

# FOTOFACTO

THE LOOOOTENANT SEZ:

A rumor is a fractured  
truth all stretched to hell.

## Heil! Hershey!



From Hitler's orators box in the famous Nazi Party Congress Stadium in Nurnberg, T/4 Harold L. Hershey, Signal Corps photographer, gives an imitation of Hitler with the aid of a comb.

Photo by T/4 Sidney Blau

## Pix FOR A PRICE

Three 163rd photographers went down under German fire this week, although all of them were not serious wounds. CAT 21 was the hardest hit with both Galbraith and Lane in the hospital for light wounds received in action. They were photographing a river crossing in the HOT HEILBRONN sector when they were caught in a "Scream-in' Meemie" barrage.

The other casualty was Joe Bowen, just recently released from the hospital, who was, as Rosenblum states in his CAT 24 report, "hit by shrapnel and pneumonia", although Joe's pneumonia was more serious than his wounds.

## SPORTS

by Jimmy Hall

This week found the boys of 163; photog, "labbers", Hqs., along with 7th Army's Maj. Smith slugging it out over the volleyball net; the first game drew the first blood. T/5 Elliott, the donor, netted himself a broken bone in his right elbow. The season has been officially opened; so how about it fellows, lets pick sides.

Also along the sports angle, saw "Brown" Bialkowski and "Ears" Jorgenson warmin' up the ole pitchin' arm.

In the less strenuous, found some of the boys using their lines and poles in our lake-noone has seen any fish; maybe Stan Ross didn't find any worms.

## SGT. TANNER TASTES TROUBLE

T/4 Tanner, a food fumbler from way back, got a taste of action when going on a courier run with Tex Luper and GI Ross. The trip took the boys thru Bruck, a town that was by passed during earlier operations and was just being cleaned up by the infantry. It was a hot spot and the courier went thru fast as possible. To add to their problem, a tire went flat; Ross was in favor of forgetting it; but Luper, with, "I may have to do 100 mph in this thing and I can't with a flat", fixed it.

Apparently not satisfied, Tanner took off with Luper two nights later to be strafed on return trip.

## THERE GOES THAT THRONG AGAIN!

After 14 days of continuous performance at Mr. Reis' Machine Shop in Munster, a building that paralleled but surpassed White House lawn during the Easter egg hunt, 163 again sent out its agents to dust off a new spot, 14th April, to be ready for its arrival the next day. The troupe moved, as usual, without a hitch, this is ignoring the five flats on Glenn's jeep.

Once the boys landed, it was again set up the lab, set up the reservoir, set up supply, set up the desks, hang up gas masks, crack open the boxes, pitch tents; movements only too well known.

The new place, a chicken farm, is complete with chickens, a lake with fish, a cow, pigs, and a hutch full of furry "wabbits".

## "Fritz" by DATZMAN



the officer - - - and the oaf

Along with our other paraphernalia, we have our own German "Shpy" the one and only Fritz Reitnauer.

As head wolf for Pottstown Werewolf Local No 69 he has won recognition by boffing MP's; flattening Frenchmen who block his charge-a charge that makes Pickett's look like a Boy Scout meeting. The camera has caught his versatility; he has many disguises. He has one distinguishing characteristic, however, he's batty about bells; he has a working knowledge of 1000 different kinds of bells n' buzzers.



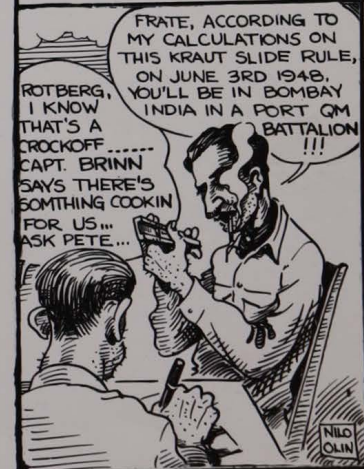
The "diapered giant" has passed its third birthday, its First Hitch mark, a mark it quietly celebrated while billeted in Munster. The kitchen clique rounded up some of the local wines-very local-and drafted the last few eggs for cakes for the home team as well as for the Corps.

After dinner, Captain Lewis recalled highlights of the Company's history, then called on Maj. Smith, 7th Army P. O. and Captain Brinn, OIC of Still Picture Release, APD, Paris, for remarks. Present, but quiet was Captain Sheppard.

