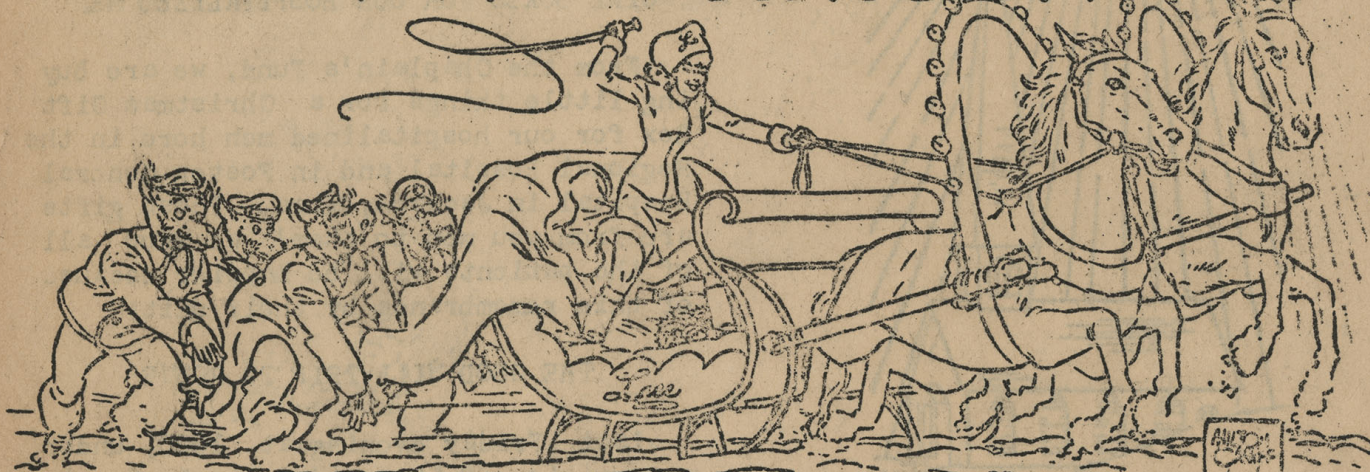


# 1 NEWS

171st Infantry Battalion Separate

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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WITH A WREATH BY SGT. GARGONE,  
CHIEF WOLF

### A CHRISTMAS WISH

With world conditions being as they are this Christmas Season and with all of you being away from home and loved ones, it would be rather futile for me to wish you a MERRY Christmas.

However, my most sincere wish for all of you this Christmas, is that, may all your Christmases to come be as happy as those Christmases in the past when the world was at peace and there was Good Will among men.

HERBERT A. SENTER, Jr  
Major, Infantry  
Commanding

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES TO BE HELD AT USO

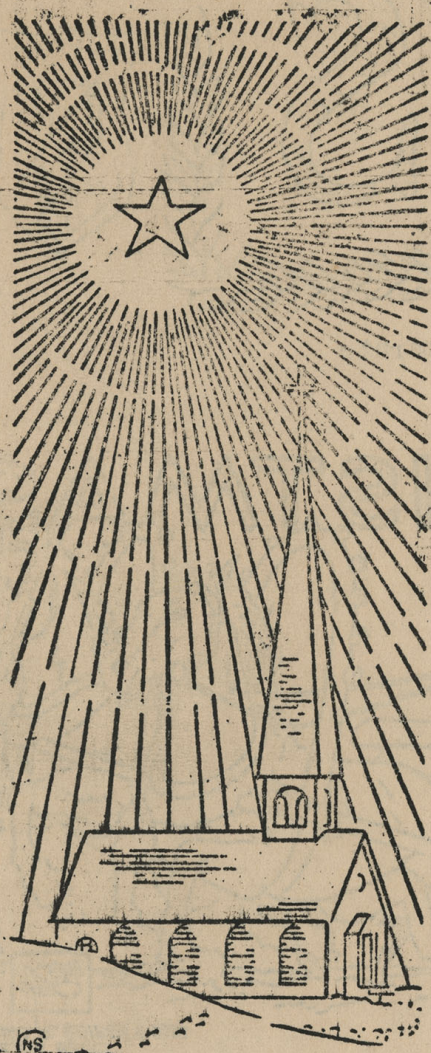
On Saturday, 23 December at 2000, Santa Claus will come down the "chimney" at the Aloha USO with his arms loaded with gifts for the visiting Servicemen. At 2100 there will be "fun for all", and from 2200 to 2400, dancing for all.

