

83rd Division— The Atterbury Doughboy

(Editor's Note: This column is prepared and written by the press office of the 83rd Infantry division at Camp Atterbury.)

There's an added snap in the air this week at Atterbury, for it's testing time in the 83rd.

Headed by Col. Hugh B. Keen, inspector general, Col. John A. Elmore, deputy chief of staff, and Col. Edwin A. Zundel, director of the Artillery inspecting team, some 40 officers from the XI corps, each an expert in his own field, are busily engaged in conducting a comprehensive 4-day examination of the various units of the division in all major subjects covered by the training to date.

This includes such fields as military sanitation, defense against chemical warfare, mechanical functioning of weapons, close and extended order drill, military courtesy and physical fitness and endurance.

The spot check system is being used, whereby any unit may be called upon any time to be examined in any subject.

The tests are largely in the form of practical demonstrations of various phases of training rather than theoretical questions.

"The men have been given the best instruction we know," said Lt. Col. Henry Nielson, assistant chief of staff, G-3, in charge of plans and training for the 83rd. "Now they must stand on their own feet and deliver the goods. We have every confidence they will do so. For their progress through hard weeks of stiff drill in the midst of an Indiana winter has been commendable."

The examination period will conclude with a review of the 83rd's combat teams, followed by a critique, at which the inspecting officers will meet with the division's officers and non-coms to discuss their findings and the readiness of the unit to continue with more advanced training.

TODAY'S DOUGHBOY.

A veteran newspaperman walked into the Press and Radio office the other night as correspondent for Company C of the 331st Infantry. Rough and grizzled at 30, Pvt. Edward Thompson could count 19 years in the business as newsboy, circulation man, morgue clerk and printer with the Cincinnati Times-Star and the American

Racing News.

"It's good to have a little something to do with a paper again," smiled the doughboy from the composing room, pulling on a pipe from the same place. "I thought it was a tough racket till I joined the Army. Guess I've been on my feet too long—they don't stand up so well on the 20-mile hikes."

Private Thompson was inducted at Fort Harrison and sent to Camp Campbell to activate the 12th Armored division. He was transferred to Atterbury last fall.

CITIZENSHIP DENIED.

San Francisco, Cal. (UP)—Mrs. Rosario Trimboli, an Italian-born woman, was denied citizenship papers here on the grounds that she inadvertently opined that "Mussolini is a better man than Roosevelt."

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