

New Nightclub For AAC GIs

Tonight, Aug. 25, marks the opening of Epernay's GI nightclub for EM, the Castle Club, located at 38 Rue St. Thibault.

Originally scheduled to open last week, difficulty encountered in obtaining refreshments necessitated the postponement, giving more time to polish up with the finishing touches.

The project is under the supervision of Lt. Lohman of the Oise Base Section, but will be operated under the management of Tec-4 D. A. Taylor of the 160th Engineer School, which also supplied the carpentry necessary to remodel the building. Painting was done by the 635th, under the direction of Sgt. Funk.

The club is in a two-story building with a dance floor on the second floor capable of accomodating 75 couples at one time, and said to be the largest in the Oise Section. Also on this second

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Graves Trip Made by Group

Ten enlisted men and one officer along with Chaplain Paul M. Pettit visited graves of relatives and friends buried in U. S. Military cemeteries near Maastricht, Holland and Liege, Belgium this week.

Chaplain Pettit said that the cemetery visited near Liege, the Henri Chapelle Cemetery, was the largest one in the ETO with 17,352 Americans and 10,000 German soldiers buried here.

The other cemetery at Margraten, Holland, near Maastricht, is the one where the bodies of all the American soldiers that were buried in Germany are now being moved for reburial.

Those going were in addition to the Chaplain, Lt. Maguire, T-5 Milton Freundel, T-5 J. C. Runk and Pfc. Harrison H. Hicks of Able Btry. Cpl. Robert G. Bruce and Cpl. Robert W. Schlosser from Baker Btry. 1-Sgt. Gus

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Quotas Too Large for Present Bn. Mission

Bn. EM Club To Open Soon

An enlisted men's club is to be ready for use next week in the three story building at 47 Rue Champagne where it will be possible to have dances, a reading room, a bar and other attractions for men of the 567th.

The building, located three doors south of Battalion Headquarters in Epernay, was secured on lend-lease and is now being cleaned up and re-decorated by PWs.

A council of one enlisted man from each battery and a man from the APU stationed in the Battalion headquarters building is to be chosen to govern the use of the club.

On the first floor are three large rooms with sliding doors that can be used for dancing with a small bar where beer and other drinks will be sold in a room off to the side of the dance rooms.

A piano, a radio and public address system are now available for the club and efforts are being made to get enough furniture for the whole building.

In the two basement rooms there are to be ping pong tables and all indoor gaming equipment that can be secured.

Several other rooms can be used on the second and third floors for reading rooms or any thing that the council sees fit to offer the men for their entertainment.

MOVIES FOR THE WEEK (Castle Theater—Epernay)

Monday and Tuesday

"Fighting Guardsmen"

Wednesday and Thursday

"Swingette Sister"

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

"Affair of Susan"

One Half of Men Go On Furloughs in Month

Lt. Foster, Bn. adjutant, reported Friday the quotas that are now allotted to the Battalion could not be filled completely and the outfit carry out its present mission satisfactorily.

Approximately fifty percent of the men in the 567th have been sent on furloughs since the Battalion was assigned to the new mission after leaving Germany.

This only includes the number that have been given seven days in Switzerland, England, and the Riviera, and not the countless numbers that have gone on passes and tours of Paris, Brussels and Lourdes.

The original furlough quotas allotted to the Battalion were low with the number going up as high as ten times the amount given last week as compared with the number given in the initial quota.

The men who left this week from Hq. Btry were S-Sgt. Lawrence E. McKinney on Aug. 17 for England. T-5 Paul S. Ridgeway left on Aug. 19 and T-4 George W. Goodman left on the 21st for England. T-4 Paul W. Epperly and T-5 George P. Wright left on Aug. 22 for Switzerland. Pfc. Al C. Blalock left on Aug. 22 for England and Pfc. James K. C. Walton from the Medics left on the 24th for the same place. Pvt. Andrew Jackson left on Aug. 23 on special orders to visit his wife in England for fifteen days.

Tech. Sgt. Walter K. Fitzner, S.-Sgt. Francis Weyhaupt, M-Sgt. Adolph J. Schmutzler, and T-5 Carl B. Sykes all left on Aug. 25 for Switzerland.

From Able Btry. T-4 Charles W. Ward, T-5 Thomas L. Smith and Pfc. Stanley H. Covington, Jr. departed on August 19 for Great Britain. Pfc. Cleon R. Dawson left on the same day for the Riviera. On the 20th Cpl. Johnnie C. Prillaman and Cpl. Dou-

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

The Chaplain Says

This week a party of us went to visit two of the large cemeteries of this war: Henri Chapelle near Liege, Belgium, and Margarten near Maastricht, Holland. No visitor who sees these acres of white crosses can soon forget that our peace has been bought with a price. Their story is too eloquent.

