

# THE RED BULL BULLETIN

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## 34th's "Outstanding Soldier" Receives Lieutenant's Bar from Gen. Truscott

GARDONE, Italy--August 2, 1945, will undoubtedly be remembered as the red letter day in the brilliant military career of 2nd Lt. William H. Eastland of Co B, 133 Inf.

At a banquet tendered in his honor by Lt Gen Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., in the ornate dining room of the Generals' and Colonels' Club on Lake Garda, Lt Eastland was pronounced the "outstanding soldier" in the 34th Division, presented a handsome gold wrist watch for attaining that honor and, last but not least, commissioned a 2nd Lt from the rank of T-Sgt, by Gen Truscott.

Four other soldiers from the 85th, 88th, 91st and 92nd Divisions were also presented wrist watches for being selected the outstanding soldiers in their respective units. The sixth prize winner, representing the 10th Mt Division, was unable to attend the ceremony.

The watches, gifts of a distinguished Swiss watchmaking concern, were presented to Gen Truscott, who in turn was requested to award them to the "most deserv-

ing men in appreciation of the exploits of your great Army."

In a touching pre-ceremony talk, Gen Truscott lauded the men of the fighting 5th Army for their countless deeds of valor on the blood-stained battlefields of Italy.

"I propose a toast to these fine Americans who hated war but who have proved themselves the finest soldiers in the world," the General said.

Gen Truscott then paid tribute to the "great" 34th Division, stating that "I knew the division in Ireland long before other units came overseas. I knew it in the troublesome days of North Africa, the troublesome days in southern Italy, Anzio, Cassino and in its days of great victories in the Po Valley campaign. I am mighty proud of the 34th."

Maj Gen Charles L. Bolte, Commanding General of the 34th Division, accepted the watch from Gen Truscott in behalf of Eastland and, before he in turn presented it to him, stated that Eastland "as a 21-year-old has seen more action

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## Rain Holds Up Decisive Game For Division Baseball Title

Old man Pluvius stepped in and interrupted the Division baseball double elimination championship tournament.

The 1st Bn of 168 Inf and the 34th Recon are the finalists. Three successive days of rain made the diamond a miniature lake, and the final game was still to be played as the "Red Bulletin" went to press. In a last minute decision, the playoff contest was scheduled for Florence. Both teams left for that city on Thursday, August 9th.

## ALLEN JONES HERE SUNDAY

### USO Show Includes Irene Hervey

The Keith circuit has nothing on the "Red Bull" Division. Another big time show arrives tomorrow for a one-day stand in the division area. Stars of the new offering are Cinemactor Allen Jones and his beautiful wife, Irene Hervey.

Following on the heels of the Andrews Sisters, the pace changes from hot to heavy. Noted for his movie and stage renditions of the light classics, Allen made "The Donkey Serenade" famous.

His wife, who is equally famous as a singing star of the stage and screen "emcees" the show. But the program's not just for long hairs. Many of the songs will be standard classics. Allen and Irene are augmented by a fine array of other talent. The regular Jones troupe includes George Mann, comedian, and Malcolm Magnante, pianist.

In addition to these performers, the "Music Call" USO offering, which was scheduled to play the Division for 8 days, has joined forces with Jones. This combination adds three more versatile entertainers to the program. They include Nick Veilaney, concert master of the squeeze box, James Jamerson, a mimic, and lovely Joan Brooks, singer.

If the group arrives in time, tomorrow, there will be two shows, one in the afternoon, the other at night. Both shows will be in the division area in Cividale, and transportation will be furnished from all units.

Allen Jones, who has starred in many singing pictures, has two currently playing in the States. Both should arrive here soon. They are "Honeymoon Ahead" and "Senorita from the West".

In their first meeting an unbeaten 168 Inf team succumbed to a fast moving nine from the 34th Recon to the tune of 7-4. There was plenty of action in the semi-final game, with a total of 16 hits and 3 errors chalked up by the contestants.

Joe Trotta, flashy shortstop of the Recons, was easily the outstanding player of the day. With a total of 3 hits out of 4 chances at bat, registering a triple, single and a double, he spark-plugged his team to victory, and another chance at the title. A loss by the Recons would have eliminated them.

The first game in the 5th Army playoffs will be played on the 12th of August with an as yet unnamed Division in Florence. The winner of the Army finals will then face the 12th Air Force team to determine the Group championship. There are four groups and the group winners will battle it out for the Theater crown.

