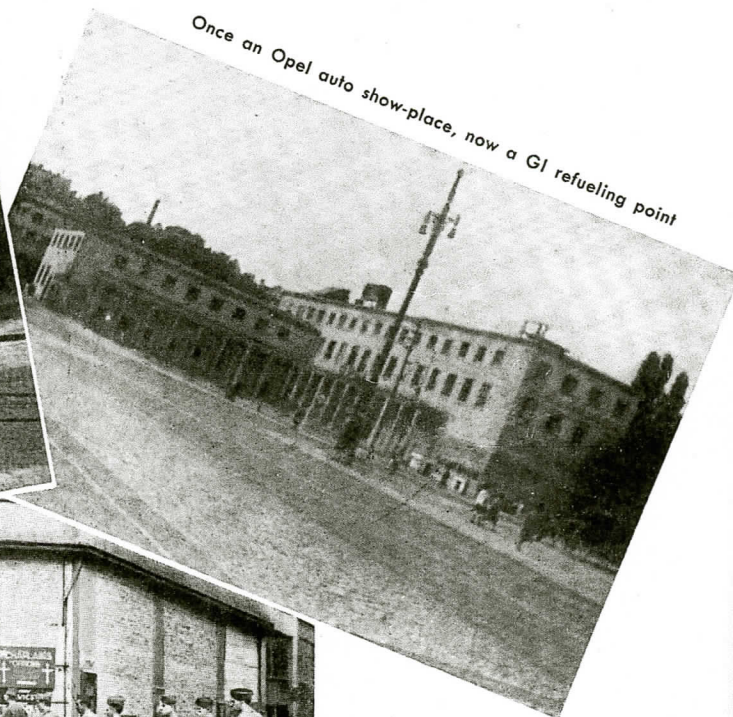
A 10:30 curfew empties Wiesbadens' streets



Trolley takes on a load in Biebrich



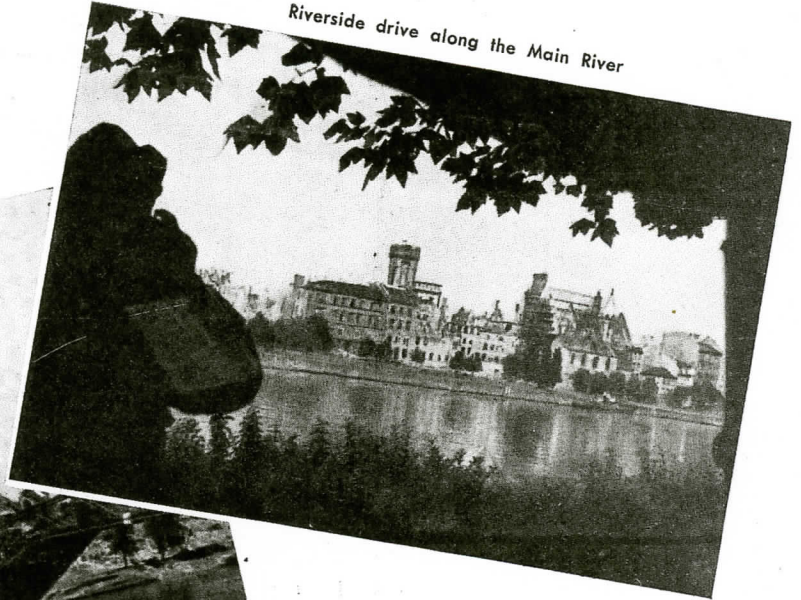
Once an Opel auto show-place, now a GI refueling point



Troops sweat out comparatively short line in Monday morning rush on PX

FRANKFORT

Riverside drive along the Main River



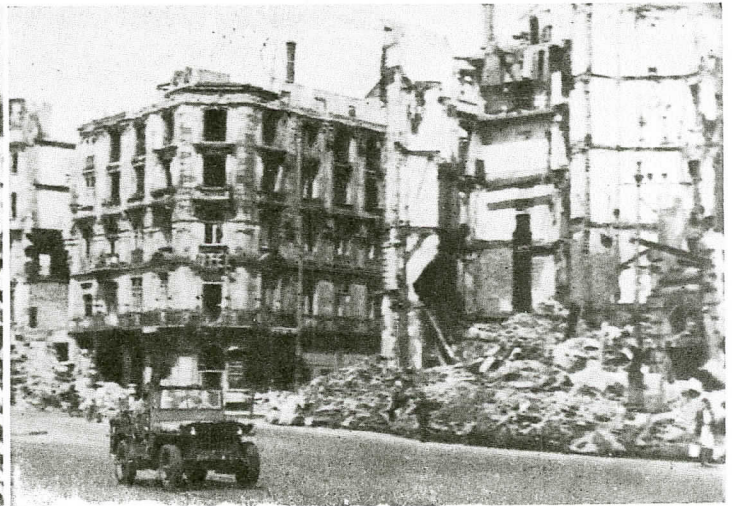
This one the Germans blew out themselves attempting to slow
The Allied Drive through the city



