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Pfc. Sabu Dastagir traded his elephant for a caliber .50 Browning gun.

Corporal Raids Scrap Pile To Make a Better Press

Station 5, ATC, Great Falls, Mont.—With materials assembled from various sources, including the salvage pile, Cpl. Harm Anderson has constructed for the post engineers at this installation of ATC's Alaskan Wing a drill press that combines the better features of the manufactured product with certain innovations of his own. At a total cash outlay of \$13.50 for bearings, Anderson has built a labor-saving machine that would cost several hundred dollars on the outside.

The press is used to bore holes of different dimensions through metal, and the process that formerly required long and laborious use of a blowtorch is now accomplished in a few seconds with practically no effort. In a recent demonstration, a drill was guided through a 3/8-inch thickness of steel in less than a minute.

Anderson picked up his mechanical knowledge in his home town, Vernon, Colo., where, after putting in a day on his farm, he would lend a hand at the local blacksmith shop.

at Government expense to Fort Van Steuben, on the Ohio River below the junction of the two great rivers at Old Fort Pitt, for the purpose of carrying secret dispatches to Maj. Alonzo De LaFayette, who, at last official roll call, is the commandant of Fort Van Steuben. If, upon arrival, Maj. LaFayette is either dead or resigned, the soldier will deliver the dispatches to the immediate commanding officer.

The expense section of the finance department will supply this courier with the necessary cash to buy himself sufficient food supplies to subsist him the entire journey. If the finance department at the destination is not functioning the enlisted man is authorized to barter with the neighboring Indians for necessary salt and other miscellaneous necessities for the return trip. Uniform buttons and musketry badges may be utilized in connection with bartering. If the situation warrants fraternizing with Indian tribes, due precautions will be taken insofar as the relief tepees are concerned, soldier making full use of his medical kit immediately after exposure. The expedition direct... is considered necessary in the military service. Government mounts and subsistence will be furnished, and if used in bartering, uniform buttons and marksman medals will be replaced by the Government upon application for same by the enlisted man concerned.

Upon return to his home station soldier will submit a written report showing the full names and ranks of commanding officers of all military forces visited, so that the Department of War can be informed and bring their rosters up to date.

Extension Justified

Camp Polk, La.—When Pvt. Gerald D. Townsend of the 8th Armd. Div. was ready to return from his furlough, flood conditions around Wichita, Kans., prevented his leaving. After receiving a two-day extension, Townsend volunteered for flood duty with the fire department.

All the next day he spent filling and lugging sandbags to an endangered levee. That night and the next morning he drove an Army truck for the Red Cross, rescuing farm animals and hauling food and supplies for the refugees. The following day he started back to camp over a roundabout route after the crest of the flood had passed.

Drama Not on Screen Alone As GI Sleuth Makes Pinch

Fort Winfield Scott, Calif.—Robert Taylor was on the screen in a San Francisco movie house, but Pfc. George Gabbert, investigator for the Provost Marshal's Office here, was more inter-



Pfc. George Gabbert

ested in two GIs in the audience. He suspected that they were the two men wanted for forgery, passing worthless checks and being AWOL from a medical unit at Livermore, Calif. He wasn't wrong. With little trouble he got the men out of the theater, and they were identified through photographs.

That was the climax of a case that had taken the PM's investigators three weeks to solve. It was first brought to their attention when a San Francisco grocer phoned to find out whether an "Alvin C. Carter" was stationed here. The grocer had a check signed by Carter, giving an MP unit here as his address. No such unit existed, and no "Alvin C. Carter" could be found. A bank next sought similar information. Then the PM's sleuths, headed by S/Sgt. Earl O. Lake of Visalia, Calif., went to work.

They checked the neighborhoods in which the checks had been passed. They questioned the victims until they had thorough descriptions of the two soldiers they wanted. Further investigation revealed the names of the two suspects. Their families were questioned without result.

A casual remark, dropped by a friend, that the men "might be in the movies," set the investigators off on a long hunt through San Francisco's movie houses. In a theater on Market Street, Gabbert found his men. The AWOL forgers and check passers confessed after they were brought to the PM office and were faced with a handwriting expert's report that the signature of one of them matched that on several of the checks.

