

# THE RED BULLETIN

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## 135th Inf. Regt. Wins 1,000th Award

### GEN. KEYES SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, II Corps commander, wrote the following letter to the 34th Division after reading the first issue of THE RED BULLETIN:

"1. I have received the preview copy of the first issue of your division newspaper. It is well composed and broad in its coverage of the division's interests and activities.

"2. Particularly praiseworthy is the prominence given items concerning individuals and the smaller units. Dissemination of items of inter-unit interest and accomplishments of "Red Bull" men should do much to maintain high morale and esprit de corps in your command.

"3. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Editorial Staff of the "Red Bulletin" on the success of the first issue and express my best wishes for a marked future success for your splendid publication.

GEOFFREY KEYES,  
Major General, USA,  
Commanding."

### Three 109th Medics Appointed 2nd Lts.

Three men of the 109th Med. Bn. have exchanged chevrons for the gold bars of a second lieutenant. The three, Cecil L. Bryant, formerly a technical sergeant in Hq. Det.; James R. Vanderhoof, a sergeant in Co. B, and Jens Sahl, Jr., technician third grade, also of Co. B, received direct appointments in the Medical Administrative Corps.

Lt. Bryant has been assigned to a PBS ambulance unit, Lt. Vanderhoof to 168th Inf. Regt. and Lt. Sahl to a Fifth Army ambulance unit.

Co. A, 109th Engr. Bn., recently extracted 8,000 pounds of Kraut cratering charges out of a one-half kilometer stretch of Highway 65, north of Loiano.



2nd Lt. Donald Albertson, Co. A, 135th Inf. Regt., receives the 135th Infantry's 1,000th major award—the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action in Italy—from Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Division commander.

### 133RD MEN LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR

Three 34th Division men were recently luncheon guests of Mr. Alexander Kirk, American ambassador to Italy, at a world famous palace. The three are: Pfc. Frederick Wayland, T-Sgt. John F. Weidler and 1st Sgt. Harry T. Mercier, Jr. All are members of the 1st "Iron-Man" Bn., 133rd Inf. Regt.

Luncheon was served in the palace's 16th century drawing room, the ceiling of which was enhanced by a 300-year-old fresco. The food, though strictly G. I., was excellently prepared and Mr. Kirk served cocktails to add to the occasion.

After the luncheon, the guests were served coffee and brandy in a small library adjoining the drawing room and chatted about home with the American ambassador.

"Mr. Kirk proved a most gracious host during those three wonderful hours," Pfc. Wayland said. "He seems to know our problems better than any civilian. He's what we call an 'Alright Joe'."

### Good Conduct Medals To Be Issued 11,201

Good Conduct Medals—11,201 of them—have been issued to units by Lt. Col. Dee M. White, Adjutant General, 34th Division, for distribution to men of the Division who have earned them.

The medals are bronze with an engraving of the American eagle perched on the sword and the Book. The inscription, "Efficiency, Honor, Fidelity," appears on the face. The reverse side has "For Good Conduct" engraved on it.

The familiar white-striped red ribbon completes the medal.

### Baked For Roosevelt

S-Sgt. John R. Calisesi, who baked pastries for President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill during their first meeting in North Africa, is now making cakes, pies and cookies for 34th Division men returning to combat duty from hospitals. He is a member of the 34th Division Reception Center cadre.

### Medal Goes To Lt. Albertson

The 1,000th decoration awarded a member of the 135th Infantry was presented at a recent ceremony by Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Inf. Div. commander. This figure does not include Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badges and Good Conduct Medals.

Forty-two officers and enlisted men of the 135th received awards. The 1000th award, a Silver Star, went to 2nd Lt. Donald Albertson, Co. A, for gallantry in action when he rescued two men who had been wounded by enemy machinegun fire. A staff sergeant at the time, he later was commissioned on the battlefield.

Gen. Bolte also presented Silver Stars to S-Sgt. Harold A. Evans, Co. A; S-Sgt. Woodrow W. Julian and T-5 Raymond E. Miller, Co. G; 1st Lt. Ambrose J. Briscoe and Sgt. Walter A. Casey, Jr., Co. H; S-Sgt. Emil O. Frohm, Co. K; 1st

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### 168th Pfc. Saves Lives of 2 Men

While accompanying a combat patrol into enemy territory recently, Pvt. Jeff Davis, Co. A, 168th Inf. Regt., saw his platoon leader wounded when he stepped on an enemy mine. Though the explosion alerted the enemy to open up with machinegun, rifle and mortar fire, which pinned down the patrol, Jeff worked his way to the officer and rescued him.

