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13 May 1982

Dear Joan and Bill:

Many thanks for your good newsy letter. It was interesting to note that you had been back to the States and that your enjoyable trip was coupled with good weather.

As you no doubt already know, we, here in the Midwest, have had one of the worst winter seasons on record and were very glad to have April come around. Now we are having almost daily rains and storms with accompanying flooding and land slides. The snow was super abundant this past winter and broke the all-time record in many areas. The cold was the worst but I managed to keep indoors much of the time. I really did not suffer from the cold this past winter.

This past week the vegetable and flower gardens were planted - very small - but something that has always been enjoyable. Our tourist season is now upon us with the opening of the fishing on May 1. The balance of the fishing season opens this Saturday. In addition to that, one of our local clothing merchants sponsors an annual 17 kilometer race and that will be this coming Saturday. Even though the race is small by most standards, he has had it for so many years that it now has some TV coverage from Minneapolis. He also has had many of the names frequently taking part in other big national and international races. Dick Beardsley, the runner-up in Boston this year, was the winner here a year ago. Mr. Carlyle has insisted that I take some 35mm slides for him. A few others are doing the same besides motion pictures and video tapes.

Your information about Wacol was most interesting. I do not recall, exactly, the number of buildings included in our section, but I know that each Company (B & C) each had two buildings, the Officers had one, then there was one each for the Mess Hall, Medics, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Motor Pool personnel and the Latrine with outdoor showers and lavatories. The barracks occupied by the part of "B" company of which I was quartered, was the easternmost building of the group. The Headquarters building was about in the middle with the Medical Building the farthest to the west. The Officers Quarters were the closest to the fence and railroad line. The whole area was bush and with tall grass and a few ant hills. We were not permitted to trim any of the bushes or grass. Our small drill and training area was down near the railroad tracks. Our hikes were done along the road past the station and into the woods. A couple of times we were taken to the Australian rifle range for some target shooting. At that time there was quite a space between our unit and the OCS buildings. Those buildings were closer to the road and entrance. We did not have a gate at that time and usually no guards were stationed there. Our guards were on the road as one entered the 738th area. A tent was set up at that point. The Supply sections for each company and headquarters and Battalion were in tents and scattered in various places within the limits of our camp area. We had no movie equipment so we were invited over to the OCS section to see theirs when they were able to get them. Since our location at Camp Columbia was only temporary, we were not permitted to put up anything of a permanent nature. We were moved to Camp Whinstanes a few days before Christmas when those buildings were finally completed. The accompanying sketch is what I remember of the location of areas and buildings at Columbia.

When we were transported to Australia in July of 1942, another MP Battalion was also on the ship, namely, 720th. They were quartered in the ballroom of the Mount Vernon and we were on the same deck but around the perimeter of the promenade (enclosed by windows). The latest edition of the American Legion Magazine notes that the 720th is having a reunion this June. This is the first I have heard anything about them since arriving in Australia. I have often wondered where they were stationed and how they were distributed around the Pacific theater. Yesterday I wrote to the organizer of the reunion and asked if he might fill me in with some information. If not, I will have to look elsewhere. Our two Battalions were the only army personnel on board, the rest were Naval units to set up the hospital in Wellington and the nucleus of the 5th Air Force which was headquartered in Brisbane. The ship was full of officers and hardly any enlisted men. However, we had a might good trip across the Pacific with 3 good meals each day.



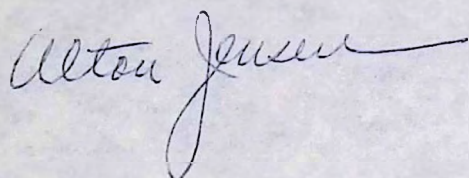
Strange as it may seem, I am contemplating a return visit to Australia this fall in September or October. If tour arrangements can be made satisfactorily to include the New Guinea cruise for the 40th anniversary of the arrival in US troops there in 1942, I may swing down and include Townsville and Brisbane and maybe take in some of the Commonwealth Games. Plans are tentative and difficulty with the New Guinea Cruise is holding things up at present. My former tour agency of last year has finally gotten some concrete information and is trying to work things out for me. I am also competing with calls from my cousin in Norway to come over there and not go to Australia again. This cousin lives near Oslo and those from my Mother's side live up the fiord from Bergen.

There are two other anniversary reunions this year for me. One is my High School class and that will probably be our last big one as so many are passing away these past few years. The other one is my Mother's family reunion near Moorhead, Minnesota. This is an annual affair and not everyone goes every year so there is the opportunity to meet different cousins each year. Both of these are in August.

A local couple has a married daughter who is teaching in Melbourne and they are expecting Barbara and her family to come for a visit in December. I had Barbara as a student one quarter at the University and I visited her when I was in Melbourne. At that time I was also entertained by the Graham Godden family near Melbourne. He is a ham radio operator of whom I spoke when visiting with you. He and his wife are planning to come to our town sometime later this year. He was here two years ago with his family. Since he works for an airline, he is financially able to make these trips. It will be very nice to see these people again.

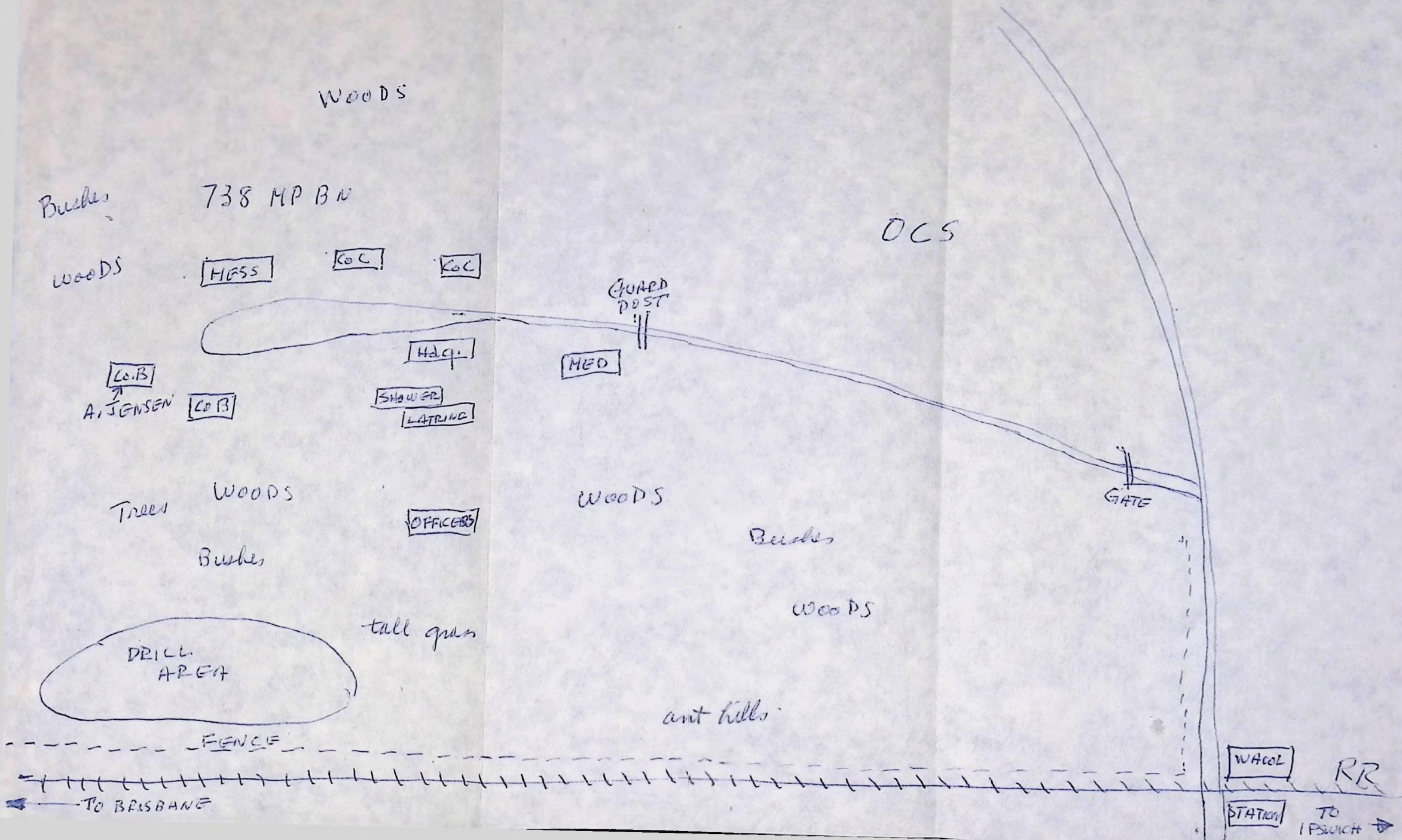
I have enjoyed your letters and especially my visit with you last year. Thank you both for such a wonderful attention to me, a stranger.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alton Jensen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the closing "Most sincerely,".



Camp Columbia as I remember it from August 1942 To December 1942





I have some information on Camp Columbia. The camp was built in late 1942 and the first U.S. Unit to be stationed there, was the 738th Military Police Battalion. I have enclosed a photo copy of the first building that was built at the camp.

The 738th moved into the camp in August 1942 and lived in tents. The unit remained there until 24 December 1942 and at that time, they moved to Camp Whinstanes on corner of College Ave. and Kingsford-Smith Drive, Eagle Farm.

During December 1942, the camp was hastily being expanded and buildings being erected by the Civil Construction Corps, under the guidance of the U.S. Army Base Section 3, Engineers. The first class to attend the Officers Candidate School began on 3 January 1943 and this class graduated on 1 April 1943. The school was discontinued in May 1945, after VE-Day. The camp was turned over to the Australian Army, after the Americans left in late 1945.

The 42nd General Hospital at Stuartholm, established a Section III at Goodna Mental Hospital on 1 September 1942 to care for the mentally disturbed patients. During July 1942, Section II of the 42nd had been established at Camp Columbia, in the area North-West of the present camp area and across Ipswich Road. This was a convalescent camp with tents for the patients and a few buildings for recreation, kitchen and headquarters. Section II remained here until October 1943, when they moved to the new hospital built at Holland Park.

The Australian Archives here in Brisbane, have a large record book that contains information and plans on the construction of U.S. Military Installations in Queensland. It was prepared by the U.S. Army Engineers. I have seen this book and it has a lot of blueprints on the projects. At the time I was looking for information on the camp built at Rockhampton and did not notice if the book included Camp Columbia.

There was also a Camp Freeman off Freeman Road in the Darra-Inala district. This was a U.S. Army transport and ammunition dump. There was a Negro Ordnance unit stationed there. If you have access to a book "History of Our Inala and Suburbs", by Mrs. G.J. Riley, it contains a lot of information about this area.

I recently had a phone call from a Bob McHugh, 6 Yarraga Ave., Carrole Park, Q. 4300, phone No. 225-4328 and he is researching information on the Carrole Park area, during WW II and is interested in information on Camp Columbia, Wacol and Goodna areas.

I attended OCS at Camp Columbia for three months, beginning in September 1944, so I am familiar with the area. Several of the buildings at the present camp are just as they were in 1944. We were quartered in tent rows that extended from the row of mess halls, down to Bullock Head Creek. There was an obstacle course down along the creek and this I will never forget.



## 738TH GUARDS ALLIED AND JAPANESE ENVOYS

Once again our battalion, the 738th was called upon to handle a very difficult task, one which was probably the most important job in the history of our organization. On August 17th, 1945, at 1300 hrs, Companies 'A', 'C', and 'D' were relieved of all regular military police duties in the City of Manila and assigned to the sole, important duty of guarding and escorting the high ranking Allied and Japanese officials who were to gather here in Manila for the Pre-Surrender Conferences called by the Supreme Allied Commander, General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur. Included in the list of Allied dignitaries, whose safe-keeping was our responsibility, were high ranking officials from England, China, Russia and the Netherlands, while the Japanese delegation consisted of the ranking officers in their army, navy and airforce along with their civilian advisors.

### BATTALION HISTORY Part 4

On 4 February 1945, the battalion prepared to move into Manila, a forward echelon; reached the City on 5 February with the rest of the troops arriving at the Manila Jockey Club on 6 February. On the morning of 7 Feb., details were sent to patrol main thoroughfares keeping them open for military traffic, prevent looting, guard Santo Tomas and Bilibid prison. Enemy artillery and mortars scored direct hits on Santo Tomas and Bilibid, wounding several and killing some citizens. Truckloads of tires, motor parts, jewelry, personal, public and government property were confiscated and several million pesos in paper, coin and bullion that had been looted from banks by civilians were recovered. Groups of EM directed by officers were also sent out into the Tondo factory district to repel infiltration by the Japs who swam or were transported across the Pasig River, while other men were called out to combat snipers in various buildings downtown. On 11 Feb. just as most of the personnel were at chow, enemy artillery from the south struck the area around and in the Jockey Club many times. One shell landed in front of the race course, another fell at the main gate of the track, another

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### FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is as follows:

Sat. & Sun.	"Valley of Decision" Greer Garson & G. Peck
Mon. & Tues.	"Pillow to Post" I. Lupino & S. Greenstreet
Wed. & Thur.	"Affairs of Susan" J. Fontaine & George Brent
Fri. (Only)	Special Feature

The men of Co. 'C' were assigned to various duties at the airport, guarding airplanes, and handling the traffic and crowds on the 'Strips'. The members of Co. 'A' were responsible for guarding the billets of the officials. This duty they performed with their usual high degree of efficiency. The men showed excellent training in guarding, which was their main responsibility, and also displayed to an unusual fine degree, fine training in military courtesy. Lt. Ulrich and his men from 'D' Co. helped out on the traffic problem as well as handling the escorting of the dignitaries to and from their destinations. They too handled their assignment splendidly. All men and officers of the battalion worked hard and long to make the event go off without a hitch, but to this writer, it was one of the biggest events to hit this war-weary world in many a moon, and well worth the effort spent.

The Japanese arrived early Sunday evening, August 19th, and after a brief introductory ceremony at the airport were immediately escorted to their billets by Co. 'D'. That night they went into conference and naturally the 738th. was there to keep the old 'Eagle Eye' on them. Finally on Monday, they were whisked away to the airport for their return trip to Japan. There they boarded the plane, and our duties as far as the Japs were concerned, were past history.

The entire assignment was exceptionally well handled and the officers and men of the battalion all displayed excellent training and a fine devotion to duty. In the words of a famous general (whose name escapes me at the moment) "A job well done."

BN. DANCE  
AUGUST 31 1945  
MAYPAJO NITE CLUB  
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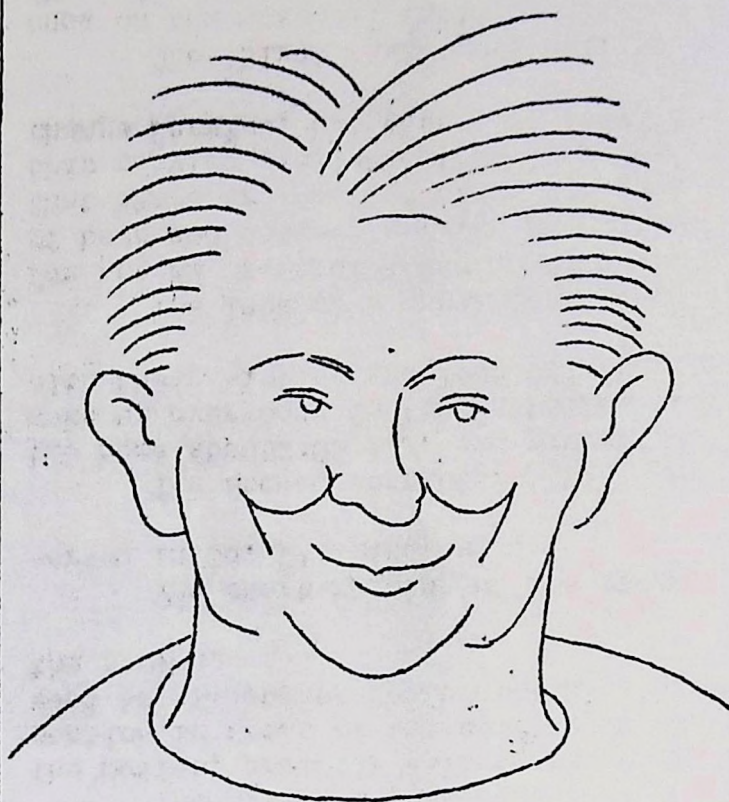


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hit a truck in the motor pool, then one landed in the field and finally one crashed through the roof of the main stadium into Company C orderly room, kitchen and quarters. Seven casualties were sustained from that burst: the Battalion Commander and 4 EM were killed instantly, 2 EM were seriously wounded and evacuated, and many were slightly wounded. Some officers and EM remained at the scene to remove the dead and wounded, administer first aid and guarded equipment while the rest of the troops moved to the Balintawak Brewery. The battalion was still attached to the Sixth Army and Company D was ordered to San Fernando to police the town and surrounding territory. Northern Manila was divided into three zones, each of the three remaining companies accepting full responsibility in these zones for traffic, looting, enemy infiltration, guarding of vital installations. The period from 5 February to about 24 March was a chaotic one. The operations section of the battalion worked long hours and produced magnificently. Motor and foot patrols were established on certain routes, guards were placed in a multitude of places, etc. Many times, at just a short notice the entire assignment had to be changed to take care of new duties which arose due to emergencies.

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## Portrait of the WEEK



T/4 Victor (Whitey) Sherwinsky, Co. 'C' cook. Born June 18th 1918 in Pittston, Penna (never heard of it). A former coal miner, Whitey entered the army by force in December '43, left for overseas service in Dec. '44, joined the 738th in March '45. Favorite sports: baseball, swimming and - Rosita.



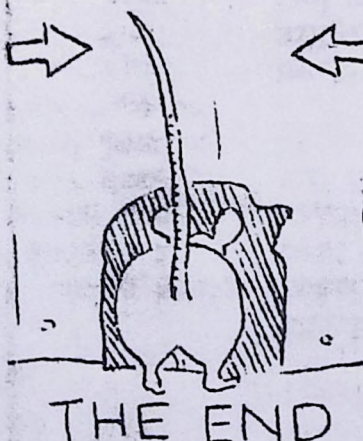
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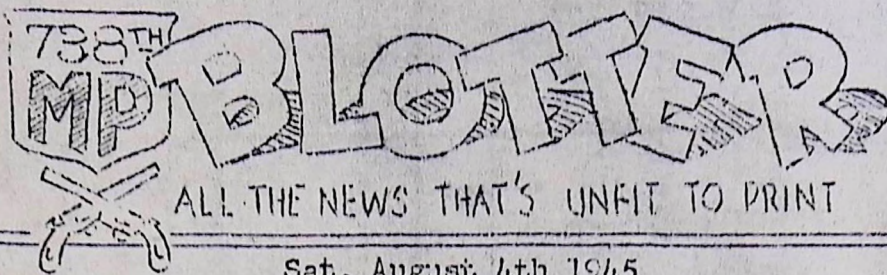
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## HISTORY OF THE 738<sup>TH</sup> MP Bn.

The career of the 738th Military Police Battalion since its activation in 1942, has been a brilliant one. It has been called upon to perform many and varied difficult tasks, often under very hazardous conditions, and the manner in which the officers and enlisted men of the Battalion have risen to meet these demands and complete the tasks assigned them is one that has brought credit and honor to the unit. For the benefit of the many new men now with the Battalion we will publish a complete history of the Bn. in order that you men may get a better idea of the work this Bn. has done in the past and may be called upon to do in the future. This history will appear in five installments; the first of which appears today..... The 738th was activated on Feb. 1st 1942 at Fort Sheridan, Ill., left there on 4 July 1942 and has

### CLASSES AT PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE

Approximately fifty-five subjects are to be offered this term at the Philippine Institute for the Armed Forces. Classes will be held at the National Teachers College and registration will be held the week of 13-18 Aug. In the new curriculum roughly half again as many classes are to be offered. Vocational courses will include photography, surveying, radio, blue-print reading and elements of aeronautics. Little, if any, laboratory work will be possible because of a general lack of equipment. On the elementary level there will be classes in Remedial Reading, English, Grammar, and Arithmetic. The language courses offered will include Spanish, Japanese, French, and Chinese. In Mathematics - Basic Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Slide Rule, and Logarithms. College Algebra and Calculus will also be given.

The courses listed above are tentative only and are subject to revision according to demand. Watch for the notice of the opening of the term.

### GENTLEMEN

In a social circle, of which one member is officially a subordinate of another, the superior, if he is a gentleman, will never think of it, and the subordinate, if he is a gentleman, will never forget it.

### FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is as follows:

Sat. & Sun.	ROYAL SCANDAL T. Bankhead & Bill Eythe
Mon. & Tues.	PATRICK THE GREAT D. O'Conner & Peggy Ryan
Wed. & Thur.	THE CLOCK Judy Garland & Robert Walker
Fri. (Only)	SPECIAL FEATURE

served almost the whole of its time overseas, this being the 36th month. It was one of the first Army Service units to reach Australia, arriving there on 14 Aug. 1942. Although the battalion has generally followed the conventional routine of guard and police duties in Australia, these were carried out in the face of many special problems growing out of an army operation in a foreign country with its many peculiarities. The many effective procedures and policies existing in the CMP in the SWPA have been developed from the experiences of this battalion and those which subsequently arrived in the SWPA.

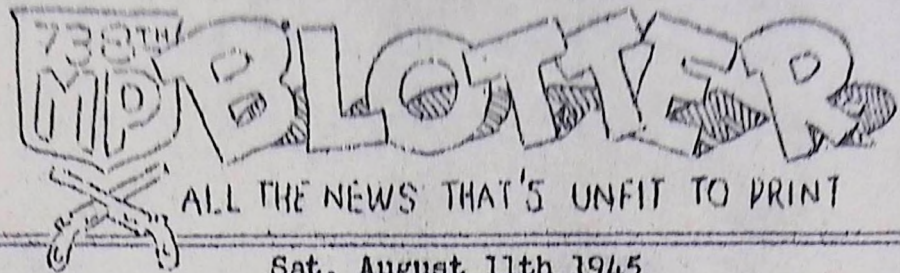
The battalion at this time also possessed the first honor guard which met and guarded such dignitaries as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and various U.S. Senators and committees which visited Australia. Guard detachments were also sent to Sixth Army Hq. at Camp Columbia, Brisbane, and to the 108th General Hospital at Gatton, Queensland. Train guards were charged with the duty of checking furlonghees between Brisbane and Sydney and protecting cargo sent to railheads in northern Australia. On October 30th 1943 an advance echelon of 398 EM and 4 officers departed from Australia for Milne Bay, New Guinea after a nine hour movement notice. The remaining echelon went to Townsville by rail and left there on 8 November 1943. Due to the acute shortage of port battalion personnel, there was difficulty in getting cargo to the many new bases of operation in New Guinea. The 738th, was therefore called upon to assist the 489th Port Bn. at Milne Bay in this urgent task and worked a 6 hour on 12 hour off schedule. Men were also placed on TD with the Provost Marshal's office and Army Transportation Service in Milne Bay. When the Battalion arrived at Oro Bay on 15 December 1943, they were informed by Colonel Walender that the shipping situation was still critical and that the 738th would work with the 387th Port Bn. for an additional four months.....

