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MAINTAINER MAKES GEORGIA DEBUT

SHORT HISTORY AND PROGRESS OF
THE MAINTENANCE BATTALION
IS VERY IMPRESSIVE

Despite an occasional "beef" about the newness, the inexperience and the work yet to be done in comparison with other Maintenance Battalions of Armored Divisions, the Maintenance Battalion of the 10th Armored Division has thus far traveled long ways from the original eleven men and one officer cadre that was activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky on March 23, 1942.

The 21st Ordnance Battalion, as the cadre was designated, transferred to Camp Sutton, N. C., where by March 31st the strength of the unit had grown to 134 enlisted men and three officers.

The record to date has been impressive and has paved the way for a number of potentialities that should at the prescribed future date prove to be equal if not better than any of the predecessors in the Armored Divisions.

The 21st Ordnance Battalion received its first large addition in the form of 250 recruits fresh and green from the 301st Ordnance Regiment. After a month of kicking around the red sod of the Carolinas the Battalion moved to Camp Perry, Ohio with an already imposing array of militarism. Shortly previous to this the forces were considerably bolstered by the addition of Lt. Col B. S. Mesick and Major M. K. Heimstead.

After a month and a half of more specialized training, the Battalion has come directly under the wing of the mother organization, the 10th Armored Division and ready to sharpen the teeth of a capable fighting machine, which if conditioned at the same rate as she has progressed thus far should make a name for herself in the world theater of war

VARIED ITEMS OF NEWS, SPORTS, AND
HUMOR TO BE FEATURED IN
WEEKLY PUBLICATION

"ATTENTION:" Calling all personnel of the 10th Armored Maintenance Battalion! Today, marks the birth of the MAINTAINER, authentic publication of the Maintenance Battalion which the editors hope will grow and prosper with the yet infant 10th Armored Division. Originated in Georgia, it is hoped that the pages of this journalist effort will follow and grow into generous proportions wherever the Division may be called to show her teeth to the Yellow Nippon and the Nazi Monster.

It is intended that these pages will carry into the barracks of the Officers and men alike, the latest reports on the progress of the battalion as well as the spirit that exists and matures in the minds of each man as we "sweat it out" under the Georgia sun. Not only this but the MAINTAINER will also bring you the latest in barracks grapevine. There will be spice, humor, with an occasional mystery as to who the culprit was who short-shetted your bed the night that you were in Columbus till 2:00 a. m.

A full page sports section will present the latest on the grudge matches played on the burning sands and whether or not Levenson's chow-hounds were better at volleyball than Schroback's yardbirds.

In short, this publication will serve you with news, reviews, and general conversation of your organization and aim at establishing that feeling of unity of will to do the job which you are here for and help you to become a more efficient member of the organization in which you are a destined to help write your country's history.

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"KEEP 'EM ROLLING"

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W E F I G H T !

These are the key words of the slogan of the Maintenance Battalion, 10th Armored Division—WE FIGHT WITH A GUN IN ONE HAND AND A WRENCH IN THE OTHER," — in Latin, "Pugnamus Avmiset Implementas"... the fighting slogan of an aggressive organization that is delivering the goods and will continue to do its part as a member of the 10th Armored Division.

The name of our publication could not be more appropriate, combining the function of the Battalion with your individual technical capabilities. Most of you have had years of experience in the maintenance of non-military vehicles and you are well fitted to perform the tasks ahead of you...to KEEP THE 10TH ARMORED DIVISION ROLLING AND FIGHTING!

Your hours are full. This is essential to the organization and training of a successful fighting team. All parts of your schedule have been considered carefully and your instructors will guide you in your military experience which you must have in addition to your civilian technical experience.

Not all of your duties are equally interesting, but all are equally necessary in the Army. Take these details cheerfully. Put your shoulder to the wheel however tough the going may be. If you do this, and I am confident you will, there will be no question of our Battalion accomplishing its ultimate goal....."SUCCESS ON THE BATTLEFIELD."

Lt. Col. B. S. Mesick

At Your Service Club 000

A desert isn't the most pleasant place to live. Neither is Fort Benning. However, somewhere on every desert there is an oasis. Fort Benning has an "oasis" in the form of the 10th Armored Division Service Club.

We men in the Maintenance Battalion are especially fortunate because of the fact that our Service Club is in our "back yard"....offering to us the greatest source of entertainment in the vicinity of the post.

One can do something new and different every night of the week....depending, of course, on one's likes and dislikes. But the fact that it is possible to do something different every night illustrates the varied number of activities carried on there.

Mrs. Winifred Baker, 10th Armored Division's "Mother" is in charge of all activities at the club. Your suggestions for the organization of new clubs or the like are always welcome.

Features of the club include: "Listen, It's Fort Benning," a weekly broadcast on Monday nights featuring the talent of the 10th Armored Division on a half hour program. Every other Thursday, a Division Dance is held, with music in a "sweet-swing" style furnished by the 3rd Armored Regiment band. Bingo Night is held weekly. Contract and Auction Bridge games are in progress on Sunday nights. A "Super" Jam Session is held on Wednesday's. Other features too varied to mention are in progress at all times. The Service Club is your Club... take advantage of it.