Here is America. The very names on those crosses are a cross-section of a free people. Ordinary names like Smith, Jones and Johnson. Names that you see up and down Main Street of your home town: Martin, Stuber, Maloney, Dombrowski, Peterson, Simons, Gebhardt. Names you would see on mail boxes huddled about any country cross-roads: Stubbs, Parker, McCance, Stevens, Carey, Matthews.

"These are the dead,
Short days ago they lived,
Saw dawn, felt sunset's glow. . ."

. . . But now they lie beneath white crosses—white as the picket fence around a home, white as the hopes and dreams of youth itself.

But now a simple cross must tell the world their story. Yet the cross alone can speak when lips are still. What else could express the simple courage of that final sacrifice? What but the cross can comprehend this

EDITORIAL

WHERE TO FROM HERE

Where do we go from here? What do we do now that the war is over? This is definitely the period of "must wait and see."

While the war was on everyone tried their hand at predictions resulting in a lot of wild guesses and a few near misses. The cessation of hostilities brought this to an abrupt halt and now as never before we must bring ourselves to the fact that the inevitable will happen and predictions will not speed up the possibilities.

Of course the ultimate goal of all is home. When will we get there? Every newspaper and practically every article gives a different answer to this question. This has been going on so long and now practically everyone in the Battalion seems to be resolved that at least we are half-way now and the

long trek back home must end sooner or later.

Rumors? No one seems to have any. If you have a speculation you can always get an audience but now your listeners are not grasping every word to enlarge and pass on but are thinking that someday "it" will come and until that time why worry?

The point system? The disinterest here is shown by some of the answers appearing elsewhere in this issue on the Public Forum question. We have in the Battalion a few high pointers and a few more sweatin' out discharges on the over age plan but when? Again there are too many explanations for a concise answer. In a Battalion such as ours where the average is not over 50, the bulk of the men have no need for interest.

Over two years in the Army for most of the men have instilled deeply the opinion to "just wait and see" and sooner or later "it" must happen.

Quotas Too Large . . .

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glas G. Taylor went to the Riviera. Pfc. Caystano Arriola, Jr., Pfc. Alton C. Foster, and Pfc. Glen F. Funkhouser left on Aug. 21 for England.

Pfc. John R. Anderson, Pfc. Clyde A. Chick and Pfc. Ira H. Cochrane Jr., left on Aug. 19 for Switzerland, from Baker Btry. On the UK quota Pvt. Robert W. Crowder left on the same day.

On the Switzerland quota for Aug. 22. S-Sgt. Henry F. Congleton, S-Sgt. Edward L. Wright and Cpl. Herman W. Winters were sent and Pvt. Frank E. Sponaule left on the 24th for the same place. Cpl. Robert J. Chylik and Pfc. Harold E. Jones left on Aug. 23 for England.

From Charle Btry. Pfc. Sherman W. Coons and Pvt. James W. Hudson left on Aug. 18 for England. Pfc. Robert L. Baker left on the 19th for England and T-5 Robert J. Vachon left on the same day on the Lourdes tour. Sgt. Jack Palmer went on Aug.

place where love and sorrow meet?

There indeed our earthly plane is touched by heaven. The human horizontal is crossed by the vertical of the divine. Man with his surging strength but vital weakness, his loves and hates, his restless yearning and his strife—these bind him to earth as creature. But the Cross is where God himself has broken through to claim man's suffering as His own. Upon a Cross death did its worst but spirit still triumphed on the third day, our faith makes every cross white with hope of such an Easter dawn.

20 for Great Britain and Pfc. Norman V. Houle to the Riviera. S-Sgt. Alfred M. Johnson and Pfc. Jeral Wyatt went on the 22nd to England. On the Switzerland quota for Aug. 22 there were S-Sgt. Donald E. Berry, Sgt. Paul A. McCune, Cpl. Leroy G. Wagner, T-5 Billie J. Franklin, T-5 James C. Landrum, T-5 Peter P. Romano, Pfc. William B. Mills, Pfc. John H. Muller, Pfc. Charles J. Smith, and Pvt. Philip L. Wright.