The Main River passes through
the center of the city, here is
a view from the "Wrong Side"



Typical street scene, Frankfort/M.

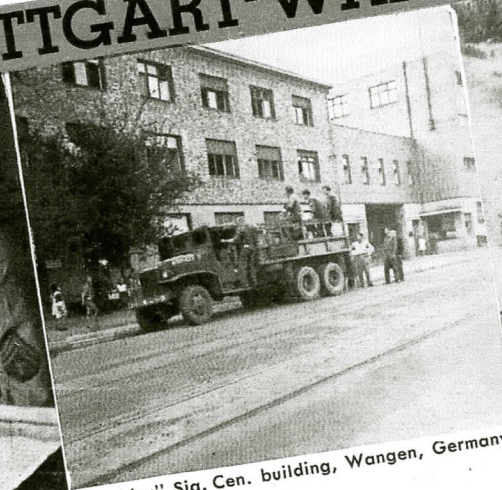


The building on the right was an F. W. WOOLWORTH, 5 and 10

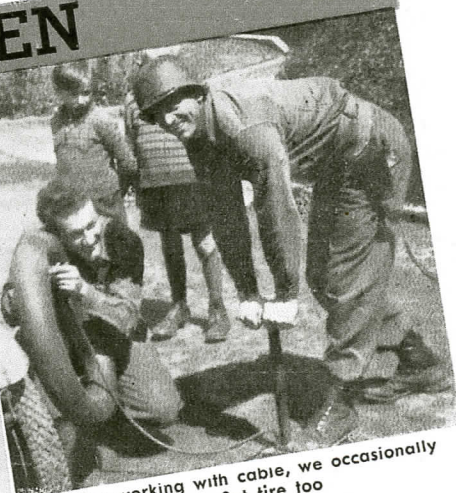
STUTTGART-WANGEN



Checking route for laying cable



"Rambler" Sig. Cen. building, Wangen, Germany



Besides working with cable, we occasionally fix a flat tire too

GI's TAKE A BREAK

1. RAMBLER REST HOME FOR CO. C
GI Teams 2, 3 & 5
2. PLAYING "HOT PILOT" IN A
"JET" FOUND NEAR MUNICH
3. GUM — CHOCOLATE HUNTERS
4. YOUNG FRAULEIN WITH FRIEND
5. OLDER FRAULEIN LOOKING FOR FRIEND
6. GI WITHOUT FRIEND



Original group of GL 2, Company C

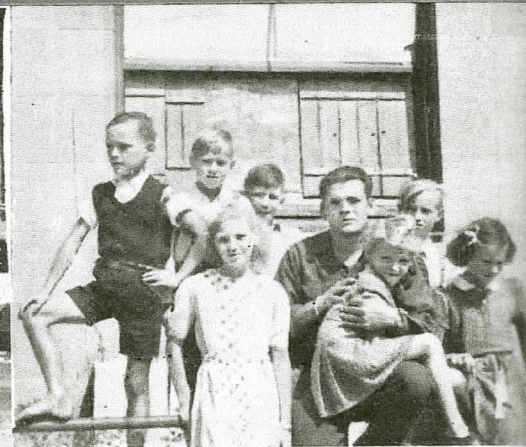
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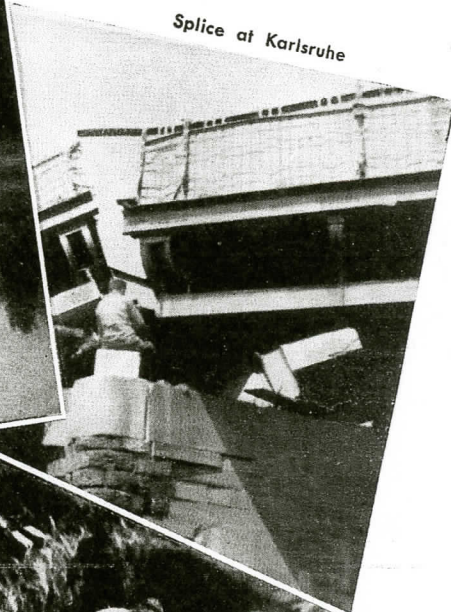


