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# YULETIME, GAYTIME FOR MEN OF 422 NO

## 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 Nevvel 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. Spinnacio in a drive to take Cassino on the main road to Rome, while Canadian troops were fighting in the streets of Ortona.

## SOCIAL, SNICK 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 rec hall at 1500 December 24th under the auspices of reg. chaplain Henry L. Crutchfield

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## 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.

Festive decorations; holly wreaths, red and green streamers, pine cones, and mistletoe will adorn the various mess halls and recreational centers, giving them a real Xmas atmosphere.

## 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 mastered 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 of the highest standard. But more than that it means you are a full fledged member of one of the best regiments I have seen.

"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 will be called on to give some more. I have faith in you and I know you will not falter. You will not falter because you have acquired confidence and pride in yourselves, in your officers and in your unit.

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## Brough Bomber To Be Here

Sgt. Joe Louis Barrow, heavyweight boxing champ of the world will visit Ft.

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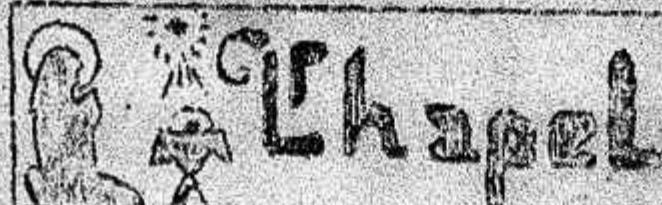
Besides the ultra-bountiful feast to be served at noon Christmas Day, the men of the 422nd will have for their convenience special matinees at theaters 1 and 2, an open-

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## PROTESTANT SERVICES

Regimental Chapel  
 Christmas Day  
 1100 Christmas Worship  
 Chap. Ragsdale  
 Communion Service:  
 Units to be noti-  
 fied as to time.  
 Sunday, December 26  
 0900 Morning Worship  
 Chap. Ragsdale  
 1000 Morning Worship  
 Chap. Crutchfield  
 1900 Evening Worship  
 Chap. Crutchfield  
 2000 Service Men's Chris-  
 tian League,  
 Chap. Ragsdale

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

Regimental Chapel  
 Friday, December 24  
 2400 Mid-night Mass  
 Christmas Day  
 1000 Xmas Day Mass  
 Sunday, December 26  
 0800 Mass:Chap. Kelly  
 1100 Mass:Chap. Kelly

## Christmas Menu

Creamed Celery Soup  
 W/CROUTONS  
 Roast Turkey  
 Dressing and Gravy  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Snowflake Potatoes  
 Creamed Corn  
 Head Lettuce  
 W/Russian Dressing  
 Hot Rolls  
 Butter  
 Fruit Cake  
 Mincemeat Pie  
 Candy  
 Nuts  
 Coffee

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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:  
 1450-2000 "Make a Record-  
 ing" Hour  
 At Laurel St. USO:  
 2030 Christmas Party  
TOMORROW, December 23  
 At theaters # 1 & 2  
 "Lost Angel" 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 EVE  
 At theaters # 1 & 2:  
 Same Movie  
 At Post Field House:  
 Division Dance 2000  
 Rec Hall: 1500 Christmas  
 Party for wives and chil-  
 dren of servicemen.  
 Main St. USO: Open house,

CHRISTMAS PARTY cont'd  
 and Lt. Earl Knuth, orien-  
 tation officer. The rec  
 hall will be decorated  
 with Christmas trees and  
 other appropriate trim-  
 mings, and Santa Claus  
 will appear in person to  
 hand out games, dolls,  
 sewing toys, and other  
 gifts to those children  
 present. Servicemen'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 T/5's Art Penn and  
 M. Tarby will entertain  
 the children with several  
 skits. Refreshments, in-  
 cluding 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 allow-  
 ed to attend.