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# BATTALION HISTORY

In this week's issue of the "BLOTTER" we bring you the second installment of the Battalion History. In last week's issue, we followed the Battalion through its activation to Australia, and then to New Guinea; in today's article we pick up their work in New Guinea ..... Three fourths of the Bn. arrived at Oro Bay on 15 December 1943 and was informed by Col. Wallender, Commanding Officer, Base B, personally that the supply and shipping situation was still critical, and that the 738th. would work with the 387th. Port Bn, for a period of four months. Company A, still at Milne Bay and working with the 801st. MP. Bn., joined the rest of the Battalion at Oro Bay about three months later. Company C took over the Base B stockade almost immediately after its construction and continued to operate

## SECURITY MEASURES

According to information released by the Office of the Chief of Counter Intelligence, GHQ, men of this command, now more than ever, must exert the strictest vigilance regarding military information in order to meet the security demands that coming operations require. Until Japan is completely destroyed, we must presume her capable of using EVERY weapon at her command. Espionage is a weapon of war. Careless talk plays into the hands of the enemy espionage agents, particularly in the Philippines. Some Americans today speak no more -- because another American spoke in a public place. He bragged about all he knew -- regarding future operations. Not only the friends he wanted to impress, but the enemy too, listened ... and reported to Tokyo. Because you don't see enemy spies does not mean they are not around. It means they are clever ... and dangerous, too. Our intelligence files can testify to that...Keep information from enemy spies by keeping it to yourself. Future operations are top secret information. In other words, what we are trying to tell you is simply this; If you know anything or even if you only think you know something about future operations, save a life by "KEEPING YOUR 'KISSER' SHUT."

it until it was assimilated by the New Guinea Detention and Rehabilitation Center. Companies B and D moved to Finschafen, arriving there on 15 March 1944, and immediately performed the following duties: Set up a complete system and operated a base stockade for garrison and general prisoners; traffic control and patrol, and guarded base installations such as QM depots, finance office, APO, docks and bridges. At this time a detachment of EM was placed on DS with the Australian 5th Division Provost Corps for traffic and convoy work from Sattelberg up to Madang. Prisoners of war were escorted by boat and plane to points in New Guinea and Australia. A ship completely filled with Indonesians and American missionaries rescued from the Japs at Aitape and Hollandia was escorted to Brisbane. Cargo guards were supplied for ships carrying general army supplies and special naval navigation instruments to Biak, New Britain, Hollandia and Aitape. Personnel were also placed on TD with various offices such as the Base TJA, AG Personnel, AG Publications, Base Claims Office, PM Office and Base Engineers.

On 25 September 1944 this battalion was attached to Sixth Army effective 17 September. Hq. Det., Med. Det. and Companies A and C left for Hollandia from Oro Bay and Companies B and D left from Finschafen to stage for the Leyte operation. The entire move from Oro Bay and Finschafen to Leyte was made in only 18 days, during which time the battalion had to be fully equipped and trained.

The Battalion embarked for Leyte on 13 October. Companies A and C, Med. Det. and one half of Hq. Det. boarded LSTs 171 and 452, landing on Red Beach, Leyte, on D-Day, 20 October. LSTs 171 and 452 and one other boat landed farthest south on the east coast of Leyte; no other ships landed below them. MP troops were the first troops ashore on the anchor end of Red Beach, landing there before the infantry at 1115 hours. There were no troops to their left or south flank and none ahead

## FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is as follows:

- Sat. & Sun. PAN AMERICANA - Philip Terry & A. Long
- MON. & Tues. MURDER, HE SAYS - F. Mac Murray & H. Walker
- Wed. & Thur. WITHOUT LOVE K. Hepburn & S. Tracy
- Fri. (Only) Special Feature

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## QUIZ ANSWERS

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1. The earth
2. Nothing. They were chosen as distress signal in Morse Code because of their simplicity - three dots, three dashes, and three dots.
3. Peacocks do not lay eggs, you chowder head, peahens lay them.
4. The cow was a hell of a lot nearer the end of the bridge the train was approaching.
5. The flag must be hoisted to the top of the mast for an instant, then lowered.
6. Yellow. We made this one easy so that everybody would have a chance to be a non-com.
7. Suicide.

## CENSORSHIP

I asked my brother stationed somewhere in the Philippines to give us some hint as to where he was staying. His next letter read:

"Here is a little information on our whereabouts. After leaving where we were, we left for here. Not knowing we were coming from there to here, you could not tell if we would arrive here or not. Nevertheless, we are here and not there. The weather here is just as awful at this time of the year but of course, quite unlike the weather where we were before we came here. After leaving by what we left by we had a fairly good trip. The people here are just like they look.

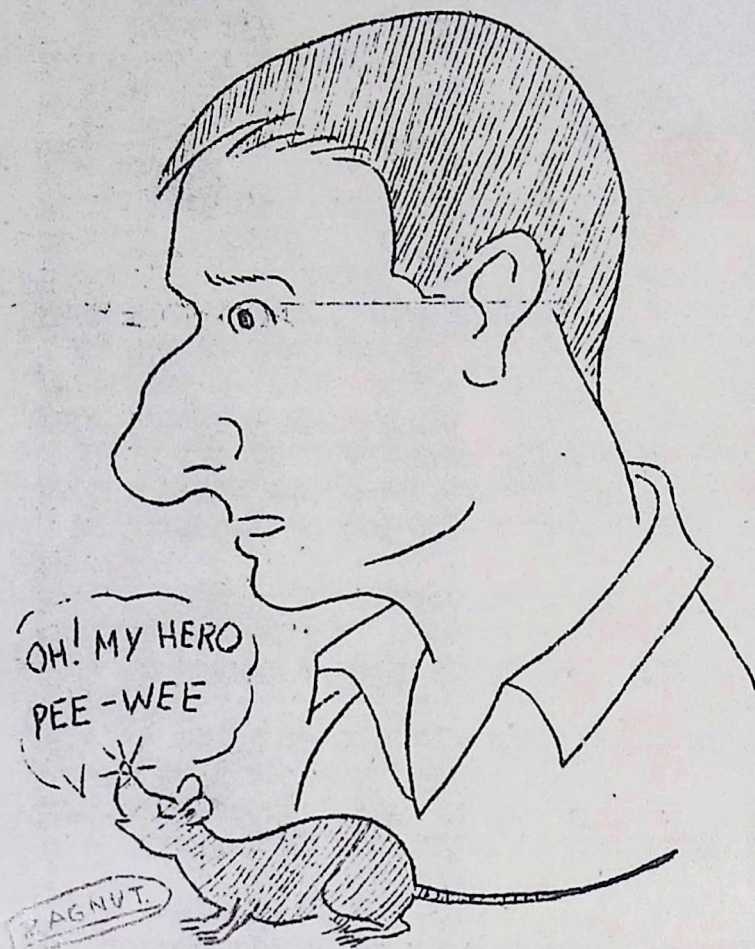
The whole thing is quite a new experience here, because it is not like it was where we came from; even the grounds and the houses. I could name numerous things to say but I guess I had better stop this too-newsy letter before I give away too much valuable information. The censor may be a spy. You never know whom to trust these days. Tell everyone hello and write..

Johnnie"

## SIGHTSEEING TRIPS

The trips to Clark Field and Corregidor the past week were a tremendous success, according to the fellows who made them. In order for these trips to continue it is up to the men in the Battalion to display their interest. So, come on if you had a good time let us know about it, so that we may arrange another in the near future. A word to Lt. Davis in Special Service will do the trick .....

## Portrait of the WEEK



T/5 Edward F. Strasdin, Battalion FM man and short change expert. Appeared for first time in Detroit, Michigan, April 5, 1925. 'Pee Wee' was employed by the Sailor Bell Defense Mfg. Co. before he entered the Army in Sept. 1943. Left for overseas service in April of 1944. Joined the 738th. at Oro Bay in June of 1944. Plays left field on the Hq-Med ball team. Chief ambition in life - to win \$1,000,000. shooting 'crap'.

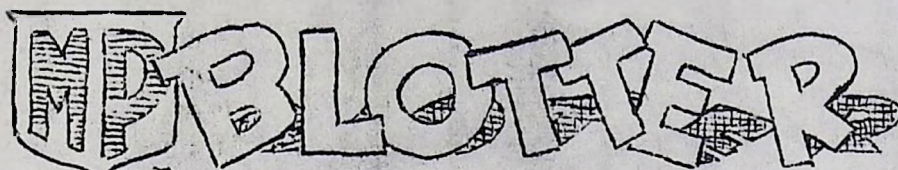
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Just as the troops were ready to debark, both LSTs were struck with several direct hits from a Jap 75 millimeter artillery piece on shore. LST 452 began to burn and 2 EM of Company A were killed instantly. On LST 171, a total of 9 EM in Company C were killed instantly: the 1st Sgt., several non-coms, and some privates. One EM is still missing and 16 were seriously wounded and evacuated to Hollandia. After the first echelon reached shore, they immediately assisted in unloading operations, directed troops and vehicles and administered first aid. About 200 yards from shore, just east of a marsh and directly behind our 75 mm. artillery line, a perimeter defense for one section of Red Beach was established and maintained from 20 October to 25 October. Companies B and D and remaining half of Hq. Det. arrived at Red Beach on D plus 2, 22 October.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S UNFIT TO PRINT

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## 738<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATES 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow, Sunday July 1st, the 738th Military Police Battalion is 41 months young. There are few men now present in this battalion today that remember the 1st birthday of the battalion. To recall that day one has to go back to February 1st 1942 and the station, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. It was on this day that the cadre of officers and enlisted men assembled at Fort Sheridan to activate and organize the 738th M.P. Bn. These officers and men hailed from many

### BN. RATES "E" IN I.G. INSPECTION

The 738th M.P. Bn. was subjected to an I.G. inspection on June 21st and 22nd, conducted by Lt. Col. Aubrey Reid and Captain Schick, of the I. G. Dept. of M.P.C.

Lt. Col. Reid left Chicago on May 31st of this year and is now a member of the newly organized Inspector General's Dept. of the Military Police Command. Our unit was the first to be inspected by the Col. on his new job.

Upon completion of his inspection the Col. stated that the Battalion would receive a rating of "Excellent". He said that the personnel records, supplies and supply records, vehicles, mess halls, etc., were all in excellent condition, and that this Bn. compared favorably with some of the best units garrisoned in the States. A compliment the Officers and Enlisted Men of the Battalion may well be proud of. In conclusion Col. Reid offered suggestions for minor improvements.

### 2 MEN IN BN. DECORATED

In a ceremony held Saturday, June 23rd, Lt. Ulrich, C.O. of D Co., and 1st Sgt. Buksyk of C Co., were awarded the Bronze Star. The presentation of the medals was made by Maj. General J. A. Lester, Provost Marshal General.

Both Lt. Ulrich and Sgt. Buksyk received their awards for heroic action while under enemy fire, Lt. Ulrich on Leyte, and Sgt. Buksyk here on Luzon.

The movie schedule which usually appears in this corner, has not yet been made available by Central Film Exchange. So watch your Company bulletin board for the July schedule.

states and represented various branches of the armed forces. The enlisted men for the greater part came from the 31st and 43rd Divisions, which were stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida, while the officers were mostly from the First Cav. Division, then stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. The balance of the men and officers came from the Infantry, Field Artillery, Military Police, Medical Corps, and the Quartermaster Corp.

Since these officers and men were assembled in Fort Sheridan for the first time, many changes have taken place and the entire history of the Battalion has been written. The reputation the Bn. now holds surely traces back to the first personnel assigned to it, and the personnel who are still serving the Battalion after 41 months of continuous service deserve the lion's share of the credit for making the Bn. what it is today. It has been the continued hard work of these officers and men, and their keen devotion to duty that has helped the 738th to become the envy of all M.P. outfits.

At this time, the anniversary of the 41st month of their active duty, it is only fitting and proper that we publish the names of these officers and men, who are second to none in the service they have performed for this Battalion. They have been with it from the word "Go" and have given it their best since that time. The standard these men have set in the past is one which you, the new men in this Battalion, will have to uphold in the future. To those men who in all probability will be leaving us in the very near future, sincerest congratulations on a job well done.

Major James R. Mathers

Capt. John J. McNerney

Capt. Charles W. Roberson

M/Sgt. Alexander W. Keel

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S/Sgt. Gunnar Hansen

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"B" Co. "BIG SHOTS" on the rifle range last week were: Hargrove 178, Swanson 177, & Ray 174. Lt. Stover's prizes had the boys getting good sight pictures and "squeezing

As reluctant as B Co. was to yield Lt. Ulrich and Sgt. Buksyk to other Bn. units, just so is it desirous of participating in their glory signified by the awards recently conferred upon them. B Co. proudly salutes them.

Bet Rudy Werker occasionally reminisces about the good old Basic Training days when they had to give you at least a five minute break every hour.

What a lucky guy L.J. Moore is, now when he gets a toothache he can just lie back in his sack and send his new choppers over to Capt. Trappe.

Our new jail quarters, more affectionally know as "Barkers Horror Chambers", must be quite attractive as evidenced by the boom in business.

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S/Sgt. Floyd E. Damon	Co. D
Sgt. Peter Hansen	Co. C
Sgt. Walter F. Lotz	Co. A
Sgt. Robert R. Moss	Co. D
Sgt. James W. Agan	Co. B
S/Sgt. Charles W. Atwood	Co. B
Sgt. Hester	Co. A

We regret that a number of men who were also included in the original contingent can not be listed here because of insufficient data or incorrect service records.

## BRASSIERES MODEL M-2

It has been noted that the Desk Sgts. in Company D have been learning all about WAC clothing during the past week. The check point where civilian vehicles are being inspected has supplied them with the job of counting, turning in and obtaining receipts for such items of WAC unmentionables as garter belts, girdles, panties, skirts, and stockings. Isn't it strange that three single men such as Dagsgard, Jahnke and Bennett should know the correct nomenclature of such items of clothing?

## "B" Co. PROMOTIONS

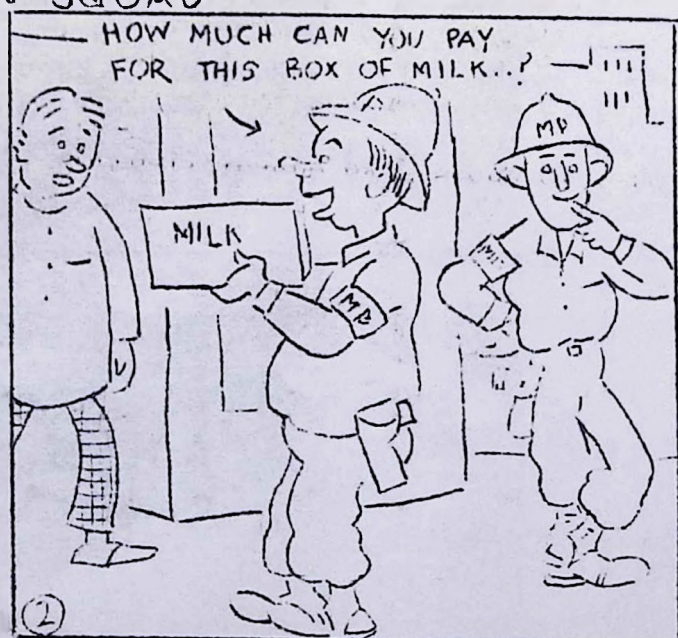
Add a step forward in the right direction for the following men:

R. D. Merchant	.....	A. A. Monaco
L. A. Clark	.....	H. E. Davis
J. S. Borunda	.....	C. Stieglbauer
T. V. Steagall, Jr.	.....	C. C. Tuck

With the exception of Merchant who was raised to the rank of corporal, the above men who ornament Baker Co. were promoted to Private First Class. Congratulations, fellows.

The War of Nerves has entered a new phase; the "pernts" system supplants the "Rotation Round-Up". Is Lezerson's hair getting grayer, or do we just imagine that it is?

## THE GOON SQUAD





## "ATHLETICS" WIN FOURTH STRAIGHT

The long awaited battle for the Battalion Softball Championship between Hq. & Medics and "A" Company finally got under way last Monday. Hq. Medics won the first of the three game series by a score of 4 to 1 in a ten inning battle. In the second game on Wed. "A" Co. came through to win a nine inning game by a score of 2 to 1 and even up the series at a game each. Incidentally, this was the first defeat for the "Beercats" in nine games and snapped the longest winning streak of the tournament.

In the first game both teams played heads up ball and put on one of the finest exhibitions of the tournament. The teams were evenly matched and each man played his position well. The defensive "Gem" of this game was a triple play pulled by the Beercats in the fifth inning to pull themselves out of a tough spot. "A" Co. had men on first and second with nobody out when the batter hit a sizzling liner to Trusgnack, the Beercat pitcher, who caught the ball, turned and threw it to Steinkellner, who doubled the man off first base and then threw to second base where Taylor completed the triple play by touching the bag.

Both teams were in position to score a number of times during the game but it was not until the first half of the tenth inning that Hq-Med. took advantage of 3 "A" Co. errors to rack up four runs. In this inning Skarpac batted first and walked. Stoops hit an easy ground ball to the pitcher Willis, who in trying for a force out at second, threw the ball into center field allowing Skarpac to score all the way from first and moving Stoops clear around to third. Taylor, batting third, got his second hit of the game to score Stoops. The next batter flied out, then Pierson walked, moving Taylor to second. Then Steinkellner hit a ground ball to the infield which was dropped by the first baseman allowing Taylor to score from second. The fourth and last run was scored when Trusgnack like Steinkellner was safe on an error. "A" Co. threatened in the last half of the tenth but the Beercats squelched the rally after one run was scored.

In Wednesday's game the situation was reversed with "A" Co. emerging victoriously by a score of 2 to 1. In this game Hq-Medics took the lead in

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The "Athletics" (738th M.P.'s) in competitive play with the once undefeated "Flying Medics" (60th Gen), last Tuesday scored their fourth straight victory in the Triple A (AAA) softball league by a score of 2 to 1.

Not only was this scheduled game a major victory for the "Athletics" as far as league play is concerned, but it was also a moral victory as up until Tuesday's game the "Flying Medics" had been undefeated in league play. Included in their long string of victories were three wins over our "Athletics" so revenge for our boys was indeed sweet. Now that the 60th Gen. has been beaten, the path to the championship is practically clear. Even a defeat in our final game next Tuesday nite will leave us in a tie for first place.

Running true to form the "Athletics" jumped off to a two run lead in the last half of the second inning. In that inning Warner, the first man to bat, got the first of his two hits of the game. Gingereski, batting second, also slammed out a bingle, moving Warner to second. Pozzosi, next up, was safe on an error, filling the bases. McFadden, batting next with the sacks loaded and not outs, sacrificed, scoring Warner, and Votko, batting fifth, got the third hit of the inning bringing Gingereski in from third with the second and winning run.

The League standings to date are:

Team	Unit	Won	Lost
Athletics	738th M.P.	4	0
Flying Medics	60th Gen.	3	1
Topos	648th Engr.	2	1
Geneds	Gen. Eng. Dis.	2	1
Flying Cats	866th EAB.	0	4
Hypoc	227th Sta.	0	4

### "RETRACTION"

In last week's paper we stated that the "C" Co. pingpong tournament had come to a close with Rubino being the champion. The fact is that although Rubino is leading the tournament, it is not over and there are several players still in the running. So sorry!

Come and see Elmer Buksyk's pride and joy; it is the little house behind the big house, and is complete with ash trays and magazines; have the phones been installed yet Elmer????????



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the last half of the third inning and held it until the Sixth when "A" Co. scored one run to tie up the score. It was not until the ninth inning that "A" Co. was able to score the extra run that won the ball game by a score of 2 to 1.

In this game Lotz showed outstanding ability as team manager and was directly responsible for his team winning. The first run was made when Hayes batting first in the sixth was safe on a bunt. Goldstein layed down a sacrifice moving Hayes to second. Lewis next up hit a clean single to center allowing Hayes to score the tying run. The same play was made in the ninth inning to allow "A" Co. to score the winning run. Lewis first up got his second hit, and Shamleffer laid down another sacrifice, moving Lewis to second. Lotz walked, and Wojceichowski batting fourth slammed out a single scoring Lewis with what proved to be the winning run. The third and final game of this series will be played Sat. at 1500 hrs.

#### A SERVICEMAN'S WIFE'S COMPLAINT

I'm getting mighty tired  
of living like a saint,  
I'm thinking very seriously  
of writing a complaint  
To the OPA in Washington  
or whoever writes the laws,  
To say that their damned system  
has one too many flaws.

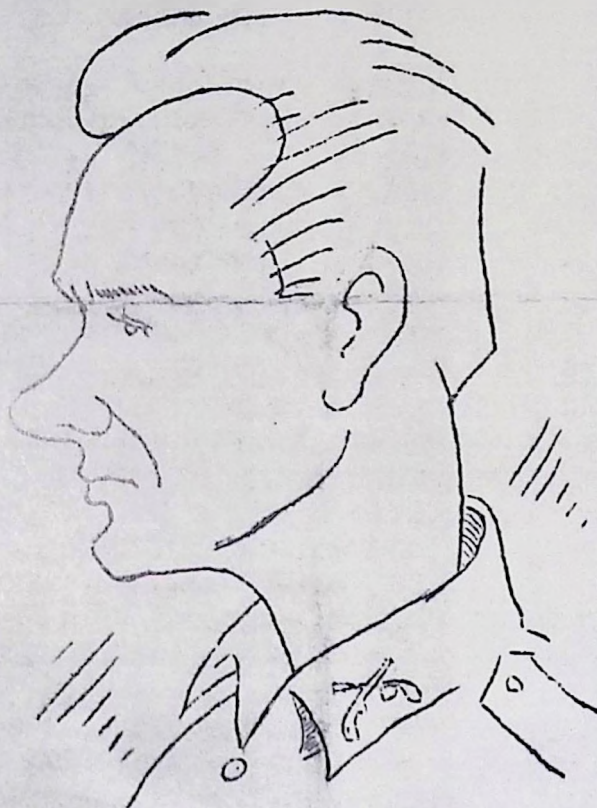
They provide you with a substitute  
for everything you lack,  
They take your cash for War Bonds,  
it's a job to get it back  
They ration you with sugar,  
canned good your stamps redeem  
But how the hell does a lonesome wife  
let off a little steam?

