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Major Fabert of [redacted] Presented D.S.C.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Commander-in-Chief of all United States Armed Forces, who died Apr. 12, were held throughout the 34th Division area Sunday, Apr. 15.

135th Chaplain Parallels Dad

The role of chaplain in the army is getting to be a tradition in the McSween family.

Like his father before him, Capt. Allen C. McSween of the 135th Regiment, is serving the spiritual needs of soldiers overseas. And his work has been so exceptionally meritorious that he has been awarded the Legion of Merit.

His father, Dr. John McSween, served overseas in World War I with the 30th Division, and it was this same Division that Capt. McSween joined in the United States when he was commissioned.

The story of his activity in Italy is outlined in excerpts from the citation for his Legion of Merit:

"Chaplain McSween joined the Third Battalion shortly before the 135th Infantry embarked for the Anzio beachhead, and from the day the Third Battalion landed on the embattled beachhead until the lib-

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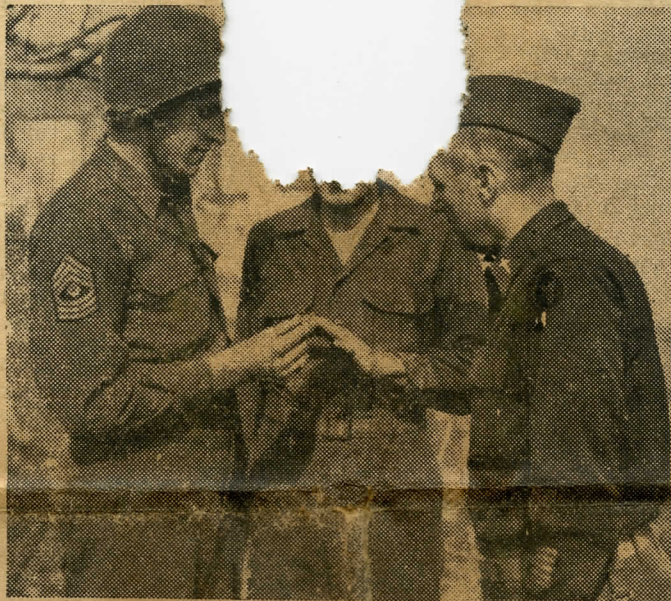
Push Button Starter Constructed for Jeep

When Corporal Raymond Dlugonski, 125th F. A. Bn. motorized messenger, found it necessary to use his foot brake rather than the emergency brake in need of repair, while on duty in his jeep, he conceived the idea of a push button starter, as his right foot seemed to be busy on the brake pedal.

Using a metal rod from a 75mm. shell case, Dlugonski ran the piece through the dash board from the starter pedal and now merely has to give the little button on the end a push with his thumb to turn over the motor.

"Just like a late model back home," Dlugonski says.

Repeat [redacted] Vows



When T-4 Charles H. Welton, Hq. Co., 168 Inf. Regt., was home on furlough in August, he married the girl of his dreams. At the time, the bride wanted a double ring ceremony but couldn't find two rings of identical pattern.

T-4 Welton, a cook, returned to Italy and his wife continued her search for another ring. She succeeded and when Lt. C. Marken was home recently, he asked him to present the ring to her husband and, if possible, make a ceremony of the occasion.

Congratu [redacted]

General Mark W. Clark, 34th Division the following

"CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING AS A UNIT 50 MONTHS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER. THIS IS A RECORD OF EFFECTIVE COMBAT ACHIEVEMENT. YOUR VETERAN DIVISION IS PRESENT OFFENSIVE IT'S AGGRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT FULL ENERGY AND STRENGTH TO CRUSH THE GERMAN

On Good Friday, Chaplain Marken visited the 168th C.P. Sgt. Welton was waiting and had asked 1st Sgt. Thomas G. Wallace to be his best man.

"In a simple, impressive ceremony, Sgt. Wallace slipped the ring on Welton's third finger of the left hand, while the Division lines from the marriage and Welton repeated the vows. He was freshly shaved and dressed in clean O.D.s, and he kissed the bride.

Division

commander, sent the

DIVISION ON COMPLETING AS A UNIT 50 MONTHS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER. THIS IS A RECORD OF EFFECTIVE COMBAT ACHIEVEMENT. YOUR VETERAN DIVISION IS PRESENT OFFENSIVE IT'S AGGRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT FULL ENERGY AND STRENGTH TO CRUSH THE GERMAN

SIGNED CLARK."