Noting that his platoon leader was badly wounded, Jeff picked him up and carried him several hundred yards to the rear where he could be evacuated.

A few days before this action, Jeff succeeded in beating-out a fire on his foxhole comrade, when the latter caught fire from the explosion of a portable stove on which the men were preparing their meal. Jeff took the burned man to the aid station for treatment and evacuation, refusing to be evacuated himself though his hands were burned.

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## "RED RHINE"

In the past few weeks we have been hearing a lot about the Rhine river—about how difficult it was to cross.

Now, let's stop right here for awhile and look into the dark waters rapidly flowing between its banks. What about the Rhine?

*The Rhine was a military obstacle for the Allied Armies to cross in order to reach the heart of the German Reich.*

This river is one of the most picturesque rivers in the world and ranges in breadth from 500 to 1,600 feet. Its direct course is about 460 miles—its indirect course is about 850 miles.

### GENERATES POWER

Rising in Switzerland, it flows into Lake Constance and by the time it reaches Basel, the current is strong enough to generate hydro-electric power.

At Mainz, where General Patton's 3rd Army crossed, the Rhine is joined by one of its chief tributaries, the Main. Here it changes its course to the west and commences its passage through the famous Rhine gorge, with two mountainous blocks of rock flanking the river on either side.

### BLOODY RHINE

*This beautiful gorge extends from Mainz to Bonn and this part of the river is known as the "romantic Rhine", but today it could be called the "bloody Rhine" as its waters ran red with the blood spilled by our boys while forcing the first Allied crossing of the Rhine in this war.*

The most important city in this stretch of the river is Koblenz (now in Allied hands), where the Moselle joins the Rhine.

Without the Rhine and its tributaries with their resources, industries and culture, a Prussian-dominated Germany could never have become a menace to the world.

### FOUGHT ALONG BANKS

For hundreds of years this great stream has been the scene of great events in the history of the world. Caesar, Attila, Charlemagne, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Foch

## Prayer For The Week

Our God and Father, come into our hearts and minds. Make us feel Thy presence day by day. Lend us Thy courage when we would be afraid. Give us Thy strength when our weakness exhausts us. As temptation overtakes us, remind us of Thy love and Thy law. In our Redeemer's Name, we pray. Amen.

—Warren R. Hall, Jr.  
Chaplain (Maj.)  
Spec. Trps., 34th Inf. Div.

and Pershing are some of the names in the long list of warriors who have fought along its banks for control of this great water highway.

*And now another illustrious warrior, the American G. I., has added his name to this list and we all hope and pray that it will be the last.*

—I. and E.

## No Word From Her

By Pfc. Walter J. Mikulak  
34th Signal Co.

No word from her—there is no sun—and when  
The heat of battle puts all thought to flight  
I live in darkness—just to kill—but then  
Black madness passes—and I grope for light.

What can I write when she's been silent long;  
I dream of Woman; and it is her face  
That haunts me endlessly. I must be strong  
To conquer Doubt and Foe in this mad race.

No word from her—again there come the fears  
That horrid ills have kept her in their clutch.  
The tide of battle wanes—I've time for tears  
No word, no love—no token new to touch.

When last I slept—God! That was long ago  
I dreamed of her. Is thought and word so pale  
That I can't bridge the gap to let her know  
Her words oft drew me from the deeps of Hell?

Doubt rears its head—is she my destined mate  
For whom I'll battle to the distant stars,  
Or did my marching to the hymn of hate  
Ensnare my loins—begat a son for Mars?

Flesh of my flesh—blood of my blood—I rave  
For him alone cold reason makes a stand.  
My sanity, my life—I'll strive to save;  
I lift in silent prayer a shaking hand.

## Combat Medic Badge

The men of the 1st Bn., 135th Inf. Regt., unanimously applauded the recent act of Congress awarding the Medics their own combat badge... The average G. I. says, "It's about time the medics received some recognition."

T-5 Bill Bornstein  
Unit Correspondent

## To Get New Assignment

1st Sgt. Paul Ramage, formerly of Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 168th Inf. Regt., is spending part of his 21 day leave at Lake Placid, N. Y., before going to a new assignment.

