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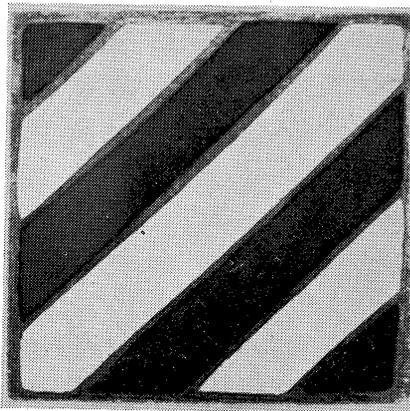


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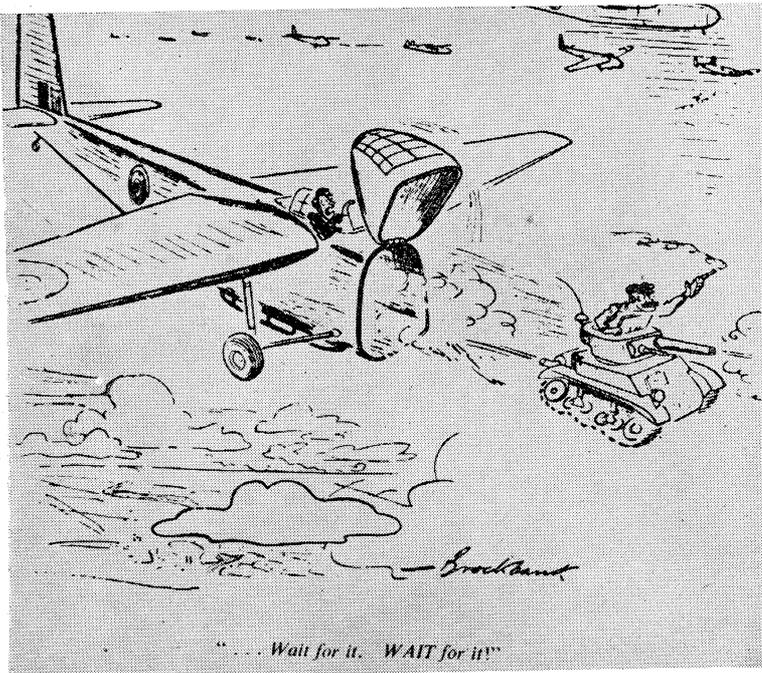
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When artist Willie Wright was approached with the idea of doing this month's cover for the Herald (as well as the other art work in this issue) he was only asked to do one thing: use an infantryman. Wright went to work and two days later came up with the drawing on the left which was then engraved for color. While no particular infantryman was used as a model, this is not the first time a man wearing the blue and white patch has found himself on the cover of an army magazine. Another Third division man, Sgt. 1st cl. Joe Hodgins was chosen Man of the Year by Yank.

FROM THE EDITOR

Nearly all of this issue of THE HERALD is devoted to the infantry, its units, weapons and something of its tactics, as shown in the pictures of the Infantry School's Problem 361. For next month we hope to bring you a pictorial report on part of Exercise Tarheel, covering the activities of three Benning units, the 73rd Heavy Tank battalion, 328th Ordnance battalion and 204th Transportation Truck battalion, all of which are participating in maneuvers as part of the Victor Force which is presently defending the United States from the attacking Aggressor Force.



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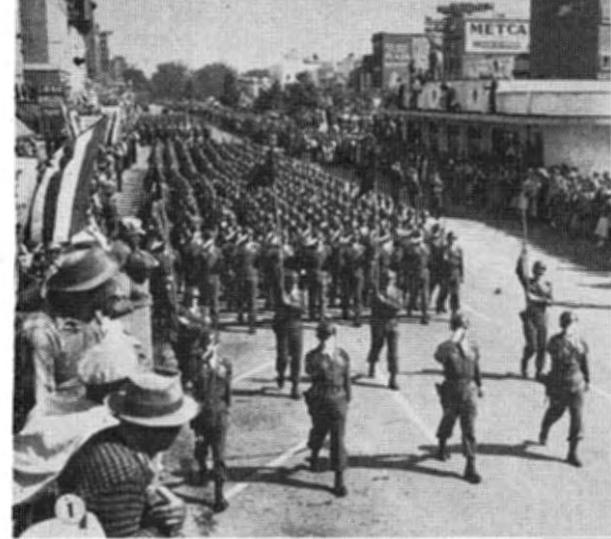
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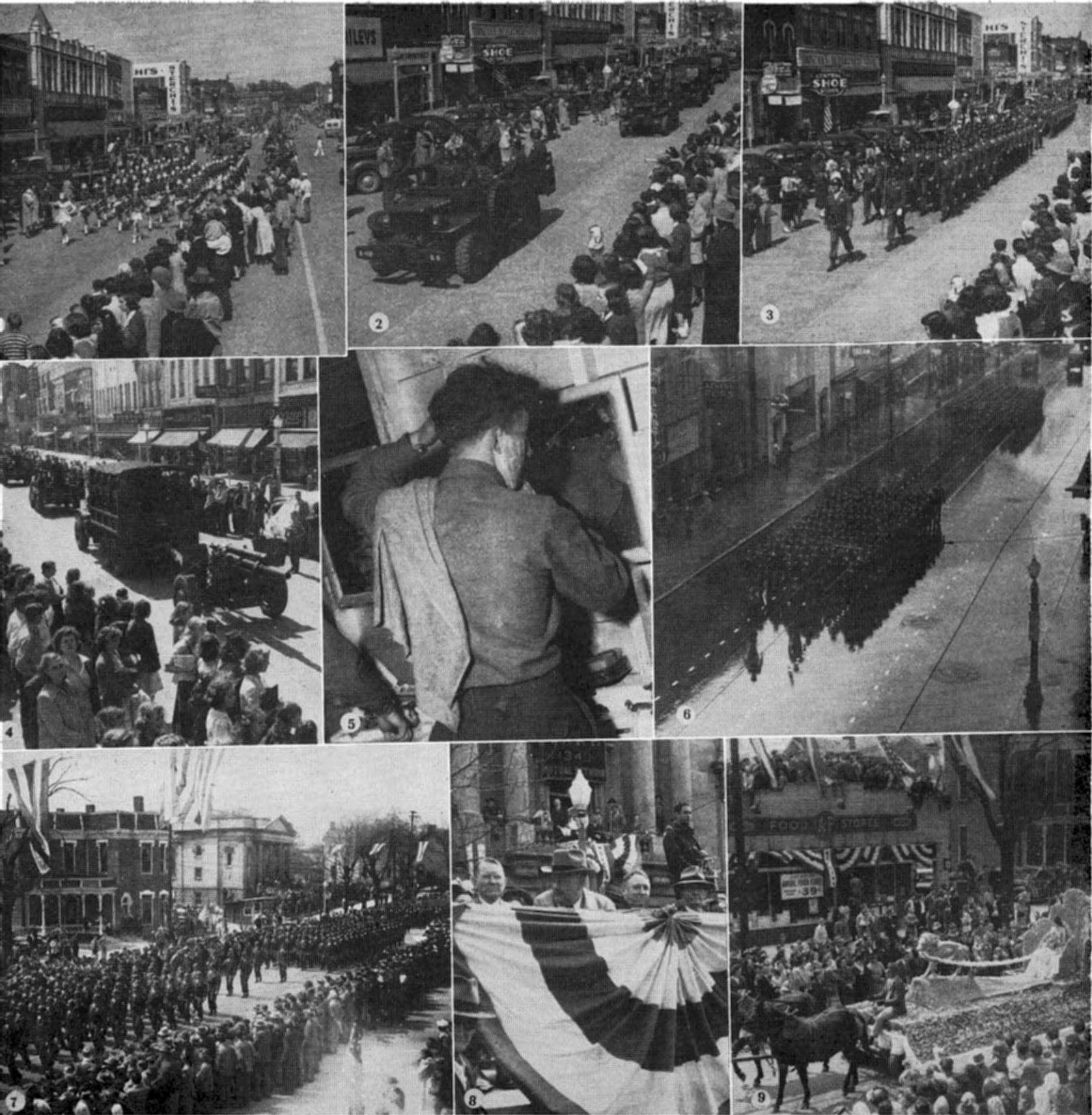


ARMY WEEK

Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee each got a glimpse this month of what makes an infantry division as the Third division paraded and the Infantry Center presented displays of infantry weapons and equipment. Shown on this page are the Columbus, Ga., parade and displays. Photo No. 1 is the 15th Infantry presenting arms; No. 2, the 15th Heavy Mortar company; No. 3, the unit's Heavy

Tank company; No. 4, 75 mm rifles of Company D; No. 5, an M-44 armored utility vehicle; No. 6, the regiment's Medical company's jeeps with litters for evacuation of wounded; No. 7, Columbusites look at an Infantry Center helicopter; No. 8, a Signal corps equipment display in one of the downtown stores, and No. 9, the American soldier as an ambassador of good will as part of his occupation mission overseas.

The out-of-town photos on Page 3 show the troops of the 30th Infantry and 41st Field Artillery in Rome and Atlanta, Ga., and Columbia, Tenn. No. 1 shows the girls' band that preceded Company E in the Rome parade; No. 2, caliber .50 machine guns of the 41st's Battery B in Rome; No. 3, Company E



in Rome; No. 4, the 105 mm howitzers of Battery B in Rome; No. 5, Rct. Harold Perlman of the 30th shaves before the Columbia, Tenn., parade; No. 6, the Third division units parade in the rain in Atlanta; No. 7, the First battalion of the 30th in Columbia, Tenn.; No. 8, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright (ret.), at extreme right, reviews the Columbia parade, and No. 9, a float in the combined Army Day-Dule Day parade in Columbia.

