

CAMP HALE SKI-ZENITH

VOLUME 1 CAMP HALE, COLORADO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1943 NUMBER 50

Hale KOA Broadcast Sunday To Present 'Silent Night' Story

THE WAR THIS WEEK

The greatest thrust against Japan in this war was undertaken by United States troops Wednesday with the landing of American forces on Arara, near the western end of New Britain. First reports of the invasion came from Tokyo broadcasts picked up by monitors here but an official communique came through later in the afternoon confirming the reported landing.

New Britain is an important and ambitious undertaking for it is considerably larger in area and strategically more important than any of the Solomon Islands retaken by the Allies.

One of the chief aims of the attack on New Britain is to neutralize Rabaul, the Japs' stronghold in New Britain, and other bases for enemy shipping, aircraft and supplies.

Is Blockade

In order for MacArthur to recapture the Philippines and the Netherlands East Indies New Britain will have to be cleared of the Japs, for the island now stands as a natural Jap blockade against Allied operations in these sections.

For two days American air power has blasted New Britain with fury unknown in the Pacific theater to date. Rabaul has been receiving the bombing treatment for some time now.

The size or makeup of the invading force was not revealed but at three branches—the Army, Navy and Air Force—apparently participated as a team in this venture. First the Air Force pounded the invading beachheads mercilessly. Then naval guns lobbed tons of explosives in the Arara area; then came the foot troops. Arara is one of two good harbors in this section of the island.

Naval Loss Great

One of the greatest Allied naval losses since Pearl Harbor was announced this week by Secretary of War Stimson. In a surprise attack by German heavy bombers on Allied shipping in the port of Bari, Italy, the Nazis succeeded in destroying 17 merchant ships, including five Americans, and caused casualties of dead and wounded up to 1,000.

This loss accounted for 50 per cent of the total shipping in part of the time.

All-Post Dance Set For Thursday Eve

One of the most important entertainment events on the Christmas Week schedule—the 8th sponsored All-Post Dance—will be held next Thursday evening in the Field House.

The dance promises to be a gala affair with decorations fitting the occasion. The lady guests will wear evening clothes and the Class A uniform is prescribed for men.

Music for the dance will be furnished by the Fourth Army Ground Forces Band.

Promotions Listed

Six Station Complement second lieutenants this week received notice of their promotion to the rank of first lieutenant.

They are: Bernard Kishel, manager of the Sales Commissary store; Bernard Gordon, assistant special service officer; Thomas Teives, assistant transportation officer; Joan Peto, assistant post exchange officer; Solomon Gladstein, commanding officer of the Corps of Engineer Det.; and Sigmund Danziger, fiscal officer.

Hymn's Origin Told By Dyrenforth, Kohr In Unique Version

A conspicuous "first" will hit the airwaves Sunday morning at 10 o'clock over Denver's KOA when "Camp Hale Story" features the first presentation in America of the true story behind the famous Christmas Carol, "Silent Night."

This unique broadcast will describe in a dramatic manner how Father Mohr, priest of the village of Oberndorf, Austria, and Franz Gruber wrote and composed the hymn in 1818.

Story Differs

The broadcast story is at variance in many points with the accepted versions of how "Silent Night" was written, but authenticity is added to the Camp Hale broadcast version by Pvt. Hannes Kohr, a native of Oberndorf and one of the writers of the script.

The program was written by Kohr and Sgt. Harold Dyrenforth, both of whom also participate as actors. Pvt. Kohr was born in Oberndorf and heard the "Silent Night" story many times from the descendants of the writer and composer.

After studying in Paris, Kohr became a professional writer, leaving Austria shortly after the Hitler conquest. Upon his arrival in Canada, Kohr became associated with the Canadian film board in the production of government films. After moving to the United States, he entered the Army and was stationed at Camp Hale.

Aired Semi-Monthly

"Camp Hale Story" which is presented every other Sunday over KOA, is unusual among Army broadcasts in many ways. Centering around three main characters—typical Camp Hale soldiers—it is designed to present a true picture of the experience of servicemen at the camp. No attempt is made to "invent" unusual complications in the lives of the leading characters; rather, they are presented at the daily work of preparing for overseas duty.

"Camp Hale Story" is prepared by the Camp's Radio Production Club, under the supervision of Captain Harold J. Alford, special service officer of the 10th Division.

The 'Number Please' Gal Says Get Your Christmas Call in Now, GI

Jobs or WPA?

"Post-War Jobs or WPA?" That is the delicate question which will confront Forum members when they meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the Forum Room of the Services Club.

Four soldiers will present their views on this all-important question and Forum members will join in the discussion when the regularly assigned speakers have had their say.

