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## 34th Division Track Meet Will Be Held June 9

### Crittenberger Commends 185

LOMBRIASCO, ITALY—Maj. Gen. Willis D. Crittenberger, Commanding General IV Corps, commended the 185th Field Artillery Battalion for outstanding performance of duty in a recent letter addressed to Lt. Col. Robert D. Offer, 185th Field Artillery Battalion Commander.

"During the period 17 February 1945 to 17 March 1945," the citation states, "the 185th Field Artillery Battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. Robert D. Offer, operating as a Corps Artillery battalion, assisted in the support of two attacks by a mountain division in an aggressive and highly effective manner, causing heavy damage to the enemy. Its observers were habitually well forward, with wire and radio communications maintained under heavy mortar and artillery fire. Its fire direction center and batteries functioned smoothly, quickly and accurately to give excellent counterbattery and reinforcing fires in all situations from well organized positions. Its air OP's operated aggressively and effectively for long periods daily, exposed to enemy antiaircraft fire."



Sketch drawn by T-4 Andrew B. DeFrancesco, of Garwood, N.J., 168th Inf. Regt.

### 168TH'S DENTAL CLINIC AT WORK



Photographed recently at the "Rainbow" Regiment's dental clinic are (left to right) T-5 Walter C. Gale, Portland, Ore.; Capt. John C. Todd, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Maj. Robert B. McCreedy, Chicago, Ill.; Sgt. George W. Green (in chair) of Des Moines, Iowa; Capt. Howard H. Gault, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 1st Lt. Ernest G. Regis, Lynn, Mass.; Pfc. Robert H. Voorhees (in chair) of Des Moines, Iowa; T-5 George A. Coulton, Cedarhurst, N.Y., and T-4 Grant E. Bishop, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. All are members of the 168th Infantry except Capt. Gault and T-4 Bishop who are members of Co. D, 109th Medical Battalion.

### 135 OFFICER FELT 'UNCOMFORTABLE'

Being fired upon by the enemy is no new experience for 1st Lt. Ralph X. Clapp, of the 135th Infantry Regiment, but it was "the oddest experience of my life to drive through two fully armed German divisions without a shot being fired."

Lt. Clapp of Jamestown, N. Dak., recently drove from Biella to Turin, Italy, and the territory he had to cover was filled with two German divisions which had surrendered to the 34th Division. However, they had not yet turned in their arms and were maintaining roadblocks and patrols.

"The Germans looked surprised as we drove through," he said. "I suppose they felt uncomfortable to see us, but I felt uncomfortable, too. Your normal reaction when you see an armed German is to start shooting, but you had to remind yourself that the war in Italy was over."

"The Germans were very polite  
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### 109th Med. Bn. Wins Plaque

VILLASTELLONE, Italy—Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Division Commander, presented the War Department Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 109th Medical Battalion, three Silver Star medals and 12 Bronze Star medals to members of the Battalion recently at a presentation ceremony here.

The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque was awarded the Battalion for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks in the Italian campaign during the period Jan. 1, 1944 to Feb. 29, 1944. Capt. Jesse L. Saar, Co. D, of Donnellson, Iowa, received the plaque in behalf of the organization.

#### Earn Silver Star Medals

Silver Star medals for gallantry in action on July 1, 1944, in Italy were earned by T-5 Charles E. Gray, Springfield, Tenn.; Pfc. Gaetano J. Mistretta, Winchester,

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### Meet Starts At 1300 Hours

SAVIGLIANO, ITALY, June 9—The 34th Division track and field meet will be held at 1300 hours today at the stadium here, Capt. Ralph G. Thornton, Division Special Service Athletic officer announces.

First and second place winners in all events will represent the Division at the 5th Army meet in Milan on June 16-18 and men who qualify in that meet will be formed into a 5th Army team and be placed on TD with the 5th Army to train for the theater-wide track and field finals July 21.

Winners will be selected today in the following events: 100 and 200-meter dashes; 400, 800, 1,500 and 5,000-meter runs; the 3,000-meter road walk; 110-meter high and 200-meter low hurdles; shot put, high jump, broad jump and a 1,600-meter medley relay.

