

This is the first issue. I thought you might be interested. I think this is a better than paper than the Division paper, the "Century Centinel".

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HIGH POINTERS LEAVE BATTALION

Shortage of Texts Delays AEP Start

Simultaneously with the announcement of the opening of the battalion I and E Program it was disclosed that there would be a delay caused by a shortage of text material.

Originally scheduled to commence September 3, our Education Program will await the arrival of additional text books to herald its introduction. The situation, said the acting I and E Officer, was wholly unforeseen. With the shifting of units within the various categories a resulting drain took place on the stocks of the Seventh Army text book warehouse in Mannheim. The depleted stocks are now being replenished.

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Trek Home Scheduled To Start September 4

Overage also Await Signal for Departure

With the departure Saturday of five men from the Battalion, the trek home for high point men was initiated. On the heels of an announcement that men with 71 or more points would be returned to the states with the least possible delay, 3 Headquarters, 1 F Co., and 1 G Co. men were alerted for transfer to the 447th AAA Bn., an outfit being manned by high pointers awaiting the homeward journey. Also informed that they would be leaving soon were the overage men as stated in a recent War Department order authorizing the release of all men of 38 or more years. It is anticipated that this group too will be transferred to the 447 AAA Bn., and will travel to the states along with the 71 pointers.



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Left to right, standing, Unidentified, Lt. Max Foreman, Capt. George N. McAllister Jr. Sitting, Pfc. Glenn Hauck, S-Sgt. Michael Ruggiero, and Pfc. Kermit Harner, Battalion I and E Staff members, preparing class schedules for the AEP programs' frustrated opening.

As a result of the survey conducted within the battalion the following courses have been selected as the first five to be conducted:

- Auto Mechanics
- Bookkeeping and Accounting
- Radio
- Spoken German
- Physical Science

With the expansion of this project, other subjects will be offered so that there will be a continuous stream of courses.

Lt. Erle K. Theimer Jr., Instruction Officer, has assembled a competent group of instructors to add to the efficiency of the project. These men have been selected on the basis of teaching ability and knowledge of the subject.

Lt. Max Foreman, Acting I and E Officer, indicated that the delay was expected to be of short duration.



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SSO Plans Stuttgart Train

It has been tentatively announced that the 2nd Battalion Special Service Officer has submitted the necessary request for obtaining rail transportation on a regular schedule between Leonberg and Stuttgart with a stop each way in Ditzingen to accommodate E and G companies. Prompted by the many requests for an improvement in transportation facilities for the battalion, Lt. Henderson, Special Service Officer, contacted Seventh Army and was given a verbal O.K.

"Apparently", Lt. Henderson explained, "there is adequate rail transportation for the men of the battalion, and if several slight schedule changes can be arranged, there's no reason why the thing shouldn't go through". He stated further that the fuel problem was negligible inasmuch as the trains on this run are powered by electricity.

Service will begin when approved applications are returned to the battalion on the following schedule:

Weekdays: Lw Leonberg 1800; Lw Stuttgart 2145
(Ditzingen about 1805).

Sundays: Lw Leonberg 1250; Lw Stuttgart 1630
Lw Leonberg 1800; Lw Stuttgart 2145

Estimates place the daily figure of men using the train at approximately 400.

Curfew Crackdown Nets 16 Violators

On Friday, Aug. 31 at 11:00 P.M. in a sudden crack down on curfew violations in the Battalion area, fourteen civilians were locked up, one wounded, and one killed. Among those arrested were five women. The two casualties occurred between Eltingen and Renningen when two men on a motorcycle failed to halt as ordered. The two men were traveling toward Eltingen after curfew hours, and were hailed by two patrol jeeps traveling about 50 yards apart. The driver of the lead jeep stopped and blinked his lights as the motorcycle approached, pulling over on the wrong side of the road as he did so. As the cycle came near the parked car, the patrol called out for the driver to halt, and he slowed up as he passed the jeep. Apparently changing his mind, he picked up speed again as he passed the second patrol car, which had stopped in the same way as the first one. When he disregarded the order to halt from the second jeep, a soldier dismounted and fired one shot after the fleeing cycle. The bullet hit the passenger in the arm, passed through and fatally wounded the driver, who died on the way to the hospital in a patrol vehicle.

The five women and nine men apprehended, were, for the most part loitering in the streets after 2230.

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Capt. George N. McAllister Jr., former Battalion S-3, now battery commander in 44th AAA Bn., awaiting discharge on points.