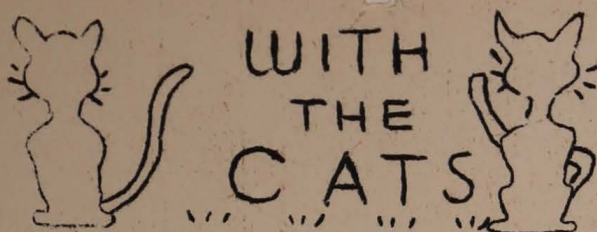
## "THE FIRST HITCH"

The Company's ten page booklet touching on the peaks of the trials and tribulations of the men of the 163rd will be distributed very soon according to Lt. Kieft, who deserves much of the credit for compiling the edition. The lab put in many hours extra time to print the pages and Camera Repair did the spiral binding job.

## THE PROGNOSTICATOR by Olin







CAT #1: (Kastelz, Brown, Kulpa) went back into action with Lt. Coates at VI Corps after "occupying" for a while. CAT #2 (Ratick, Musser, Anspaugh) was somewhat puzzled when trying to report where they lived. "Move all the time", they report. When they finally got into Nurnberg, they had a "funny feeling" in the small of their backs all the time; because of the many snipers. CAT #3 (Lt. Dieves, Greenhaus, Tressel) had a substitution, Bell for Greenhaus. The team mixed up Schweinfurt ball bearings with Italian refugees in Jerry railroad cars and looking into "captured" photo shops for items that could be used for the good of the whole. CAT #4 (Olin, Smith, Pierce) got very busy one day and shot pix of tanks floating across the Neckar River, a French railway gun of 1914 vintage and two other jobs. The rest of the week was filled out with the War Crimes Commission. CAT #5 (Lt. Harris, Horne, Cipra) covered a different newly taken town every day and every day had its one flat to fix. That could be better or worse than some averages but at least it was consistent. CAT #6 (Lt. Chiappino, Leibowitz, Hebert) had an easy week of moving with Corps while waiting for their outfit to move into the line. CAT #8 (Lt. Lueders, Greenhaus, Polito) seems to have taken the responsibility of lighting the whole town with their power plant. CAT #10, (Gerzon, Frye, Hall) covered the destruction of the city of Darmstadt. CAT #11 (Todd, Powers, Boone) tried to get into one town but was told they had to be escorted in. They managed to get a light tank going in the same direction and before they arrived they had a small convoy following them. The way back was much more lonely; for they had to high-tail it through Kraut-infested territory alone; but they made it; all much to regimental Hqs displeasure. CAT #15 (Katz, Lapidus, Lingley) held down the brass at

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Editors Note: Thanks to T/5 Szymanski, 163's Betsy Ross, for the use of his company cake pic. Army Hqs and helped it move to the new spot. CAT #17 (Vita, Kohl, Bartlett) did nothing more than shoot film according to their report. CAT #19 (Fenberg, Mc Groby, E. Smith) had a lot of trouble getting their pix of Nurnberg. Reports, "hottest spot I've ever been". They made it back every time though. CAT #21, (Galbraith, Lane, J.A. Smith) probably thought the best way to get a rest was to pick up a bit of steel and go to the hospital. Both photogs got themselves slightly nicked and are spending these few days in the hospital. Smith is helping pull guard around the Company. CAT #22 (Hershey, Blau, Beatty) tried to concentrate on record shots of various spots; but found themselves in Hitler's favorite stadium, Nurnberg, and made the first shots to come from there. In one shot, Hershey did somewhat resemble Der Fuhrer. CAT #7 (Peterson, Rutberg, Frate) went through three still men in the past two weeks: Lt. Moors back to Paris and Gretz to Co. Hqs for a rest. "Armor Ain't no fun". CAT #9 (Lt Byars, Lt. Valentine, Karlgaard) returned to Co. after completing a special job in VI Corps. Plenty of "nippy" was in pappy's bag to be displayed. CAT #18, (Frye) was filled in again with Lowery and Luper and went on a new assignment to VI Corps. CAT #23 (Morochnik, Weintraub, G. Smith) changed Corps in the middle of the stream and are now with VI Corps. CAT #24 (Rosenblum, Bowen, Durband) lost Bowen one week and got him back the next. Kohl from CAT 17 pinch hit in the interim. Incidentally, the orchids go to CAT 24 for some very outstanding work rated by SHAEF as "superb" and "excellent" in both stills and movies

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OLE PAL: Col. Gillette enroute to join Admiral Chester Nimitz in the Pacific to further the "Overall Picture Business".