Assisting S/Sgt. Lake and Pfc. Gabbert were Cpl. Alvin J. Ludwig, Sgt. Sealy Hamblen, Sgt. Dave Cahill and Cpl. Charles Hall.

—Sgt. CHARLES TEITEL

Travel Orders (1779)

Fort Belvoir, Va.—M/Sgt. R. J. Grazier of the Finance Section, 2571st S. U., has unearthed travel orders issued during the Revolutionary War that show something of GI complications in those days. Dated July 6, 1779, and issued by the Office of the Acting Commandant, Federal Defense of Yorktown and N. Y. Harbor in Yonkers, N. Y., the orders are addressed to the CO, 1st Light Infantry, Braddock Barracks, Miller's Junction, R. I. They read:

1. Issue necessary orders sending one enlisted man, on horseback, via safest and most convenient route,

camp news

'Elephant Boy' of Movies Qualifies as AAF Gunner

Harlingen Army Air Field, Tex.—Sabu, famous "Elephant Boy" of movie fame, and now a pfc in the Army Air Forces, got his gunner's wings here recently with several hundred other students. He left his elephant behind when he entered the Army and with it a record of several hit pictures and a movie career that was a budding and profitable one.

The young native Indian, whose full name is Sabu Dastagir, arrived at this field from Greensboro, N. C., where he volunteered for aerial gunnery after his cadet appointment failed to materialize. He had served with the Army Ground Forces since induction on July 6, 1943, at Arlington Reception Center in Los Angeles.

Sabu was born in Mysore, India, on Feb. 25, 1924, and at the age of 11 was selected by Sir Alexander Korda, British movie producer and director, from a group of Indian boys for his role in "Elephant Boy." Part of the picture was filmed in India and the remainder in London, where Sabu received his early education in Beacon's Field School. The 20-year-old GI has never been back to India, and recently he completed his American citizenship requirements.

After induction he went to Santa Ana, Calif., and thence to Fort George G. Meade, Md. He speaks with a slight accent, but after 11 months in the Army doing every sort of detail job from KP to driving a milk truck, he's a typical GI, his buddies say.

—Sgt. JIMMY PITT

AROUND THE CAMPS

Sheppard Field, Tex.—A valve-adjustment gadget, invented by T/Sgt. Giles W. Viers of the academic training pool, is credited by officials here not only with saving time in adjusting aircraft-engine valves but with simplifying the task for less experienced mechanics. A test last month revealed that by using Viers' disc device, valves could be set in 49 minutes as compared with the 91 minutes required by the conventional method.

Oliver General Hospital, Ga.—Cpl. Matthew A. Obinger entered the patients' golf tournament with no more experience behind him than one round of 18 holes. He beat out 25 other entrants, many of whom had played golf for years, and shot a neat 33 for the nine-hole course.

Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Tex.—When S/Sgt. Funston P. Flanagan, post intelligence noncom, asked civilian employee Samuel E. Woody for his wife's name so that Flanagan could make out a field pass for her, he got this reply: "Eighth of May." Flanagan explained that he wanted her name, not her date of birth, only to be told that Eighth of May was actually the woman's name. Also, her maiden name was Woody. Full name: Eighth of May Woody Woody.

Camp Blanding, Fla.—On the theory that an onion breath will stifle their wolfing tendencies, married GIs who are members of the "Onion Club" are made to eat an onion prior to going out on pass. Sometimes it takes force to convince a recalcitrant member that the onion is for his own moral good, but members of the club, founded by Pvt. Charles W. Unthank, say that the onion treatment works.

