

# CACTUS CARAVAN





*To the Men of the Cactus Division*

The basis of teamwork, of all military effort, of success in battle, is the individual soldier—self-reliant, enthusiastic, alert, well-trained and proud of his willing discipline.

The results of combat are the fruits of the combined efforts of individuals.

Each soldier of every component of the Division must realize that his individual action may be the decisive factor in the final result.

The Cactus Coraven is, therefore, most appropriately dedicated to the individual soldier of the 103d Infantry Division.

*B. B. Haffner Jr.*  
Major General, U.S.A.,  
Commanding

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40th  
INFANTRY



41st  
INFANTRY



41st  
ENGINEER  
COMBAT BATTALION



128th ENGINEER  
COMBAT BATTALION



128th MEDICAL  
BATTALION



103rd SIGNAL  
COMPANY



85th ORDNANCE  
COMPANY



103rd CAVALRY  
RECONNAISSANCE TROOP



103rd QUARTERMASTER  
COMPANY



103rd DIVISION  
ARTILLERY



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**Major General  
CHARLES C. HAFFNER, JR.  
DIVISION COMMANDER**



**General Haffner activated  
the Division at  
Camp Claiborne, La.,  
November 15, 1942.**



**Brigadier General  
JOHN T. PIERCE  
ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER**



**Brigadier General  
ROGER M. WICKS  
COMMANDER DIVISION ARTILLERY**





# T H E D I V I S I O N S T A F F



COLONEL GUY S. MELOY, JR.  
Chief of Staff



*The Division Band*

*Hot Licks*

*Field Music*



## Reception

The first day in camp after the long train ride . . . The interview with the classification officer . . . The visit to supply—and you wonder how you ever will be able to carry all that stuff at once . . . The dispensary where they gang you with needles . . .





Customs of the service . . .  
dismounted drill . . . marksmanship . . . bayonet and grenade . . . guard duty . . . physical conditioning . . . these are just a few of the things covered in the American soldier's elementary school—basic training.





A soldier's home may not look exactly like the Waldorf—but it can seem like a spot of heaven after long, hard hours of training . . . A hot supper . . . The dayroom for some letter writing or a game of pool . . . Then, a warm bed.



## In the Field

Battles aren't won on the eight-hour day, or on parade grounds . . . So the soldier must learn to live and fight in the woods and hills, the rain and mud, where battles are won . . .





## Graduation

He may get a diploma at a battalion review or he may just get an entry in his service record, but after basic training is completed the new soldier becomes a full-fledged G. I.



## Ready for Action

In the long months that follow basic training the G. I. continues training as a member of a division unit. Field exercises and maneuvers add to the know-how that will make him victorious in combat.



ON Y' WAY, YOU  
SIT-DOWN SOLDIERS!  
THIS HERE'S A SHOW  
FOR INFANTRY ONLY!

BUT WE'RE  
YOUR ALLIES  
SARGE!

AN EXCLUSIVE STITCH  
OF LACE — for the  
gang in the 103rd  
INFANTRY DIVISION —

AND BEST WISHES TO THE  
CACTUS CARAVAN — from

MILTON  
CANIFF

N.Y. MARCH  
1944

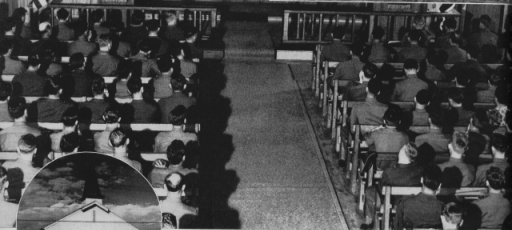
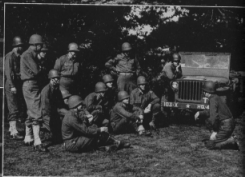




The Quartermaster Company is the middle man of the Division, processing from post warehouse or maneuver railhead the daily food rations and frequent issues of clothing and equipment. It also supplies transportation for other units, in large or small orders.



# CHAPLAINS

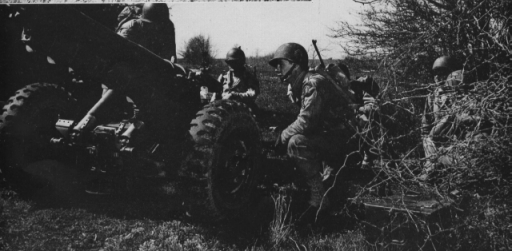


Chaplains of the 103d lead religious services in the division's five chapels and wherever troops are gathered in the field. On Easter Sunday this year large outdoor Catholic and Protestant services were held. The chaplains are available daily to soldiers with personal problems, spiritual or material.