The post went all-out to make the Columbus celebration of Army Day the biggest ever. Planning for the displays and the parade started well in advance, and as the final week before the big week rolled around, Infantry Center troops started moving weapons and equipment into town for the mammoth displays on Broadway that included everything from light aviation

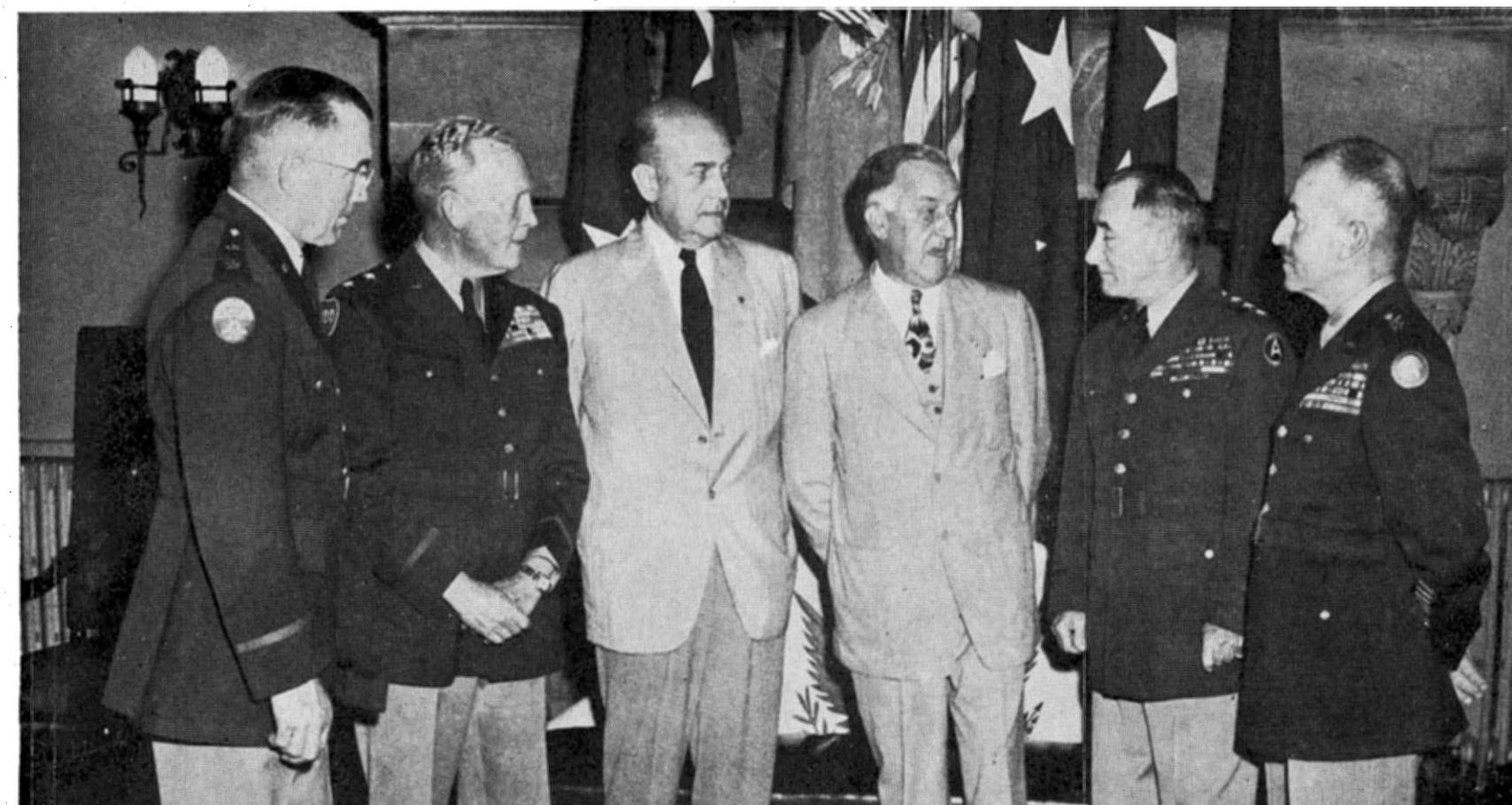
planes to eight-inch howitzers and 155 mm rifles. Infantry Center personnel also worked closely with Columbus merchants in setting up displays of different types of equipment used in the Infantry division. At sundown each day, observers, who thronged the outdoor display area on the "islands" moved over to see movies of actual combat scenes. All in all, it was a big week.

From a statement made by Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson, and repeated by top army men, it looked like 1949 would be the last year for Army Day. Instead, the new secretary advocated an Armed Services Day, the date of which has not yet been set. However, Army Day or Armed Services Day, Fort Benning soldiers will still show their stuff.



Above and below can be seen two groups of the Very Important People who were at Benning this month. In the photo above, while one member of the Joint Orientation Conference sights a 75 mm rifle, from left to right looking on are J. P. Marquand, Raymond P. Alexander and G. L. Washington.

Below, left to right are Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson, Undersecretary of Defense Stephen Early, Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., and the new deputy commander of the Third Army, Maj. Gen. William C. Chase.





GENERAL BURRESS GREET'S DEFENSE SECRETARY JOHNSON.

Conferences Post Host to Many

Fort Benning's soldiers, long accustomed to seeing, and demonstrating for, the great and near-great of the military and civilian world, opened their eyes wide this month. In rapid succession this month they saw visits by the French chief of staff, second joint orientation conference, Undersecretary of Defense, Secretary of Defense and Brazilian Minister of War and chief of staff—all here within two weeks.

The orientation conference was the second held by the Department of Defense with the principle of showing key civilians just what the army, navy and air force are doing with the taxpayers' dollars. And for the second time the Infantry Center was chosen as the army's demonstration area. En route to Benning it was announced that Stephen Early, formerly President Roosevelt's press secretary, had been nominated to be defense undersecretary; he announced his acceptance of the post at Benning. The following day, the new Secretary of Defense, Louis A. Johnson, flew to Benning, conferred with the undersecretary and looked over the post.

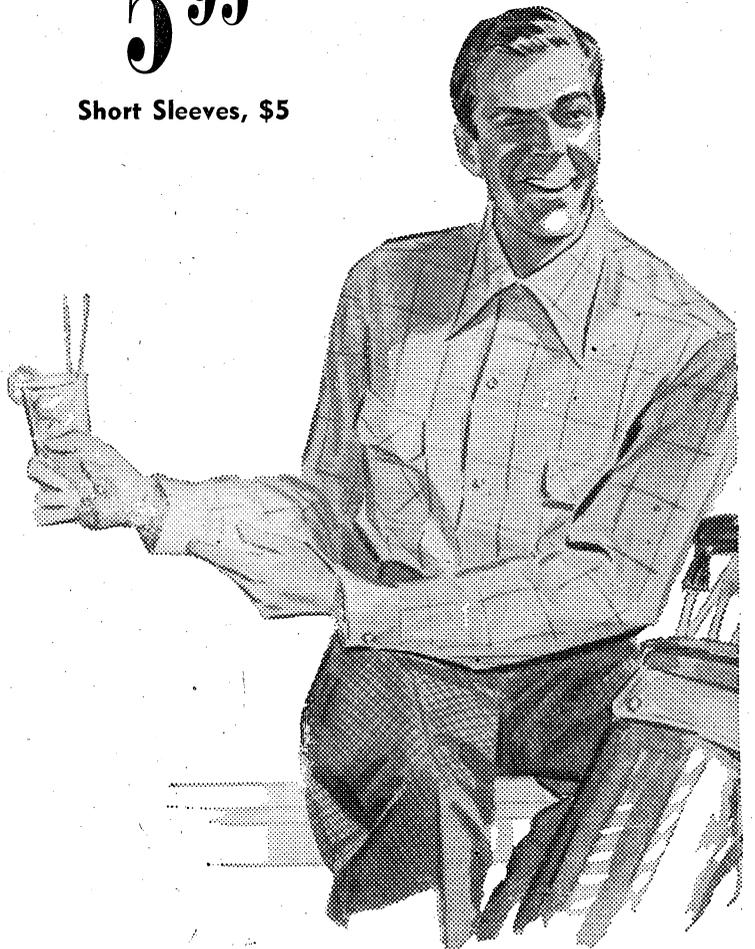
The day the members of the joint conference left, the Minister of War of Brazil, the Brazilian chief of staff and other high-ranking Brazilian officers came to Benning to observe American infantry training, techniques and tactics. But by week's end the troops were able to relax; they had shown their stuff and the visitors, who looked critically, had liked what they had seen.

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The Brazilian Minister of War, Gen. CANROBERT Pereira da Costa, left, and the Brazilian chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Alvaro FIUZA de Castro, right, above, follow their maps during the briefing for Problem 361. Below, Lt. Gen. Georges Marie Joseph Revers, chief of staff of the French army, left, looks over a 3.5 inch rocket launcher during a demonstration at Hook Range. With him is Capt. Carlos Lozano of the Academic department of the Infantry School.





MARY FRANCES STAFFORD GOES TO HER FIRST EASTER SERVICE WITH HER PARENTS, 1ST. SGT. AND MRS. TOM J. STAFFORD.

The Holy Season

Easter, Passover Celebrated

A note of solemnity prevailed at the Infantry Center during the middle of the month. Despite the activity engendered throughout the post by the visits of top-ranking civilians and top-ranking service people from this and other countries, the week beginning with Palm Sunday showed a greater than usual stirring of religious sentiment as Benning troops and their families, Protestants, Catholics and Jews alike, prepared to celebrate the holy days of Easter and Passover.

For the first time since the war the post had a Jewish chaplain assigned here and he conducted his first Passover service and traditional Seder feast on the evening the April 13, commemorating the 3,100th anniversary of his people's exodus from Egypt.

Sunday morning saw thousands of worshippers attending Protestant and Catholic services, presided over by 12 Protestant and four Catholic chaplains of the Infantry Center and Third division. By far, of course, the largest attendance was at the annual Sunrise Service, but all chapels on the post were filled to overflowing at the indoor services. The four Catholic services at one chapel alone drew more than 1,100 persons, while the Infantry Center Chapel, seating 500, admitted more than 600 to one service and still some could not find room inside.