Oh, I know she knits for the Red Cross  
and makes bandages till she's dead,  
But that's a darned poor substitute  
for being with him instead.  
Of course you write your love in letters,  
Talk your heart out till it bursts,  
But damned if your husband gets it direct,  
The censors get it first.

I buy my bonds most dutifully,  
Write poems like this for a laugh,  
But let's don't leave the point of this,  
I WANT MY BETTER HALF.  
With all this new red tape  
And OPA complex,  
There is no stamp in my book  
redeemable for sex.

You can have my stamp for coffee,  
You can have my stamp for shoes,  
But give me back my husband soon  
BEFORE I BLOW A FUSE!!!!

#### Portrait of the WEEK



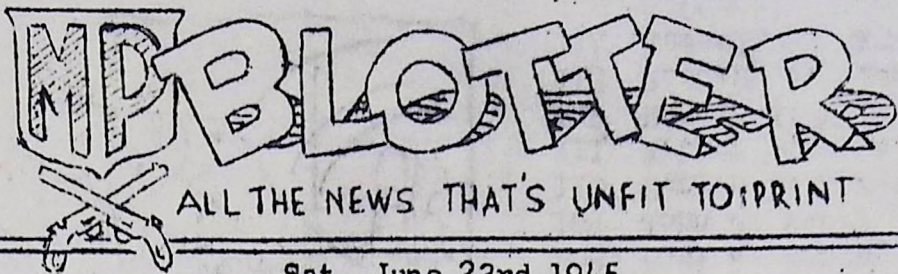
2d Lt. John J. Tivanovac,  
(former beer baron) Milwaukee, Wis.  
Appointed 2d Lt. 20 June in Manila.  
Entered service in June 1942 and  
sailed for Pacific with the 738th  
MP Bn in July 1942.

#### WE WONDER

Who is the Tech Sergeant in the  
Operations Section who is being eyed so  
fondly by a certain telephone operator  
in the Central Hotel? Do you suppose  
it could be "Curly"?



FAMOUS  
LAST  
WORDS



"I KNOW  
IT AIN'T  
LOADED"

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# 148 EM OF BN. ELIGIBLE FOR DISCHARGE

In the 738th M.P. Bn. there are 148 Enlisted Men who are eligible for discharge from the Army under the point system. That is they have 85 or more points to their credit under the Readjustment and Redeployment System of the War Department which is now in effect for the purpose of returning soldiers to the States, and wherever possible to civilian life. Following is a complete list of the men in this Battalion who have the required 85 or more points that are necessary in order to qualify under this bill.

## 2 EM RECEIVE DIRECT COMMISSIONS

Two more enlisted men of the 738th have received direct commissions as 2nd Lts., bringing to 4 the total of men from this Battalion who have been appointed officers within the last month. The new officers are 2nd Lt. John Tivanovac and 2nd Lt. Leslie Robertson. Both men are formerly of Hq. Det., Tivanovac being the former Bn. Sgt. Major, while Lt. Robertson was a Tech. Sgt. in Bn. S-3. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you both.

## BIG BN. DANCE SCHEDULE

A big dance is on tap Wed. nite June 27th, for the men of the 738th M.P. Bn. and their guests. The party will be held at the Maypajo Nite Club, Tondo, which has been the scene of previous M.P. dances. Refreshments of both the solid and fluid types will be in abundance, and as before transportation will be furnished by the Bn. Motor Pool. So if you have not already made arrangements to attend, let's get busy. Remember the date, Wed. nite, June 27th.

## FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the week is as follows:

Sat. & Sun. Keys to the Kingdom  
Starring Gregory Peck  
Mon. & Tue. Something For the Boys  
Carmen Miranda & M. O'Shea  
Wed. & Thu. Xmas in Conn.  
Barbara Stanwyck & D. Morgan  
Fri. Special Feature

ARE YOUR SHOES SHINED??

No.	Name	Score
1	Arthur L. Williams	113
2	Edwin H. Mercer	112
3	Frank A. Skarpac	111
4	Ralph S. Urquhart	111
5	William R. Frazier	110
6	Peter W. Hanson	110
7	Teddy D. Jackson	110
8	Nick G. Michaels	110
9	Leonard H. Mitchell	110
10	Theodore J. Shotnik	110
11	Allie Simmons	110
12	Levi J. St. Onge	110
13	Marcus F. DeRuyter	109
14	James H. Dudley	109
15	Anthony Manocchio	109
16	Stanley F. Prebo	109
17	Charles W. Atwood	108
18	John V. Cunningham	108
19	Alvis M. Hester	108
20	John M. Mixon	108
21	Marvin Shanks	108
22	Bernard M. Smith	108
23	Clarence R. Thompson	108
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25	Alexander W. Keel	107
26	Walter E. Lotz	107
27	Stephenson N. McNutt	107
28	James F. Simmons	107
29	William Castleberry	106
30	Joseph S. Hott, Jr.	106
31	James E. Lewis	106
32	Alphonse L. Brissette	105
33	Ralph E. Byrne	105
34	Reno J. Giardini	105
35	Gunnar C. Hanson	105
36	Charles H. Henneke	105
37	John S. Hicks	105
38	Woodrow W. Moltz	105
39	Harold R. Patten	105
40	Romeo J. Robitaille	105
41	Patrick T. Timmons	105
42	Grover B. Walker	105
43	Jack F. Westcott	105
44	Otis R. Wetherel	105
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ADDITIONAL 5 POINTS FOR 738th.

Headquarters Sixth Army was given battle participation credit for the Bismark Archipelago Campaign by General Order No. 100, Hq. USAFFE, dated 28 April 1945.

The Commanding General, USAFFE, has ruled that all individuals assigned or attached and physically present for duty with Headquarters Sixth Army in New Guinea are entitled to battle participation credit for the Bismark Archipelago Campaign.

Inasmuch as the 738th was assigned to Sixth Army in New Guinea from Sept. 1, 1944 to Oct. 13th, all men of this command who were with the organization on the above mentioned dates meet all the qualifications stated in paragraph 2 and are therefore entitled to the additional 5 points this award carries.



46	Veren F. Cooper	104
47	Floyd E. Damon	104
48	Vernon L. Drake	104
49	Milton S. Foss	104
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67	Kenneth J. DeBose	102
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70	Luthur L. Grubbs	102
71	Harry Herbert, Jr.	102
72	Henry E. Johnson	102
73	Adrian E. Lowry	102
74	John A. McFadden	102
75	Aubrey H. Sikes	102
76	Odle B. Smith	102
77	Harold Yalowitz	102
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79	Charles W. LaBrancha	101
80	Pet J. Millela	101
81	John Nemetz	101
82	Harvy H. Seefeld	101
83	Joe M. Taylor, Jr.	101
84	James A. Carlton	100
85	George W. Johnson	100
86	Richard F. Tadisco	100
87	LeRoy H. Adams	99
88	Lco D. Downey	99
89	Emmett O. Jordan	99
90	Robert C. Moss	99
91	Charles H. Sanborn	99
92	Werner R. Zimmer	99
93	Nick J. Engel	98
94	George W. Gautsch	98
95	Lloyd M. Lindgren	98
96	Halley Makool	98
97	Theodore Geodolphus Wolff	98
98	Carl G. Bennett	97
99	August W. Cantoni	97
100	Floyd A. Fountain	97
101	Wilmer H. Husman	97
102	Fred F. Leonhardt	97
103	Clifford A. Persick	97
104	Amasa H. Thurber	97
105	Ignatius S. Ciecorka	96
106	Raymond E. Hill	96
107	Carl P. Mika	96
108	Paul A. Ruhrup	96
109	John J. Berry	95
110	Herman L. Epstein	95
111	Arthur W. Heim	95
112	Harold E. Miller	95
113	Rudolph A. Olson	95
114	Russell R. Richter	95

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## Hq. and Medics Still Tops

Except for two remaining games yet to be played, the second round of the Inter-Battalion Tournament is to all intents over with the Hq-Medics team winning the Championship. Altho they still have a postponed game with the officers to play off, they have top honors clinched with a record of 5 wins and no defeats while second place "D" Co. has a record of 4 and 2, so even if the "Brass" were to defeat the "Deercats" they would still have a half game lead.

As soon as arrangements can be completed "A" Co. which won the first round of the tournament will meet Hq. Medics team in a two out of three series to determine the inter-battalion championship.

The complete standings of all teams are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Hq & Medics	5	0
"D" Co	4	2
"B" Co	3	2
"C" Co	3	3
"A" Co	3	3
Officers	1	2
Motor Pool	0	3

## RUBINO PINGPONG CHAMP

In the pingpong tournament which has just drawn to a close in "C" Co., Sgt. Rubino proved to be the class of the league and carried off the championship with a record of 10 wins and no defeats. All the entries enjoyed the meet and are all eagerly looking forward to a Battalion sponsored meet.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE CLOSE

The race for the "Bunting" in the American League this year is proving to be a nip and tuck affair with only 9 games separating the first place Detroit Tigers and the cellar dwelling Philadelphia Athletics.

Here are the complete standings of all the clubs as of June 22nd

Team	Won	Lost	GB.
Tigers	29	20	-
Yankees	28	22	1½
Red Sox	27	24	3
White Sox	26	26	4½
Browns	24	24	4½
Senators	22	26	6½
Indians	21	26	7
Athletics	20	29	9

## MP's WIN 3RD STRAIGHT

In Tuesday's scheduled game of the Triple A (AAA) Softball league the "Athletics" (738th M.P.s) scored their third straight victory in league play, by defeating the "Topos" (648th Engrs.) by a score of 6 to 4.

The Athletics took the lead in the first inning when they broke thru to score two runs. Micheals, the first man up, walked. Namel the next batter beat out a bunt and on an error both men advanced a base, putting Micheals on third and Namel on second. The next man flied out, Warner the next batter hit a fly to the short center fielder who dropped it allowing Micheals to score, Gingereski the fifth man up forced Namel at third, then Pozzesi walked filling the bases. The Topo pitcher then walked Vojdjo, forcing in the second run and ending the scoring for the inning.

In the second inning the Topos combined two hits and three errors with some good base running to score four runs and take the lead 4 to 2.

It was not until the fifth inning that the Athletics were able to regain the lead. In this stanza Molnar led off with a walk, the second and third batters went down in order. Then Michaels hit safely sending Molnar to second and the fifth man walked filling the bases, and bringing Wronski to bat. With the sacks dripping Roman slammed a long triple to left field, scoring three runs and putting us back in the lead by a 5 to 4 margin. Gingerski scored in the sixth inning to give us our last run and make the score 6 to 4.

## M.P. Box Score

Player	AB.	R.	H.	E.
Michaels	1	2	1	0
Namel	2	1	1	2
Wronski	3	1	1	0
Warner	3	1	0	1
Gingereski	3	1	1	0
Pozzesi	2	0	0	0
Vojdjo	2	0	0	1
Molnar	0	1	0	0
Donahoe	3	0	0	1
Parisi	2	0	0	1
Totals	21	6	4	6

The league Standings to date are:

Team	Unit	Won	Lost
Athletics	738th M.P.	3	0
Flying Medics	60 Gen. Hosp.	3	0
Topos	648 Engr.	1	1
Geneds	Gen Eng. Dist.	0	0
Hypos	227 Sta Hosp.	0	2
Flying Cats	866th EAB	0	2



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115	Theodore Saiddy	95
116	Franklin C. Schamper	95
117	James M. Beardsley	94
118	Julius J. Blume	94
119	Arthur N. Buege	94
120	John C. Dowden	94
121	William G. Hammes	94
122	Orville J. Lyhus	94
123	John E. Smith	94
124	Marvin L. Thielen	94
125	Alexander Stasnopolis	94
126	Elmer J. Vopal	94
127	Robert E. Winter	94
128	Ronan P. Wronski	94
129	Howard T. Lawler	93
130	Gerald N. Sanguiliano	92
131	Joe D. Glass	91
132	William F. Liest	91
133	Morris Lezerson	91
134	Roland D. Merchant	91
135	Clarence E. Barker	90
136	Garry J. Burtle	90
137	Robert M. Cleeremans	90
138	Maurice T. Conway	90
139	Roman J. Ebertowski	90
140	Fred W. Ehlen	90
141	Noble C. Ellison	90
142	Eddie Guarella	90
143	Peter F. Jann	90
144	William J. Jahnke	90
145	Homer A. Johnson	90
146	Glenn F. Lindberg	90
147	Stanley S. Papich	90
148	Edward F. Phlug	90

Due to the additional 5 points awarded to men of our Battalion for the Bismark Archipelago Campaign a number of additional men have acquired the needed 85 points. These men will be listed in next weeks edition.

#### NAME SELECTING CONTEST HUGE SUCCESS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the many men who helped to select the name for our paper by submitting suggestions. Many thousands of entries were submitted and each one was given the fullest consideration by the committee which was headed by Cpl. Steinkellner. After much thought and deliberation the name of "M.P. Blotter" was chosen. This entry was submitted by Cpl. Steinkellner of Hq. Det., so to Cpl. Steinkellner go congratulations and a year's free subscription to the "Blotter".

DON'T FORGET THE BIG DANCE  
WEDS. NITE JUNE 27th  
MAYPAJO, TONDO

A fool and his money are  
some party.

#### SHORT SNORTS FROM THE COMPANIES

When Capt. Molnar returned to his company after his recent illness, Paul Namel was overheard remarking to him, "Glad to have you back Skipper, but why the built-in front seat for three in your jeep? You are only allowed two in the front".

According to the latest dope "C" Co. has a certain "White Haired" cook who is quite a lover. Rosita says "Nobody can keese like my Whitey". You all know Rosita, don't you Boys?

I wonder what T/4 Cleeremans and T/5 Phlug have in those cans they carry to the movies.

Sgt. Goldstein is "Wac Happy".

Why and where does "Diamond Jim" Hansen spend his spare time? What's the matter Gunnar, don't you know the fair maiden is married?

According to the Encyclopaedia, "the Filipino women are among many other things, extremely ticklish". We wonder if this accounts for the sudden crop of moustaches in the Battalion. Why doesn't someone ask Caldwell or Searles?

Why is T/Sgt. Leo Downey of Hq. Det. called "BROWNIE"?

Now that "C" Co. has beaten the Officers twice, they have found their "SUPERIORS"; give up Major?

#### JAPOLOGY

To die for the Emperor is the Jap's idea of a noble exit. Some Jap soldiers conduct their own public funerals before leaving for the front. This practice sometimes leads them to die recklessly and unnecessarily, but it also makes them a dangerous enemy.

#### LIFE'S LESSON

The heart from the hardest trail  
Gains the purest joy of all,  
And from the lips that have tasted  
sadness,  
The sweetest songs will fall.  
For as peace comes after suffering  
And love is the reward of pain,  
So after earth comes heaven,  
And out of our loss, the gain.

TAKE YOUR ATABRINE EVERY DAY!!!!!!



DON'T  
SWEAT  
IT OUT



TAKE  
A SALT  
TABLET

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## 52-NEW MEMBERS OF '85' CLUB

In the June 23rd issue of the "Blotter" we published what at that time was a complete list of the men in the 738th Military Police Battalion who were eligible for discharge from the army under the War Department's Readjustment and Redeployment policy, because they had the required 85 or more points which

### SEND YOUR VOICE HOME

The Public Relations section of the Military Police Command has instituted a vast new program whereby members of the command may be brought in closer contact with their families, wives, and friends back home. ...

Foremost in this campaign is a plan whereby the men may make recordings of their own voices, and have them sent home. On or about the 15th of July the M.P.C. will send a recording machine and mike out to our Battalion. The men will be grouped according to localities and transcriptions made of their voices. There will be from four to eight men on a record according to the length of the individual conversations. These recordings will then, after being censored, be sent back to the local radio stations in the States. When these stations are able to fit the recordings into their programs they will notify the families or wives of the men concerned as to the exact time and on what day the transcriptions will be broadcast. This ought to please the folks back home a great deal; anyway they will know that you are at least strong enough to talk over a microphone. Also under this Public Relations program, any stories of exceptional interest concerning enlisted men, and notices of promotions will be sent to whatever local newspaper the EM may choose.

### FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is really a dandy as the attractions will readily testify.

Sat. & Sun. Women in the Window  
Joan Bennett & Ed. G. Robinson  
Mon. & Tues. Horn Blows at Midnight  
Jack Benny & Alexis Smith  
Wed. & Thur. Suspect  
Ella Raines & C. Laughton  
Fri. only Special Feature

are necessary to become eligible under this plan. However, since that time a number of additional men in the Battalion have acquired the needed number of points, because of the battle participation credit given this unit for the Bismark Archipelago Campaign. This list is published so that these men may know where they stand in the Battalion.

149	Alton C. Jenson	89
150	Lemuel Griffith	89
151	Chester Borowski	89
152	Roy A. Bruss	89
153	Edward C. Bussar	89
154	Rudolph J. Christen	89
155	Floyd O. Eberhardt	89
156	Ned E. Guss, Jr.	89
157	William R. Hamilton	89
158	Tenner A. Hansen	89
159	Cyrus O. Johnson, Jr.	89
160	Edward E. Johnson	89
161	Clarence R. Knicklebein	89
162	John J. Makuch	89
163	Harvey C. Pape	89
164	Carl O. Radkte	89
165	Raymond L. Stark	89
166	Vernon Stone	89
167	Herman TeGrotenhuis	89
168	Allen R. Craft	89
169	Leonard J. Dama	89
170	Edward Decker	89
171	Lester B. Gunderson	89
172	Kenneth I. Kabitsky	89
173	Donald L. Ludke	89
174	Walter J. Nicklaus	89
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176	Paul L. Searles	89
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## ?? SHOOTING MATCH ??

The "Sharpshooters" of "D" Co. wish to take this opportunity to challenge the "Hot Shots" of Co. "B" to a duel on the Carbine Range. The "D" Co. boys can't quite figure how the "Hot Shots" managed to shoot a better than perfect score; they think that maybe there was more than one man shooting at the same target. The "Deadends" for "D" Co. and their scores are as follows:

Sgt. McFadden.....120

Pfc. Lee.....110

Sgt. Dagsgard.....110

That's pretty fancy shooting, who wants to take them on?

Pfc. Knibbe of Company "D" has been wearing a big smile on his face as of late. The reason, his wife has just presented him with a swell addition to his household, a nice bouncing baby boy. She just missed the May 12th deadline though, so Knibbe cannot add 12 points to his 17 point total.

## CO. "A" PROMOTIONS

The following men of "A" Co. have all received their first stripe during the past week, being promoted from Pvt. to Pfc. Congratulations, fellows, and keep up the good work.

Glen M. Groethe

Dwayne H. Hawks

Roy L. House

George W. Ikard

Hilaron F. Kruger

Hubert H. Mayberry

Burdett R. Miller

Charles R. Sullivan

Donald P. Vevea

James A. Woolf

Lt. Rasmussen seems to have a little difficulty on his night off. It seems that the jeep he is supposed to use is usually employed by Sgt. Goldstein and Cpl. Fox on a WAC hunting detail.

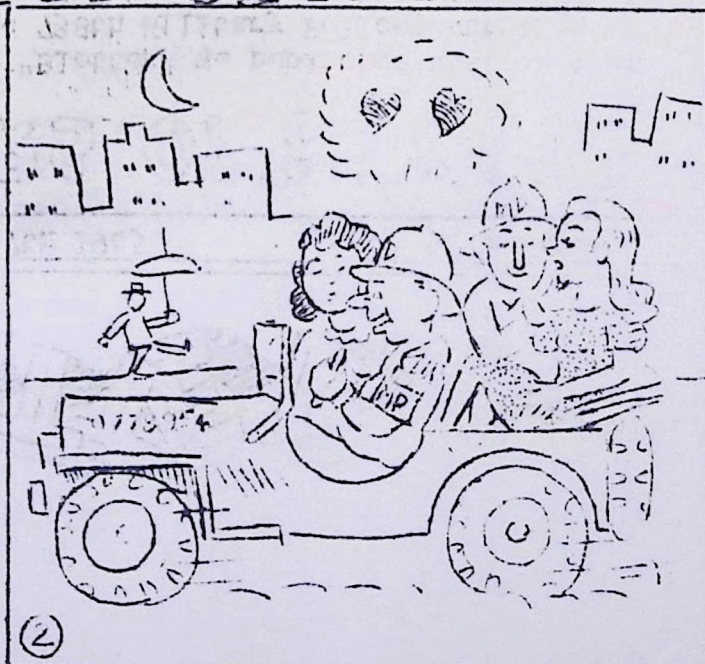
Cupid seems to have found its mark in the heart of Luke LeFevre. It seems as though he is giving a certain Filipino lass the big eye. Careful, Luke, don't forget Eleanor.

Nick (Watch me bunt) Micheals is paying heavy dough for all tips concerning the next quota. What's the matter "Speed", afraid they will forget you?

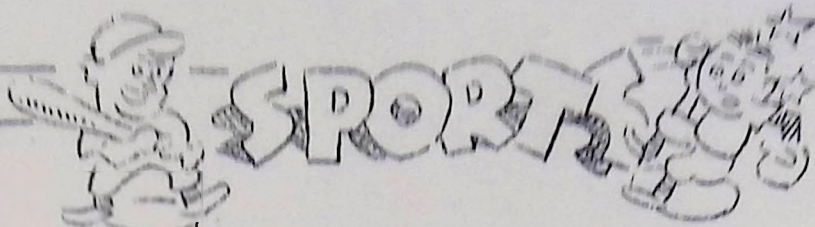
Hot rumors are going around that Bill Guzik is really making good in a big way in the kitchen. Straight dope has it that he has just been appointed "Chief KP".

Snyder and Herl seem to have a little trouble in Manila; it seems that certain people have a hard time telling them apart. Why??????

## THE GOON SQUAD







# "ATHLETICS" TO BATTLE "ALL-STAR"

Many requests were received by the athletic section of the Battalion for a softball game or series between the "Athletics" (Battalion Team) and an "All-Star" team comprised of the best men who played on the Company teams in the Inter-Battalion Tournament.

The team representing the Battalion is made up of the best players from each company. Because of wanting the best men for this team the coaches were given first choice and preference to choose any player they thought came under the heading of a "Good Player".

