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BATTLE STAR: Members of the 166th are authorized a Battle Participation Star -- Normandy Campaign -- per letter ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGa, 2 Feb. 45. Unit clerks make appropriate entry in S/R and 66-1's.

CONSERVING MANPOWER: The ARMY Signal Officer desires suggestions from his troops that would help other units in performing tasks -- anything -- either photographic, mechanical or administrative, that would combat the manpower shortage by saving hours or men. Even though it might seem small to you, if it's different or new it may be a thing that others have not thought of -- let us have a rough draft of the idea and we'll forward it on. A unit plaque has been promised to the outfit that submits the largest number of worth while "hour savers!"

Delayed Action !



GOTTA WAIT FER DA FOTO UNIT!

SAM SLOAN: Sam is doing nicely but expects to be a steady boarder at the hospital for a year or so. His injuries don't interfere with his correspondence, and he would no doubt enjoy hearing from some of you. Address: Pfc Sam Sloan, Ward 17A. Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

DISCHARGE INFO: WD CIR NO 454, dated 29 Nov. 44: An Honorable Discharge emblem for wear on the uniform of all military personnel who are discharged or separated from the Service under honorable conditions.



This device is 1½ inches by 3 inches. Emblem to be worn on the right breast immediately above the pocket....if & when!

CRITIQUES: You MP men will be interested in the following report from APS on "coverage":
* Sawyer: Near Bastogne-600ft- "Excellent"
* Curry: Wiltz-200ft- "Excellent"

The LAB- needs 8x10 envelopes!

'Picture of the Week' by T/5 G. V. Horton, Detachment 6 "German Atrocities in the Ardennes"

PAYROLLS: The first and second copies go to the Finance Officer who pays you. The third is for company file. The fourth goes to the AG Dept. in Washington. We would like to have all the back fourth copies still in your possession. If you have been sending them in let Sgt. Shaffer know. The third copy should be held by you while on D.S.



OBJECTIVE? Sgt. John Blankenhorn of Det. 9, finally showed up at Company Hqs. -- in worse shape than ever with "rear end" trouble. He departed almost immediately, through the courtesy of the Medical Section, for -- England, and special treatments. What's the secret of your success, John?

MERIT: Col. K.B. Lawton, of APS and Capt. R.E. Lewis of the 163 have been awarded the Legion of Merit.

PRINT "SOP": Units should give one print to the organization for whom the picture was made. The Distribution is: One print for Sig. File; One for CG; and one for the organization for whom the picture was made.

COMPANY HQS. Was treated recently to a movie thriller, and as an added feature, staff reports were shown. The consensus of opinion was that we must see more. Our thanks to Creath of NR2 for operating the borrowed projector.

SCOOP! T/3 Marvin Connell has just been signed up on a long-term contract to furnish a weekly -- exclusive -- cartoon for the "KODACHROME". Connell was formerly with MGM Studios in Hollywood, designing sets for those super-colossal productions.

Lt. Bell was a beaming visitor at Company Hqs. recently, complete with sparkling silver bars.

"OUR ARMY--": If you are able to find a Dec. 4th issue of "LIFE" MAGAZINE, read article by Hanson W. Baldwin, entitled "Our Army in Western Europe."

WELCOME: Unit members who can, should arrange to be at Company Hqs. any afternoon around 4 o'clock, weather permitting, to take part in the daily hikes around the fascinating countryside.

Always complete your captions!

T/3 Ralph Butterfield, now with Det. 1 -- and on the Staff of the "THUNDERMUG"; has an enviable artistic background, including teaching in his home town of Alhambra, Cal before trading

his civvies for a uniform. He entered the Army and the Signal Corps by way of Hollywood and the major MP studios' special classes for the Army. Lt. Hunter, assisted by S/Sgt. Alvin, has concocted a remarkable likeness which we present as a special feature.