From Dog Btry. there were S-Sgt. William Mayfield and T-5 Roy E. Kelly for England on Aug. 18. For the Riviera T-4 Radoie G. Vilalobos and Pfc. L. J. G. Cray left on the same day. On Aug. 19, S-Sgt. Richard Olwine, Cpl. Carl D. Zimmerman and Pfc. Hollis G. Tucker went to England. On the Switzerland quota for Aug. 19 there were Sgt. James H. Morrissey, T-5 Earl F. Anderson, and Pfc. Joseph L. Sandvik. On the 20th for England there were T-5 Benny Cantrell, Pfc. Lyle E. Gilbert, Pfc. Maynard A. Meadows and Pfc. John H. Myers. For Switzerland on the 22 there were T-4 Albert K. Heptinstall, Cpl. Clyde E. Kingery, Pfc. Gordon D. Saunders and Pfc. G. I. Warner. Pfc. James R. Feury, Pfc. Charles W. Porter, Pfc. Gerald R. Shryack and Wm. J. Skelton left on Aug. 22 for England.

Camp Detroit P.O. has a new point system where a man is awarded five points each time he misses one of five daily check ups. by S-Sgt. Layton. The high scorers to be sent back to Bn. at Epernay to play with the Red Cross gals.

Reviews & Previews

By JIMMIE BURRELL

Again this week Roger Kaufman is the guest reviewer.

THE SEA WITCH—Alexander Laing—(Q-36)

Anyone who has gone to sea in ships will tell you that each vessel has a personality of her own and responds to good or bad treatment much as a human being under the same circumstances. Thus the seamen who shipped aboard the Sea Witch voyage after voyage on the New York-Canton tea runs loved and tended carefully this fastest and loveliest clipper of her time and believed her the ultimate in the long history of the sea, as truly she was. A near-perfect blend of beauty, speed, and cargo capacity, the Sea Witch broke all records for sailing ships in the golden age of shipping, when, in the decade beginning with the 1840s, Yankee designers and craftsmen produced ships the like of which the world had never before seen or is likely to see again, in the superhuman attempt of sail to compete with steam, which was coming into its own.

Roger Murray, her captain and foremost shipmaster of the day, whose loyalty was torn between his wife and the sea, loved the Sea Witch because she broke records. Hugh Murray, who must always be expressing his tormented soul in the form of exquisite sculpture, carved the figurehead for the Sea Witch in the image of Mary, who was to become Roger Murray's wife, and, denied her love, followed the ship until she burned at sea.

While the well-knit strands of a dramatic novel run through the story, the book is essentially a history of the ship and the times. Most of the material is authentic. Laing, author of "Clipper

Ship Men," also in our library, is an expert on the clipper era and consulted over 1,000 books in gathering the data for this work.

KEYSTONE KIDS—John R. Tunis—(Q-8)

Up through the minor leagues to the Brooklyn Dodgers come the Russell brothers to play the keystone combination, Spike at shortstop and his kid brother Bob at second. Spike takes over as manager at a time when the team stands low in the league because of internal dissension caused primarily by the ill feeling towards its young Jewish catcher. Spike's ability to see the issue in its proper light and to correct the team's attitude welds the conflicting factions into a fighting whole and brings the Dodgers back into the limelight. If everyone would take the common sense viewpoint exhibited by Mike in this crisis there would be no racial problem in America.

MEN AGAINST THE SEA—Charles Nordoff and James Norman Hall—(T-10)

Another sea tale; please forgive the reviewer for being prejudiced. If you have read the book, "Mutiny of the Bounty", or remember the excellent movie a few years back, this engrossing sequel by the same authors cannot fail to be of interest. It tells the story of Captain Bligh and the 18 loyal men with him who were cast adrift in the Bounty's launch to sail 3600 agonizing miles to the island of Timor, Dutch East Indies. The superb leadership and constant cheerfulness of Captain Bligh in the face of incredible privations will keep your nose in this short book until the end.

Public Forum

Just what do you think of the point system?

Cpl. W. H. Russell, Hq. Btry. — "Speaking frankly I don't know too much about it but there must be some system for discharge and they could never please every one. I think they are doing well to handle the approximately eleven million in the service. Besides it does not affect me, I am sweating out a discharge on the over-age plan."

The collective answer from fifteen Medics—"That's the \$64. question but to make a long story short for the GIs that have 85 points it's a good deal but for me and my 45 points it stinks, definitely."

Pfc. Albert S. Moore, Able Btry.— "In my opinion the point system is as fair as any other method that could possibly be used. Of course the majority of us haven't the necessary 85 points and are naturally inclined to be just a trifle prejudiced."

Pfc. C. I. Johnson, Camp Detroit—"No, Now that the war is over, I think, regardless of how many points he has, the man with the longest service should be discharged first. In other words — First in, first out!"

T-4 James Freeman, Charlie Btry.— "I don't consider the point system very often. With my 50 points if they want to let me out some of these days it's allright by me."

