



From the 733rd...

If Pfc Frank G. Troitino, of Company "A", 733rd, could get points for three combat years in the Spanish Civil War, he'd have considerably more than his present 67. Troitino was felled in Spain's Republican Army in 1933, when he was living with his family at Pousada, Spain. He was assigned to the Front Line Intelligence Service and fought against Franco until 1939. Troitino believes that the Spanish fracas was the beginning of World War II. "German tanks, artillery and airplanes were there," he says, "and there were Mussolini's infantrymen." By questioning Italian prisoners, Troitino secured valuable information for the Intelligence Service.



Troitino went to the United States in 1941, and he liked it so much that he decided to become a citizen. He took his final papers on December 4th, 1943, at Van Buren, Arkansas. In the meantime (July 1943) he had been drafted. He came overseas with the 733rd and has been with the outfit ever since. Troitino's family still lives in Spain but they'd like to leave and he will try to help them after the war. As an aside, the Spanish-American soldier commented that "the American Army is best."

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In the period from D-Day to V-E Day, Company "A" erected five water tanks, 11 railway bridges (largest of which was 660 feet), and laid 1 1/2 miles of new track (repairing 360 additional miles.) They used 4,500 cubic feet of fill on bomb craters and cleared the tracks of 80 wrecked coaches and 15 locomotives. But their greatest contribution was the complete rehabilitation of 12 major railroad yards.

During the same period, Company "C" operated 9,552 trains, pulling 6,606,158 tons of freight over 1,421 miles of assigned territory. Latest returns have not yet come in from Company "B".

1st Lt. Van G. Seegmiller.

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From the 755th...

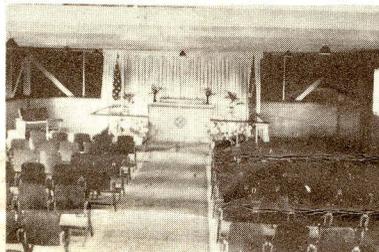
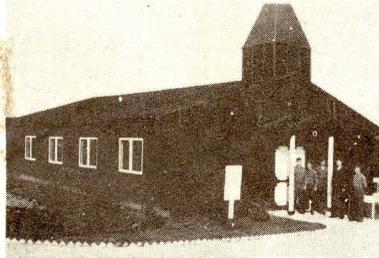
On June 19th, Detachment "B" of the 755th Railway Shop Element came back to its parent unit from Herbesthal, Belgium. The group had been there since early last October when the 755th first came to Belgium and settled in Namur and Liege. Men for the detachment had been drawn from each of the four companies, and there were many reunions as they swapped stories of happenings during the past several months.

Under command of Lieutenants Charles W. Gookes and Robert L. Hummer, Detachment "B" gave a fine account of itself throughout the drives of the First, and Ninth Armies

and during the German break-through in December, 1918. They were able to give "on the spot" service to GI locomotives and cars, and they put back into operation the first captured German locomotive which was moved back from the front lines for repair in November, 1944.

Returning to the parent unit, the detachment was welcomed heartily by the 1st Lt. Col. Miles G. Stevens.

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The chapel pictured above is the result of 80 me fine handiwork by three members of Company "C", 755th Shop Bn. - T/5 Francis J. Nacke, St Charles, Mo.; T/3 John R. Lemanna, Hazelton, Pa.; and T/5 John DiBernardinis, Ossining, N. Y. The building is located on the grounds of the 298th General Hospital, at Louvain, Belgium, just a short lily from Liege. It is one of the choicest places of the post, and unique in that it closely resembles a village church back home. Up to 100 hundred persons can be accommodated in the chapel without difficulty. With the three builders shown at the entrance of the church in the top photo, are: Capt. Herman L. Kollig, Catholic Chaplain from New York City; and Major George W. Crofoot, Protestant Chaplain from Austin and Harlingen, Texas. These pictures were taken by S/Sgt. Leonard J. Marmorstein, of Co. "C" and Jersey City, N.J.

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From GHQ IdR...

Celebration of Independence Day 1945 topped off at GHQ in Paris by a special dinner and impromptu entertainment program which bore quite a resemblance to the popular anniversary party held last April.

Filtering in and around the delicious, 6-course dinner was a stream of vocal and instrumental music featuring such personages as Capt. John Vopatek, Chaplain Donald Henning, S/Sgt. George Anderson, T/4 Paul Ivory, T/5 George Aumer, T/5 Peter Tarby and T/4 Herbert Wigley. A new name on the entertainment bill, Cpl Tarby was enthusiastically "voted in" on the basis of several excellent vocal renditions.

General Grilly was present, making a seat with "the rest of the boys", and happy that he could be just "one of the gang." The General expressed the appreciation of the entire group to the cooks for their culinary masterpiece, and ended up with a bit of "crystal gazing" which really had the boys on the edge of their seats.

Recollection of their April performance...

ances made the appearance of Col. Campbell, Lt. Col. Ikellan, and T/5 John Coughlin an assured success, even before they started. Their yarns added a definite touch of spice to the program, Villifying as they did in locale from Alabama to Duluth, with some which might have happened "just here".

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Wedding bells rang recently for 1st Lt. L. P. Miller, of GHQ Stores Section. His bride is the former Marie Louise Gros-Bonnivard, of Vernaison, France. They were married in a civil ceremony on June 14th, at Vernaison, and remarried on June 2nd in the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, with Chaplain Grady of Seine Section officiating. CWOTruax and Captain Berg of GHQ were attendants at the church rites. Living in Paris at present, the couple is looking forward to setting up housekeeping in Los Angeles, California, after the war. Lieutenant Miller is a furloughed Union Pacific railroader.

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From the 794th...

Something new has been added in the military sports. Namely, swimming meets. Among the first in the water are Pfc Philip Dinan, of Beacon, N. Y., and Pfc Harvey Carter, Jr., of Macon, Ga. The athletic program also includes baseball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, and ping pong.

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T/5 Francis H. Plenzig, Jr., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Pfc Delbert V. Thallman, Tiffin, Ohio, have proved their worth as architects. The two men recently designed and built a modernist day room at Camp Ernie Pyle, site of Company "A", 79th. Now the fellows can write their letters on smooth-top tables in a well-lighted room.

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Acting on a suggestion that appeared in the "Stars & Stripes", the bulletin board at Camp Ernie Pyle provides space for a "B" Bag department. Complaints, suggestions, even compliments are posted on the enlisted men. The CO, Capt. Earl B. Jackson, sees that a satisfactory reply is made to all items on the "B" Bag. The system is a big hit with all concerned.

T/5 Samuel Klumb!

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From the 759th...

In Germany the 759th has requisitioned a theater and movies are shown regularly for battalion members and other GIs in the vicinity. The name "Ervine Llamoria Theater" commemorates the first



759th casualty overseas, Pvt Leonard N. Ervine. Ervine lost his life two years ago in a still unexplained incident in North Africa. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Uves, at 18 Ridgewell Terrace, Cumberland W. His early movie line shown in the

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