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Calinary cable span across Neckar



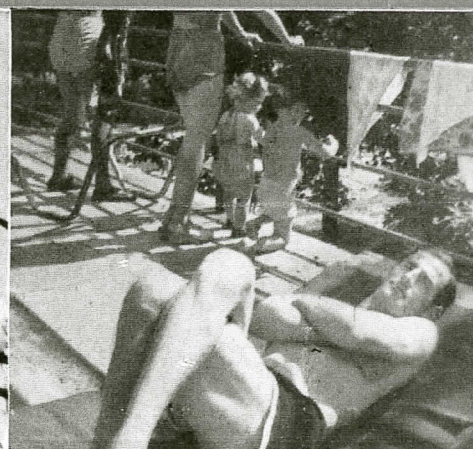
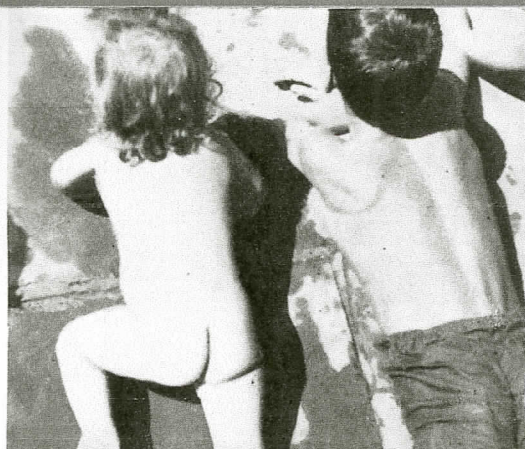
Splice at Karlsruhe



Another group of "Rambler" cablemen



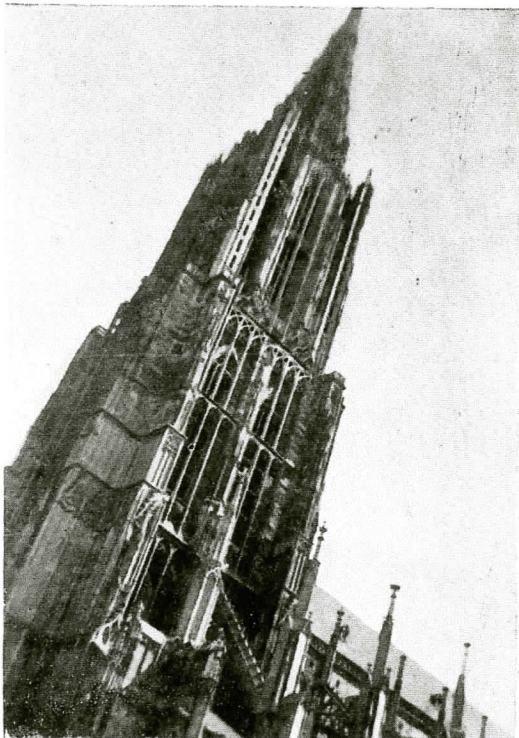
Nienhaus, Porter, Krowickie, and Buzick splicing in Section





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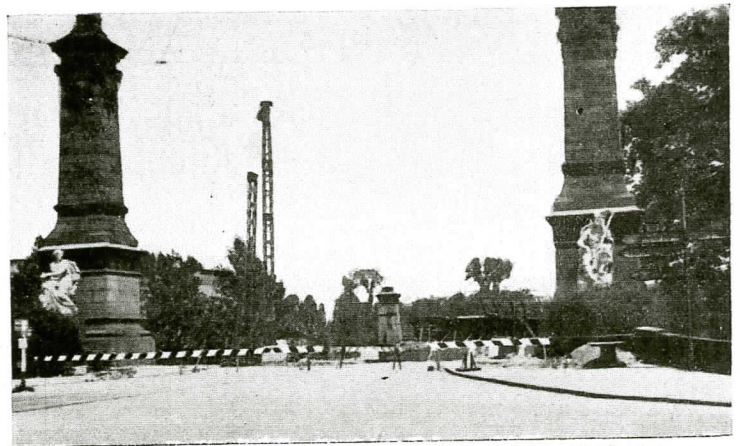
Rudloff and Porter, C Company cable splicers, searching terrain overlooking city for suitable wire bed



