

FURLOUGH QUOTAS GIVEN

Third Star Given. 'Northern France'

For our participation in the campaign "Northern France" the 567th AAA (AW) Bn. was awarded a star from Headquarters, ETOUSA, this week bringing the total now held by the Battalion to three.

Campaign stars now are for Central Europe, Rhineland and Northern France. An application has gone in to the Ninth Army for a fourth star for our participation in the Campaign "Ardennes".

The citation carries the exception that all persons not assigned to the organization and present for duty at the time will not be entitled to the star.

The application as presented by the Battalion stated "The basis for this claim is action which took place 26 December 1944 at 2310, approximately five miles west of Hirson, France on highway N-39. The Battalion moving in tactical convoy on N-39 enroute to Brand, Germany, was strafed by an enemy aircraft identified as a JU 88. This plane made three runs

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Dance To Be Held In Epernay Hall

The first Battalion dance to be held on the Continent will be in the Community Hall in Epernay, Saturday July 28, with a dance band from one of the near-by Infantry units.

S-Sgt. Olwine, sports non-com, said that the hall to be used was one that other outfits in Epernay used to hold their dances. He plans to contact the WAC detachment in Rheims to invite them to the dance or the local civilian girls.

Pass trucks from the redeployment camps where the remainder of the men are stationed may be used to bring them in to the dance.

SOS Patch To Be Worn

Orders came down from Assembly Area Command this morning that the 567th is now authorized to wear the Service of Supply insignia on the left shoulder.

On a directive from the Third Army its insignia will be transferred to the right shoulder and worn there no matter what branch of the service the soldier is in.

Lt. Foster, Battalion Adjutant, said there were only enough SOS patches to issue one per man and he was to wear it on his best shirt.

The patch is blue with a gold chain and two flashes of lightning in red in the shape of a V trimmed in red and a service star super-imposed in white and blue.



Major's Experiences Parallels 567th

Major S. H. Niewenhaus, the new Battalion Executive Officer, joined the unit 4 July at Camp New York after transferring from the 778 AAA Bn. (Self Propelled) of which he had been a member since its activation at Camp Haan on March 10, 1943. The 778th has had a similar history to that of the 567th.

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Seven Day Leave To Riveria, UK 3 Day Passes

Late Friday afternoon furlough and pass quotas were released by the Assembly Area Command to the 567th for three and seven day leaves to Paris, Brussels, the Riviera and the United Kingdom.

Two men per day will leave from the Battalion for seven day furloughs with travel time to England. For the Riviera two men at any one time will be permitted for seven days plus travel time.

To Paris one officer and three enlisted men will go on a seventy-two hour pass every third day. One officer and one enlisted man will go to Brussels every Sunday and Wednesday.

On a previous quota one man per week will go on the Paris-Lourdes trip for six days.

On the three day passes to Paris and Brussels the basis of the quotas was figured for 1,000 men to include the APO and Postal Regulating units stationed with the Battalion.

Also on this quota the 1260 Engineers located in the Epernay area will be given the Paris trip every fourth time.

Lt. Foster, Battalion adjutant, said these quotas were taken down by him at AAC Headquarters and there could be a change in the written orders which come out Saturday.

One Man to Lourdes

Cpl. Floyd Shelton, Dog Btry., left Sunday as the first on a one-man quota allotted the Battalion for a six-day leave on the Army sponsored Paris to Lourdes trip.

The man slated for this trip from the Battalion will leave every Sunday morning report to the Gare de d'Est, Paris. Leave Paris for Toulouse, Lourdes, Limoges and return to Paris on the following Saturday.

THE MUZZLEBURST

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

The Chaplain Says

Considerable discussion and wholesome airing of opinion has been aroused by the views expressed in this column last week on the subject of religion and education. The replies to the question elsewhere on this page reveal some able and earnest thought on this timely issue.

To clarify my own stand, let me say that I do not advocate any compulsory system of uniform religion education. Some are doubtful, and rightly so, of any scheme that would infringe upon our traditional American freedom of worship, or any direct or indirect alliance between the state and a particular church. However, does this mean we must ignore religion completely in educating a child?