After this team was in order, an Inter-Battalion Tournament was arranged in which every man was able to play except those men picked for the Battalion team. The main reason behind this tournament was to give each and every man in the organization a chance to participate in an organized series.

The managers of the different teams which participated in the Battalion tournament were grouped for a meeting last Tuesday and chose the following men to play on the "All-Star" team against the "Athletics" on Wed., July 11th, at 1800 hrs.

Name	Pos.	Co.
Merchant	C.	B
Whiting	P.	C
Markwart	1 B.	D
Lowry	2 B.	D
Trusgnack	3 B.	Med.
Manzfo	S.S.	D
Silver	L.F.	A
Guss	R.F.	B
Hargroves	S.C.F.	B
Shotnick	C.F.	A

## "ATHLETICS"

Gingereski	C.
Parrisi	P.
Warner	1 B.
Ranletta	S.S.
Vodjka	R.F.
Wronski	3 B.
Mamel	2 B.
Molnar	L.F.
Fozzesi	C.F.
McFadden	S.C.F.

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TAKE YOUR ATABRINE!!!!

The "All-Star" team with "POP" Lotz as manager seems to be very well selected, and should give the Battalion team a fair run for their money.

The only thing that this reporter can not quite figure out is, why the Hq-Med Team which won the second half of the Inter-Battalion tournament without a defeat, because of their admittedly strong defensive play, failed to place a single member of their infield on the "All-Star" Team? And what happened to Jim Pierson, whose play in short center field was nothing short of spectacular, and ranked him as one of the best outfielders in the tournament, barring none? Don't tell me it's politics. Couldn't be!

The "Wet Weather" this past week hindered the continuance of organized athletics and no scheduled games were played. The Battalion Softball Team has one more game yet to play before the close of the Triple A (AAA) League games. At present they have a first place tie cinched and a win in their last game would give them the undisputed championship.

The two teams battling for the Battalion championship, "A" Co. & Hq.-Medics, still have the third and deciding game to play.

Company "D" "ARCH REST" is now in full swing as evidenced by the number of men who congregate there to read, write, and play cards until the "wee" hours of the morning. Much credit for this fine day room goes to Lt. Bakonis, who scraped up the materials and to T/5 Grabowski, who supervised the construction work.

The "Ghosts" of "D" Co. have taken over their duties once more. The "Ghosts" in this case being none other than the 801st M.P. Bn., who relieved us in Sydney, Milne Bay, New Guinea, and now in Manila. We wonder where next?

Pfc. Ingemi has almost worn out two shoe brushes keeping his shoes shined. We wonder if the NCO school has anything to do with it????

Here's the Chinese version of that old proverb "Penny wise, Pound foolish". "He who goes to bed early to save his candles, begets twins".



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194	Howard M. See	87
195	Carl Verderber	87
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197	Donald P. Vevea	86
198	Virgil Potts	86
199	Charles R. Pozzese	86
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Who is that certain young maiden that Mike Vojtko visits so regularly at St. Lukes Hospital???

"Potential" Zucher is sweating out an additional 12 points; he doesn't know whether or not the latest off-spring arrived on or before the 12th of May. We will keep our fingers crossed for you.

Paul Barr is known as the R&P Van Winkle of "C" Co. How can a man sleep 24 hrs. a day?... and get away with it?

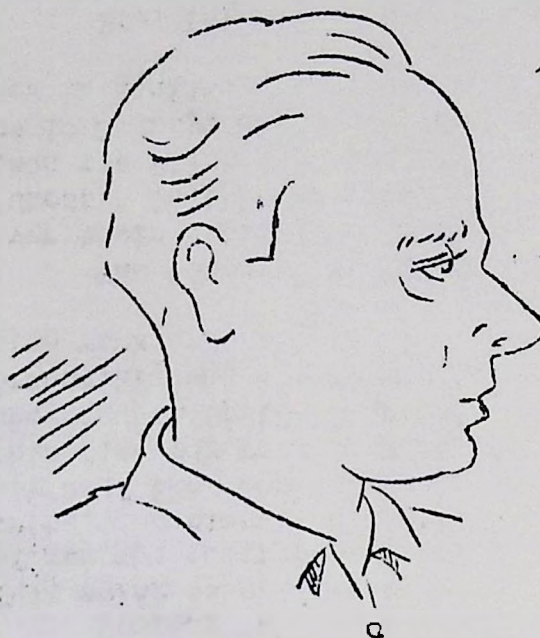
Did you ever notice the ~~mouse~~ duster that "Mouse" Nixon is growing? What a crop! Why doesn't his best friend tell him?

Pancho Nunez looks like one of those Dandruff Adds (before and after). Who is the Senorita, Pancho?

What certain young lady has Capt. ~~Morgan~~ blowing soap bubbles? She is not bad, Capt.

Why does Lt. Cross get so much mail? Does anybody know if he belongs to a lonely hearts club?

## Portrait of the WEEK



S/Sgt. Robert E. Shamleffer, popular Supply Sgt. for "Able" Co. Delivered in St. Louis Mo., 31 years ago. Entered army in 1941, left for overseas service in April of 1944. Joined 738th at Oro Bay, New Guinea, in June of 1944. Plays "fair" game at second base on Co. softball team. Favorite "Likes" - women and beer. Proud possessor of 78 points.

Company "D" is glad to have Lt. Hannon back with the outfit, and just to prove it Lt., they promise you that you will not have to hang any more Japs.

The Bronze Star awarded to Lt. Ulrich, the C.O. of Co. "D", raises to 14 the number of awards that have been awarded to "D" Co. The total consists of 3 Bronze Stars, 3 Soldiers Medals, and 8 Purple Hearts. Can any Company top this total?

Fools learn nothing from wise men;  
Wise men much from fools.





Greeting cards with the above sketch hand painted on the front cover, complete with envelopes are available for the exclusive use of the men of the 738th Military Police Battalion, and may be obtained at the nominal cost of 0.50 centavos each. Any member of this unit who is interested in purchasing any of these cards should consult his 1st Sgt. immediately. The sooner the orders are placed the quicker the cards will be made available.

DO NOT SEND THIS SHEET HOME



DON'T  
BE A  
GROUCH

738th  
MP BLOTTER

GIVE  
'EM A  
SMILE

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# 107 MEN TO LEAVE FOR HOME!

Your humble reporter thinks that it is just about time that the Battalion declares "Open season" on the Rat population that inhabits our fair area.



We have long marveled at their many varied sizes and colors, and watched fascinated as they raced up and down our mosquito nets and across our beds, but we think that it is now about time that "All good men come to the aid of their Battalion" and help rid the area of our four legged friends.

We know that Battalion supply has tried valiantly to arise to the occasion by issuing "Jumbo" size rat traps, but all to no avail. The rats seem to accept the traps as presents and carry them off. But there must be some answer; maybe the Medics can furnish us with the solution. How about it, Medics? They're eating all my Zag Nuts.

## 3rd ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Battalion is contemplating another big dance to celebrate the third anniversary of overseas service for the 738th M.P. Bn. Present plans call for this dance to be held on the night of July 23rd, but so far the date is only tentative. So keep close watch in this paper and on your company bulletin boards for further announcements.

## FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is as follows:

Sat. & Sun. Salty O'Rourke  
Alan Ladd & Gail Russell.  
Mon. & Tues. Song to Remember (color)  
Merle Oberon & Paul Muni.  
Wed. & Thur. Twice Blessed  
Lee & Lynn Wilder & P. Foster.  
Fri. (only) Special Feature.

Of course there will be the usual short subjects, many of which lately have been both interesting and quite entertaining.

The biggest piece of news to hit this Battalion since its inception, came through last week when the Military Police Command awarded the 738th a quota of 107 Enlisted Men for the month of July. This is by far the largest group of men to ever leave the Battalion for return to the States. Although no definite date has been set for their departure, they will probably be homeward bound within the next two weeks. This quota will take from us most of the "Old Men" of the Battalion and leave us with only 93 men with a point total of 85 or more, who will also undoubtedly be leaving us within a very short time.

So to all these men, happy voyage, and the best of future luck, and many thanks for a job well done.

## HONOR GUARD

In the past editions of this paper there has not been a word mentioned about Lt. Bakonis and his "Honor Guard", simply because the editor has not been aware of their activities. However, in the future we will see to it that "Joe's Boys" will receive all due credit and mention in this "Blotter".

On July 9th the Honor Guard was called upon to handle traffic and help to clear the way for General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur when he addressed the Delegates of the Philippine Congress at the House of Representatives. Colonel Holland, who was present at the address, commended the boys on their fine work.

## UNIT CITATION FOR 738th

Under the provisions of W.D. Circular No. 345, the 738th M.P. Bn. has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance and outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline from 17 September 1944 to 1 June 1945.

In recognition for achieving this award the Battalion will be presented with a Plaque which will be hung in the Battalion Headquarters. In addition, each member of this unit is entitled to wear a wreath shaped insignia on his right sleeve.



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### "B" Co. "SHOTS"

The way the new day room is shaping up it promises to be a popular "hangout" for the men during their leisure hours. The new dart game is getting a big play, and a checker tournament is in progress. Arrangements are being made for the construction of at least one ping pong table. This day room is another instance of Capt. Heintz's interest and cooperation for our welfare.

Since Col. Holland's new edict, "They shall not pass without a pass", our police station at Bilibid has been doing a land office business. Accommodations are by reservation only and according to "Warden Christen" even these are hard to get. Incidentally Sgt. Christen who has been with the station since its inception will be sorely missed when he takes over his new duties in the Co.

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As Sgt. Stone of "B" Co. supply is going Stateside on an Emergency furlough, "Sorry no letter today" Moore has been drafted to help Matthews function with the high degree of efficiency to which we are accustomed. Hope you find everything O.K. when you get home Jack.

The boys are still raving about the interesting I & E class that Ken-ealy conducted. Some people may like Kaltenborn but we will take out Joey.

Tenner Hanson made his first public appearance in Manila last week and took the house down with his rendition of "White Christmas". Teen-age wooden shoe clubs are mushrooming up all over the city as a result.

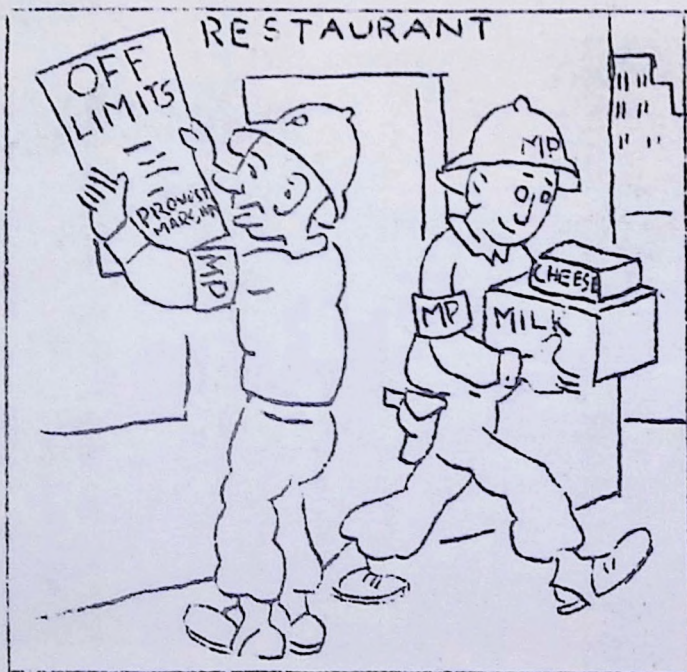
Eddie Hofmann, senior member of the Hofmann-Monaco string duo, was the first entry in the "B" Co checker tournament and he vows he will also be the last. We wonder.

A certain officer is going to have a belated Fourth of July celebration if he doesn't explain his whereabouts on that day to a certain young lady. She thinks you were out with Peggy, Sir, tell her you weren't.

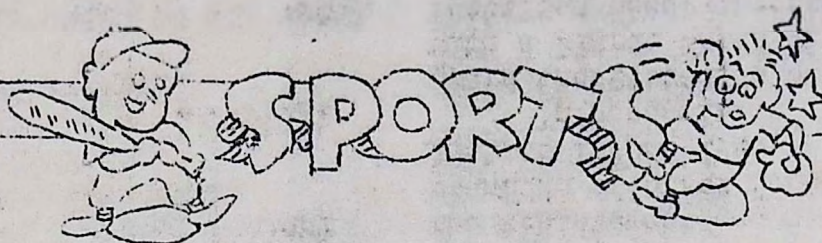
Why is it that every time Long John Pollack gets his laundry back, there is a bunch of bananas in it????

The startling news in the Free Philippines that Greece has declared war on Japan explains why Eddio Busser is so optimistic lately.

## THE GOON SQUAD







#### "A" CO. INTER-BATTALION CHAMPS

"A" Co. in the third and last game of a three game series with Hq.-Medics, outhit and out-scored their opposition to win the Battalion Softball championship last Friday, by a score of 4 to 0.

Both teams fought hard for the decisive game, each team having one win to its credit. The first run for the champs was scored in the second inning of play, a second run in the fourth inning and two more in the sixth.

"Pop" Lots, "A" Company's manager, introduced a new pitcher, Caltwedt, who surprised the Hq. & Medics by holding them to one hit, a single in the fifth by Krusinski, the "Bearcats" right fielder. This shutout victory was a moral victory for "Pop" and Caltwedt.

Shotnik is credited with the best hitting of the game, having three hits in three times at bat; Hayes and Silvers of "A" Co. also did some fine hitting, each getting two for two.

#### RUBINO WINS CO. "C" PINGPONG TOURNAMENT

"C" Co. table tennis championship was awarded to John Rubino last Wed. after he defeated the runner-up, Ed Decker in a three out of five game series. Both men were evenly matched and paddled "toe to toe" for the first four games, each winning two. Rubino grabbed the lead in the fifth and deciding game and held on to it to win the contest.

#### 2nd SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Capt. Roberson, the Battalion Special Service Officer, concluded that the most popular game in organized sports was softball, with basketball running a close second. But because of the need of equipping basketball teams. this sport will have to be postponed.

The first Inter-Battalion Softball league proved very successful and the majority of the men in the Co's were able to play. Consequently, as long as the weather permits, the same teams will compete in a second tournament.

#### ATHLETICS WIN TRIPLE A CROWN

The "ATHLETICS" (738th MP's) won the Triple A (AAA) Softball League championship last Tues. nite by defeating the "GENEDS" (Gen. Eng. Dist.) by a score of 9 to 2.

Although the "GENEDS" had a well guarded infield the Athletics were able to knock their first pitcher out of the box and rack up nine winning runs before the Geneds changed hurlers. Altogether the Athletics hung up 13 hits while Parrisi held the Geneds to 4.

The Athletics biggest rally was made in the third-inning when nine men came to bat and five runs were pushed across the plate. Michaels batted first in this inning and got his second of three hits; Namel next up also hit safely, and then Wronski walked, filling the bases. The next two batters flied out, and with two out and the bases still loaded, Gingereski singled into left field scoring one run, the next batter, Ranletta, hit a triple to deep center driving in three more runs. Molnar, batting ninth singled scoring Ranletta and ending the scoring for the inning.

#### Athletics Box Score

Name	Pos	AB	H	R	E
Michaels	SS	4	3	2	0
Namel	2B	4	1	1	0
Wronski	3B	3	1	1	1
Warner	1B	3	0	0	0
Foznesi	CF	3	1	1	0
Gingereski	C	3	2	1	0
Ranletta	RF	2	2	2	0
Molnar	LF	3	2	0	0
McFadden	SCF	3	0	0	0
Parrisi	P	3	1	1	0
Totals		31	13	9	1

#### Final League Standing

Team	Won	Lost
Athletics	5	0
60th General Hospital	4	1
648th Engineers	3	2
Gen. Eng. Dist.	2	3
866th EAB	1	4
194th Ordnance	0	5

#### INTER-BATTALION PINGPONG TOURNAMENT

A pingpong tournament open to all men and officers of the 738th M.P. Bn. will be held starting July 21st 1945. All men interested in taking part in this tourney will submit their names to their First Sgts. not later than July 8th. The First Sgts. will then submit the names to T/L Steinkellner at Bn. Hq. the morning of July 19th.



## COMMENDATION

The following men of Co. "D" have received a commendation for the excellent way in which they have handled downtown traffic:

Cpl. Sanguiliano  
Cpl. Thurber  
Pfc Yanko  
Pfc Harrison  
Pfc Land  
Pfc Carlisle

Hugh Mayberry is looking for a Brass flashlight so that he will have more brass to polish. Is there anyone who can help him?

The men of "A" Co. are glad to welcome back L. Baney, after his sojourn at the Ninth Field Hospital at Enak.

S-i-g-h, I hope we don't leave here very soon. You see I just found me a girl, and gosh it would just be my luck to have to leave now. Take it easy H. Benson, she might even wait for you, you can't tell.

Are the "A" Co. masters of the game of Hearts to be broken up? Yes, since J. Lewis and T/4 Cunningham are going home, Fredericks and Shamleffer will have to take in Kruger and Kunka as the next best players move in.

The Co. "B" Casino tournament promises to quicken a few dormant feuds among such old rivals as Jim Agan, Frank McDermott, Radtke and Persick, but a few insiders seem to like such dark horse entries as Lawler, Lozerson or Merchant as the ultimate winner.

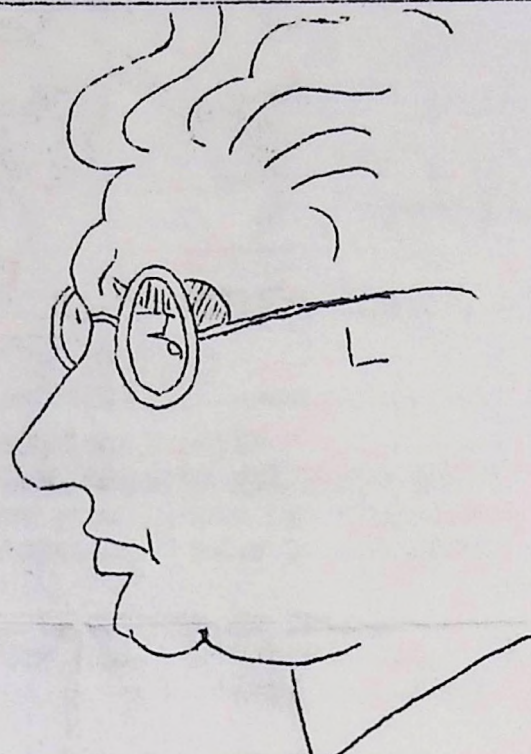
The point system is like the one the folks back home have to contend with. So many points for a piece of ham, how are you Sgt. Ludke?

Did you ever see Pete Hansen in one of his soap box moods? Come down to "C" Co. mess hall anytime and you will see a lot of arms being waved around.

Lt. "Confiscate" Spitz has requisitioned himself a wagon for his miscellaneous articles.

The game of the week, last Sunday, was the kind you read about but very seldom see.

## Portrait of the WEEK



Ted "Schmuk" Wolff, popular Bn. Supply Sgt. Born of normal parents in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1909 (old, isn't he?). Entered service in June 1941, joined 738th in June '42. Richest man in Hq., acquired his money through 20% loans. Favorite sports are golf, and bowling. Due to return to the States on the July quota, lucky boy!

The strong or mailed arm upholding the law or scroll, the insignia currently seen on our jeeps, trucks, and signs, was copied from the Battalion flag, and Milt "The Arm" Foss was cast as model by the art department. At the present time Milt is suffering from an occupational ailment diagnosed as model's cramp.

"Twinkle Toes" Pierson, the fleet outfielder of the Hq.-Medics soft ball team is in the hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to the Battalion.

Frank (Big Deal) DeAngelo is quite the lover, but what became of Joyce?

Since Odie B. Smith found out he was going home, he hasn't been hard on our late sleepers.



Do you need  
a  
haircut??

How about  
a  
shave?

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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S UNFIT TO PRINT

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In this week's edition of the 'BLOTTER' we bring you the third installment of the Battalion history. In last week's edition we followed the battalion up to, and including the landing of Companies A and C on Red Beach, Leyte, which took place on October 20th 1944..... Companies B and D and the remaining half of Headquarters arrived at Red Beach on D plus 2, 22 October. On that date, reconnaissance patrols were sent inland to check a bridge and road junction captured from the Japs the day before. While on this mission, the patrols encountered heavy sniper fire. Personnel of Company A procured material for, and built the first POW stockade on Leyte and continued its operation until 5 December 1944. Part of Company B was sent to White Beach and operated from the Beachmaster's Office. Their duties were directing traffic, guarding vital dumps, and conveying newly arrived troops inland. During

## BATTALION DANCE

The Battalion will throw another big dance and shindig for the boys of the outfit and their guests the 30th of this month. The site of the dance has not been selected as yet. Col. Gustafson is leaving it up to the boys to decide whether they would like to hold it at the Maypa-jo Nite Club, the scene of past Bn. parties. Regardless of where the party is to be held, it will be held, and as always there will be a swell band, cold beer, plenty of refreshments, and lots of liquor (bring your own). So come on fellows, let's start lining up those dates for the big dance..... Remember the date - Aug. 30th. And don't worry about transportation; the motor pool will see to it that every man and his date is able to get to the dance. The date again... AUG. 30TH.

There is no cure for birth or death - save to enjoy the interval... Most people don't.

## FLICKER HI-LITES

The movie schedule for the coming week is as follows:

Sat.- Sun.	THUNDERHEAD R. McDowall - P. Foster
Mon.- Tues.	ROYAL SCANDAL T. Bankhead - Bill Eythe
Wed.- Thur.	ESCAPE IN THE DESERT J. Sullivan - Z. Scott
Fri. (Only)	Special Feature.

Also selected shorts, SWPA News and Combat Bulletins.

an air raid, an enemy bomber struck a gas dump on White Beach and the exploding gas and fire destroyed all the men's clothing, weapons, equipment and stoves. The EM assisted engineers to put out the fire, directed traffic and saved other vital supplies stored nearby.

Company C moved into Palo, operated the MP station, directed traffic and guarded several bridges, including the large Palo bridge. Company D continued to guard 6th Army Headquarters and General Krueger's quarters, then did regular MP duty in Tanauan. Personnel of Company B conveyed infantry troops to the Burauen air-strip area during the landings

of the Japanese paratroops and conveyed ration and ammunition trucks to the front lines when Negro truckers refused because the route was under enemy artillery fire. Another group of men guarded General MacArthur's headquarters at Tacloban.

During the first two weeks on Leyte, all duties were performed under constant enemy air attacks, in complete blackout and under most adverse weather conditions. As many as 52 air attacks were experienced during a 24-hour period.