One church which did survive the poundings



"TIMES SQUARE", Stuttgart



Entrance to a lovely park near the ARC center in Stuttgart



You are now entering Russian territory

BERLIN



The approach to Berlin



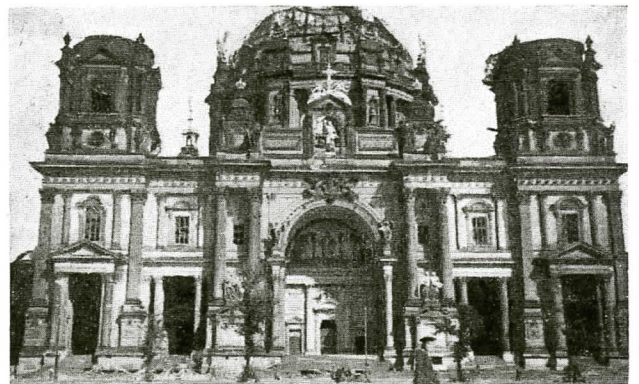
A Russian soldier tours the capital



Berlin-Tiergarten once a flourishing black-market for Allied soldiers



Berlin, a town of wreckage through Allied bombs



One of the few buildings not totally wrecked through bombardments



RAMBLER



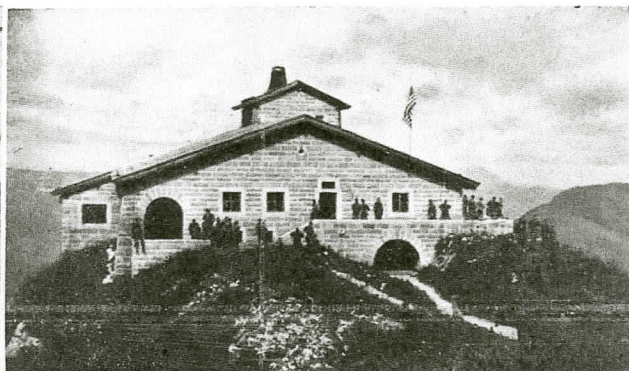
Fixing a flat is not such an enjoyable job



A few drinks of cognac, the pause that refreshes



The Eisenach repeatermen and their German limousine



RAMBLINGS



Lt. Lemoine and Lt. Erie inspect wire at Verdun



Hey, fellows the war is over . . .



Stanley Brockway, relaxes with a bottle of wine after duty hours



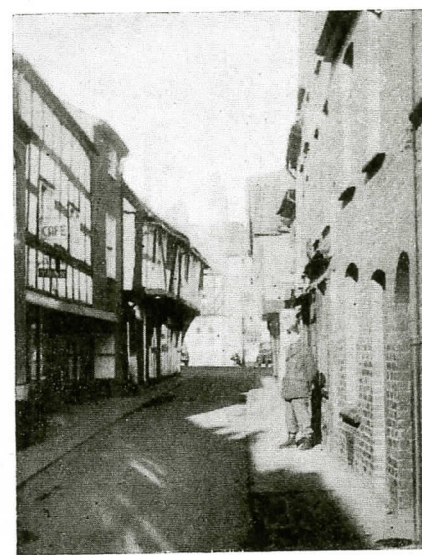
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Sid Gollin riding the streets in Leominster



