



# BATTALION INSIGNIA CHOSEN



A committee of 18, representing all batteries, selected T-5 Eddie Talbot's "Red Jackass" as the battalion trademark, to be painted on all vehicles and helmets.

This insignia has had quite a history in the 567th. The condition which this symbol represents, a condition of extreme vexation due to snafu, three march orders in one night, a flat on an inside dual, or the gal friend's indiscretions with a 4F, has long been with us in varying degrees of intensity from activation to occupation. It was first employed as an insignia by the second platoon of B battery when, during the period of the "Big Freeze," the circumstances became such that the "condition" became acute. Baker battery later adopted this symbol coincident with its celebration of V-E Day. Now the whole battalion has the "Red Jackass."

## Passes, Trips - No Furloughs

Furlough, furlough, who's got a furlough? So far no one. But, passes are being given to "Gay Parade." One officer and eleven enlisted men departed on June 11 for a 72-hour pass in Paris. Another group departed Thursday, June 14, for a similar "headache" excursion.

In the first group A battery sent three men and the other batteries each sent two. In the second group B battery had three, A, C and D each sent two, while Headquarters and the Medics had one each.

For those whose names are low on the list there are orientation trips to any part of the Third Army area of control. A request directed to the Battalion Special Service Officer, will be forwarded to 16th AA Group for approval and issuance of orders. Such places as Bayreuth, Bamberg and Nurnberg in Germany, and Passau and Pilsen in Czechoslovakia are possible destinations. There are of course, many other less well known but equally interesting towns which may be visited.

## Truckers Haul Russian Refugees

Running a daily transport service for homeward-bound Russian refugees, from Allied-held Plauen, near the Czech border, to Soviet-held Chemnitz, is the mission of a detachment of some 65 drivers from this battalion.

The Run to "Little Russia" has both its headaches and compensations, say the truckers. The headaches: deciphering road signs printed in Russian, and trying to follow the weird traffic signals of the husky female Red Army MP's. The compensations: trading for souvenirs and drinking vodka.

## NAME YOUR NEW BABY!!!!!!

When the next issue of this publication rolls off the press, a name will have replaced the question marks now on the masthead. That name will have been selected from those that you have contributed, and we hope that it will represent the wishes of the majority of you.

Since the first issue was circulated, the editorial staff has received much comment, both pro and con, which was welcomed. This paper will continue to grow as your representative, only to the extent that your thoughts and ideas reach us.

While the response to our Name Contest has been encouraging, we feel that still more voices should be heard from. To give you an idea and, at the same time, get your opinions, here are some of the names submitted to date: "Tracer Flak," "Smiles and Gripes," "Muzzle Burst," "Roaming Rebel," and "Bos-sors Flak."

Do you like one of these, or can you do better? Remember, Wednesday, June 21 is the deadline, so get your suggestions into your battery contribution box now!

### 'B' BATTERY MAN LEAVES ON AGE

George Brinkman, B battery, who joined the battalion during the Louisiana maneuvers, was the first man to receive an over-age discharge. He left the outfit June 7, and plans to return to his home in Miami, Florida.

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

## EDITORIAL

"These are times that try men's souls". In spite of the beautiful country, the fine clean air, comfortable quarters and a variegated schedule of duties, classes and recreation, restlessness and homesickness are becoming more prevalent in this part of Bavaria. The inevitable let-down after hostilities and news of troops returning to the States tend to increase this feeling. And, to top it all, comes the news that the Third Army is to help occupy Germany.

Of course, we are a separate Battalion and Special Troops and can be reassigned at a moment's notice. We have all been in the Army long enough not to believe anything until we see the order out. As we go to press there are no orders placing us in Cat. I, II, III, or IV.

But, suppose we do have to occupy. Indications now are that combat troops will be relieved in the space of a year. "A year is a long time," a long time away from our homes, wives sweethearts and children. "People can change in a year." But need this change be for the worse?

Let's see if we couldn't make the best of the situation, if we had to. Suppose we are "stuck" here. There are far worse places, jungles full of Japs and Anopheles mosquitoes in Burma, the freezing north China plains, lonely sandspits in the Pacific with mail once a week and beer twice a year. During this year Japan can be well out of it and when we do return home it will be for good and all.