On Sunday, 24 December at 1600, singing of Christmas Carols will be held; at 1630, a special musical program by Hattiesburg talent; and at 1700, everyone will hop into trucks and tour the town singing Christmas Carols. It promises to be a gala evening so be sure to attend.

There will be no dinner at the USO this Sunday evening, but plenty of sandwiches and coffee will be available.







#### CHAPEL SERVICE LAST SUNDAY

Due to the absence of Chaplain Aki last Sunday, chapel service was conducted by Chaplain Alvin H. Moog, 14th Headquarters, with the Officers of the Battalion as hosts.

The excellent sermon, "TRUE CHRISTMAS PREPARATION", told of John the Baptist's efforts to introduce Jesus as He was, and not as what the Jewish people expected Him to be. Chaplain Moog pointed out that 'Repentance' was the only way to happiness for those who sin.

Among those attending the chapel service were Major and Mrs. Senter, and Major Calvin.

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REMEMBER TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

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#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE

The 24th of December will see the 171st Inf Bn (Sep) Chapel bedecked in its splendour for the joyous Christmas Day. Special music will be provided with loud speakers voicing the joy of the day.

The Chapel will start at 1000 lasting until 1100. All are invited to attend the Christmas Service. The message of the morning will be: "The Hope of Christmas in War-time".

#### GIFT BOXES FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED MEN

From the Chaplain's Fund, we are buying little things for a Christmas Gift Box for our hospitalized men here in the Regional Hospital and in Foster General Hospital in Jackson, Miss. These gifts are from you men to them! We know all of the patients will be happier because of this remembrance by their unit.

#### THE GOOD WILL TRIP TO ROHWE

Last Friday evening at 1800, under supervision of Lt David Ostomel, Special Service officer and accompanied by Chaplain Aki, Capt. Iwashita and Mr. Earl Finch, two GI trucks, filled to capacity with nisei soldiers, left Camp Shelby and headed for the relocation center at Rohwer, Arkansas to participate in the memorial service to be held Saturday, 16 December, in commemoration of the center's war dead.

Upon their arrival early Saturday morning they were shown to their quarters and served a nice hot breakfast. At 1100 a rehearsal was held by the firing squad in preparation for the ceremony.

The ceremony was held at 1400 in the auditorium before an over-flowing audience and according to Lt. Ostomel, "It was the most impressive ceremony I've ever seen."

The group spent the rest of Saturday and all day Sunday in the center, reluctantly leaving for Camp Shelby about 1900. They arrived "home" sleepy and tired just a little before reveille.



# COMPANY NEWS

## AMBLING ALONG WITH "ABLE" COMPANY

Capt. Robert S. Blake, CO of Company "A", who has just returned after spending three months at Fort Benning, Ga. where he attended advanced military school, "took off" Monday, 17 December on a well-earned leave.

The men of "able" company wish him an enjoyable leave and all the greetings for a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

The Orientation officer and the I & E non-coms have been very busy the past week putting in extra hours catching up with current events. Every day brings new changes in the world war maps and this has kept them pinning up new flags and marking newly-captured sectors, towns and villages. Thanks to them, Co "A's" Orientation Board is one of the finest in the Battalion.

Ask any "able" man how much he likes the new coke machine which was installed last Saturday and he will tell you that it is something which adds a touch of the corner drugstore to the army. And it is noticeable that more men are taking to coca cola now that the long and arduous trip to the PX is no longer necessary.

