

FOTOFACTO

THE LOOCOTENANT SEZ

Loot is used as bait for
booby traps when the enemy
goes fishing for suckers.

CAUTIOUS CANVASSERS



While house in background burns from prior shelling by American tanks deployed around town, infantrymen cautiously make house to house search for snipers in shell battered Gemunden, Germany. On the left, one yank crashes door of house, covered by several of his comrades. Man on right approaches next house to be cleared out.

Photo by Bowen.

LUCKY LADS

Just missing the back breaking job of moving the company, Lt. Satterwhite and T/5 Jimmie Bosen pulled stakes Easter Morn at Kaiserslautern for TD in the States. The Lt. is headed for Texas; but Jimmie doesn't know if he should go to California, Washington, or Utah, his mother's stamping grounds, or to call it all off and go to West Virginia, the land of his love.

We hope that our reading public will forgive our being so late with this issue of FOTOFACTO; the many moves and several stretches of long hours made it impossible to meet deadlines.

We will try to do better in the future.

The Ed.

PEOPLE

The "One-timers"

From SIGFOTO, publication of Capt. Morehouse's new 196th Signal Photo Company:

It is now "2nd Lt." for 1st Sgt. Emrick, one-time top-kick of 163; S/Sgt. Robert Edwards was awarded the Bronze Star for his voluntarily accompanying a special combat patrol that spearheaded an attack that eventually won Rome for the Allies: Pfc Eddie Carr is now sporting T/5 stripes.

The "Newcomers"

T/5 Eugene Jackson, Selma, Alabama, and Pfc Eddie Robinson, Leesburg, Florida, the nurse-maids for our 3000 gallon water reservoir, are wasting no time in getting around. Tells Jackson on Robinson: the other day a Russian gal, a refugee, came up to Eddie and rubbed the back of his hand to see if the color would come off.



The "Standard"

This time it's Pfc James M. Hall, the guy who went from planes to pans, from nuts to soup. Jimmy has been on the cooking staff of 163 ever since its Caiazzo days; at present along with his culinary art, he is a student of Lt. Southworth's School of Photography, hoping someday to take a crack at the Nazis with a camera.

163 CHASES FRONT INTO GERMANY

Constituting its 23rd move since its activation, 163 took over the few remaining buildings of a bombed out rayon mill in Sarreguemines, Alsace for head quarters and laboratory, the operation's starting 21st of March and ending on 23rd. To answer the water question at this stop, the company acquired a detachment from 1752 Engineer Dump Company to erect and maintain a 3 thousand gallon reservoir for the lab's use. This was the first since Saverne that the lab could boast of having simultaneously an ample water supply and adequate drainage facilities.

IT TOOK 979 DAYS

Giving the "hernia squad" what seemed to be no more than a ten minute break and after 979 days of hauling boxes and Basic, 163 shot an advance party into Kaiserslautern, Germany, 24th March, to make preparations for its arrival. Setting a company record, this, the 24th exodus, was completed and operations were resumed 25th March, all within a 36 hour period—a period of hustled tearing down and loading; dirty, dusty roads; irritatingly slow traffic, dragons' teeth and refugees; flying bedsheets; hurried meals; ditching tons of "der Furher's" files and records and scattering a myriad of his rubber stamps; shoving desks and cabinets into inconspicuous places; and all to unload and set up again.

NEWS ODDITY

In photographing liberation of Allied troops, POW camp Stalag IX-B, Bad-Orb, Germany—Team C-23 also liberated Pfc. Vincent L. Pietrafesa, Port Chester, N.Y., future brother-in-law of S/Sgt John Vita.

OVER THE RHINE

The stay at Kaiserslautern proved to be a "stretch" of eat-sleep-'n-work; non-fraternization really cramped the boys' style. It forced Jones into sobriety; it turned Reitnauer into a movie fan; it held more than the usual amount of sleep for "Horizontal" Duchene; it had everyone's energies straining for release. On the seventh day, 1st April, a party was sent across the Rhine to establish a new location. Came April 2nd, came tearing down, packing, and loading, this time with a little more fervor.

The 25th move not only gave Hqs and the Lab a taste of Germany's superhighways, but also a glimpse of the much publicized Rhine and a feeling of "Now we're getting somewhere". It also gave Kenny Kimbel a chance to draw a bead on a deer; but the thing took to the woods before Kenny could squeeze the trigger.

