Rest & Relaxation

Some of the soldiers of Company K of the 164th Infantry Regiment while off duty or on a weekend pass.

John Clarys Sent This Postcard From Camp Claiborne, Louisiana To His Sister, Anna In Glen Ullin, Nd On March 24, 1941.
"Sitting On Me Bed With My Shoes Off, Etc."
PFC Ralph Gaugler
Ralph Representing His State By Wearing His American Legion
North Dakota Boys State T-shirt.
1941
PFC Ralph Gaugler, Pvt Joe Niece & Others Playing Volleyball For Recreation At Camp Claiborne.
(Circa 1941)


Bob Booke, Jack Leithold & George Grimm
Ok.....we Have A Weekend Pass.....Should We Take The Cardboard Bottle Of "Old Quacker" With Us???
....or Maybe They Should Just Have A Drink At Frank Kessel's "Fake" Bar!

Private John Berger
One of Company K's cooks in an off duty moment at Camp Claiborne.

This soldier decided to have a smoke break while he waited.
Ed Fox, Bill Sullivan & George Lee
There's Nothing Like Watermelon On A Hot Summer Day.
Evidently George Lee Wasn't Taking Any Chances Of Getting Juice On His Clothes.

Soldiers From Company K Enjoy A Baseball Game
In Alexandria, Louisiana.
1941

These Are The Busses That Carried The Soldiers Down The Main Road Of The Camp And Past The Checkpoint On Entertainment Excursions.
Pvt John Schuld
In A Cafe In Louisiana.
(Circa 1941)

Ted Kessel
Somewhere In Louisiana During A Break In Training At Camp Claiborne.

Pvt Paul Dowhaniuk
Posing At A Gas Station Stop In Louisiana.
(Circa 1941)

On The Road Following A
Truck Transporting Soldiers
From Company K For A Weekend
Pass In New Orleans.
They Were Happy To Have A Break
From Training At Camp Claiborne.

The City Of New Orleans Sits On
The Banks Of Lake Ponchartrain,
Home To A Number Of
Paddlewheel Boats.
Marching At Camp Claiborne, 
He Decided To Rest His Tired Dogs!

Pfc Winfred Fischer With Pvt's Wenzel Privratsky & Richard Skarvedt 
Have Their Portrait Taken In Louisiana. 
(Circa 1941)

A Soldier Enjoys His Leave In New Orleans. 
Maybe After All That Close Order
Pvt Leonard Herauf
No Doubt There Are Many Of
These Hand Tinted Photographs
That Were Taken At Camp
Claiborne Still Waiting
To Be Discovered!

Pvt John Riedl
A Young John Riedel Stopped
Somewhere On Leave In
Louisiana To Have This Formal
Picture Taken. Later, He And
His Friend, Leonard Herauf,
Returned To The Same Studio
And This Time...
Pvt's John Riedl & Leonard Herauf seem to enjoy having their portrait taken while they were in Louisiana.

While on a trip to Baton Rouge with the rest of Company K, Ralph Gaugler said that he had spent all of his money, so he slept near the grave of former Governor Huey P. Long, which was located on the grounds of the Louisiana State Capitol Building.
Folky Johnson, Bill Sullivan & Ralph Gaugler
Taken On The Shores Of Lake Ponchartrain,
Friendships Formed During Basic Training Were
Certainly Counted On Later During Good Times
And Bad Times In The South Pacific.

A Member Of Company K Was Asked Whose Wives These Were. He Looked Puzzled And Stated That No Wives Came To Camp Claiborne.
He Ventured The Guess That They Were Perhaps...missionaries.