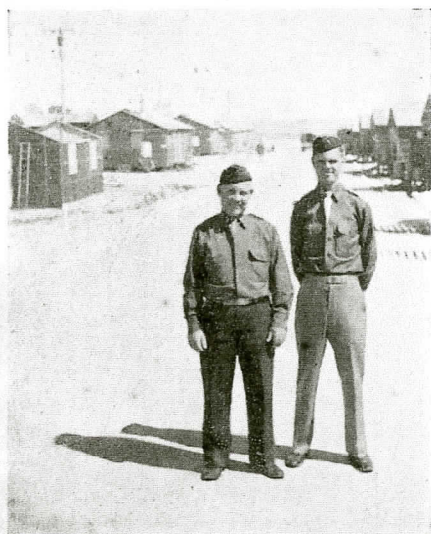
A typical foggy day in the Herfordshire



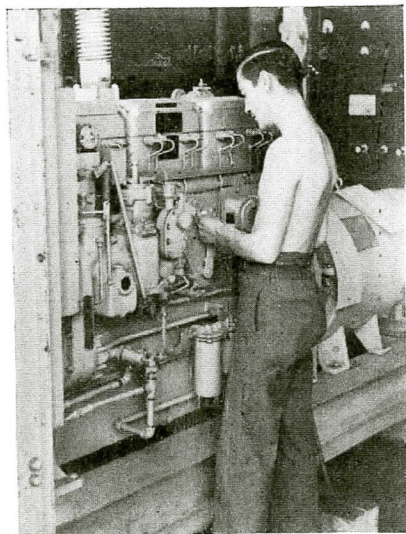
The "Little Tea Shop" in Leominster



RAMBLINGS



Capt. Davidson poses with pal in Kohler, California



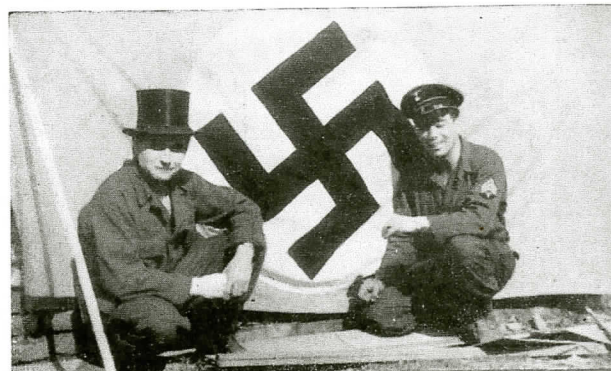
Walter Bowles, the man behind the power behind the Signal Center



"Pop" Crump the topkick of Headquarters Co.



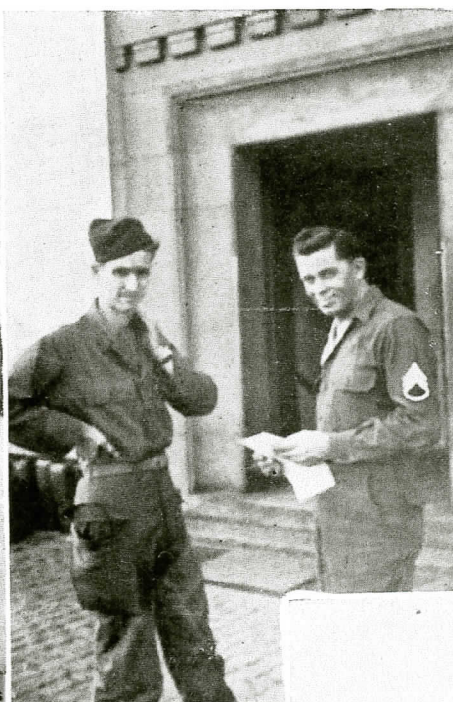
James Abercrombie enjoying a pass in Paris



Vidal Salazar and Gordon Smith display their war trophies



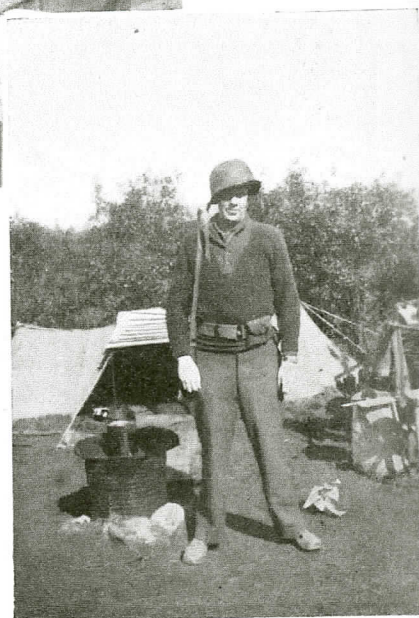
General Doran awards the Bronze Star to Lt. Eells