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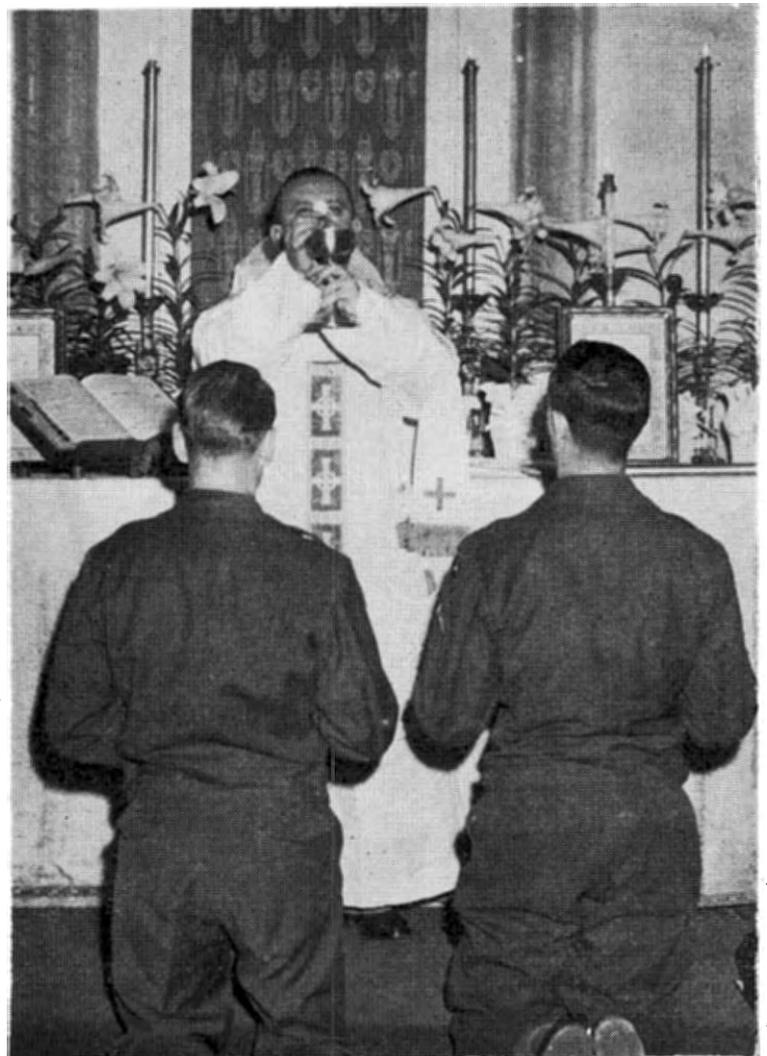
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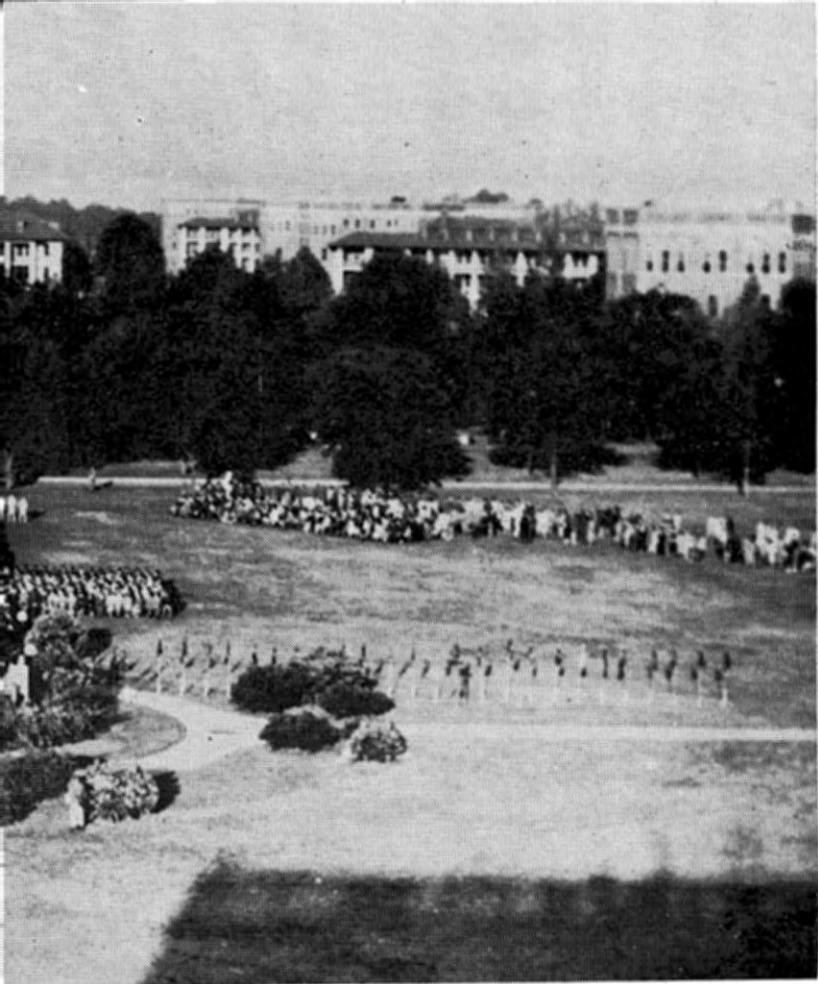
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ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND IMPRESSIVE OF THE HOLY WEEK RELIGIOUS SERVICES WAS THE SOLEMN MASS IN CHAPEL NO. 4, A PICTURE OF WHICH IS ABOVE. THE CHAPEL, SPECIALLY DECORATED FOR THE SERVICES, WAS FILLED WITH MORE THAN 1,100 WORSHIPERS AT THE FOUR MASSES EASTER SUNDAY.



EASTER MORN

The Worshipers Gather

As the grayness of dawn gave way to the first pale, and then brilliant, streaks of sunlight Easter morning, the soldiers of Fort Benning, their families and friends began drifting in toward the parade grounds of Olson Barracks for the annual Easter Sunrise Services. Then, as day began to break in earnest the trickle became a throng so that by the time the trumpeters of the 72nd Army band sounded the melodious church call more than 2,000 worshippers of nearly all faiths had gathered, 1,400 to form a living cross, the rest to be seated in arcs behind the main group.

From the first triumphant song of the Infantry Center Choir, "Christ the Lord is risen today" until the majestic notes of Bach's "Hallelujah Chorus" had drifted away and the final benediction had been pronounced, the group had been held enraptured by the service conducted by six Benning chaplains. The choir had practiced for weeks and not even the echoes caused by the public address system inside the cuartel parade ground seemed to disturb either singers or worshippers as the latter heard, not only the traditional Easter music, but special music and solos.

And in the Infantry Center Catholic Chapel, a Solemn Mass filled the mural-decorated buildings even to seating later-comers in the choir loft. The solemn majesty of the elevation of the Host was caught by a Herald photographer, right, as Chaplain Aloysius Zielinski raised it high over the congregation while the officers of the Mass, Ferdinand J. Konieczny and Bernard R. Shamp knelt before him.

By day's end more than 7,500 people had attended at least one service on the post, it was reported by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wallace M. Hale. Many of them had attended the Sunrise Service, but they still crowded into the other chapels for the special services being conducted at almost hourly intervals.

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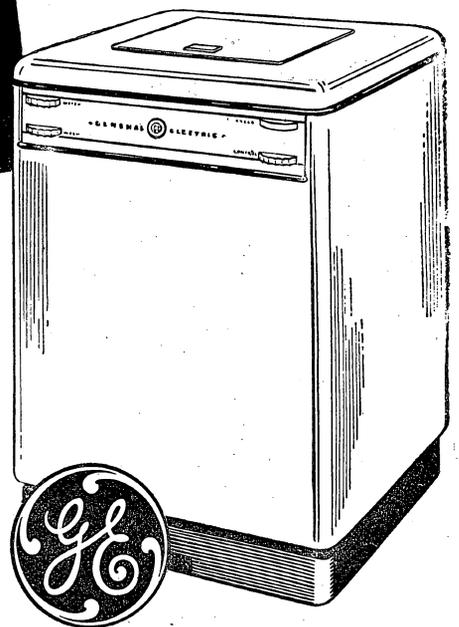
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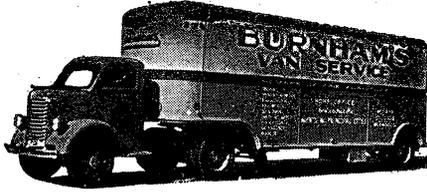
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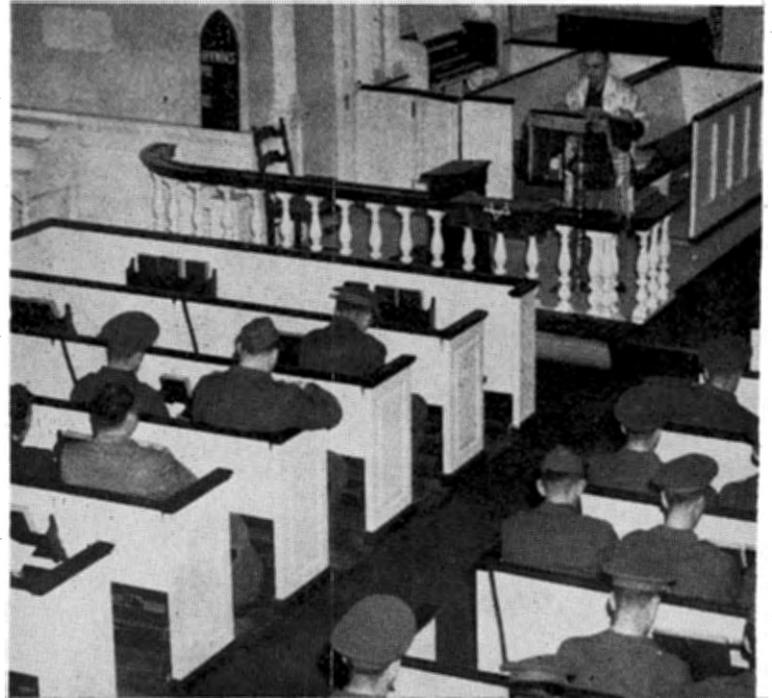
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THE PASSOVER

For more than 3,000 years the Jews of the world have celebrated the passing over of the homes of their ancestors by the Angel of Death as he smote the first-born of the Egyptians. At sundown of the eve of Passover, April 13, the Jews of Fort Benning gathered in the Infantry Center chapel to hear Chaplain (Capt.) Max Daina, above, explain the significance of the holy day. Then, the services over, they moved to the hospital area for the traditional Seder, the meal commemorating the bondage and flight from Egypt. Below, Chaplain Daina is shown breaking the matzo, symbolic of the unleavened bread the Israelites took with them on the flight as they had not the time to let it rise. In the glass before the chaplain are the bitter herbs, eaten to remind the celebrant of the bitterness of slavery in ancient days.



MIGHTY ARM

The Infantry Division

When you annihilate the enemy and occupy his territory you have won a war. So, for many years, have said the great strategists and tacticians. So, for many years, has that been the mission of the infantry, to annihilate the enemy and occupy his territory.