The Forum is presented each Monday by a group of Division soldiers who have shown interest in our problems, past, present and future, and wish to get diversified views from all parts of Camp. All enlisted personnel and officers are invited to these Forums and are welcomed as participants.

LIKELY PROSPECT WHACKS MALE AIR WAC RECRUITER

Denver, Col.—(CNS)—F/Sgt. Robert E. Payne walked up to a pretty girl on a street corner here, tipped his hat and said, "Pardon me, miss. That's as far as he go. The girl turned around and whacked him. Payne didn't know he was a member of the Air WAC recruiting team here.

Christmas Carols

And what is Christmas without Christmas Carols? This reasoned the school children of civilian employes living in the Pando area.

And so on Christmas Eve Pando will ring out with the childish voices in familiar Carols as the little ticks trudge from window to window to give their all.

Why, all you have to do, they say, is to put a light in your window and they will give out in full Christmas spirit.

Major Goebel Heads Camp's Special Service

Major William R. Goebel, formerly in charge of the Officer Procurement Branch for the Denver and Colorado area, Wednesday took over the duties as Camp Hale's special Service Officer.

Major Goebel replaces Lt. William Cole, who has been acting special service officer, and Lt. Cole will remain in the Special Service Department as assistant special service officer.

Prior to assuming his duties here Major Goebel attended the Special Service course at Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., native of Denver.

A native of Denver, the major has been prominent in business and fraternal and social organizations of that city for the past 25 years. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado.

The major is a veteran of the last war, having served as a first lieutenant with the 353rd Inf., 89th Division, in the San Mihel and Argonne offensives. He also served with the Army of Occupation in Germany for seven months.

Major Goebel was called back into active service in September 1942, with the rank of captain in the Adjutant General Department and received his present rank June 1, 1943.

Two of the major's sons also are in the service. Jack enlisted in the Engineer Corps and is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., and Douglas, University of Colorado student, left yesterday for air cadet training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

10th Division Basketball Team Meets Colorado College Five At Field House Tonight in Return Engagement; Soldier Crew Upsets Collegians, 37-35, at Colorado Springs; Dodd Stars



First row, left to right, John Cannizzo, Floyd Sward, Robert Amott, Eugene Flisk, John Schwindt. Second row, Richard Dixon, William Koehler, Glenn Dodd, Vearl Broderick, Edward St. Clair, Robert Salmons (coach).

Tilt Set for 8 p. m.; Davidson is Spark Of Visiting Tigers

That the 10th Infantry Division basketball team may be one of the top notch crews in the Rocky Mountains area came to light last Saturday as the all-soldier squad shaded a highly-touted, Navy-studded Colorado College five, 37-35, in a torrid battle on the collegians' home floor.

And to prove to the "home-folk" that the latter game was not a flash-in-the-pan, the Division will play host to the same collegians at 8 o'clock tonight in the Field House, in what should prove a real exhibition of the art of basketball.

Though the Division came out on top, the outfit was by no means what is called "hot" last Saturday. Such men as Beiser, Salmons and Dixon were not up to their usual shooting form and the advantage of the home floor should prove good for additional points.

The Colorado College floor is a hard-wood affair and the spacious Field House here should prove an advantage to the Division crew, having had ample time to practice on it.

Chief horn-in-the-side to the collegians turned out to be Glenn Dodd at center. He not only scored the winning tally with three minutes of play but chalked up 10 points to lead his mates in the scoring column.

The man for the soldiers to watch tonight is Dave Davidson, the Tiger forward who paced the college team to a win over the Peterson Field five a week ago and who proved the game's high scorer: Saturday with 15 points.

Story-Book Finish
Last Saturday's game turned up with a story-book finish. With but three minutes of game time remaining and the score tied, 25-25, Dodd looped in his final basket. From then on it proved a matter of wild and reckless shooting on the part of the Tigers as they threw the ball at the basket from all angles and all positions, but to no avail.

Tonight's game in most part, will see the same men as listed in the box score below, struggling for their respective teams.

In addition to the games already scheduled as published in last week's Ski-Zette, the following games have been added to the Division schedule: Pueblo Army Air Base, here Jan. 11; Pueblo Army Air Base, at Pueblo, Feb. 5; Colorado School of Mines, here, Feb. 26; and a return game with the Miners at Golden, March 4.