Several experiments have been tried in various parts of the country, some of which have proved successful. The so-called "Oak Park Plan" is being widely adopted in many progressive communities to-day. Briefly, this sets aside a particular time during the week when children are released to attend religious classes of their own faith, usually for one or two hours. No child is compelled to attend, though the great majority usually elect to participate in the religious program.

Experience has showed that such instruction bolsters and supplements the

I + E Program
One question that has presented itself frequently enough to warrant attention is the one we hear every day "now that the battalion is split up even more than it was in Germany, how can you keep up your Information and Education program?"

As soon as we discovered the nature of our present set up it was apparent that our former methods of imparting education and information to the men was hopelessly inadequate. So we decided to start out on a new plan.

First, the purpose of our new job -- In Germany, we wanted to teach, so it was necessary to organize a staff on whom we could depend to do the thankless job of preparing material, presenting it and seeing that each class ran off on schedule. But now each man must be his own individual teacher and our job has simplified itself to one of supplying material.

We have consulted a great many men in order to find which ones could, if given the chance, obtain the credits they lack for graduation.

As soon as we get this information we can advise as to the suitability of parti-

cular lines of study and then supply the individual with the agreed upon course. If we are unable to satisfactorily outline courses of study we contact the principal of the high school involved for suggestions.

Then there are a great number of men who want specialized study to prepare themselves better for some particular field. These men are usually quite clear on what they need and we simply order their courses for them.

As soon as we are reasonably sure that we have fulfilled the demand for self-teaching and correspondence courses, then our prime job will evolve into one of private instruction. We intend to consult for discussion each man individually who is taking a USAFI course, and give him all the aid possible.

A relatively small number of men are interested in taking university extension courses, and applying for entrance to one civilian universities or "military study centers" here in Europe. We are passing out pertinent information regarding this as fast as we obtain it and doing as much as we can to get applications out to the men.

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Major's Experiences...

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activating about the same time at the same place, crossing the Atlantic on the "Marine Robin" with this Battalion, landing in France approximately the same time. The Major's unit passed through Belgium and was at Bastogne at the time of "The Bulge". Assigned to the 76th Infantry Division they crossed the Saar at Echternach.

Major Niewenhous is a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut and was employed subsequently in an advertising agency in New York City. He came on active duty February 10, when the 207th Coast Artillery National Guard Regiment was ordered to active military service. The 207th is Major Potter's old organization.

religion earned in the home and in the church during the brief Sunday hour. Where teachers are competent, and the attendance is regular, the child will learn much during these formative years. "The set of the sail" is determined at an early age ordinarily.

Naturally, no single plan holds the answer for every community. The difficulties are manifold. Still the significant thing is that definite steps are being taken, and thoughtful people are beginning to grapple with the problem of putting religion back into education. It is a problem our generation must face with honesty and with imagination.

EDITORIAL

HOME NEWS

Pfc. Gerald Shyrack, Dog Btry., received news from home that his brother was back in the States after several months in the ETO.

Pfc. Jabe Dillon, Dog Btry., met his brother in Camp St. Louis last week where they are both stationed.

Joseph E. Pugh, Baker Btry., Camp Oklohama City, received news that his brother Fred is now home on a thirty day sick leave from the Navy. He has been in the Pacific for 18 months and was returned to the States after being wounded.

The fellows from C Btry. in Rheims send their congratulations to Cpl. Witte on his new arrival.

Pfc. Parham Henderson, B Btry., Camp Detroit, received word from home that his brother, Pvt. O. E. Henderson who is a member of the 5th Field Artillery Battalion, has been discharged. He served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, and the ETO amassing a total of 120 points.

CLASS "A" UNIFORM

According to an order from Headquarters all persons going on pass will wear Class A uniforms, decorations, service ribbons, badges, overseas bars and shoulder patches as authorized.

The class A uniform in addition to the regular ODs is garrison cap, necktie and all decorations. The field uniform is also ODs, leggings or combat boots and garrison cap.