This might be a year of great benefit for all of us. Our duties not too arduous. Here is the time which we might never find again to read all the best in English literature and American current fiction which is being made available by Editions for the Armed Forces, Inc. and our own Special Service Library.

Our own Battalion schools would expand to offer all courses offered by the average high school. The detached service vocational schools, Army University Centers and Universities in France and Great Britain would be available for those who wish to go further in their education. If a year is before us, we will have an educational opportunity that has been offered to few Americans but extended to us because of the peculiar

## The Chaplain Says--

Here is a question that often comes up in bull sessions: "What about the churches in Germany? Before we came over here, we thought that Hitler had totally suppressed the Christian as well as the Jewish faith here. How about that?"

If Hitler was not as successful in crushing the church as we had supposed, it was definitely not his fault. No one realized better than he that Christianity was his undying enemy. In "Mein Kampf" he recognizes this in so many words. He refers contemptuously to the Christian sympathy for the weak and heavily-laden as "Jewish propaganda". The good Nazi believes that "might makes right".

Naziism was indeed a religion in itself: a pagan religion to be sure, which was a throwback to the worship of the Nordic gods immortalized by Richard Wagner in his operas. Hitler undoubtedly convinced both himself and a large following of German people that he was actually the "Messiah", sent by these Nordic gods to save Germany.

Nazi churches were actually established, devoted to the worship of these Germanic gods, where the Bible was thrown out and "Mein Kampf" was read from the pulpit by clergymen hired from Nazi funds.

Why this movement never took root, and how the Christian church was able to resist and outlive Naziism will be discussed in next week's column.

This week your paper comes to you with a mixture of type faces in the text. This is due to the use of a Linotype machine to speed typesetting. Next week we intend to have an even better looking paper, all machine-set, with easier-to-read standard width American columns. Take a squint through this issue and see if you can spot which is hand set.

circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Yes, a year is a long time and might change us. But, the change should be a good one and the year itself can and could be the most beneficial, the most unforgettable year of our lives.

### "Courage, Purity and Truth"

Last week in the California Legislature a bill was introduced to allow wives of Service Men overseas to have children born to them illegitimately adopted without notification to their husbands.

Have these people forgotten what the colors of our flag symbolize? Courage, Purity and Truth!

We've heard many times, that "the truth hurts," that we don't deny, but doesn't deceit hurt more? Could such infidelity remain undisclosed throughout two people's lifetime without marring their happiness? It is our belief that it could not.

The American Soldier is a man! A man who can take it, a man who has learned through hard bitter fighting to control his emotions, a man who wants the hard, cold truth no matter what the cost. These facts have been proven many times since December 7, 1941. We want truth without compromise.

## GRIPES

Just how many battle stars do we have? I have heard anywhere from one to four. Maybe some kind soul "in the know" will explain this to us.  
Pfc. HAROLD LLABEY

Answering the gripe about the ball team receiving furloughs. As I understand it now, the winning team will not get the furloughs, but the Joe who wrote the gripe had the same opportunity to try for their battery team and it is not the players' fault that the writer was not good enough to make the team. The games are played on the men's time and do not interfere with any of their duties. Since everyone had the chance for the team, any further gripes may be given to the Chaplain.

What is the battalion order on using PWs for KPs? Now I understand that some of the batteries are using civilians and PWs in the kitchens. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?  
FROM MP TO KP.

What has happened to A battery's butter?

## PUBLIC FORUM

The question of the week: What do you think of the bill pending before the California legislature that would permit servicemen's wives in that state to have their illegitimate children adopted while the husband is overseas, without his knowledge?

Cpl. Maxon, Hq. Btry.—"I think it is a lot of asininity."

T-5 Ed Daugherty, A Btry.—"The State of California seems to be taking it upon itself to forgive a sin which should be the responsibility of the persons involved."

Pfc. J. L. Overby, B Btry.—"I think it is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of. Have the marriage vows been forgotten entirely? Or is that the only means of escape some 'big shot' can find? With me it is SNAFU."

Pvt. A. Orlick, C Btry.—"Throw the damn bill out and let the so-called indiscreet women suffer the consequences."

