

FOTO-FACTO

THE LOOOOTENANT SEZ
With the enemy approaching
the small end, we'll be
firing more and more at
less and less 'til every-
thing is being thrown at
nuthin'.

HQS, LAB RETAKE CHATEAU LEOPOLD

The first gain on the immediate front since the Saverne incident brought the company's Hqs and Lab once again to the fringe of Luneville and to the Chateau Leopold out of which they had been shelled by words and arm wavings from the Press Camp. The move began Monday, 12 Feb, with advance patrol armed with mops and brooms to be followed the next day by the first wave of men and boxes. The advance was completed Wednesday, 14 Feb, when the second and last wave, packing more boxes and the miscellaneous bits that make up our equipage, reinforced its predecessor. It was on this day that the Lab took over and set up a spot in the town proper. By the time the elusive sun went down, the company was well settled into its new location and the lab was in operation, meeting its dead line without missing a beat. Those in charge were very well pleased with the orderliness of the entire operation.

Says the CO, "The 22nd move of the company was one of the most efficient yet. First Sgt. Satterwhite deserves especial credit for planning and supervising the many details."

Says the First Sgt., "Smooth."

PURPLE HEART AWARDS

The most recent awards were made to T/5 Jerry Rutberg wounded at Belfort and to Pfc Norman Lowery wounded at Colmar. Both men were victims of sniper bullets.

THEY WHO ARE COURAGEOUS

Pfc Ben E. Karlgaard has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in action. He voluntarily accompanied T/4 Hershey and T/5 Rutberg on a photographic assignment into the Belfort cauldron. When a sniper's bullet wounded Rutberg, Karlgaard, with complete disregard for his own safety and spiting enemy fire, helped to evacuate him to an aid station. When asked what his first impulse was after the incident, he answered, "Let's get the hell outa here!"

Ben's home is in Sarona, Wisconsin.

The presentation was made by Capt. Robert L. Lewis, 16 Feb 45, at a special formation on authority contained in GO 35 Hq 7th Army, 5 Feb 45.



Pfc Karlgaard shown being presented with the Bronze Star Medal by Captain Lewis.

Photo by T/5 Edward Brown

EDITOR EXITS

T/5 Sam Roberts, the father of Foto-Facto, has given up his editorship for TD in the States. Sam is to be commended for a job well done - even if he did get in his technical staff's hair once in a while. All his free time, that is, excepting the few minutes he spent tripping his Argus' shutter, was unselfishly spent pouring over copy, pix, and layouts in an attempt to give his fellows enjoyment and information in the most acceptable fashion he knew. His endeavors were particularly appreciated by the cameramen in the field who relied on his paper to keep them in touch with the other units and with Hqs. The paper will certainly miss him.

He is being replaced by T/5 James Feather.

BLOWIN' OUT A BLIGHT



At ALT BREISACH, GERMANY, a Nazi CP across the Rhine is pounded into rubble by 105 mm Howitzers as the Germans and Yanks fight across the river.

Photo by Pvt Joseph Bowen

BRONXITE SHOOT'S STARS

T/4 George Bialkowski, lug-ging an 8 X 10 watch-the-birdie camera, has taken off for a tour of the Seventh's area to photograph the Generals for posterity (and SHAEF) with T/3 Hank Gersen in charge, T/4 "Muss" Musser at the Graphic, and Pfc "GI" Ross in the driver's seat. From the size of his grin when he first was told of the new assignment, Georgie was anything but annoyed by the prospects.

CLIPPING COMMENTS

163rd-ers seen recently in American newspapers - T/4 Sid Blau for shooting "newly liberated" Strasbourg from the sky (WORLD TELEGRAM); T/4 Ratick eyemoing at the front (BRONX HOME NEWS); T/3 Fred Bernet making friends of the kids (NEW YORK POST).

SIDE LIGHT

Says Lt. Jack Harris, "In a letter from the Executive Photo Editor of AP, my former boss, he mentioned that an old friend of ours stopped in en route to a new assignment. The friend, Col. Gillette.

Which leaves us wondering, what is the new assignment?

2nd Lt. Chiappino and T/4 Hershey made PATHE NEWS with their coverage of Strasbourg.

THE GLAD HAND

Introducing S/Sgt. Emmett Davis, Montgomery, Alabama and S/Sgt. Jimmy E. Hoy, Las Vegas, Nevada, two new faces about the area. They and their L-5 (Stinson "Sentinel" to the unlearned) have come from 173 Liaison Sqdn. Flight "D" through Signal Sect. Com 2 to give the 163rd-ers a courier service that squeezes travelling time to Paris into a neat little one hour and a half, weather permitting. We are both flattered and pleased to have such a service. So to our new associates, a hearty welcome; pull up a gas can and make yourself comfortable.

Incidentally, any ground-grappler who has a yen to thumb a ride to Gay Paree will have to get in line; your truly has been told he is the fiftieth on the list.