Public Forum

What do you think about adding religious classes to the public school curriculum?

T-5 Sykes, Medics—"Yes it is my belief that religious training should be conducted in public schools on a purely educational and, of course, unbiased standard. I'm referring to Bible study more than any deep religious feeling. I feel that a greater knowledge of the Bible would stimulate the moral interests of growing children. This form of education has been sadly lacking up to now, and it is obvious in the conduct of many children, teen agers, and adults."

Pvt. R. W. Schler, A Btry., Camp Norfolk—"Yes, I believe classes in religion would be a very valuable asset to the public school curriculum. But attendance at such classes should be voluntary for we are guaranteed religious freedom in our constitution. Also classes must vary in regard to various faiths."

J. O. Trodden, A Btry., Camp San Antonio—"Religion is one of the most important things in life. I think the idea is fine as long as everyone is allowed to elect his own course."

Pfc. A. Lower, B Btry., Rheims, PW—"Yes, I believe in religious subjects being taught in public schools. For it may bring about a better understanding between different religious followers and do away with the prejudices that crop up from time to time."

Pfc. Harold Jones Baker Btry., Camp Oklahoma City—"No. Classes should not be given for such training as religion should come from the home and church and not from the class room."

Cpl. Robert Chylik, B Btry., Camp Washington—"Yes, a bit of religious training would be beneficial to all children. It's another step in creating better citizens for the future."

Pvt. Joseph Quinn, B. Btry., Camp Detroit—"No, at least not to the extent of making it compulsory. New York for instance, must have at least 100 various denominations which would undoubtedly cause friction as to which is the superior religion and methods of teaching. Then there are always the atheists to be considered in a land of free speech and free thinking."

Pfc. Stanley Taylor, C Btry., Epernay—"I think that the churches are perfectly qualified to teach their own particular form of religion. In public schools you have a cross section of children and it would not be very practical, but a Bible course could be of help to anyone of any faith."

T-5 Pat. O'Brien, C Btry., Camp New

Battalion History To Be Published

I & E STRESSES CORRESPONDENCE

The Battalion Information and Education program under the direction of Lt. Benjamin is once again functioning from Epernay stressing correspondence and self-teaching courses from USAFI.

All the actual class work that was going on in Germany was discontinued with the exception of a class in French which meets for one hour on Mondays and Thursdays in Epernay.

Information and advice relative to the correspondence courses may be obtained at the I and E office at Battalion headquarters or in the case of the men situated in the outlying camps, they are being contacted as rapidly as possible by Sgt. Russell Roth and Cpl. Robert Borden.

According to these two advisors it will take some time to reach all personnel of the Battalion and anyone who desires immediate help may call at the office at any time.

The I and E staff is particularly interested in assisting men who wish to

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York—"Yes. Why not teach one of the Freedoms we fight for, regardless of how many different types we must set up."

T-5 Floyd Rowles, D Btry., Camp Pittsburgh—"The word of God will be needed everywhere after this war and it should be taught to everybody. All children should be taught about the Bible even if it makes only one Christian in a million it will be worth while."

T-4 Kenneth Shepherd, D Btry., Epernay APO—"In the home to-day, in many cases, both parents work and children are neglected the religious teachings offered in many homes. If this subject is offered in schools the children will be less apt to follow the footsteps of their parents neglect and build a more religious tomorrow."

Cpl. Hoyt Miller, Dog Btry., Camp Philadelphia—"Yes, I believe religious subjects should be taught in our schools. The children will learn a lot that their parents would not teach them. It should not be compulsory though."

Pfc. David Wheeler, D Btry., Camp Cleveland—"I don't believe in religious education in public schools. Keep it within the homes, churches and private schools."

The first meeting of the Battalion staff to publish a complete history of the 567th was held Friday and tentative plans call for the completion and publication by September 10.

According to Lt. Meany, editor of the publication, the history will start from pre-activation, activation in Camp Hgan, California and the desert, maneuvers in Louisiana, touch lightly on our stay in Georgia and Camp Kilmer. Emphasis will be given to England and our stay in the ETO with the story ending in Epernay, France.