—Pvt. Walter A. Heltke  
Unit Correspondent

## BULL, STRICTLY!

*Strange*  
The crazy Kraut fights hard and well  
To win himself a place in Hell  
\* \* \*

*Recommended*  
"CP or Not CP?" in the February, 1945, Infantry Journal. Fun in fact... Fresh eggs... Hot showers and clothing exchanges... Bill Mauldin's cartoons in Stars and Stripes. As if you didn't know! Beer rations... The United States Armed Forces Institute courses. Learn while you yearn for home... War news these days!  
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*Short Rounds*  
Infantrymen ought to have a place at the peace table. It's a cinch they won't walk out on the proceedings.  
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Germans are generally big eaters. They won't like it when we start slicing Bologna thin!  
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Wherever they go, American soldiers acquire pets—dogs, monkeys, rabbits, to name a few. They got Hitler's goat some time ago!  
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They're certainly going to town on the eastern, western and Pacific fronts. Fair-sized towns, too—Berlin and Tokyo!  
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*Dugout Ditty*  
Highly incredible:  
"C's" are edible!

—Pvt. Joseph Hoffmann  
133rd Inf. Regt.

Contributions to this column are very welcome. Send in poetry or prose—humorous or serious—that is terse and timely. Include your name and organization, so that we can print them too.

## FRESH FROM THE FRONT

By Lipsky



Cartoon by Pfc. Jerome Lipsky, Co. H, 135th Inf. Regt.

# 168th Inf. Regt. Lt. Kills 1 Nazi, Wounds 1

## Win Frontline Softball Series

In a sizzling softball series played recently in the 133rd Inf. Regt's area, the officers' team of the 2nd Bn. Hq. Co. bested the Hq. Co. enlisted men in two out of three games.

S-Sgt. Kermit Berg underhanded the EMs to a 2-1 decision in the inaugural, but the "Brass Hats", with Lt. Louls Provino on the mound, knbtted the series two days later with a 6-5 victory.

In the "crucial" contest, played before a capacity crowd which included Col. Walden S. Lewis, 133rd regimental commander, Lt. Provino outpitched 1st Sgt. Robert Lange to squeeze out a 2-1 clincher. The regimental band was present to add color--and music--to the gala front-line series.

Fielding gems were turned in by outfielder (Cpl.) Wesley Edwards and shortstop (Lt.) John Decker.

## Wins 1,000th Award

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Lt. Robert G. Davis, Hq., 1st Bn., and Pfc. Albert E. Driver, 3rd Bn., Med. Det.

The Soldiers' Medal was presented to Pfc. Cecil L. Setlif, Co. L. Two men received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star, Pfc. Harry R. Harper, Cn. Co., and T-5 Wayne Lloyd, Jr., Med. Det.

Bronze Stars were awarded to the following: S-Sgt. Lionel J. Nadeau and Pfc. Howard G. Aiken, Co. A; S-Sgt. Fred H. Young and Pfc. Robert T. Thompson, Co. C; 1st Lt. Robert C. Thompson, 1st Sgt. Richard R. Tuenge, T-Sgt. Irving L. Williams, Cpl. Archie E. Dilley and Pfc. John S. Lesniowski, all of Co. D; Pfc. Maurice B. Moses, Co. E; Sgt. Howard F. Kenter, Cpl. Ralph B. Schaps, Cpl. Edwin J. Wayne and Pfc. Harvey R. Bernier, Cletus L. Huber, Stephen J. Izzo, Adron M. Murphy, George B. Odom and William J. Tyree, all of Co. H.

Also, S-Sgt. Samuel F. Sutton and Pfc. Louis Pisapia, Co. I; S-Sgt. John P. McCarthy, Sgt. Edward W. Adams and Pfc. George C. Linder and Charles D. Whitworth, Co. K; S-Sgt. George B. Holmes, Co. L; Pfc. Marvin W. Martin, Co. M; Sgt. Peter P. Dorris, Cn. Co.; T-5 Ivyl F. Greenlee, Hq. 2nd Bn., and Pfc. Gordon A. Michaletz, Hq. Co.

34th Division's rear echelon boasts the longest chow line in the organization. The kitchen crew prepares meals for an average of 650 men and officers per day and often the figure hits the 900 mark.

## Wins Battlefield Commission



2nd Lt. Lawrence E. Hartzell is another former noncom who recently won a battlefield appointment as a second lieutenant. Lt. Hartzell and two members of his heavy machinegun platoon pose for this photo somewhere in Italy. All are members of Co. H, 133rd Inf. Regt.

## 734th Ordnance (LM) Co. Wins Meritorious Service Unit Plaque

### REPAIR BIG GUNS NEAR FRONTLINES

The 734th Ordnance (Light Maintenance) Co. was recently awarded the War Department Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding performance of technical duties on the Fifth Army front in Italy through the last six months of 1944.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, Division commander, presented the plaque to Capt. Edward R. Kiefer, company commander of the 734th, at a company ceremony.