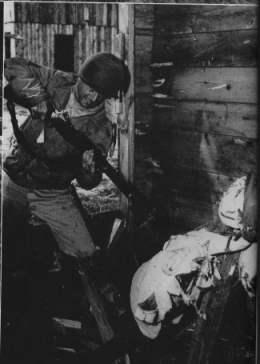
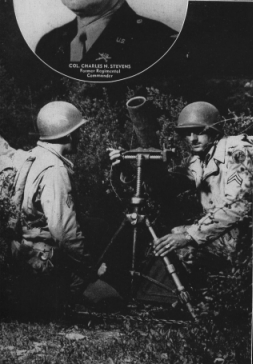
*"Actually the infantryman of today comes nearer to being a man of all weapons. Except for the airplane, the tank and the artillery, the infantry uses most of the weapons in the arsenal of a modern army —not only the rifle and bayonet, but the tommy gun, machine gun, mortar, hand and rifle grenades, bazooka, flame thrower, good-sized anti-tank artillery."*

*—Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair.*

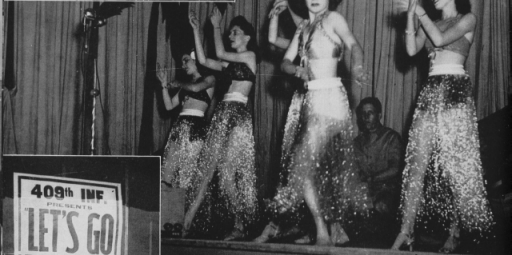




COL. CHARLES H. STEVENS  
Paratrooper Regimental  
Commander







**409th INF**  
OFFICERS ONLY  
**LET'S GO PLACES**  
A MODERN MUSICAL COMEDY  
**30 T.S.C.W. GIRLS 30**  
409th  
RECREATION BLDG.  
TUES. MARCH 28  
7:30 P. M.  
FREE! FREE!



"Boy, are we lucky we weren't sent to some hot and dusty place!"



COL. ROBERT L. CHRISTIAN  
Commanding

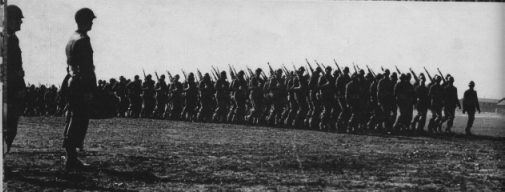


# 410<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY

*"... smoke-begrimed men, covered with marks of battle, rise from the foxholes of Bataan . . ."—General Douglas MacArthur.*



*"It makes me feel guilty when I think of what the soldiers are suffering out there, climbing up mountains in the face of machine gun fire. And here I sit on a warm ship, eating a steak."—Naval officer off Attu.*







*Time Magazine* recently quoted a Pacific pilot who said the infantrymen "go through more hell in one battle than we could possibly go through in a whole war."

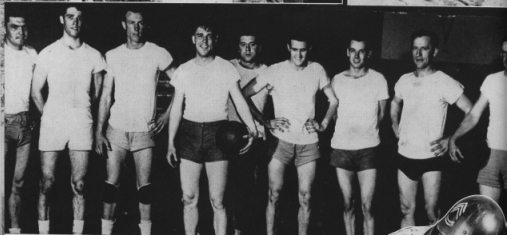


"... I went around picking up tank lore. I found that tankers, like everybody else, take their hats off to the infantry."—Ernie Pyle, famed war correspondent.









Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 410th Infantry —  
1944 Cactus company league basketball champions.

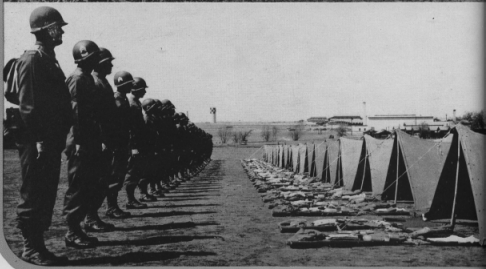




COL. DONOVAN P. YUELL  
Commanding



# 411<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



*"Our progress along the road to victory must be paced off by the man with the rifle, by his brains, his fortitude and his fighting heart. We are fighting this war to the finish. And whether he travels to work in a glider or a truck, a jeep, a parachute or a landing craft, that finish will be fought by the infantryman on foot."*—Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commanding Army Ground Forces.