Plans call for pictures and cartoons printed in the regular year book style on a good quality of paper, stiff covers and possibly contain seventy-five pages.

Pictures will be of the Battalion commander, all officers and group pictures of each battery. The names and addresses of each man will appear in the last pages of the book.

Lt. Meany stated that the history would be revolved around specific incidents with pictures and cartoons for illustrations. He sends out an appeal to all men that have pictures of any phase of our activities that he thinks would be good to print. There are photo developing shops in all the surrounding towns where the men can get all their films printed in plenty of time to be used in the book.

At present the staff consists of one representative from every battery who will get the news from the men, compile and write it. They then in turn will meet with the other representatives and draw up the complete battalion history, deciding what pictures and cartoons to use.

Representatives include Gregory, Headquarters; Borden, Able; Brewington, Baker; Shepperd, Dog Btry. The Art staff will include Lt. Benjamin; Pomper, Headquarters; Covington and Nash, Able; Smith, Charlie; and Kallmes, Dog Btry. Printer West, Headquarters.

The first week will be given to the staff as research period, the second week will be designated to writing the individual battery history and the last two weeks of editorial composition will be to consolidate, edit and plan the final draft and layout.

WALDO LEAVES SUNDAY

T-5 Benjamin Waldo, Headquarters Battery, will leave Sunday, for Paris where he will enter the Conservatoire de Paris-Music.

According to orders from the Assembly Area Command he is to report in Paris on July 23 as the one member from the 567th to attend a Civilian University Study Center.

Reviews & Previews

By JIMMIE BURRELL

Reading Material...

To those of you who are still "sweating out the line" waiting your turn at one of those few copies of "Forever Amber", we suggest that you might try reading "The Great Smith". It's one of those overseas pocket editions, can't give you the edition number or the author because the copy we got hold of had been thoroughly mangled, looked like it had been thru lots of hands, and the cover was missing. It is supposed to be a story of our Captain John Smith, gentleman, explorer and discoverer, but it's an entirely different story from the one we learned at school. According to the author, Captain John was quite a fellow — Amber had nothing on him as far as sexual adventures were concerned. Even Pocahontas succumbed to his famed charms. From this book and "Amber" we've come to the conclusion that the early English were the original "shackers".

On the more serious side we've read Sommerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge". It is the story of a young aviator of World War I, who, after seeing his best friend killed, experiencing the usual horrors of war, returns home safe physically, but wrecked spiritually. He sets out in quest of the real faith, and his search carries him all over the world — thru periods spent in studying practically all the various faiths we've ever heard of. Altho the author pictures a wonderful character, and the story manages to hold the interest, the ending kinda left us hanging in the air. For all we know, the main character, Larry Darell, may still be wandering around probably somewhere in the States, and altho he seemed to have eventually found happiness we failed to see a definite conclusion to the story. Still, the "critic in the know" say it deserves to rank with Maugham's top three novels.

The Movies...

Looks like the same pictures eventually hit all of the camps, so, here's what we have been seeing this week. Judy Garland and Robert Walker in "The Clock". It's the story of a GI on his last pass in the States prior to embarking for overseas duty. With two days to spend, he hits New York city and bumps into Judy Garland, one of the million stenographers of the big city. It's the old story of boy meets girl, love at first sight, but for some reason, it clicks. That's not just our opinion either, the majority of the audience enjoyed it. Acting, directing — the entire job was Class A.

Then, there's Greer Garson's latest — "The Valley of Decision" from the book of the same title — a best seller of previous days. For those of you who go for costume pictures, seeing them and excellent characterization, it is a master-

piece. The story evolves around the clash between the working class and the rich in early Pittsburgh with Garson portraying the servant girl who falls in love with the son of the steel king. Opposite her is Gregory Peck, who reminds us a lot of Gary Cooper and who is considered an up and coming star by those on the home front.

Just Wandering...

