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MONDAYEDITORIAL

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The Third Battalion is proud to have as its new Commanding Officer, Lt. Colonel Walter B. Yeager, who has been a member of this Division since its activation. Colonel Yeager served as Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion 351st Infantry for over a year. He has served as Commandant of the Division Special Troops for the past six months, and replaces Lt. Colonel Homer A. Sappington who has now assumed the position of Special Troop Commander. Colonel Yeager's home is Mason, Georgia.

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This is the first edition of the Third Battalion Bulletin, a daily news sheet, designed to give the Officers and Men of the Battalion a more thorough knowledge of its operations and human interest stories. The information below will bring you up to date.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

- 0315 - - 3rd Battalion, 349th Infantry completed relief of the 1st Battalion, 339th Infantry without incident.
- 0400 - - 2nd Battalion, left company (company "G"), sent out patrol to contact Company "I". Company "I" notified.
- 0440 - - Lt. Vail (White 3) telephoned and stated that the Company "G" patrol had returned after being fired upon by Company "I"'s men.
- 0545 - - 1st Platoon, Company "I" (right platoon) reported Company "G" made no contact. Platoon Leader, Lt. Schoekman, states that no shots whatsoever were reported or heard.
- 0635 - - A Field Artillery Battalion concentration (one volley) attracted a German ambulance to the reverse slope of Mount Cerri, 10 minutes after completion of a mission.
- 0845 - - Artillery observer noted ambulance returning from Mount Cerri and stated that it was probably full of Krauts.

Yesterday our artillery fired 13 observation missions and 16 harassing missions.

- 1010 - - Mortar O.P. reported puffs of smoke from rear slope of Mount Cerasoli. Artillery requested 24 rounds fired in vicinity of smoke.
- 1030 - - Commanding Officer left to reconnoiter 2nd Battalion area.
- 1330 - - Battalion O.P. reported eight shells falling in vicinity.
- 1830 - - Lt. Kreklow and eight men of Company "I" left on Reconnaissance Patrol.

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- 0250 - - Company "I" patrol returned. Report: No enemy in sight on Mount Cerasoli. Searched houses and found suitable O.P. (82459870). Nearby emplacements empty.
- 0400 - - After conferring with the Battalion Commander, S-2 and Lt. Kreklow, Lt. Thornton, Company "K", left with two men to occupy the previously reconnoitered O.P. Will occupy house during the day and return at first dark. Mission: Observation.

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The Bulletin does not anticipate reproducing Pin-Ups, but will welcome any news or suggestions. Call Battalion S-1 or Sergeant Major.

In order to keep up a high standard of morale, the Regiment keeps 48 artillery