## Long and Short of It!



Presenting! Honest, we're only kidding. Our mascot isn't going to box "Da Freeman", but there are a few brave GIs who will face him on August 19th. They're training now, and praying, too.

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#### T. S. For You!

Happy Birthday to us! Yep, we have a birthday today...sweet sixteen! You didn't know it dear reader, but this is the sixteenth week that you have been subjected to "Bull Strictly". Let's go out and interview our great host of readers...all three of them!

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#### This is your birthday!

"Ah, here's Pvt Joe Blowhard! I am the editor of "Bull Strictly". How do you like.....put that gun down!"

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#### The Editor Hissed!

Here's a nice looking guy! At least he's smaller than the editor. "What's that you say? It's a good thing that the "Bulletin" is issued free. Soldier, flattery will get you nowhere!"

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#### Sweet Sixteen!

"I remember your first column well. We opened the paper in the tent, and three men put their shoes back on."

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#### And Never Been Missed!

We must have one friend! Ah, here's Guiseppi Giovanni Rosetti Spaghetti. "Hey, Guisi! Here's a couple of packs of cigarettes. How do you like "Bull Strictly"?... What! You don't want the cigarettes?!"

#### Home, Sweet Home!

Our new quarters aren't exactly lavish, but if the pigs are willing to share their barn with us, who are we to complain?

This barn is really centrally located, too! An open door faces the sun in the morning and afternoon, and the two rear windows catch the final rays in the evening. All of which provides us with a "sizzling" atmosphere!

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#### Good Neighbors!

The neighboring flies are quite friendly, and join us at breakfast each morning. In the evenings however, they bring their relatives, the mosquitos, to share the feast. And sometimes they all remain overnight, sleeping in our beds. Oh, this wonderful outdoor life!

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#### Honest Injun!

But don't misunderstand us! We love the great outdoors... looking out from the inside!

#### PRIVATE'S WORLD

I started out in Glasgow,  
The city of the Scots,  
Then England and its gardens  
With little flower pots!

Across the English Channel,  
To France, "la belle", oui, oui!  
I learned to speak the language,  
As anyone can see.

They on to dear Italia,  
The land that's always "sunny",  
(I never understood "that joke"  
I do not think it's funny!)

Now that I've seen the world,  
I want no more to roam,  
So, please sir, Gen. Marshall  
Please let me go home!

—Pfc Richard Alpert  
135 Inf

#### "BULL" BRUMMEL



MOODY FIELD GA

"It's gonna take time to get used to things, Mom."

#### MOVIE FARE

##### WONDERMAN

Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo  
**BREWSTER'S MILLIONS**

Dennis O'Keefe, Helen Walker

##### NATIONAL VELVET

Mickey Rooney, Jackie Jenkins

##### IT'S A PLEASURE

Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea

##### ESCAPE IN THE DESERT

Jean Sullivan, Zachary Scott

##### PATRICK THE GREAT

Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan

##### THE VALLEY OF DECISION

Greer Garson, Gregory Peck

##### TOGETHER AGAIN

Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer

#### Division CP (1930)

Together Again—Sun., Aug. 12  
Escape in the Desert—Tues., Aug. 14

Patrick the Great—Thurs., Aug. 16  
Valley of Decision—Sat., Aug. 18

#### Ren. Trp. and 34 QM (2200)

It's a Pleasure—Sat., Aug. 11  
Together Again—Mon., Aug. 13  
Escape in the Desert—Wed., Aug. 15  
Patrick the Great—Fri., Aug. 17

#### Civiale Theater (2100)

National Velvet—Sat., Aug. 11  
Escape in the Desert—Sun., Mon., Aug. 12, 13  
Together Again—Tues., Wed., Aug. 14, 15  
Valley of Decision—Thurs., Fri., Aug. 16, 17

Patrick the Great—Sat., Aug. 18  
Div. Arty. (1900) 125, 151, 185  
FA (2200)

It's a Pleasure—Sun., Aug. 12  
National Velvet—Tues., Aug. 14  
Wonderman—Thurs., Aug. 16  
Brewster's Millions—Sat., Aug. 18