Had a one day pass this week and tried to do Paris in that short time. For me, and for the majority of the fellows I've talked to who have tried the same thing, it isn't worth while. We aren't saying that Gay Paree isn't all it's cracked up to be, but that long, cold ride there and back kinda cramped our style. There's plenty to do, and plenty to see to suit every individual taste. We took the "expected" rubber-neck tour of the city's sights — Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the various palaces, museums, sidewalk cafes, etc. As was to be expected the place is overrun with uniforms and prices on everything are in the current French style — sky-high. Maybe it's a good thing — for our pocket books that we didn't have but that one day.

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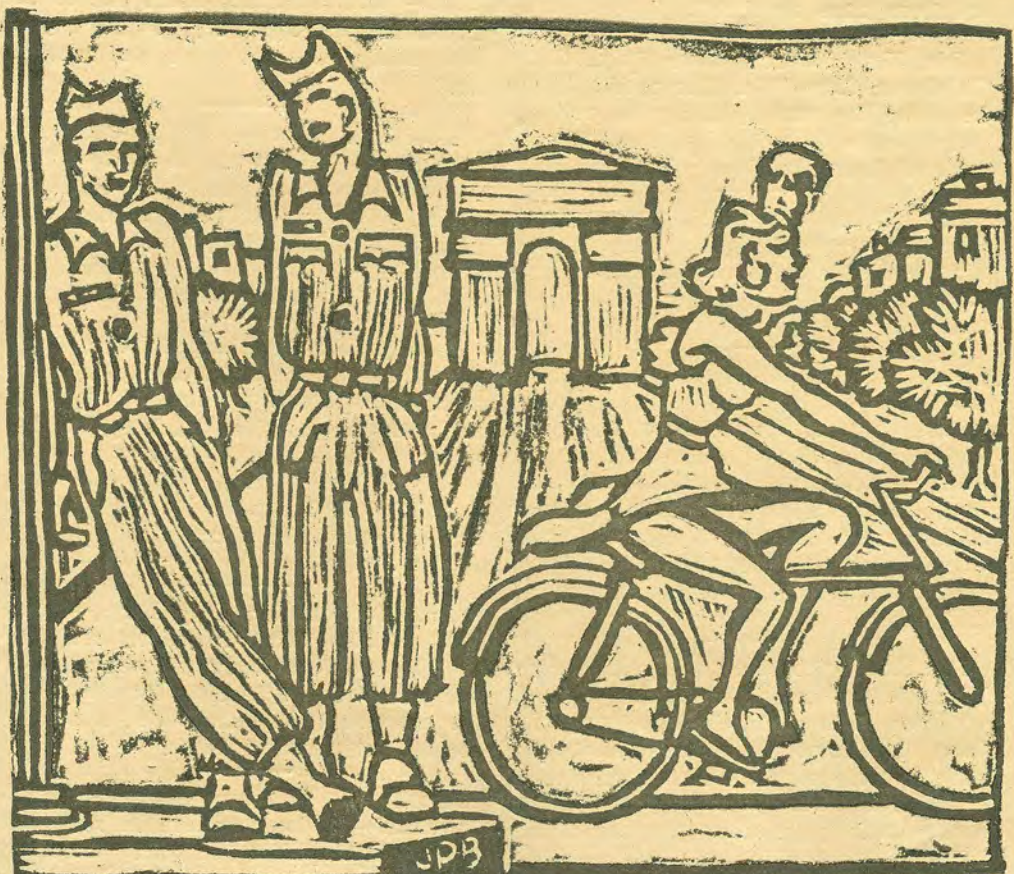
complete their high school education and receive their diplomas. Given the facts, they will contact your former principal, learn what subjects are needed for graduation, and order the correspondence course from USAFI. At the completion of the course, the necessary form will be sent to your school in order for you to receive credit for it.

For those desiring to earn college entrance credit, the school will be contacted and all necessary steps taken to ensure that the proper courses are obtained. For those not interested in returning to school after the war, USAFI offers many excellent industrial and technical courses, besides general informaton courses.

Many courses can be immediately obtained at the Assembly Area Command Headquarters in Rheims and others at the United Kingdom Headquarters thus eliminating the long wait prevalent when orders have to go to the States.