In all the arms, services and branches making up the military profession, the infantry, and the infantryman, has long often been merely taken for granted. The infantryman, in the eyes of many, carries a rifle. He is numerous, to be sure, but, except for the Sergeant Yorks and Audie Murphys, usually anonymous.

Today, the people of the world, and especially the United States, are taking a new view of the infantry. For the infantry is a new infantry, a far cry from the mass of doughboys who fought with rifles and machine guns and mortars and little else in the first world war and with those weapons and bigger artillery, rockets and magnificent cooperation from the navy and airforce in World War II. The infantryman, and the infantry division of 1949, pack a powerful wallop.

The streamlined infantry division today is a self-contained, mobile, almost self-sustaining organization. Gone are the days of "attached units" of the last war. The lessons of Africa, Europe and the Pacific, learned the hard way, have already taken effect in the new lineup of Uncle Sam's big right arm.

The new infantry division has men: 17,797 enlisted men, 958 officers, 49 warrant officers. The new infantry division has weapons: 19,912 ranging from pistols to 155 howitzers. The new infantry division has armor: 195 vehicles mounting pieces including 75, 76, 90 and 105 mm guns and howitzers. The new infantry division has vehicles: 4,071 including everything from liaison planes to tanks, assault boats, ambulances, tank retrievers, and even a mobile dental laboratory.

During the last war the division was built around its three regiments of infantry, four battalions of field artillery, engineer battalion, medical battalion, signal company, reconnaissance troop, quartermaster company and ordnance company. Its armor was "attached," as was its anti-aircraft, usually a battalion of each.

Now the infantry division is still built around its three regiments of infantry and four battalions of field artillery, but it has a lot more power and the power isn't "attached." It's organic, part of the division. There are still a medical battalion and engineer battalion, still a signal company, reconnaissance company, quartermaster company and ordnance company. But there are two new battalions: the heavy tank battalion and the anti-aircraft battalion, both a part of the division.

The weapons have changed, too, since the last war. There are still M-1 rifles, light and heavy machine guns, mortars, artillery, BARs and the other weapons so familiar to the veteran soldier. In addition, however, there are the "glamour" weapons that came in just about the time the Germans and Japs surrendered—and they are plentiful in today's division. There are the recoilless guns, both 57 and 75 mm; there are the rocket launchers in two sizes, a far cry from the old bazookas; there are grenades of all types, new shells—all the firepower the infantryman has wanted. And the infantrymen are being trained in their uses. Here at Benning, too, the Infantry School is conducting classes for light weapons and heavy weapons non-commissioned officers in addition to its other classes; here at Benning the new Third division is being trained with the new weapon, and at other posts and camps other new infantrymen, and old ones, too, are learning that the old "dog-face soldier with a rifle on his shoulder" refrain might mean a 57 mm rifle instead of an '03 or M-1.

On the next two pages are silhouettes of some, but definitely not nearly all, the weapons and armored vehicles of the infantry division.

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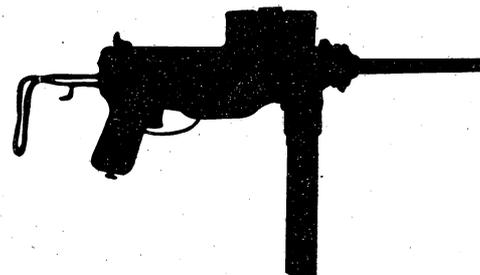
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Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 16-32
Maximum Range, Yards — 3,500
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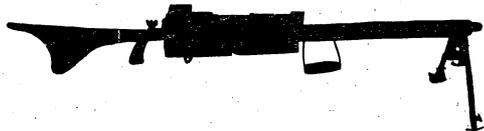
Rifle, Caliber .30, Sniper
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 10-15
Maximum Range, Yards — 3,500
Number in the Division — 243



Automatic Rifle, Caliber .30 BAR
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 350-550
Maximum Range, Yards — 3,500
Number in the Division — 412



Submachine Gun, Caliber .45
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 450
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Machine Gun, Light, Caliber .30
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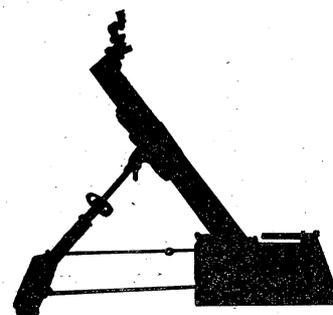
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Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 400-600
Maximum Range, Yards — 7,200
Number in the Division — 354



Mortar, 60 MM
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds Per Min. — 30-35
Maximum Range, Yards — 1,985
Number in the Division — 84



Mortar, 81 MM
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 30-35
Maximum Range, Yards — 3,290
Number in the Division — 40



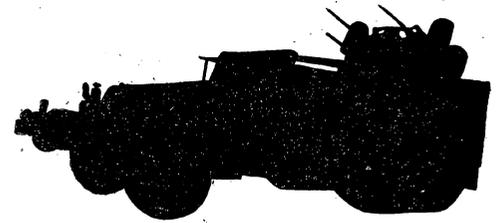
Mortar, Chemical, 4.2 Inch
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 20
Maximum Range, Yards — 4,400
Number in the Division — 36



Launcher, Rocket, 2.36 Inch
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 8
Maximum Range, Yards — 700
Number in the Division — 81



57 MM Rifle
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 10
Maximum Range, Yards — 4,340
Number in the Division — 81



Multiple Gun, M-16
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 2,400
Maximum Extreme Range, Yards — 2,450
Number in the Division — 32



Launcher, Rocket, 3.5 Inch
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 8
Maximum Range, Yards — 945
Number in the Division — 465



75 MM Rifle
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 12
Maximum Range, Yards — 7,200
Number in the Division — 39



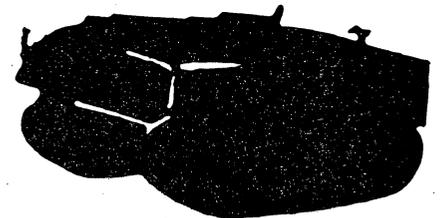
Twin 40 MM Gun, M-19
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 240
Maximum Extreme Range, Yards — 5,500
Number in the Division — 32



Howitzer, 105 MM
Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 4
Maximum Range, Yards — 12,200
Number in the Division — 54



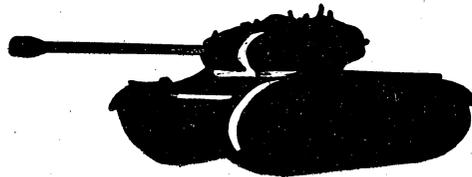
Howitzer, 155 MM
Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 3
Maximum Range, Yards — 16,350
Number in the Division — 18



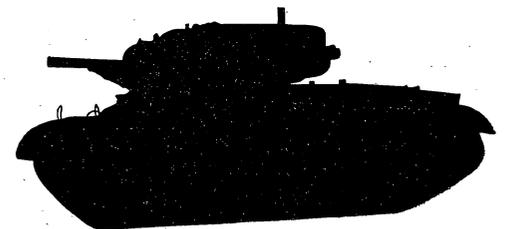
Armored Utility Vehicle
Carries 24 Personnel Plus Crew of 3
Number in the Division — 34



Tank, M-24 (75 MM Gun)
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 8 (Est.)
Maximum Range, Yards — 13,600
Number in the Division — 9



Tank, M-26 (90 MM Gun)
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 8
Maximum Range, Yards — 19,560
Number in the Division — 123



Tank, M-45 (105 MM Howitzer)
Maximum Rate of Fire, Rounds per Min. — 4
Maximum Range, Yards — 12,205
Number in the Division — 12



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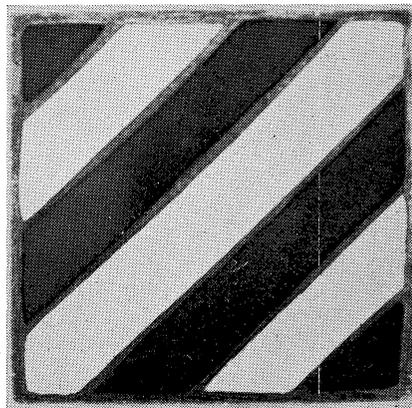
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In March, 1918 the Sixth U. S. Engineers went into the line in France to help stop a great German assault. This was the first unit of the Third Infantry division to see action in World War I. A month later the rest of the division was committed and in the following seven months the division covered itself with glory and earned the nickname "Rock of the Marne," when it refused to budge from a position it had taken in the Chateau-Thierry sector.

Then, following the armistice and a period of duty as occupation troops, the division came home and in the long, peacetime years its units were scattered up and down the west coast. Before America's entry into World War II, however, the division had new life breathed into it. It had become one of the first triangular infantry divisions. In its lineup were the Seventh, 15th and 30th Infantry regiments; Ninth, 10th, 39th and 41st Field Artillery battalions. And with them were the new, streamlined companies and battalions, like the Third Signal company and 10th Engineer battalion that the division has today.

With the new organization came training, long arduous days and weeks and months of a new kind of training, training for amphibious warfare. Hitler held Europe and much of Africa. Before he could be fought on his home grounds a toe-hold, at least, had to be gained and the Third was picked to help grab that hold. On October 23, 1942, the Third Infantry division sailed into the Atlantic. Destination: French Morocco. Operation: Torch. Commander: Maj. Gen. Jonathan W. Anderson.

At 4:45 on the morning of Nov. 8, 1942 the first assault waves of the Third division began landing on the French Moroccan coast near Fedala and about 15 miles from Casablanca. It was the first successful D-Day operation against Festung Europa. Within four days resistance ceased and the initial stage of American participation in the Battle for North Africa had ended. The Third was to see no more fighting till summer.

If the Third was to see no more fighting till summer, however, many a Marneman wryly remarked that he'd prefer battle to what he had to do in the first half of 1943. Soon after the landing General Anderson returned to the States for a new assignment and the command of the division was assumed by Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr. About the same time, the Third was designated as one of the units that was to form the Seventh army under the command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. The objective this time was Sicily.

General Truscott was a former cavalryman, an impatient cavalryman who liked to move fast. For the preparation for Operation Husky he instituted a training schedule, based in part on physical conditioning, that has become legendary in the division under the term "Truscott Trot." The "Truscott Trot" was not a marching pace of five miles an hour all the way, only for the first hour. Then it was reduced to four miles an hour for the next two hours and three and one-half miles an hour for the remainder of a 30-mile march with full field equipment.