Drivers Urged To Check Credentials

The box score

10th Division	FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.
Sward, f.....	3	0	0	6
Salmons, f.....	0	2	0	2
Koehler, f.....	1	1	2	3
Dixon, f.....	0	0	1	0
Dodd, c.....	3	4	1	10
Beiser, c.....	2	0	3	4
St. Clair, g.....	3	0	3	6
Amott, g.....	2	2	4	6
Flisk, f.....	—	—	—	—
Totals	14	9	14	37

Colorado College

FG.	FT.	PF.	TP.	
Davidson, f.....	5	5	2	15
Foyler, f.....	0	0	1	0
Berwick, f.....	0	0	0	0
Nelson, f.....	2	1	0	5
Childs, c.....	2	3	4	7
Paucker, c.....	0	0	0	0
Thompson, g.....	2	0	4	4
Harwood, g.....	0	0	0	0
Hall, g.....	1	2	1	4
Fox, g.....	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	11	15	35

Officials: Referee, Merritt; umpire, Smooth.

Holiday Services

Sunday, December 19
11:00 a. m., Morning Service, Special Music.

7:30 p. m., "THE MESSIAH," by Handel. The Advent and Christmas section of this world-famous oratorio will be sung in Chapel No. 1 by our own Station Complement Choir and the Artillery Choir augmented by nurses from the hospital, members of other choirs on the post and civilian workers. This promises to be a splendid presentation and will form an important part of the Camp Christmas program. Come and bring others with you.

Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24
7:30 p. m., Evening Service with Sermon and Christmas Carols and other music.

Christmas Day, Sat., Dec. 25
11:00 a. m., Morning Service with Sermon and Christmas Music.

Sunday, December 26
11:00 a. m., Morning Service with Sermon and Special Music.

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Isaiah 40-3.

90th Dinner Party-Dance Held at Club

The 90th CT Dinner Party and Dance at the Camp Hale Officers' Club last Saturday night was a huge success. In honored attendance were Maj. Gen. Jones, Brig. Gen. Culin, Brig. Gen. Ruffner, Col. Lewis, Col. Strong and Col. Spaulding, Lt. Col. Noble and Lt. Col. LaDue.

For dinner a musical trio straddled about the tables playing nearly everyone's favorite selection. The 90th Dance Band provided music for the dancing.

The success of the occasion was largely due to Capt. James Freda, who was "Chargo d'Affaires."

The Old Army Game:

Christmas Trees? Shucks Bub, They're For the Asking—Through Channels

They tell us that there is a black market in Christmas trees. There is talk of OPA putting a ceiling price on them. In some places if you knock at a little basement door and whisper that "Joe sent you" you may get a little screwy one for about \$5.

But here at Camp Hale, the home of literally millions of Christmas trees, they are yours for the asking. Yes, there are a few restrictions. But they are mild, reasonable and with an eye to the preservation of the surrounding forests.

All Camp Hale units or activities wishing trees need only do the following:

Make informal requests through their own normal supply channels to the Post Engineer Office. State the number and height of trees desired. Civilian requests are to be submitted to the Civilian Housing Office.

Deadline for requesting is 5:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Trees thus requisitioned will be stocked at the Post Engineer Yard and supply officers will be notified when they are available to be picked up. Trees for civilian personnel will be stocked in the civilian warehouse area in Pando and may be obtained by contacting the Civilian Housing Office.

Wow! Transportation

There will be a Camp Hale government operated bus leaving the Service Men's Center, Denver, Sunday at 2:30 in the afternoon. Those desiring transportation back to Camp should contact Lt. Beardsford at the Camp Special Service Office at 607 by noon Saturday for priority.

PXs Closed Christmas

It was announced this week that all Post Exchanges and Beer Parlor in the Camp will be closed all day Christmas Day.

Christmas Trees? Shucks Bub, They're For the Asking—Through Channels

The removal of trees from the Reservation is forbidden.

Trees will be issued, if requested, on the basis of one only for inside decoration for each company or unit, one for each recreation hall and chapel and one for each household or note Reservation.

No trees for outside decoration will be permitted.

Insofar as trees are available, they will be issued from the Camp Engineer stock to Camp Hale personnel who maintain their homes within "pass" distance from Camp.

Deadline for requisitioning is 5:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Trees thus requisitioned will be stocked at the Post Engineer Yard and supply officers will be notified when they are available to be picked up. Trees for civilian personnel will be stocked in the civilian warehouse area in Pando and may be obtained by contacting the Civilian Housing Office.

The trees are issued by the Forest Service.

There will be a Camp Hale government operated bus leaving the Service Men's Center, Denver, Sunday at 2:30 in the afternoon. Those desiring transportation back to Camp should contact Lt. Beardsford at the Camp Special Service Office at 607 by noon Saturday for priority.

It was announced this week that all Post Exchanges and Beer Parlor in the Camp will be closed all day Christmas Day.

Nazis Tell 'How to Make a Will'
Bern, Switzerland—(CNS)—One Berlin paper recently printed an article on "How to Make a Will."