Chief Clerk Bob Hargis having a business chat



The Taunus-Hotel Barber-Shop



Robert Cameron on guard on cold winter day

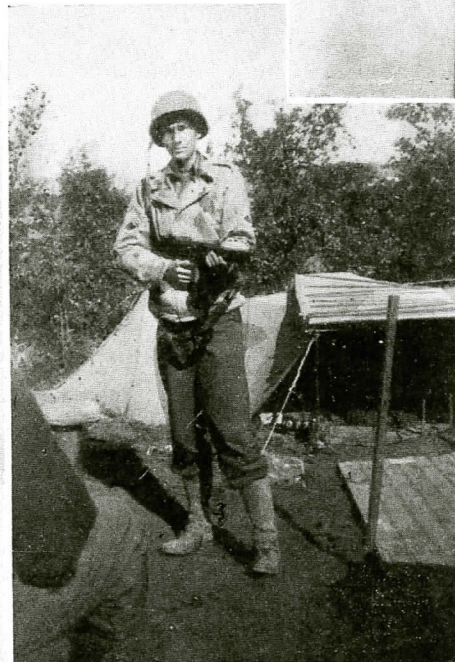


Capt. Costas inspects installation at Lake Tahoe

Milton Brown sweats out a possible Pacific shipment



Virgil Barton enjoys his little bottle



Frederick Millard on watch at "The Hill" near Verdun



