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# 1 NEWS

171st Infantry Battalion Separate



## SUGAR BOWL TICKETS

FLASH !!! On New Year's Day in New Orleans at the Sugar Bowl game, will be 15 lucky GI's from the 171st Inf. Yep, through the courtesy of the 14th Hq we were issued 15 tickets, gratis, to this football classic. Who those lucky fellows will be is yet undecided, but we shall know in due time.

Those who go will leave in a Bn. truck and be part of a convoy that is leaving from Camp Shelby early New Year's Day. They will be required to bring their overcoats, blankets and mess gear. This is strictly "GI".

For more information about the possibilities of going to the Sugar Bowl game, turn to Page 6 of this issue.

## HAWAII REMEMBERS HER BOYS AT YULETIDE

There didn't seem to be anything unusual about last Friday night, but to the over-striped Buddha-heads who gleefully climbed into those "comfortable" GI trucks at the Bn Quadrangle to go to Jule Landry's, it gave promise of being a night to remember. All told there were 44 boys and six officers.

The entire affair was made possible

by the Hawaii Emergency Relief Committee which sent a sizeable check to the fellows here as a Christmas present.

Incidentally, Mr. Earl Finch did all of the hustling and arranging. We don't know what we'd do without him, ch, boys?

The party swished under way in the oft-heard kanaka fashion and didn't let up for one minute--if you know what we mean!

S/Sgt Seki delivered the only speech of the evening and also gave a toast to the good people back home and to the boys overseas.

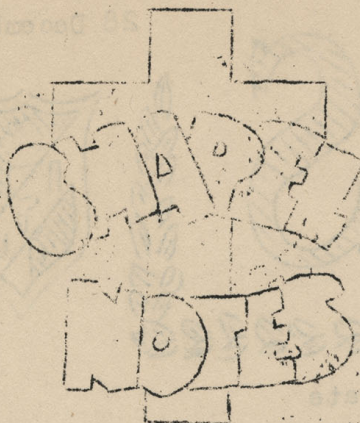
Don't say this outside, but a certain Major kept calling for "Blue Hawaii" all evening. AND a certain Captain can get real sociable-like with that extra lift ---played a uke and exposed his beautiful warbling technique ala Hawaiian style.

Yep, it was one swell blowout, right through, for the boys from the grass-skirt island.

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GET YOUR FREE TICKETS TO THE POST  
FIELD HOUSE DANCE, 2 JANUARY 1945. TED  
WEEMS AND HIS FAMOUS ORCHESTRA.  
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### CHRISTMAS CHAPEL SERVICE

One hundred officers and enlisted men worshiped within the beautifully decorated 171st Chapel on the 24th of December. It was a joyous occasion for us all, despite the period and the condition of this world. Beautiful organ music was transmitted via the loud speaker system from 0930 to 1000. The organist, Mrs. Evelyn Stewart, was the power and the inspiration behind the beautiful carols.

Once again the beautiful Christmas message from Luke 2:8-14 was read. The sermon dwelt upon the topic, "The Significance of Christmas in War-Time." The main significance brought out by the Chaplain was the Gift of Peace from God to mankind in this period of peaceless warfare. The sermon ended with these two massive truths: firstly, the lights will not come on permanently in our world unless the lights come on inside of the people and, secondly, that they will not come on permanently anywhere unless they come on everywhere!

The next Sunday Chapel Sermon will be based on this theme, "WHAT WE LACK FOR THE FUTURE".

### GIFT BOXES FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED MEN

As you know, the 171st made up gifts for our men in the Regional Hospital and Foster General Hospital in Jackson, Miss. The gifts were delivered on Christmas morning by T/Sgt Etsuo Anzai, S/Sgt Okamoto and Chaplain George Aki.

To write merely that they were happy and appreciative does not express what

the gifts meant to the fellows when they received these tokens of consideration and kindness. Cpl Henry Maruyama of the Foster General Hospital writes in part:

"May I take this extremely inadequate means to extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to you who have made it possible for me to receive such wonderful gifts. It's a grand feeling to receive this, but more than that I sincerely appreciate the kindness, thoughtfulness and comradeship that were back of it.

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I am getting along quite well now and have been permitted to walk since about Dec. 1. It's as good as any Xmas gift as I can hope for."

This is, in part, what the 8 fellows in the hospital wish to express to the 171st. Nice going, fellows, keep up the good work for yourself and for others!

### EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

Mrs. Finch, the mother of our helper and friend, Mr. Earl Finch, expressed her deepest gratitude for the gifts received from the men of the 171st. She would like as many of you who can, to visit her in Hattiesburg. When you are at the Aloha USO, make up a party and visit her...she will appreciate it very much.

