

## Cat IV Units To Redeploy

All static Cat IV units are to be redeployed in the near future according to a circular received at Bn. Hq. this week.

Men are to be redeployed on the basis of the theater critical score of 85 points. However, the extent to which this order will effect the Battalion is not known and the present mission of the 567th will have its effect on the shift of personnel.

According to the redeployment SOP, Cat IV units will be drained of low point men and replaced with men who have the critical score or above.

## Lt. Coleman Assigned to Bn

Former S-Sgt. Rennie C. Coleman, platoon sergeant from Dog Btry., a recent graduate from the Officer Candidate School near Paris, has been reassigned to the Battalion for duty with Charlie Btry. as platoon leader and supply officer.

Lt. Coleman left the Battalion in April when Dog Btry. was situated on the Danube for the Infantry Officers' School.

## Goes to States On Emergency

T-5 Sherel C. Cuddy, Charlie Btry., left Sunday by plane for his home in Roanoke, Virginia, on an emergency leave granted on the death of his father, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

He left the Battalion Sunday for a replacement depot near Paris, where he caught a plane for Ft. Meade, Maryland, and he will be given a furlough from there.

The leave was arranged by the Red Cross when his father was injured over two weeks ago but his father died before Cuddy left the ETO.

## Seven Men Leave For Army Univ.

Seven men from the Battalion will attend the Army University Center at Biarritz, France, according to information received from AAC Hq. The school will open Aug. 20 for a term of eight weeks under civilian and military instructors.

The men who will leave about the 10th of the month are Lt. Fredrickson, Cpl. Robert Borden, T-5 Edward T. Dougherty and Pvt. Robert Linn of Able Btry., Cpl. Paul Ellert of Hq. Btry., Pvt. Fred W. Perry Jr., of Charlie Btry., and Pfc. Joseph W. Holmes of Dog Btry.

Lt. Fredrickson and T-5 Dougherty will be in the School of Commerce, Privts. Linn and Perry and Cpl. Ellert in Science, Pfc. Holmes in the Agronomy Section and Cpl. Borden in Fine Arts. The category under which the 567th fell had fourteen openings and the Battalion got half of the available quota.

For the present the status is indefinite, but if the present personnel is still in the 567th there will be subsequent quotas for Biarritz and Shrivensham, England. According to AAC, they have prospects of receiving quotas in the near future for the following courses: department store management, library service, wholesale distribution and social welfare and relief.

## Good Conduct Medals Given to Forty Men

Last week forty more awards of the Good Conduct Medal were announced for men in the Battalion with five going to Hq. Btry., eleven to Able, ten to Baker, six to Charlie and eight to Dog.

Those receiving the award were Cpl. George F. Ireland, Cpl. William L. Dur-  
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### EM GO BEFORE OCS BOARD

Five enlisted men from the 567th went before the examining Officer Candidate Board Friday afternoon in Rheims.

The men were Cpl. Robert Borden, A Btry; Cpl. Charles H. Snead, Camp Norfolk; Pfc. Hoyle S. Walters, A Btry.; T-4 Charles W. Ward, P-W Det., Rheims and Sgt. Russel Roth of A Btry.

## Special Swiss Quota Allotted

A special quota of twenty-eight men from the 567th will leave Epernay Saturday night for the Switzerland seven-day furlough in addition to the three daily that leave on the tour.

According to M-Sgt. Gregory, on Aug. 9 and 10 the quota to England will be increased two per day in addition to the regular two daily that leave from the Battalion.

At present the Riviera furlough quota is still one daily, to Lourdes the number leaving weekly has been increased to two, and the passes to Paris and Brussels remain the same.

From Hq. Btry. Pfc. Salvatori V. Puleo, S-Sgt. E. J. Reiss and S-Sgt. Thiren A. Bowers left Thursday night for Switzerland. T-5 Edward J. Graves, Medics, left on Aug. 5 for the Riviera, Cpl. Paul Ellert left also on Aug. 5 for Lourdes. Tech-Sgt. Paul W. Pomper Jr., and T-5 W. J. Rowe left Aug. 3 for England.

