56-59 Pointers Off Sunday List

Group Affected To Go Out Later This Month

by Roger Valdes

Enlisted men with critical scores from 56 to 59 were knocked off tomorrow's redeployment shipment by a UFSET (Rear) order which reached OMGUS headquarters Tuesday.

The sudden move actually called for cancellation of the entire shipment — which was to have included men with points from 61 to 56 — and substitution of a mixed quota made up of enlisted personnel with over 60 points, those with three dependant children under 18, those 35 years old or older who have served honorably for two years, men with three or one-half years of service and officers with the required number of points for discharge.

Instead of the 300 that were scheduled to ship out tomorrow, 96 enlisted men and 45 officers will leave on the first part of their trip to the United States. Their first destination will be the 17th Replacement Depot at Nurnberg.

At the same time as the cancellation of shipment for under-56 pointers was announced, it was revealed that a sub-unit of December's December group of 300 will cover high pointers with critical scores from 56 to 59 and possibly some 55-pointers. This group is tentatively scheduled to leave OMGUS and Berlin about middle of December. Present plans call for its shipment to the 893rd Tank Destroyer Battalion at Linberg, Germany in the Western Military District of the U.S. Zone.

The 893rd TD outfit had been previously deactivated and was reactivated only five days ago. It was immediately placed on the worldwide bound list and will be alerted for POF shipment on Monday. Just how great the time lapse between the alert and actual movement to the harbor will be, the TD Battalion commander himself did not know when queried by OMGUS AG officials.

Redeployment heads here were unable to make any official comment.

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British Take Steel Leaders Into Custody

Seventy-six of Germany's remaining 96 steel leaders were arrested last week in surprise raids by British field security officers.

Authorities announced that they were surprised to be in internment camps where they were to be questioned to determine whether they will stand trial as war criminals. Their personal fortune will be frozen but the firms will continue to operate.

Among those arrested were Dr. Erich Mueller, Krupp's big gun expert; Rudolf Peterlenbren, managing director of Otto Wolff AG; Eduard Hudmen and Friedrich von Buelow of Krupp and Arthur Hennecke of Mitteldeutsche Stahlwerke.

All but eight of the 81 listed for apprehension were taken in a round-up which lasted through the whole night. Most of the industrialists were in bed and all submitted quietly to arrest. Seizure of the rest, British authorities said, is a "matter of time".

Over 35 of the most powerful figures in German banking and industry have already been arrested by the CIC in the American zone. These arrests were part of a drive by the Division of Investigation of Cartels and External Assets of OMGUS to round up the men whom it holds responsible for financing Germany's rearmament and war effort and for plundering the occupied nations.

Jazz Concert Set for 16th

The scheduled departure of pianist Joe Vera, only four days before he was slated to appear as the star of OMGUS' first Swing Concert, has forced the postponement of the jazz recital until Sunday, December 16.

Although Vera, with his outstanding technique and stylings, which have been compared to those of Art Tatum, will be replaced by a substitute, the concert will continue as planned.

PX To Sell Radios

After Thursday's sale of 69 table-model radios at Gnska Tom's PX, it is officially announced that a similar number of radio sets will be put for sale at the PX every week for the next few weeks to come. The kind of

December RRR Quote To Total Sixty Men

In compliance wit UFSET's cable order, a group of 60 officers and enlisted men, the third contingent of lowpointers of the Office of Military Government for Germany (US), are scheduled to depart from this command in December for 30 days of "temporary duty" in the U. S. for "Rehabilitation, Recuperation and Recovery".

Personnel eligible for this shipment include three categories: those who have accepted civilian employment, those who volunteered for the Regular Army.

In the first group of the sixty, consisting of 10 officers and 10 enlisted men, are scheduled to depart today enroute to Camp Herbert Tareyton in France. Subsequent shipments during December will be 20 officers and enlisted men on December 13, 16 on December 16, and 10 each on the 20th and 20th of the month. All groups will report to Camp Herbert Tareyton.

The status of WAC officers under the "Triple T" remains the same as during November. No WAC personnel are considered for triple T's shipment unless they will return to theETO for civilian employment.