"ST MAP" SMITH

by OLIN



The ride to the new spot was the most interesting thing that happened to the "restricted" in a long time. The countryside wasn't half bad and the good roads urged the vehicles into giving their all; the speedometer needles were arced past the 60 mark for the greater part of the trip; and the exhilaration that accompanied the speed was just the release that the pent up energies needed. The "Joes" ate it up.

For most, the time between loading and unloading was all too short; but it wasn't long after the arrival that the boys were once again lost in "setting up shop".

FROM THE CAT REPORTS:

CAT #1: (Kastelz, Brown, Kulpa) All's quiet. CAT # 2: (Ratick, Rutberg, Anspaugh) Lost a lot of sleep in covering the Rhine crossing; but shot plenty of film in doing so. CAT #3: (Lt. Dieves, Bell, Tressel) was overjoyed at the acquisition of a captured trailer; then spent the rest of the week running around trying it out. Cat # 4: Olin, Smith, Pierce) tried to "place" displaced persons on their week's film. CAT #5: (Lt. Harris, Horne, Cipra) have been waiting for their outfit to do something. It did cross the Rhine; but according to them it was "unhistoric and administrative". CAT #6 (Lt. Chiappino, Leibowitz, Hebert) were in and out of towns this week - they weren't always welcomed with open arms. CAT # 8 (Lt. Lueders, Greenhaus, Polito) had trouble in keeping up with all the various changes that went on in the current push; but they did get across the river and set up in good shape. CAT #11: (Todd, Powers, Boone) indicate that a new home isn't home until the pin-up girls are tacked to the walls - and they had several homes last week..CAT # 13 (Bornet, Steubenrauch, Zidek) found a large railway gun that no one else seemed to know about; certain people were glad to hear about it..CAT # 15; (Katz, Lapidus, Lingloy) for some reason or other took personal interest in covering the Passover Services; a certain amount of mugging too. CAT#17 (Vita, Kohl, Bartlett) worked with heavy bridges that carried most of the first traffic over the Rhine. Cat# 19: (Fenberg, Bowen, E. Smith) disgusted a German officer who tried to surrender to them while they were on their way to cross the Rhine with the assault troops. After a few close shaves, they got back with the first shots of the crossing - even though they had a flat on the way. CAT # 21 (Galbraith, Lane, J. Smith) also picked up a trailer along the way for themselves and then a few days later got another one for CAT 11. Nothing like helping one another out with the aid of Jerry equipment... CAT # 23 (Morochnik, Weintraub, G. Smith) went across the river

with the infant, as other teams did and now, to the satisfaction of all the brass, are working with their "buddy-buddy" outfit. CAT #24: (Blau, Rosenblum, Turband) had trouble keeping up with their armored outfit due to vehicle trouble, etc..CAT # 25: (Lt. Byars, Lt. Valentine, Karlgaard) went out on special assignment to get story of Signal Corps cameramen on the job. They went from one end of the line to the other in keeping with their assignment; took some prisoners; shot some combat stuff; and, generally, got around pretty well.

LAB GAB:

Switched again is the deal for Captain Gillette and Lt. Sears. The Capt. is again 163's photo censor; and the Lt. goes to Gay Pareo..The "Big Brown Sgt" Bialkowski is beginning to live up to his moniker...And now it's armored cars for 163, next, pogo sticks.

ABOUT THE AREA:

The latest in rabbit hunting equipment, a 45 cal. submachine gun; it's also good for those pesky sparrows, huh, Olson? The guys who were forced into a drought at Kaiserslautern went to thank Peterson, Grotz, and Froese for the flood of wine they "Lupen-ed" in; it really saved the crops...At Kaiserslautern, Col. Jervey, Lt. Col. Popkoss, and Maj. Bornholdt, all of APD, Paris, visited 163, 28th March, as a wind up of a tour of all APD installations in this theatre. They were accompanied by Capt. Ahbe, Photo Officer of VI Army Group.

ANOTHER ONE-TIMER:

Lt. Kenneth E. Hunter, a one-time officer of 163, has been appointed CO of 166 Sig. Photo Co.

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