At present, a personnel office spokesman declared, it is understood that the 447th AAA Bn. is attached to the Century Division as a catch-all for the men eligible for discharge under the point system or for release as over-aged. It is believed that this organization will remain with the 100th for approximately a month, after which time it will proceed to an assembly area or port for embarkation.

Disclosure of a recent War Department policy suggested that men having 2 years of service who were 35 years or more could expect release in a short time. The dates will be officially announced as soon as General Douglas MacArthur has established that there will be no extraordinary difficulty in the occupation of the Japanese Homeland. Further reports indicate that the critical score will be reduced periodically to agree with the estimated number of discharges anticipated in the coming months.

EDITORIAL

Why?

With all due respect to the chemical warfare boys, who were such a help at Heilbronn with their smoke pots, the smoke screen that obscures the future of the Century Division GI is really a masterpiece.

During the late war there were a good many restrictions on what we could say and write, and although the reasons for some of the regulations were very obscure, the great majority of soldiers co-operated to the best of their ability. Combined with the lack of diversion and the sameness of existence that were the Infantryman's lot, these restrictions cut letters to the people at home down pretty close to the level of, "Not having a good time, glad you're not here." But in great part it was understood that censorship was a part of war, and was necessary.

When our war here finally ended, we were pleasantly surprised to find that censorship regulations had been greatly relaxed, and we could write about as we pleased.

From our end, the censorship was good, but we do wish that the War Department had seen fit to inform some people in high places that the need for secrecy is at an end. Nobody knows, and nobody but the GI seems to care, in what category the division is going to wind up, nor can anybody guess within a matter of months when we can expect to get a look at Miss Liberty. The payoff comes with some of the posters that find their way around the Division. One lulu showed a picture of a dog, with the admonition, "Don't Talk". Our talk would only confuse anybody who listened to it. It would probably go something like this, "I have 46 points now, and if the third battle star comes through that makes 51, and if they count from May to September that will be 59. If we go back home now I wonder if that would be enough to keep me out of the Pacific. Maybe by the time we get home they will have enough men over there." And so it goes day and night, around and around they go and where they stop will probably be the Psycho ward. Another little gem of a poster is the one that shows a guy in a turban gazing into a crystal ball. That one is to encourage the soldier to write home and tell his family where he expects to be Christmas. For our money it ain't funny. The supply sergeant has neither crystal balls nor turbans for issue at this time, and a lot of men are concerned with their whereabouts at Christmas for reasons that are more important to them than whether or not they get Christmas packages. We doubt if you could find ten men in the Division who would not be delighted to write home and tell where they would be, if they only had an idea.

When the censorship regulations were in effect, we were taught that the reason for secrecy was to deny aid and comfort to the enemy. WHY, then, this pall of secrecy that denies aid and comfort to the GI.

Suggestion

Payday having just passed, it seems certain that every soldier in the battalion knows about the new ruling on sending money home, either through personal experience or from hearing the moans of another. Anyway, it provides that no man may send home more than the amount he draws across the pay table plus 10%. As a measure for stamping out the black market, it is to be commended, but we believe it could be a little more elastic. The guy we have in mind is the one who makes a hit in a card game or a crap game and then cannot send his money home.

It would seem that some provision could be made for such cases by allowing the man to appear before his company command post with a request for a special allowance.

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INQUIRING
REPORTER

QUESTION: When do you expect to get home?

T-5 JESSE GILLMORE, E CO.: By



Christmas. I've been listening to the fellows talk around here and they all believe they'll be home by Christmas. I hope so, don't you?

PFC. CLYDE W. STANTON, G CO.:



When they recount the points. That'll give me 20 points, 12 for another kid and 8 for four months overseas service. I've got three boys all together, and this one makes it.

PFC. GEORGE J. BURNETTI, F CO.:

I don't expect to be



It was late in March of '55
 And hardly a man was still alive
 Who remembered that day 10 years or more
 When the Century Division left Jersey's shore

For history's sake we now repeat
 The Centurymen's part in the Reich's defeat
 From Kilmer via the George Washington
 To Marseille, Lyon, and then Dijon

Baccarat, Bertrichamps, Raon L'Etape
 Won't this war end, for pity's sake
 Saarburg, Limberg, Moutierhouse, Bitche
 Rimling, Heilbronn, I don't care which

They were places where our men fought
 And through our lines the foe came naught
 It was the same where e'er we went
 The Krauts tried but soon were spent