Cpl. R. E. Livingston, Camp Philadelphia—"Yes, I think the point system is fair but in practice the Army has snafued it."

T-5 Sam Heltzel, Dog Btry.— "Why should I even think of it? With the number of points I have, why ask me?"

Cpl. Rober C. Mulfinger, Rheims PW Det.— "I don't believe in it at all. The high pointers I know are still here or they are in England one. Though with the cessation of hostilities they may get a break."

Honorary Citizens Of Boys' Town

"The officers and enlisted men of the 567th" on Aug. 8 were made "honorary citizens" of Boystown, Nebraska, according to a letter received this morning by Chaplain Pettit from the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, manager of the famous boys home in the States.

The letter was acknowledging a check from this Battalion donating \$32.50 from the collection made on one Sunday a month, for the support of the home.

Birthdays

HEADQUARTERS

T-5 Victor Cohen, 31 on Aug. 24.
Pfc. Al. C. Blalock, 21 on Aug. 27.
Pfc. Herbert G. Taylor, 28 on Aug. 26.

A BATTERY

Pfc. Herbert W. Kline, 21 on Aug. 24, Camp San Antonio.
Pfc. Aleck Small, 37 on Aug. 25, Epernay APO.
Pfc. Patrick Smith, 21 on Aug. 28, Camp San Antonio.
Pfc. Robert G. Smith, 22 on Aug. 26, Camp New Orleans.
Pvt. James H. Linn, Jr., 21 on Aug. 30, Epernay APO.

B BATTERY

Cpl. Robert G. Bruce, 21 on Aug. 22, Epernay.
Cpl. Robert Schlosser, 21 on Aug. 30, Epernay.

Cpl. Adam E. Yancy, 21 on Aug. 29, Epernay.

T-5 Roy O. Couch, 27 on Aug. 31, Camp Detroit.

Pvt. William J. Jay, 21 on Aug. 23, Camp Detroit.

C BATTERY

T-5 Clifford H. Baker, 21 on Aug. 23, Camp Brooklyn.

Pfc. Harvey Dermine, 22 on Aug. 22, Camp Baltimore.

Pvt. Frank L. Hatcher, 29 on Aug. 23, Camp Baltimore.

D BATTERY

Capt. Robert E. Bunker, 31, on Aug. 28.

1st Lt. Gilbert V. Stoddard, 27 on Aug. 26.

Sgt. George D. Spangler, 23 on Aug. 30, Epernay, APO.

Pfc. Robert F. Sauscermen, 23 on Aug. 27, Epernay, APO.

'Mistake to Alter ETO Jackets', BSO

Of the one thousand ETO jackets issued to the men in the Battalion on Aug. 13 nearly two hundred have been returned for exchange to smaller sizes and BSO Tech-Sgt. Fitzner reported this morning that this was a mistake not allowing for freedom of movement when more under clothing were added come colder weather.

He added that numbers of men were having their jackets altered to make them fit more snugly and the ones that had turned theirs in for exchange would have to keep the ones that they were given back on the exchange whether they were satisfied with it later on or not.

The jackets were obtained in advance of the estimated time after several insistant requests from the BSO at the Quartermaster depot in Rheims. They were secured on Aug. 13 and given out to the battery supply sergeants on the same day to be issued to the men that were going on furloughs that evening.

Sgt. Fitzner added that men now going on furloughs were to be issued one ration for their travel time which was to be given out at the BSO any time during the day that they are to leave on furlough.

GRIPES

Why can't the Riviera quota be increased to two men per battery so we can buddy up on our furloughs?

PERPLEXED.

Isn't there supposed to be a Special Service quota of one radio per 50 men? While there aren't that many at these camps, we could draw straws.

WONDERING.

Our pet gripe is: Why in Hell can't we go where we want to go on a furlough or a three-day pass. For instance, many of the boys have swell places to visit throughout France, (Thionville not excluded), where they could have a good time with the minimum of expense and get away from all brass, which is what we thought passes, and furloughs were intended for. To hell with Paris and Brussels. Too much dough needed.

THE BOYS AT DETROIT.

Isn't there someone in the Battalion who is interested enough in the EM to get us a decent place to hold regular dances? Maybe a little paint on the Rec. Hall wall wouldn't hurt.

We are still waiting for that dance promised so long ago. PATIENT.

Graves Trip . . .

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R. White and Cpl. Conduff Marshall from Charlie Btry. and T-5 Alvin L. Canipe from the Medical Det.

T-5 Runk visited the grave of his brother Pfc. Harold Runk of the 11th Inf. who was killed near Cologne. The two brothers were from Columbus, Texas. Cpl. Schlosser visited the grave of his brother who was buried in the Margraten Cemetery.