### VISIT SEMINARY, MISSISSIPPI

Last Sunday, Lt. John C. Fairlamb, CO of Co. "C" and Chaplain George Aki had the opportunity to visit Seminary, Mississippi, where they visited with people whom many of you know--Mrs. Dimple Willoughby and Mrs. George Ross. They both used to work at Cleaner's Shop, No. 52. They extend to all of you, best wishes for 1945. Mrs. George Ross Stated that she and her husband would like to have some of you fellows visit her..any time! How about it--let's visit them sometime early in 1945 or this year perhaps. Contact Chaplain Aki for particulars.



# COMPANY NEWS

## RAMBLING ALONG WITH "ABLE" COMPANY

The "able" company had its Christmas dinner beneath a canopy of green and red crepe in an atmosphere imbued with the nostalgia of a "White Christmas", almost forgotten save for an improvised Christmas tree decorated with neon-glass balls and trimmings and cotton-covered snow. Now that the last holiday of the year has passed rather quietly and in the usual army way, the men are anticipating the coming New Year's ---with an extra bottle of beer.

T/5 Miyake has finally sprouted his paratrooper's wings. He was seen all over the company area with his high combat boots and the red and white paratrooper's patch gleaming on his neatly-pressed blouse. After completing four long and tiring weeks of basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., he graduated with four jumps in his lap and a twenty-one day furlough wrapped with blue ribbons in his pocket, which incidentally is minus its green cabbage---crap games are rather costly, you know.

16 days, 16 glorious days to T/Sgt Anzai were only empty memories when he returned from his furlough to Colorado. Since his return to his "home and family" and to the usual routine and monotony of the army, he has been living in two worlds...one of which seems definitely in the telepathy class. Perhaps, he is living in a seance, desperately trying to relay messages to one close to his heart, or is it simply a late attack of spring fever which he contracted in Colorado? The symptoms are decidedly of the emotional type....he should take another furlough--for his health this time.

The medics are not only built of intelligence and stamina, but of brawn and body. Yep, they are the he-man type beautifully exemplified by the

medic of "able" company. His daily training does not end at retreat, but continues with pushing up barbells and throwing dumb-bells about far into the wee minutes before "taps".

## DOG COMPANY NEWS

'Twas two nights before Christmas and on the second story landing at the Aloha USO there was a merry time indeed. All through the festive evening members of the famed Dog Co. sat on the side lines while their erstwhile neighboring companies gave out with the song and music. Then as the evening wore on, the tables and chairs were cleared, the music blared and the familiar gleam lighted up the eyes of the Heavy Weapon boys. At this moment the D-boys showed up with the peculiar talents with which they are blessed--dancing and jiving. Such exponents of the dance as "Tramp Noguchi, "Audacious" Inouye, Reggie Yamauchi, One-K Inouye and a host of others were seen cutting the proverbial rug.

With the addition of stationery with D Co. letterheads and envelopes, the day room became a step nearer perfection. The stationery will be of great help to those who simply must make those nightly "sugar" reports.

This week's lucky winner of the drawing was T/4 Peto Watanabe, who took the carton of cigarettes as his prize.

Trekking back from the motor school at Ft Benning, Ga., were T/4 Tommy Takayasu and Cpl Walter Minano. It certainly is good to see the oldtimers gracing the company area again.

Also seen over the holiday was 2nd Lt Yanaginachi who left several months ago wearing Staff Sgt's stripes. The well-liked Lieutenant will be attached to "C" company.



A "coke" party developed at the Bn Hqs on Xmas Eve after the hard-working clerks finished their work for the night. Many of you are under the impression that all we, in the Hq and Personnel Section, do is spread our posteriors on our chairs as soon as we arrive in the morning and hold that position until we hear mess call. But, that is not so--but why argue about it? To get back to the Xmas party-----

It seems that the sugar in a few of the bottles of coke fermented and turned into something more potent, which potency had varied effects on different people. One person became quite talkative, thus exposing himself of his secret desires, and he even went so far as to boast that he could drink anything--poor fellow! How he suffered.

The party, in a short while, became shall we say, "whoozie" and about 2300 the fellas decided to go back to their hutments and "sleep it off". And in the quiet that prevailed, those who remained could hear the cockroaches running hither, thither and yon across the desks. But for the benefit of those who wish a more "explicit" viewpoint, why not ask, no, not the cockroaches, but S/Sgt Don Matsumoto. He, we found out, is quite the "MAN" but definitely!

Gene Yamamoto, formerly of Hq. Co. who is at Ft Meade, Md., sent in the following information for the benefit of those of you who are going FOR.

He writes, "The first day will be spent having a medical examination, and being oriented on personal affairs and allotments.