Company D arrived at White Beach, Lingayen Gulf on D plus 1, 10 January 1945, and moved into San Fabian with Sixth Army Headquarters under enemy artillery fire. Company B, Med. Det. and Hq. Det. waded in at Blue Beach, Lingayen Gulf on 11 Jan. 1945. Companies were assigned duties in a net running from Dagupan to Urdaneta, to Tarlac, to Camiling and back to Dagupan. A detachment of D company moved into Urdaneta on the very afternoon of the big tank battle. Burning Japanese tanks bordered the roads and were located in town. Specific duties were operating police stations at Dagupan and Calasiao, directing

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traffic, motor patrol guarding bridges and the roads between the above-mentioned towns. At 2400 hours on 19 Jan. 1945, while 5 EM of Company D were guarding a bridge on the San Fabian-San Jacinto Road, the men encountered a Jap patrol whose mission was to destroy some U.S. artillery batteries beyond the bridge. Two men heard a shuffling noise in the brush, called 'Halt' three times and then opened fire. The Japs returned the fire and had set up at least one machine gun and were tossing grenades. These men were in a cross fire between the Japs and guards from a hospital unit on the other side of the enemy. At daybreak, a check revealed 4 enemy dead a few yards from the MP's which were credited to them and it is likely that four more Japs a few yards away were also killed by the MP's. The Jap machinegun was captured and it was discovered that one of the Japs was an officer. The action of these men was most decisive in disorganizing what up until that time was an organized Jap patrol....

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A POEM  
TO A 1st SGT.  
(GUESS WHO)

Light haired guy, not very tall.  
He's the top kick of us all.  
He does not bluster or even yell.  
And never tells us to go to hell.  
Always wearing a friendly grin,  
We don't care if he has a double chin.

Always joking, never serious,  
And when he is, we think he's delirious.  
He digs the jive on the mellow side,  
And bounce me brother can he chew my hide,  
With a black cigar and a great big gun,  
He'd even pass for Napoleon.

Pot-bellied guy with your double chin,  
How about a shot of chin.  
You tell of fish in foreign lands (Wisc.)  
And measure them with outstretched hands,  
We don't doubt you, but we must tell,  
It sure does have an awful smell.

He gets us up for reveille,  
But we only got in at half past three,  
We hope that he will see the light,  
And maybe we can sleep at night,  
He sits there in his plush bottom chair,  
And hasn't a worry or even a care.

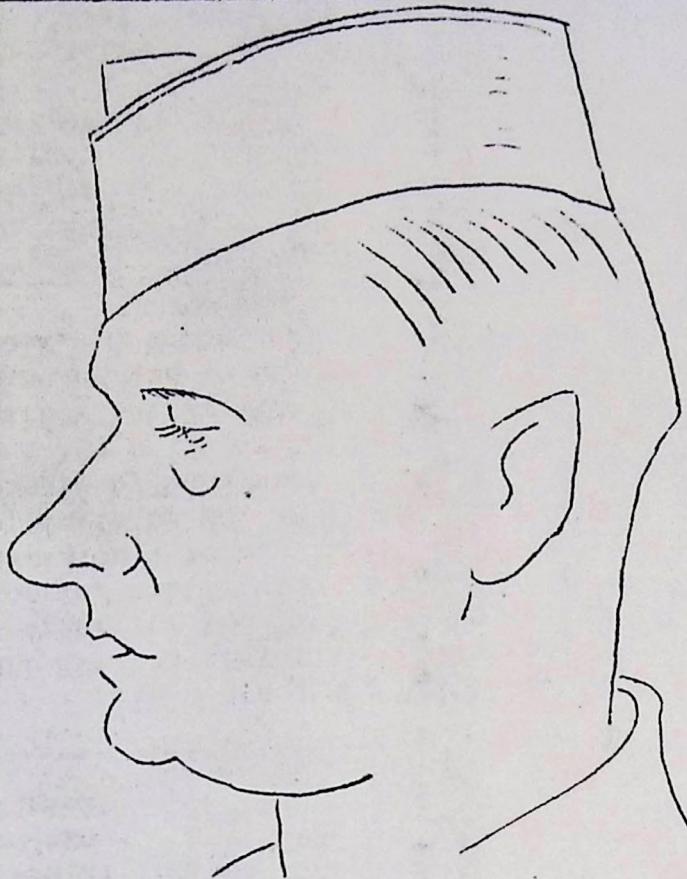
Composed by  
"The Orchid"

Sgt. Goldstein: "Are you free this evening?"

Cute Filipina: "Well, not exactly free but very inexpensive."

(End of Joke)

## Portrait of the WEEK



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ANYBODY WHO DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THIS CARTOON - ASK CAPT. ROBERSON



In this week's edition of the "BLOTTER" we bring you the fifth and final installment of the Battalion history; that is, we bring it up to the present time. You men out on duty today are writing the present and future history of our Battalion and it is up to you men - through your diligence and devotion to duty - to assure that the future of the battalion will be as bright and glorious as it has been in the past....The battalion has given the Provost Marshal and the Chief of Police its closest cooperation, working with them from the moment they entered Manila with the battalion. On 2 March, the battalion was relieved from assignment to USASOS, attachment to Sixth Army and assigned to the newly organized MP Command. It is sincerely believed that the successful rapid strides towards law and order in Manila are due to the untiring efforts of the officers and men of this battalion who pitched in and cracked down on all violators from the moment they arrived in the City, and because they wanted to do

a job well. The battalion has and is furnishing key personnel for many sections of the Provost Marshal's Office and the Office of the Chief of Police, since the Provost Marshal's Office had no staff whatsoever. In fact the Provost Marshal had his office with this Headquarters. It was necessary for officers and enlisted men to assume duties of traffic director's office, that is, reconnaissance of areas, setting up traffic lanes, setting up and maintaining 24-hour traffic control points under fire. This battalion was charged with the responsibility for the security of the pontoon bridge and the Jones Bridge across the Pasig River. Men on these posts were under sniper and artillery fire and were actually hit by unexploded grenades. In establishing the traffic system, it was also necessary for the Bn. to set up the first radio communication net in the City. This radio system later developed into the present net control from Central Hotel Radio Tower providing communication for Military Police, Civilian Police and PM officers.

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#### BATTALION COMMENDATION

The men and officers of the 738th Military Police Bn. have received from Lt. Col. Gustafson, the following commendation for their work in connection with the "Pre-Surrender Conference" held here in Manila: -

TO: Commanding Officers, Companies A, B, C, D, 738th MP Bn.

1. The recently completed mission of escorting and guarding the dignitaries who arrived in Manila to make preparations for the final surrender of Japan must be a source of self-satisfaction to each enlisted man and officer of this battalion for several reasons.

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Second, it is a distinct honor to receive recognition from GHQ by being chosen as the MP unit to perform such an important mission.

Third, the manner in which the mission was accomplished does not only reflect favorably on the Corps of Military Police, but it proved that the personnel of this Battalion are superior MPs.

2. I can only add my sincere thanks for a job done well.

(SGT) KARL W. GUSTAFSON  
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Richardson, Gen. Blamey, and members of Admiral of the Fleet Halsey's Staff.

As each new MP Unit has come in- to Manila to take over sections not po- liced or to relieve this Bn. of the wide territory it had to cover, these units were oriented in some way by the 738th. Before the 720th MP Bn. arrived here, Lt. Col. Reilly and Capt. Friesch spent two weeks with this Headquarters observing the operations of this Bn. The 531th. MP Bn., trained at Alabang, worked man for man with the 738th. for 4 days. The 11th. Airborne worked with this Unit until it was recently reliev- ed. For a period of more than two months a different Filipino officer would ride with the O. D. of one of the companies to make observations and acquaint them- selves with the multitude of problems that arose. On two occasions, men of the 738th. were called to help liquid- ate Jap patrols east of the Bonifacio monument. During the first encounter, Lt. Ulrich, who was in charge of the patrol, was hit in the head by a gre- nade fragment and a corporal was shot thru an arm. These patrols were made up of volunteers, armed with carbines, rifles, submachine gun and the armament also included a scout car on which were mounted .30 cal. machineguns.

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'Pappy' Yocum has done it again; contusions of the optic area (mouse, shiner, or black eye). Ran into the fleet while under full sail. That other Sullivan (B Co) took a torpedo on the chin during the first part of the en- gagement. Our forces retired in the face of overwhelming odds.

T/5s Benson, Durbin, Farley and Scott have issued the following state- ment: "Our efforts having materially aided the prosecution of the war, and said war now being over, we now feel that the younger generation can effec- tively carry out the peace. We are going home!!!" Don't any of you young bucks take offense; the old fossils deserve it.

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Motor Pool	0	6

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"Your Team", the ATHLETICS, representing the 738th M.P. Bn., has entered another Softball League, sponsored and directed by Base X Special Ser. Six "Top" teams were selected to compete in a one round contest for the Triple A (AAA) championship.

All games are scheduled to be played on Tuesdays at 1800 hrs. The Athletics already have two wins to their credit, having accepted a forfeit from the game scheduled on June 5th, with the "HYPOS" (227th Sta. Hosp.) and obtaining a victory over the "FLYING CATS" (866th EAB.), on June 12th.

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The other teams entered in this league and the dates on which we will play them are as follows:

TOPOS	(648 Eng.)	June 19th
FLYING MEDICS	(60th Gen.)	June 26th
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"C" COMPANY  
PINGPONG TOURNAMENT

"C" Co. is well under way with a ping pong tournament in which all men of the company are eligible to compete. Fourteen of the better players have entered and are playing the games at their convenience, no "DATED" schedule having been drawn up. Each player will meet each of the other players once, and the three men having the highest number of wins will play off for the company championship.

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The winner of the first round will play the winner of the second and two out of three game series for the Battalion Championship.

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## A WORD to the WISE

Never do anything to make yourself feel smaller than the one you are trying to get even with.

There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final.

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## IZZAT SO?

Tokyo Radio refers to "the forthcoming invasion of Japan", confident that it would soon take place.

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## BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

To our brand new 2nd Lieut., John L. Holt, who richly deserves the commission received by him a short time ago. Good luck and our best wishes to you.

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The winner will be presented with a shield on which will be engraved his name and the date of the tourney. This trophy will be displayed in the Co C orderly room. Sgt. Rubino leads at this time with 8 wins and no defeats.

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## BOXING SHOW - SATURDAY

William Yonkers, a veteran of 120 fights in the States before he joined the Army, will meet Pat Gadson, also of the Army, in the main go of the Base X Boxing show Saturday evening June 16th, at Rizal Coliseum. The two men will weigh in at about 130 pounds for the three round battle.

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## OLD GLORY

The flag pole in front of Bn. Hq. seems to stand a little straighter and a little more proudly (if possible), now that it has a fine new set of stars and stripes to wave at us. It is said by some that the new flag is a direct descendant (with alterations) of Betsy Ross' little one.

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## BATTALION TEAM WINS SECOND GAME

"Your Team", the ATHLETICS, representing the 738th M.P. Bn., has entered another Softball League, sponsored and directed by Base X Special Ser. Six "Top" teams were selected to compete in a one round contest for the Triple A (AAA) championship.

All games are scheduled to be played on Tuesdays at 1800 hrs. The Athletics already have two wins to their credit, having accepted a forfeit from the game scheduled on June 5th, with the "HYPOS" (227th Sta. Hosp.) and obtaining a victory over the "FLYING CATS" (866th EAB.), on June 12th.

In this contest the Athletics played one of their best games of the year to outscore the Flying Cats by the narrow margin of 2 to 1. The team as a whole played headsup ball and with Parisi's excellent pitching held the losers to four hits, one a home run by Kennedy.

The Athletics drew first blood in the third inning when they punched across two runs. In this inning Donahoe was first up and drew a walk; Hargrove sacrificed, putting Donahoe on second. Parisi batting third got a clean hit sending "IRISH" to third. Michaels, next up, walked filling the sacks and bringing Capt. Molnar to bat. "Dapper Dan" then proceeded to drive a long double into deep left field, scoring both Donahoe and Parisi. "SPEED" Michaels was out at home when he tried to score all the way from first on this hit. These two runs proved to be the winning ones. The Flying Cats scored their only run in the fifth frame when Kennedy slammed a long hit ball far down the right field foul line and he ran it out for a home run.

The other teams entered in this league and the dates on which we will play them are as follows:

TOPOS	(648 Eng.)	June 19th
FLYING MEDICS	(60th Gen.)	June 26th
GENEDS	(Gen. Eng.)	July 3rd

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"C" COMPANY  
PINGPONG TOURNAMENT

"C" Co. is well under way with a ping pong tournament in which all men of the company are eligible to compete. Fourteen of the better players have entered and are playing the games at their convenience, no "DATED" schedule having been drawn up. Each player will meet each of the other players once, and the three men having the highest number of wins will play off for the company championship.

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The winner of the first round will play the winner of the second and two out of three game series for the Battalion Championship.

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#### A WORD to the WISE

Never do anything to make yourself feel smaller than the one you are trying to get even with.

There is nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final.

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#### IZZAT SO?

Tokyo Radio refers to "the forthcoming invasion of Japan", confident that it would soon take place.

The propaganda concluded with the remark that the Japanese homeland battles would differ from the Okinawa disaster for the Japanese. "Our only problem at home will not be so difficult."

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#### BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

To our brand new 2nd Lieut., John L. Holt, who richly deserves the commission received by him a short time ago. Good luck and our best wishes to you.

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The winner will be presented with a shield on which will be engraved his name and the date of the tourney. This trophy will be displayed in the Co C orderly room. Sgt. Rubino leads at this time with 8 wins and no defeats.

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#### BOXING SHOW - SATURDAY

William Yonkers, a veteran of 120 fights in the States before he joined the Army, will meet Pat Gadsen, also of the Army, in the main go of the Base X Boxing show Saturday evening June 16th, at Rizal Coliseum. The two men will weigh in at about 130 pounds for the three round battle.

The Special Services fight card, which will get underway at 8 P.M., will include ten bouts, with possibly Navy men and Seabees participating.

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#### OLD GLORY

The flag pole in front of Bn. Hq. seems to stand a little straighter and a little more proudly (if possible), now that it has a fine new set of stars and stripes to wave at us. It is said by some that the new flag is a direct descendant (with alterations) of Betsy Ross' little one.

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BE SURE TO SEE THE MOVIE "ON TO TOKYO". IT'S A MUST.  
COMING JUNE 20, 1945



# MP Bu in Aust

720 <sup>th</sup>	} 1942	Townsville
738 <sup>th</sup>		Brisbane
801 <sup>st</sup>	1943	

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5 December 1986

Dear Friends -

My return home was to meet with cold and snow. Immediately I got a slight cough but it is better now.

The trip to Papua New Guinea was most pleasant. I saw my young friend on the island of Kitava. We had a whole day of visiting. It was a most joyous celebration. He had married and has now a young son. I also met many of his relatives and friends. This was the highlight of the New Guinea trip.

A few days later we stopped at Dregerhaven and Finschhafen for a whole day. This was the area where we were stationed for 9 months in 1944. What great changes have taken place. However, the village still uses the original water system the army installed in 1944. The old swimming hole is still being used much as we GI's did. Our camp area is now a banana plantation.

We were somewhat involved in the riot disturbances in the Highlands



region. On one tour we had a police escort in front, 3 riders in the bus with us and 9 more in a vehicle behind us for a whole day. Nothing happened but there were police searches along the highway at different places. It seems that there were prison escapees, a couple of murders and lots of robberies in the area besides rioters burning cars and tires in towns. The next day, the regular tours were not permitted to take place as the police were needed everywhere. We were held back from leaving Port Moresby for a day and a half so I lost some time in Cairns on my return.

Thank you for the most enjoyable and restful day at the Club. This was a good respite from all of the traveling.

Have a most blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Will try to gather the information from "C" company concerning the Brisbane affair.

Best Wishes  
Alton JENSEN



24 November 1994

Box 125

Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840

Dear Friends:

The Christmas season is once more upon us starting the day after Thanksgiving, which is today. We have been having a most unusual fall season this year - very mild weather and as a result there is no snow. The grass has been growing up until this week and some people had to mow their lawns. A few of the most hardy flowers, mums, are still in bloom. We do have the notice that next week the snows may come. From my childhood recollections, on Thanksgiving day, we went to the local pond and did ice skating in the afternoon following the big dinner - but not this year.

Perhaps you recall that part of the visits to the Southwest Pacific included a trip or cruise to the islands north of Papua New Guinea. On my first trip there, I encountered a young man on the island of Kitava who wanted to correspond with me. This has gone on for over 13 years. He has since married and has a family of 4 boys. The owner of the cruise ship had helped me with contact with him and on her last trip to the island, had taken some photos of the family for me. These pictures were truly remarkable. Kitava Island is part of the Trobriand Group and the people seem to be more able to cope with the outside world. The men do make excellent pilots of ships and as navigators. My hope is to make another trip to see that family.

On that first trip an acquaintance was made with a Major Tracey Rowen, an Australian trainer of the island's military force. He has since moved to Sydney and we correspond frequently.

The past September our military unit, 738th MPs, had their annual reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next year it will be in New Orleans. I was enticed into trying to write up a unit history and that is my major project at this time. It has become more involved than I anticipated. Help has come from the newspapers of Brisbane as to the "Battle of Brisbane" in 1942 which was probably our most important event while in Australia.

Our invasion landings on Leyte and Luzon have been some of our other achievements - honored by the U.S. as well as the Philippine President.

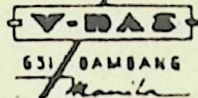


Our longest camp in Australia was at the Whinstanes (Catholic Convent) are near Brett's Wharf. The last time I was in Brisbane, a ride out there showed that it was now a large trucking staging and warehouse area. All of the old buildings had been demolished. The area was still fenced as it had been in 1942-3.

I did mention that our GI Club (NCO) was at 102 Elizabeth street. The same building is still there but is now (at my last visit) a cocktail lounge. We only had the use of it for about 5 months and then it was turned over to another unit when we left for New Guinea.

This is to wish you a most wonderful and joyous Christmas and New Year.

*Alton Jensen*









A. Jensen near  
Dutton Camp -  
Aug. 1943





738TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

*Announces*

*The*  
**1943 Anniversary Ball**

At the Trocadero Ballroom  
August 15, 1943, 8.30 p.m.

*Celebrating*  
*One Year's Service*

**"Somewhere in Australia"**





## *Battalion Commander and Staff*

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Lt. Col. CARL V. SHOEMAKER,  
Commanding

Major HUBERT J. SCALLON,  
Executive Officer

\*1st Lt. JAMES R. MATHERS,  
Adjutant

2nd Lt. ADOLPH V. LESAIUS,  
Personnel Officer

\*Capt. W. A. LUSZKI,  
Intelligence Officer

1st Lt. HENRY FULLAN,  
Intelligence Officer

\*1st Lt. ANDREW DE MAY,  
Supply Officer

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in Australia



Headquarters Detachment  
738th Military Police Battalion

ROSTER

*Enlisted Men*

*Mr. Sgt. Gerald J. Borrell	*T/5th Glenn F. Lindberg
*T/Sgt. Travis H. Kelly	*Pfc. Charles H. Slaughter
*T/Sgt. George W. Murdock	*Pfc. Bernard M. Smith
*T/Sgt. William H. Allred	*Pfc. Domenick J. Cassano
*S/Sgt. Chester F. Wells	*Pfc. Leo D. Downey
*S/Sgt. Alexander W. Keel	*Pfc. Robert E. Schreel
*T/4th Joseph B. Young	*Pfc. Joe M. Taylor
*T/4th James E. Jay	*Pfc. James H. Sanderson
*T/4th Robert L. Riebeling	*Pvt. Edwin H. Mercer
*T/4th Theodore G. Wolff	*Pvt. Russell R. Richter
*T/5th Homer A. Johnson	*Pvt. Norvin J. Whiteside

All on this list arrived with Bn. in Australia

Medical Detachment, 738th MP Battalion

ROSTER

*Officers*

CAPTAIN EDWARD J. GROSDIDIER, M.C.  
\*CAPTAIN CHARLES H. TRAPPE, D.C.

*Enlisted Men*

\*S/Sgt. Earl W. Reiger  
\*Cpl. Francis J. Stippich  
\*T/5th Stanley F. Prebo  
\*T/5th William J. Robinson  
\*T/5th Noble C. Ellison  
\*T/5th Frank A. Skarpac  
\*Pfc. Cornelius A. Monte

\* Indicates arrival with Bn.



# Company "A," 738th Military Police Battalion

## ROSTER

### Officers

1. Captain	JOHN J. KENNALEY
2. 1st Lt.	PAUL A. FURKERT
3. 1st Lt.	CARLETON A. PALMER
4. 1st Lt.	ROBERT R. CRADDOCK
5. 2nd Lt.	PAUL B. POWELL

### Enlisted Men

#### FIRST SERGEANT

1. \*Mourning, George L.

#### STAFF SERGEANTS

2. \*Barnes, Louis B.
3. \*Knapp, Orvil A.
4. \*Simmons, Allie
5. \*Urquhart, Ralph S.

#### SERGEANTS

6. \*Collins, John D.
7. \*Goggans, Euel F.
8. \*Harrell, Claude D.
9. \*Harrison, Selton J.
10. \*Holbrook, Warren A.
11. \*Lotz, Walter E.
12. Roberts, Frederick M.
13. \*Smith, Lydie R.
14. \*Vance, Bernice L.

#### T/4th GRADE

15. \*Downey, Spencer S.

#### CORPORALS

16. \*Byrne, Harry I.
17. Goodrich, Edward W.
18. \*Goodson, Pershing W.
19. \*Gorlinski, Leonard J.
20. \*Horn, Edward O.
21. \*Hott, Joseph S.
22. \*Lewandowski, Gordon A.
23. \*McNutt, Stephenson N.
24. \*Mitchell, Leonard H.
25. \*Pelham, Winton B.
26. Pouncy, Jimmie L.
27. \*Remo, Robert C.
28. \*Sandvig, Joseph H.
29. \*Sassone, George
30. \*Shotnik, Theodore J.
31. Smith, Woodrow

#### T/5th GRADE

32. \*DeRuyter, Marcus F.
33. \*McDaniel, LeRoy
34. \*Newton, Henry B.
35. \*Nightingale, Russell J.
36. \*Piccuch, Stanley H.
37. \*Schultz, Henry
38. \*Tadrowski, Edward J.
39. \*Wilkinson, William L.