The rigorous training of North Africa proved valuable in the Sicilian operation. The division started landing near Licata, at 2 a. m. July 10 and in 31 days of combat walked, fighting

the Marne

3RD DIVISION

as it went, across the mountainous terrain to capture Palermo and Messina. Meeting almost irresistible opposition at one time on the north coast near Mte. San Fratello, the Second battalion, 30th Infantry, made two amphibious landings behind the German lines within one week to encourage the Nazis to withdraw.

When the Fifth army landed at Salerno early in September, the Third's men wondered about their future. Ten days after the landing they ceased wondering. They were south of Salerno, fighting in the mountains near Acerno. Two months later they came out of the line, what was left of them, near a place called Cassino and went into training for a landing at a place called Nettuno, later shortened to Anzio.

Anzio was the battle that lasted four months. During that time the division staved off one great attack after another. During those four months the division suffered 12,750 battle and non-battle casualties. During those four months the Germans never gained an inch of ground that had been taken by the Third division. The nightmare ended, finally, on May 23 and 12 days later the Third, under soon-to-be Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel was in Rome. Troops of the Third Reconnaissance troop had entered the city at 8 a. m. on June 4.

Following a couple of weeks of rest in Rome it was back to the amphibious training area of Pozzuoli, near Naples. The division had a date on the French Riviera. The date was Aug. 15, 1944 and the place was San Tropez. The higher echelon was Sixth corps, commanded by General Truscott (who had assumed command of the corps at Anzio) and the partners in the operation were the Third's old friends, the 45th and 36th divisions.

The division went into combat Aug. 15, 1944, and stayed in combat until Feb. 7, 1945—with no rest. During that time it fought its way up the Rhone valley, crossed the Vosges Mountains in the winter, paved the way for the entrance into Strasbourg and was instrumental enough in clearing out the Colmar Pocket to receive an American Distinguished Unit citation and the fourragere to the French Croix de Guerre.

The division had reached the Rhine twice but hadn't crossed it. So, after the cleanup at Colmar it moved into the Nancy area and started practicing river crossings. First, however, it had to break through the Siegfried line at Zweibrucken. This was accomplished in mid-March and before the end of the month the Third had crossed the Rhine south of Worms and was moving through Germany. Working hand in hand with its old partner, the 45th, the division captured Nurnburg and Munich and then, striking on its own, as the Nazi dream collapsed, captured Salzburg and Berchtesgaden. It was a long way from North Africa's western shores.

The division was awarded 10 battle stars for the following campaigns: North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Ardennes-Alsace, Rhineland and Central Europe. In addition to receiving the Distinguished Unit citation as a division, 16 of its units were also similarly cited. But the proudest boast of the old-timers is not the number of citations, not the number of casualties, not just the days of combat, the countries fought in or the miles of walking. The old-timers have one boast: The Third Infantry division never retreated.

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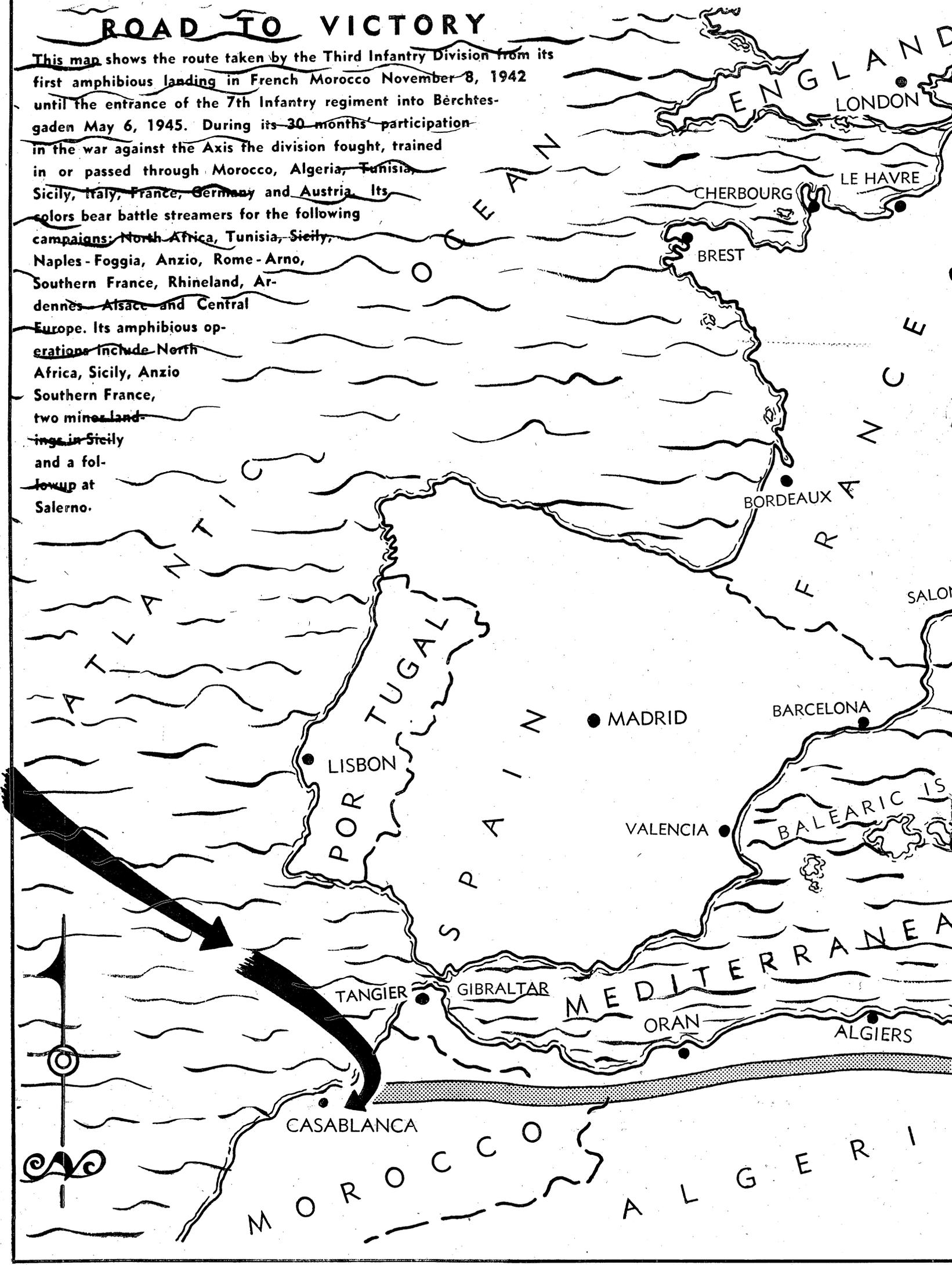
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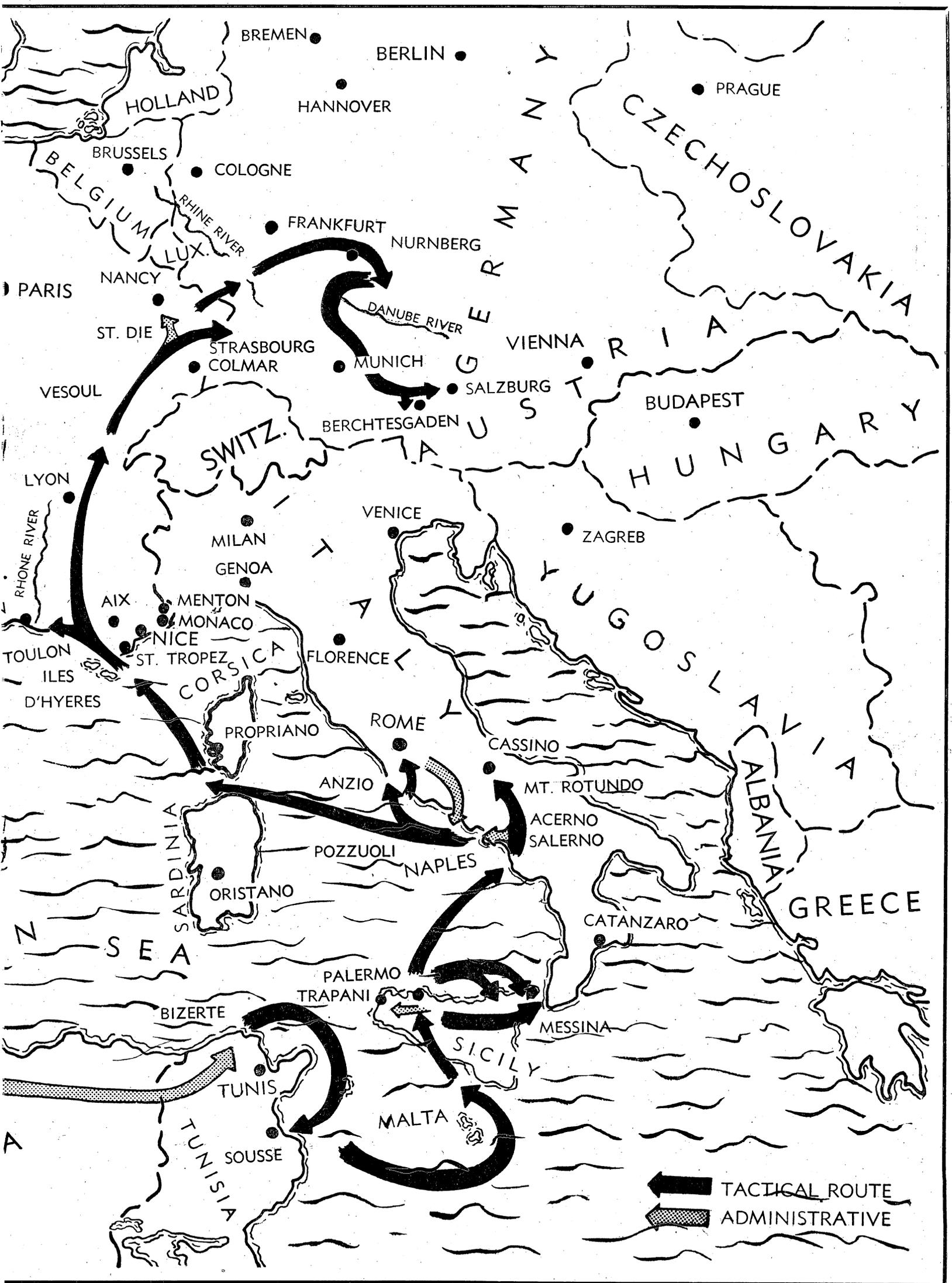
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ROAD TO VICTORY

This map shows the route taken by the Third Infantry Division from its first amphibious landing in French Morocco November 8, 1942 until the entrance of the 7th Infantry regiment into Bérchtesgaden May 6, 1945. During its 30 months' participation in the war against the Axis the division fought, trained in or passed through Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Its colors bear battle streamers for the following campaigns: North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Alsace and Central Europe. Its amphibious operations include North Africa, Sicily, Anzio, Southern France, two mine landings in Sicily and a followup at Salerno.