*"I salute the men of the infantry because they are and always have been the decisive factor of battle. Especially do I salute them now, because, overshadowed by the glamour of the flashing plane and the clanging tank, they have been neglected by those for whom they fight, suffer, and die. And while the headlines and newsreels concentrate on the more spectacular arms, the old dependable foot soldier slowly but surely seals the victory."*—Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair.







**FIELD PX**  
Refreshments usually are plentiful, but the customers do not always get accordion music

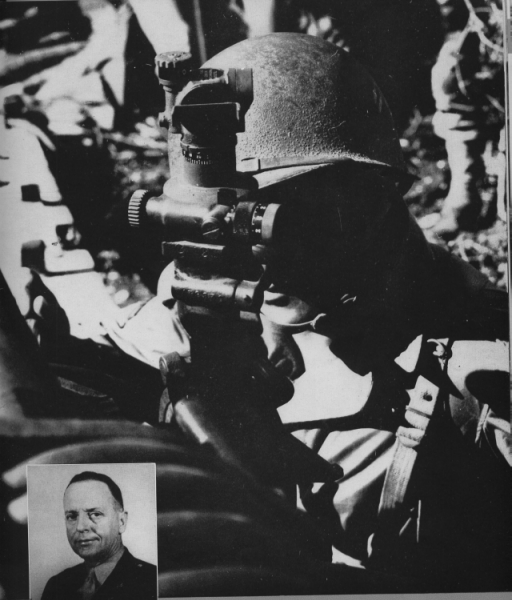


**THE LADIES,**  
bless 'em!  
An afternoon gathering of the 411th Enlisted Men's Wives' Club



**CHAMPS**  
This 411th basketball team won the 1944 Cactus Division unit all-star tournament





COL. PERRY W. BROWN  
Executive Officer



# ARTILLERY



LT. COL. JAMES S. JUN  
Commanding





LT. COL. WILLIAM Y. FRENTZEL  
Commanding





**LT. COL. JAMES F. ROBERTS**  
Commanding





LT. COL. HERBERT D. NICE  
Commanding





## THE CAISSONS GO

by

EDMUND L. GRUBER

Over hill, ever dale,  
We have hit the dusty trail,  
And these Caissons Go Rolling Along.  
"Counter march! Right about!"  
Hear these wagon soldiers shout,  
While these Caissons Go Rolling Along.

To the front, day and night,  
Where the doughboys dig and fight  
And these Caissons Go Rolling Along.  
Our barrage will be there  
Fired on the rockets' flare  
While these Caissons Go Rolling Along.

With the chev'ry, beat to boot  
We will join in the pursuit  
And these Caissons Go Rolling Along.  
Action front, at a trot,  
Valley fire with shell and shot  
While these Caissons Go Rolling Along.

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## ROLLING ALONG

Should the foe penetrate,  
Ev'ry gunner lies in wait  
And these Calissons Go Rolling Along.  
fire at will, lay em low,  
Never stop for any foe  
While these Calissons Go Rolling Along.

But if fate me should call  
And in action I should fall  
Keep these Calissons a-rolling Along.  
Then in peace I'll abide  
When I take my final ride  
On a Calisson that's Rolling Along.

### Chorus

For it's "Hil Hil Heel" in the Field Artillery,  
Call off your numbers loud and strong,  
And where'er we go  
You will always know  
That these Calissons are Rolling Along.  
That these Calissons are Rolling Along.

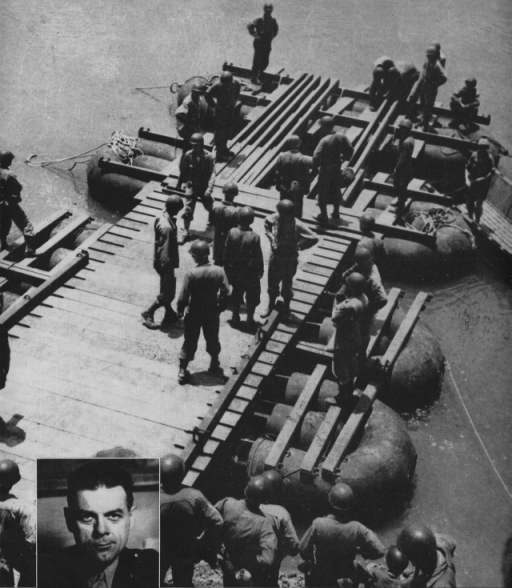
*After Last Chorus)*  
But-t'ry, Hal - - - - H



# CHEMICAL WARFARE

Laying smoke screens and training soldiers in decontamination of gassed areas, arms and equipment are among the many tasks of the Chemical Warfare Section in training the Division's men for the eventualities of combat.