### ARMY PLANNING HUGE PROGRAM

With the surrender of Germany, the Army is preparing to inaugurate one of the most elaborate educational and recreational programs in history in the Mediterranean, European and other inactive theaters. The program has this 2-fold purpose:

1. To bolster military discipline and morale by means of athletic competitions, musical, theatrical and motion picture entertainments, library services, arts and crafts (hobbies) groups, and social events.
2. To prepare soldiers for their eventual return to civilian life by making available expanded educational opportunities at all levels.

Under War Department Readjustment Regulations, as soon as necessary work in inactive theaters is completed, personnel in the theaters will be required to participate in either the Educational or the Athletic and Recreation Program, but will not be prohibited by regulations from participating in both.

The minimum objectives of the Education Program will be to impart, so far as practicable, not less than the equivalent of a 5th grade

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## The Krauts Are Out

The Krauts are out, but there's still plenty to be done here in Europe. Nobody has suggested that we just walk off on V-E day and let our enemies get ready to try again.

The United States, Great Britain, USSR, and France will provide armies of occupation for Germany under a Central Commission in Berlin. For Germany there'll be "complete" occupation; destruction of the Nazi party, laws and institutions; disarmament and breaking up of all German armed forces; disbandment of the German general staff; control or elimination of war production industry; punishment of war criminals and reparations in kind. For Austria there will be complete separation from Germany.

Soldiers of the army of occupation may well find themselves hunting down fugitive Nazis, gathering evidence against war criminals, helping disarm returning soldiers, dismantling synthetic oil plants or pulling sentry to enforce the curfew.

It may not be easy duty, and it may take quite a while. We are determined that the ideas and the men that caused this war shall not cause another. We are determined that, this time, no German or Austrian paperhanger is going to have any illusion that the German army was not defeated. Every German, every Austrian, will see ample evidence of that defeat.

On the other hand, while it may delay going home, occupation duty is nothing like freezing in a fox hole or facing 88's. Neither is it a life sentence.

—I. and E.

## News Material Wanted

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.)

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, since the need of confidence and faith is within us, and they are inescapable, we will not try to escape from them.

Grant that we live adventurously, heroically, yet triumphantly, in days of war as well as in days of peace.

Grant courage, faith, inward stability to our comrades in arms that they may be equal to the tasks of the hour.

Grant to our loved ones across the sea the benediction of Thy Presence always.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Wilbur J. Kerr  
Chaplain, (Capt.)  
133rd Inf. Regt.

## WITH THE 34TH DIVISION

By Pfc. Jerome Lipsky,  
Co. H, 135th Inf. Regt.



I HAD 'H' COMPANY A MINUTE AGO!

## Key Officers Return to U.S.

Among the large number of personnel returning to the United States under the Army's redeployment policy are Lt. Col. Mark T. Martin, Jr., 34th Division G-3, of Des Moines, Iowa; Lt. Col. Joel J. Padgett, of Walterboro, S. C., executive officer of the 168th Infantry Regiment; Lt. Col. Roger M. Minkel, Fort Dodge, Iowa, commanding officer of the 109th Medical Battalion; Chaplain (Maj.) Warren R. Hall, Jr., Special Troops chaplain, of Corsicana, Texas, and Lt. Col. Frank L. Barrois, Division finance officer, of New Orleans, La.

New Division G-3 is Maj. Warren C. Chapman, of Nevada City, Calif.; Division Finance officer is Capt. Earl E. Olson, of Duluth, Minn., and Maj. Loyd K. Shepherd, of Des Moines, Iowa, has been named 109th Medical Battalion commanding officer.

## General Sherman Is Acting C.G.

RACCONIGI, Italy—Brig. Gen. Harry B. Sherman, of Livonia, N. Y., assistant Division Commander, is acting 34th Division commander in the temporary absence of Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte.

## BULL, STRICTLY!

Aw, Come On!

Half the war's finito;  
Give up, Hirohito?

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Via Memoria

The long wait for that first letter from home . . . The chilly African nights . . . The Krauts' lewd propaganda leaflets . . . "I have brodur ina Boston" . . . Our pale faces when we broke out of the beachhead, after two months of only night movement . . . Italy's autumnal mud . . . "Ich bin not a Hitler" . . . The sad-eyed mules.

