578th Combat Engineers Pack for Japan Trip

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us into the office of Major General Daniel Huddleson, commanding general of the 40th. Except for brick-red linoleum on pine board floor his office was no more pretentious than any other office on the base. In fact, not nearly so interesting as Major Larkin's whose walls were lined with pin-ups.

Bending over a map, General Huddleson pointed to a spot in Japan, where the 578th Engineers and other units of the 40th Division soon will set up camp for additional training.

NO HARM IN ASKING

Knowing it was foolish to ask, but asking nevertheless, we queried the general, "When are you leaving?"

"Let's just say soon, shall we."

Last weekend 32 men of the 578th Engineers were spending their pre-embarkation leave with families.

General Huddleson promised us that each man and officer would receive a leave before sailing.

"If somebody does not get a leave it is because he will not be going with the first contingent."

He said a number of the division would remain in the states for several months to "bring up the rear." Families of these men could not expect to see them home on leave before the main force of the 40th leaves for Japan, he said.

MORE TRAINING

"As for sending untrained men into the war zone I might say that no one is being sent overseas with less than 14 weeks of training. We have completed 17 so far and before we go into the war zone we will have completed at least 28 weeks of training," the general told us.

"How is the morale of the outfit, particularly the 578th Engineers," we asked the two star general.

"Good, damn good. I would say. Especially since the orders came through that we were about to be shipped out. That may sound contrary to what you would expect but it's true. The men realize that what they have been doing now has a purpose. All this training has suddenly taken on new significance and meaning. They realize that they are preparing to be used for gainful purposes. As far as the 578th is concerned they should be feeling pretty proud of themselves," General Huddleson avers.

TORRANCE'S FINEST

"Three weeks ago an inspection party sent here by General Mark Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army, said that the 578th was the finest engineering unit in the outfit. I know the abilities of the 578th far exceeded expectations of the inspection party. Actually they have shown remarkable improvement since we were activated last September," he reported.

Many of the men have completed specialized Army training schools and have returned to the 578th to put their recently acquired "know how" to work for the 578th and the division.

War is half fighting and half waiting, it has been said and the 578th is getting in the last half of that proverb first. Around the Company A and Headquarters Company area the men were taking it pretty easy. Most of the state-side training has been completed and there is little to do but wait. Wait, and get shots, that is.

NOT NEEDLE PROOF

Capain Willard McGlassen, assistant PIO of the Division, had this to say about military courtesy.

"If it appears that the men are a bit lax about saluting overlook it for the moment," McGlassen said. "You see, nearly everybody around here is getting their typhus and cholera shots and we have a batch of pretty sore arms around camp."

Capt. McGlassen was the seeing eye GI on our trip around camp. Where ever we wanted to poke our inquiring noses he said "go ahead and poke." The Captain understood how we felt. Until the 40th was activated about seven months ago, Capt. McGlassen was city editor of the Redondo Beach Daily Breeze and could sympathize with our desire to stick our nose in the army's business.

BUSY SICK BAY

Everything was rather quiet around the battalion area except in the sick bay and in the personnel offices. Here there was plenty of activity as the men lined up, stripped to the waist, to receive the shots Capt. McGlassen told us about earlier.

A medical sergeant stood on one side, a corporal on the other, and in the middle stood the unfortunate GI, trying to look nonchalant and appear as though he didn't know he was getting jabbed in both arms at the same time.

"If I had as many needles sticking out of me as I have had stuck into me, I'd look like a porcupine," quipped one recently innoculated GI.

BUSY CLERKS

Another busy spot in camp was the desk of the personnel clerks. Stacks of official looking documents, piles of letter-size manila envelopes and odd sized record books were heaped everywhere as the company clerks checked lists for next of kin, home addresses, ratings, qualifications, and the thousand and one other details concerned with moving a division overseas.

In the day room where the men "sack out" during non-duty hours, the furniture that Torrance folks sent to the camp was packed and ready to be shipped back to a supply depot in Los Angeles. It will be returned to the outfit when they return from overseas. Ping pong tables and other day room equipment to be taken overseas was packaged and ready to be stored in the hold of some troop transport or cargo vessel which will take the division to the orient.