Pfc. Arthur Kahl, D Btry.—"I can't find words to describe such a thing. I think it is the cheapest piece of legislation that was ever put before a law-making body."

## UNDERGROUND

A man in Charlie was giggered for sleeping in an improper uniform. . . . Oui, oui, Dog lost a ball game. . . . Has anyone ever seen an Army chicken alive? A sure fortune awaits the GI who can capture one of these rare birds. The makeup of these birds is familiar to every soldier—six wings, four necks, and three backs—nothing else. How he manages to even walk is a big mystery. . . . Could it be that Perouty purrs for the Red Cross girls? They call him 'Kit-ten.' . . . What's the "brother-in-law" setup on the Dog softball team? . . . Charly's communication sergeant turns scrubwoman.

Rain and wet grounds caused the postponement of Monday's and Wednesday's ball games. These games will be played at a later date, either on an open day or as part of a double-header.

## Battalion "Coppers" Police Area

By JOE HALFORD

They may not have the flat feet of the Irish "Coppers" of New York or the snappy dress of the Washington "police" but these "coppers" of our battalion are doing a job. Better known to one and all as MPs, these 65 enlisted men and two officers cover an area of approximately 450 square miles, dishing out justice with a fair but firm hand.

Policing people of an alien tongue is bound to have it's amusing side. Transients with ponderous packs across their backs can't understand why a lift in a jeep is refused them. But two SS troopers, caught without papers got a ride they probably didn't appreciate. Straight to Foreheim to the MG. Three of the boys were stopped by a buxom fraulein only to discover she had a bike flat. "The Americans are masters with machines, couldn't they do something? But machine trouble isn't the only trouble. A local farmer frantically stopped a couple of our boys and wanted to know if they would act as a midwife. Elsie, the cow, was having a calf and help was needed pronto.

Now you would think machines and cows would be the last straw—but three of our gendarmes were stopped by a Jerry frau and rushed into her house to discover another frau giving birth to a future "goose stepper." Couldn't the Americans do something? A doctor would be appreciated. The American forces beat a hasty retreat.

## Outdoor Theater Now Under Construction

An outdoor theater is now being built just outside of Thuisbrunn, where boxing matches and USO shows will be held on the 20x30-foot platform.

Nine EM, accompanied by Lts. Benjamin and Stoddard are now attending a two-day conference in Furth, given by a Special Service demonstrating team, who will explain and demonstrate the best methods for producing amateur theatricals.

The following men were named battery librarians at a meeting Tuesday: Hq, Pfc. James Blain; A, T-5 Edward Dougherty; B, T-5 Arthur Farar; C, Pfc. Norman Houle; D, T-5 Harry Burch.

Lt. Stoddard, Special Service Officer, has requested that all books not being used be turned in to the battery librarian.

The battalion has been allowed no quotas for the Cole Porter musical in Nurnberg.

The afternoon shows at the battalion theater have been discontinued. The two daily shows are now at 1830 and 2030.

## TWO MEN RETURN FROM LONDON HOSPITAL

James Richardson, A battery, who left the outfit on New Year's Day in Longuyon, France, with a case of trench foot, returned to the battery this week. He spent most of the time in a hospital near London.

Robert Hall, D battery, returned last week from a hospital in England, where he underwent a major operation. He left the battalion in Thionville, France.

## PROMOTED TO MAJOR

Capt. Otto F. Yanisch, Battalion S-3 Officer since January 7, has been promoted to the rank of major.

# Dog's Unbeaten Softball Team Upset By Able Battery, 12 to 5

ABLE FIELD, June 10—Sporting the only perfect record in the league, Dog Battery was handed a jolt when Able, cellar occupants, unexpectedly pounded out a lop-sided 12-5 triumph.

Dog jumped into the lead with three runs in the first inning on one hit, two walks and two errors. Able tallied one in their half of the first and knotted the count in the third, when two runs galloped across on Russ' double to right field. Then they increased their lead in the fourth with five runs on six hits and added two more in each of the next two innings. Dog shoved two runs over in the sixth. Cauley went the route for the victors. Ward, Russ, Cauley and Toping led the offensive with two hits apiece.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DOG . . . . .	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	8	6
ABLE . . . . .	1	0	2	5	2	2	x	12	13	3

**BATTERIES—**

DOG—Turner, Detyniak and Mulfinger.  
ABLE—Cauley and Ward.