The war was over in '45
 And someone surely would connive
 To get us on our way
 To our beloved USA

But this, alas, was not to be
 We were forgotten men, you see
 The story why is a sad, sad tale
 The fault of a certain vain female

One sad day in Washington
 In the silent halls of Pentagon
 The orders calling the Century back
 Were used as curlers by a careless WAC

The months stretched onward into years
 And every day confirmed our fears
 That not a man would still remain
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It would seem that some provision could be made for such cases by allowing the man to appear before his company commander with a couple of men who were in the game and can testify that he won an amount somewhere near the sum he wants to send home. If the CO was satisfied, he could be empowered to issue a certificate to the effect that the money had been acquired legitimately. A record could be kept, either in the company or in the unit personnel office, of such certificates, and an inquiry instituted if one man "won" too consistently.

+ Chaplain's Corner +

My Friend

As the memories of battle experiences begin to slip beyond the grasp of our minds I believe that memories of friendships will become more vivid and meaningful. I have been closely associated with the Second Battalion since the "Battle of Tennessee" and have made many unforgettable friendships. Among newer friends, however, is one whom I have known since my earliest recollections. We finished high school and college together and have been inseparable since coming into the Army.

Having an old friend around has meant a lot to me just for old time's sake. However, I shall remember him mostly for the good influence he has had on my life. It is hard to explain just how he has influenced me so greatly. Sometimes I think that just realizing his presence causes me to remember home and all of the finer influences it has had upon me. I do know that these memories have many times made the difference between disgrace and honor, not only for myself but for my family and church as well. So you can see why I cherish this friendship and also why I believe that it will grow stronger and more meaningful as we plan our return home together.

No, I'm not worried about the point system separating us. We plan to make the same boat, and when we get back to civilian life we plan to continue our partnership.

He isn't a commander, yet he commands my highest respect. I have never gone wrong by taking his advice.

His name is M. Y. Conscience, PVT. (The PVT. means Punctual, Vigilant and Truthful) Yes, we have come a long way together and since we are inseparable I want to be able to continue to call him MY FRIEND.

BONNER E TEETER, Chaplain (Capt.)



PFC. GEORGE J. BURNETTI, F CO.:

I don't expect to be in the states until next June. I only have 26 points and that's no kiddin'. The information we have now has been the basis for my opinion.



S-SGT. JOHN KINNEY, H. CO.:

Frankly, I think about seven months from now if I'm lucky. Maybe we can get a break and hit a lucky outfit. I don't have many points but combat men should get a break.

PFC. MACK W. OLSEN, Hq. Co.:



By October first, when we get the repple depple runaround. Me and a few other guys from the company have more than 71 points, so I'm practically on my way. Tough war, wasn't it.

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This gaunt, ghost Division's plight
Was standing guard along the Rhine
Sopping up cognac, schnapps, and wine

Certain changes had taken place
Absorption by the Master Race
Little krauts with a southern drawl
Or a Brooklyn accent playing ball

Men who spoke of chocolate milkshakes
Apple pie and Mother's fruitcakes
Speak instead of apple strudel
Liverwurst and zoop mit noodle

'52 and then '53
You is you and I is me
Or are we sure just who we be-
There's doubt as to our sanity

One bright spring day in '55
While cleaning out some old archive
The Adjutant General chanced to see
That order about the 100th Infantry

Ye Gods; he shouted with maniacal glee
So that's where they are — Stiff in Germany
And they finally brought the Century back
To wreak its vengeance on that vainful WAC

But alas, in the States just an hour
General Marshall said, looking sour
Gentlemen, MacArthur has requested you
The 100th is to occupy Honshu

So 'tis best to recount these points
While sipping beer in all those joints
Me — why hell, I haven't enough
What's more, I'm fed up with all this stuff.

63rd Swells 100th Ranks

Starting on 25 August, new faces began to be seen in the Battalion area. Many of said faces did not look any too happy, probably because of an acute shortage of points. Of the 208 arrivals from the 63rd Division and the 15 from the 106th, not one had more than 59 points, and most of them were a long way from even that total.

The first group of new arrivals was welcomed to the Battalion by the Regimental Commander, the Battalion Commander, and the Chaplain. After the addresses, the men were temporarily assigned to companies for rations and quarters.

In the week following the arrival of the men, quite a bit of reshuffling took place in order to get them as nearly as possible into companies where they could use their skills.

