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YULETIME, GAYTIME FOR MEN OF 422

Marshall Visits Pacific, Russia Nears Poland

Gen. George C. Marshall, United States Army chief of staff, has completed a series of visits along the Pacific island battle line and held conferences with leaders of the Allied offensive against Japan.

Russia's Baltic Army, striking south of Novol is within 15 miles of Vitebsk in an offensive which threatens the Nazis' entire Northern defense system below Leningrad.

American troops in Italy captured Mt. Scafrocolio in a drive to take Cassino on the main road to Rome, while Canadian troops were fighting in the streets of Ortecco.

Brown Bomber To Be Here

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Social Stinck Gifts Order at Xmas Party

The wives and children of enlisted men of the 422nd are invited to attend a Xmas party to be held in the Red Hall at 1500 December 24th under the auspices of the chaplain, Henry L. Crainfield.

First Christmas To Be Memorable

With the Christmas holidays in sight, the mess sergeants, the theaters, the USO's, soldier recreation centers both on the post and in Columbia have made every effort to make this the 422nd's first Christmas together, one that the men will long remember.

Christmas Greetings

"On this our first Christmas together it gives me great pleasure to greet you as infantrymen. I say 'infantrymen' for to my mind that means you have arrived at a certain point in your training where you can proudly bear that name. It means that you have restored your weapons. It means that your stamina and intestinal fortitude are unquestionable. It means your work as a team in all types of problems is as the highest standard. It means that you are a full fledged member of one of the best regiments I have been.

There is still much work to do and little time to do it. You will be called to give until you can't give anymore and then when you are just about done in you still will be called on to give some more. I have faith in you and I know you will not fail. You will not fail because you have acquired confidence and pride in yourselves, your officers and in your unit.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TODAY, December 22
At theaters #1 & 2:
"Ghost Ship" with Richard
Dix
At assembly St., USO:
2000 Carol Singing
At Main St., USO:
1400-2000 "Silk, a Recording" tour
At Laurel St., USO:
2000 Christmas Party
Tomorrow, December 23
At theaters #1 & 2
Get Ahead with Margaret
O'Brien, James Craig
At theater #3:
USO Show—"Monkey Shines" at 2000
At Main St., USO: Songfest and bowling
At assembly St., USO: 2000 Carol singing and food
CHRISTMAS MEAS
At theaters #1 & 2:
Coca-Cola
At Post Field House:
Division Dance 2000
Rec Hall: 1500 Christmas Party for wives and children of servicemen.
Main St., USO: Open house.

422 TO PARTICIPATE IN XMAS RADIO SHOW

CHRISTMAS PARTY CONT.
and Lt. Enright, orientation officer. The room will be decorated with xmas trees and other appropriate trimmings, and Santa Claus will appear in person to hand out games, dolls, coloring toys, and other gifts to those children present. Serviceman's children not present will receive a gift, which will be delivered to the orderly rooms ready for mailing. There will be singing of carols, and 7/0, Art Penn and Mr. Tarry will entertain the children with several skits. Refreshments, including nuts, candy, fruit, cookies, and punch will be served.

Children over twelve years of age will not be eligible to receive gifts. Soldiers, not accompanied by either a wife and children, or a wife, will not be allowed to attend.

Joe Louis-cont'd.
Jackson, January 17th. stressing his physical fitness formula. Joe's day here will include a visit to the station hospitals, a physical fitness talk with demonstration at the post field house, and exhibition bouts at the field house in the evening.
NEW T.O. Requires More Promotions for Infantry E.M.

The army is giving approximately 170,000 enlisted men promotions in recognition of the acknowledged hazards and responsibilities shoulder

The promotions, which were effective December 1st, in 14 of the outstanding infantry combat categories, will give my increases ranging from 85 to 166 a month. The changes in existing organization and equipment set-ups, authorizing one-grade advance in rank, were ordered in a war

Outstanding in the promotion order directed to all theater and area commanders was the authorization for the advancement of one-half of the privates in certain designated units from grade seven to grade six making them privates first-class.