From Able Btry. Sgt. Russel M. Roth and Pfc. Richard E. Jolley will leave Saturday night for Switzerland. Pfc. Jerry Ott left on Aug. 5 for Lourdes and Pfc. Patrick L. Smith will leave Sunday, Aug. 12, for the same trip. Pfc. Aleck Small will leave Saturday for the Riviera and for the United Kingdom on Aug. 5 there were Pfc. Herbert Kline and Pfc. Wm. Reynolds.

Pfc. Benny Tennyson and Pfc. Carl Thornberry left on Aug. 7 for the United Kingdom from Baker Btry. T-5 E. E. Lewis left on Aug. 7 for Lourdes and Pfc. Joseph Gillien left on the fifth for England. For Switzerland T-4 Raymond Eastwood, Cpl. Richard White, Pfc. George Milton and Pfc. Lawrence Owens all will leave Saturday night for Switzerland.

From Charlie Btry. Cpl. Wm. Garret, T-5 Douglas H. Hoskins and Pfc. Wm. B. Russell left Aug. 7 for Switzerland. Pfc. Alvey L. Waddle and Pvt. B. H. Snyder left on Aug. 8 for England and S-Sgt. John W. Drake left Aug. 9 for the Riviera.

The four men who will leave Saturday night for Switzerland are S-Sgt. John T. Kennedy, Sgt. Rudolph B. Rakes, Cpl. John E. Brown and Pfc. Hubert Dinkle.

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"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."  
(John 8:32)

## The Chaplain Says

### CHAPLAIN ON LEAVE IN BRUSSELS

This week the Chaplain went to Brussels on leave. His column will continue in next week's issue.

## HOME NEWS

Tazewell, Virginia, July 27th, 1945  
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Dear Fellows: To begin with I want to say that I enjoy your paper very much. My Son, Noland E. Dennison, Btry. A, sends me a copy and I know the boys get a big kick out of it. It is very interesting and again I say that you are doing a good job.

For a line or two of home news if you care to use it:

Pfc. Dennison is apt to have a brother-in-law when he gets back, his sister Lena is wearing a diamond contributed by one of the boys in the Eighth Air Force.

Thanks a lot,

A. WARD DENNISON.

Pvt. Eugene Catrini has received word from home that his brother, Pvt. Anthony Catrini, who saw action in Italy, is now home.

# EDITORIAL

### CAT IV UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED

According to a circular from Hq. AAC received this week redeployment of all Cat IV units must be accomplished by early September. Although the exact effect upon the Battalion has not yet been defined, it is believed that the procedure will follow that outlined by Lt. McNamee at an orientation lecture given in Epernay a few weeks ago and reproduced in the July 28 issue of The Muzzleburst.

We took issue at that time with the statements made in that lecture, feeling that static Cat IV units such as ours, serving in a Services of Supply capacity would not follow the regular pattern of the redeployment SOP.

Now it looks as though all the low point men will be drawn upon as fillers for other outfits and the only ones that remain are the high point men with the Battalion being brought up to strength by additional high pointers.

We wanted to believe our predictions because at that time there were no indications our unit would be called upon for fillers, and we are always inclined to believe the brighter side where it concerns the personnel of the Battalion.

However, we quote our editorial of that date to this effect: "Let's assume that we are slated for the Pacific . . . as individuals. Eight weeks is the minimum time for infantrymen to train in the States. The first ETO combat units are scheduled to arrive in the Pacific in December or six months after V-F Day. For us to go in some other branch of the artillery, which is logical, it would be at least twelve months from the time we left the ETO until we hit the CBI."

With the first atomic bombs wiping out sixty percent of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Russians driving through Asia and the Third Fleet blasting Honshu at will, even the most pessimistic cannot expect Japan to endure a year.

We may find our way into Cat II outfits, but, if so, this outfit may be on the way to the States or in some training camp in America when the inevitable V-J Day comes. To "sweat out" an Army discharge from some camp in the States would be much easier than waiting for a boat back to the States, then a discharge.

We still contend that the likelihood of any member of the Battalion seeing combat in the CBI is remote indeed.

Pfc. Raymond Sleeper, A Etry., Camp New Orleans, is frantically searching for a best man. Come furlough time there will be a Mrs Sleeper in Leek, England. Congratulations from all of the boys!

### THE EPERNAY FREEZE . . . THE FETE FIASCO

At a meeting of the French and Army authorities last week the town of Epernay was literally closed to American troops.