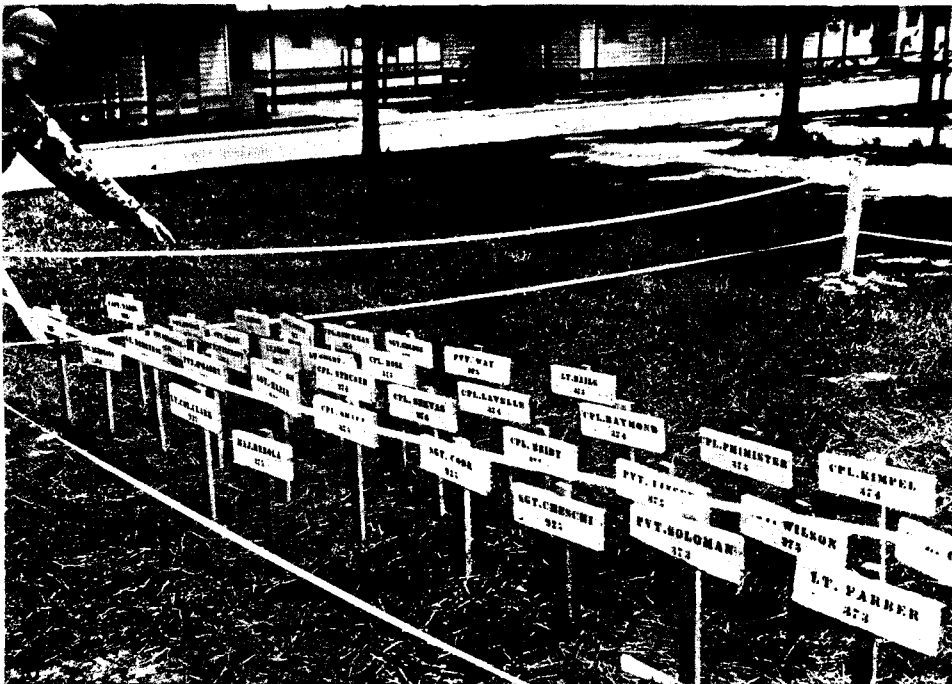
Camp Edwards, Mass.—S/Sgt. John H. Daly, former lifeguard at Lake Quinsigamond, Mass., returned to the scene of his civilian occupation while on furlough. It proved a busman's holiday. Daly saved three girls and a youth when their canoe and rowboat capsized.

Camp Lee, Va.—Pvt. Melvin Price of the post QM office was recently nominated to run on the Democratic ticket for Congress from the 22d District of Illinois. Price, a former newspaperman from East St. Louis, Ill., will be released from service if he wins the election.

Camp Reynolds, Pa.—S/Sgt. G. P. Gretz has written a song, "I'm Gonna Come Back to You," which was recently introduced at the Stage Door Canteen in New York City and which received favorable comment from Nick Kenny, radio editor of the New York Mirror. Gretz says that any GI wanting a copy of the song can get one free by writing to the Shelby Music Publishing Company in Detroit, Mich. Gretz has given out about 5,000 copies already.

OFF-WE-GO DEPT.

The claim of Pfc. Willie Lowe [YANK, May 5] to the transfer-championship honors is disputed by the following: Pfc. Merrill J. Russell, **Tonopah Army Air Field, Nev.**, who has moved 14 times in 13 months. . . . Pvt. Rosalie R. Lenahan, **Camp Crowder, Mo.**, who has packed her gear 11 times in 10 months. . . . Pvt. James H. Duncan, **Camp Van Dorn, Miss.**, who tied up his barracks bags to move 10 times in the same number of months. . . . Pfc. Wayne E. Robbins, **Maxton Army Air Base, N. C.**, who figures his out in days: eight camps in 125 days, 60 of them at Fort Logan, Colo.



THAT'S ME! T-5 Charles E. Helms points to his "grave" in the 100th Div. FA graveyard at Fort Bragg, N. C. It's filled with "victims" of firecracker mines and booby traps. Helms was caught napping during the mine schooling period.



DEAD END. It's a new role at the sink for a former "Dead-End" kid, Pvt. John V. Stevenson, at Fort McPherson, Ga. He played in pictures with the famous movie gang before the Army's casting bureau made him a yardbird and traywasher.



PRIZE WINNER. Sgt. Cecil D. Nelson Jr. puts the finishing touches on his latest painting at Tuskegee Army Air Field, Ala. Nelson's entry in the Third Annual Exhibition of Negro Artists at Atlanta University won first prize of \$250.



SIT-UP CHAMP. Sgt. Edward Beranek sits up for the 6034th time at AAFTC School, Yale Univ. It took him five hours and 54 minutes without even a five-second break to top the record of 5,200 made by a Lincoln (Nebr.) AAF sergeant.

