



High ranking British military men look over the work being done at United Nation's POW Camp, No. 1.

## NEWS FROM HEAD FIRST

Congrats to the latest promotions in the outfit. Sgt. Bailey and Sgt. Bowie (S 3) went to SFC. In Cannon, Vasquez, Travers and Kapich went from Corporal to Sgt.

There was a grand flurry at the En. Laundry when a lot of the unknown PFCs were yelling for the throat of the sewing machine attendant. They were trying to beat the company deadline to get their PFC "wings" on in time to beat the 1st Sgts. KP water for the next day.

We had an old war horse return from the front front the other day. Being that he was a news item because he had pulled one hitch with the "old 187th" we interviewed him for the RAKKASAN and he said, "I'm a damn good back-bone!"

Dian was seen sneaking out to the showers the other night. It was rumored that the boys in "City Hall" voted him out of his cot in the corner of tent #1.

The Troops are wondering why the cooks aren't so grouchy when they go through the line forchow. Could be that Sammy, our new cook, is giving out with the jokes as the line goes through and there's no time to be grouchy. Sammy has been nick-named "The Gat" by his compatriots.

Roundup Item: Welcome to the new CO, Capt. Jones (although we haven't seen him in many a moon).

Oops! Almost forgot the "Mini". Waterhouse went from Cpl. to Sgt.

The ranks of the "Retired Platoon" have been depleted; slosh. Gerakio lugged out for Head Second with a strange grin on his mug. A late casualty in the "Retired Platoon" was SFC Black.

It was rumored that "someone" pulled judo on him and he landed in the 6th Fld. Hosp. Almost didn't pull through.

### CLOSE SHAVE

You want it—we got it. Try Nick Mastrovito's Clip Joint.

Now operating under new name.

Before Beppu Butcher Now: Kojido Klipper

"IT'S A WIG"

## Able "Able"

Able Company wonders if Dog Company realizes how lucky they are to get such a fine commanding officer as Capt. M. Donald. He certainly was our "mark" while he was with Able Company. With some young very capable new CO, 1st Lt. Wilson—who has taken Capt. McDonald's place.

The music levels of A Company can be found working well; their cantle weights quite regularly. SFC Poole is a real powerhouse and is living proof of what proper training can do. Some of his pupils are Cpl. Li-H. Cpl. Rodriguez, PFC Anderson, PFC Macgregor, Pvt. Marshall, Pvt. M. C. and Pvt. W. Scott. PFC Louis White—who was really great once, is making a comeback with his eye on the 55 Olympics.

After the article about his consular abilities appeared in the last issue of the RAKKASAN, PFC Nick Mastrovito's "Clip Joint" has been doing a booming business. Nick recently "trimmed" Colonel Buss, our new Regimental Commanding Officer.

## BAKER'S BIT

On the 16th day of March, 1951, a new replacement fresh from the States, joined Baker

Company. He was now in the far east command, but an old hand in Baker.

While on duty with Baker Company in the U.S., he had been injured in a jump. Before he could get back to duty, the regiment had left for the Far East.

At KAT, he was where he was waited for the chance to rejoin his old outfit.

This same man, Sergeant Austin Blevins, has been with Baker ever since Taegu. He started as an Ammo Bearer in the company's 57 mm Recoless Rifle Section. Since then, he has held every job on the way up the ladder. Sergeant Blevins is now doing a fine job as the "King Pin" of the same 57 Section that gave him his start.

## OVER EASY

Easy Company has been very fortunate in the past few weeks in returning to normal strength. The new assignments to Easy are Corporal Frankie VanCuren, Gene Wolff, Vernon Nelson, James Reed, Gerald Wallace, and Richard Stewart, PFCs Edwin Smith, Johnny Benson, and Diar Richmond, and Privates Daniel Somboc, Charles Miller, George Martin, John Davis, Richard Dalton, James Murphy, John DeArto, Arnold Schultz, David Bow, Charles Lathan, William M's, Kenneth Fehbert, Peter Linsky, Walter Ross, Ralph Satterthill, Joseph Stroup, Daniel Welling, and Jerry Reynolds.

Our Supply Section was boosted by the assignment of SFC Steve Norris as Supply Sergeant and Maurice Hutton as Assistant Supply Sergeant.

Ask John Figarel, our ex-mail clerk, how he happened to cut his hand, and then start reaching for your steel helmet, before he whips a combat story on you.

Easy Company's athlete of the week is PFC Albert Tabary who has been seen practicing the 100 yard dash from his tent to the latrine.



United Nations Sporting Events—troops of the 187th Support Co and men from the Dutch Unit on Kojido played soccer to a 1-1 draw.

## SERVICE CO CHATTER

Rumor has it that we are ready to move again and, of course, there is a sound basis for this rumor. The bust! Simple, we are very well set up here and as everyone knows, that is a safe sign. Our tents are all wired for lights, every man has a cot, and we even have a mess tent with real tables. Our tents are all securely anchored, not a one blew down in the recent winds, and the men have all ditched around their hocks to keep their hocks from floating away. There is no doubt in our minds that this set up

is we are away from Beppu with its clean streets, No. 1, and so on. Who wants to sleep in a wuffy old barracks anyway. Who mops a few flies in their food, they don't eat much. This is a healthy life that we are living here. I look rather myself.

Service Company's man of the month is Cpl. John L. Tobin. Cpl. Tobin came to the Far East in March of 51, with the 3rd Airborne Ranger Company which was later attached to the 3rd Infantry Division. He served as a fireman and radio operator until his unit was evacuated in Aug 51. His unit was first committed to action on the 11th of April 51 as spearhead for the 3rd Infantry Division and was constantly on the line up until the time it was evacuated. He came to Sv Co in Aug 51 and immediately was assigned as driver for the Company Commander. He later took over the job of mail clerk and since coming to Kojido has also acted as manager and chief bartender in the Sv Co Kojido Cabaret. He is a proud possessor of 33 points and expects to leave us around the 1st

of August. He plans to enter the College of Charleston in Charleston South Carolina.

We are sorry to learn that George Ferro won't be back with us. He is now in the States recovering from and eye injury.

Motor Pool.

Our supply Sgt. Garcia, is having his usual trouble with the troops. He told the men to check their field equipment and report their shortage to him. Sure enough, when the

motor pool was checked, numerous items were missing. Sgt. Garcia is still mauling to himself.

Latest big event in Service Company is the opening of the Service Company Kojido Cabaret, a big moral factor which helps the troops get a little beer on off duty hours. The only disadvantage was the Motor Pool's 3 AM quarter. The Company didn't mind being sent to sleep but ten courses of "On Top of Old Smokey" was a little too much. The Company is really taking advantage of its off duty hours to tour the island and see the sights.

The company went out on the bazooka range and did quite well. It seems we have quite a few sharpshooters in Service Company. If Service Company ever meets the enemy they had better not be hiding in barrels.



O.K., little fellows, just follow me.