All restaurants and bars were ordered closed by Mayor A. Benoit at 7:30 for an indefinite period.

At present we have to offer the 3,000 GIs that are expected to come to Epernay daily, one theater, one nice Red Cross, unfinished, and a world of promises by the Special Service Office.

Along with this order to close up Epernay came a welcome to all Americans to attend a party at Ay, France, celebrating the return of 450 French PWs.

The American Special Service Officers were led to believe that the fete was to be free and advertising was put out to that effect.

The only thing free to the GI was getting in the gate. From there on the American soldier contributed a great deal to financing a new start in life for the returning French. Ten francs for a dried up apple which would be ordinarily thrown away, twenty francs for two pieces of hard bread which was supposed to be a sandwich and thirty francs for a small glass of champagne.

At 11:30 there was no dance band and through Army resources one was secured which could play some American tunes. In the meantime another band had showed up and the first one was asked to stop playing after much demonstration by the French civilians.

We realize that some few soldiers go to extremes and make it hard on the rest of enjoy the limited facilities, thus the "freeze-out" in Epernay.

In the States we would walk out of a place we realized was a "clip joint." We never expected to get anything free especially from the French and after being frozen out of one town and welcomed with open arms to this celebration we should have suspected something.

On the front page of The Muzzleburst a story was printed in good faith advising the fete, but now we feel that we owe an apology for ever allowing such news to get by.

### PASSES AND FURLOUGHS . . .

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Pfc. Joseph Ströhmer, T-5 James R. Franklin and Pvt. Earl Evans left on Aug. 8 for Switzerland from Dog Btry. For England on Aug. 10 there were Sgt. Joseph Halford, Pfc. Paul Johnson, Pfc. John Roniger and Pvt. James Neal. To the Riviera on Aug. 5, Pvt. Russell Bastle. S-Sgt. Robert Streich, S-Sgt. Arlis M. Napier, Pfc. Hugh Cannady and Pvt. Iman Kaslander will leave Saturday night for Switzerland.

# Reviews & Previews

By JIMMIE B URRILL

**SPECIAL SERVICES** at the AAC boasted a double feature this week that was hard to beat—a world premiere on John Garfield's "You Can't Live Forever" and a personal appearance of Shep Fields and his orchestra. At Camp Cleveland the big show was put on in the real Hollywood style—even had fireworks. A consensus of opinion rates the picture as "all right" and Shep Fields and Co. as just plain "right."

The other movie we took in was Olson and Johnson in "See My Lawyer," a sort of vaudeville on the screen. Other than the famed comedy team, the picture featured a number of outstanding stars of the radio and stage—and lots of pretty gals. Guess it was offered as an advance plug for the stage presentation of "Sons of Fun," that is the current offering of the Municipal in Rheims. Although the cast is minus the Olson-Johnson team, it is still All-American and features several of the originals. The 290th Infantry band is furnishing the music for this show.

**OUR LIBRARY** is really blossoming these days with a nice collection of books in the regular as well as the overseas editions. Dorothy Baker's "Young Man With a Horn" will prove inter-

esting reading for those of you who know your "swing". Do you remember the Bing Crosby movie — "Birth of the Blues"? That, more or less, is the theme of the above. Rick Martin is a white boy who got in on the ground floor of jazz by hanging around a negro band—learning his music from them. Music is his life—from start to finish. It's not a thrilling story and the action is negligible, but the authoress makes Martin seem so real and such a nice guy that we shared his fame and accomplishments with an almost personal pride.

"In What Torn Ship" is an historical novel by Evelyn Eaton and is published in the Armed Services Edition, S-14. The setting is the island of Corsica—the time period is 1755 to 1769. Pascaj Paoli, long in exile, returns to his native Corsica to lead the faithful in a revolution to drive out the dominating Genoese. From the hills and woods his followers gather and Paoli leads them in guerrilla warfare against the invaders. After years of successful fighting, and with the battle practically won, the tide suddenly turns as the Genoese sell the island to France, and the French power proves to be too much for the Corsicans.

## Birthdays

### HEADQUARTERS

Cpl. Norman W. Sweeney—21 Aug. 18.

### A BATTERY

Cpl. David R. Chapman—22 Aug. 18. Epernay.

Pfc. Henry M. Crabill—24 Aug. 12—Camp Atlanta.