#### PFC.

40. \*Adams, Homer
41. \*Adams, LeRoy H.
42. \*Apthorp, Alden A.
43. \*Bechard, Eugene E.
44. \*Baur, Eric W.
45. \*Beardsley, James M.
46. \*Below, Allen W.
47. \*Boykin, Leon L.
48. \*Braverman, Sol
49. \*Buege, Arthur N.
50. \*Bumgarner, George T.
51. \*Conder, Everett D.
52. \*Cunningham, John V.
53. \*Damitz, Dale F.
54. \*Domagalski, Donald J.
55. \*Edwards, Lawrence E.
56. \*Esteln, Herman L.
57. \*Femino, Stephen J.
58. \*Fisher, Edward N.
59. \*Glomp, Herman G.
60. \*Hammond, Mack R.
61. \*Heim, Arthur W.
62. \*Hester, Alvis M.
63. \*Johnson, George W.
64. \*Johnson, Johnnie B.
65. \*Konrath, Herman P.
66. \*Krajewski, Leo J.
67. \*Lewandowski, Richard S.
68. \*Lewis, James T.
69. \*Michaels, Nick G.
70. \*Nelson, Arthur
71. \*Orcholski, Frank W.
72. \*Pearce, Milton W.
73. \*Polly, Robert L.
74. \*Reynolds, Grover C.
75. \*Ruhtrup, Paul A.
76. \*Schamper, Franklin C.
77. \*Seale, Freeman L.
78. \*Self, Theodore D.
79. \*Singer, Norman B.
80. \*Sokoloski, Chester A.
81. \*Smith, Edward L.
82. \*Stasnopols, Alexander
83. \*St. Onge, Levi J.
84. \*Uthe, Walter N.
85. \*Williams, Arthur L.
86. \*Winter, Robert E.
87. \*Wisck, Orville R.
88. \*Wronski, Roman P.
89. \*Zimmer, Werner R.
90. \*Zimmerman, Alva E.

#### PVT.

91. \*Albritton, Carley E.
92. \*Bether, Clarence K.
93. \*Blume, Julius J.
94. \*Bluhm, Edward R.
95. \*Bosley, Herbert F.
96. \*Bruce, Elmo L.
97. \*Bryhn, Lucian D.
98. \*Buetow, Lester G.
99. \*Cecorka, Ignatius S.
100. \*Christenson, Calvin F.
101. \*Cunningham, John D.
102. \*Dollid, Vech L.
103. \*Doltoska, Raymond C.
104. \*Dudley, James H.
105. \*Eaton, Donald F.
106. \*Fulton, Smiley G.
107. Grady, Robert I.
108. \*Herman, Robert E.
109. Jasick, Harry L.
110. \*Johnson, Kenneth M.
111. \*Johnson, Joseph
112. Kalinowski, Marlon B.
113. \*Lengyel, Michael W.
114. \*Lyhus, Orville J.
115. \*Lyons, Morris J.
116. Mangan, Earl H.
117. \*Miller, Bernard
118. \*Morgna, Edward B.
119. \*Mumford, Newton D.
120. \*Phillips, Carol Z.
121. \*Preston, Robert H.
122. \*Rebman, Clarence E.
123. \*Reynolds, Fred S.
124. \*Rodgers, Lynn F.
125. \*Salo, Matt A.
126. \*Schultz, Charles A.
127. \*Schulze, John P.
128. \*Siegel, Julius
129. \*Sobotkiewicz, Stanley J.
130. \*Stefanich, Anthony M.
131. Stoffel, Leslie R.
132. \*Teitler, Herman
133. \*Unsattlo, Teivo E.
134. Vevea, Donald F.
135. \*Wagner, Leonard A.
136. \*Weber, John L.
137. \*West, Roscoe B.
138. \*Wittchow, Harvey E.
139. \*Zucker, Nathan

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# Company "B," 738th Military Police Battalion

## ROSTER

### Officers

Captain

1st Lt.

1st Lt.

2nd Lt.

\*WILLIAM A. CARTER

ALEXANDER SKORINA

\*CHARLES W. ROBERSON

OTTO J. ZACK

### Enlisted Men

\*1st Sgt. Randall, Calvin R.

\*S/Sgt. Harrington, Cecil E.

\*S/Sgt. Johnson, James E.

\*S/Sgt. Scarborough,

William J.

\*S. Sgt. Shanks, Marvin

\*S/Sgt. Spielman,

Clarence M.

\*Sgt. Agan, James W.

\*Sgt. Atwood, Charles W.

\*Sgt. Byrd, James W.

\*Sgt. Feldman, Al

\*Sgt. Holt, John L.

\*Sgt. Jensen, Alton C.

\*Sgt. Ostendorf, James C.

\*Sgt. Sims, Clarence R.

\*T/4th Pertuit, Harold L.

\*T/4th Steele, Lawrence W.

\*Cpl. Bernhardt,

Laurent J.

\*Cpl. Buckley, Harry R.

\*Cpl. Goscinski, Walter S.

\*Cpl. Graves, Alton R.

\*Cpl. Hawkins, Richard F.

\*Cpl. Hawn, Nelson A.

\*Cpl. Jordan, James M.

\*Cpl. Lezerson, Morris

\*Cpl. Lovell, Lee R.

\*Cpl. Lueck, Owen F.

\*Cpl. Moody, William D.

\*Cpl. Olson, Arnold M.

\*Cpl. Persick, Clifford V.

\*Cpl. Ray, Edwin

\*Cpl. Ritchick, John J.

\*Cpl. Talley, Clifford R.

\*Cpl. Windham, Hinkle

\*T/5th Buksyk, Elmer P.

\*T/5th Lawrence,

Thomas G.

\*T/5th Najdowski,

Norbert P.

\*T/5th Nemetz, John

\*T/5th Pier, Leonard N.

\*T/5th Prilio, Anthony

\*T/5th Simmons, James F.

\*T/5th Washer, Powers J.

\*T/5th Whydotski,

Lloyd F.

\*Pfc. Abbott, Warren D.

\*Pfc. Barker, Clarence E.

\*Pfc. Birdsong, Luther E.

\*Pfc. Black, Jefferson W.

\*Pfc. Blemker, Chester R.

\*Pfc. Bogenberger,

David H.

\*Pfc. Benito, Cato

\*Pfc. Bruss, Roy A.

\*Pfc. Busser, Edward C.

\*Pfc. Capwell, Drudy V.

\*Pfc. Christen, Rudolph

\*Pfc. Day, Lewis L.

\*Pfc. Edgar, Howard A.

\*Pfc. Engel, Nick J.

\*Pfc. Glander, Charles A.

\*Pfc. Gonzalez, Jimmy

\*Pfc. Gregoire, Edward A.

\*Pfc. Groszek, Leon J.

\*Pfc. Guss, Ned E.

\*Pfc. Harden, Wilmer T.

\*Pfc. Hattley, Frank J.

\*Pfc. Hecht, Kenneth J.

\*Pfc. Hiland, Clarence J.

\*Pfc. Johnas, Frank J.

\*Pfc. Johnson, Edward E.

\*Pfc. Kniekelbein,

Clarence R.

\*Pfc. Konsoer, Martin H.

\*Pfc. Kuehn, Harold C.

\*Pfc. Makool, Halley

\*Pfc. Mitchell, Garland C.

\*Pfc. Morgan, Lee H.

\*Pfc. Novero, Lawrence J.

\*Pfc. Pfeffinger, Ivan J.

\*Pfc. Phillips, Leo B.

\*Pfc. Porterfield, Horace H.

\*Pfc. Radtke, Carl O.

\*Pfc. Robitaille, Romeo J.

\*Pfc. Roy, Alexander W.

\*Pfc. Schimkat, William J.

\*Pfc. Schoof, Walter F.

\*Pfc. Seefeld, Harvey H.

\*Pfc. Shropshire, Kelly E.

\*Pfc. Smith, James D.

\*Pfc. Sorrow, Hoyt C.

\*Pfc. Spitzley, Isidor J.

\*Pfc. Thomas, Jim

\*Pfc. Washburn,

William L.

Pvt. Bell, Archie C.

\*Pvt. Blackmon, Hayard C.

\*Pvt. Borowski, Chester

\*Pvt. Brainerd,

Raymond C.

\*Pvt. Brooks, Robert H.

\*Pvt. Clennan, Frances H.

\*Pvt. Dalton, Ray S.

\*Pvt. Davis, Horace E.

\*Pvt. DeBoer, Kenneth J.

\*Pvt. Driskell, James C.

\*Pvt. Duncan, Rolen L.

\*Pvt. Eberhardt, Floyd O.

\*Pvt. Ezell, James F.

\*Pvt. Foss, Milton S.

\*Pvt. Fox, Audley B.

\*Pvt. Frazier, William R.

\*Pvt. Gjonnes, Lloyd C.

\*Pvt. Guetzkow, Henry F.

\*Pvt. Hamilton, William R.

\*Pvt. Hanna, Kenneth H.

\*Pvt. Hanson, Tenna A.

\*Pvt. Hensley, Jr., Asie

\*Pvt. Hungsberg,

Reuben E.

\*Pvt. Jensen, Alfred L.

\*Pvt. Johnson, Clyde T.

\*Pvt. Johnson, Cyrus O.

\*Pvt. Johnson, Henry E.

\*Pvt. Julian, Robert L.

\*Pvt. Karniewski, Frank J.

\*Pvt. Kerle, Robert L.

\*Pvt. Krueker, Gerhard H.

\*Pvt. Lancer, Clarence T.

\*Pvt. Lawler, Howard T.

\*Pvt. Leonhardt, Fred F.

\*Pvt. Levings, Erwin S.

\*Pvt. Malorino, Frank

\*Pvt. Makuch, John J.

\*Pvt. Mandulak, John I.

\*Pvt. Merchant, Roland D.

\*Pvt. Morris, Arthur H.

\*Pvt. Pape, Harvey C.

\*Pvt. Paratore, Vito J.

Pvt. Persha, John

\*Pvt. Post, John N.

\*Pvt. Probst, Theodore A.

\*Pvt. Radant, Carl J.

\*Pvt. Saddy, Theodore

\*Pvt. Scott, Heywood H.

\*Pvt. Shepard, Cloyce F.

Pvt. Short, Homer S.

\*Pvt. Sizemore, Homer R.

\*Pvt. Stark, Michael

\*Pvt. Stark, Raymond L.

\*Pvt. Stone, Vernon

\*Pvt. Stovner, Carl

Pvt. Stupka, Francis L.

\*Pvt. TeGrotenhuis,

Herman

\*Pvt. Todisco, Richard F.

\*Pvt. Wolfe, Gerald

\*Pvt. Zernov, Vladimir

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# Company "C," 738th Military Police Battalion

<p>           Captain            1st Lt.            1st Lt.            1st Lt.         </p> <p>           *1st Sgt. Robert W. Hall            *S/Sgt. Michael E. Farris            *S/Sgt. Gunnar O. Hansen            *S/Sgt. Samuel S. Jenkins            *S/Sgt. Joseph Molitsky            *S/Sgt. John R. Odell            *Sgt. Thomas F. Burke            *Sgt. Gerald V. Haack            *Sgt. Peter W. Hansen            *Sgt. Robert E. Ingram            *Sgt. Albert S. Puffer            *Sgt. George W. Rayfield            *Sgt. George S. Ross            *Sgt. John V. Rubino            *Sgt. John J. Tivanovac            *Sgt. Ira J. Violette            *T/4th Theodore S. Forman            *T/4th Henry J. Infantino            *Cpl. Lyle L. Bauman            *Cpl. Oscar M. Binn            *Cpl. Jack P. Blackwell            *Cpl. William T. Campbell            *Cpl. Alexander Frischman            *Cpl. Robert J. Fuchs            *Cpl. Lawrence H. Gibson            *Cpl. Charles H. Henneke            *Cpl. Richard A. Hoover            *Cpl. Roy C. Juel            *Cpl. Kenneth I. Kabitsky            *Cpl. William F. Leist            *Cpl. John R. Mixon            *Cpl. Leland J. Murphy            *Cpl. Rudolph Silberschmidt            *Cpl. Odie B. Smith            *Cpl. Otis R. Wetherell            *T/5th Louis C. Feazel            *T/5th Alexander Goodman            *T/5th Roger A. Mercier            *T/5th Burr F. Monroe            *T/5th John A. Olson            *T/5th Clifford B. Rice            *T/5th Grover G. Shook            *T/5th Harold Teitelbaum            *T/5th Albert F. Whitworth            *Pfc. Sylvester A. Burkart            *Pfc. Frank W. Connor            *Pfc. Maurice T. Conway            *Pfc. Joseph O. Davis, Sr.            *Pfc. Arlie Dye            *Pfc. Roman J. Ebertowski            *Pfc. Leonard S. Ellis            *Pfc. Carl E. Fairchild            *Pfc. William H. Franzmann            *Pfc. Ovid B. Frost            *Pfc. Reno J. Giardini            *Pfc. Eddie Gunnella            *Pfc. Lester B. Gunderson            *Pfc. William G. Hammes            *Pfc. T. B. Harris            *Pfc. Harvey T. Hauser            *Pfc. Lon G. Hayes            *Pfc. Harry Herbert, Jr.            *Pfc. Carl O. Holm            *Pfc. Joseph Husak            *Pfc. Wilmer H. Husman            *Pfc. Peter F. Jann            *Pfc. John F. Kitchell            *Pfc. George R. Knoll            *Pfc. Joseph A. Kramer         </p>	<p>           *GEORGE V. COCKBURN, Commanding            *FREDERICK W. HAEGER            *EVERETT S. HIGGINS            *JOHN F. McNERNEY            *Pfc. August J. Kranick            *Pfc. Gust A. Landsten            *Pfc. Donald L. Ludke            *Pfc. Robert Markens            *Pfc. William L. McLaughlin            *Pfc. Pat. J. Millela            *Pfc. Woodrow W. Moltz            *Pfc. Kenneth R. Morris            *Pfc. William L. Moyers            *Pfc. Walter H. Nicklaus            *Pfc. Clyde Norwood            *Pfc. Rudolph A. Olson            *Pfc. Angelos C. Papagianes            *Pfc. Harold R. Patten            *Pfc. Russell F. Peterson            *Pfc. Dwight L. Peugeot            *Pfc. John R. Roberson            *Pfc. Willard P. Roeder            *Pfc. Peter Scala            *Pfc. Howard G. Schnell            *Pfc. Isaac J. Sheldell            *Pfc. Ned Silverman            *Pfc. Jerome J. Spah            *Pfc. Earle S. Stange            *Pfc. A. L. Tankersley            *Pfc. Marvin T. Thielen            *Pfc. Clarence R. Thompson            *Pfc. Elmer J. Vopal            *Pfc. Morgan E. Walberg            *Pfc. Euless P. Woodruff            *Pfc. Harold Yalowitz            *Pfc. James W. Zahorik            *Pvt. Paul O. Arndt            *Pvt. Dore E. Beltz            *Pvt. Byron W. Bunkelman            *Pvt. James A. Carlton            *Pvt. Allan R. Craft            *Pvt. Leonard J. Dama            *Pvt. Edward Decker            *Pvt. Merle W. 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# Company "D," 738th Military Police Battalion

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\*SANFORD J. CARTER  
AUSTIN E. O'DONNELL

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\*S/Sgt. Damon, Floyd E.  
\*S/Sgt. Pipp, Clarence A.  
S/Sgt. Rodgers, Charles E.

\*Sgt. Bowman, John R.  
\*Sgt. Cotton, George J.  
\*Sgt. Crim, William L.  
Sgt. Eckhardt, Sam.  
\*Sgt. Jordan, Emmett O.  
\*Sgt. Kozlowski, Eugene J.  
\*Sgt. Monocchio, Anthony  
Sgt. North, Donald  
\*Sgt. Ruthemeyer,  
Harold L.  
\*Sgt. Miller, Harold E.  
\*Sgt. Theys, Alfred P.

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Travis J.  
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Cpl. Currey, Woodrow W.  
Cpl. De Lacerda, Albert F.  
\*Cpl. Fedor, Andrew G.  
\*Cpl. Fierro, Joseph S.  
\*Cpl. Fuqua, Floyd M.  
\*Cpl. Holt, Chester  
\*Cpl. La Barnes, George J.  
\*Cpl. La Branche,  
Charles W.  
\*Cpl. Lingerfelt, Alcie J.  
\*Cpl. Moss, Robert C.  
\*Cpl. Riley, John E.  
\*Cpl. Veal, Henry M.  
\*Cpl. Tenney, Robert B.  
\*Cpl. Vidrine, Ollie J.  
\*Cpl. Wicen, Rudolph

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William E.  
\*T/5th Cleerehans,  
Robert M.  
\*T/5th Couture, Alpha F.  
\*T/5th Uecker, Lawrence C.  
T/5th Kanapaska,  
Anthony  
T/5th Monti, Peter F.  
\*T/5th Sexton, Ira C.  
\*T/5th Speed, Robert M.

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Cletus F.  
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Alphonse, L.  
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Pfc. Karchner, Warren R.  
\*Pfc. Lemke, William P.  
\*Pfc. Locke, Lester  
\*Pfc. Lowry, Adrain E.  
\*Pfc. Moon, Jarvis L.  
\*Pfc. McGrath, Thomas J.  
\*Pfc. Olsen, Hartvick C.  
\*Pfc. Parker, Robert M.  
\*Pfc. Kalstor, Benjamin O.  
\*Pfc. Reinke, Elmer E.  
\*Pfc. Robinson, Lang  
\*Pfc. Sanborn, Charles H.  
\*Pfc. Sikes, Aubrey H.  
\*Pfc. Steinhiser, John L.  
Pfc. Steranko, Andrew  
\*Pfc. Timmons, John B.  
\*Pfc. Toth, John E.  
\*Pfc. Thierer, Melvin D.  
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Pfc. Vana, William H.  
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Pfc. Walanches,  
Raymond W.

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\*Pfc. Westcott, Jack F.  
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Pvt. Grabowski,  
Edmund E.

\*Pvt. Heinz, Gerald C.  
Pvt. Hoak, Norman B.  
Pvt. Holbrook, Leo O.  
Pvt. Hutchinson,  
Samuel L.  
Pvt. Janulewicz,  
Thaddeus C.

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Pvt. Kolashinski, Francis  
Pvt. Leotta, Joseph E.  
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\*Pvt. McGough, Lloyd J.  
\*Pvt. Monaf, Anton T.  
\*Pvt. Nefstead, Merrill M.  
\*Pvt. Nielsen, Arild E.  
\*Pvt. Papich, Stanley S.  
\*Pvt. Parks, William I.  
Pvt. Pelletier, Cyril J.  
\*Pvt. Pflug, Edward F.  
\*Pvt. Port, Elmer J.  
\*Pvt. Polgar, Anton  
Pvt. Pozzest, Charles R.  
Pvt. Rabun, Floyd H.  
Pvt. Rasty, Thomas G.  
Pvt. Rudin, Philip  
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Pvt. Sanguiliano,  
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\*Pvt. Tiammons, Patrick T.  
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Pvt. Verderber, Carl  
\*Pvt. White, Kobay  
\*Pvt. Woodward, Lewis L.  
Pvt. Yanko, Mike R.  
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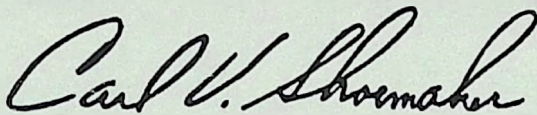
*To: The Officers and Men of the  
738th Military Police Battalion*

While I have only had the privilege of commanding this Battalion for a very short period of time, I want to express to each and everyone of you my appreciation for the reception accorded me and the fine "esprit de corps," so plainly evident in this organization, and to assure you all that I fully concur in the splendid reports that I had heard regarding this outfit prior to the time I was placed in command.

Realizing, naturally, that the training and preparation you have undergone in the past to qualify yourselves for the arduous tasks that confront a military policeman, which you are now so capably carrying out, were not accomplished without the maximum effort on the part of all concerned, it is my desire to pay tribute to those officers and my predecessors for the excellent results they have obtained.

As most of you know, I came to the command of the Battalion after over twenty-two years of service in the same Infantry Division, but I want you also to know that your problems and your work are not new to me, for in civil life I have spent many years in Policeman's harness. In my assignment to this command I have realized a long-time ambition, to be associated with Military Police work, and I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to working with all of you in whatever and wherever our duty assignment may be.

On this particularly important occasion of the anniversary of your first year of service on this foreign soil, I congratulate you all for your fine work of the past and express the hope that during the coming year I may receive the splendid co-operation given my predecessors, to the end that we may all enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done. I am sure that you will all join me in the wish that the anniversaries of the future may be celebrated in a world of peace amid the comforts of our own homes and firesides, wherever they may be.



CARL V. SHOEMAKER  
Lieut. Colonel, CMP  
Commanding 738th MP Bn.  
APO No. 923



Box 125  
Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840  
8 December 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bentson:

The very best to both of you at this Christmas Season.

A very special Thank You for your assistance to me while a visitor in Australia. Your kindness in having me as a guest for an evening besides the tour of the city of Brisbane will always be remembered. Blessings to both of you.

After having completed the tour of Australia, I often thought of the many times the trip was postponed and how foolish of me to do so. Everywhere I went the people were most hospitable and often went far out of their way to assist me in so many ways. The people of Australia have not changed from the time spent there during the war years.

From Brisbane, the tour took me to Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra before departing from Sydney. At both Adelaide and Melbourne I visited with friends who had resettled there from the States. In Hobart, a family from Melbourne took me in hand and "mothered" me while in the visit there. In all kinds of ways the trip throughout your country was so enjoyable.

Both of my cameras were kept busy though not always with good results. Sometimes the weather did not cooperate and thus slides had to be purchased. All together I obtained over 900 slides during the visit. At this time those slides are not very well organized but I am working on them, hoping to get a very presentable set of slides of approximately 140 or so. Up to the present those loosely organized slides of about 250 have been shown to 3 different groups with others wishing to see them. Several title and caption-type slides will have to be made to serve as transition from one city to the next. Rather than a mixture of people and places, I am trying to arrange the set in the same way that the trip was taken.

Our winter season is now upon us but we have not experienced the cold which usually comes at this time of year, neither have we the snow that so many want for winter sports. There is to be a cross country ski competition here in Grantsburg on the 27th of December but it may have to be postponed.

The short wave operator here in the Grantsburg area is William Hoepfner and the call letters are W9NQN. I have not had any real time to talk to him as he is also retired and makes frequent trips away from here. I shall try to find out more about him from time to time. He is a retired Naval Officer (rank unknown). His wife is very politically minded and her assistance is requested from various political organizations around the U.S.A.

If present plans materialize, I may be in Australia next year again during October and November, unless my nephew convinces me to make a trip to Norway with him earlier in the year.

Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas Season. Sincerely,

*Alton Jensen*



Box 125  
Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840  
26 September 1986

Dear Friends:

After many long delays and frequent mistakes by various travel agencies, it now appears that my itinerary for Australia and Papua New Guinea will finally be achieved.

After my arrival in Sydney, I will go to Perth for a while and then take the train trip back. After that I will come to Brisbane. The final arrangement is as follows:

Arrival in Brisbane on October 21 and stay at the Canberra Hotel  
Free on either the 22 or 24, if you wish to contact me  
Leave Brisbane by train for Cairns on Monday, October 27

On the last visit and also by letter, you expressed a strong interest in getting some other reports from the 738th MP Bn concerning the "Battle of Brisbane". I have contacted a few living members of Company C, which was in charge of street patrol at that time. In every case, these men did not want to discuss the situation for record. They feared that there might be some future repercussions. Even though I tried to reassure them on this point, they still did not want to be of assistance. I had offered to tape record our conversations but to no avail. Since I was only an onlooker from across the street, I could not give a clear picture of the happening in front of the PX on Creek Street. I happened to be on the way to the Central Station, on pass, when I encountered the disturbance.

After a short visit in Cairns, My tour takes me to Papua New Guinea and I hope to be able to revisit Finschafen where our company was stationed for 7 months or so. One local veteran was in the CB's who help construct the facilities in Finschafen and he wants me to take lots of photos of the area.

It would be most pleasant to talk to you again. You and your wife were so kind to me previously. I hope that this finds you in the best of health.

Most sincerely,

*Alton*

437  
232-0231



7 April 1984

Dear Alton:

JENSEN

I have had this Air Letter addressed for some time, to answer your letter of 15 Dec. 83, so when your second letter arrived, telling of you visit down here again, I thought it was time I write you. Hope this arrives before you leave.

We will be here 6th May, so give me a call when you arrive. I will be good to seeing you again.

Have had several friends and ex-GIs from the 41st and 32nd Div's visiting here, this last year.

Any pictures you have, taken in Brisbane during WWII, bring them with you, I could have copies made, if you don't have any extras.

Do you have any info on the 814th MP Company. I am gathering info on the Battle of Brisbane and the 814th is mentioned. Also, do you have any roster of the 738th MB Bn. or any of the companies. The 738th is also mentioned in the Battle of Brisbane.

This is all of interest to me, for I was down town during the two nights of the Battle. You must have been around at that time. I was billeted a block from where the ruckus started, and nearly got clobbered on the second evening.

Have been hopping I could contact a ham radio operator close to you, but haven't heard any yet. I talk to a lot of hams in the States and they keep me up on the news.

We are having our first good rain for some time and it was becoming a bit dry around here, but now things look nice and green.

See you when you arrive.

1074  
Bill Bentson

Canberra Hotel  
32-0231



Box 125  
Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840

25 March 1984

715-463-5694 Home  
715 463-  
Rainbow Hotel

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bentson:

Once again a trip is being made to visit Australia with New Guinea being included this time. According to the itinerary, I plan to be in Brisbane from May 6 through May 13. Among other plans, I would like very much to talk to you, at least by phone. My hotel will be the Canberra again as this is centrally located for me in doing much walking around the center of the city.

I have been diligently trying to locate some more photos of the 738th M. P. Battalion on duty in Australia, particularly in Brisbane, but have not had much success. So many of the members have died and their wives did not save any photos that the men had. In most instances the men did not possess cameras and hence very few photos survive. I did find one which is of the gate to Whinstanes and shows one or two buildings in the background. Knowing your interest in pictorial history of the U. S. Army in Australia, you may be interested in the few additional photos that have been located.

My original plans were to be in Australia and New Guinea last October and November, but plans went awry when problems arose with travel agencies concerning the tour of New Guinea. Since then the tours have been reduced and modified and are not as good as those as in 1982 and 1983. However, the cruise ship, Melanesian Explorer, will stop at Madang and Finschafen so I will be able to take in some of the areas served during the war years.

Our unit, 738th M.P. Battalion, is having two reunions this year. One is for the entire Battalion and is being held in Hunker, Pennsylvania on May 5 and 6. The other is that of Company "D" which will be held in West Bend, Wisconsin on June 15, 16 and 17. This one I plan to attend even though it is not truly for members from other companies. I was in both Company "B" as well as the Headquarters Detachment. It is in this area that I have been able to locate the few extra photos that I will make copies of and take along.

We are now experiencing the coming of spring although it feels more like the winter season. Our snow, almost a new record, is not all gone. Ice is still on the lakes and on the St. Croix. We have an unusually long and severe winter with record cold and almost record snows. Even the snowmobiles were not able to have much activity until after we had some melting. However, there was lots of ski activity around here as our area has 4 cross country ski trails to which Minneapolis and St. Paul people come.

I trust that you have been in good health since 1981 and that your retirement has been fruitful and enjoyable. It will be a great pleasure to speak to you again during my visit.

Most sincerely,

Alton C. Jensen

Alton C. Jensen

Picked up Alton at  
Canberra Hotel 7:00pm  
11 May 1984 & brought him  
out home for visit.



15 Kapunda St., Toowong  
Brisbane, Queensland  
Australia 4066  
30 March 1982

Dear Alton:

*Jensen Grantsburg, WI*  
Trying to catch up on my letter writing and that takes some doing, for I have a lot of letters to write.

Joan & I enjoyed you Xmas letter and to know you had a great trip, with pictures to remind you of same.

I was back in the States last Oct. & Nov. Had about five week to visit around. Landed in San Bernadino, CA and then up to Tacoma, WA via Air Force flights. Took a bus down to Portland, OR and spent most of my time there. Had a lot of visiting to do, so that took up most of my time. The weather was very nice all the time. Guess the winter really got bad after I left. My daughter Suzanne and her husband were in OR Nov. - Jan. and had a great time. They were staying with friends out of Portland towards the Mts. and were snowed in for three days. They arrived back with a lot of pictures. Suzanne has kept in touch with a lot of her school and neighborhood friends, so she had a lot of visiting to do also.

I made a copy of the 738th's 1943 Anniversary Ball Roster, you left with me and sent it on to Colonel Shoemaker's son, who I have known for a long time. He lives in Oregon and I usually see him, when I am back there for a visit.

Will be going out to Wacol again soon to have a look around. I will see if I can find the building Co. "B" was in. They now have a military museum at the Wacol camp and have a lot of info about the early days, so will see what they have on the Americans.

I have been talking to a lot of ham radio operators in the States, so keeping up on what's going on. Guess the economic conditions are not the best in the auto industry back your way and the lumber industry in the West. Building is at a standstill, due to high interest rates. I guess gasoline is down in price. gas dropped here from 39.9¢ to 32.9¢ just recently. Interest rates have been going up here and has also slowed down home buying.

Having been back in the States in 78, 80 & 81, I don't think I will make it back this year. Joan & I will be back next year to attend my Salem High School Class of "38" reunion. I don't want to miss that. The one we had in "78" was great and the one next year should even be better.

During you winter, we had a lot of coverage on TV News, showing the snow storms, etc. I was talking to a ham in Oregon last night and he said they just had 3" of snow that day. He lived close to the Mts., so I guess the winter is still hanging on. One thing I don't miss in the States is the fuel bills, since we don't have central heating, we have no fuel bills. Have been cutting wood for the fireplace and have a good stack down the back.

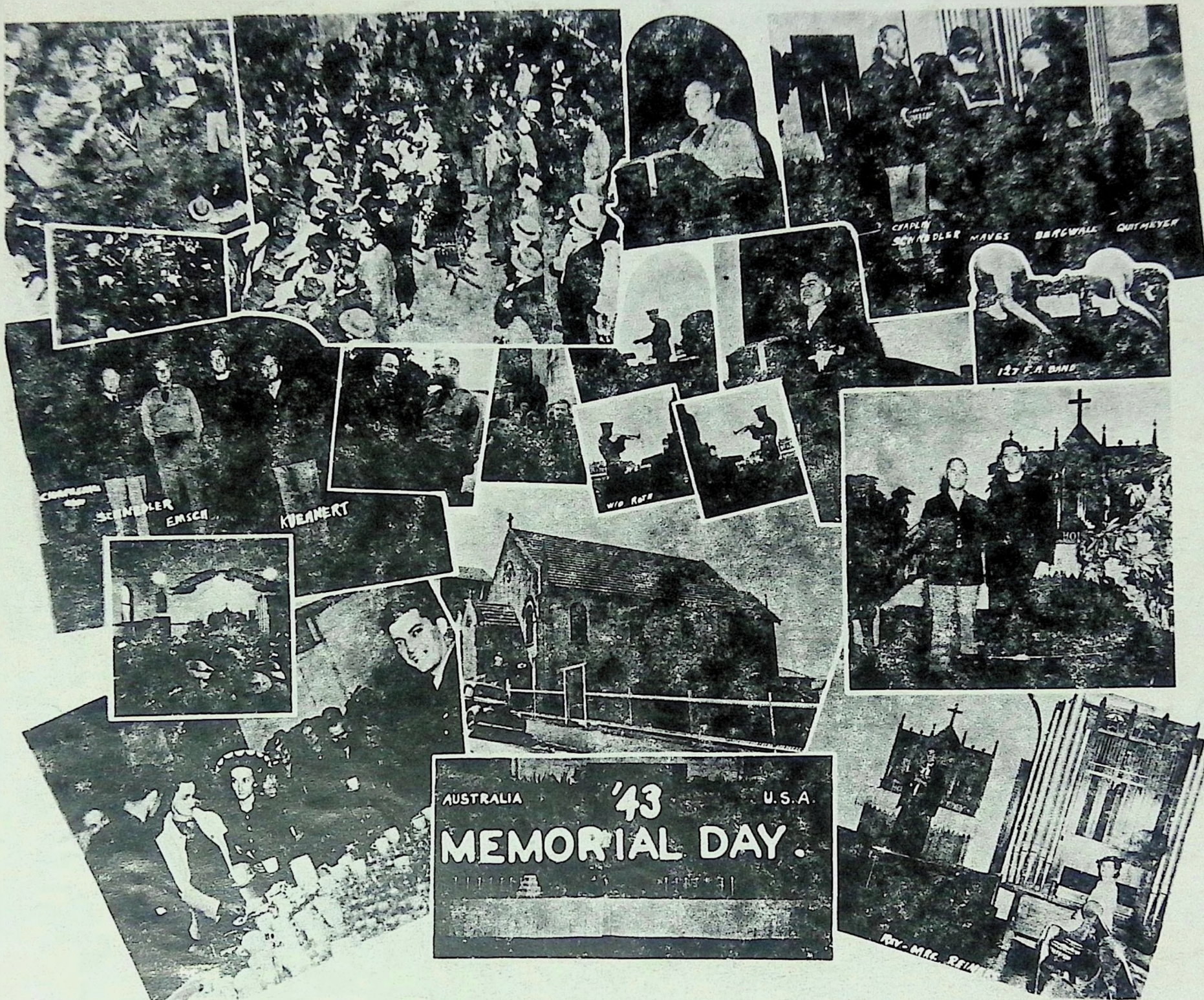
It was nice have you here for a visit and if you make it back again, besure and have a few days in Brisbane. Let us know if you go to Norway. All my grandparents on my fathers side of the family were from Norway. The came to the States in 1852. and settled in South Dakota and then to Oregon in 1901. My father was born in SD.

Joan sends a hello to you and we hope you are in good health, as we are here.

Sincerely,

Bill Bentson







5 Jan. 86

Dear Alton:

JENSEN  
GRANDBURG, WI

Some time back you mentioned in your letter that you may be coming back here for another visit. It would be nice seeing you again.

All the information you gave me on your last visit has been very helpful to me in my collecting unfo of U.S. units out here during the War. I would still like to get in touch with someone from the 738th who has first hand information on their part in the Battle of Brisbane. We have a couple of guys living here how were in the 814th MPs, but they don't remember too much about this incident.

I was back in Oregon in Aug. & Sept. 84 for five weeks and attended the 41st Div. Reunion in Portland and also attended a Benton reunion in my old home town of Silverton, OR. Joan was back in Portland, OR for a few weeks in 84 also and had a good visit with her friends. We both can't be away at the same time, due to the business we have. We hope to sell the business this year, so we can get back to OR for three or four months together and will also travel around the States.

I still keep busy on my ham radio and this keeps me up on the news from back home. Talked to a lot of hams around the States. My ham friends in OR can put me through on the telephone to my friends and relatives.

We have had a few visitors from the States drop by. In Nov. 84, we had 163 in a group from the 41st Div. visiting, including a few wives. We had a get together for them and they had a great time. Had a few from the 32nd Div. visit us also.

Had good weather for Xmas and it was not so hot this year. Had all the family here and the grandkids kept us on our toes.

The Australian \$ is down to .68¢ now, so the US \$s gets you a lot of A \$s. The New Zealand \$ has been down as low as .48¢ against the US \$. It is a good time for people from the US to come down this way for a visit. Bank interest is up to 15% on savings accounts. We are now making up for the many years we had to pay between \$1.12 and \$1.25 for the A \$.

Have a friend coming down here this month from Penn. He was in the 32nd Div. and also the 41st Div. He has been coming down each year, to get away from the cold winters. He is also retired from the Army. I have been retired from the Army over 22 years. In another 4 years, I will have had more time of the retired list, than I had on the active list.

We have two American Legion Post here now, one in Brisbane and one on the Gold Coast. They also have one in Sydney. Later this month, the National Commander of the American Legion will be here on a visit and we are having memorial service at the American Memorial at the park down by the river, where the first American troops landed in Dec. 21, 1941.

Well Alton, we hope you are holding up OK as we are here. Joan sends her hello on to you and hope you will making it down here again.

As ever,

WJ



Box 125

Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840

15 December 1984

Dear Friends:

It is that time of year to send the Best Wishes for a most Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year.

It has been a very busy year for me since returning from the Australian-Papua New Guinea trip. There have been so many requests for slide showings. Most people seem to enjoy very much the people of other parts of the world. Questions concerning the contents of the slides have been thoughtful.

In June, there was a reunion of parts of our old 738th MP unit here in Wisconsin. The turnout was not as large as we had hoped but it was successful. At that time, I contacted two individuals who were present or who participated in the "Battle of Brisbane". One was a Corporal of the Guard on the detail that night and he is going to tape his recollections of the event and send the tape to me. The other person was not on duty at the time but was involved in the call for reinforcements. When I get the reports from both of them, I will send them on to you for your information and possible addition to the writing that you are doing on that incident. I would like to receive from you the copy of the report of the "official" summary of the events. I do have a copy somewhere from the Courier Mail that was rewritten in 1981. It will be interesting to see your final story of the happening.

A friend of mine left this morning for Melbourne and I longed to go there with him. Maybe I can arrange another visit next year in October or November. It would be most pleasant to make another visit to Papua New Guinea. At that time I would not have the assistance of my friend, Major Rowan Tracey of the Australian Army, to ease over much of the official red tape. He was most helpful on the trip last spring. He is now back on duty in or around Melbourne for his next tour of duty. He and his wife were so wonderful in their care of me.

My Christmas will be spent with an older sister who will not have any of her children celebrating with them this year. I think that she is lonesome for them and asked me to more or less fill in for a couple of days. This is good as she is a marvelous cook and I eat too much and suffer later.

Have a most pleasant Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

ALTON C. JENSEN  
P O BOX 125  
GRANTSBURG, WIS.  
54840



*Alton*



Pvt. Norman J. Grant

738<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

Shot Pvt. Edward Webster  
Australian Army outside  
U.S. Army PX

26 Nov. 42

During the so called Battle  
of Brisbane



# William A Bentson

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BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA 4066

5 DECEMBER 1994

DEAR ALTON:

*Jensen*

THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME TO WRITE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE XMAS CARD FROM LAST YEAR. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

JOAN AND I RETURNED ON 26 NOVEMBER 93 FROM A ROUND THE WORLD TRIP. WE WERE AWAY FOR 77 DAYS ON THE ROAD. HAWAII, SAN FRANCISCO, OREGON, WHERE WE ATTENDED MY SALEM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '38 REUNION AND HAD A GREAT TIME. THEN ON TO WASHINGTON, D.C., NEW YORK CITY, WEST POINT, WHERE VISITED THE GRAVE OF A GOOD FRIEND, WHO WAS KILLED IN KOREA. THEN ON TO ENGLAND, NORWAY, SPAIN, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE, THEN HOME.

SPENT TWO WEEKS IN NORWAY, WHEN WE LOCATED THE AREA AND THE FARM MY ANCESTORS LIVED ON FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS. A FRIEND IN OSLO HAD RESEARCHED MY FAMILY RECORDS AND WAS ABLE TO FIND WHERE THE BENTSONS CAME FROM. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO WALK AROUND THE FARM, WHERE MY ANCESTOR ONE TROD. PART OF THE HOUSE AND THE SMOKE HOUSE HAVE BEEN PRESERVED AND THEY ARE THE SAME AS WHEN MY ANCESTORS LIVED THERE. OUR GRANDPARENTS NEVER DID TELL US WHERE THEY HAD COME FROM IN NORWAY, SO I TOOK SOME SURCHING TO FIND THE AREA. I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS BEEN TO NORWAY AND FOUND OUT ABOUT THE FAMILY. THEY CAME TO THE STATES IN 1866 AND MY GRANDFATHER WAS AGED 18 AND THE OLDEST OF SEVEN CHILDREN MAKING THE TRIP. MY GRANDFATHER WAS BORN ON THE FARM IN 1848.

WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND, STAYING WITH A FRIEND IN FARNBOROUGH. FROM THERE WE TOOK TRIPS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HAD TWO DAYS IN LONDON, VISITED WINCHESTER, CHICHESTER, READING, GILDFORD, SOUTHAMPTON, FARNHAM, ETC.

THE FRIEND WE STAYED WITH IN FARNBOROUGH, HAS A UNIT ON THE COSTA DEL SOL, ON THE MEDITERRANEAN, SO SHE TOOK US DOWN THERE FOR A WEEK.

WE ARE GETTING ITCHY FEET AGAIN TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP. JOAN WANTS TO GO DOWN TO TASMANIA, SO WE MAY GO DOWN THERE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THIS YEAR. WE DO WANT TO GO BACK TO NORWAY FOR ANOTHER VISIT. AFTER WE GOT BACK HOME, I FOUND OUT, THAT I HAVE SOME DISTANT COUSINS LIVING IN THE AREA, NEAR THE BENTSON FARM WE VISITED. THERE ARE TWO FAMILIES ON THE MATERNAL SIDE, THAT I HAVE LOCATED.

BRISBANE IS GETTING READY FOR CELEBRATIONS FROM NOW, UNTIL AUGUST OF NEXT YEARS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW II. THEY HAVE A LOT OF EVENTS PLANNED.

NOT MUCH FURTHER TO REPORT. I DID RECEIVE THE ENCLOSED LETTER AND THOUGHT I'D SEND YOU A COPY, SINCE IT REFERES TO MILITARY POLICE.

OVER



**VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE  
HONORARY MEMBER OF THE MOHAWK VALLEY CHAPTER**

Eric VERLINDEN  
Halensebaan, 8  
3461 MOLENBEEK - WERSBEEK  
BELGIUM

August 11, 1994

United States Army Forces in Australia  
MAJ William A. Bentson, USA, Retired  
15 Kapunda Street  
Toowong, Brisbane  
Queensland, Australia 4066

Dear Sir,

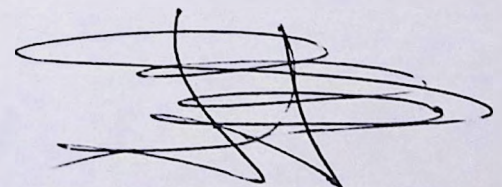
I write you in the hope to know if some of the names in the alphabetic list in annex are or have been members of your association or to get in contact with those U.S. Soldiers.

As a N.C.O. in the Belgium Armed Forces I'm interested in Military History, so I became a collector of WWII items. As a collector I've discovered some equipment with services numbers and names on it (some of the items are discovered in the US). I would like to know their Unit and other informations available, also if I can have contact with the soldier himself (or a friend of him), I can know the history of the item and also ask him for a picture to go with this equipment.

I would also like to get in contact with veterans who where members of the Military Police Platoon, to get some information about Military Police equipments and pictures taken during WWII because I'm very interested in Military Police Forces of the U.S. Army and at this moment there is no book available on this subject .


With the hope receiving a favourable answer,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom, representing the name Eric Verlinden.

Eric VERLINDEN





OMAHA CEMETERY



CAMP WHINSTANES

BRISBANE

DEC. 1942 — OCT. 1943

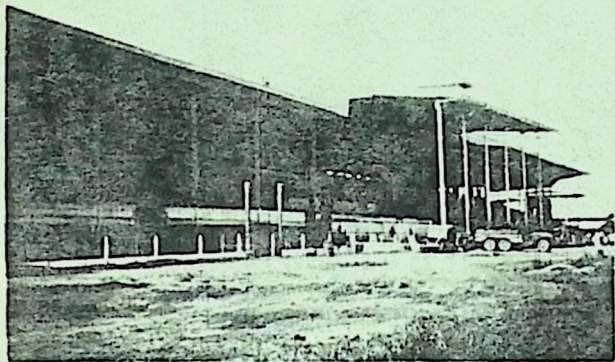
College Ave. & Kingsford-Smith Drive

CAMP HQ DIRECTLY BEHIND GATE

BUILDING BEHIND FLAG POLE WAS KITCHEN

Alton C. Jensen  
Box 125  
Grantsburg, Wis. 54840







JOCKEY CLUB, MANILA, P.I.

HQ FOR 738TH MP BN FROM  
FEB. 5 TO 10, 1945. SHELLED  
OUT BY JAPS FROM ACROSS  
PASIG RIVER. 5 KILLED.







Co. B 738th MP BN.

