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THE WAR THIS WEEK

Roosevelt-Churchill Again

The projected Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, foreshadowing heavy Allied blows, as have those meeting in the past, added a speculative spark to this week's war news.

This meeting should serve two purposes. Firstly, all Allied major offensives have been preceded by one of these meetings and there is no valid reason why this meeting should be different. Secondly, it should keep the already jittery Axis guessing where the next solar pelukus blow will land.

But events in Sicily, in Russia, in New Georgia Island and in Germany were far from speculative. Slowly and doggedly, American and British and Canadian troops are closing in on the defenders of Sicily, a raising havoc with those trying to cross the narrow Strait of Messina into the safety of Italy. For all purposes Sicily is lost to the Axis. But the determined resistance, put up by the Germans in particular, serves only to gain time for the Nazi general staff to strengthen the Northern Italy sector against the day when the Allies may be pounding on Germany's back door through the Po river valley.

Reds Drive On

In Russia the Red Army instead of resting on its Orel victory laurels, has gone on to capture Belgorod and is now closing in on the important German-held center of Kharkov.

Reports from the front tell of German forces reeling back from the hammer blows of the Red Army and that the recapture of that city is only a matter of time. Kharkov is in the center of Russia's Ukrainian region and the capture of that city would endanger the entire German left flank.

Economically the Ukrainian area has been the greatest loss to the Russians, for this region was the breadbasket of the Soviets. The forced withdrawal of German troops from this area would prove the greatest boon to the Red cause and might prove the turning point in the German-Russian struggle.

Japs Hemmed In

In the Far East, American forces are slowly hemming in the Jap defenders on New Georgia Island and this looks like another battle of extermination. American air forces have a clear-cut superiority in the air and any attempt by the Japs to use the water routes for escape is proving disastrous.

As night becomes longer and air attacks against German-held Europe become more profitable, the "Hambourging" of key German cities becomes more of a reality. Wednesday the RAF paid a visit to Southern Germany, and Nuremberg, birthplace of Nazism, felt the sting of Allied bombs.

Nuremberg is a city of some 400,000 and is an important rail and industrial center.

Ex-Presidents Lend Names to Soldiers

Newark, N. J. — (CNS)—Presidents in name only are serving by the hundreds in the Army according to the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits here. Thirty of the 32 chief executives are lending their names to the service of the nation. There are 123 William Henry Harrisons, 124 Woodrow Wilsons, 114 George Washingtons and one Abe Lincoln. The two who are not represented are Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D.

Opening Delayed

Opening of the new NCO club, the Zebrs Club, which was to have been Wednesday, has been postponed indefinitely until certain equipment and supplies can be secured.

Limited Service Status Out; Those Meeting Physical Tests To Be in Active Duty Category

Those Failing Exams Will Be Discharged With Few Exceptions

Limited service as a classification of the Army of the United States no longer exists as of Aug. 1.

All men who have been in limited service and can pass the physical and mental examination for general service will be retained on active duty status. Those who cannot pass these exams will be discharged and returned to the jurisdiction of selective service.

Men who are physically qualified to do their present jobs may be retained if their commanders so desire. As a result of the new directive, men whose records show they do not meet current mental and physical standards for induction for limited service will be given physical examinations. Those meeting the minimum requirements will be put on active duty.

The term "limited service" will be deleted from all service records of men retained. As far as possible the fullest utilization of the soldiers' potentialities will be used. Commanders are directed to pay close attention to the men's physical qualifications, prior training, skills, intelligence, and aptitude.

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Brig. Gen. Lloyd E. Jones, who last week was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptional service in the Alaska Defense Command. The medal was presented by Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Finley of Camp Carson.

"Fighting 90th" Claims Vets From Famous Organizations

Col. James A. Lewis Commands New Infantry Regiment in 10th Light

'Mountain Fighters' Will Show Here

Major-General Lloyd E. Jones, commander of the 90th Infantry Division, is expected to arrive at Camp Hale this week and will be shown at Theater No. 1 and 2 on Saturday, Aug. 14, and at Theater No. 3 on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Many of the men in the picture are still here at Camp Hale. Others who have come in since the film was made will want to act what the training and Camp is like in the winter.

'Wacs at Work' Theme of Program

Broadcast Will Be Over KOA Sunday

Now the Wacs have turned their talents to script writing and radio broadcasting and will be on the air over KOA, Denver, Sunday, 10:00 to 10:30 a. m.

Not only the history of the organization as a whole but also of the Wacs of Camp Hale will be revealed on the program.

The Wacs will be hard at work in their many jobs, from passing the motor transport but for driving to the typing in the offices. They will also be heard at play, giving their first dance.

Sgt. Daisy Honnell will lead a group of new arrivals from the train to the barracks. And, of course, especially now that the girls are in the Army, there will be the usual griping, but it's all in fun.

As a fitting climax to the broadcast since the end of the WAAC at Camp Hale was just this week, there will be a group of members taking the oath of the Army of the United States as they actually took it Wednesday afternoon when the WAAC became the WAC.