Among achievements performed in the six-month period and noted in the citation authorizing the award are the following:

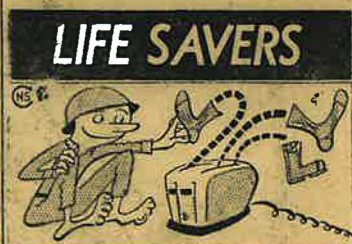
The company's specifications for modifications of the Bell crank used on jeeps have been adopted by the manufacturer and the proposed modifications are incorporated in cranks currently produced.

The company shop office issued work orders for maintenance of 342 vehicles during last August. Of 160 vehicles brought in for repair during one 10-day period, 82 per cent were repaired by the company, while the others were repaired by higher echelons.

An improvised instrument repair section of the company took up

741 items, such as watches, compasses and sights, during a three-month period, and repaired and returned to service 245 of these.

Often, especially in operations on the Anzio Beachhead, the 734th repaired heavy artillery weapons in their emplacements at the front. Mechanics and wrecker crews adopted the mountain-to-Mohammed method of the artillery repair crews and fixed stranded vehicles at places close to the frontlines.



To avoid trenchfoot, dry out your shoes and socks as often as possible. If convenient, toast them over an open fire. Don't leave them there to fry, however.



When you sleep with your shoes on, keep your feet higher than your head. This will prevent foot miseries.

## Lt. Lambeth, Co. G, Leads Raiding Party

2nd Lt. Benjamin F. Lambeth, 22, killed one German and wounded another during a recent raid in which he led his platoon of Co. G, 168th Inf. Regt., to within a few yards of the German dug-in positions.

Hitting a wire which jiggled a can, brought a challenge "halt" from two Germans aroused by the warning signal. Lt. Lambeth raised his new automatic carbine, fired it and killed one German and wounded the other.

The Krauts occupying the caves and dugouts in the bluff overlooking the scene, began throwing hand grenades and rifle grenades, as well as small arms fire at the platoon, while enemy mortar and artillery fire began to fall in the area. Despite the mortar fire which followed the platoon down the rough, narrow trail, Lt. Lambeth led his platoon back safely.

Formerly a technical sergeant, Lt. Lambeth was commissioned in a battlefield appointment recently. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Lanuvio, Italy, and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Mt. Pantano, Italy.

## Spring Football Begins In 185th F. A. Bn. Area

Pvt. Robert Barrett, former Cincinnati, Ohio, athlete, is getting a Spring football workout only a few yards from his gun position with the 185th F. A. Bn.

Bob played Quarterback at Xavier High School, Cincinnati, and then lettered in basketball at Xavier University.

"Over here it's a question of flipping a pass without hitting an olive tree," Bob remarked.

## Artillerymen Win 1; Lose 1, In Basketball

In two recent basketball games with boys from the 1st Armored Division, Hq. Btry., 34th Div. Arty., won one and lost one game.

In the first game the Artillerymen lost by a score of 30 to 26. In the second game they won with a score of 33 to 16.

Plans are being made to play more games if possible.

—T-5 Reuben H. Filter  
Unit Correspondent

# 133rd Has 'Sparks' To Help Repel Counterattack

## Buster's A Changed Dog!

Buster is on his best behavior now.

Born on the Anzio beachhead, Buster, a fox terrier, was undoubtedly the most spoiled dog in the 135th Inf. Regt. He became so particular about his food that he demanded only the choicest meat. He developed a manner toward the men that made a social snob seem like a human being. Buster's popularity fell to an extremely low point.

But Buster could always rely on WO (j.g.) Vernon P. Forbord for sympathy. The time came when Forbord went home on rotation

and Buster found that about the only greeting he got was "Via". Then he disappeared and the Regiment moved on to another location.

Several weeks later Capt. E. T. Adler found him with a South African unit and Buster made it plain in no uncertain terms that he wanted to return home.

Since his return his behavior has been exemplary. His tail wags promptly when his name is called, he makes a regular round of courtesy calls and has even been known to eat C ration hash!

## 26 MEN AWARDED IN 34TH CEREMONY

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Inf. Div. commander, presented two Silver Stars and 24 Bronze Stars to men and officers of the Division at a ceremony recently at the Division Rear CP.

S-Sgts. Paul M. Davey, Co. K, and John M. Pettey, Co. L, both 168th Inf. Regt., were awarded Silver Stars.