More than 75% of the men managed to find time between moving and unpacking to register for the AEP courses which are about to start.



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Bn Staff Switch



Lt. Stanley A. Teiser, new Battalion S-1 and Hq. Company Commander.

Three new Officers, Lt. Stanley A. Teiser, Lt. Leland H. Nelson, and Lt. Benjamin J. Miller, were assigned to the Battalion Staff on September 1, to replace those members transferred to the 447th AAA Bn. to await discharge under the point system.

Lt. Teiser, formerly a platoon leader in E Co., was assigned as Bn. S-1 and Company Commander of Hq Company Lt. Nelson, formerly executive Officer of H Co., and at present attending I and E School in Paris, will assume S-3 duties vacated by Captain George N. McAlister. Lt. Benjamin J. Miller, who was commissioned a platoon leader in G Co., is on Special Duty with the battalion staff as motor officer.

The recent switch in personnel left Major Herbert H. Newton the only member of the staff to have come overseas as an original member.

No Replacement?

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F Company

In Solitude

Company F opened its collective eyes Sunday morning and gazed somewhat sleepily out on the forest primeval — on all four sides forest primeval. We were now occupying the town of Solitude. Whoever named the place was definitely a realist and also evidently had a certain grim sense of humor.

Saturday morning the company had packed. General reaction to this procedure was summed up by S-Sgt. Levine who, with the help of three men, had just finished closing his barracks bag. Said he, "Well I got every thing in the bag except my shelter half, tent poles and pins, haversack, bedding . . . and etc. for five minutes". Earlier that morning C.O. Lt. John C. Noel Jr., had announced that we would betake ourselves from the well known atmosphere and attachments of Leonberg out into the fresh open spaces of Solitude, some 6 kilometres Stuttgartward. "A brief twenty minute walk", he said with a wry twist. After trudging uphill for about an hour and a half, most of the men were pretty sure there had been a wry twist somewhere.

The move was undertaken because of inadequate kitchen facilities to handle the influx of new personnel into the Company. The new kitchen facilities are far superior to those in the old location. Pfc. Walker, one of the unfortunate K.P.'s on Saturday, had just stacked the 132nd chair on the 22nd table of our new mess hall. His comment, "Hell, we could handle two companies here."

Pfc. "Muscles" Wiegert is always figuring the angles and moving day was no exception. We were all staggering along under the weight of our barracks bags — something like three hundred pounds at a rough guess. Suddenly Wiegert passes us walking nonchalantly along with two packs of chewing gum held out tantalizingly in his left hand chortling "Kawm, Kawm". The barracks bar followed him upheld by eight small

Achin' Backs

Dear Editor,

We've been in this area for about two months and I'm still waiting to take a decent hot shower. So far when we've wanted to bathe we've had to grub around to find a house with a bath tub in it and then grub some more to find some wood to heat water. I think we've been here long enough for something to have been done about the situation. It would seem that some of the factories in Leonberg would have a room large enough to install several shower heads.

Dirty Pfc.

Editor Battalion Paper,

We have been warned several times lately not to travel alone after dark because of the possibility that local civilians might gang up on a lone soldier. I believe that if we were allowed to carry captured enemy weapons we would feel a lot safer and any krauts that had hostile ideas in their heads would think twice about attacking an armed soldier.

Lone Traveler

Observer,

While the second bn sits rotting in Leonberg the other battalions of the regiment are enjoying the occupational luxuries of Stuttgart — Red Cross, movies, operas, USO shows, night clubs, beautiful women, and good transportation.

While we sit rotting, the trucks in the motor pool sit rotting likewise. Lets get some action to remedy the situation and lighten the burden of this monotonous life.

Pfc. Schmitt Hq Co. and 10 others.





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Tech. Sergeant Frank A. Outslay has replaced First Sergeant Stanley Leach as topkick of Easy Company since Sgt. Leach was transferred Tuesday with seven other Easy Company men to the 447th Anti-aircraft Battalion for return to the United States. Qualifying for an early trip home and possible discharge with 71 or more points, the eight men will remain with their new outfit, currently stationed near Stuttgart, until it has been filled with high-pointers ready for shipment to the U.S.

Transferred with 1st Sgt. Leach were S-Sgts. Lorin Harrison and Stanley Stetz, Sgt. George Walters, and Pfc. Edmund Rebello, Nicholas Herres, Owen Bullock, and Virgil Braden.