Biarritz University Will Remain Open

The fight for continuance of the American University of Biarritz was won this week as it was announced that it will remain open for another term, beginning on January 7.

OMGUS personnel with applications for study at Biarritz on file are requested to notify the I & E Office before December 15, if they still desire to attend courses at the French GI University. New applications may also be filed at the I & E Registration Office, 23 Ismarg Strasse.

Check Your Telephone, Number Change Due

About 1,200 telephone numbers throughout OMGUS headquarters will undergo another change on the night of December 15, the Signal Section announced yesterday.

Present plans call for the completion of an entirely new telephone directory, containing the changed numbers, on the same day that the mass switch is made.

Prime reason behind this second change in a month is the attempt to separate the Army private branch exchange system from the overcrowded commercial system. It is anticipated that this will result in improved service.
Pearl Harbor...

Yesterday, December 7, 1941, passed quietly for the men of American's Army of Occupation in Germany. Four years ago, at Pearl Harbor, the die of war was cast for the United States as Jap bombs crashed through the stillness of a Sunday morning. Out that day "that will live in infamy," Americans waited tensely late into the night by their radios as news of disaster was wirelessed across the country. The people listened and wondered what the sacrifice would be, how long the conflict would last.

Yesterday, on the fourth anniversary of Japan's sneak attack, the United States and her allies had been at victorious peace for more than three months. The anniversary of Pearl Harbor "slowly" setting the conflicts of that peace.

Berlin Opera Stars
To Appear in Series Of Weekly Concerts

With Erna Berger, famed soprano, as first star, the most ambitious series of concerts yet staged under American auspices in Berlin began last week.

The second recital in the "Distinguished Artists Series" will be given this coming Thursday night and will feature Tito De Machala, violinist. The concert hall, Evangelisches Germaineheinze Zehlendorf, is located at Teltow Damm 4–8.

The series, open to all Allied troops, will continue on subsequent Thursdays with such outstanding artists as the Chamber Music Society of the German State Opera, the String Quartette of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, pianist Gerhard Pulch, violinist Helmut Zernick, baritone Karl Schmitt-Walter and tenor Peter Anders.

The winter concerts are presented under the auspices of the Information Services Control and Special Services Sections of U. S. Headquarters Berlin District. Tickets, priced at six marks, are available in advance at all American Red Cross clubs or at the box office at the concert hall one hour before each performance.

29,914 GERMAN CIVILIANS
EMPLOYED BY U. S.

American military authorities are providing employment for 29,914 German civilians here, it was announced by the Labor Section of Office of Military Government. On August 8 the number of German civilians employed was 6,521.

Movie Schedule

ONKEL TOM THEATER
Movie time: 6:15 p.m. (6:45 p.m. Sat. Sun.)

SUN. — MON. — TUES.

"THE CORN IS GREEN," Miss Bette Davis whom away through a role that the genteel artistry of Ethel Barrymore would prove great. The picture is the sober side.

WED. — THURS.
"OUT OF THIS WORLD!" Paramount seems to believe that Mr. Eddie Bracken needs little if any assistance from a script to make people laugh. That theory is thoroughly tested here and its partial truth proved. Aided andabetted by clever Diana Lynn.

FRI. — SAT.
"JUNIOR MISS," Peggy Ann (A Tree Grows in Brooklyn) Garner essays a frothier role and comes off quite well. Supporting her in this dizzy tale of juvenile-agers is Allyn Joslyn.

ARC Schedule Today:
Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m. and 2:30–5 p.m.; Sketch Artist, 6–11 a.m.; Floor Show, 9:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:30–11:15 a.m.; Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m.

SUN.: Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m.; Sketch Artist, 1—5 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.; Opening of New Beginners' Dancing Class, 8–9 p.m.; Herbie's Hep-Kats, 7:30–10:15 p.m.

MON.: Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m.; Sketch Artist, 1—5 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.; Sketch Artist, 1—5 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.; Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m.; Pinocchio Party, 7:30 p.m.; Floor Show, 9:30 p.m.; Herbie's Hep-Kats, 7:30–10:15 p.m.