LT. COL. RALPH S. CHILDS  
Commanding



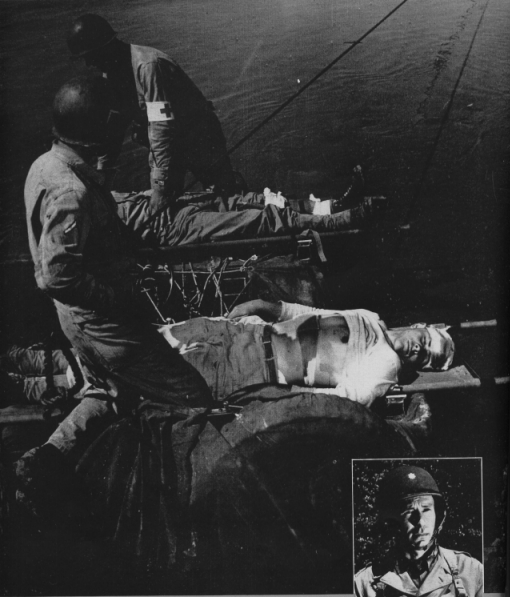
# 328<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEERS



The Combat Engineers—nice guys to have on your side. They clear the path for their own forces, put stumbling blocks in the path of the enemy. They're a rugged battalion with the brains, brawn and equipment.



ent to do any job of construction or demolition that  
ay be necessary—and in a hurry. They're always  
ady to join in the fire fight, too.



MAJOR MELVIN F. HUTH  
Commanding

328<sup>TH</sup> MEDICAL BN.





While they maintain the day-to-day health of the Division's soldiers in garrison and on maneuvers, the men of the Medical Battalion must also prepare themselves to perform their supreme duty—to save lives on the field of battle.







MAJOR ELMO H. ALVIS  
Commanding



# SPECIAL TROOPS

## Cactus Guests

Summer was hottest at Camp Claiborne when Actress Ruth Hussey dropped around for a three-day visit with the 103d... And who doesn't remember friend Armadillo, the armored imp of the Louisiana wilderness?



## Paper Work

Stick your head into headquarters if you want to see a beehive of men working on that tough problem—Army administration.



## Field Markers

In a dispersed command post area, these lantern-lighted blackout signs will point the way at night to division installations.





## Division CPX

Command Post Exercise—when staffs and communications units test their coordination under simulated combat conditions.



## Grease Job

"Keep 'em running" is the motto in the division's motor pools, where everything from jeeps to 10-ton wreckers are kept in A-1 shape.



## G.I.'s Friends

This patrol from the 103d Military Police Platoon is preparing to leave for nearby Gainesville, Texas, to look after the well-being of Cactus soldiers on pass.



# 103d Cavalry Rec

A mechanized troop of cavalry which scouts the front for information of the enemy, protects the flanks and rear . . . a fighting little bunch of men who can



# naissance Troop

hard against superior numbers if they have to and then move fast. The Recon Troop is, in a large sense, the eyes and ears of the Division.





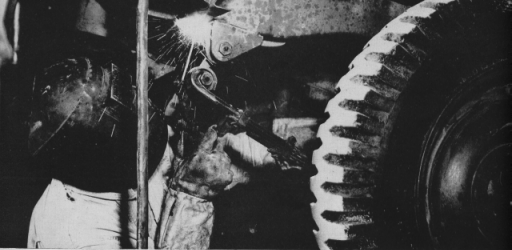
# 103d SIGNAL COMPANY





The Signal Company is the heart of the division's communications network. Message centers and radio, telephone and telegraph facilities are installed, operated and maintained by this compact group of specialists.



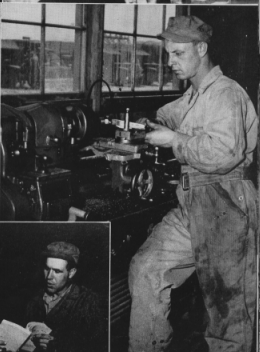
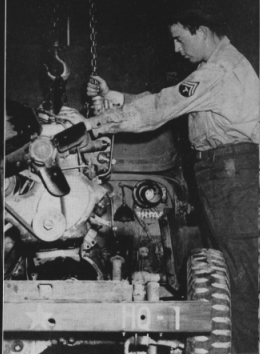


## 803d Ordnance Company

Cactus Ordnance men perform much of the more detailed maintenance on small arms, artillery and automotive equipment of the entire division, and also supply the Division with ordnance equipment—guns, vehicles, instruments.