Pfc. Harold D. Deby—29 Aug. 14—APO Rheims.

T-5 Milton Freundel—22 Aug. 14—APO Rheims.

T-5 Charles W. Harvey—30 Aug. 16—APO Epernay.

Pfc. Charles H. Palmer—37 Aug. 12—APO Rheims.

Pfc. Wm. P. Reynolds—21 Aug. 18—Camp Norfolk.

Pfc. Robert C. Sutton—39 Aug. 14—Camp San Antonio.

### B BATTERY

Sgt. Buster Cypert—23 Aug. 13—Camp Chicago.

Pfc. Robert E. Allen—21 Aug. 13—APO Epernay.

Pfc. Carl H. Gray—23 Aug. 17—APO Epernay.

### C BATTERY

Pvt. Eugene J. Catrini—31, Aug. 19—Camp Brooklyn.

Pfc. Ray Gasper—21 Aug. 13—Epernay.

Pfc. Wm. B. Mills—Aug. 11—Epernay.

Pfc. Charles J. Smith—Aug. 13—P-W Det., Epernay.

### D BATTERY

Sgt. Fred B. Stultz—27 Aug. 14—Camp

## GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS . . .

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rer, T-5 Nicholas J. Sanfilippo, Pfc. Phillip C. Kostin and Pfc. Joe J. Steele of Hq. Btry.

In Aible Btry., there were T-5 Milton Freundel, T-5 Basil H. Wilson, Pfc. Wilfred T. Aris, Pfc. Sidney C. Futrell, Pfc. Jene F. Leterle, Pfc. John F. Moreland, Pfc. Michael J. O'Malley, Pfc. Raymond W. Sleeper, Pfc. Gordon L. Sperry, Pfc. John O. Trodden and Pfc. Hoyle S. Walters.

Cpl. William M. Wellman, T-5 George O. Rowles, Pfc. Charles W. Couter, Pfc. William Frait, Pfc. James N. Jones, Pfc. Carden W. Knick, Pfc. Wesley E. Tyler, Pfc. Johnny Whala, Pfc. Henry E. Lewis and Pfc. Oran K. Jones, all of Baker Btry.

From Charlie Btry, were Sgt. Earle R. Schleicher, Sgt. Howell Hodge Jr., Cpl. Jack A. Hutchins, Pfc. Roy B. Guthrie, Pfc. Robert D. Jones and Pfc. James P. Wilkerson.

T-5 Roy H. Crook, T-5 Robert H. Hartsock, Pfc. Carl J. Akers, Pfc. Ervin C. Akers, Pfc. James R. Faury, Pfc. Henry D. R. Page, Pfc. Thomas R. Saunders and Pfc. John R. Knautfe, all Dog Btry.

From the Medical Detachment there was T-5 David Kaplan.

Pittsburgh.  
Cpl. Hoyt Miller—37 Aug. 15—Camp Philadelphia.  
Cpl. Floyd G. Shelton—21 Aug. 16—Hq. Epernay.

## Public Forum

Since the Public Forum question went out to the camps, the war has made a change for the better, with the Japs asking for terms. The question was timely and the answers are interesting, but with the advance of methods of war it would be suicidal for anyone to continue.—ED.

Do you think it will take an invasion to defeat Japan or will the present sea and air bombardments bring them to terms?

Pfc. John F. Durham, Hq. Btry. —With the coming of the new atom bomb, I think that, more than ever, no invasion will be needed to whip Japan. The bombings should take care of that very nicely.

S-Sgt. Edward E. Wilswick, Medics—My answer is still yes, but in a war like we are now fighting, it is hard to predict what it will actually take to defeat Japan.

T-5 Frank Ybarra, A Btry., Camp Norfolk—I believe that, despite the atomic onslaught now imminent, it will still be necessary to invade Japan in order to crush their fanatical beliefs.

Pvt. Bob Crowder, Baker Btry., Camp Oklahoma City—Since the release of the new atomic bomb, I think that by the combined air and sea bombardment, an invasion won't be necessary.

Pfc. Charles J. Smith, Charlie Btry., Hq. Epernay—I think that the sea and air bombardment will cause enough terror and demoralize the people enough so that they will surrender without the Allies having to invade.