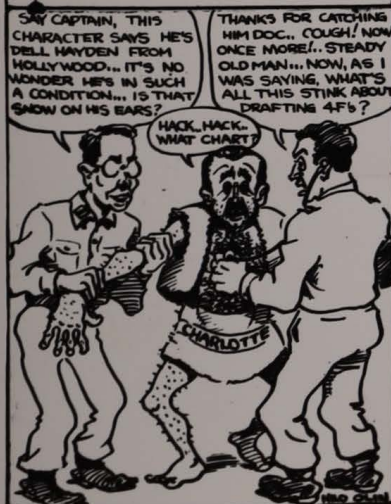
SICK CALL

Pfc Tex Luper has been de-hospitalized; now back with unit. T/5 Ed Schwarz is up, about the Lab again.

T/4 Jim Rooney writes he is looking for a trip to the States for further hospitalization. He complains that mail from 163rd is NIL. For those who want to use it, his address is: U.S.A. Hospital Plant 4130, APO #64. U.S. Army

Pfc Norm Lowery is medic-mansioned (with a sniped leg, a souvenir of Colmar.

THE PADDLE-FOOT PROSPECT - Olin



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FROM THE CAT REPORTS.....

CAT 30: Hard luck seems to be stalking the entire unit...Lt. Dieves is intermittently incapacitated by a serious facial infection that requires attention hourly, and T/4 I. Leibowitz and Pfc Hebert are both suffering tooth trouble; however, they're plugging in spite of their afflictions.

CAT 21: T/5 Lane has undergone a bit of dental surgery on a chopper, the wisdom variety.

CAT 18: From the T/4 Frye-T/5 Rutberg-Pfc. Stan Ross combination it's moan, moan, moan too. Quoting, "Rain, jeep trouble, colds, a shot in the arm and a couple of shots of whiskey" sums up the week's activities. T/4 Frye feels his typhoid-iding, but good.....

CAT 12: The Horsey Set. Keeping in the pattern drawn by the Cavalry Recon Group this Lt. Moors-Sgt Heller-Cpl Beatty unit is now covering, Beatty has mounted a small, stuffed horse on his jeep's hood...Snooty, ain't cha? Lt. Moors' team risked their hides to photograph a dive-bombing and strafing attack on a target that laid a mere 400 yards from their church steeple O.P. Lt. John D. Moors reports, "Shots may be blurred due to church steeple shaking from blast." Are you sure that was the only thing shaking, Lt.? If it's any consolation, one of the group of shots was selected for radio.

CAT 13: T/3 Bornet's and his boys T/5 Rob't Stubenrauch and Pfc Zidek passed their infantry physical examination with flying colors. The team's comment, "Damn it!! But it was noted that Bornet was bogged by the bug shots.

CAT 19: "- - watched German in pill box fire machine gun at us", said the report from T/3 Fenberg. What! no hometown on him?

CAT 5: Pfc. George Cipra, the team's driver evacuated a man wounded outside of the O.P. where the team was operating. The man's fingers were severed; but Cipra checked the blood flow.

(Note to team scribes: send along bits of info either humorous or serious that might hold some interest for the readers.)

LAB GAB....Pfc. C. Hall, the one time motor pool statistician, has been transferred into the fold of the foto fumlbers. Howdy!... We understand that T/5 Jones has come to the point where he must look to the Red Cross for entertainment. What degradation!

Saturday nite while Pfc Shorty Datzman was showing a friend of his around the lab, he was overheard to say, " --- and about 2 ayem we go mad." That's okay, Shorty, we don't mind; it's only a short trip..."Wrong Way" Barr, the Master Sgt., almost had his hungry nite crew in Rome not too long ago. He took a wrong turn and held onto it tenaciously...Homing instinct, Sarge?

ABOUT THE AREA...Spring Training! Major Smith warmed up the ole' pitchin' arm with Lt. Lucders, the master of a mountain of miscellany...S/Sgt Jorgensen took a crack at it too; but it cracked back and gave the "ear-y" one a blood blister...T/5 E. Brown tried a bit of hurdling over the rope at the gate; his approach was a beautiful one; but when the unexpected confusion of arms and legs had ceased, he looked kinda silly lying on his back in the mud...The bathing situation has become so acute that T/4 Harter had to resort to coffee on Saturday morning - T/4 Turner poured, with resolution...Trench foot has become so serious that the Army has appointed special officer teams to carry out a program of prevention...T/5 "Rube" Schneider has been selected NCO in charge our company program. "BEWARE OF TRENCH FOOT."

MOTORISTS:...Seventh Army Ordnance has established six emergency aid stations (for ailing vehicles) at the following points: MARAINVILLER, route N4; BACCARAT, route N59; DOMEVRE, route N4; HEMING, route N4; SAVERNE, route N4; and DOMBASLE, route N4. Stop at any station at any time for assistance...these points are operated by skilled mechanics who will gladly, "Fix it", for you...Paraphrasing, they'll take care of anything from water to windshield wipers..."KEEP 'EM ROLLING".

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