TUES.: Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m. and 2:30–5 p.m.; Sketch Artist, 6–10 a.m.; Opening of New Advanced Dancing Class, 8–9 p.m.; Orchestra, 7:30–10:15 p.m.

FRI.: Orchestra, 10—11:30 a.m.; Sketch Artist, 1–5 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.; Photo Lessons, 8–9 p.m.; Bingo, Orchestra, 7:30–10:15 p.m.; Sketch Artist, 1—5 p.m.; "Master of the Ivories," 2:30–3:45 p.m.: Bridge Club, 7:30 p.m.; Pinocchio Party, 7:30 p.m.; Floor Show, 9:30 p.m.; Herbie's Hep-Kats, 7:30–10:15 p.m.

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Gay Vienna, historic residence city of royalty and legendary prewar capital of “wine, women and song,” stands shivering and hungry today as she anxiously guards for one of the bitterest struggles in her long and colorful history — the “Battle of the Winter — 1945.”

The same Viennese who but a few short years ago received Hitler with an enthusiastic ovation, each day realize more clearly from the sight of their battered and ruined city, the terrible price that must be paid for blindly accepting the promises of the war-bent German “Fuehrer.” For, as they ruefully and sadly confide to the sightseer, “the alt Wien — the Lustige Wien” is no more. Nor do they ever expect to see her again as the “Paris of Eastern Europe.” Today, Vienna is still a queen city but a queen whose smiling face hides a heavy heart for her past mistakes, who cannot forget her many thousands killed by bombings, and who realizes that many of her citizens must go hungry and cold in the dreary months that lie ahead this winter.

But Vienna, whose list of musical sons reads like a “Who’s Who” in the world of fine music, has always been a “hospitable city” and because of her geographical position must always continue to be a city of the show. And in Vienna, as in the world over “the show must go on.” In incongruous juxtaposition one still finds the heart of Vienna singing amid the rubble and debris that was once her opera houses, theaters, restaurants, and concert halls. For, in spite of bombing and devastation, her operas still continue to play nightly to packed houses. Her concerts, recitals, ballets continue as before the war.

Untouched by bombing until September, 1944, her people had a simple and child-like faith that their beautiful city and culture would be spared from this destruction. Their attitude is best reflected by a simple, jaunty saying, “Bomben auf Berlin, Rosen auf Wien” — Bombs on Berlin, Roses in Vienna. However, after her first raid, people soberly began to realize that “nothing happens here and watched the air raids mount in intensity until January 1945, the worst raid.

This bombing, coupled with a fanatic defense of the city by the SS in April against the Russians, has resulted in a town which is, in familiar GI terminology, more than a “beisehein haupt.”

One has but to mention these bombings and he can see memories reflected painfully in the eyes of the Viennese. Hardly a family today does not have one of its members missing through these raids. The Viennese do not like to talk about the war and in their traditional humorous way point out the lighter side. Each is quick to recall some humorous incident brought about by their warning of approaching American bombers — the sound of a cock-a-doodle-doo. They tell of how huge crowds rushed out of apartment stores merely at the sound of a cock-a-doodle-doo.

The reason why this peculiar warning method was employed seems to remain a mystery in Vienna.

Vienna, with her pre-war population of 1,900,000, lies on a plain of the famous Danube river, immortalized by Strauss “[Flor Danube Waltz.” Three-fourths of her 1214 square kilometer area lies in the Carpathian foothills and famed Vienna Woods. Her beginnings are linked in the history of the Celts and Romans who once had an outpost garrison there. Situated where the historic “Amber Road” from the North to Italy crosses the Danube, she has served many centuries not only as a bridge between the North and South, but also as a connecting link between the East and West. She grew in importance as a trading center at the time of the Crusades and received municipal privileges during that period.

Conquered by Rudolph of Hapsburg in 1278, Vienna became the imperial residence city of the world-reckoned line of Hapsburg kings until 1918. In the 18th century under the rule of the fabulous Maria Theresa, who among other things had sixteen children, she witnessed a brilliant rise in social and court life. Numerous reforms were inaugurated, and the beauty and culture of Old Vienna reached a glittering pinnacle, which attracted musicians and artists of all kinds from all over the world. Her very name breathed beauty, romance and rich living. This was the time of the brilliant Beethoven, Haydn, Gluck, Mozart, and a little later of Johann Strauss, who famous waltzes are as popular today as they were when they were first played for imperial audiences at balls in Vienna’s five-spired townhall.