lunch, Carol singing  
 at Laurel St. USO:  
 2000 Table games, refresh-  
 ments with Movie  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
 At theaters # 1 & 2  
 "Swing Fever" with Kay  
 Kyser, Marilyn Maxwell  
 At Service Club:  
 2030 Xmas Tree Party--  
 Refreshments, gifts  
 At Palmetto Theater:  
 "The Lady Takes A Chance"  
 with Jean Arthur  
 At Carolina Theater:  
 "Footlight Glamour" with  
 Penny Singleton  
 At the State Theater:  
 "A Great Life" with A.  
 Lake, Penny Singleton  
 At Assembly St. USO:  
 1900 Tea Dance  
 Main St. USO:  
 2000 Movie  
SUNDAY, December 26  
 At theaters # 1 & 2  
 "Destination: Tokyo"  
 with Cary Grant, John  
 Garfield.  
 Service Club:  
 1530 Tea Dance

422 TO PARTICIPATE  
IN XMAS RADIO SHOW

A Christmas Day Radio  
 Program, "Christmas In  
 the Army", to be pre-  
 sented by the XII Corps,  
 will originate from  
 Service Club #2 at 1700.  
 The show is scheduled  
 to last for thirty mi-  
 nutes.

The 422nd's contri-  
 bution to the program  
 will be a three minute  
 humorous skit by T/5  
 Arthur Penn and T/5  
 Martin Tarby of the  
 special service office.

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 demon-  
 strations at the post  
 field house, and exhibi-  
 tion bouts at the  
 field house in the eve-  
 ning.

## NEW T.O. REQUIRES MORE PROMOTIONS FOR INFANTRY EM.

The army is giving approximately 275,000 enlisted men promotions in recognition of the acknowledged hazards and responsibilities shouldered by the Infantry in combat.

The promotions, which were effective December 13, in 16 of the outstanding infantry combat categories, call for pay increases ranging from \$48 to \$216 a month. The changes in existing organization and equipment set-ups, authorizing one-grade advances in rank, were ordered in a war department communication distributed to army establishments in this country and overseas.

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 boosts were squad leader assistants, from corporal to sergeant; squad leaders from corporal to sergeant, or from sergeant 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 battalion 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 anti-tank company. Other mech. units are included.

## RED CROSS PROVES BENEFICIAL TO 422<sup>ND</sup>

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

Christmas Eve entertainment for the men of the 422nd will be highlighted by a special Yule-tide division dance to be held at the post field house beginning at 2000.

The 106th Division Band will provide the merrie melody, while Columbia Hospitality 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 GI and the damsel, on special check blanks.

Tokens for the girls will be given by Old Saint Nick; refreshments will be served and games to suit varied interests will be played.

Decorations in Christmas style, will center around a temporary stage upon which the division's best talent will present a variety show. As a final gesture, two grand door prizes will be given away.

### ARMY CLARIFIES BADGE AWARDS

The Army recently made public details of the qualification tests for the "Expert Infantryman" and the "Combat Infantryman" Badges. The expert badge goes to the man who can pass a series of physical tests and who can qualify with weapons and demonstrate his ability in scouting, patrolling, field sanitation, military discipline, and tactics. The infantryman may qualify for a combat badge by display of exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

### 313 CASES HANDLED IN NOVEMBER ALONE

Mr. Frederick J. Noer, Asst. Field Director of the American Red Cross, made public the following information this week concerning the ARC activities in connection with the 422nd C.T. for the month of November, 1943.

During the month 323 cases were handled. 88 of these cases dealt with personal problems, 47 dealt with family problems, 13 with dependency discharges. 90 of the cases dealt with furloughs, 16 with health and welfare reports concerning families of enlisted men. 51 of these cases were referred to the ARC by Commanding Officers, 89 by Red Cross Chapters, and 88 were originated by personal application of enlisted men.

At the present time there are 133 outstanding loans to men in the units of the 422nd C.T. 24 paratroopers assigned to this regiment were assisted with small loans to tide them over until they could be assigned and paid.

During the bivouac period, every effort was made to maintain the channels of communication between the men and their families. A Western Union relay point was established in Kershaw to speed up delivery of wires to and from our Chapters. Correspondence was handled as usual while in the field.

To date every effort is being made to call to the attention of the men the Red Cross services available to them, so that they will initiate action to solve their problems before they become too great.