Others given the one-grade boost were: Squad leader assistants, from corporal to sergeant; squad leaders from corporal to sergeant, or from sargeant to staff sergeant, according to grade authorized by the new order; section leaders, from sergeant to staff sergeant; platoon sergeants, from staff sergeant to technical sergeant, and artillery sergeant majors, from staff sergeant to technical sergeant.

Units in which the promotions were ordered include: Infantry cannon co.; headquarters and headquarters co.; infantry battalion; infantry rifle company; infantry heavy weapons company; and the infantry antitank company. Other mech. units are included.

RED CROSS PROVES BENEFICIAL TO 42ND

SKITS, FOOD, GIRLS, AT DIVISION DANCE IN POST FIELD HOUSE

Christmas live entertainment for the men of the 42nd Division will be highlighted by a special Yuletide division dance to be held at the post field house beginning at 8:00 p.m. The 108th Division Band will provide the musical background, while Columbia Hospital Organizations will arrange to have 300 girls present to dance with men without escorts. Special no-cut dances will be featured; arrangements for same will be made by the O.C. and the damsel, on special check blanks.

For the girls, will be given by Old Saint Nicholas, surpliced and gowned to suit varied interests will be played.

Decorations in Christmas style, will cover around a temporary stage upon which the division's best talent will present a variety show, as a</n>
DEAR SANTA:

WE DON'T WANT TO ASK FOR MUCH, any little bit will help, even Shirley Temple. We don't want to seem greedy. Honest Santa, but if you think you could squeeze her down the chimney, and if you think Harry James would not mind...well, that we mean is there's a hole in our Christmas stocking and we were wondering...could you plug it up...with...BETTY BARCLAY?

CHRISTMAS DINNER THIS YEAR should really be wonderful. We understand the main courses will be ham and beans. We FOLL 00 SOON TOOK PLACE AT an army induction center:

"Fane please."

"Anton Cerek unless you grow up when you're five."

"Where were you born?"

"In Poland gosbasa-sheet maps rare good cag."

"Where did you learn to speak English?"

"Over the short wave radio we speak "czech.""

"NoHORSE, OF THE RIDING VARIETY, were set-

The first horse turned to the second and said, "Boy I have to get up tomorrow morning and run. It's colder than the devil outside. Besides, I can't seem to shake off this cold."

A little dog in the corner of the stable was listening to the conversation. "Sure," he said, "you'll warm up in no time after the sun comes out."

The two horses stared in amazement. "Look," said the first horse, "talking dog."

"I'THIN ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and join you in the hope that Santa Claus sends you a broken back, and Rojo a broken Wing, 0. well, you know what we mean anyway,"

The lucky men of Co C have been invited to attend a party given in their honor by the women of the Columbia Teacher's Council December 28 at 8:00. Dance will be played, the evening will be the order of the evening, and food will be served.

As a result of the insistence of Sgt. Carl Young, Pvt. Arthur Crook, and Pfc. Frank Stono for hill-billy music, the 3rd platoon of Co C has unofficially been nicknamed the Mountain platoon of the 42nd. Such is the nature men are prevailed upon to adopt a taste for other types of music, they still insist on having their favorite type--"Music from the Hills," and about all that can be wrangled from them by the other men is an occasional Harry James or "Hi-De-Hi." program.

The regimental personnel office this week looked as though it might really be Mary's Berghin Pension. The place was literally piled to the ceiling with Christmas packages for the men of the 42nd. The postmen were constantly running from one end to the other, trying to conceive a new

Cannon Company set some sort of a record last week when three of the company's men became fathers. Pvt. Ralph Greene and T/5 J.R. Rose became fathers of eight and seven pound sons respectively, while S/Sgt. Clarence J. Purcell, also of Co C, is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl.