General Clark Awards Medal

General Mark W. Clark, 15th Army Group commander, presented the Distinguished Service Cross medal to one major, the Legion of Merit medal to a lieutenant colonel and Silver Star medals to four men and officers of the Division in the Division area recently.

The Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award to its military heroes, was presented to Maj. Edward M. Fabert, Hq., 1st Bn., 133rd Inf. Regt., for extraordinary heroism in action Oct. 4, 1944, in the vicinity of Mount Venere, Italy.

Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kelly, commanding officer 175th F. A. Bn., received the Legion of Merit medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services in action as commander of the 175th F. A. Bn. in Africa

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White vs. Red Bull; Red Wins

It will be a long time before Pfc. Raymond J. Nardello, 20, of the "Red Bull" Division, will forget being knocked down by a white bull, chased into a cave and trapped there by the animal until his squad sergeant rescued him by firing a carbine at the bull on the Italian front recently.

Nardello, a rifleman with Co. L, 168th Inf. Regt., was taking a message from his company commander to the rear when a bull attacked him, knocked him down and knocked the wind out of him. The infantryman rolled over to avoid being trampled by the bull, and succeeded in reaching the safety of a cave nearby, where the bull prevented his escape by blocking the entrance.

When Nardello's sergeant came up to investigate his absence, the bull turned on him and began to chase him. After the bull had run the non-com around a tree several times, the sergeant finally fired a round from his carbine to drive off the bull and free Nardello.

This item donated to the Minnesota National Guard by the Lt. Col. Robert Jacobson family.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN? PRAYER FOR THEE

The United Nations have pledged that the war with Germany and Japan can end only one way—by unconditional surrender.

Unconditional surrender is not just a slogan—it's a solemn promise by the nations concerned to see that the enemy does not "get away with it" this time.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

Now, a lot of us wonder just what is meant by unconditional surrender. Some persons think it means a "hard" peace while some go as far as to think that it means "kill all of the enemy—at least all of the enemy soldiers". The Nazi propaganda machine says it means "annihilation of the German nation and the German people".

There should be no confusion amongst us as to the meaning of unconditional surrender, though one may differ as to whether we want to insist on it. We should not confuse the question of "What To Do With Germany" with unconditional surrender as that is a long range problem to be decided after the fall of our enemies.

ASSUME CONTROL

In simple terms, unconditional surrender means just this... the enemy surrenders without the privilege of attaching any conditions or stipulations to his surrender. He says: "I am licked—I'm through—what do you want me to do?"

Once he has raised the white flag—thrown in the towel—we, the victors, assume complete control, and set whatever terms we desire. —I. and E.

News Material Wanted

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

Almighty and Eternally merciful God, grant me science in knowledge, diligence in seeking Thee, in finding Thee, a confidence in Thee, a perseverance in awaiting Thee, and a confidence finally embracing Thee.

May I endure Thy punishments by penitence; profit by Thy benefits by grace in this world, and enjoy Thy blessedness by glory in the next; Who livest and reignest, true God, forever and ever. Amen

—Thomas B. Bracken
Chaplain (Capt.)
34th Div. Arty.

Motto of the 135th Inf. Regt.:
"To the Last Man."

Tune: "South of the Border")
South of Bologna, Down Gothic Line Way
It's where we started and entered Krauts in a great big
Weather was against us, with a fair day,
of Bologna, Down Gothic Line Way.
Unhappy, but what could
hike with might all day
t, and in between we'd
e a sad sight, but we'd
Krauts pay
ologna, Down Gothic

Then it started when bullets came flying
And we fought—but it wasn't for fame
'Stead we fought—not to see our boys dying
And Jerries' tomorrow never came.
South of Bologna, we continued once more
Heedless of mud and rain, we trudged with pain, and we were wore,
We dreaded our mission, but we didn't want to stay
South of Bologna, Down Gothic Line Way.
—Pfc. Bernard Roseman
Co. L, 135th Inf. Regt.

Readers Say--

are unsolicited received by THE RED BULLETIN from members of the Division:

Pfc. T. Barnett, Co. D, 133rd Inf. Regt.: "We received our first editions of THE RED BULLETIN today and from the eagerness shown by the men in this company, it will be a great success throughout the Division."

Pfc. Sal De Rosa, Co. I, 135th Inf. Regt.: "I am very glad to see that our Division has a newspaper of its own."

Pfc. Henry Wolf, Co. C, 133rd Inf. Regt.: "THE RED BULLETIN got off to a swell start. Congratulations to you and the staff."

The Superman

What is this mass on Italian grass,
This lump of flesh decayed
That horridly lies covered with maggots and flies,
A God's own creature made,
A corrupted dead on a blood stained earthly bed
Upon which the insects prayed?