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Headline Hunting

27th Division Combs Northern Okinawa.—Headline. Getting into the Japs' hair, no doubt.

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Schmeling in Circulation.—Picture Caption. But can he go a round?

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50,000 GIs to Fly Homeward Monthly.—Headline. So long birds!

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At Your Own Risk

S-Sgt. Morris M. Rolston, 133rd Infantry, wants to know whether a soldier with two or more fogies could be called an "old fogey."

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Could Be!

"Two down and one to go."  
Who—me?

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Recommended

War Bonds . . . Softball . . . Off-duty studying . . . Iced cocoa . . . War Bonds . . . Swimming . . . Bicycling . . . Contributing to this column . . . War Bonds.

—Pfc. Joseph Hoffmann  
133rd Inf. Regt.

## GENERAL TATE LEAVES 34TH

Brig. Gen. Foster J. Tate, of Eunice, La., former 34th Division Artillery Commanding General, has been selected as Commanding General of the University Training Command near Rome, Italy.

New 34th Division Artillery Commander is Col. Ellis V. Williamson, of Louisville, Ky.

## 'Uncomfortable'

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and correct and even gave us road directions. Their equipment and personal clothing didn't look too good. I was amazed at the large amount of horse drawn equipment. But they had a lot of motorized equipment, also, including heavy artillery."

# 34th Division Men Visit Swiss-Italian Border



133rd Infantrymen are greeted by Swiss guards at the Swiss-Italian border in the Lake Como area.

(APS Photos by Phillips)



1st Lt. Brien Harned, Pittsburg, Tenn., is being heartily welcomed by a Swiss guard, Cpl. Bernaseoni, at the Swiss-Italian border in the Lake Como area. Lt. Harned is a member of Cannon Co., 133rd Inf. Regt.

## Army Plans

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general education to all military personnel who have not received such education previously and one or more useful vocational or professional skills or basic education leading toward such skills.

Following the close of hostilities in Europe, the commanders of all inactive theaters, departments and defense commands outside the continental U. S. were directed to cause all training programs, except for units to be transferred to other theaters, to be revised for the purpose of including the maximum amount of education "consistent with the performance of and training for current and projected military duties."

The theater commanders were directed to arrange for such of the following types of schools and instruction as in their judgment were necessary in view of educational requirements and available facilities:

1. Unit schools serving units of 1000 men or less (battalion level) and including, so far as possible, vocational training (including supervised on-the-job assignments) general education up to and including the 2nd year of college, and literacy training.
2. Technical schools established in or near installations of the technical services or locations where similar facilities are available and including specialized vocational training (including supervised on-the-job assignments) for which equipment and instructor personnel are not available in unit schools.
3. Courses of study in civilian colleges or universities at which

arrangements can be made to provide instruction at college and university level to qualified military personnel.

4. Army university study centers in civilian colleges or universities or localities where suitable facilities are available to provide general, pre-professional, and professional courses to qualified military personnel at college and university level.

All military personnel attending schools under the Army Education Program will be issued individual certificates showing the courses attended (including supervised job assignments), total hours of attendance per course and grades upon completion of courses. Such information also will be entered on the Soldiers' Qualification Card and Officers' and Warrant Officers' Qualification Card.

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### Wins Plaque

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Mass., and Pvt. James E. Stone, Franklin, Pa., all of Co. C.

Bronze Star medals for heroic achievement in action were awarded Pfc. Richard R. Alexander, Detroit, Mich., and Walter L. Lisenby, Greensboro, N. Car., and Pvt. Laird F. Showers, Bellefonte, Pa., all of Co. A; Capt. William W. Abrams, Trinidad, Colo., and 1st Sgt. John E. Christensen, Newell, Iowa, both of Co. B.

Capt. James C. LeFon, Richmond, Va., of Co. D, and Pfc. Iman A. Scott, of Valliant, Okla., 109th Med. Bn.

### Win Bronze Star Medals

For meritorious service in combat S-Sgt. Donald H. Keller, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Sgt. John F. Koerner, Baltimore, Md., both of Co. A, won Bronze Star medals.