AT Co expects to have a bowling team soon that figures to stack up strong against all comers. Featured on the team will be such stars of the field as Larry Olsen and Florio Cassano.

Rumor: Civilian Style

The anxious army wife called Reg Jr., saying she heard the regiment's GIs in the field were drunk and that she knew, if this were true, her husband would be among those to get drunk and freeze stiff as a board.
Inquiring Reporter

The following table contains a result of last Saturday night's "Hit Parade" survey:
1. "My Heart Tells Me"
2. "I Want a Beautiful Morning"
3. "You"
4. "People Will Say We're In Love"
5. "Pistol Packin' Mama"
6. "They're Either Too Young or Too Old"
7. "For the First Time"
8. "Speak Lou"
9. "My Ideal"
10. "Shugam In the Air"

Pvt. Tony Groce, Co D, said, "Last Christmas Eve I took my girl to the Loop" (Chicago), and...

Sgt. Michael Martin, M Co, recalled, "I spent last Christmas Eve fishing in the South Pacific."

Lt. Elvin Lykins, Reg H, said, "I attended a party and then went home."

Pvt. James Peterson, Co D, said, "I missed my girl and took her home to the 14th." (Reg H.)

Pvt. Louis Boccoli, Co D, stated, "I attended Christmas Eve in New Orleans having a gay time."

Capt. William Cade, M Co, recalled, "I spent last Christmas Eve at Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Capt. Louis Groce, Co C, stated, "I attended Christmas Eve party and went to a party."

Capt. Clayton E. Chapman, M Co, stated, "I attended Christmas Eve at my girl friend's house and visited at the home of several of my friends."

Capt. Bertram K. Elgin, Co B, recalled, "I attended a Christmas Eve party and then became engaged to the sweetest, cutest little thing "East of the Carolinas.""

Greetings, Lando

When other branches pin various embellishments on you such as "Postloggers" or "Pilfering Feet," they do it with good natured joking for they know that no war has been won or can be won until the infantry gets in and wins it. You are the men who have to blaze the trails to Berlin and Tokyo, and when the final victory is achieved, history will record the major glory to you in the infantry.

In one sense this Christmas will not be too merry but with your efforts squared on greater heights Christmas holidays in the future will be happy, gay events that we have known in the past.

"I am grateful for the loyalty and spirit of cooperation you have shown and I give my sincerest wishes to you all!"

Walter S. Phillips
34th Infantry

Yuletide cont'd

Homes divisional dance Christmas Eve as which the new divisional marching song will be played, a party for the wives and children of servicemen at the red ball Friday, a party by the Service Club Saturday afternoon, and activities at all the USO centers and community centers in Columbus and suburbs.

Officers and enlisted men with their wives, sweethearts, and families will together enjoy a deluxe roast turkey dinner prepared in superb fashion by the regiment's skillful cooks. Tables will be covered with linen, napkins and covers will be artistically arranged.

The three main USO clubs have planned a petide schedule including Xmas songs, movies, full tree parties, and record hours.
CAGE TOURNEYS UNDERWAY JAN 6

Regimental basketball contests will begin January 6th in the Post Field House, with every company in the 42nd eligible to send a representative team. Those interested should report to Lt. K. Stellaborg, special service officer, at the personnel office on or before January 6th. Candidates must arrange with Lt. Earl Knott, regimental orientation officer, for shoes and equipment, as no one will be allowed on the floor without basketball sneakers. The champion team will represent the regiment in the coming division tournament.

HAIR CUTS RAISED

Effective Tuesday, December 24, the Post barber shop system has announced that the price of haircuts has been raised from 35 to 40 cents.

No Fighter

Due to the heavy amount of work involved this little time in which we have to complete our present problems, THE FIGHTER will not be published next Wednesday, December 29th, but there will be an edition for your enjoyment the following week.

DAVID M. JENKINS

A candid, king, noticing a beautiful girl alone to put in the keg, said: "Hey, I'll have my breakfast in bed."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE FIGHTER STAFF