Gene Massone rests in his private quarters



Harvey McClellan's desk' display

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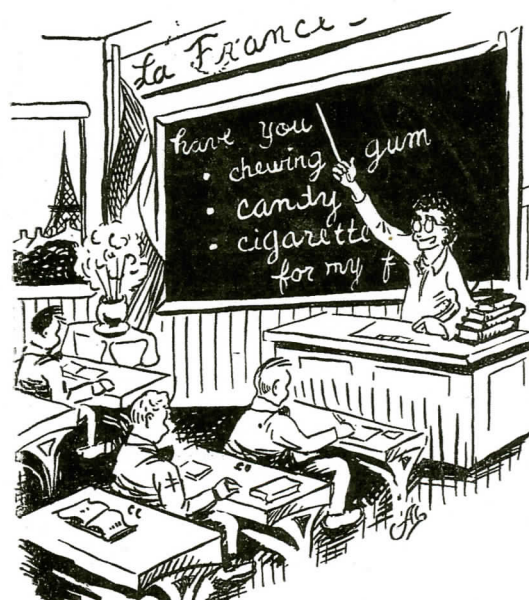
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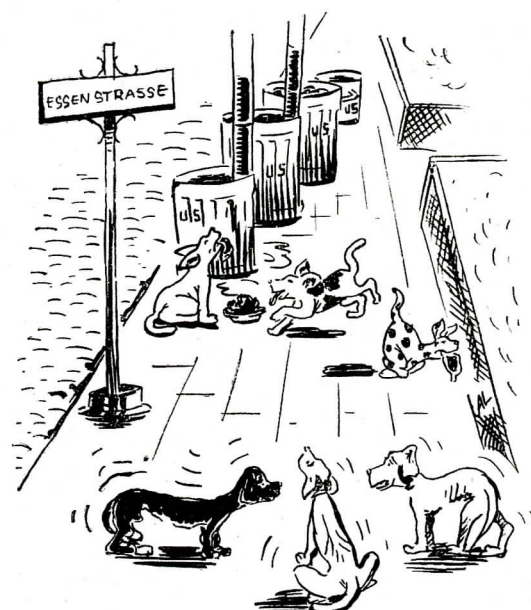
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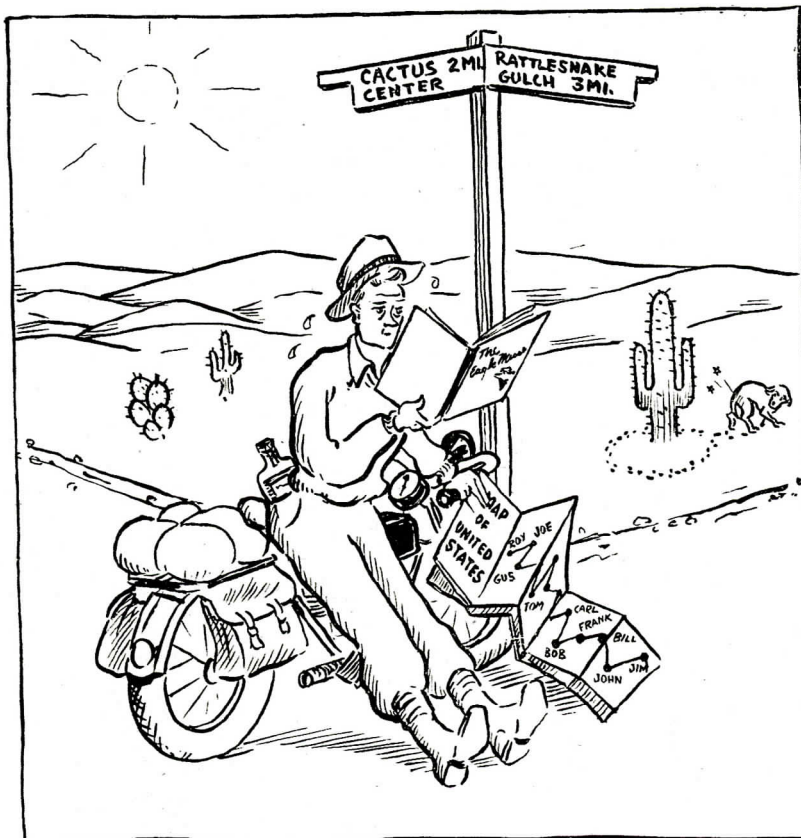