## Charlie Thumps Baker 6-3

BAKER FIELD, June 10—Charlie defeated Baker here today by a six to three count, coming from behind in the fifth inning to take their third game of the season.

With the score in Baker's favor, 3-2, Klien, leading off for Charlie in the fifth, drew a pass. Mendez flied to left. Tancredi singled through the box, scoring Klein. Wilson popped out. White smacked a double down the third base line, sending Tancredi home with the deciding run. Charlie added two more runs in the sixth to clinch the game.

Though Klein pitched one-hit ball, Baker took advantage of every break in the game, pushing a run across the plate in the first inning and two more in the third by virtue of a hit, a couple of walks and several stolen sacks.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
CHARLIE . . . . .	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	6	7	1
BAKER . . . . .	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	2

**BATTERIES—**

CHARLIE—Klein and Mendez.  
BAKER—Wrobel, Allen and George.

## BAKER WALLOPS HEADQUARTERS 11-6

Headquarters Field, June 9—Baker out-slugged Headquarters in a wild game today, which featured a total of 19 hits and 17 runs. Scoring three runs in the initial frame, Baker held the lead all the way, although Headquarters threatened in the fourth with a three-run tally.

Leading off in the third, George, Baker's catcher, hit the only home run of the game over the left-field wall.

## Officers Down Headquarters In Eighth

Headquarters Field, June 10—The Officers went into a two-way tie for first place when they beat Headquarters 3-2 in an extra-inning game. The climax came in the eighth inning when Pickering slapped a home run over the left-field fence.

The defeat left Headquarters in the cellar, three games from the leaders.

## Dog Takes Lead Over Charlie

CHARLIE FIELD, June 9—Dog took temporary possession of first place today when they came from behind to give Charlie their first setback of the series, 4-1.

Charlie took the lead in the third inning when Witte doubled and went to third base after Mendez flied out. He scored on Tancredi's fly to deep right.

Dog tied it up in the fifth when Meadows singled and then crossed the plate on Goodman's two-base hit. The next inning Dog took the lead when Proctor walked and Mulfinger singled. Romano threw wild to third on Rhodes' grounder and Proctor scored. Adkins followed with a timely single to right, scoring two more runs.

Charlie's only tally came in the third when Witte doubled and came home on long flys by Mendez and Tancredi.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
DOG . . . . .	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	5	0
CHARLIE . . . . .	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2

**BATTERIES—**

DOG—Sizemore and Mulfinger.  
CHARLIE—White and Mendez.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Compiled as of June 10)

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
Charlie . . . . .	3	1	.750
Dog . . . . .	3	1	.750
Officers . . . . .	3	1	.750
Baker . . . . .	2	2	.500
Able . . . . .	1	3	.250
Headquarters . . . . .	0	4	.000

### STATISTICS AS OF JUNE 13

Ten Leading Batters

(Includes seven or more times at bat)

NAME	TEAM	PCT.
Russ . . . . .	A	.666
Cauley . . . . .	A	.547
Mendez . . . . .	C	.500
Buechen . . . . .	B	.457
Goodman . . . . .	D	.444
Draper . . . . .	C	.400
Roniger . . . . .	D	.400
Adkins . . . . .	D	.333
Streich . . . . .	D	.333
Shores . . . . .	C	.333

Home Runs—Agee, Steel and Pickering—1.

### FIVE LEADING PITCHERS

NAME	Team	GP	W	L	Pct.	BB	SC
Klein . . . . .	C	3	3	0	1.000	9	3
Allen . . . . .	A	3	1	0	1.000	4	3
Sizemore . . . . .	D	1	1	0	1.000	9	3
Detyniak . . . . .	D	2	1	0	1.000	4	2
Ewert . . . . .	Off.	4	3	1	.750	-	-

Harry Keaton, official battalion scorekeeper, reports that statistics for Headquarters and the Officers have not been turned in to him, hence, not appearing in this issue.