T-5 Lawrence M. Renfrew, Charlie Btry., Camp Brooklyn—Since the perfection and the use of the atomic bomb I believe all we have to do is blast the Japs into eternity.

Pfc. A. D. Snead, Dog Btry., Camp Pittsburgh—No war has ever been won by air power alone. It takes land and air power together.

T-5 Ervin L. Rorrer, Dog Btry., Camp Cleveland—I think that Japan, like Germany, will have to be invaded to be beaten.

## Bn. Man Talks On Radio Program

While S-Sgt. John Coccoli, Dog Btry., was on furlough in Switzerland he was among three enlisted men to make a radio broadcast to the States.

Sgt. Coccoli's voice was recorded for three minutes in a talk to his wife who is now in Milford, Mass., and the recording was rebroadcast on a program in the States.

The Switzerland recording was made at ten a.m. and his wife heard the program in the States at one p.m.

# I & E Program Progresses

By RUSSELL ROTH

The Army Educational Program is apparently beginning to hit its full stride with the announcement this week that the four schools now open to members of this Battalion are the Civilian Universities, the Army University Center, the Technical School and the On-the-Job Program.

The Army idea is to have available schools at any level desired by any soldier.

The Civilian University is just what the name implies. Members of the armed forces attend universities in England or France for a period of eight weeks. One must have had at least two years of college to qualify and in the case of French schools, of course, a thorough knowledge of the language is necessary. No list of available courses has been received but applications are kept on file and submitted when openings occur.

The Army University Centers are located at Shrivenham, England and at Biarritz, France. Instruction in English in both schools and both civilian and Army teachers are used. Here, a high school education is required as all subjects can be had at the I and E Office. Credit for these eight-week courses depends upon the college to which you submit your grades.

The Centralized Technical School is located in Wharton, England, and is open to those who have had Army or civilian training in the courses offered. This school, conducted by Army and civilian instructors, is designed to give advanced training in the various trades with the latest equipment used by the Army and English firms. This school is also for eight weeks and there is no educational prerequisite.

The On-the-Job Program is for those who have no previous experience and desire to learn a trade. This within-the-Army training is given on the continent for a period of six weeks. Here one gets the advantage of working on the most modern equipment that the Army has to offer. Attendance at this school will qualify one for the Centralized Technical Schools.

Applications for attendance at these schools may be obtained through your battery or at the I and E Office. One thing, however, must be noted, the schools are all filled on a quota basis and the battalion has no quota as such. We come under AAC and we must get our appointments through them as part of their quota. The schools are continuous, though, and your applications are retained and submitted as new terms

## UNDERGROUND

"Muscles" Showalter is rapidly becoming gymnastic expert of Camp New Orleans. He's been dubbed the "dumb bell demon." No doubt he will attract a larger audience after his last performance.

Pvt. Perry of Camp Brooklyn is waiting patiently for the Army to OK his request for marriage. . . . Art Schreiber has lost quite a bit of weight since his visit to Paris. . . . Another visitor to Paris was Al Kurleski, who now sits around Camp Brooklyn with boredom written all over his face. . . . The big news of the week—the Medics came out in force this week for reveille—finally.

. . . Big things were planned by the Special Service, now all we see in the town of Epernay is one theater and a line extending out to the street trying to get into the new Red Cross building.

start and quotas are available. Close liaison is maintained with AAC and every effort will be made to obtain appointments for members of this Battalion. In the meantime, there is a wide variety of excellent USAFI courses available along the same lines.

## GRIPES

We hear of an order that all enlisted men are to wear their SOS patches. Why not include the officers in some of these things? Aren't they supposed to set examples for some of us?

**BROWNED OFF**

Several of the Camp Baltimore men can be seen each evening bucking the chow line at the camp stockade, attempting to get their portion of gruel.

**STARVING LIKE MAD.**

Why can't our PX stay open a little longer? Having it open only two or three hours in the afternoon isn't enough. Let's do something about that.

**LINE HAPPY.**

Since we have been here the officers average two dances a week while we have yet to have one. What's the deal?

**WONDERING.**

When we started in our work we were told that the outfit we were to be fed by would not have any strings on us. Well today you will find us standing formations, having dental inspections and other things which are all held after work hours. Whose orders do we follow, the 567, AAC or the APU?

**FEED OFF.**



but Doc Moore said take all his pills in water by C.J. Smith