The Vienna of today is divided into 21 “Bezirks” or districts, each having a separate administration but all under one central head. Of these, six are occupied by the Americans, five by the British, three by the French, five and outlying districts by the Russians.

Number One Bezirk, the city’s center, is under joint control of the four powers. Therefore, like Berlin, Vienna is a fantastic city, where soldiers from four distinct nations mingle, distrust each other, and are easy prey for propagandas schemes to arouse resentment.

Residents prefer to live in American and British sectors, but admit that living conditions among the four sectors generally are about as well standardized as can be expected under the circumstances. As in Berlin, one hears wild tales of friction between Americans and Russians and weird accounts of crimes still prevalent in the Russian sector.

People confide that there is a great deal of “fraternization” going on between Viennese women and Russian soldiers, but never in public for fear of censure by a great many of the citizens who violently disapprove. Fraternization between women and soldiers of the other nations is taken pretty much for granted as in all occupied countries, and the old Viennese slogan seems to be still born out this winter of 1945, “Lieben, eben in schnee” — “Love even when it snows.”

In spite of the abundance of entertainment in Vienna today, and its memories of a gay yesterday, the people are realistically reminded by their stomachs that eating also is a human function. This brings up one of Vienna’s most acute shortages — food. The people have been used to a diet of not more than 600 to 700 calories a day and even now months after the war, estimate that between 80 and 90 percent of their food is furnished by the occupying powers.

In the American sector, the familiar powdered eggs, dried peas, C-ration biscuits continue to be the chief staples of sustenance. Vienna’s most ration — the first to be received in six months — is but 3 ounces per person monthly. Its sugar ration, one pound monthly. The distribution system is considered generally as fair and equitable.

In spite of joint efforts by the occupying powers to stamp out “black market” activities in Vienna, this form of barter still continues as the national pastime. Everywhere people tag at the shelves of solders for cigarettes and chocolate. Vienna’s counterpart of Berlin’s famed and notorious Kalertaven, is Kessel Park, where prices are somewhat lower than for “Happy Millionaire” in Berlin. Cigarettes are quoted at 50 to 75 shillings per pack — the shilling being the Austrian counterpart of the German reichsmark which is

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In the center of Europe, a city of music and art, lies Vienna—the heart of Austria. Vienna is known for its rich history, beautiful architecture, and vibrant cultural life. The city is home to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and the famous Hofburg Palace, which serves as the summer residence of the Austrian president. Each one of the city's 400 room is beautifully appointed. The city is a blend of modern and historical architecture, with the St. Stephen's Cathedral standing as a testament to its timeless beauty.

Lustiges Wien

“Lustiges Wien” — Joyful Vienna — is our home to many people who have come to live in Vienna's city of music. The city's history is rich, from the days of the Roman Empire to the present day. The people of Vienna are known for their love of music and the arts, and the city's culture is reflected in its architecture, art, and cuisine. Vienna is a city that is loved by many, and it continues to be a source of inspiration for people from all over the world.
American To Conduct Berlin Philharmonic

Captain John Bitter of the U.S. Army will become the second American to conduct the famed Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. When he wields the baton at a special concert for Allied Troops to be given at the Victoria Palace Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Before serving in the Army, Captain Bitter was conductor of the Miami Symphony Orchestra and served as Associate Conductor of the Stokowski All-American Youth Orchestra.

One of the featured selections of the concert will be “Adagio for Strings” written by U.S. Corporal Sam Barber, which will be presented for the first time in Germany.

AFN Berlin will broadcast the concert, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Exhibit

The first special Christmas exhibit of paintings, handcraft, and sculpture will begin today at 11 a.m. at the Heuss-Kinderhaus, 5 Auf Dem Gras, near the Crown Prince Adalbert Cross Club.

Art objects will also be sold at the showing, which will continue daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until January 1.

More than 100 persons have died here and many others have lost their sight from the effects of black market liquor.