DEAR SANTA;

WE DON'T WANT TO ASK FOR MUCH, any little bit will help, even Shirley Temple. We don't mean 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, what we mean is there's a hole in our Christmas sock and we were wondering... could you plug it up....with...BETTY GRABLE?

CHRISTMAS DINNER THIS YEAR should really be wonderful. We understand the main course will be holly and beans.

THE FOLLOWING SCENE TOOK PLACE AT an army induction center:

"Name please."

"Anton Cerak whew wup growrrrugh whee wheeee."

"Where were you born?"

"In Poland peabbeebeewheet grapia rara goop eep god."

"Where did you learn to speak English?"

"Over the short wave radio orw eep powowapr."

TWO HORSES, OF THE RACING VARIETY, were seated in their stable discussing the weather... The first horse turned to the second and said, "Boy I hate 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, "A talking dog."

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and join you in the hope that Santa Claus sends Hitler a broken back, and Tojo a broken... Well, you know what we mean anyway.

## PICKED UP IN THE AREA

The lucky men of Co G have been invited en masse to attend a party given in their honor by the women of the Columbia Teacher's Council December 23 at 2000. Games will be played, dancing 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. Bryan F. Stoen for hill-billy music, the 3rd platoon of Co D has unofficially been nick-named the mountaineer platoon of the 422nd. Much as the named men are prevailed upon to adapt 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 "Hit Parade" program.

The regimental personnel office this week looked as though it might easily be Macy's Bargain Basement. The place was literally piled to the ceiling with Christmas packages for the men of the 422nd. The postmen were constantly running from one end of the building to the other, trying to conceive a new

each issue.

Cannon Company set some sort of a record last week when three of the company's men became fathers. Pfc. Raleigh Drake and T/5 J.J. Rose became fathers of eight and seven pound sons respectively, while S/Sgt. Thomas L. Purcell, also of Cn Co, 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 maple as Lars Olsen and Florio Casbarro.

### Rumor: Civilian Style

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

method for finding a place to store the parcels that kept coming--and just kept coming.

Pvt. Vernon Blecher, Co M, and Art Ed of the FIGHTER, probably will be the only one in the 422nd to have a Christmas tree and a wreath in his barracks window for the holidays, thanks to his aunt. And with all the packages he has been getting for the past weeks, the boys in his barracks must be glad that he is going to have such a merry Christmas.

We had hoped that the FIGHTER was a widely read journalistic sheet, but what we didn't know was that there are boys in England and Sicily who read it too. Cpl. George Doll, stationed somewhere in England, and Pvt. Joseph Petello, who is with a medical detachment in Sicily, write us saying how much they enjoy the FIGHTER and how they look forward to receiving



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## INQUIRIES



## REPORTER

This week your Inquiring Reporter, himself reminiscing over last Christmas Eve and the one before that, and the one before that, decided it would be interesting to find out just what the men of the 422nd did last Christmas Eve. His question, "What did you do last Christmas Eve?", brought several happy thoughts from a few GI's:

Pfc. Donald Bobal, Co C, remarked, "I spent last Christmas Eve in New Orleans having a gay time."

Pvt. Louis Battocchi, AT Co, stated, "I spent Xmas Eve attending church and then a party."

Cpl. William Chappello, AT Co, replied, "I spent last Xmas Eve attending church and doing some last minute shopping."

Sgt. Eugene Stuck, Sv Co, reminisced, "I spent last Christmas Eve doing CQ at Camp Forrest, Tenn."

Pvt. Bill Leslie, Med Det, enthusiastically replied, "Last Xmas Eve I became engaged to my one and only."

Pvt. Fred M. Rose, Co A, said, "I attended a Christmas Eve party--and what a party."

Pfc. Clayton F. Chapman, B Co, replied, "I spent Xmas Eve at my girl friend's house and visited at the homes of several of my friends."

Pfc. Dorn Deguiseppi, Co B, remarked, "I attended a Xmas Eve party and then became engaged to the sweetest, sweetest little thing "that" side of the Carolines."