Is this the Superman of the barbarous clan
In this putrefying state
This rotten corpse inferior of boasted flesh conquered by fate?
Of the purest seed that the Nazis decreed superior
To the world aloud,
Is this he that lies before me
Voiceless of words so proud?
Are these the haughty eyes which often despise
Others not of his blood or race,
That upward vacant stare of heaven's beauty unaware
Set in that decaying face?

Behold and tell me not that this Superman doesn't rot
Like others in the end
To returneth to dust to be part of earth's crust
Like those from whom he did descend!
How can he state to be more great Than you and me,
Who walk this life encountering its strife
Till the call of destiny!
We're made by God to tread this earthly sod
With potentialities
And we rise by their use or fall by their abuse,
For these are the intellectual and physical keys.

—Pvt. Joseph C. Scaffidi
Cn. Co. 133rd Inf. Regt.

The 135th Infantry was organized as Minnesota Volunteers Apr. 27, 1861, largely from existing units, the oldest being "Pioneer Guards" organized in 1856.



BULL, STRICTLY!

Dugout D. gjerel

April '41: Hitler glowers,
April '45: Adolph cowers.

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Short Rounds

Sailors tell us that the Pacific is a sight for shore eyes.

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'Down Under' Girls Best, Says New Zealand Bride.—News headline. A blushing bride, no doubt.

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"Now iss der time for all goot men to come to der aid of die Partei".—Hitler.

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Worth Fighting For

That Wednesday night date... And Saturday night bowling game... And Sunday dinner... Ice cream cones... Reading in the easy chair... A private bathroom... Helping Bobby with his homework... Peace!

What big-little things are you fighting for?

* * *

Expensive

1. Monthly Expense Account of month ending March 31, 1945 is listed as follows:

3-1-45 Ad for female stenographer	\$1.40
3-2-45 Violets for stenographer	.65
3-8-45 Week's salary for stenographer	20.00
3-9-45 Roses for stenographer	5.75
3-11-45 Candy for wife	.75
3-13-45 Lunch for stenographer	5.50
3-15-45 Week's salary for stenographer	30.00
3-17-45 Picture show for self and wife	.60
3-18-45 Theater for self and stenographer	7.50
3-19-45 Coca-cola for self and wife	.50
3-20-45 Dorothy's salary	40.00
3-21-45 Champagne and dinner with Dotty	22.00
3-23-45 Doctor	200.00
3-24-45 Fur coat for wife	625.00
3-25-45 Ad for male stenographer	1.40
Total	\$961.05

—I. G. W.

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Prediction

Germans in Italy will soon be waving white flags in front of Red Bulls.

—Pvt. Joseph Hoffmann
133rd Inf. Regt.

34th M.P.s Want Games

34th M. P. Platoon softball team challenges all takers and is booking games several days in advance.

If you think that your team "can lower the boom" on the M.P.s,

Interviews 135th Infantrymen



Dorothy Cameron Disney, a fiction writer, interviews three men of Co. K, 133rd Inf. Regt., in Italy for a future article. Shown in the photograph are Mrs. Disney, Pvt. Albert F. Faust and Pfc. Gerald V. Cohal and Frederick H. Solter.

Meritorious Service Plaque Presented 34th Division Band

CREDITED WITH 700 PROGRAMS

The 34th Division band was awarded the War Department Meritorious Service Unit Plaque recently for superior technical skill in performance of duties, discipline and merit.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, Division commander, presented the award at a field ceremony.

The band played 233 engagements in November and December, 114 in November and 119 in the following month, including radio programs, military dances, shows and dinner music provided for the camp. Several concerts were given within range of German lines.

ORGANIZED IN

The present band is a merger of the 133rd Inf. Regt. band, which was organized in Northern Ireland in January, and the former 135th Inf. Regt. band, which came over to Italy in November, 1944. The bands performed individually in the British Isles, where they broadcast international radio programs from London, and in Tunisia and North Africa.

contact S-Sgt. Fran Howarth, M.P. Hq.

Batters are swinging aimless at ghost balls thrown by "Moo. Bigler and Clarence Pecor of the M.P.s, according to one Division policeman.

Reorganized as a Division band in Italy in January, 1944, the present group has given more than 700 programs, largely for troops in general and evacuation hospitals and rest centers and over the radio. The parent unit comprises three dance orchestras, which entertain independently at dances and shows.