For meritorious service in support of combat operations Bronze Star medals were presented to T-5 Henry Stanley Durda, Co. C, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Capt. Erwin I. Zolt, Hq. and Hq. Det., of Jersey City, N.J., and Maj. Lloyd K. Shepherd, Hq., of Des Moines, Iowa.

## You Can Keep 'Em Laughing? THEN Special Service Wants You!

To all of you fellows who were the LIFE OF THE PARTY back home:

Special Service is scouting for "talent." Surely, there are some of you who sing, dance, impersonate, do some sort of specialty or novelty act—tricks with cards, ropes, rabbits, etc.; or maybe you're a comedian or you'd like to take part in some 34th Division musical comedy shows. It's quite true fellows—we all can't be Mickey Rooney's—but we can sure give it a try. Special Service can use just about anything in the field of entertainment.

In the next few days a Special Service questionnaire will be handed you by your own organization. With your cooperation Special Service can promise bigger and better entertainment programs.

Fill out the questionnaire and enter the 34th Division's Search for Talent contest.

# Award Ceremonies Are Taking The Spotlight

## 135th Inf. Regt.

SAN REMO, Italy—A calm Mediterranean sea by the resort town of San Remo on the Italian Riviera provided the setting for a recent decoration ceremony of the 135th Regimental Combat Team.

The decorations were presented by Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, commanding general of the 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division.

Those decorated from Company A were:

Bronze Stars: T-Sgt. William S. Emrich, Hebron, Md.; S-Sgts. Lawrence Moberly, Wilmore, Ky., and Thomas E. Hammen, Kinsman, Ill.

### Company B—

Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star: Pfc. James M. Anderson, Jr., North Wilkesboro, N. Car.; Bronze Star: T-Sgt. Henderson C. Bowers, Lake City, Ark.; S-Sgt. James A. Leach, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Sgt. French Casebolt, Newport News, Va.; Pfc. Robert I. Kaiser, Makwionago, Wis.; Paul W. Bennett, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Carl M. Enburg, Hoffman, Minn.

### Company C—

Bronze Star: S-Sgts. Walter J. Nodine, Freehold, N. J.; Charles F. Govern, Kaska, Pa.; Sgt. Edward J. McDonough, Woburn, Mass.; T-4 William J. Glatzel, Norwood, Minn., and Pfc. Arthur F. Weese, Joliet, Ill.

### Company D—

Legion of Merit: S-Sgt. John E. Culhane, Minneapolis, Minn.; Silver Star: Pfc. Edward C. Akers, Route 4, Rocky Mount, Va.; Bronze Star: 2nd Lt. Frank E. Dupuy, Nogales, Ariz.; 1st Sgt. Ernest M. Flowers, Mobile, Ala.; S-Sgt. Robert W. Hardimon, Rock Island, Texas; Sgt. Gerald A. Preiss, Waseca, Minn.; Pfc. Glenn C. Blouse, Wrightsville, Pa.

### Company I—

Bronze Star: Pfc. Halden F. Turner, Mt. Vernon, Maine.

### Company K—

Silver Star: T-Sgts. Ole E. Evans, Dunseith, N. Dak., and John S. Staresinic, Joliet, Ill. Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star: 2nd Lt. Bernard C. Sellers, Savanna, Ill.; Bronze Star: Sgt. Marino Falcone, Steelton, Pa.

### Company L—

Bronze Star: S-Sgt. Glenn C. Steffen, Covington, Ky.; Sgt. Robert L. Boza, Chicago, Ill.

### Company M—

Bronze Star: S-Sgt. Henry M. McKibben, Gray, Ala.; Pfc. Barton Edgin, Leachville, Ark.

### Anti-tank Company—

Bronze Star: 1st Lt. Richard R. Fosburg, Galesburg, Ill.; 1st Sgt. Randolph H. Dahl, Minneapolis, Minn.; T-5 Harold E. Ballard, Maxwell, Iowa.

### Cannon Company—

Silver Star: 1st Lt. Lester A. Kearney, New Kensington, Pa.

Oak Leaf Cluster for Bronze Star: Pfc. Charles E. Hughes, Elkmont, Ala.