#### 175 FA Bn. (2200)

Together Again—Sat., Aug. 11  
It's a Pleasure—Mon., Aug. 13

#### 175 FA (cont.)

National Velvet—Wed., Aug. 15  
Wonderman—Fri., Aug. 17

#### 133 Inf.

Escape in the Desert—Sat., Aug. 11

National Velvet—Sun., Mon., Aug. 12, 13

It's a Pleasure—Tues., Wed., Aug. 14, 15

Brewster's Millions—Thurs., Fri., Aug. 16, 17

Wonderman—Sat., Aug. 11

#### 135 Inf.

Wonderman and Brewster's Millions—Sat., Aug. 11

Patrick the Great and Valley of Decision—Sun., Aug. 12 thru Wed., Aug. 15

National Velvet; It's a Pleasure—Thurs., Aug. 16 thru Sun., Aug. 19

#### 168 Inf.

Patrick the Great and Valley of Decision—Sat., Aug. 11

Wonderman and Brewster's Millions—Sun., Aug. 12 thru Wed., Aug. 15

Together Again and Escape in the Desert—Thurs., Aug. 16 thru Sun., Aug. 19



Big news this week is the arrival of Allen Jones. His show was combined with "Music Call", which was originally billed to play the Division for eight days. We hate to lose the longer schedule of this latter trio of entertainers, but the "big name" show pretty well compensates for the loss.

Speaking of shows . . . we hope you got to see Bruno's gorgeous gals in "Symphony in White". Originally scheduled for a two-day stand in the Cividale theater, the British sponsored musical was held over for five because of the GI demand.

The night we saw it, the show got a big hand from the soldier-audience. It deserved it. Although the cast was all-Italian, and the production a little amateurish in spots in comparison with a Broadway production, nevertheless it was one of the best pieces of entertainment to hit the division.

The jokes, even in Italian, went over with a bang. Hit of the show was a trio reminiscent of the Ritz Brothers. With patter in English they would rate a spot in any big-time American production.

A number of units are working on shows. If your outfit is inter-

ested in the grease-paint circuit, the Division Special Service has a number of skits available. They include comedies, musicals and what-have-you. Amateur shows are also recommended for smaller units. And by the way, if you have talent . . . if you sing, dance, or pull bunnies out of top hats, contact Special Service. They need talent of all kinds.

The most widely-heralded picture of the year is on the way. "GI Joe", the movie epic based on the book by the late Ernie Pyle, will play the division within the next few days.

The Red Cross girls will soon be dishing out the sinkers and java to the tune of a hot, six-piece jive combination. The jive and java combo will tour all the units; and should hit your outfit about once a week.

Just a reminder to GI Operadicts. The open air opera season in Gradisca, sponsored by the British 56th Div is well under way. If you'd like to go, the prices are reasonable and the music is good. The opera company is the world famed La Scala, of Milan. Here are the operas and dates they play: Traviata—Aug. 11, 13, 16 and 24; Turandot—Aug. 12; Rigoletto—Aug. 15, 17, 19 and 22. A double program of Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci will play Aug. 18 and 21; Tosca—Aug. 23, 25 and 29. Aug. 26 and 28 will be request programs. Symphony concerts will be presented the nights of Aug. 30 and 31.

BULLETIN BEAUTY . . .



US Offerings seem to present our photographers with beaucoup subject matter . . . and such subject matter! As if you didn't know, she's lovely Jinx Falkenberg. The tent, in case you're interested, belongs to an unidentified jeep driver who happened to live near the theater.

Photo by Hanna

"Hot" Singing Turns Rain To Steam



Wet, but not out! La Verne, Patty and Maxine Andrews, with their accompanist Milt Raskin, "Singing in the Rain" at their "Red Bull" Premiere.

Salvaged German Parts Help "Keep 'Em Rolling" in 135 Inf Motor Pool

Thanks to the Germans, the 135 Inf is still "Keeping 'em rolling!" Italy no longer has a priority on motor supplies and many vital parts are unavailable. But that doesn't stop the maintenance crews! Using German-made lock washers, bolts and cotter keys, they are keeping the jeeps and trucks in good working order.

General Lauds Chow

If S-Sgt. Bernard W. Schreier is strutting a little these days, you can't blame him!

Sgt. Schreier, a mess Sgt. in Co. B, 135 Inf., is the proud owner of a letter of commendation from the Commanding General of the 91st Infantry Division.

Brig. Gen. Ralph Hospital was driving through the sector where Co. B was stationed, and he stopped at the company for chow. He was so impressed with the meal, and the manner in which it was served, that he wrote a letter to Sgt. Schreier in which he expressed his appreciation.

"Sgt. Schreier was most gracious, thoughtful, and generous. He served a delicious meal, and he was pleased to do it," Gen. Hospital said.

T-4 Norbert W. Fournie, Maintenance Sergeant for the Headquarters Company motor pool, spoke of other difficulties.

"Drivers had to be salvaged from kitchens and rifle companies, just the way we salvaged our jeeps."