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12

THURSDAY, Dec. 13

FRIDAY, Dec. 14

1230 Great White 3130 Berlin Top Ten

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Vienna-City of Contrast (Continued from Page 3)

also legal tender in Austria. These prices when converted into American equivalents mean that a carton of cigarettes is worth seventy five dollars, and a Letter-of-credit is worth three thousand five hundred. People do not give up about the prices, but rather ruefully add that they wish there were more G.I.'s occupying their city, that there are not enough American soldiers at present to satisfy their smoking needs.

With grim forbidding, the Viennese have early in winter already experienced the icy biting winds which sweep through the city causing temperature differences as much as eight degrees in the distance of one block. Clothing is unbearable at any price, and — although to the casual observer, the people are still quite well dressed — many of them are daily contracting inflammatory diseases as a result of inadequate clothing. Whether it be propaganda to split the Allied forces, or whatever its purpose, people throughout the city all tell of clothing of much of the city's clothing by Russian troops, who conducted house-to-house clothing canvasses during the first days of winter.

Next to food, fuel is Vienna's most critical problem. Due to lack of transportation and industrial demands, coal is available for space heating. Many of the gas mains were damaged or destroyed by bombings and a limited supply of gas is available in only five of the city's 21 districts. As most of the city's electrical current was generated within Vienna itself by steam generators run by coal, the supply of electricity is also very inadequate. One kilowatt hour is the daily rate. Current for homes is only on duty during evening hours and many families wait till then to cook their meals.

Hot water for making erson coffee is purchased from many of the cafes and restaurants. From their household experiences it is apparent that wood is the only hope of heating Vienna this winter. People are seen everywhere — in the small parks throughout the city, in the Vienna woods, in the gardens — gathering wood, lugging it or anything that will burn. Practically all women trudge along with packs of wood, painfully gathered on their tired and weary backs.

People retire early in the evening to keep warm, for only in bed can they enjoy the fire that manages to slip through the windows and doors of their apartments. Glass is unavailable to repair windows broken by bombings. Wood, tin, cloth and every type of material possible has been taken over swirling hovels in the walls to keep out the ever-writhing Alps. Cakes, theatres, operas and other entertainment spots owe much of their patronage to the fact that they are usually warmer than the houses of the people, and that alone in Vienna today is a great drawing card.

Vienna's historic university, founded in the 14th century, has long been a center of learning and its facilities for the study of medicine and psychology have attracted many foreign students. Although suffering many direct hits on its buildings, it continues today in operation.

Political activity is evident everywhere. Historic walls are plastered with bandy-pole posters extolling party virtues and their plans for a new Austria. Socialists and Communists in apparent distrust of each other seem always to have their campaign headquarters within several doors of each other, their loudspeakers blaring away simultaneously. The neutralizing effect of such action seems to have been clearly shown in the recent victory of the Catholic Party, whose headquarters were always respectfully distant from the "Big Two." Viennese associate the word "Communist" automatically with the occupying Russians, showing the thoroughness of Hitler's propaganda against the Soviet Republic. The anti-communist feeling grew so strong during the campaign that Communists were forced to paint their hammer and sickles on the city's pavements and walls by flashlight and candle light.

The Viennese, although a German-speaking people, have little of the German characteristics, but on the contrary more closely resemble the French in their gaiety, imagination and vivacity. Their greatest concern about the war, outside of their own personal losses, is what they term "the destruction and devastation of Viennese culture." This feeling is understandable when one sees many of their famous buildings which were once unparalleled examples of architecture and are now heaps of stone and twisted steel. A typical example is the shattered and gutted Stephana church — an edifice built over the span of three centuries once considered as a symbol of Vienna itself.

Reluctantly eyeing the future, the Viennese wonder about many things. Women wonder about finding husbands, men about their business, their education, their families. The signs in the subways and on the billboards soberly remind them, "Wien muss wider ein neue Zaubertag sein, "Vienna must again become a great, clean city." They read the people, they shake their heads, and thoughtfully wonder HOW. The tremendous task lies ahead not only of rebuilding the city, but of coordinating economic and social life, but heavily on their thinking. Perhaps the greatest question mark in their minds is: "Who is going to occupy Vienna — and for how long?"