At this time, "ABLE" company would like to extend to all the men and officers of the 171st Infantry Battalion, and to all our friends, "A Very Merry Christmas!!"

## CHATTIN' WITH CHARLEY COMPANY

It seems that Charley company grows emptier and emptier by the day. First, it is furloughs and the boys leaving for all parts of the country, then up comes the Rohwer proposition and the remaining boys gnawing at each other's throats trying to get on the list.

The sadsacks that were left behind, formed an endless line to 1st/Sgt Mizuno's desk with stories of sorrow and tragedy----"But Sergeant, I just have

to get a pass. My Uncle Shoganai is dying," or maybe, "You see, sarg, I met this girl on my furlough and it was love at first sight--I've got to see her--I'VE JUST GOT TO SEE HER, D'YOU HEAR!! ? (for proper effect the person should fall to his knees, making sure the attention of the CO is focused on him). No luck, though. Guess the CO just doesn't appreciate "art."

Some got passes, others didn't. The ones that didn't were seen wandering aimlessly through the area mumbling to themselves, "K.P., I.O., B.S.O., S.O.P. Guard, W.R.A."--then they would dash their heads against hutment walls giving forth the long-suffering, heart-rending sob of frustration. Ah, but such is life, such is life.

"Lassie Comes Home" says the motion picture, and "home" to Charley company's Lassie is hut 9. There lives S/Sgt Morimoto, a loving mother and father rolled into one. He gives lassie a bath three times a week, feeds her and lets her sleep on his bed during these cold winter nights. This week's bouquet to you Sgt Morimoto.

When "Aldrich" Hirano, one of the many "kodomos" of "C" Co was asked what he thought of the Rohwer girls, he cast forth this pearl of wisdom, "Women are the downfall of men!" At his age, too.

And when David Hironaka, an old-married man of some five months was asked why he went to Rohwer, he replied, "I just went along to chaperon." Well and good that is true, but what we want to know is--who chaperoned him?

## TALES FROM "DOG" COMPANY

Under the masterful fingers of T/Sgt Francis Tanaka and S/Sgt Bennie Iguchi, the Dog Co's dayroom has been transferred into a picturesque Yuletide setting. The centerpiece, which consists of a little Christmas tree is, indeed, the work of an artiste. We begin to



## COMPANY NEWS (contd)

see why members of Dog Co are seen less in the Service Clubs and are not roaming the streets of Hattiestown.

Early last week, bargain-hunters, 1st Lts Harold Hurlbutt and Ed Nicholson with 1st/Sgt Osaki, breezed out of the company area and inside of an hour, "D" Co was richer by the addition of a console model phonograph-radio. It is said by those in the know that the trio drove a "hard" bargain.

Lady Luck rode high with Pfc Tsutomu Hironaka Saturday morning as he was the lucky winner in the first drawing held by "D" Co. Confronted with the choice of a three-day pass or a carton of cigarettes, Hironaka decided he would be better off away from the hectic routine of army life.

Stumbling back after a hectic weekend spent in Paradise (Rohwer) were the two desert rats, the Tanita brothers, Wat and Tom. Monday morning found the pair smiling away and happy as two larks. Incidentally, the duo are the recipients of all kinds of cookies, candies and stuff to eat which makes the House of Hunger, D-10, happy--very happy.

Also classified in the group with 100% better morale is Cpl Kazuo Inouye who recently returned from a three-day sojourn to New Orleans. The trip--it is said--is nothing; the town is little better than nothing; the scenery, nothing; but the fact that his better half, the one and only, came down from the metropolis of Chicago to spend that 3-day pass with him, is everything. Love is bliss, so they say.