RECRUITS SAMMY MEARNS AND BOBBY JAY RECEIVE INSTRUCTION ON THE 3.5 INCH ROCKET LAUNCHER FROM PFC. ALVA HOWARD WHILE 1ST. LT. KENNETH E. KINTNER, AN EIGHT-CAMPAIGN VETERAN OF THE THIRD, LOOKS ON.

SERGEANT ARCHIE L. COOK GIVES PFC. RAYMOND E. GREENE AND RECRUITS VERNON D. KAHLOR AND RAYBURNE L. LEE SOME INSTRUCTION ON THE 81 MM MORTAR. ALL THE MEN SHOWN ON THIS PAGE ARE MEMBERS OF COMPANY H, 30TH INFANTRY.

DOUGHBOYS

The combat infantryman of World War II might have a difficult time recognizing the infantry regiment of today. The regiment is still armed with M-1 rifles, still has machine guns and mortars, but gone are such units as the anti-tank company and cannon company. Streamlined and reorganized like the infantry division, the regiment has a brand new setup. Regiments like the Third division's Seventh (at Fort Devens) and 15th and 30th at Benning now consists of a headquarters and headquarters company, three infantry battalions, a service company, heavy mortar company, tank company and medical company.

The regiment has more firepower today, too, than ever before in history. In addition to more than a score of armored vehicles, including tanks, the regiment has carbines, light and heavy caliber .30 machine guns, caliber .50 machine guns, sub-machine guns, 2.36 and 3.5 inch rocket launchers, 60 mm, 81 mm

and 4.2 inch mortars, pistols, automatic rifles, M-1 rifles, snipers' rifles and 57 and 75 mm guns.

For greater mobility, the regiment of today has more than 550 vehicles, including armored vehicles. These range from jeeps and trailers to trucks, water tank trailers and bulldozers. In the field of communications, today's regiment is vastly different from pre-war and wartime units. Telephone communication is still, of course, the backbone of the communications network, but the employment of radios has been on the upsurge. Today the regiment has nearly 800 pieces of communication equipment including field telephones, switchboards, radios of all types, and reel equipment.

The job of the regiments of the Third division today at Benning is, of course, primarily training. With the bringing up to authorized strength of the 15th and 30th Infantry, the teaching of recruits in the employment of weapons and equipment is being carried on by a well-trained cadre that includes a sprinkling of World War II Third division veterans. Visitors to the training areas, especially at Sand hill, can walk or ride through the area and see instructors patiently working with the recruits, making real doughboys of them.

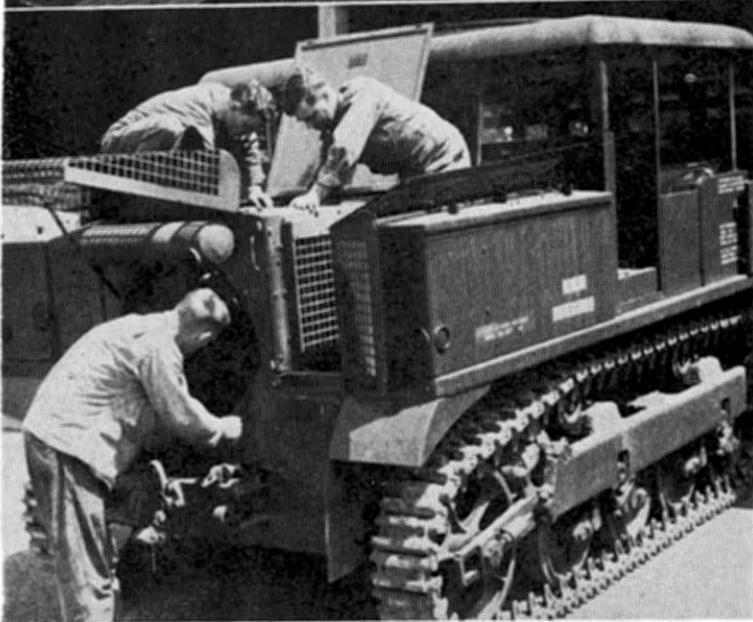
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The Artillery

The answer to an infantryman's prayer in combat is often the whistling of artillery shells overhead—from his own artillery. During the past war the division artillery consisted of three battalions of light—105 mm howitzers—and one battalion of medium—155 mm howitzers. The division artillery of today still consists of light and medium artillery, but there are more howitzers in each battalion and their mobility is greater.

SGT. 1ST. CL. EUGENE C. STOVALL, RIGHT, EXPLAINS THE MECHANISM OF THE BREECH BLOCK OF THE 105 MM HOWITZER TO 41ST, FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION RECRUITS ROBERT J. POWERS AND GEORGE VLAHOS, BELOW.



GETTING THEIR NEW M51A PRIME MOVER READY FOR ITS JOB OF HAULING THE NINTH FIELD'S 155 MM. HOWITZERS ARE SGT. EDWARD L. ATKINS (ON GROUND) AND PVT. RUSSELL C. WILLIAMS AND CPL. VERNE E. PARSONS.

In addition to the howitzer units, the division artillery also includes a battalion of self-propelled anti-aircraft guns. These M-16 and M-19 vehicles mount either four caliber .50 machine guns or twin 40 mm guns. In addition to their anti-aircraft assignment, the total of 64 gun-mounting vehicles can also be employed with devastating effect against enemy infantry and armored units.

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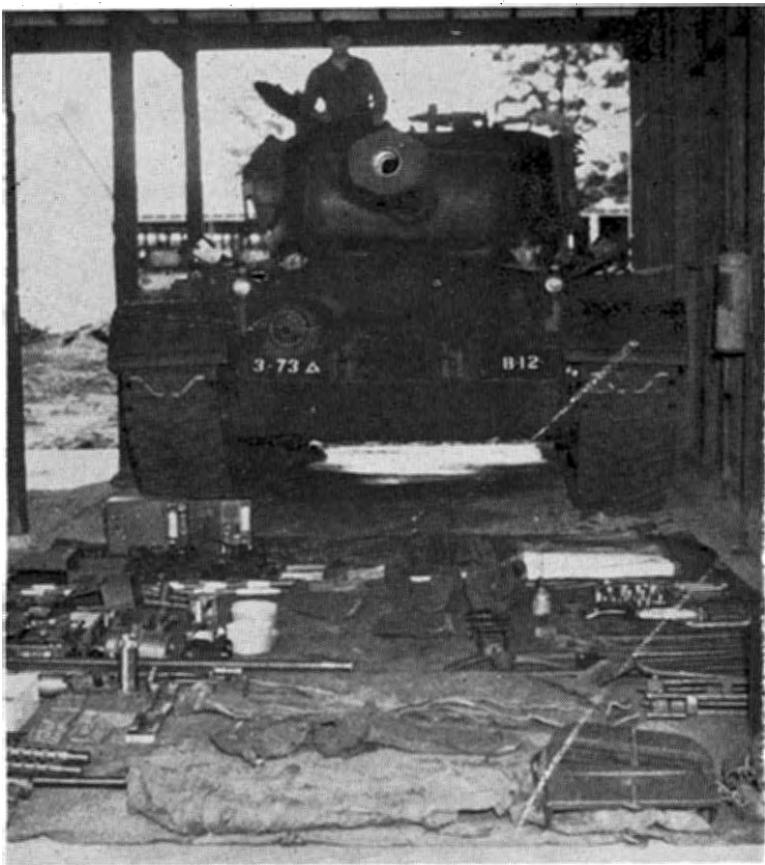
When the infantry division has an exceptionally tough job to do the chances are that the division's combat engineer battalion will draw the short straw. They build, they tear down and they fight. The list of the missions of the engineers is an imposing one, and the engineer takes pride in his ability to accomplish all his missions.

The "book" says the mission of the battalion is to increase the combat effectiveness of the division by means of general engineer work. Then come the sub-paragraphs explaining responsibilities: engineer staff planning and supervision, including attached engineer troops; engineer reconnaissance; construction, repair, and maintenance of roads, fords, culverts, fixed or floating bridges, ferries, obstacles (including mine fields), landing strips, command posts, shelters, and defensive installations; demolitions, and removal of obstacles including mine fields; engineer personnel and equipment for assault stream crossings and assault on fortifications; engineer supply

service, including water points; fighting as infantry in emergency.

Often the engineers are asked to do the impossible. In Sicily, along the north coast road to Messina, the Germans blew the road along a cliff at the exit of a long tunnel. There was no place to rebuild the road and the division was stumped—momentarily. Within 18 hours the 10th Engineer battalion had literally hung a bridge from the sky and troops and artillery poured over in pursuit of the fleeing Wehrmacht. This effort at Cap Calava was considered by many the outstanding division engineering feat of the entire war in the west.

At Anzio, after building the defenses, the engineers fought as infantry as few infantrymen have ever fought. Today, in addition to the multitude of types and pieces of engineer equipment in the battalion, they are powerfully armed with carbines, caliber .30 and .50 machine guns, submachine guns, 3.5 rocket launchers, pistols and M-1 rifles.



TANKERS

The "homeless" tankers of World War II who worked as attached troops with the infantry division have found a home at last in the new streamlined, powerful infantry division. As an organic battalion of the division they at last belong. With them, too, they have brought a new muscle to the infantry division in the shape of new and better-gunned tanks and plenty of them, more than 70, including M-24's mounting 75 mm guns, M-26's mounting 90 mm guns, and M-45's mounting 105 howitzers.

Working closely with the infantry regiments, the tank battalion is charged with the destruction of enemy armor by fire; and the support of infantry by the use of direct or indirect fire, maneuver or shock action. And when the infantry breaks through enemy lines, the tanks help exploit the breakthrough.

In addition to the armament of the tanks themselves, the battalion also has carbines, machine guns, both caliber .30 and .50, submachine guns, rocket launchers, a mortar, pistols, M-1 rifles and automatic rifles. The photo above shows a layout of equipment for one tank, while below can be seen an M-26, buttoned up, moving over a rise.