The I and E staff wants everyone to feel free to consult them at any time and in the words of the directors "the return to civilian life is not too far distant and now is the time to prepare for it. Take advantage of those spare hours and make them work for you. USAFI presents an excellent medium for this."

'GAY' PAREE



"Would we have a time if we wuz in Roanoke."

GRIPES

Why not have a separate line for "cokes" at the PX instead of sweating out a thirty minute line for just a drink? I hope this suggestion comes to the attention of the responsible persons and some action taken.,

TIRED'N THIRSTY.

Sure could go for some of that ice cream you read and hear about. Expect to get it during a blizzard next winter.

KID KONE.

Seeing's how the beer and coke is bottled on the continent and transportation is not a problem why can't our rations be increased?

FIVE THIRSTY JOES.

Here's a golden opportunity for the Battalion to authorize a few furloughs to Paris and the United Kingdom. A few men could be spared easily from each Camp. Now is the time for action on this subject to be taken.

Sgt. JOE HALFORD

The cooks gripe and raise hell when we ask for seconds or for double portions on some things when there seems to be plenty for everyone. After chow we see the civilian kitchen workers eating three and four times the amount I had of a certain dish.

NOT A CHOW HOUND

What a gripe I have in the way our Army is treating the German PWs. After the lousy way they treated our boys and other Allied soldiers we turn around and coddle them. The least we could do is make them realize they have lost the war and never desire to look at anything military again.

Pfc. JOHNNIE KNAUFF.

"Your contributions will be greatly appreciated", says the Muzzleburst. What happened to the article submitted on the Outlaw-Inlaw softball game played at Dog Btry? Doesn't the Sports Editor like to edit material that affects his team?

T-5 G'BRIEN.

You can see that we are limited for space. If we printed every make -- up or non -- league game that was played throughout the battalion we would have room for nothing else. We strive to print news that effects the battalion as a whole and the softball league was represented by every battery in the battalion. To print an account of a non-league game from one battery would not have the interests of the four others in view. Our policy is to never enter in an argument because we have the advantage with the last word to be printed but to let the news results answer any gripes. We are very pleased to have this comment and still welcome any news contributions you have.

ED.

What good are those passes to Paris when we don't have clothes fit to wear outside of camp?

G. I. TRAMP.

Let's get some kind of GI laundry service. These French are charging a

Opera House Movie Program

Under the entertainment program set out by the Special Service office the Opera House in Epernay will be used for USO shows in addition to the regular evening movies.

The movie for Monday and Tuesday is "The Thin Man Goes Home" with William Powell and Myrna Loy. On Wednesday and Thursday it is "Conflict" Thursday and Friday "Keep Your Powder Dry". The hours are the same as last week, 1630 and 1830.

According to S-Sgt. Olwine, sports non-com, one volley ball court has been completed in the lot west of the Headquarters building in Epernay and a six team league is to start.

One team is to be formed from each of the lettered batteries represented in Epernay, one from Headquarters and the sixth team from the Medics.

Three horse shoe pits are now ready for use in the courtyard of the Epernay barracks building.

A swimming hole with diving boards and other equipment is available on the Marne two miles East of Epernay.

Third Star...

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the length of the column, strafing with heavy machine gun fire and 20 mm. HE and AP shells. All batteries fired 40 mm. guns and 50 calibre, M-51 and M-32 mounts, and the men from the batteries also fired small arms. During the course of the action the Battalion expended 25,878 rounds of .50 cal. and 20 rounds of 40 mm. ammunition, suffered seven casualties, lost one vehicle, and it is believed, shot down the enemy aircraft."

small fortune for doing a little washing.

BROKE AND DIRTY.

If only the duty officer stands reveille for the officers why not let the CQ stand it for the enlisted men?

SLEEPY.

Why is it that Hq. Btry. claims they do so much work yet when you see them, they are not doing a damn thing?

OVERWORKED.

Post office work and Camp Detroit is certainly better than digging holes, pulling gun guard and march ordering every few days., But the food situation is terrible. Can't something be done about it?? Someone send for Sgt. Bueschen.