TYPICAL G.Ls

In the two-story barracks buildings the men were lounging around on their single decked bunks waiting for noon chow. They were griping about their sore arms, the weather, and arguing with some boys from Brooklyn about how much better "ole Southern Cal. was than the —— (censored) snow-bound east."

With a total of 10 years experience in the Marine Corps and the Army during the last war, your reporters can say that the conditions at the Camp were about what could be expected. The wind whipped up dust from the grass-less turf, there wasn't the number of attractions that Hollywood boulevard has to offer, and the camp wasn't HOME. But aside from that, if the families and friends of the boys at Camp Cooke have heard stories about how terrible conditions were at the camp, and that the boys "didn't even have shoes to work in," and that the chow was terrible, then we would say that somebody has been carrying tales.

Good Volunteers To Aid Hospital

Among the 11 El Camino College girls volunteering to serve as nurses' aides at the Harbor General Hospital is Beryl Kirby, 5420 Linda Drive.

Disaster Kit Instructions Can Be Had For A Penny Postcard

A bed sheet and towel, plus a little know-how from the Red Cross, advises Mrs. Gladys Weston, Torrance Red Cross fund chairman, and you have an emergency aid kit for any disaster—natural or war-caused.

Mrs. Weston said that a self-adressed stamped envelope sent to First Aid, Los Angeles Red Cross, 1200 South Vermont avenue, L. A. 6, will bring full instructions on how to make enough compresses and dressings out of a sheet and a towel to handle any disaster emergency.

Step-by-step directions tell how housewives can make, sterilize, and store bandage-compresses of different sizes in their own kitchens, using everyday household materials.

This service, Mrs. Weston said, is just a small part of the Red Cross all-out civil defense program. Oneof its goals, she said, is to have at least one person in each Southland family trained in first aid.

There are 17 other vital Red Cross services, Mrs. Weston said, and to keep them going in 1951 will cost $7 a minute, day and night—the clock around. The Red Cross fund drive is now in progress, and the goal is $3,600,000.

Mrs. Weston pointed out that demands on the Red Cross have been stepped up tremendously since the Korea war. Last month the blood quota to the military was 8000 points; this month it is 11,000. On the home front the Red Cross has already earmarked enough food, clothing, and shelter to care for more than a million persons—and the program is being expanded.

Thomas Seeks State Help in Seawater Fight

To aid in the underground fight against seawater seeping into the West Basin, Assemblyman Vince Thomas will present a re-drafted bill asking for $900,000 in state aid at the second session of the legislature.

The money, if appropriated, will be used to drill water injection wells, provide water spreading grounds and lay pipelines—all needed to prevent the Pacific Ocean from being piped into Southern California homes.

Torrance is a member of the West Basin Water District. Its water supply comes from both wells and from Metropoiltan Water District aqueducts carrying Colorado River water.

The bill, A.B. No. 784, would provide funds to inject water into the West Basin which underlies an area from El Segundo south to Redondo Beach and from Wilmington to Signal Hill. The purpose of the project would be to raise the underground water level of the basin to sea level to prevent ocean seepage.

The West Basin project would serve as a "guinea pig" for 13 other water basins in the state facing salt water intrusion.

Lions Plan Party

Members of the Torrance Lions Club are planning to celebrate the sixth anniversary of the local service club with a dinner dance to be held at Club Alondra on Prairie avenue on March 31.

A prime rib dinner at $3.75 is planned for the evening. Dancing will follow.

CONSIDER SUFFERING

Consider how much more you often suffer from your anger and grief, than from those very things for which you are angry and grieved.—Marcus Antonius

Moose Sponsor Free Dance

Another free dance sponsored by the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose will be held tomorrow night, St. Patrick's Eve, at the Moose Hall 1744 West Carson street. An invitation to all friends of the Moose is extended.

Refreshments and sandwiches will be served.

Progress on the addition to the building is "very satisfactory" according to Governor Danny Desmond. Completion is expected in the near future.

Brothers of the Moose are reminded that the next meeting, Monday, March 19, will be the last meeting at which they may submit nominations by petition for the coming elections.

Richard Tadych Reports To Naval Air Transport

Richard D. Tadych, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felin Tadych, of 155 West Ocean street recently reported for duty with Air Transport Squadron 3 at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Moffitt Field, California. Tadych entered the Naval service December 7, 1950.

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