Bronze Stars went to S-Sgt. Charles H. Strong, Co. D; Cpl. George E. Berg, Co. H; Pfc. William C. Oakes, Co. I; T-4 Wilber W. Kiewiet, A-T Co.; S-Sgt. Jon G. Pankuch, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn.; Pfc. Harold A. Shannon and Elmer A. Steffen and T-5 Rollin S. Stiles, Hq. Co., all of 133rd Inf. Regt.

S-Sgt. Edward J. Burger, Co. I; Capt. Joel M. Lewison, Hq. 2nd Bn.; 1st Lt. Emery S. Soule, Sgt. Willard A. Morrau and Pfc. Thomas S. Logan, Svc. Co., all of 135th Inf. Regt.

Pfc. James W. Brumley, Co. C, and Sgt. Theodore R. Waechter, Co. G, both of 168th Inf. Regt.

Pfc. Paul E. Chesher, Co. C, 109th Engr. Bn.

T-4 George J. Brom, Co. A, T-4 Wilfred J. Schrandt, Co. D, and Capt. Elmer G. Geronson, Hq. Det. 109th Med. Bn.

WO (j.g.) Marvin M. Barkley, M-Sgt. Waldemar A. Larson, and T-4 Morris L. Anfinson, all of 34th Sig. Co.

Maj. Harry M. Thompson and T-5 Willard M. Freed, both of 34th Div. Hq.

When the French army decided upon a Victory March through the streets of Tunis, North Africa, the 135th Inf. Regt. was chosen to represent the American troops who had taken part in the African fighting. The 135th marched in a solid mass under the palms of the Boulevard Gallieni, to the vigorous applause of the crowd.

## 168TH BAR-MAN KILLS 2 KRAUTS

When his patrol leader and three comrades crossed a river and ran into a German patrol, Pfc. Duane Kehoe, 24, fired his Browning Automatic Rifle, killed at least two enemy and silenced the German fire.

A BAR-man with the 3rd Bn., 168th Inf. Regt., Kehoe was in the river bed following his patrol leader and three noncoms who had crossed the stream, when the Germans opened fire on the group, killing the patrol leader and one noncom and wounding a third, leaving the fourth noncom to fight the German patrol by himself.

Pfc. Kehoe, in the river bed between the group across the river, and the rest of his patrol, stood up in full view of the enemy and in face of the German fire emptied three clips of ammunition into the German patrol, killing at least two Germans and aiding his lone comrade across the river to silence the enemy fire.

Meanwhile, a radio man accompanying the patrol called for friendly mortar and artillery fire to cover the withdrawal of the patrol, and the men returned safely.

## 'Sparky' Knocks Out Enemy Machinegun

Pfc. Robert A. Sparks, 20, knocked out an enemy machinegun position, encouraged his buddies in Co. C, 133rd Inf. Regt., to fight and helped repel a German raiding party, estimated at approximately 200 men, recently.

"Sparky's" unit had forced the Germans to withdraw from a strongly-defended hill in the Apennine defense line. Almost instantly the Germans struck back in force. When some of his buddies were wounded, Sparky jumped to his feet, cursed the Krauts, damned their ancestry and challenged them to come into the open to fight.

The infantryman knocked out a hastily prepared enemy machinegun position and drove its gunners to cover. He then concentrated his fire on the grenade throwers and forced them to withdraw in haste.

"We left dead Germans all over the hill," said Pfc. Joseph D. Abrams, one of the five infantrymen with Sparky in the fight. "Sparky made us rock with laughter even while bullets chipped the stones all around us. He really was the 'spark' that kept us there fighting to hang on against a much larger enemy force."

## Brothers Have Reunion

1st Lt. Stanley Lamoureux, Btry. C, 125th F. A. Bn., arrived home on a furlough recently in time for a reunion with two of his brothers, one from the Pacific and one from Hawaii.

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## BULLETIN BEAUTIES

Ann Blyth  
Gloria Jean



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THE RED BULLETIN is your Division newspaper and your suggestions and material are always welcome. If you have stories, letters, poems, cartoons, sketches or photographs for use in the newspaper, send them by Message Center to the Public Relations Section, Hq., 34th Inf. Div. (Fwd).

## GETS MONEY'S WORTH FROM DOLLAR WATCH

Pfc. John Javor, 175th F. A. Bn., bought a \$1.25 pocket watch in November, 1941, when he was learning to be a cannoneer at Fort Bragg, N. Car.

The watch has now lost nearly all of its nickel plating, but John is still using it.

"Once it was lost in the mud of the gun pit for several days," John said, "but we found it. The whole crew uses the watch. I took the radium off the dials of a plane and illuminated the face. The watch has been with me in Ireland, Scotland, Algeria, Tunisia and Italy."