Meanwhile, as they patiently await the end of occupation, the people slowly rebuild the city. They fervently hope that they will be able to make something of the future, while at the same time they fortify obstacles and dream of the glorious past.

The thinking of Vienna can be summarized in the words of an old wrait in one of her few remaining cafes: "Yes, my boy, the people of Vienna would much rather look backward than into the future — it is evil schoner.

The church of the Imperial Palace of the Hapsburg line of Emperors is seen through a foreground of rubble.
SSO Courtmen Upset 822 MPs By 36-24 Count

The upset of the week and basketball season to date was scored Wednesday night by a fast breaking Special Service team as they subdued the potent and hit-or-miss-unbeaten 822nd MP Company five, 36-24, in Thursday’s first game. Antioch, who led the victors with 16 points while Voht was high scorer for the Medicos.

Tuesday’s first game was a battle of undefeated teams, in which Company “A” took the measure of the “F” five, 35-33, dumping them out of a first place tie with “A” and “C.” The game presented the two leading scorers in the Regimental league and saw them live up to advance predictions. Although Scott of “F” took top honors with 18 points while Fink of “A” chalked up only 16, all-around power of Company “A” proved to be too much when the chips were down. The largest crowd of the season saw consistently outstanding basketball.

Opening the third week of intra-OMGUS basketball, Company “B” squad took the measure of “E” Company representatives, 49-17. Williams of “G” and Richardson of “E” shared top scoring honors with 16 points each.

The second game went to Company “B” on a forecourt of the “D” five. In the evening’s final game, Company “F” squeaked through to a 35-33 win over Company “H” to remain undefeated for the night only. Scott of “F” sank 17 points, while Haines with nine markers was top man for the losers.

Tuesday night’s second game went to Company “H” over Company “G” by a 35-24 count. Using their height to good advantage in the final quarter, “O” opened the wide gap shown in the final score. Peak of “B” was high man with 13 points while Williams of “G” contributed 10 points to “G” Company’s losing cause.

Company “H” pulled a minor upset in the evening’s final contest as they broke out the loss column for the first time, at the expense of the Regimental Headquarters Company five. The score was tied at 22-all at the end of regulation play, 20-all at the end of the first overtime. It was only in the second extra period that “H” pulled away to take the contest. Miller and Pederson of “H” and Ault of Regimental shared the scoring honors with 10 points each.

Wednesday night brought a shift to Special Troops league play and in the first game, Navy defeated the Civilian Administration Battalion, 50-39, in a free-scoring affair. This victory keeps the Navy five in a tie for first with the Medical Detachment. McKee and Smithurst of the Navy each scored 18 points, while Pocock’s 12 led the losers.

TheFive TOP scorers in OMGUS basketball play line up up for a group shot at the start of this week’s cage play. Reading from left to right, they are Fink of Company “A,” Antioch of the 66th Engineers, Voht of the Medical Detachment, Brown of the 822nd MP Company and Yeatman of Company “C.”

BasketballRoundup
Regimental League

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OMGUS Cagers Play Host to BD Fives

OMGUS’ basketball teams will move to Berlin-wide competition this afternoon at Gymnasium Number Two when they play host to the 252nd Engineer and the Berlin District Flashers.

Representing OMGUS in the 252nd five, scheduled to tip-off at 1 p.m., is the high-scoring and successful navy team. The unbeaten Medical Detachment five will take on the Flashers one hour later.

The two games will mark the first time that OMGUS teams have met outside competition and advance predictions are that both contests will be closely-contested.

This afternoon’s courtplay will be non-league games.

Redevelopment...

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on the dates when the remainder of 55 pointers, now eligible for discharge, can expect to leave. It is assumed, however, that a quota to cover them will come in latter either part of December or the early part of January. When this group leaves, they too will ship off to an outfit in the Western Military District.

The dispatch of 55-pointers to homework-bound unit would seem to indicate that, at least for the present, replacement depots may be bypassed and the men will be processed within the organisations with which they will travel.