Medical Detachment, Third Battalion—

Soldier's Medal: Pfc. William R. Cooney, Girard, Ohio.

Medical Detachment, 135th Infantry—

Bronze Star: Pfc. Charles J. Bailey, Anthras, Tenn.

Headquarters Company, First Battalion—

Bronze Star: 1st Lt. George M. Johnston, Hartford, Conn.; Pvt. Bernard S. Wisniewski, Cleveland, Ohio.

Headquarters Company, 135th Infantry—

Bronze Star: Cpts. Donovan C. Griffin, Red Oak, Iowa, and Edgar T. Adler, Rocky Hill, Conn.; 1st Lt. Gustav A. Isaacson, Washington, D.C.; S-Sgt. Fox D. Lockhart, Beaverton, Ala.

Battery A, 125th Field Artillery—

Silver Star: T-5 Norman Souza, Fairhaven, Mass.

Headquarters Battery, 125th Field Artillery—

Bronze Star: T-4 Joseph W. Redding, Spencer, N. Car.

## Artillery Battalions

LOMBRIASCO, Italy—Eleven men and officers of the 34th Division

Artillery were presented awards here at a formal presentation ceremony and review recently.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Division commanding general, presented the fourth, fifth and sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal to 1st Lt. George M. Kovacs, 151st Field Artillery Battalion, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot, by performing 105 field artillery observation sorties against the enemy in Italy.

### Wins Two Bronze Stars

1st Lt. Leland B. Pyle, 185th Field Artillery Battalion, of Carmi, Ill., was awarded the third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot, by performing 35 field artillery observation sorties against the enemy in Italy. Lt. Pyle is a second cousin of the late Ernie Pyle.

Maj. William H. Francis, commanding officer of the 151st F. A. Bn., of Auburn, Ala., won the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in support of combat operations from Sept. 8, 1944 to Dec. 2, 1944, and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat from Dec. 2, 1944 to May 7, 1945 in Italy.

## Win Bronze Stars

For heroic achievement in action in Italy, the following 151st F. A. Bn. men were awarded the Bronze Star medal; T-4 Malcolm E. King, Battery A, of Brackenridge, Pa., and T-4 Homer C. Cromwell, Waverly, Kans.; Pfc. Edwin R. Drews, Delano, Minn., and T-4 Richard J. Kelsey, Minneapolis, Minn., all of Battery B.

Awardees of the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in combat include 2nd Lt. Wells S. Marshall, Jr., and Maj. Everett A. Thomas, both of the 151st F. A. Bn. and Minneapolis, Minn.; S-Sgt. Robert G. Beegle, Service Battery, 185th F. A. Bn., of Racine, Ohio, and Maj. Woodrow M. Smith, Hq., 34th Division Artillery, of Peru, Ill.

## Div. Headquarters

RACCONIGI, Italy—Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, 34th Division commanding general, presented awards to eight members of 34th Division Headquarters here at a formal presentation ceremony recently.

Lt. Col. Stanley L. Burghardt, Division Signal officer, of Watertown, S. Dak., received the Legion of Merit medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1, 1944.

The Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal was presented to Lt. Col. Edward W. Paulus, Division Surgeon, of Iowa City, Iowa, for meritorious service in support of combat operations from Dec. 20, 1944 to May 2, 1945.

Maj. Raymond Sobel, Division Medical Officer, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action on Dec. 5, 1943, in Italy.

For meritorious services in support of combat operations, Bronze Star medals went to Lt. Col. Dee M. White, Division Adjutant General, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Maj. Lester M. Brown, Division Provost Marshal, of Aitkin, Minn.; Maj. H. Carl Kait, Division AMG officer, of Chapel Hill, Atlantic Highlands, N. J.; Capt. Daniel S. Stewart, Division Postal officer, of Kearny, N. J., and Pfc. Maurice H. Flesher, G-1 Section, of Taylorville, Ill.

In winning the Legion of Merit Lt. Col. Burghardt was cited for his technical knowledge, foresight, and ready understanding of the signal problems throughout the 34th Infantry Division which insured an unusually high standard of communications during combat operations from Cassino to Leghorn.

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