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T/Sgt Coolidge Awarded C.M.H.

SUPERFORTS CONCENTRATE ON SMALLER INDUSTRIES

Four--hundred--fifty American Superfortresses yesterday dropped 3,000 tons of fire bombs on four of Japan's smaller industrial centers. It's considered that Japan's major industrial cities are out of action for the time being.

Also striking at the home islands of Japan was a carrier--task force of the British Pacific Fleet which had shelled and bombed the Japanese naval base of Truk. In day and night attacks on Thursday and Friday, it struck at airfields, docks and coast defenses. The Japanese say that Allied warships have again shelled Matsua in the Northern Kuriles.

JAP DEFENSES CRUMBLING

On Okinawa, American troops have driven further into the crumbling Japanese defenses.

The American 6th Marine Division is closing in on the Japanese in the Southern tip of the island.

ENTIRE REGIMENT SEES AWARD PRESENTED TO "M" COMPANY HERO BY SEVENTH ARMY COMMANDER

The 141st Regiment passed in review this afternoon at the airfield near the town of Dormstadt to show their respect to T/Sgt Charles H. Coolidge, "M" Company, and witnessed his being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award, with which the United States honors its fighting sons.

SWIMMING POOL HAS GALA OPENING THIS AFTERNOON

Whip out those swimming trunks or extra pair of G.I. shorts; take a couple of deep breaths and prepare to dive into the cool invigorating waters of one of the most luxurious pools this side of Hollywood. Yes, today is the grand opening of the Third Battalion's gigantic swimming pool and casino.

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AUSSIES ON N.W. BORNEO APPROACH BIG OILFIELDS

In Northwest Borneo Australians have rounded up more Japanese in the Brunei Bay area. Noticing the troops approaching, the Japanese have set the big Suera oilfields on fire.

On Luzon, American troops have advanced another 13 miles up the Cagayan Valley.

In Indo-China, Chinese troops have pushed on to a point ten miles beyond the former Japanese base of Ishan.

It Gen Wade H. Haislip, new Seventh Army commander, presented the Medal of Honor to Sgt Coolidge and reviewed the troops with him.

Sgt Coolidge received this award for his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty on October 24-27, 1944. At that time the Battalion was fighting against stiff opposition in the Demanalie de Champ Forest, seven miles Southeast of St. Die.

This is now the second Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to a member of this Battalion. The first one was to T/Sgt Logan of "L" Company.

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3rd Bn. Man Stars As Regiment Wins

S/Sgt "Johnny" Grix, "I" Company, was the star of the baseball game played yesterday afternoon with the Regimental team squeezing out an 8-7 victory from the 111th Engineers.

The game appeared to be well in the hands of the Engineers, as the score was 7-4 in the last of the ninth; however, the old saying that "anything can happen" never held true at any better moment than in this well earned victory.

This was one of those so called "story book" games that is often read about but hardly ever seen; for although the Regimental nine had rallied with several hits when they came up to bat in this thrilling inning, and had even brought home two runs, they soon found themselves with two outs, and the man up to bat with a two and three count.

"K" LOSES TO "M" IN THRILL PACKED GAME

In a hard played game of softball Saturday afternoon, "M" Company won a 3-1 victory from "K" Company who put up a last desperate attempt to score in the last of the ninth by loading the bases. Pfc Everett Bisbee, "K" Company, knocked in a run; however, no more could be done when "M" Company finished the game by making a double play.

"I" COMPANY TEAM WINS IN BATTALION LEAGUE

It has been announced that "I" Company's softball team is the "champ" of the Battalion league. Since the companies began their competition, "I" Company lost but one game which was to "M" Company.

Being the winners, they will now represent the Battalion in the Regimental league which is scheduled to be underway soon.

The suspense was never higher in a ball game, when at this crucial moment the Engineers' pitcher stepped up on the mound to throw the ball that would tell the tale. This man up to bat was Sgt Grix, who is from that great baseball-loving town of Brooklyn, and lived up to it's tradition by connecting with that final fast pitch, and knocking a hard grounder along the third base line bringing in two runs and winning the game.

T/Sgt Leonard Tarrantino led the winners in batting, with three hits to his credit, while Pfc Everett Bisbee led his team with two hits and one walk.

Pfc Glen Richardson went on the mound for the entire game for "M" Company and piled up a score of twelve strikeouts, with S/Sgt Ealin Llewellyn on the other end of that fast pitched ball. Sgt Joseph Brandt and T/5 Michael Bieleiwech made up the battery for "K" Company.

BOX SCORE:	R.	H.	E.
"M" Co	: 3	7	1
"K" Co	: 1	6	2

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Set-ups like this are usually seen only in the movies. Imagine, if you will, a sparkling white 150 foot pool surrounded by green grass, volleyball and badminton courts, fountains, terraces with tables sporting colorful sun umbrellas, a casino in best European tradition and barrels and barrels of beer waiting free for thirsty G.I.s. Ok better yet, don't imagine it. Come see for yourself. The pool will be open daily from 1400 until 2200 and all day on Sundays.

Just one word of caution, leave your valuables with your barracks guard as the checking staff is limited.

ITALIAN LEADER AGREES

In Rome, the Patriot leader from Northern Italy, Professor Parri, has agreed to form a new government.