At the Henri Chapelle Cemetery T-5 Canipe saw the grave of his brother Pfc. Eulis A. Canipe from Morganton, N. C. Cpl. Bruce visited the grave of his brother Pfc. William M. Bruce III and Pfc. Hicks saw the grave of his brother Pfc. Ralph Hicks from Warm Springs, Virginia. Cpl. Marshall visited the grave of his nephew Pfc. Hugh McGrady.

Chaplain Pettit said that several requests had been made for a trip to cemeteries in the Normandy area which would be made in the future. Another trip may possibly be made to two cemeteries near Metz.

HOME NEWS

Pfc. Pat Davis, our intended infantryman, has been informed that he is the uncle of a bouncing baby girl.

Pfc. Shirley D. Downey, Dog Btry. has received word that his brother is now home on a thirty-day furlough, after two years in the ETO. After his leave he then will return to the Woodrow Wilson hospital for a major operation.

UNDERGROUND

Which one of the Jones boys was invited out to a dance deep in the heart of downtown Crepy by a local belle, then was so damned bashful he let a Frog steal her right from underneath his sideburns?

What first sergeant in Dog Btry. is getting his voice primed for the day his underlings are Regular Army? . . . A certain Pfc. here at Camp Philadelphia, decided to chuck his crack at OCS when it was pointed out to him that his prospects of getting home before '48 were small, in the event he was commissioned. He also grew tired of being saluted all day.

Lookout fellows when you come to Rheims as the Cognac has jumped from 20 francs to 35 as soon as the French have learned that we received 850 francs raise.

New Nightclub . . .

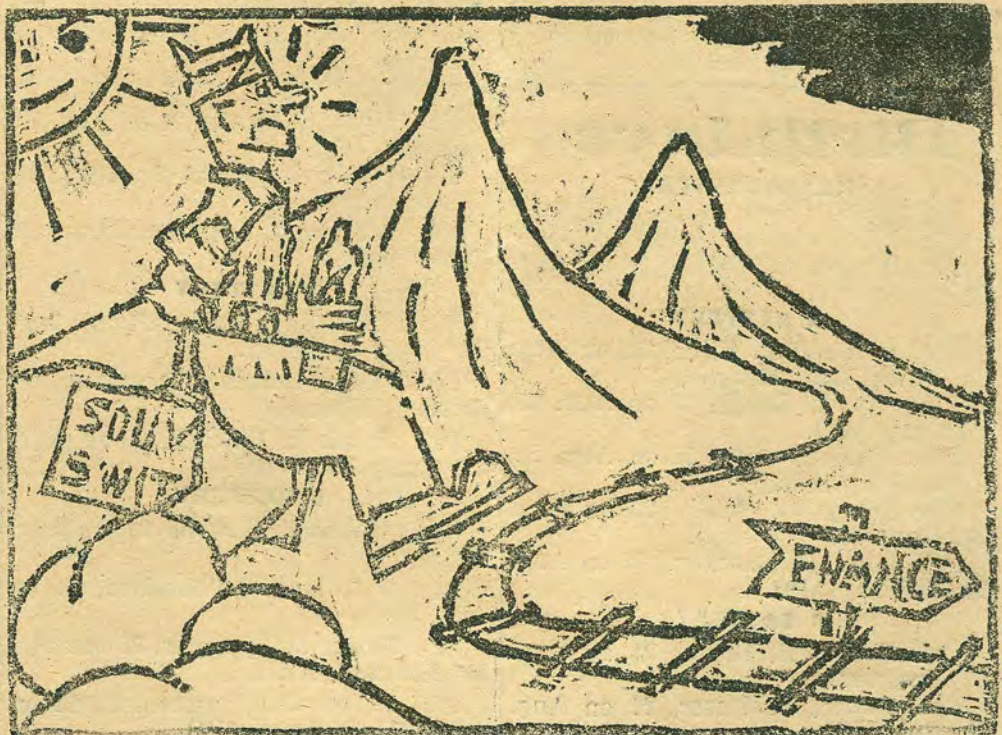
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floor is the bar and refreshment tables, where beer, coke, coffee, dough nuts, sandwiches, and possibly champagne will be dispensed at GI prices. The furnishings and decorations of this floor are in the modern manner.

The ground floor houses a library, reading and writing rooms and a game room. It is finished and furnished in a rustic manner similar to the well-known California-Monterey style.

Fifteen local French girls will act as hostesses under one American Red Cross girl.

A fourteen-piece band is ready for opening night, to play exclusive for EM and their girl friends.



... and they yodel, too!"

By Willie