One particular vehicle—almost a total wreck—was completely overhauled. Every knock was eliminated, each part was checked and rechecked until, within a few weeks, the jeep was the "smoothest" in the Regiment.

In spite of increased difficulties as each month passes, the maintenance crews are really doing a great job. As Pfc James C. Broach of the 1st Bn motor pool put it: "Italy has always been down at the bottom of the list for getting supplies—sort of like a stepchild. With the war over, it's even worse. But the maintenance crews have a job to do, and if it's at all possible, they'll come through with flying colors."

The 1st Bn won the ball game - Florence 10 vs they are the 34 Div champs.

### GI'S THROW PARTY FOR ITALIAN KIDS

Forty happy, chattering children of Cividale and vicinity shouted their enthusiastic approval of American candy and ice cream at a "party for the kids", held August 8 in Cividale at the EM Red Cross Club.

The party, one in a series of joint American-Italian programs that is being conducted in Cividale, was sponsored by the EM of Div Hq and Signal Co.

The candy and ice cream were donated by the personnel of these organizations.

The children played "Bingo", and were entertained by the "5 Notes", a GI variety band, and the antics of magician Bill Faust.

The mayor of Cividale attended as honorary guest, and a reception committee of EM were the official greeters. The Commanding General and members of his staff were among the interested spectators.

The mayor of Cividale, in behalf of the children, thanked the Commanding General. The General replied, "Don't thank me. Thank the EM of the Division, because it was their doing and done of their own accord."

The mayor in a speech to the civilians present at the party said that the people of Cividale will always remember this sincere and positive expression of friendship. He continued, "Our concerted actions will bring the Italians and

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than many of us in a generation. He is an outstanding leader of men and the unanimous choice of enlisted men for the award he is about to receive."

A few minutes later, in a climactic announcement, Gen Truscott summoned Eastland to his table and read an order commissioning him a Second Lieutenant.

Lt Eastland, son of Mr. Joseph Eastland of Pittsfield, Mass., has been in the service 26 months and a member of the 133 Inf's 1st "Iron Man" Bn since January 14, 1944. He holds the DSC, the nation's second highest military award and the Bronze Star Medal. He was Baker Company's first choice when all units of the division were directed to submit the names of their outstanding soldiers. Later he was selected the best in his battalion and regiment by a committee of officers and was finally declared "outstanding" by the division's special board.

the Americans to a closer understanding in the present and in the future."

On August 5, a dance band concert was presented by the Division band for the civilians of Cividale and the men of the 34th Division. The success of the concert guarantees many future appearances of the band in the town square of Cividale.

### Fifty Dollars in Prizes Offered For Best Rifle and Carbine Marksmen in 135 Inf

Col John M. Breit, in an effort to encourage improved rifle marksmanship throughout the 135 Inf, announced this week that he will present \$50 in prizes to the three men who attain the highest scores in the regimental rifle marksmanship competition, scheduled to begin soon.

In a letter addressed to all the units under his command, the Colonel advised riflemen to "start squeezing off a few dry shots now."

The prize money will be awarded as follows: \$25 to the high

score man in the regiment; \$15 to the runner-up, and \$10 to the man who is third best.

Company commanders will also provide individual prizes for various feats of rifle accuracy within the smaller units.

A known-distance range is being built southwest of Udine, and is expected to be ready for use this coming week. Targets have been set up at 200 and 300 yard distances.

Col Breit announced that every weapon in the regiment will be fired during this range season.

### Both Good... Which Is Better?



The Infantry's representative in the baseball finals: 1st Bn 168th Inf. Loss of their last contest made additional game necessary. From left to right, first row: Roy Thompson, Charlie Robinson, Robert Brown, Albert Ziajor, Mike Ponente, Francis McHarg.

Second row: Michael Graziano, Delbert Smith, Louis Dukett, Arthur Dube, Charles Baker, Henry La Housse, Harold Allen.

Third row: Elroy Majewski, William Bame, Joe Fleming, Frank Matus.



34th Recon Team. Their last minute win sent them to Florence in the Division baseball finals. From left to right, front row: Loren Graham, John Yorkison, Joseph Trotta, George Graham, Leonard Jewell, Audrey Williams, Harry Lizotte.

Second row: Richard Carbaugh, Edwin Kubler, Gilbert Pettlon, Joseph Rubeek, Harry Mixon, Sam Vellardita.

Third row: Norman Ward, Ted Bieze, Joe Stacki, Raymond Hart.

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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### Global Strategy—So Round; So Firm . . .