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171ST MOVES TO AREA "H"

NEW SITE - ALL RIGHT

MOVIN' BLUES

After months of latrine rumors to the effect that "we would move in the near future to....Camp McCoy, Camp Fan-nin, California, Georgia, and even Camp Grant," The 171st Infantry Battalion, separate finally did move, but only to a new area bounded by 18th to 21st St., and 1st Ave to "C" Ave.

In spite of all the grumbling and "monku", everyone is agreed on the fact that the new area is decidedly an improvement over the old area. Never again will it be necessary to yell, "Hey, is there any hot water?" "Hey, the water is too hot" "It's not, 'stoo cold" "Hot-Cold, Hot-Cold." You remember. The boys in Personnel are really happy as now they have a whole building to themselves with nary a soul remotely resembling an officer except T/Sgt Utsunomiyama's pants, and they don't count as he sits on them. With all of the dayrooms equipped with pool tables, and with the amount of space, it won't be long before Dog Company will be bragging to the Battalion that their Dayroom is the best, with Baker Company disputing that claim.

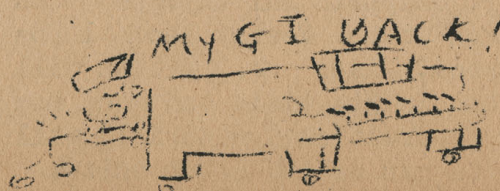
Bowlers have already found that the Bowling alley is not as far away as they thought. As for the theater, just ask anyone. If the buses are too crowded, try walking, and you'll find that you can make it in about 15 to 20 minutes to the Bus Depot, a 120 steps per minute cadence. So as you can see, all in all, this area is quite convenient to everywhere and everything.

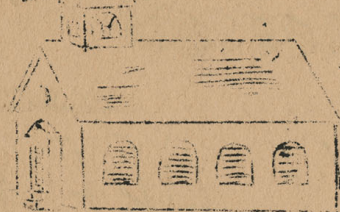
"Let's go, gang, get that file-cabinet over here"----T/4 (slave driver) L. Bessho speaking. The privates groan, and the cabinet threads its way through the maze of desks and finally stops at the designated place. Time: 5 Jan 45, place: Bn Hqs, Area "H".

Every one grumbled and groaned about the situation - working on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday, no less. But we were all (well, almost all) pleased when things finally began to get settled. Real dayrooms for the companies, a swell PX, regular Chapel, large "rec" hall, and a handsome NCO Club --- all these we've got. Everything seems so different and so much better than the old area. Even the latrines brought very favorable comments from all - with surprised GIs showering under hot water for the first time in a long time.

Then too, all you pool sharks can "shoot the works" on the "brand-new, second hand" tables that are scattered throughout the area. Yes, Jonah (S/Sgt Shimabuku, Hq Co), it's possible to shoot pool after a few bottles of 3.2, but not as many as you had!!

We hope, that after a few days, all the recreational facilities will be open, so all you fellows can enjoy them ----"See ya at the PX".



CHAPEL
NOTES

With 70 men and officers in attendance, the first chapel service was held in our new Chapel on B and 20th Street. The beautiful music came from the Hammond Electric Organ played by Cpl Al Kubota. The ushers were: Pvt Ray Sugimoto and Cpl John Ogura.

The sermon was on the topic: "From the Known to the Unknown." It was pointed out that we forget to think of ourselves and count the powers and limitations we possess..but we go fooling ourselves with pretenses. We do not develop our known powers such as Prayer. As we train for overseas combat duty, so most men train for overseas in a spirit uall way. The sermon ended with these words: "Make use of your known faculties; you will never regret it. Because only by knowing, will one ever be unafraid of the unknown future."

NEXT SUNDAY CHAPEL

Our Inaugural Chapel Service will be held next Sunday, 14th of January 1945. Everything will be keyed up to the situation with special music and special guests. Every one in the Battalion, officers and men alike, is asked to make plans now to attend the chapel service next Sunday.

CHAPLAIN TO VISIT HOSPITAL

This Friday, Chaplain Aki expects to visit our men at the Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss. Mr. Whitten will accompany him in his visit and many hospital kits (recreational material) will be brought to men of the other units.

GO TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE, NEXT SUNDAY!!



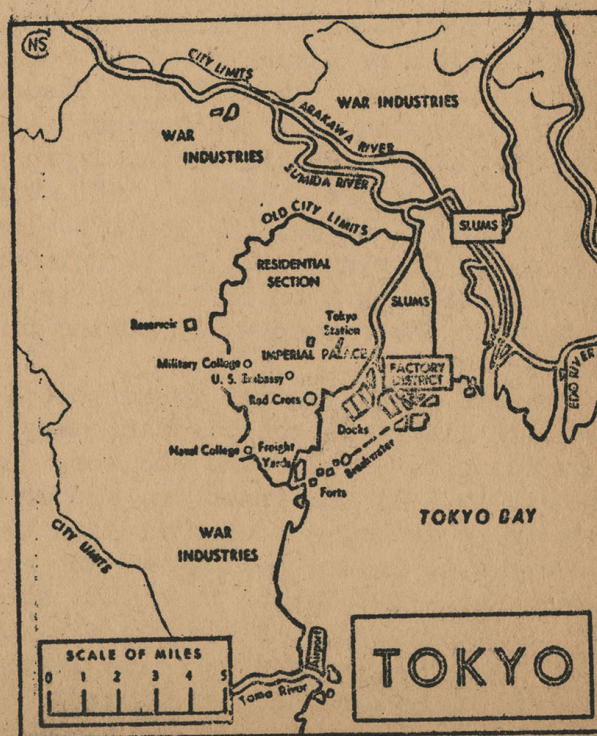
LOVE IN BLOOM

NEW YORK - When a platoon fell out of the barracks at Fort Bragg, N.C. recently, two men dropped their carbines in the battery street. The platoon sergeant spoke up promptly.