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Arriving overseas in June 1943 as a replacement to the 830th Aviation Engineer Battalion, Warner thinks he's due for a trip home. He's so certain of it, in fact, that he's told his wife to keep his Christmas gifts in Indiana; he'll unwrap them there, he says. Meanwhile his draft board, refusing to induct more men, is keeping him in Germany. And that's what makes him mad.

Assigned to E Company last April, the indignant Pfc. missed the latest homeward shipment by one point. Warner refuses to make comment. "You couldn't print what I have to say," he admonished.

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While There's Life There's Hope

For those who lack about five points for a boat ride, we offer this bit of comfort. A representative of the personnel office called 7th Army for information about the third battle star and was told that as yet it had neither been approved nor disapproved. Rumor had the third star both in and out of the point score. Officially, the above information is correct.

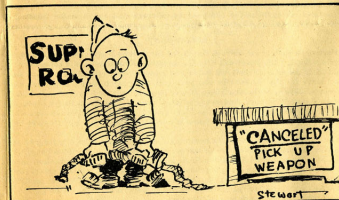
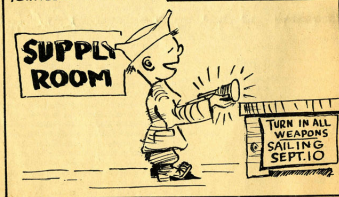


"My school!"

Seat of Learning

G. I. version of the little red school house with a German accent. Building pictured above is the site of the AEP class rooms in Leonberg. It was intended that the major part of the theoretical work be done here with the practical study in auto mechanics moving over to the motor pool. There are several class rooms in another AEP building in Eltingen.

POINTLESS POTTER





E Company

E Company today is swarming with men, and if points have anything to do with it some of them will be here for a long time. Arrival last week of 58 low pointers from the Sixty-third Division raises Easy Company's enlisted strength to 251, and sets a record that hasn't been equalled since the company's activation in 1942. Low man in the new contingent is Pfc. Naaman W. Hurst, who has eight points. S-Sgt. Michael Stocklos is luckiest — he has 53.

Already assigned to platoons, the new men are having trouble finding a place to sleep. Four houses have been requisitioned, but nobody yet has found room for somebambulism. Easy Company's harried CP hopes the enlisted strength may approach the 186 allowed by the T-0 as further transfers are effected, but until the Critical Score has been lowered and points tabulated to V-J Day, Ditzingen streets will be crowded. Old Easy men feel pretty good about it, though: KP won't come around so often. Of the new men, 45 are privates and pfcs.

Hq Company

In addition to getting a share of the men from the 63rd Division, Hq Company has a new CO, Lt. Stanley C. Telser, formerly of E Company. The men who left Saturday to go home on points are now stationed in Stuttgart, probably waiting for the rest of the group who are expected to transfer out Tuesday. One of the men who transferred out Saturday left the men of the company what he claims is a sure way to avoid VD. His theory is that since sixty percent of the frauleins are supposed to have it, you just let the first six go by and any one of the next four is OK. Could be, but suppose you lose count? Sgts. Jackson and "Stuff" Dexter, with Pfcs Benck, Casados, Melnick and Pieri, are sweating Tuesday out hoping that nothing will come up to prevent them from joining T-4 Barnes, T-5 Becherer, and Pfc. Olsen, who are already members of the 447th AA Bn. and ticketed for home.

F Company

1st Sgt. Bradfield finally got away toward a home bound outfit this week. He had been sweating out the move for a couple of weeks and had been disappointed twice. The third try, plus eighty points, finally paid off. Another of the Companies' old timers, T-Sgt. Brady, is walking around feeling pretty good these days. He has every hope of joining Bradfield later in the week.

S-Sgt. Milkey and Pfc.'s Hughes, Erickson and Ford attended instructor's schools this week. Hughes states that he is beginning to feel like a professor already but his friends claim that they are afraid they don't notice any difference.

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Geraldine



This is the reason why S-Sgt.

Pete Graziano is anxious to

get back to Jersey. Geraldine

says she hasn't changed a bit.

If you have any pictures that

might make some more of the

boys homesick send them to

the Observer. We promise to

return them in good "shape".

OUR MISS SGT'S WIFE. POOR GIRL!

G Challenges

G Company's newly organized softball team has issued a challenge to all comers. The "Georgians" feel that they will be able to put on some good games at Ditzingen's version of the Yankee Stadium.

Gripe Column

If there are any pet gripes in your mind, send them in and we will open up a column devoted to the ancient army sport. We will accept anonymous letters, but prefer stuff we can identify.