## RANDOM SCENES FROM BAKER COMPANY

T/Sgt Jimmie Onchi capably handling the reins of Co "B" in the absence of 1st/Sgt Nakamura, who is furloughing in New York and Maine..Pfc Yamauchi and Pvt Fujii disqualified from PQR because they lack the necessary 19 years, playing make-believe with a "Gillette" in front of the latrine mirrors...Pfc Tad Tanaka earning the label of "chimney-sweep" with his early morning antics around the coal stoves...S/Sgt Okamoto

burning the midnight oil and keeping up civilian morale with an armful of letters. His claim that he writes solely to male acquaintances is without basis. ...T/5 Steve Kato, overloaded with Xmas gifts and packages, helping Santa Claus spread his yuletide cheer...Pvt Shig (Chatterbox) Ota discussing his post-war plans to the occupants of Hutment #2 and Tec 5 Ernie Ono sleeping through it all.

## HEADQUARTER'S COMPANY

Through a matter of tact, we have learned that we shall have a new groom in our company, and, of course, a bride but to make it a clear picture, and to be more explicit, T/Sgt Tom Utsunomiya "took off" so to speak, on his furlough and has directed his "beam" towards the Windy City. We have learned too, that the bride to be is formerly from Berkeley, California. Her name is Miss Kay Mano who has just recently been employed at the International House in Chicago.

Perhaps now, it is a relief to some of his friends, for a few have thought that his moodiness was caused by some physical defects. Ah, but he fooled us didn't he?

We shall expect to see the Sgt's familiar face with that everlasting shy smile, a few days after Christmas.





**"ORCHIDS" TO PFC ROY MORIHIRO**

Pfc Roy Morihiro, "Able" Company's model airplane builder deluxe, has designed one of the best-performing models ever seen. It is a "super" ship, streamlined to almost perfection and is unsurpassable for all-around performance. The November issue of "Air Trails", a publication for the air-minded, contains a very interesting two-page article featuring his model.

Quoting from the article:

"His plane is amazing! It'll out-glide and out-soar anything on the field. It has a very tight flat, circling glide; just seems to spin its tail around without banking. It resembles a high-performance glider and there are no exposed power units or landing gears. It doesn't seem as tho any ship could glide that flat and not stall.

"The whole ship is unconventional, but don't we need something new to get us out of the rut? The new rules seem to encourage a development along another line. Of course this isn't rep-

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PVT **REP SIGHT**

**"CHRISTMAS DAY"**

resented to be "it" but it is original and with continued experiments gives promise of being something really 'hot'."

More information and data on this super-model can be obtained by visiting "Able" Company's dayroom. Articles and pictures of Pfc Morihiro's "dream-child" are posted on the Orientation bulletin board.

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Pvt. J. Nakashima (at mess)---"Hey, Sarge, I think I found a worm in my spaghetti."

Mess Sergeant Kawata---"Well, look again and make sure. I ain't got no time to waste on rumors."

Sentry: "Halt, who's there?"

Voice: "An American."

Sentry: "Advance and recite 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

Voice: "I don't know it."

Sentry: "Proceed, American."