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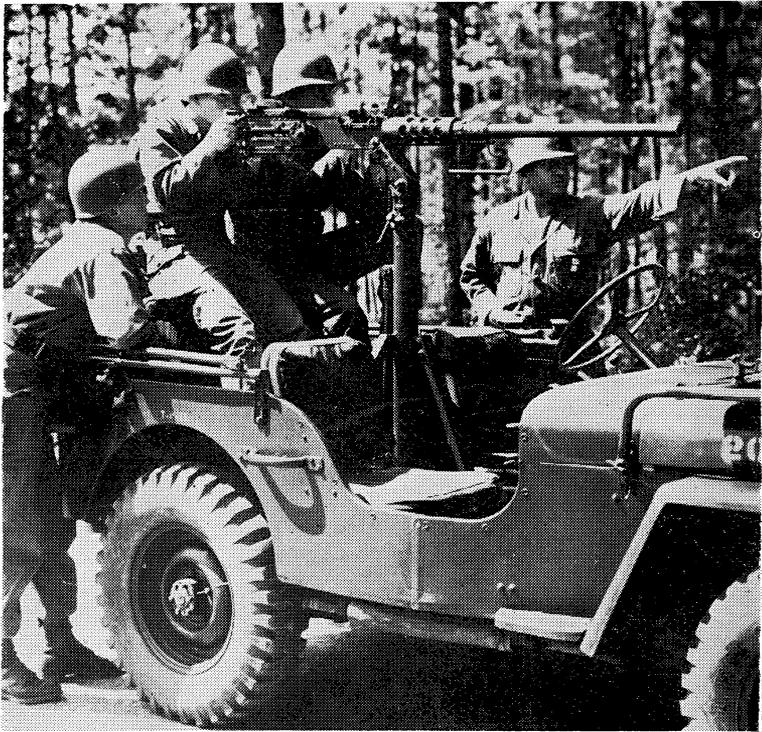


MEDICS

The real heroes of the infantry division are the medical corpsmen. They go with the infantry wherever the infantry goes. Unarmed, and with prominent red cross markings that often invite fire from sometimes unscrupulous enemy troops who disregard the Geneva Convention, the medics walk where angels fear to tread to do their jobs. When there are wounded in no-man's land and steel is flying, the medics go out and like the Mounties, get their man. Once they get to the wounded, they know what to do, too.

In the photo above, Pvt. Lester T. Winters is putting a tourniquet on the arm of Sgt. Ross H. Litty, whose hand has been "shattered." Below, Pvt. Bobby D. Hathorn, and Sgt. Calvin B. Bennette, an instructor with the Third Medical battalion, of which all the men are members, look over the finished job of bandaging that Winters and Hathorn have done on Lilly's hand. The "shattered hand" is one of the many training aids being used by the medics in preparing the new corpsmen for any eventuality.





RECON

For a unit whose mission it is to provide security and reconnaissance for the unit to which it is assigned, the reconnaissance company does a lot of fighting. For under the new setup of the infantry division, the company also is capable of executing missions suitable for light armored units. The Third Reconnaissance company of today is a far cry from the old Third Recon troop of the last war which covered itself with glory on the push from Anzio to Rome.

Today's recon company has firepower previously undreamed of by ex-cavalrymen and as the pictures on this page show, the men are learning how to use it. Above, 1st. Sgt. Richard F. Morgan, other side of jeep, instructs Rcts. Robert G. Cox and Bobby R. Champion and Cpl. Herman Vandermeulen in the technique of firing a caliber .50 machine gun from a jeep. The company is also heavily armed with carbines, rifles, light and heavy machine guns, rocket launchers, pistols, automatic rifles, submachine guns, and mortars, and has light tanks and armored utility vehicles. Below, Rct. Lloyd J. Levack and Sgt. Gordon L. Sale do a little sighting with the carbine.



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SIGNAL

When the Greeks fought the Persians at the battle of Marathon, the Athenian commander sent runners to Sparta and the other city-states requesting reinforcements. Those runners were the Signal corps men of their time. Today's infantry division still uses some soldiers as runners, but the bulk of communications is carried on by telephone, radio and even teletype. In the photo above Cpl. Walter H. May is shown operating a switchboard at the Third Signal company, while below Sgt. 1st. cl. Joseph M. Passero is explaining some of the inner workings of the teletype to Pfc. Robert R. Kendrick. In addition to its communications assignment for the division, the signal company also takes still and motion pictures, processes still pictures, and provides motion picture and slide projectors for training purposes.



ORDNANCE

It Can Fix Anything

In the old days of the army when something went wrong with a soldier's shooting iron, whether it was a rifle or a 155 mm howitzer, the piece went back to the ordnance company for repairs. And if it was a 155 mm howitzer the unit was sometimes "hurting" till it got a new weapon. Nowadays, however, when something goes wrong with a weapon, a big weapon, the ordnance company often sends a trained man up to the unit to make repairs on the spot. In fact, ordinarily the division's ordnance company is capable of furnishing support for all elements organic to the division. Under other conditions, assistance sometimes is required from other ordnance troops.

There is more to ordnance work, however, than repairing weapons. Nowadays, the ordnance company is responsible, not only for the maintenance of weapons, but also for optical and vehicle maintenance. For when the divisions were reorganized before the last war and the quartermaster battalion was redesignated a company, the ordnance company was made responsible for maintenance of transport. In today's division, that's a big task, what with the thousands of vehicles of all types from motorcycles and jeeps to tanks.

Preventive maintenance is also something the ordnancemen stress. They reason that if a man takes care of his rifle, gun-sight, watch or truck, there'll be less need for the weapon, instrument or vehicle to be in disuse. So, as Cpl. Nathan Barnett, right, is doing, they show men like Pfc. William T. Haines, how to care for weapons, in this case a submachine gun called, naturally, by infantrymen, the "grease gun." A member of the 703rd Ordnance company now, Barnett, with the 48th Ordnance in the European theater of operations, often found his unit supporting the 703rd. When he finished his demonstration on the attachment of the barrel to the gun, Haines, of the company's supply section, was thus able to pass on the information to the man ultimately receiving the piece.

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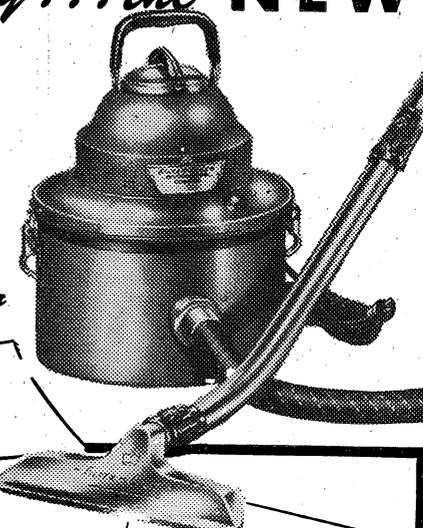
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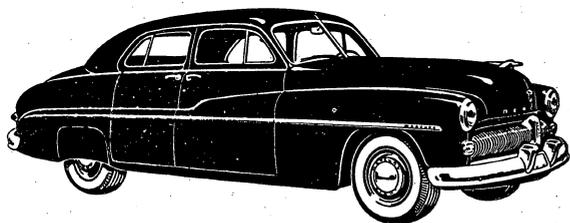
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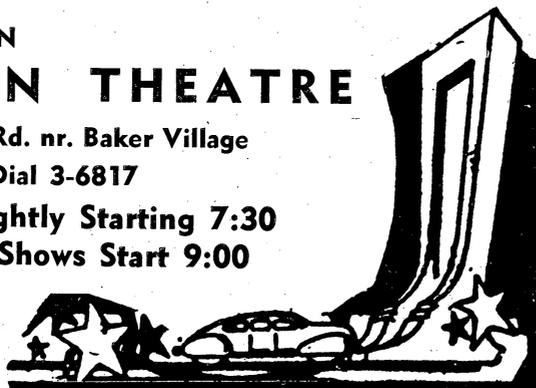
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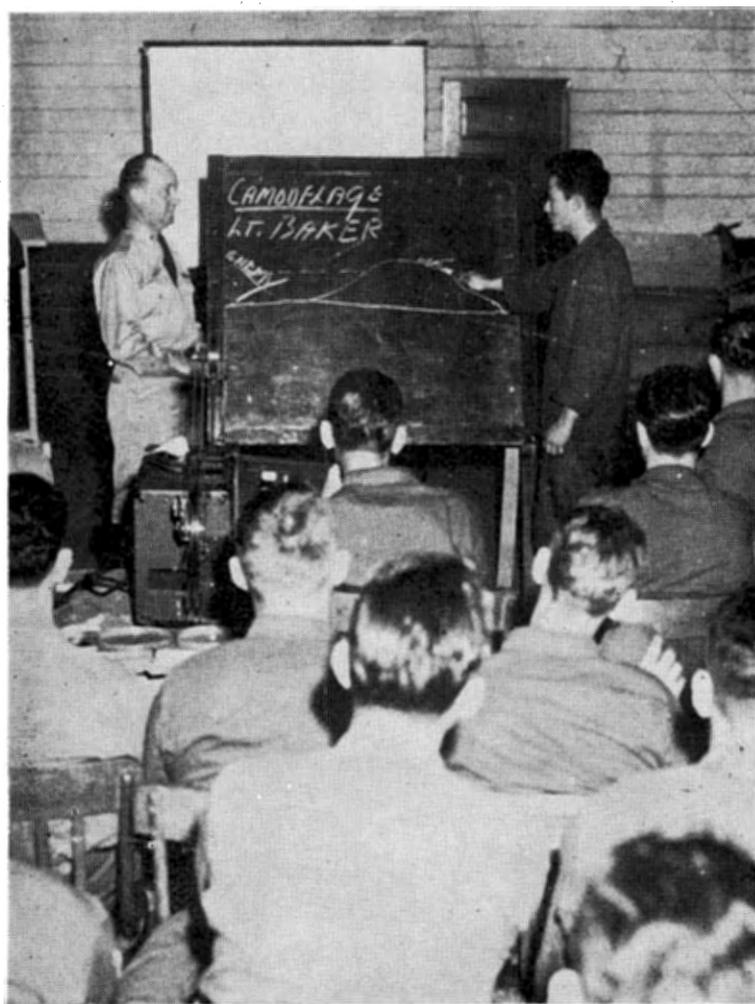
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In other days, before the advent of the gasoline motor, the quartermaster's mission was concerned mainly with food and clothing for soldiers and fodder for horses and mules. Today the quartermaster troops have a multitude of supply items, still including food and clothing, but in addition, petroleum, oils and lubricants to keep the wheeled and tracked army rolling.