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G Company

There is a lot of activity around G Company as we find ourselves preparing for a long winter in Germany. The Transition from "show down" inspections of a week ago to school days in Ditzingen is a difficult one. All reason seems to indicate that now, more than ever, we should be studying how to prevent sea sickness rather than how to take a radio apart.

G Company makes history this week with the first issue of GEORGE SPEAKS, the first, and we believe the only company newspaper within the Regiment. The paper is to be published weekly by a staff composed of representatives of each platoon. It serves as a refresher course for these men interested in Journalism and as a medium of expression for the company.

Although sports retains its place as the favorite spot on the training schedule, the men in G company are beginning to talk more and more of the new I & E program as the time for class instruction draws near. Instructors are beginning to wish they hadn't agreed to teach, and brave combat men are leary of their powers of concentration after two to three years of stepping off with the left foot.

That cold sweat, that is prevalent just before the battle, is present in one form or another throughout the company as rifleman and squad leader await the arrival of texts to start classes Monday.

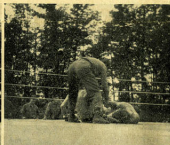
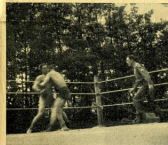
H Company

Parting is such sweet sorrow. Sweet for the fellows leaving, sorrow for those staying. During the past week first Lt. Raymond Koons and Tec 4 Joseph Orsak paid their respects to their old outfit and joined other organizations which will soon leave for the states. Our company will miss seven more "hopefuls" who expect to leave very shortly. These "Eager Beavers" are 1st Sgt. Walter S. Lorek, S-Sgt. George "Skinny" Anderson, S-Sgt. Charles Carr, Tec. 5 Ralph Muscato, Pfc. Marvin Hattberg, Pfc. George Martin, and Pvt. Joseph Idzik. We send with you all our best wishes and hope you don't get that "queer" feeling below the belt aboard ship . . . So long Gang.

Cpl. Dickinson, who heads the company Ping Pong team is hoping for a better score in his next matches. In their last set of games they had anything but a field day. Regt Hq taking all five of the single and both double games. The show must go on, so Cpl. Dickinson is hoping the team shows their old form and comes back strong. Tec. 5 Lombardi, S-Sgt. James Bucanuso, Pfc. Marshall Moran, and Pfc. Paul Hodgkins have been practicing daily to try and overcome the loss of Tec. 4 Joe Orsak, who was the spark plug of the team.

to put on some good games at Ditzingen's version of the Yankee Stadium.

accept anonymous letters, but prefer stuff we can identify.



Action in Summer Olympic Boxing Matches held in Stuttgart Saturday.

Sports Items

Ping Pong

On Monday, September 3rd, the Regimental Ping Pong tournament was ushered in by a match between the 2nd Battalion experts and a team from 3rd Battalion. Although The 2nd Battalion Number 1 man has been lost to the point system, the balance of the team, according to Special Service, should make a good showing.

Soft Ball

Spurred on by the promise of a Paris Pass, the second place 2nd Battalion Soft Ball team will make its bid for the championship in the remaining two scheduled games. The 2nd Battalion team trails the league leading 1st Bn. by one game.

Standings

	G	W	L	Pc
1st Bn.	6	5	1	.833
2nd Bn.	6	4	2	.667
3rd Bn.	6	4	2	.667
4th Bn.	7	2	5	.286

Fight Victories Make 2d Bn Summer Olympic Champs

With victories in all but one of the contests in Saturday's Summer Olympic Boxing Bouts, the second battalion assumed themselves of the top spot in the Summer Olympic competition. The final event raised the battalion Olympic point total to 121, 48 points better than the runner up 3rd Battalion.

In a close contest Cattannacci of the second battalion, who weighed in at 154, defeated Ewing of the first battalion, 158 pounds, by a two to one decision of the judges. Cattannacci finished fast and had Ewing on the floor with a four count at the final bell.

Bussiere of H Co., started slowly against Starkie's (1st Bn.) unorthodox stance, but late in the second round, found an opening and coasted through to a two to one decision. Starkie had a hard-to-solve crablike stance that seemed to be a fairly good defense through the first and part of the second rounds.

Second Battalion's only loser of the day was Pappas of G Co., who went down to Forezzi's (3rd Bn.) superior weight in one of the best bouts on the card. Pappas started at 139 pounds, Forezzi at 145.