"The second day you take a trip to the warehouse to replace any worn clothing. You don't get a completely new issue. After you get your clothing they are checked and then stenciled.

"After that, the remaining time until you leave will be spent in the field where the training is thorough and very well organized.

"The cadre is made up almost entirely of men who have been overseas, so don't feel put out when you are given orders by pvt's or pfcs; they know what it's all about.

"Details will be pulled by privates; the non-coms have it comparatively easy.

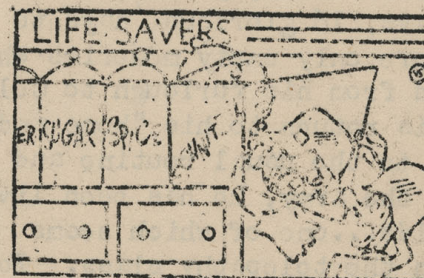
"Passes which are good from 1800 to 0500 are usually issued after the second day; weekend passes are also given out.

"Military Courtesy is very strict and courtesy officers are on the post and in town at all times, so keep your hands out of your pockets and don't forget to salute.

"That's about all."

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



Patrols passing through settlements deserted by the enemy should thoroughly search all buildings and possible hiding places for snipers and ambush parties



Valleys are natural targets for enemy fire. Stay out of 'em whenever possible.



# LOOT AHKE

Lonesome recruit: "I don't believe I have a friend in the world."

Old Timer: "Here's your chance to make one---lend me five dollars."

A mountain boy from north Arkansas stepped up before an officer after his medical examination had been completed at the draft induction station. The officer asked him what he preferred to be.

"What are you?" asked the inductee boldly.

"I'm a captain."

"Well, that's what I'm aiming to be."

"No," explained the captain; "what I mean is, where do you want to go?"

"I want to go home," the youth responded.

"But who'll do your fighting for you?" asked the officer.

And the young mountaineer replied, "The same guys who are doing the fighting for you, I reckon."

Loot: "Who called that sergeant a monkey?"

Voice: "Who called that monkey a sergeant?"

According to unofficial sources the new simplified income tax now being devised in Washington contains only three lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
2. What were your expenses?
3. How much have you left? Send it in.

First German Officer: "What do we do now? Retreat?"

Second German Officer: "Retreat? you must be mad. Germans never retreat. We must advance in the direction from which we came."

To his Negro company of infantry in camp a husky first sergeant spoke dire words: "From now on when Ah blows dis yere whistle, Ah wants to see a huge impenetrable cloud of dust come boilin' outa dem tents. An' when 'at dust clears away, Ah wants to find two rows of statues."

Sign in Messhall: If the steak is too tough for you, get out. This is no place for weaklings.

## THE DIRTY BORE





# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL

Led by Morishita and T. Irinaga of Co. "A" who made 12 and 9 points, respectively, the 171st basketball quintet broke into the win column last Wednesday evening with a neat 31-20 victory over the 14th Headquarter's group, in the Camp Shelby basketball league.

Our boys, playing smooth, heads-up ball displayed an attack that proved too much for the hapless lads from the 14th Headquarters.

Other members of the team who turned in stellar performances are K. Sato, S. Umene, T. Goto, T. Imamura, H. Tamura, M. Uchida, K. Ryugo and Tanoue.

The next league game is with the 1298th Engineers at the Post Field gym tonight. All players will meet in the Bn Assembly Area at 1915 for transportation.

Lt. Ostomel, SSO in charge of athletics, stated that new basketball suits will be purchased and that they should be available within a short time.

The schedule for future games is as

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Lt. David Ostomel

follows:

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|--------|-------------|-------------|
| 4 Jan  | Sta. Hosp.  | 8-9 o'clock |
| 8 Jan  | 93rd Chem.  | 7-8 o'clock |
| 11 Jan | S.T.U.      | 7-8 o'clock |
| 15 Jan | 90th Sig.   | 8-9 o'clock |
| 22 Jan | 1298th Eng. | 8-9 o'clock |

The League's play will end 22 January which will be followed by a camp-wide tournament.

## 75 TICKETS TO THE SUGAR BOWL?????

75 of the most "deserving" men in the Battalion will entruck early New Year's Day to attend the Sugar Bowl game between Alabama and Duke in New Orleans, IF-----we get the tickets.!!

Lt. Ostomel, SSO, has the go-ahead signal from the CO; he has the transportation, but at latest reports, he has yet to hear from the Sugar Bowl Committee about the tickets. They were promised to us if we could get the transportation so Lt. Ostomel is expecting to receive the tickets at any time.

Please don't come to Lt. Ostomel and ask him about the tickets--he'll let you know through the respective first sergeants as soon as he receives word.

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## THE WOLF

by Sansone



"How do you know she's not your type?"

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