## "HIT PARADE"

The following tabulation contains a result of last Saturday night's "Hit Parade" survey:

1. "My Heart Tells Me"
2. "O What a Beautiful Morning"
3. "Paper Doll"
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 Low"
9. "My Ideal"
10. "Singin' In the Rain"

Pfc. Tony Fratus, Co C, said, "Last Christmas Eve I took my girl to "The Loop" (Chicago), and...."

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

T/4 Walter Higgins, Reg Hq., said, "I attended a party and then attended church."

Pvt. James McGraw, Co M, said, "I dated my girl and took her to a dance at the U. of Wisconsin."

Pfc. Louis Daniels, Cn Co, Asst Art Ed of the FIGHTER, confided, "I spent Xmas Eve over a bottle of champagne with my girl friend, "at the Palm Beach Club in Detroit, Michigan."

Pvt. Kueber Kruse, Co C, stated, "I visited my family and had a Christmas Eve dinner."

Cpl. Oren L. Murphy, Co D, replied, "I visited with my folks at Wenatchee, Washington--I was in the Army then too--and then attended a beer party."

Pvt. Max J. Kyres, Cn Co, said, "I was tending bar in a night club in Chicago."

Pvt. Louis McCall, Cn Co, replied, "I attended a movie with my girl and later went to a party."

T/5 William Lankford, Reg Hq., answered, "I attended a Christmas Eve party with some friends."

Pvt. Herb Daniels, Co D, stated, "I spent last Xmas Eve visiting my girl at her home."

## Greetings, G.I.'s

When other branches pin various appellations on you such as "Footsluggers" or "Blisterfeet", they do it with good natured joshing 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 spurred on to 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 C. Phillips*

Walter C. Phillips  
42nd Infantry  
Commanding

## Yuletide cont'd

house divisional dance Xmas Eve at which the new divisional marching song will be played, a party for the wives and children of servicemen at the rec hall Friday, a party at the Service Club Saturday afternoon, and activities at all the USO centers and community centers in Columbia and suburbs.

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

The three main USO clubs have planned a Yuletide schedule including, Xmas sings, movies, Yule tree parties, and Record hours.

## CAGE TOURNEYS UNDERWAY JAN.

Regimental basketball contests will begin January 6th in the Post Field House, with every company in the 423rd eligible to send a representative team. Those interested should report to Lt. H. Steinberg, special service officer, at the personnel office on or before January 5th. Candidates must arrange with Lt. Earl Knuth, 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 14, the Fort Jackson Post Exchange system has announced that the price of haircuts has been raised from 35 to 40 cents.

## The Fighter

Due to the huge amount of work involved and the 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.

A cannibal king, noticing a beautiful girl about to be put in the kettle, said: "Stop, I'll have my breakfast in bed."



What would you rather be--a colonel with an eagle on his shoulder, or a private with a chicken on your knee?

"It isn't the ice that makes people slip--it's what they mix with it."

"Do you pet with the lights on or off?"

"Yes," \* \* \* \*

So he sez to her,

"Please angel, don't be



difficult. One obstacle course a week is enough for me."

Breathes there a man with soul so dead

Who never turned around and said,

"Huh...uh...uh...Not bad!"

A fun career is a nudist with a cooling system.

The man who is always asking for a loan is always left alone.

Do you remember when you took a nice long walk because you wanted to?

"I'm so tired I couldn't kill an afternoon."

It is rumored that the insignia for the WAC is to be crossed brooms with a dishpan below.

Which is more important, a man's wife or his



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"Yes," \* \* \* \*

His trousers. Because there are a lot of places he can go without his wife.

"I feel so small if I sat on a dime eight cents would show."

Don't count your chickens until they get into the coup.

Hillybilly in leaning rest position to his beloved; "Melinda, can I propose to you like this or

ERASE THE PROPELLER  
IT TICKLES



do I have to get up on my knees?"

Giraffe skin is now fashionable for ladies' wear. Especially among lady giraffes.

A goldbrick is a GI who has stretched a 10 minute break into a career.

Heaven protects the working girl--but who protects the one she's working?

THE FIGHTER STAFF  
SIXTY-THREE FROM THE FIGHTER STAFF