"Privates," he said, "you have just dropped your carbines in the dirt. That's a fine way to treat your best friend. A rifle is your best friend. Now get up here in front of the platoon and make love to your carbines and tell them that you're sorry. That's right, now give it a big kiss. Very good.. Now hug it and tell it you won't do it again."

The above story comes from the Camp News pages of the January 19th issue of YANK, The Army Weekly, on sale at Ship's Services and Post Exchanges, January 12th 1945.

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You fellows were griping about the lack of news about your company. Well, let's get the Company Reporter on the ball ----- if you can't do that, turn in the dope yourself. Honest, fellows, we need your help---BADLY.

AMBLING ALONG WITH ABLE COMPANY

BARKS AND GROWLS FROM DOG COMPANY

Today, we dedicate this little, insignificant column to those who left on the first leg of their journey to carry the fight to the enemy.

It was good to feel their companionship---to work and sweat and curse and bitch and laugh together. Now they are gone, leaving but a memory.

Back again to the complicated routine of a Dog Company soldier, came S/Sgt Shigeo Matsuka who recently completed the gas course at the Edgewood Arsenal.

Rehmer was the place over the New Year holidays with the brief visit of such Dog Co stalwarts as Cpl George Kagawa and Pvts K.K. Inouye and Shin Kawaguchi.

Pvt Kataru Tanita, of the famed desert rat combination, came up with the lucky number which entitles him to a 3-day pass.

The spacious latrine was viewed with satisfaction by one Eddie Watanuki. It will be remembered that this character has a habit of being "perpetual" latrine orderly.

A recent visitor to his old company was paratrooper Jimmy Nakagawa. The sharp-looking T/5 was a former cook before departing for the jump school. While here, he visited his aspiring younger brother Harry, who is one of the vital cogs of the 3rd platoon.

A & R - BASKETBALL FOR NEXT WEEK:

Thursday, 11 January 1945

171st Vs. STU

7 - 8 PM

Monday, 15 January 1945

171st Vs. 90th Signal

8 - 9 PM

BACK OUR TEAM!!

Captain Robert Blake has again taken up his duties as Able Company Commander after returning from his recent leave over the holidays.

Also back to his old army grind as Platoon Sergeant, is T/Sgt Peter Segawa who spent a wonderful 15 days furlough in Chicato, the North Side, just across the bridge. He has been trying rather hard to adjust himself to the normal way of living: going to bed at night & getting up in the morning. And the sudden change of diet, especially from the liquids to solids, this should put back the lost waistline and the trim, manly, figure which he somehow lost in the strenuous celebration over the holidays.

Able Company is being slowly depleted of its men. It seems that this will result in some serious man-power shortage, especially with many of its efficient and solid men being transferred to the Medical Unit, headed under Capt. Katsuki. However, those transferred men seem to be quite happy about the whole deal. "Studying and listening to lectures is certainly fun," remarked Pvt. M. Watanabe, who looks more like a medical man than an Infantry soldier after having gone through medical basic training for the past week.

The I&E NCOs are at it again, busily fixing up the Company Orientation Center. The new day room being big and cozy, and with a brand "new" pool table to attract the men into spending more of their time in the dayroom. The I & E NCOs feel that their Orientation Center should be something attractive and streamlined. They must put added effort to renovate the place and make the dayroom one that is second to none in the Battalion....more power to them.

Editors note: Have you seen Baker Cos.?



OUR FIRST "PIN-UP"; LET US
KNOW HOW YOU LIKE IT, AND
WE'LL TRY AND DO BETTER NEXT
TIME.

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AND INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Did any of you all see this week's NEWSWEEK (Jan 8 1945)? If so, did you see the article on Education? Well, it's about the set-up in colleges after the war under the GI Bill of Rights. Read it and see what's going to cook after the war in the Universities of the United States.

FLASH!
SCORE OF
GAME BETWEEN 171
AND "TOP QUALITY"
AT HATTIESBURG
9 JANUARY 45
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MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

TETCHED-NITION FIFTH GRADE





Rockabye baby
In the tree top,
Better not fall,
It's a helluva drop.

There was a sailor named Tell
Who met up with a luscious belle,
She was so full of charms
That he's still in her arms
And now he's AWOL.

The saddest words
Of tongue or pen
Are: "Tomorrow you're on
Intrine again."

Susie has a nice new skirt
So neat, so bright, so choosy,
It never shows a speck of dirt
But say, how it shows Susie!!

The stork is one of the mystics
And inhabits a number of districts
It doesn't yield plumes
Or sing any tunes
But helps with the vital statistics.

Little Miss Tuffett, sat on a tuffet
Knitting against the clock,
She sitted and sitted, and knitted
and knitted,
But the sweater turned out to be a
sock!!

A nut at the wheel,
A peach at his right,
A curve in the road,
Fruit salad tonight?

ADVICE TO THE MAYARD
Remember this advice, my sweet,
Honorize it completely
If ever you are indiscreet,
Be indiscreet--discreetly.

ALL MATERIAL WAS TAKEN FROM ARMY TIES.



Knees are a luxury. If you don't think
so, just try to get hold of one.

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