IPSWICH PATROL

BACK ROW:

LAWRENCE J. NOVERO

FRANCES H. CLENNAN

RAYMOND C. BRAINARD

REUBEN E. HUNGSBERG

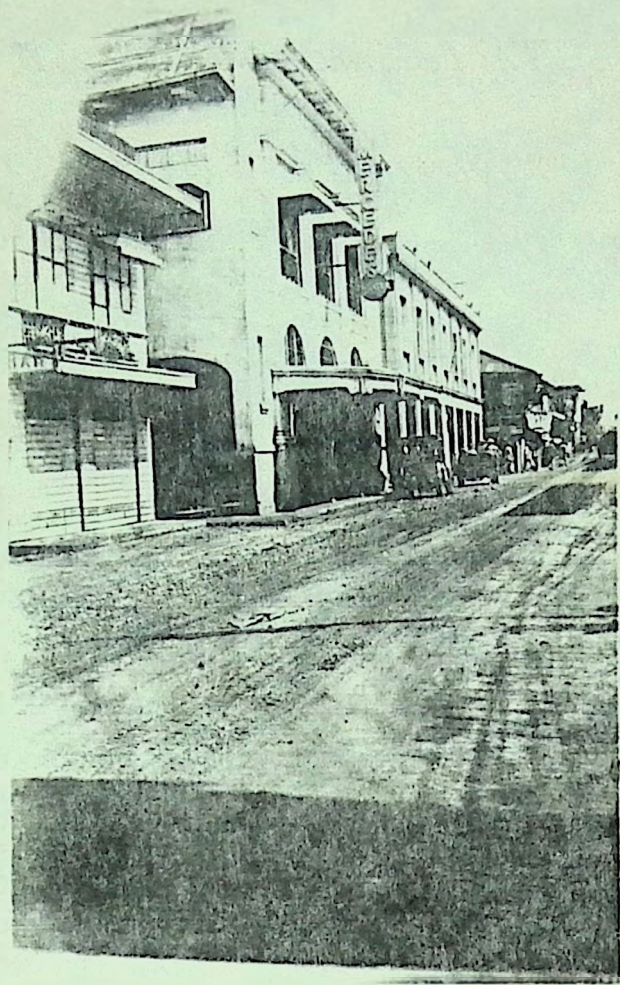
FRONT ROW:

CLOYCE F. SHEPARD

CLARENCE J. HILAND

JAMES M. JORDAN







MAIN STREET

TACLOBAN, LEYTE, P.I.

NOVEMBER, 1944

COMPANY "B" 738TH MPBN

JEEPS - STREET PATROL







SGT. ALEXANDER W.  
KEEL

Co. "C" - 738<sup>TH</sup> MP. BN.

HQ BUILDING

CAMP WHINSTANES







MAIN GATE

CAMP WHINSTONES

C. 738<sup>TH</sup> MP BN HQ

BRISBANE

AIRPORT ROAD & COLLEGE ST.







Lt. ULRICH

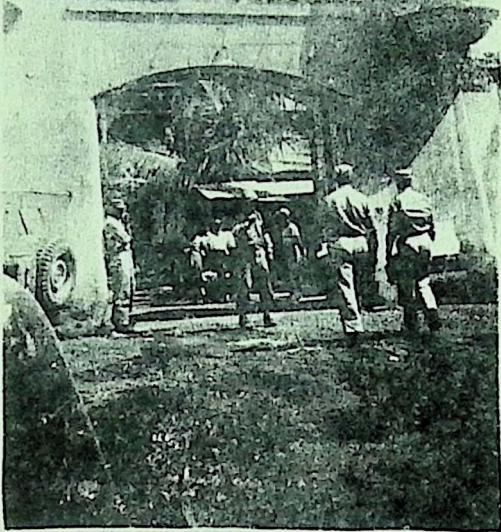
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TACLOBAN, LEYTE

NOV. 1945



**BUREAU OF PRISONS**







Bilibid Prison  
Manila

Downtown Hq for  
738<sup>th</sup> M. P. and Navy  
S. P.

Feb. 1945



# JUEL FIELD

*This field is named in honor of  
Sgt. ROY C. JUEL  
former member of this battalion  
killed in action - Leyte, P. I.  
20 October 1944*

*Also in honor of the following  
members of this battalion who  
have made the supreme sacrifice  
this field is hereby dedicated.*

Cpl. WALTER T. RIGGALL	Pvt. HAROLD G. BROWN
Pvt. SAMUEL S. JENKINS	Pvt. JOHN P. SWARTZ
Sgt. THOMAS E. EUBANK	Pvt. ROBERT W. BARNES
Sgt. DALE F. DIMITZ	Pvt. JOHN G. ANGEL
Sgt. GROVER C. SPOOK	Pvt. DANIEL BRETHERTON
Cpl. RAYMOND F. PITTS	Pvt. WILLIAM G. GOTT
Cpl. RICHARD MOSLEY	Pvt. WILLIAM D. PROHLER
Cpl. HENRY R. WOODH	Pvt. ALFRED HANAS
Pvt. KENNETH R. MORRIS	Pvt. HARRY A. WIGGINS
Pvt. CHARLES A. CLOUTNER	Pvt. MICHAEL L. SPURDY

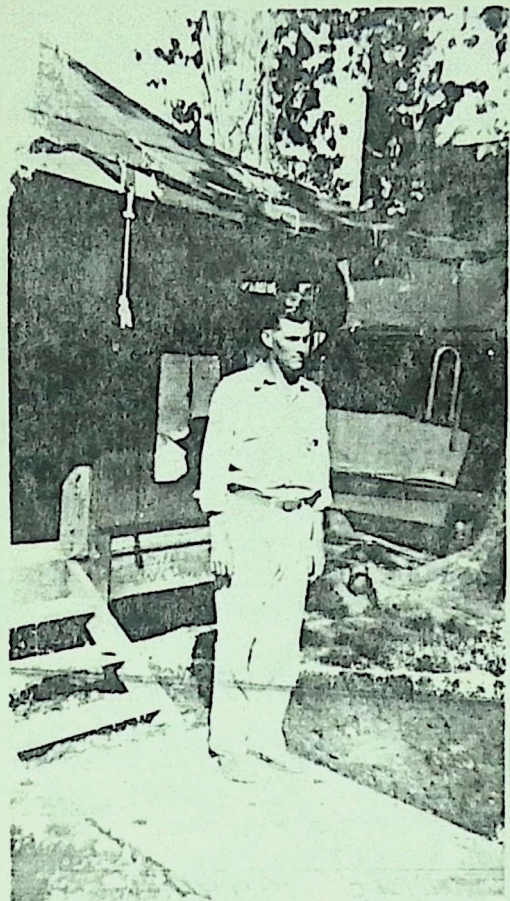


JUGL FIELD  
MANILA, P.I.

COMMEMORATING MEN  
LOST IN "C" COMPANY  
INVASION ON LEYTE

738TH MP BN - 1945







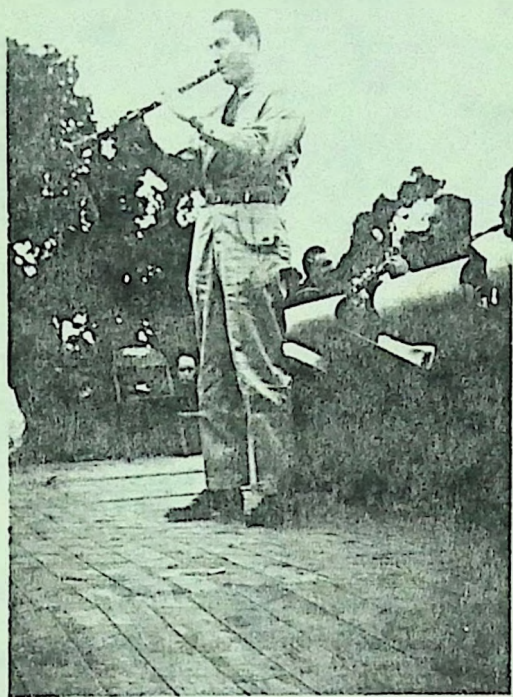
COMPANY "B" - HQ

FINSCHAFEN, NEW  
GUINEA

ALTON C. JENSEN  
CO. CLERK

APRIL 1944







ARTIE SHAW CONCERT

BRISBANE AREA

1943

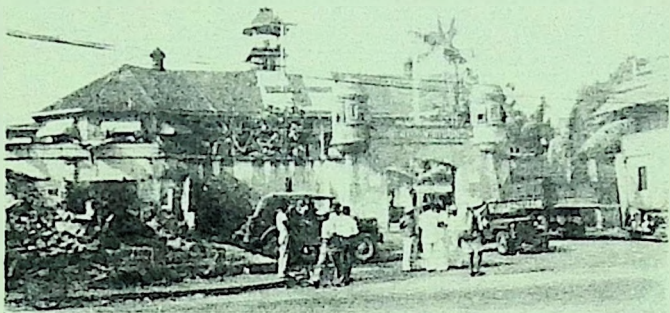






A. Jensen -  
April 1943 at  
Finschhafen - Co. B  
orderly tent and  
office.



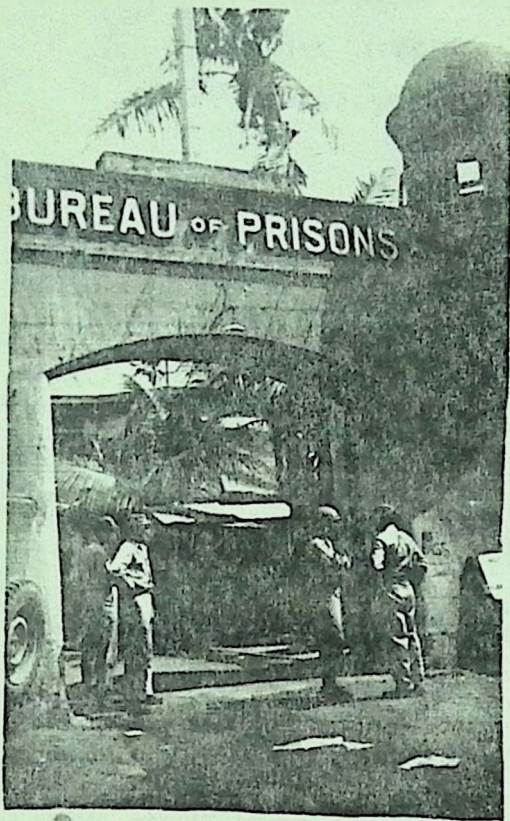




Bilibid Prison - down-  
town Manila. Santo  
Tomas University behind  
(civilian internment center)

FEB 5<sup>TH</sup> 1945







COMPANY "B"

738TH MP. BN.

PRISON HQ

BILIBID PRISON

MANILA, P.I.

MAR. 1945

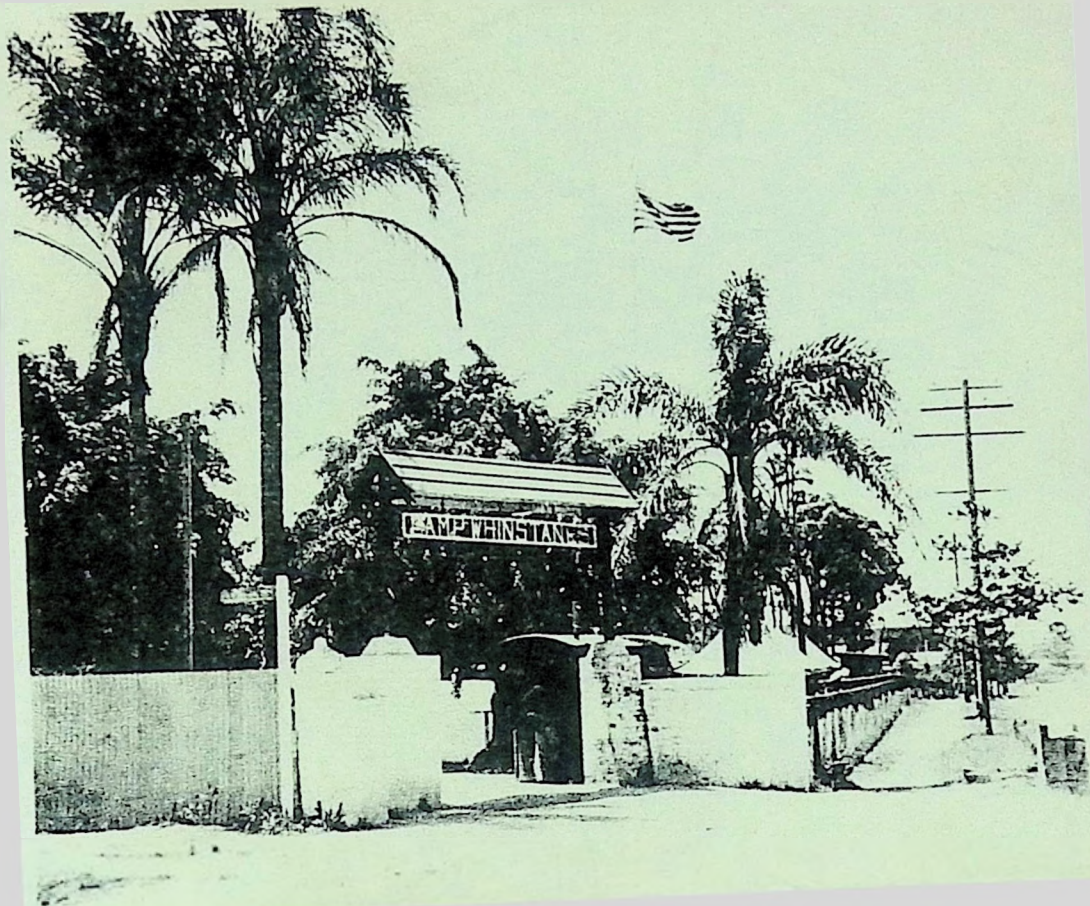






Co "B" area Milne Bay - Nov.  
1943 - Mosquito Control.  
Sgt Alton Jensen and native







Camp Whinistanes  
Brisbane, Q.

738th HP BN HQ  
HQ, MED, Co's B & C



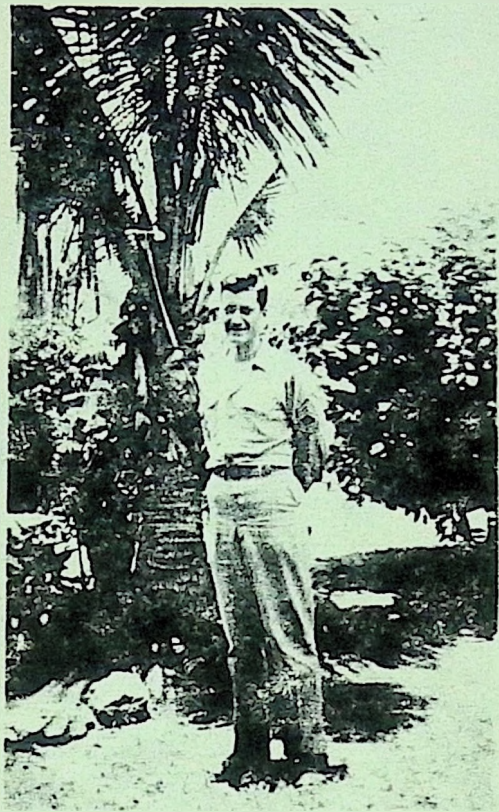




Feb 1944  
- Oct

Clearing jungle area  
in Finschhafen, New  
Guinea for Company  
"B" - 738th M.P. camp  
area and stockade







A. Jensen (on leave)  
July 1944 in  
Brisbane.







Co "B" 738th MP  
departing Oran Bay,  
New Guinea for  
Finchhafen - Feb  
1944



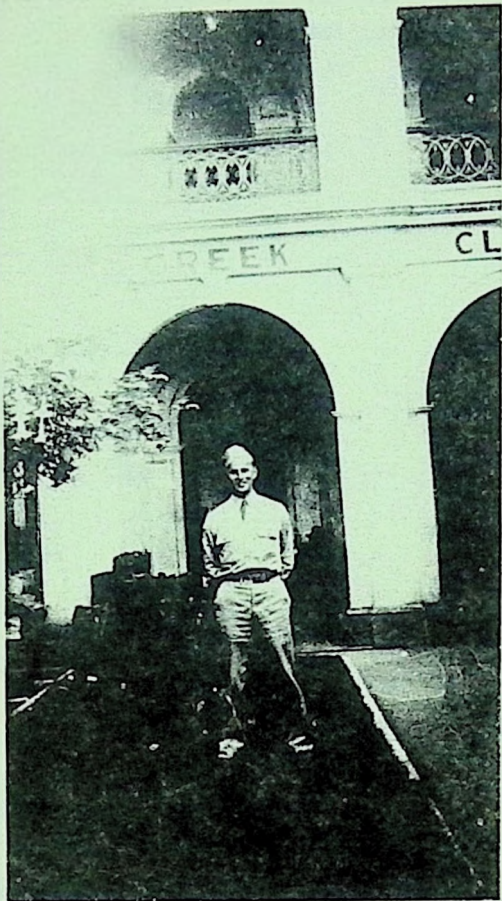





Co "B" - Dagupan,  
Luzon, P. I.

Jan 12, 1945-



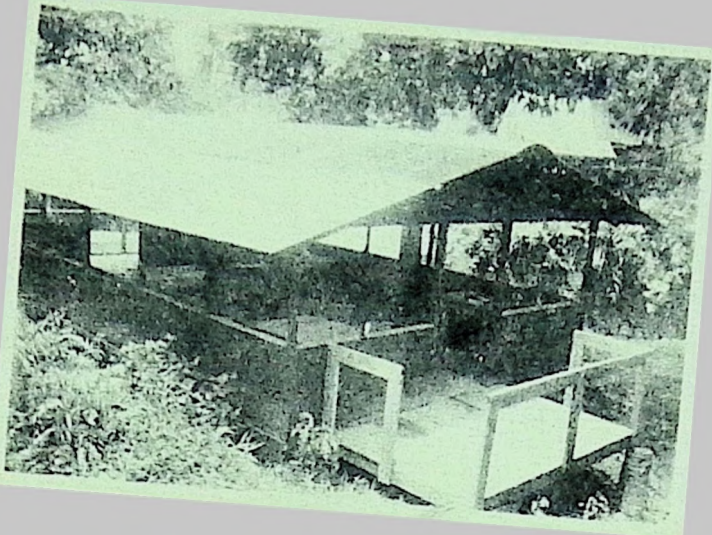






Cpl. Morris Lezerson  
Brisbane  
1943







Co. "B" Day Room, at  
Finschafen, New Guinea.  
June 1944 - built from  
heavy equipment crating.







Cpl. C.E. Barker and  
Pfc Robert L. Julian-  
Dagupan, Luzon, P.I.

Jan. 15, 1945







738 M.P. Bn Hq. Manila at  
Balintawak Beer Brewery Com-  
pany - Highway goes north to  
Malolos and on to Clark Field.

Feb 1945







Co "B" - 738th MP Bn at "5 ways"  
on way to Ipswich for "patrol".

Sgt. James M. Jordan - Nowers,  
Clenner, Brainerd, Hengsberg,  
Shepard, Hiland,

1943



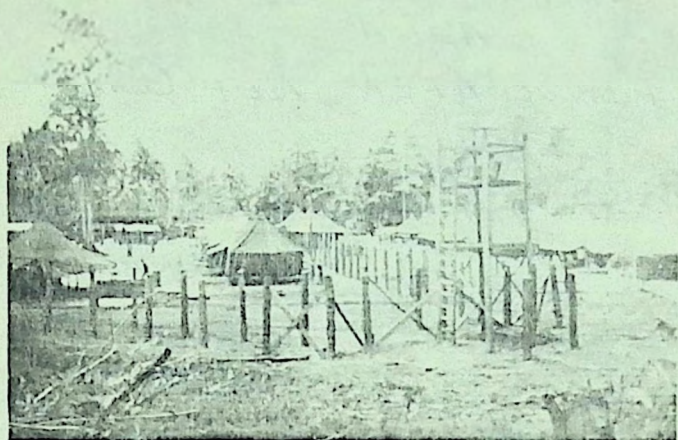




Main Street  
Tacloban, Leyte, P.I.  
738<sup>th</sup> M.P. Jeep Patrol

NOV 1948







COMPANY "B" 738TH M.P. BN.  
AREA

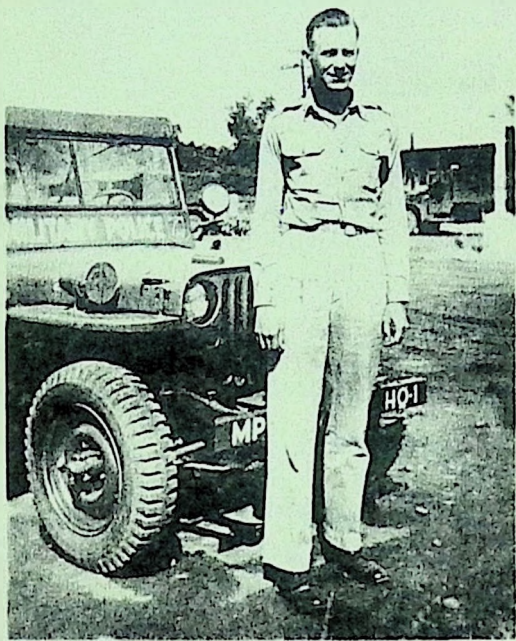
FINSCHAFEN, NEW GUINEA

SW CORNER OF STOCKADE

COMPANY B ENLISTED MEN  
TENTS

1944







TIVANOVAC

John J. Tivanovac  
Bn. Sgt. Major -  
738th MP, - Later  
Adjutant.

1944









Sgt. Alton C. Jensen and  
John Ebrech ~~Swenson~~ <sup>Crosby</sup> (Navy)  
Botanical Gardens, Brisbane  
August 1943





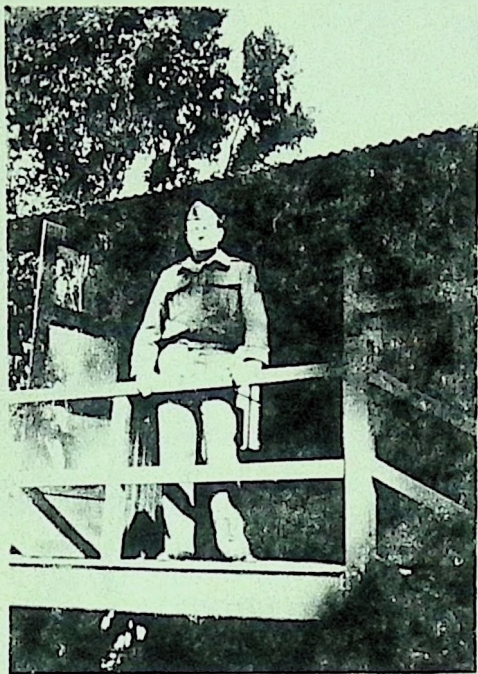
Camp Whinlans - College  
avenue and Kingford Smith  
Road. - Brisbane. Hq. for  
738th M.P Bn - 1942 - 1943





GATTON, QUEENSLAND  
DET. OF COMPANY "B"  
738<sup>TH</sup> MP BN.

HOSPITAL - R & R AREA





Sgt. A. W. Keel  
at 738 MP Hq.  
Office entrance at  
Whinstanes. 1943





Washing Clothes, Milne Bay,  
New Guinea behind Co. "B" area  
738th M P. Bn.

1944