Laif of the Week

NEW YORK — (CNS)—A man who used to travel with the international set and royalty back in the days before the war got a letter the other day from a European crowned head now serving with the U. S. Army. On the back of the envelope was the sender's battalion, the name of the camp and the writer's own name— Pvt. Archduke Felix.

WACS Take Oath In Impressive Retreat Ceremony Officially Making Them Members In the Armed Forces of the United States

Camera Club

The Post Camera Club is now ready to go—darkroom facilities for developing, printing and enlarging in Building No. 127, directly behind the Field House at 13th and B streets. Open evenings.

Come on in, as this is for the enlisted personnel of Camp Hale.

Detachment Passes in Review Before Camp Hale Officers And Visitors

In an impressive Retreat ceremony the Wacs stationed at Camp Hale were sworn into the Army of the United States late Wednesday afternoon.

The entire WAC Detachment, removing their hats and raising their hands in one gesture, repeated in unison the oath as administered by Lt. Emil W. Sager, Camp Adjutant.

Maj. P. L. Nash, Camp Director of Administration and Personnel, acted for the camp commander, Lt. Col. John A. Chase.

The Act of Congress making the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps the Women's Army Corps, a part of the Army rather than an auxiliary organization with it, was read as Orders of the Day by Lt. Sager. Following this was the oath and the playing of the National Anthem by the Fourth Army Ground Forces Band.

With the band furnishing the martial music, the Wacs, led by their Commanding Officer, Lt. Barbara Fenton, passed in review before the Camp officers.

The company marched in three platoons, with Lt. Helen Mitchell, Evelyn Hansell, and Polly Basaraha as platoon commanders.

The company was formed by 1st Sgt. Hilda Ditzler and the acting platoon sergeants, Sgt. Dolly Honnell, Aux. Eugene Beard, and 7/3 Betty Vandergilt, and was then turned over to the Company Commander.

The band played the National Anthem also for Retreat.

The ceremony took place on the WAC drill field behind the WAC barracks at 1st and B streets.

In order that the WAC wacs might be sworn into the Army with the other members, their neighbors from across the street, the Engineers, came over to the WAC mess hall to eat the Wac supper.

The Wac Thursday evening is being accustomed to being addressed as "Private" or whatever the title happened to be as their entrance into the Army means that they are addressed in Army terminology rather than in that of the WAAC.

The members are also now granted equal rights with the men in regard to government insurance, allotments, and free mailing privileges.

10th Light Will Have Softball Tournament

All units of the 10th Light Division will conduct their own softball tournaments starting the week of Aug. 15 and finishing the week of Aug. 22.

The winning team of each unit will play in an elimination tournament the following week in September. After this the champion team of the 10th Light Division will play the Post league winner for the Championship of Camp Hale.

Housing Well Under Way

Camp Quarters for Civilians Expected To Be Completed by End of September

Camp Hale's Civilian Housing Project, which was begun a short time ago under the direction of Lt. Col. Charles Ames, Retired, is showing a most satisfactory progress and it is anticipated that 40 per cent of the dwellings will be ready for occupancy in about a week. By Sept. 30, completion of houses upon the delivery of essential materials. It is hoped to have the entire project ready for beneficial occupancy, although grading and landscaping will not be completed by that time.

The new quarters for the civilian personnel of the Camp will consist of one, two, and three-bedroom apartments, each of which will have a living-dining room, kitchenette, bath, and large clothes closet. Refrigerators, coal ranges, and unit heaters or oil stoves will be a part of each apartment.

It is presently planned to furnish about 60 per cent of the dwellings. The bedrooms will have bed, mattress, springs, dresser, and chairs. Living rooms will have a studio couch, chairs, and a dinette table. No cooking utensils or dishes will be furnished.

The buildings in the Pando area are renovated from the quarters occupied by the construction workers who built the Camp. White asbestos siding is being used, and the buildings are insulated on sides and ceilings. Modern plumbing has been installed, each apartment having its own shower. The floors are of hardwood.

Pvt. Harvey Hicks Wins in Archery

Presenting the winner—Pvt. Harvey Hicks took first honors in the archery contest last Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6.

Private Hicks' total score was 203. Second place went to Pvt. Walter Bennett, Co. I, 88th Inf., with a score of 236. Scoring 211 points, Pvt. Oscar Pfeiffer, 14th Medical Bn., was third.

Only the senior American member of the tournament was held steady, but it was well attended by both contestants and spectators. As a result of the contest, an archery club of the 10th Light Division is being organized. Meetings will be held Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Red Cross building room in the Red Cross building near the Field House.

The tournament was sponsored by Special Services of the 10th Light Division under the direction of Sgt. Raymond E. Bennett of Headquarters of this division.

Those Theater Tickets Again



In one of the last instruction sessions before his transfer from Camp Hale, Chief Bryant is shown giving the lowdown on resuscitation to a group of his GI fire eaters. Incidentally, those lads who have the V decorations may obtain a book of theater tickets by calling at the Public Relations Office in Camp Headquarters.