# 103d QUARTERMASTER COMPANY





COL. CLAUDIUS L. LLOYD  
Commanding



# 409<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



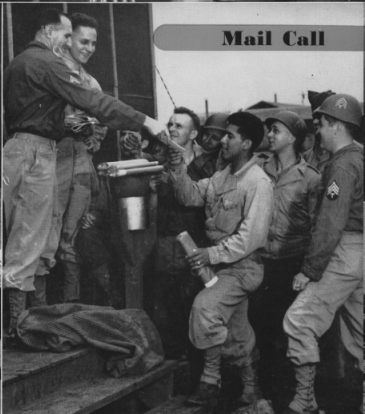
*"Today every newspaper reader follows our operations on his war map. Let me remind you that those front lines are simply where the infantryman is . . . True, he is magnificently supported by artillery and air, but this support is behind and above him. In front of him there is nothing but the enemy."—Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commanding Army Ground Forces.*



**Advancing Under Live Machine Gun Fire**

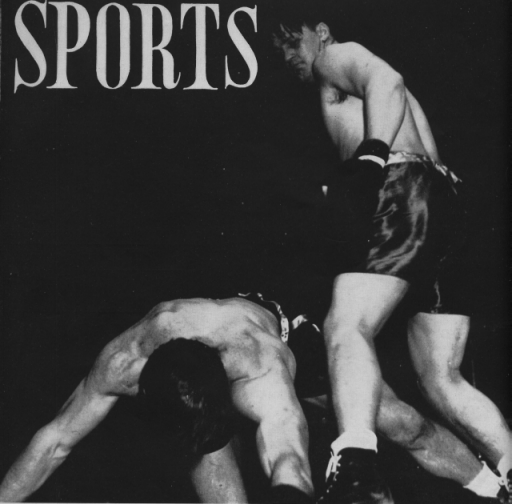


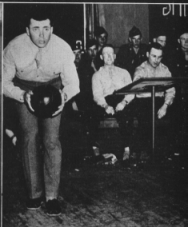
◆ **Finance**



**Mail Call**

# SPORTS





# SERVICE CLUB



At his service club the enlisted man has comfortable surroundings in which to relax and enjoy himself . . . well-lighted and well-furnished rooms with radios, record players, games and interesting reading matter . . . cheerful, understanding hostesses who make it their job to please him . . . a soda fountain and a restaurant . . . dances and entertainment programs . . .



# U. S. O.



U. S. O. — that stands for United Service Organizations, an agency whose star-studded camp shows and other entertainments have lightened the burden of American soldiers throughout the world. The U. S. O. program in nearby Gainesville, Texas, is a superior example of this organization's work. There both the Lindsay Street and Fair Park U. S. O. buildings are available to the men of the 103d Infantry Division. Other towns and cities in the Camp Howze area also have fine U. S. O. facilities.



# RED CROSS

The front line emissaries of the American Red Cross are its field directors assigned to all infantry divisions and similar combat units. Though not members of the armed forces, the field directors wear the same uniforms and equipment as Army officers, with the exception of official insignia, and when necessary perform their duties under enemy fire. Assisting the field directors in solving the personal problems of soldiers and their families and in many other projects is the whole vast network of the Red Cross, including volunteer home service and surgical dressing units.



# OFFICERS' CALL

Just as the enlisted man has his day room, service club, hostess house and U. S. O. for family, best girl and his own relaxation and entertainment, so the officer has his clubs and social functions—such as the Saturday night dance, an occasional dinner party, the annual picnic, afternoon bridge for the ladies, moments of relaxation at the fireside.

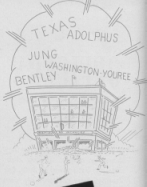


# OFF POST

Alexandria, New Orleans, Shreveport, Gainesville, Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City, Ardmore—these and many other towns and cities have become familiar with the Cactus insignia of the 103d Infantry Division soldier on pass or furlough.



Furlough



All Aboard

Dallas Saturday Night





## "Little D"

In years to come members of the 103d Infantry Division will have pleasant memories of a hospitable little city near Camp Howze where, believe it or not, the girls far outnumber the men. This is Denton, home of Texas State College for women and North Texas State Teachers College. Some of the men call it "Little D," to distinguish it from Dallas, or "Big D." Both TSCW and NTSTC operate efficient date bureaus for service men. The men of the 103d have been good customers.



"For a guy just off maneuvers—ain't you boin' kinda fussy?"

# Maneuver of Madness



THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

# Autographs . . .



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