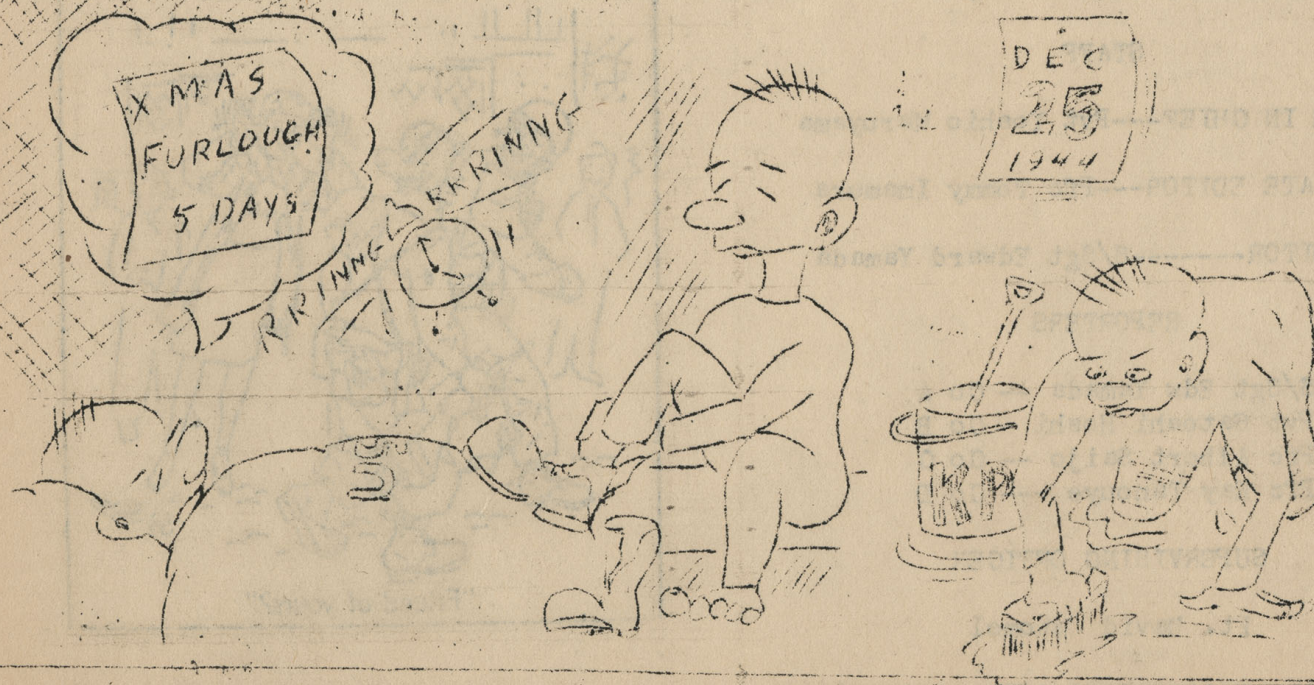
Seaman Niedepondivionsky called at the camp post office for his mail.

"Anything for Niedepondivionsky?", he inquired.

The mail clerk looked up: "What's the initials?"

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S/SGT **Glamada**





# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

Last Monday night, eight basketeers representing the 171st Inf, clashed with the 1016 Eng. Treadway Bridge Company at the Field House, and were the victims in a heartbreaking overtime game, 24-26.

The score at the end of the regular game was 22-22 and in the three-minute overtime, the Engineers managed to score two baskets while holding our boys down to just one basket.

Sato and Irinaga of Co "A" were high-point men with 10 and 7 points respectively. In spite of the fact that the boys had never played or practiced together, they displayed remarkable teamwork and ability against the towering giants of the 1016 engineers.

The other members of the squad are: Tanoue, Umene, Uchida, Goto, Uyesaka and Morishita. Sgt Ruto of Co "A" is coach.

All basketball players in the Battalion are urged to come out and give the team a hand. We can still use some good players.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIP TO ROHWER

...The wonderful way the residents of Rohwer treated us...the Japanese dinner that was "out of this world"...the show put on by the Crusaders...the birthday cake baked by the USO in honor of Mr. Finch's birthday...the way the kids ran for the empty cartridges when the firing squad fired their volleys...all the gum and candy that was given to the kids of the center by Mr. Finch and the 171st ...Boy did those Hawaiian Serenaders go to town...the Christmas carols sung by the 50 Junior Crusaders for Capt. Iwashita, Chaplain Aki, and Mr. Finch when they left to go to Texas.....the dance held Saturday night at the USO which went something like this: 7:30 PM---bashful fellows, bashful girls; 8:30 PM---situation unchanged; 9:30 PM---situation much improved!; 10:30 PM---fellows really getting "warmed up"; 11:30 PM---You mean the dance is over already??... How pleased the older men of the center were when Mr. Finch and Chaplain Aki presented their "den" with pieces of furniture donated by the 442nd and the 171st...hope to go again pretty soon... hope the girls come here pretty soon!..

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



"Friend of yours?"