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SEVENTEEN RECEIVE RATINGS

SPECIAL NEWS FLASH!!!! RECRUIT APPOINTED FIRST TECHNICIAN HONORARY GRADE

CAMP PERRY, OHIO, Sept. 3---Information transmitted to Fort Benning from Camp Perry via Disassociated Press revealed the appointment of Daniel Frederick Marshall, newborn son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Daniel Q. Marshall as the first Technician Honorary Grade.

Born August 11, 1942, at Camp Perry, Ohio, Technician Honorary Grade Daniel F. Marshall has been assigned to the Maintenance Battalion of the 10th Armored Division for permanent duty and will report to this station in the very near future.

WAR BOND SALES INCREASE IN FIRST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

The first four days in September have opened what promises to be the best month yet for the sale of War Bonds in the Maintenance Battalion.

Reports indicate that by the end of the month the Battalion should have a record to compare with any organization similar in manpower, both married and single, and in the number of rated men.

This two-fold spirit of the will to win is gratifying and its continuation to greater heights should give sufficient warning to any Yellow Jap or Nazi Dog who should doubt the growing ferocity of the 10th Armored Tornado.

Now is the time, men, to change from a spectator to a participant. See your First Sergeant or Sergeant Wilson in Battalion Headquarters and sign up for your bond today!

NEW CHEVRONS BEING WORN AS RESULT OF LATEST ORDER FROM BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

On the latest Special Order to come out of Maintenance Battalion Headquarters the following men were advanced in grade:

Technician 4th Grade Fred H. Winters of Company "A" was appointed Staff Sergeant to serve as Mess Sgt. for Company "A".

Technicians 4th Grade Lawrence C. Dueber, William H. Loyear, Roy P. Spadoni, and Delbert W. Wiseman, all of Company "A" were appointed Technicians 3rd Grade.

Corporal Thomas Williams of Company "A" and Corporal Richard F. Wilson of Headquarters Company were advanced to Sergt.

Men receiving Technician 4th Grade ratings were Technicians 5th Grade Leslie A. Allen, Harold L. Clapp, Thomas E. Cary, James T. Henderson and Pvt 1st Class Walter K. Silvola of Company "A" and Technician 5th Grade Clarence J. Trentman of Headquarters Company.

Private First Class Gordon C. Blackwell of Company "C" was advanced to the grade of Corporal.

Technician 5th Grade Ratings were given to Privates first class Marion F. Hays, Eleonthus W. Sproul and Howard R. Walters, all of Company "A".

A major portion of the new chevron bearers are either Mechanics or Platoon leaders over mechanics in the Shops. Most of these men have a special line of work for which they have been trained during the past few months. Some of the ratings also went to administrative members, store keepers and cooks.

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OFFICER'S BANQUET AND DANCE
TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 9th



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ored Division, Fort

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The Maintenance Battalion Officer's

Banquet and Dance will be held the evening

of September 9, 1942 at 7:00 p.m., with

music starting at 8:00 p.m. The affair

will be held at the 10th Armored Division

Officers Mess.

Entertainment will be at its best with

Toastmaster Major Merten K. Heimstead

leading the festivities. The music will

be furnished by the 3rd Armored Regiment

Dance Band. Dancing 'til 11:00 p.m.

INITIATIVE!

Initiative is that quality of thought and action that proceeds and anticipates the needs of the situation and carries them out as the commander or situation demands.

The company commander, the platoon leader, the squad leader who fails to develop and encourage initiative will have to do the thinking for the entire unit and in this case are not leaders, but herders of men.

Modern warfare demands aggressive men that seize the opportunity when it presents itself in the fast moving and shifting fortunes of the battlefield. One man by the repair of two tanks without orders may allow two extra tanks at the point of greatest pressure which can easily be the deciding factor between victory and defeat.

Let it never be said of this battalion that our men follow instructions as blindly as Marshall Ney.....At Bautzen, Napoleon sent a brief pencil note to Ney, telling him to be at Prietitz by eleven o'clock and to attack the enemy's right. Ney arrived in position at ten o'clock, when he could have attacked the enemy's rear and probably destroyed the allied armies. He would not attack until eleven o'clock, and insisted on attacking the enemy's right according to the letter of his instructions.

One word of caution. Initiative in the military forces means carrying out the plans or needs of the leader. It does not mean doing as you think you would like to do. A safe rule to follow is to ask yourself, "Should my leader order this done if he were here?"