MAINTAINED ROADS

Members went to the front during the siege of Cassino to serve as litter-bearers. They played for several weeks on the Anzio beachhead, under enemy shellfire and German attacks. German artillery fire interrupted their relocations along the Arno River. Operations which breached the Gothic Line, the musicians and combat engineers maintain

Officers Donald Hamm and Fraser, leaders of the bands from which the Division was organized, will conduct the Division

CHARLIE CO. BOYS LEAD 133 LOOP

Having beaten every company in the 1st Bn., 133rd Inf. Regt., except A Co., Charlie Co. looks like the sure winner of the Battalion Softball Crown.

To date Charlie Co. has won five games without a setback. Together with the fine catching turned in by "Dutch" Kaiser, "Golden Arm" Collins, as pitcher, has rendered sterling performances in each appearance on the mound.

"Doc" Williams has fogged them past the batters and is always way out in front.

"Jackey" Diotallevi robbed a Baker Co. man of a hit by knocking down a screaming drive and throwing him out at first from the prone position.

Catches by "Bull" Araujo and "Alabama" Marshall were among the highlights of the series thus far. "Flattop" Reed was the big man with the willow turning in two round trippers in a single game.

With the chatter and pep of the ball club and the well appreciated support of their company and officers, Charlie has a hot team and invites challenges from any units. For games contact Sgt. Kaiser or Sgt. McLaughlin by phone. —S-Sgt. J. McLaughlin
Co. C, 133rd Inf. Regt.

Presented D. S. C.

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from the attack on Algiers in November 1942 until the end of the campaign and in action in Italy from Sept. 21, 1943, to date.

Silver Star medals were presented to 2nd Lt. Frank E. Scott, Jr., Co. C, 109th Engr. Combat Bn.; S-Sgt. Joseph Gratz, Co. A, 133rd Inf. Regt.; S-Sgt. Fernando J. Tomassoni, Co. A, 133rd Inf. Regt., and Pfc. Andrew J. Hjelvik, Hq. and Svc. Co., 109th Engr. Combat Bn.

When a company attacking Hill 947 was stopped by intense enemy machinegun and small arms fire, Maj. Fabert, then battalion commander, drew his pistol and in full view of the enemy strode out in front of the company. Shouting, "All right, let's go," he turned and charged the enemy. The stopped company arose to their feet and following Maj. Fabert charged 150 yards to the crest of the enemy held hill. Maj. Fabert fell wounded, but the inspired company completely overran the enemy positions, killed the crew of one enemy machinegun nest, wounded eight others and captured 26 more Krauts.

THE SAVERS

Don't get excited if you become wounded. Try to give yourself first aid and keep calm until the medics arrive.

30 Men Awarded Decorations In 168th Regt.

"Red Raiders" Are Crack Unit

One of the proudest, fightingest organizations within the 133rd Inf. Regt. is the "Red Raider" platoon, a voluntary unit comprising 30 of the Regiment's most daring soldiers.

Though formed slightly more than a month ago by Col. Walden S. Lewis, 133rd Regimental commander, the "Red Raiders" already have earned the plaudits of fellow soldiers throughout the regiment for their successful reconnaissance missions and daring night raids into enemy territory.

Until wounded recently, 2nd Lt. Edward C. Crangle commanded the commando-patterned platoon. His successor was 1st Lt. Sidney Goldstein, recent recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest combat decoration. Like the enlisted men of his command, Lt. Goldstein volunteered to lead the raiders.

TWO-FOLD MISSION

The "Red Raiders" have at all times a two-fold mission: to reconnoiter enemy positions and installations, then to strike back with lightning speed and thoroughness and disappear before the bewildered enemy has an opportunity to recover from the staggering blows.

Under the present set-up, the Raiders make their headquarters in a miniature tent city near the regimental reserve area. Here they undergo strenuous training for all impending missions, reconnaissance or combat. Under the guidance of their commanding officer, the men make a careful study of maps and aerial photographs of the sector of operation. Every maneuver is planned to the last detail and often rehearsed in advance in an area closely resembling the actual terrain.

The esprit de corps of the "Red Raiders" is remarkably high. The men take great pride in their own little army and have utmost confidence in themselves and in their leaders.

The men who make up the platoon are as follows: S-Sgts. Russell D. Berstler and Foncie B. Oxendine; Sgts. James A. Sowards, Hersey E. Stover and Charles D. Dysert; Pfc. Leonard F. Zigler, Harvey J. Leushen, Peter G. Hart, Marion E. May, Arthur F. Van Allen, Henry H. Thornton, David Strassfeld, Alfred H. Iverson, Verner D. Kranson, Willie F. Brymer, Samuel L. Motter, Thomas J. Costello, and Houston S. Owens; Pvts. William H. Williamson, Louis W. Coty, Eugene F. Brown, Carmello G. Contreras, Joe C. Salvaforra, James F. Thompson, Richard L. Hite, Lee J. Cissell, Irvin H. Donner and Edgar J. Ross.