Yvonne de Carlo
YANK
Pin-up Girl

PACIFIC FACTS. A good insight into the extent of the Navy's activities in the Pacific was given by Rear Adm. Arthur W. Radford of the Bureau of Aeronautics in a speech before the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"Our operations in the Pacific," said the admiral, "are being conducted on a truly major scale that does not always get into the headlines. . . . Thousand-plane raids from carriers have become the rule rather than the exception. . . . A carrier task force is composed of two or more carriers and a varying number of destroyers, cruisers and fast battleships. These groups may all travel in company or they may take different courses and arrive at the target at the same time. . . . On recent raids there have been as many as six individual groups.

"Last July it was decided that the best form of training was to shoot at live targets, so we began our first raids on Marcus, Wake and Tarawa. These raids were in reality dress rehearsals. . . . We have made it a point . . . always to rendezvous . . . with far more planes than the Japanese can put in the air against us. On Jap-held islands there simply isn't enough real estate from which to fly off as many planes as we can launch from our carriers. A high Japanese military spokesman recently made a rather plaintive remark. 'Our island air bases in the Pacific are unsinkable,' he said dolefully, 'but they are not very maneuverable.'

"Some of the younger Japanese aviators def-

initely seem lacking in training, experience and a feeling of self-assurance. On the other hand, during a raid on Wake I saw Japanese aviators as good as any pilots I have seen anywhere . . . but we had them outnumbered and shot down all 30 at a loss of only two.

"The Japanese are producing considerably better planes than the ones they had when the war began (but they still explode when a few well-placed shots are put in them). The newest Japanese fighter is better than any they have brought out but we haven't seen many, so evidently they are having production troubles.

"It is now necessary to use only a third as much anti-aircraft ammunition to shoot down an enemy plane as was required when the war began. . . . [One pilot] used only 75 rounds of ammunition in shooting down four Japanese planes and a probable fifth. This is believed to be an all-time record.

"We haven't been able to find a Japanese car-

rier since November of 1942. The Japanese are saving their fleet . . . and it is unlikely that we will be able to achieve the advantage of surprise."

SPECIALIST RATINGS. The Specialist Branch now includes 16 different ratings. They are open only to Reservists and men in the Fleet Reserve because the Navy plans to drop the whole business after the war. Ratings authorized to date are: A) athletic instructors, C) classification interviewers, G) aviation free gunnery instructors, I) accounting-machine operators, M) mail clerks, P) photographic specialists, Q) communication workers, including code, R) recruiters, S) shore patrol, T) Link trainer instructors, U) housekeepers in WAVES barracks, V) transport airmen, W) chaplain's assistant, X) public relations, pigeon trainers and others, and Y) control-tower operators.

Ratings G, I, M, P, R, S, T, and Y are open to WAVES. The U rating, unfortunately, is open to WAVES only.

ODD REGULATIONS. The following regulations, all of which are of interest because of their unusual nature, have been passed by the Navy Department within the last year:

MPs and SPs shall have authority over all female members of the services with modifications, one of which is that they "will not be confined in guardhouses, brigs or similar places of detention." (Cir. 130-43.)

The Navy has authorized the issue of brandy "by medical officers and for medicinal purposes only" to the COs of ships and the pilots of planes. (Form Letter 26-43.)

BuAer requests that all photographers taking pictures of prisoners make sure that unshackled men have their hands free and not behind their back or otherwise concealed. Not doing so "may lead to the conclusion that prisoners are handcuffed or shackled when such is not the case." (BuAer 1129-43.)

All personnel except nurses are required to travel in uniform. Nurses traveling in civilian clothes must pay the Government tax on transportation. (Cir. 42-2100.)

The importation of dogs into New Zealand from the United States is absolutely prohibited. (43-29.)

When the occasion warrants it, local Navy authorities are allowed to post rewards up to \$500 for the location of missing Navy aircraft. (43-1125.)

—ROBERT L. SCHWARTZ Y2c

NAVY NOTES

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An American soldier looks at GI life Down Under.

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Another Western, but with humor and a plot.

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Inspiring narrative poem of colonial days.

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Haunting tale of the Navajo Indians.

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Story of the Indian girl who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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Chinatown in wartime and memories of other days.

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Historical thriller of the War of 1812.

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Jaegers here means a pair of drawers.

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