Captain M. G. Cropsey

Bids to the affair are three dollars per couple and two dollars for the wolf. In order to facilitate the arrangements all officers will please pay fees to Lt. Vandervoort before 7:00 p.m. September 9, 1942.

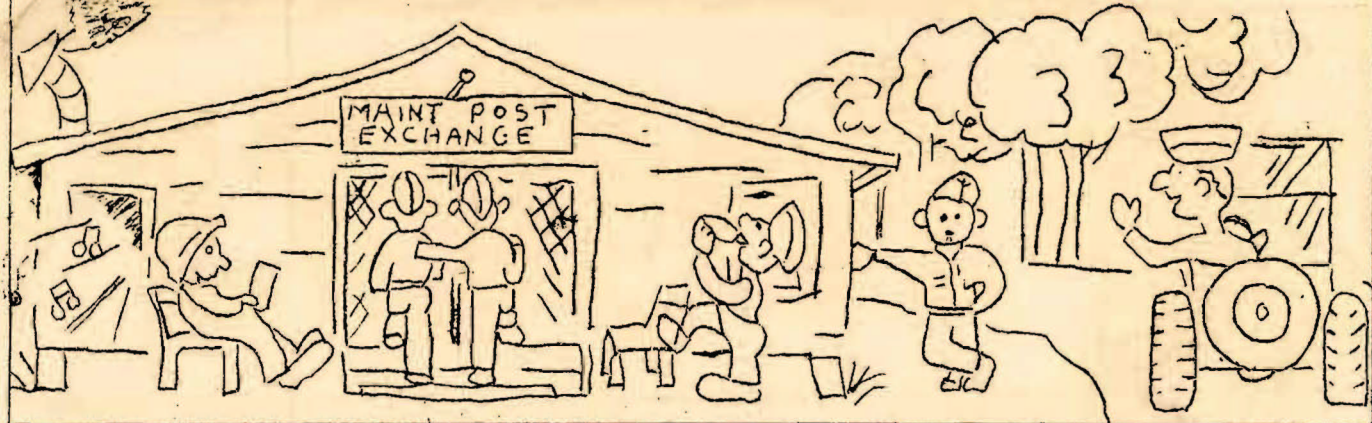
REMEMBER CHURCH DAY TOMORROW!

Sunday, (tomorrow) September 6th, the Maintenance Battalion will hold their first "Go to Church Day" at Chapel #4, starting at 11:00 a.m. The battalion will be formed in the area and will march to the chapel in two groups. The service will be of a general type devoted for all faiths, and all men are urged to attend. Services will be conducted by Chaplain Batterson.

OCS APPLICATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

Enlisted men desiring to apply for Officer Candidate School may now make application for same. Contact your first sergeant, or Sergeant Major Lightfoot, or Corporal King at battalion headquarters for full details. Applicants must bear in mind that before making application they must have a score of 110 or over in the Army General Classification Test.

BUY
WAR
BONDS!



Hi ya' soldiers...here's a "beefy" start...and an actual fact! The Maint Battalion has in the form of only six men some 1464 pounds of solid flesh. Here's the break-down:

S/Sgt. Brown.....	315 lbs
S/Sgt. Cline.....	245 lbs.
M/Sgt. Hatt.....	240 lbs.
T/4 Eckberg.....	230 lbs.
Pvt. Cienek.....	217 lbs.
Pvt. Caughin.....	217 lbs.
Total	1464

Steve Balcerzak doesn't get enough mail so he reads all the letters he does get at least two or three times.

Sgt. Jimmie Saas is enjoying the visit of his wife. Sgt. and Mrs. Saas were married very recently.

T-4 Spadoni and a motorcycle had a parting of the ways. Things aren't sitting so good now.

Corporal Bradson's barracks buddy, Shorty Scheide is digging deep into the Outline of History. He and H. G. Wells should be able to figure out something in the way of a prediction of the future.

Captain (???): "I hope the next time I see you, you'll be a second lieutenant."

Private (???): (flustered)..."Yes, sir, Thank you sir. Same to you Sir."

Anyone who likes classical music, but doesn't understand it should see Corp. Bradson, Company "A's" outstanding authority on classics.

Pfc. Chisholm rated a grin from an officer when he saluted from a pretzel-like position.

Pfc. Froemke, back from school at Aberdeen, still loves the Army.

Are you hungry boys? See any "B" Company man for a cookie..anytime.