Pfc. RAYMOND TISSIDIMIT.

Why is it we men in Camp Norfolk have to pull three men on guard every night when we are supposed to do only post office work? If we have to pull details we'd rather pull'em for the 567th.

LOYAL.

UNDERGROUND

Sgt. Spangler's Buick is going fast -- his girl has asked for a ring now... Here's your chance to transfer to the infantry -- the response from Camp St. Louis -- Zero... Wonder what happened to Schmidt's other three rabbits?? Now we know what they mean when they write "after you have seen Paris".

In reply to an article in Muzzleburst, I submit the following (parody on "I'll be home for Christmas-Morale builder).

Christmas Eve will find me,

In the CBI.

I won't get home for Christmas,
Even though I'll try.

I'll be home for Christmas

You can count on me.

I'll be home for Christmas

In nineteen fifty-three.

CHARLIE BATTERY.

While the French celebrated Bastille Day and the arrival of President Truman on the continent held the limelight, a special patrol of the "Norfolkers" attempted to gain another battle star for the 567th in the "Battle of Troyes". As usual, their accomplishments were snowed under by the "white topped" boys of Troyes... There is a standing invitation for S-Sgt. Nash to partake of a sumptuous meal any day of his choice at Camp Norfolk... Puss Reynolds is mighty lonesome these days. No shade trees and no truck to go to sleep under., What a cruel fate for one of Pop's boys... Why doesn't Sammy (Waldo) Benoy settle up with John (Peruni) Brailer and get it over with... When are they going to give that dark complected boy of Baker Btry. a star for the invasion of the Moselle???

You fellows should see the WAC team in the softball league at Rheims... A sergeant in Rheims makes a date with a tall blonde and then couldn't remember what she looked like after dancing with her all the previous night... The boys at Cleveland want to voice their agreement with the others that have at last realized that Olwine and his cooks put out a good chow... Live and learn.

Who is the T-5 in Charlie Btry. who is always lying on his bunk with "Forever Amber?" Must be interesting when you miss chow to keep a date with "Amber". T-5 Romano's reply to a question of what I think of their new job--"I like it fine" and with a far away look in his eyes he put a letter into a slot labeled to the US and said "I only wish I could crawl into one of these envelopes."

Cpls. Couch and Talbot, Baker Btry., Camp Detroit, were the official representatives to President Truman in Antwerp last week-end. They were on official post office business with a swell guy, Capt. Lawrence.

Epernay to Be Recreation Center

AAC Soldiers To Visit Here

According to a letter from the Commanding General Assembly Area Command the percentage of daily passes to Epernay will be increased to troops in this area and elaborate plans are being made to provide additional places of amusement for these troops.

The Engineers Special Service office has charge of the entertainment facilities in Epernay and they plan to open a GI nightclub with reasonable prices, American music, all kinds of drinks and American hostesses.

3,000 troops are expected to enter the town daily on passes and the park off the main circle has been set aside as a recreational ground. Here will be found soft ball fields, tennis courts and the boxing arena.

On August 1 the boxing program opens at 8:30 with ten bouts scheduled. It is open to anyone with several entrants from our Battalion already signed up. They will box other members of the Battalion in their own weight class on the first evening's program.

At present those signed up to enter are Sykes, Medics; Mendez, Charlie Btry.; Villalobos, Sizemore, Downey and W. Johnson, Dog Btry.

If anyone else is interested in boxing they are to contact the 567th Special Service Office or the Engineers Special Service Office.

Beuschen's Homer Starts Winning Streak

A home run in the first inning by Bueschen with two men on base started the scoring streak for the 567th softball team in their opening game Thursday evening with B Company 160th Engineers which ended in a 8-2 score for the Battalion ten.

After the first home run and two additional hits Bueschen was walked on his fourth time at bat. Schaeffer got one of the longest hits of the game in the seventh scoring one run and the final run of the game on a base hit by White scoring Schaeffer from third.

The Engineers scored one run in the first and their last run in the fourth.