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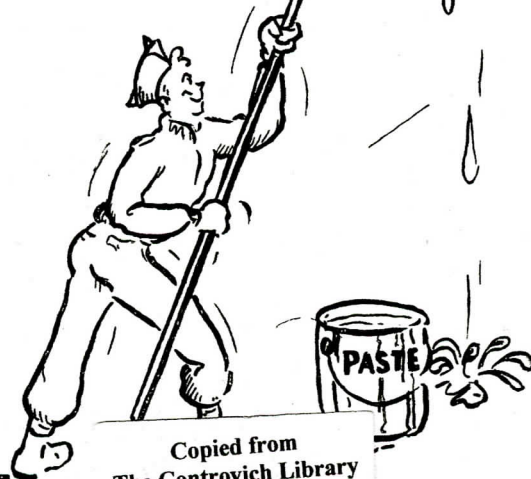
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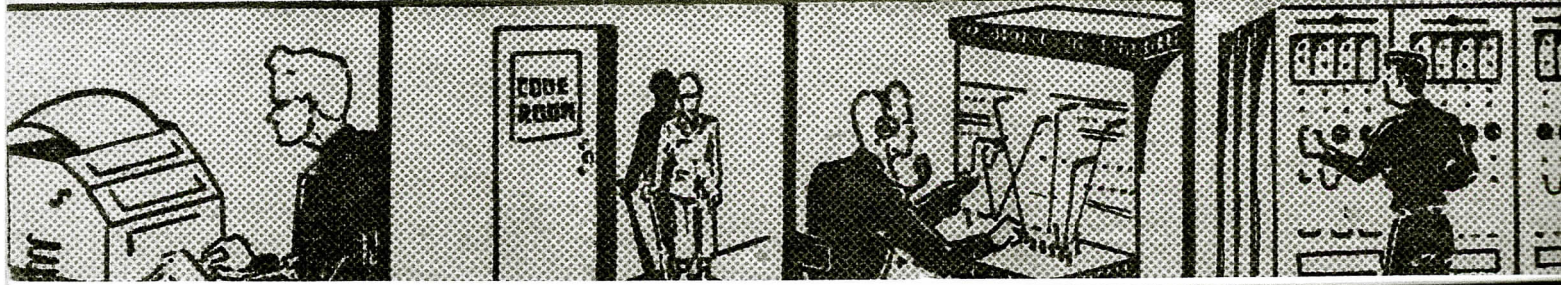
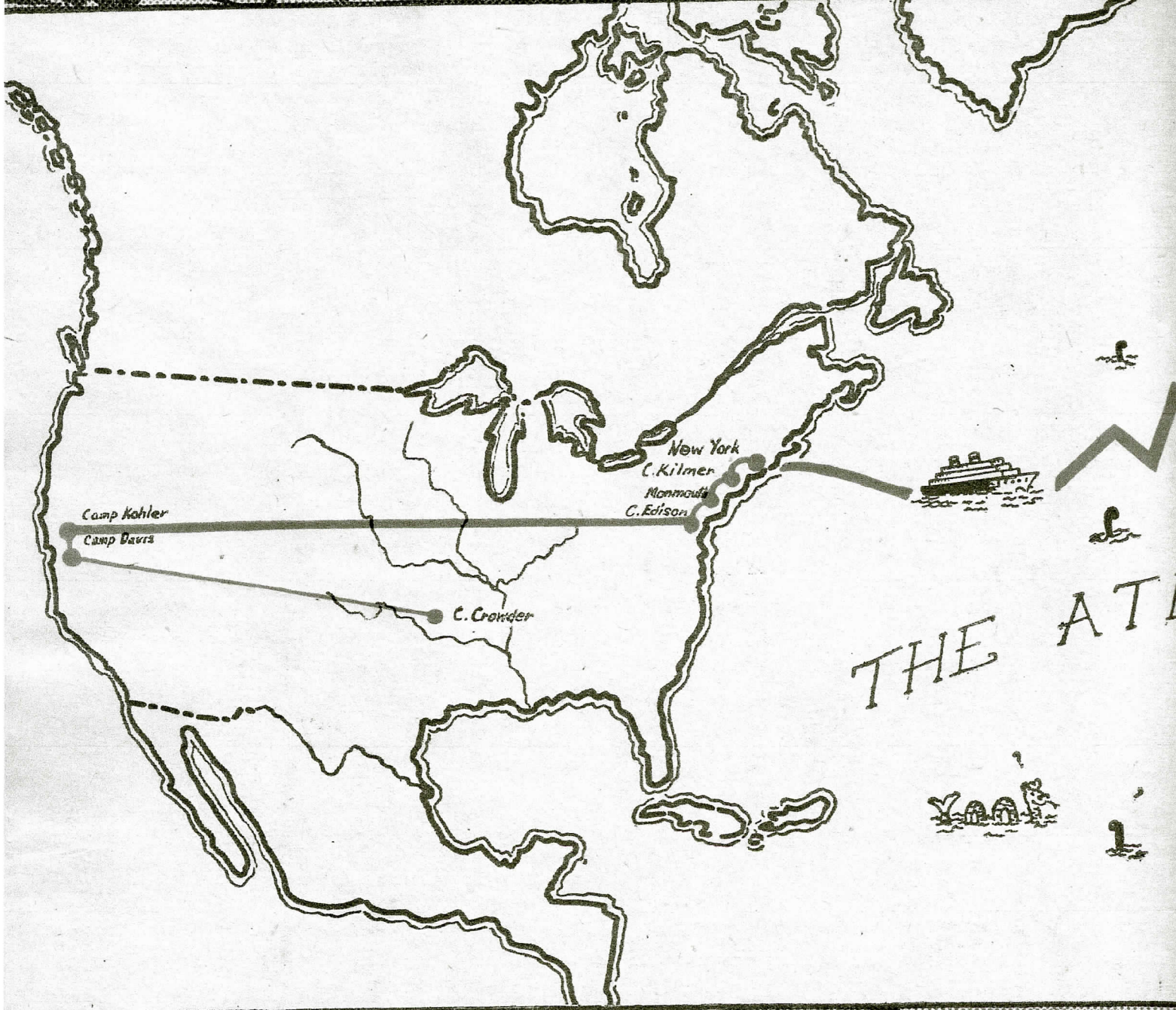
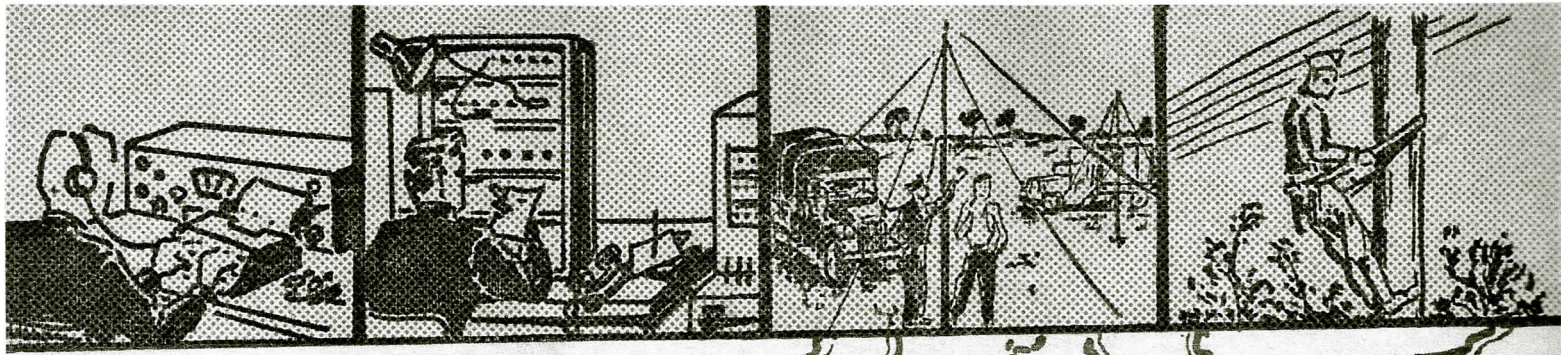


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