Sgt. Safer has invented a suspension system with the help of two coat hangers. He says that it enables him to eat some of his cookies before the live stock (ants to you) devours the sweets.

(Can it be that Baldy Sager and Hefty Krueger have agreed for a whole week? Is this a permanent Armistice?)

(We wonder when "Benny Goodman" Sommers is going to have his clarinet rebored?)

Sh..h..h..Sh..h..h...if you promise not to tell more then ten people I'll let you in on a little secret.....I have inside information that Headquarters Company will rank top again in today's inspection...Sh..h..h...remember now!

(Did anyone in "A" Company notice the absence of any hangers lately?)

(This, or any weeks prize screwball: Pfc. Dick Herrick.)

At ease...rest..

Artist: "I'm not going to ask you to pose in the nude today. I want you to wear a costume."

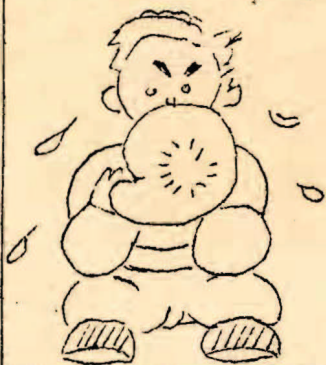
Model: "Have you got anything special in mind?"

Artist: "Yes, getting this picture finished."

We've had lots and lots of requests to run a column of names of those boys that borrow money from their pals, but can't be found around anywhere on pay day. How about this?

Remember....Bonds Today Mean Bombs for the Axis Tomorrow!

See you next week.....



SPORTS

COMPANY "C" NIPS COMPANY "A" NINE TO SEVEN IN BALL GAME TO WIN THE BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP

Company "C's" hard fighting array of ball players ebbed out a well deserved win over the Company "A" squad to win the Battalion Softball championship, which was played September 2, on diamond Number 6.

The ballgame featured good batting and fielding. Both sides had their individual standouts. Zakem and Cummings, battery for the "Recruit Company" turned in superb performances, while Villandre, left fielder for "A" Company topped the batting list.

The start of the game found "A" Company batting the field wild with a five run rally in the second inning. However, "C" Company came fighting back in the fourth and again in the seventh when Catcher Cummings led a rally of hits and runs to edge out the powerful "A" team, ending the game with a final score of 9 to 7.

The Line-up:

COMPANY "C"	COMPANY "A"
Cummings, c.	Villandre, lf.
Gerovac, 3b.	Kravets, ss
Stetz, 2b.	Schroback, p.
Beal, lb.	Brunk, 2b
Snyder, lf.	Cunningham, 3b
Gerovac, M., cf.	Clapp, c.f.
Sorry, scf.	Smith, scf.
McLeod, rf.	Sager, c.
Bisson, ss.	Moss, lf.
Zakem, p.	Taylor, rf.
	Lodge, lb.
	Vogel, lb.

Score By Innings:

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
"A"	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	7
"C"	0	0	2	2	0	1	4	9

MAINTENANCE BATTALION TAKES THIRD PLACE IN 10TH ARMORED DIVISION SWIMMING MEET

Greatly outmanned, the Maintenance Battalion Swimming Team took third place in the Division Swim Meet at Russ Pool, Wednesday afternoon, September 2nd.

The individual star of the day was Pfc Joe Chisholm who ran away with the 150 yard medley to add 10 points to the grand total of 21. This gave him the high individual score on the team.

In the 100 yard event, Pfc Tipper took third place after swimming the race twice. "B" Company's Foust entered in the 100 yard back stroke and against fierce competition still placed a strong fourth. T/4 Wright, who had only been in the pool twice, was placed in the 100 yard breast stroke and in spite of lack of practice managed to leave his wake in the face of many in the field. He placed fifth. The plunge for distance found T/5 Sleater and Pfc Tipper with very heavy feet and so....0.

The relay event, being the last event caught the team very fatigued from competing in other events, however T/4 Hollingsworth got the team off to a fine start leading the field in the first 50 yard. The last 50 yards netted the team a mean third position, only after losing a dough decision as to second place. The relay team consisted of: T/4 Hollingsworth, Pfc. Chisholm, T/5 Sleater, and Pfc. Tipper.

This meet showed only too well the lack of strength on the Battalion Swimming Team in the way of man power. As soon as the Battalion completes the test of the qualified swimmers, we will be able to place a fresh man in each event and then rank first in future meets.