Although no official reason was given by Paris for the sudden change in orders concerning tomorrow’s shipment, opinion at OMGUS headquarters was that the move was merely a reflection of the War Department’s new policy of weighing such things as length of service and dependacies as bases for point totals.

Latest available predictions as to the future lowering of points needed for discharge are that after the critical score will be lowered at the rate of five points per month for enlisted personnel. This would be the case according to War Department policy and Theater-wide shipping requirements.

Unbeaten Fives To Meet Monday In Court Play

Interest in next week’s Regimental League basketball play will center around the meeting of Companies “A” and “C” in Monday night’s second game. Both teams will enter the contest undefeated and the result will settle the issue of league leader, since both are now tied for first.

In the Special Troops loop, the big attraction will be Wednesday night’s meeting between unbeaten Navy and once-beaten 822nd MP Company. The MP’s, dumped from a first place tie by a fast Special Service team, will be out to break back into the win column and at the same time knock off the only remaining undefeated five in the league. For the Navy, it will be the toughest opponent they have yet played.

If they can get past the 822nd campers, the nautical hopsmen should end the week as league leaders, since they are expected to have little trouble with the Legal Division five which they take on in a Thursday contest.

Monday night’s card offers, in addition to the “A”-“C” game, a contest between Companies “B” and “D,” and Company “E” and Regimental Headquarters Company.

On Tuesday, “C” will play for the second night in a row as it meets the representatives of Company “E.” The evening’s second game will match “D” against “H,” while once-beaten “F” Company and Company “G” hook up in the Regimental League’s final contest of the week.

On Wednesday when Special Troops play starts, it will be the Civilian Administration Battalion versus the Allied Secretarial Division. At 8 p.m., the 66th Engineers and the fast-scoring Special Service cagers will take the hardwood floor. The third game will be the Navy-822nd MP tilt.

Thursday’s first game will pit the 131st Trucking Company against the Economic Division. Navy and the Legal Division will meet at 8 p.m., and the Medical Detachment will be trying to regain its winning ways against the Civilian Administration Battalion in the last contest of the week.

Regimental League

| MONDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Co “B” vs Co “D” |
|        | 7:30 p.m. | Co “A” vs Co “C” |
|        | 9:00 p.m. | Co “E” vs Reg Hq Co |

| TUESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Co “C” vs Co “E” |
|         | 8:00 p.m. | Co “D” vs Co “H” |
|         | 9:00 p.m. | Co “F” vs Co “G” |

Special Troops

| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Civ. Adm. Bn vs Allied Sec Div |
|           | 8:00 p.m. | Eng vs Spec Serv |
|           | 9:00 p.m. | Navy vs 822nd MP Co |

| THURSDAY | 7:00 p.m. | 131st Trk Co vs Economics Div |
|          | 8:00 p.m. | Legal Div vs Navy |
|          | 9:00 p.m. | Civ. Adm. Bn vs Med Det |

Gym No. 2 Closes

Ottoman Gymnasium Number Two will close its doors for apparent reason, directly at exactly 46 hours tomorrow in order to permit necessary repairs to be made. The gym will be shut for over one month to be re-opened and made ready for the new season, which begins in September.
Meet Miss Grooper:

Brown hair, grey eyes and an upturned nose combine to make WAC Private Dorothy Wetska "Miss Grooper of the Week". Dorothy comes from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin — population, 10,000; has been overseas for seven months. She is 21 years old, stands 5'3" and weighs 110 pounds. The Director's Building Information Center is where she works — but just to discourage wailing males, she's engaged to a former OMSG US GI now redeployed to the States.

Dorothy's favorite hobby in Berlin is collecting feathers. One has already been dispached to America, but the other eats all of his mistress's meat and butter — a good way for a girl to keep her figure.

Berlin Police Round Up 2,500 In Surprise Black Market Raid

German police, who have been staging daily black market raids, this week swooped down on the Brunnenstrasse — Ehrenstrasse area in a surprise move which netted 2,500 people — 700 of whom will be brought up on charges.

For the large-scale action, the German police force was 60 plainclothes men and over 100 uniformed and motored police. For the first time, automobiles were extensively used and a cordon was swiftly thrown around an area a block square. To prevent any possible offenders from escaping via the U-bahn, agents also blocked off the Brunnenstrasse subway station which was in the square-block zone.