As a service unit of an infantry division, this organization, numbering only slightly over 250 men, also provides laundry and bathing facilities for the division and graves registration supervision. In the past war, another mission was also found for them, one that was dangerous in the extreme at times but of inestimable help to the infantry. Then, quartermaster troops and trucks were often used to carry infantry to their jumping off point. This meant less casualties to the infantry and a speedier start with troops not fatigued by marching long distances before a fight.

In the photo above, 1st Lt. Harold H. Baker is shown conducting a Third Quartermaster company class on the camouflage and concealment of a quartermaster installation. On the right is Pvt. Philip J. Matta.



Problem 361

Army's First Team

Among the first lessons learned conclusively in World War II was that infantry, artillery and tanks must operate very closely to form an infantry-artillery-tank team; that armored units require supporting infantry; that infantry requires the support of tanks, and that both require the support of artillery. These lessons, learned first in North Africa and later in the war, were quickly put to use at the Infantry School.

Today, at Benning, one of the great demonstrations conducted by the Academic department of the Infantry School for students and distinguished visitors (the observers are usually combined) is Problem 361, the Infantry-Artillery-Tank Team in the Attack, the map of which is shown above. Stressed in the conduct of the problem is the coordination necessary between the commanders of the infantry, artillery and armor, and the employment of a heavy tank company as part of the team.

In the problem situation, the First Infantry, part of a larger force, is advancing east against stubborn enemy resistance. Its mission is to seize Bush Hill. "By 2000 yesterday leading elements of the division have reached the line: UNIMPROVED ROAD running SW from HILL 8—EDGE of WOODS W of HILL 9—UNDERWOOD ROAD."

On the following pages can be seen some of what happens when the team takes off from that point. Photo No. 1 shows tanks in the foreground with artillery shells dropping in the rear; No. 2, tanks move up with infantry following; No. 3, tanks fire as infantry come alongside them; No. 4, more tanks move in from the left flank, again with infantrymen with them; No. 5, tanks continue to approach Hill 6 from the left, and No. 6, more M-26 tanks come out of the woods from the left toward Hill 6, the first major objective.

On pages 29 through 32 can be seen more pictures showing the employment of infantrymen with armor. The artillery pieces that fired the protective barrages for the infantry-tank team are in the rear and cannot of course be seen. The photos taken on page 28 were telescopic, taken from the observers position in the right front of Company G. The other pictures were taken by a photographer accompanying the infantry-tank team.

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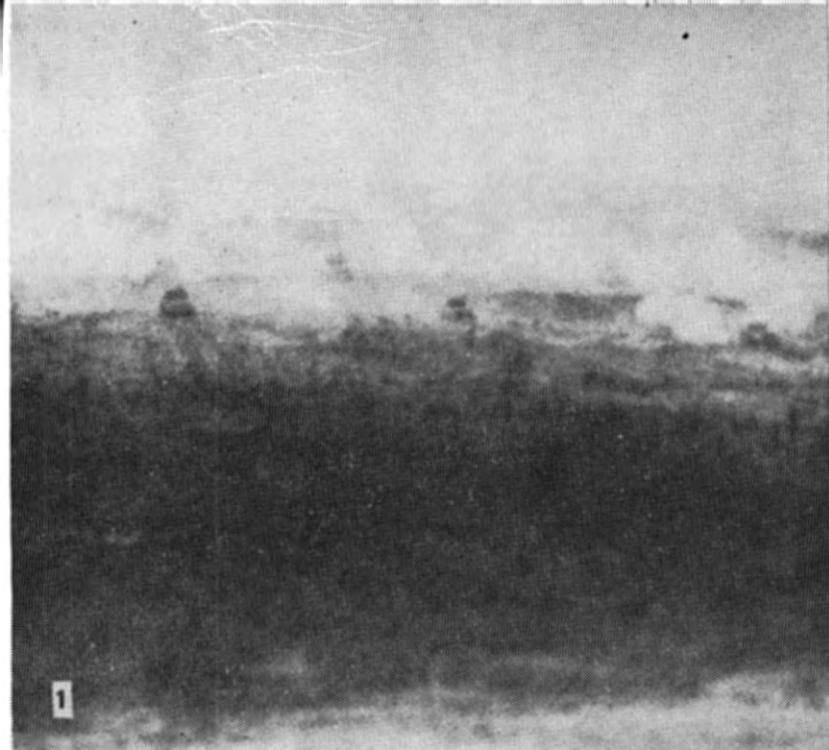
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The telescopic photos on the opposite page were taken during an actual demonstration of Problem 361 which was observed by visiting students of other army service schools and the Minister of War of Brazil, the chief of staff of the Brazilian army and other high-ranking Brazilian and American officers. The other pictures of the problem were taken during a rehearsal two days previously.

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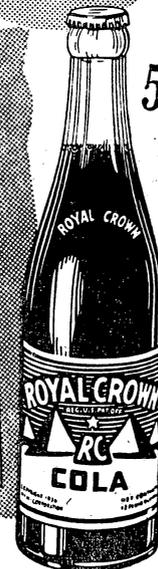
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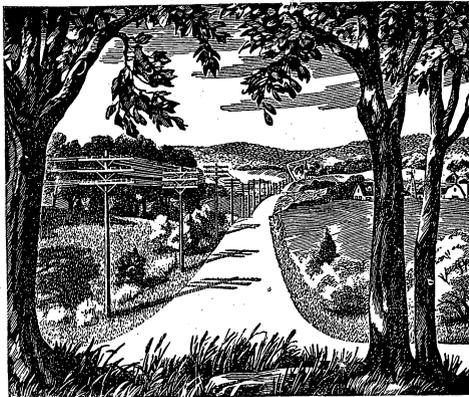
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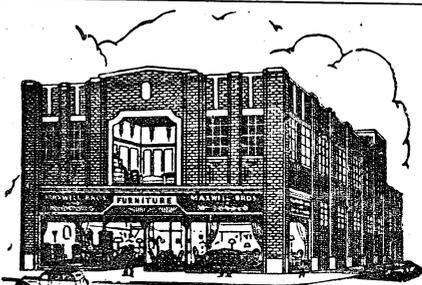
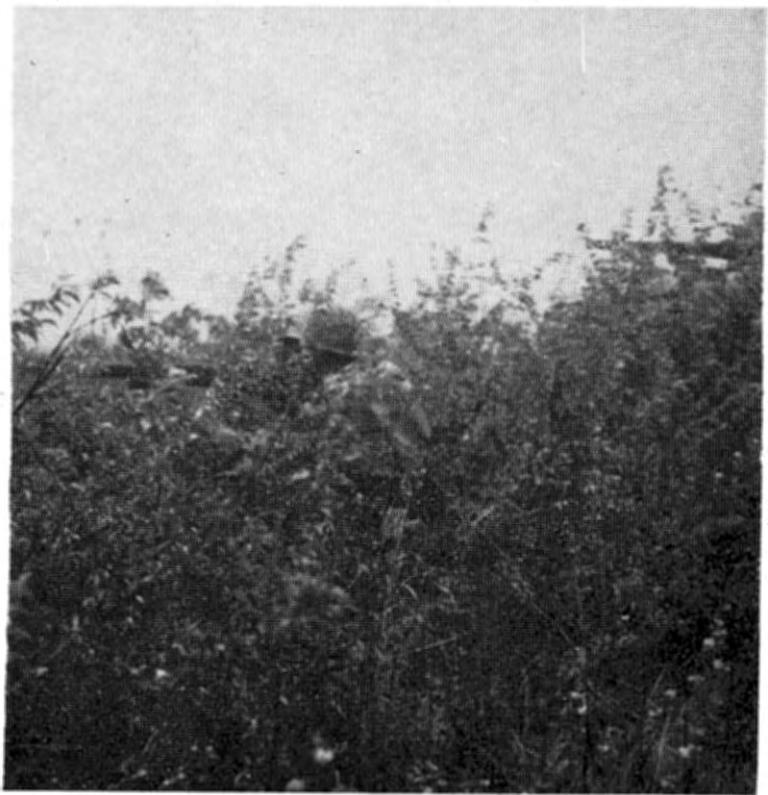


In the above picture the tanks are in position and firing while infantrymen who continue to come forward are shown "hitting the dirt" among and between them. The foot troops have not ceased to advance. In this particular case the infantrymen could be laying down a base of fire for other units coming up. Below an infantry platoon leader is shown in communication with his commander. Constant communication is maintained between forward and rear elements and the infantry, artillery and tanks. For the benefit of observers, communication between the commanders of the units is amplified and carried over a public address system.





Riflemen learned during the war that continued movement forward usually meant less casualties since the movement made it difficult for enemy artillery and mortar units to adjust their fires rapidly and correctly. They also learned, as the troops above are demonstrating, that firing of small arms while advancing usually caused enemy troops to hug their holes, thus making them an easier prey to grenades. These troops could be advancing while the men on the opposite page build up a base of fire. A rifleman and tank, below, have taken advantage of sparse cover while they fire. Even tall grass can provide some concealment and protection since it does not provide the enemy gunners with sharp targets, while continued fire keeps him off balance.



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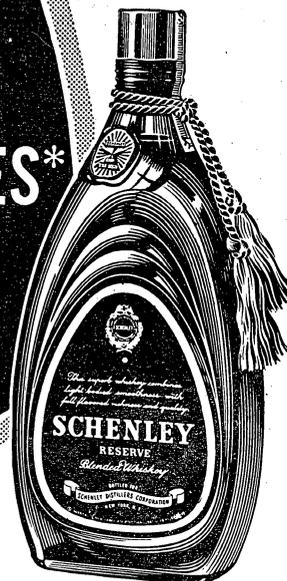
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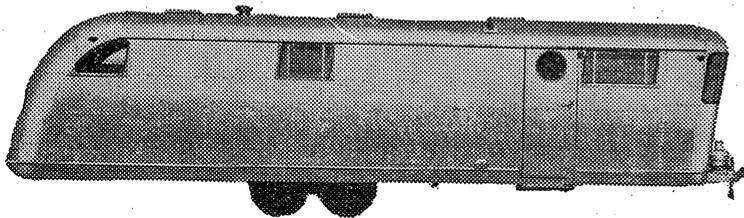
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