135 CHAPLAIN PARALLELS DAD

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eration of Rome, Chaplain McSween was a constant source of inspiration and cheer to the men of the battalion.

"While the men of the battalion occupied their Anzio positions by daylight, movement was extremely hazardous because of enemy fire. However, the men of cheer and morale by their activities were essential to the line were to be kept from becoming depressed and despondent.

"Chaplain McSween, in this, conducted a course of program of nightly visits to the line positions. To induce lonely foxholes, he brought of encouragement and was possible to collect a group of men, he held prayer meetings which proved to be efficacious antidotes for the gloomy forgotten feeling some of the men had a tendency to acquire from the endless days of living in foxholes.

"From observations made during his trips, Chaplain McSween decided that what the men needed badly was a place where they could come to clean up, write letters, read, and if they so desired to attend religious services. With this in mind, Chaplain McSween selected a large building behind the lines and despite the limited material on hand developed it into a rest center to accommodate 50 men every 24 hours. A day spent at

Chaplain McSween's rest center brought a tremendous morale builder to the men. "The enemy became an excellent tonic for strained nerves. Unfortunately," the citation stated, "the enemy became aware of the activity around the rest center and the building was hit by artillery fire. Unfortunately, Chaplain McSween and several other officers and constructed the rest center with games, books and other recreational facilities and in the center to which all men who had completed another day's work in the line were looking forward to.

"The drive to crack the German line around the American position at Anzio commenced on May 23, Chaplain McSween remained at the battalion aid station working long tiresome hours ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the many wounded. From May 29 to June 2, when the battalion was engaged in a bitter battle near Lanuvio, Italy, Chaplain McSween helped the battalion surgeon establish an aid station in close proximity to the front lines. Despite intense enemy mortar and artillery fire that swept the area of the aid station, Chaplain McSween remained there doing all that he could to help ease the sufferings of the many casualties that were coming through for treatment..."

Wilson Receives Legion of Merit

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Bolte, Division commander, presented medals to 30 men and officers of the 168th Infantry Regiment in an award and decoration ceremony recently, in the regimental area.

T-3 Robert Y. Wilson, 2nd Bn. Med. Det., was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in Italy from Nov. 4, 1943 to May 23, 1944. T-3 Wilson, as an aid man, medical technician, runner and litter bearer corporal, was responsible for the speedy evacuation of many wounded men whose lives might have been lost by hesitant action on his part. On several occasions he entered known enemy mine fields to evacuate the wounded.

AWARDED SILVER STARS

Two awards, a Silver Star medal for gallantry in action and a Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in action, were presented to Pfc. Robert C. Ehrlich, Jr., Co. C.

Silver Star medals were earned by Pfc. Rudolph V. Slaninko, Co. C; S-Sgt. Richard H. Stammer, Co. E; T-Sgts. Maynard S. Neamy and Frank Seman, Jr., both of Co. I; Pfc. John J. Marzinsky, and T-Sgt. Raymond L. Weiland, both of Co. K; Sgt. John J. Drislane, Co. M; 1st Lt. John L. Bobkowski, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., and Pfc. Arthur R. Kashner, Med. Det.

PRESENTED BRONZE STARS

Cpl. Julius Aronson, Med. Det., received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star medal (a second Bronze Star).

Gen. Bolte presented Bronze Star medals to Pfc. Ross S. Carnes, Jr., Co. B; Pfc. Cletus L. McSherry, Co. C; Pfc. Edward D. Vodak, Co. D; Pfc. Joseph Alessandro, 1st Lt. Francis W. Chandler, Pfc. Lawrence Krintzman and T-Sgt. James W. Wafer, all of Hq. Co., 1st Bn.; Pfc. Dale T. Knott, Co. E; S-Sgt. Harry Franklin Rox, Co. G; Sgt. Richard B. Ballard, Co. H; Sgt. Clifton A. Hopper, Co. I; Sgt. Clarence Henry Lipham, Co. K; Pfc. Carlton G. Hausman, and William F. Kresal, both of Co. L; Pfc. Carl Rozycki, Co. M; Pfc. Lawrence I. Seidman, Med. Det., and T-5 Albert J. LeBlanc, Hq. Co.

BULLETIN BEAUTY

Louise La Planche



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