The players were Cochrane, SF; Topping, LF; Bueschen, 3B; Schaeffer, SS; Hammersmith, 1B; Cauley, RF; Roniger, 2B; Witte, C; Wilson, CF; White, P.

One Bn. Team Organized

Considering the impossibility of continuing the softball league one team from the whole Battalion has been formed and the players brought into Epernay.

Practice workouts are being held daily on the Engineers' school field near Battalion headquarters.

The schedule calls for a game with the 160th Engineers B Company team on Thursday; on Friday evening a game is scheduled with the 160th A Company team; on July 29, Headquarters WACs of Rheims and on the following Sunday a game is planned with the 178th General Hospital Nurses.

The players are Cochrane, Topping, Bueschen, Schaeffer, Hammersmith, Cauley, Roniger, Witte, Wilson, White, Streich, Feury, Rinehart, Mendez, Smith and Steele. Coach, Capt. Smith; Manager, Capt. Pickering and business manager Sgt. Hester.

Rheims P.W. Det. Wins League Opener

The Battalion P. W. Detachment's softball team in Rheims won the first game of the AAC softball league on July 15 by taking the 1097 Engineer Bn. team 8 to 4.

Klein went five innings for the 567th ten and Dyla finished out the game as pitchers.

In a practice game the Rheims detachment defeated the Hq. Co. of AAC also by a score of 8 to 4.

The line-up was Evans, B Btry., at first; Pruitt, B Btry., second; Shores, C Btry, short stop; Armourtrout, A Btry, short field; Mulfinger, D Btry., left field; Draper, C Btry., center field; Mac Moran, A Btry., right field; Ward, A Btry., and Nuckles, C Btry., were catchers; Hutchins and Freundel were utility fielders.

The AAC league opened in Rheims on July 15 with the first half ending on August 13 and the final game being played on September 1. Ten teams in the vicinity of Rheims have entered the league.

The schedule of the games that the 567th Detachment plays in is as follows: July 18—Detachment A; July 20—the WACs; July 25—Detachment B; July 30—6925 MRO; Aug. 1—Hq. Detachment; Aug. 6—75th MP's; Aug. 8—Motor Pool; Aug. 13—Detachment C.

Softball Ten Take Engineers

Trailing 1-0 for five innings the Battalion softball team scored seven runs in that inning to defeat C Company of the 160th Engineers 11 to 1.

Bueschen started the scoring spree by hitting a tripple with two men on base. Schaeffer came up with a single scoring Bueschen and Rowles hit the only home run of the game bringing in Schaeffer.

Roniger and Rinehart scored the final two runs of the fifth and four more were marked up in the seventh by Striech, Rowles, Roniger and Schaeffer.

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160 Engineers	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	
567th AAA	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	11	14	0

Rheims Activities

From the Assembly Area Command Newspaper comes an article that the War Room in which the Germans signed the unconditional surrender terms in Headquarters building in Rheims is still open to visitors.

At the time of the surrender, it was General Eisenhower's Headquarters named the "Little Red Schoolhouse" and now it is used as headquarters for the AAC.

The following places are open to the GIs on pass to Rheims — Noel Club on the Rue Noel, Lorraine Club on the Place Drouet d'Erlon, Chateau Club on the Blvd Henry Vasnier which, according to the AAC News, is the nearest thing to the Riviera, the Polar Club at 82 Rue Gambetta which features dancing and the GI night-club, and the Recreation Center on Rue Talleyrand which offers a snack bar, ice-cream, cokes and beer.

In addition to the Red Cross clubs there is golf at the Gueux Golf Course on the Soissons road, Archery, Softball league, tennis and four movies.

PW DET. LOSES SECOND GAME

The Battalion Provisional PW Detachment softball team in Rheims lost their first game of the season Thursday night to the AAC Headquarters Company by a score of 6 to 5.

The Hq. Co. led 4 to 1 and in the fifth the Battalion ten staged a four run rally to go out in front 5 to 4. The lead only lasted one inning for the AAC boys came back in the next inning With two runs to win the ball game.

Klein pitched and Ward did the catching.