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B.N. KILLS 33 PLANES

After two issues of the Bn. History, here are some actual figures of the claims and credits of the Battalion.

For the period of 4 February 1944 to 30 April 1945 we participated in 309 engagements and 180 of these were night engagements; expending 30,470 rounds of 90mm HE and 32,992 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition.

The Battalion claimed 39 enemy planes in Category I or actually destroyed and 45 planes in Category II which is the category of probably destroyed. Of these claims, however, as a result of thorough checking the battalion's actual credit is 33 in Category I and 26 in Category II.

Besides firing AA, it is

a well known fact that our 90 mm guns are excellent for Field Artillery firing. During the above mentioned dates we fired 1,566 missions against enemy forces.

The total number of rounds of ammunition expended were 36,832 rds of PD with M48 fuze, 2,084 rds of HE with M43A3 fuze, 542 rds of smoke, and 21 rds of HE with Pozit fuze.

123 of the total missions were observed. 92 of the 123 observed missions were observed by Air OP. 26 of the missions were observed by ground OP. The remaining 5 missions were fired in conjunction with an SCR-584 used in a ground reading role.

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Eisenhower SAYS =

BY CAMP NEWSPAPER SERVICE

Commentators, columnists, and editorial writers have been hailing Gen Eisenhower as a soldier, diplomat, and a democrat. Perhaps these excerpts from his speeches and press statements, made in connection with his homecoming show why:

"I feel that if the brains and the intelligence, the genius of the American are placed on this problem (of preserving peace), if we can forget self, if we can forget politics, if we can forget personal ambition, we can solve this problem, and we must solve the problem or all will be lost. No man can tell me that America with its glorious mixture of races, of creeds, its Jews, its Catholics, its Protestants, it cannot lose, and we can't lose this one."

"We must face those problems of peace with the same resolution that America showed in 1941 and '42 when not the greatest optimist could believe that within 11 months after landing in

Normandy, the American arms and Allied arms would stand triumphant on the Elbe."

"I believe we should be strong, that we should be tolerant, we should be ready to defend our rights, but we should be considerate and recognize the rights of the other man."

"PROSPEROUS NATIONS ARE NOT WAR-HUNGRY, BUT A HUNGRY NATION WILL ALWAYS SEEK WAR, IF IT HAS TO IN DESPERATION."

"I do not differentiate among soldiers. I do not say white soldiers or Negro soldiers and I do not say American or British soldiers...I have had a task in this war that makes me look upon soldiers as soldiers."

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AROUND THE BATTALION HOT LOOP

"I'm sorry," said the elevator girl. "Did I stop too quickly?"

"Oh no," coyly replied one of the feminine passengers, "I always wear my bloomers down around my ankles."

A bathing suit, says Bob Stulting, is like a barbed wire fence... it protects the property without obstructing the view.

Roses are red
Violets are blue,

Lily's are white...I know
Because I saw them on the
clothes line.

You'll live longer, says
Jim Litchos, if you don't
smoke, chew, swear, gamble,
drink or dance. Anyway it'll
seem longer.

He: "An apple a day will
keep the doctor away."

She: "Too late!"

The cigarette girl's popular
song of the day: "Butts and
Butts."

BN LEAGUE SOFTBALL STANDING

	WON	LOST
Battery "D"	13	7
Battery "C"	12	7
Battery "A"	11	7
Hq Battery	8	12
Battery "B"	5	7

As the schedule rounds into its final stage we find a race between Dog and Charlie Btrys; Charlie being one half a point behind Dog. Able is one and a half behind while Baker and Hqs are sadly lagging 7 and 5 respectively. The league finishes at 25 games and the coming week of events should prove quite frantically interesting.

The 216th Baseball team will play the 100 Division team on Monday 9 July 1945. Game will be played either at their diamond or on our home field.

A wedding ring is just like a tourniquet, observes Grover Brown. It stops the circulation.

EISENHOWER SAYS, (cont'd from Page 2)

"There is no such thing as a separate 'air' war, as a separate 'ground' war, and as a separate 'sea' war or 'logistic' warIt is the integration of...all forms of war that bring you your answer in the quickest possible way....When you put sea, ground, and air together the result is not the sum of their separate powers. You multiply their power rather than add."

"The German general staff must be utterly destroyed. These wars of Germany's have been, from the standpoint of the general staff, merely campaigns—merely incidents....It should be made utterly impossible for them ever to function again."

"For goodness sakes, don't psychoanalyze them (returning soldiers). They are perfectly normal human beings. They have been through a lot and very naturally they want a pat on the back and they want to be told they are pretty good fellows and they are. But they want to be treated just like they were treated when they went away."

Chicago (CNS)—Edward Stepek, 31, a peeping-tom, was set free and fined but \$10 by a local court after he promised to leave his binoculars at police headquarters. He had been convicted of spying on a soldier and his girl friend.

York, Pa (CNS)—Harry Samuelson, a butcher, gave away his entire stock of meat to customers who bought a war bond. He did it, he said, to honor Pfc Charlie Butler, his former de-
fender who was killed.