ATTACHED O. C. S. MEN LEAVE FOR SCHOOL

The following men attached to Headquarters Company, Maintenance Battalion, 10th Armored Division from the 2nd Armored Division left recently for Ordnance Officer's Candidate School at Aberdeen, Maryland: 1st/Sgt. Robert W. Metcalf, S/Sgt. Clyde L. Miller, T/4 Richard L. Lachnicht, and Pvt. 1cl. Maurice J. Hession.

"BUY WAR BONDS"

BARRACKS BATTER

HA!-HA!-HA!
HA!-HA!-HA!
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"A—TEN—SHUN!....At ease...Rest," and let your eyes meander over a bit of choice batter compiled with the assistance of your bunk neighbor.

Battalion Salutes to Company "A's" Delbert Wiseman, who certainly lives up to his name as far as the White Motor Company is concerned. Nice work..... once again for T/5 James Campbell, also of Company "A" for his "Superior" rating at Aberdeen's Wrecker School.

We've yet to solve the mystery of why a "Carrot Top" from Headquarters Company disregards the free mail privilege when writing to his "one and only."

Congrats to two newly married couples...Tech Sergeant Cornelius Kennedy and "Woody" Merz.



One of Hollywood's greatest losses and the Army's greatest gain is T/5 "Clark Gable" Hoover from Company "A" the boy with the golden voice.

The Army's most changed man who now draws his belt up to a mean 38 instead of a buxom 44—prescription by General Hewgarden—resides in Company "A's" "C" Barracks.

The best friends of the H P's for the week are Goudette and Heinsman..... Our selection for any Saturday's best dressed man: T/5 Swope.....How about a "water fight" Sergeant Hatt?

Thought of the week: How about black-outlights on foot lockers for the late arrivals. It's rough on the shins...and hard on the sleepers.....Patent inventions excepted only....

Not much splash to cover on Company "C", most of the men are "yardbirds".. and the rest are "chowhounds"...a little instruction in "short-stop" and less chatter would do the boys wonders...so sez Headquarters.

"Rastus" Sheide and "Card" Bradson are thinking of sprouting wings. There is nothing Angelic about this however.

Company "A's" pride for inspection was "C" Barracks. Some claim it was done with mirrors.

Pfc Chisholm's heart is still in North Carolina. Camp Sutton was nice (brr...r..r) according to him. He's got a warm heart, I'll bet.

Corporal Richard Wilson's two buck seventy call to his "dream" in Denver was well worth the three hour wait for connections.

"Cowboy" Breeden's recent visit to (Military Secret) Georgia proved satisfactory? ? ?

Sheldon Evans (Sergeant to you, mug) has been a good littl' soldier lately ...no lie.

The way some of Company "B" men walk around the camp you'd think they were all "yardbirds.".....and incidentally, if you want to know how to get out of calisthenics ask any "B" Company man.

Well "dog-faces" I see where time is closing in. Your contributions to this column can be turned in to your first sergeant or to the Editor.....don't be like the soldier you thought "MP" meant Mighty Polite.

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SPORTS

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HEADQUARTERS DROP BALL GAME TO COMPANY "A" AFTER LEADING TILT TEN TO ZERO IN SIX INNINGS

The softball game between Headquarters and Company "A" on Wednesday, August 13th proved to be a major league upset. Headquarters piled up a ten to zero run lead during the first six innings with smooth cooperation between the battery and field. However, with "A" on the defensive, changes were made in the line-up. Hawes and Ditoro of the outfield being pulled out in favor of Summers and Williams.

Things began to click when the game went into the seventh. Summers smashed a two bagger to left field with bases loaded. From then on the "blitz" began, mostly through the errors made by Headquarters team. The entire line-up of Company "A" batted around with hits galore, Headquarters fielders having dropped five fly balls in succession, bringing up the score, when the inning finally ended, 10-8, still in favor of Cichorek's "boys." Company "A" scored three more runs in the eight and the game ended 11-10 in favor of the "A" team.

The line-up:

"A" Co.

Sager, c.
Lodge, lb
Clapp, cf.
Kravetz, ss.
Schroback, p.
Brank, 2b
Williams, rf.
Moss, 3b.
Summers, lf.
Taylor, rc.
Hawes, lf.
Ditoro, cf.

Hq. Co.

Quinn, lb.
Jones, rc.
Wilson, 3b.
Cleary, c.
Bellman, rf.
Dering, 2b.
Cichorek, p.
Kennedy, ss.
Winters, lf.
Nolfi, cf.

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SPORT-LITES

First Sergeant Levenson says, "Come up on the hill and try to beat Company "C" He claims to have the best volleyball team in the Battalion....could it be because the star player is First Sergeant Levenson? Someone else said it's because Company "C's" volley ball court is really classy.

Tech Sergeant Myers and Pfc Head say they can beat the experts on the pool table. Any challengers?

Company volleyball play-offs will be scheduled by the athletic NCO's of each company. They will consist of three games. The results of each game should be reported to the Battalion Special Service officer, Lt. Felch. The "Champs" of the league will represent the Battalion in games with the other sections of the division.