This new center of black market activity is, from the evidence seized, evidently a center for the illegal barter of clothes and food. Enough clothing for 1,500 people was found in the possession of the thousands seized, as well as shoes enough for the same number.

Over 500 Berlin-scarce items such as bikes, radios, fans and other electrical equipment were also seized, as were large quantities of food. The women outnumbered the men, and from the results of the inspections and questionings, were far greater "operators". One middle aged woman was caught with 125 kilograms of sugar in her possession. The highest possible weekly allotment for civilians is slightly more than 1/2 kilogram.

Any Bachelor Bait?

Berlin WACs Will Hook 'em For You

U. S. Army chaplains in Berlin have been doing a fairly brisk business in WACGI nuptials ever since the girls invaded the world's wickedest city.

A report from the WAC Battalion of OMSG and the 315th WAC Detachment of U. S. Headquarters Berlin District, the only two WAC groups in Berlin, reveals that out of a total of 423 WACs in the city, 10 have stepped to the altar with their GI catch since August of this year.

Five of the married WACs are from OMSG and the other five from Berlin District. Three of the ten married WACs departed U. S.-bound with a one-way ticket and two others are slated to leave Berlin next week.

To swell the ranks of WAC nuptials recorded for the first five months of occupation is the marriage scheduled for today between T/3 Vera Fennesy and Capt. Werner N. Snow, both of AG. The ceremony is to take place at the Protestant Church on Onkel Tom Straße at 2:30 p.m.

Informations from the WAC Branch of Public Relations in Paris proves that GI's still rank highest in the popularity list as husbands. Out of a total of 486 WACs who said "I do" in the ETO, only nine chose foreign birthgivens. The others married American soldiers.

The first WAC-fried wedding occurred in 1943 when a WAC married a British subject in England, and again, only once in 1944 when a Franco-American marital alliance was solemnized in Paris.

This year four girls married Englishmen. Two chose French bridegrooms and one was the first WAC to marry a Canadian in the ETO.

Dancing Classes To Start Monday

Ballroom dancing neophytes will get a chance to brush up on their fox trot, jitterbug, waltz, rhumba, tango, samba starting Monday night. At 7:30 o'clock, Jimmy Hetzer of the Little Theater will start a series of dancing classes at the Curtain House on 45 people at that time.

The classes will be given every Monday and Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Issue

The GROOPER is planning a large, souvenir Christmas issue to be distributed on December 22. Due to staff and time limitations, pictures and stories that OMSG personnel would like to see in this paper might be overlooked. To make certain that this will not happen, all OMSG men and women with ideas, pictures or stories which they would like to see in the Christmas issue are asked to contact the GROOPER at 33 Ermgard Straße or phone 84-6751.

Pictures are especially important and GIs and gals having photos — prints or negatives — on OMSG life both in Hohenstaufen and Berlin, life in Berlin and kindred subjects are requested to bring them to the paper's office. All prints and negatives will be returned after use.

Orientation Library Opens on Onkel Tom's

A well-equipped orientation library designed to meet the needs of all interested personnel is now open in Onkel Tom's subways ramp, it has been announced by Mr. Ernest H. Perl, orientation officer of the Information and Education Section.

The library's shelves are stocked with books of current interest, GI round-up pamphlets, educational material and back issues of 'Army Talks' and 'Information Bulletins'.

Recount on Size Of GI Packages

OMSG GIs who were wondering just how a package 2 inches in length and girth combined would look and how much air it could contain can now rest easy.

The truth of the matter is that GROOPER copyreaders passed the error through it should have been 72 inches. Best easy boys, the Post Office isn't gangling up with the Army to starve you.

The whole excerpt from the Postal Bulletin should read, "effective November 15, 1945 parcels not exceeding 11 pounds in weight or 42 inches in length or 72 inches in length and girth combined" can be mailed to Army personnel overseas.

(German Police question one of the men picked up in the black-market raid staged this week. Over 2,000 persons were picked up, 700 will be tried on charges ranging from "illegal trading" to "possession of large amounts of rationed articles." (Photo by Hubertus))