

# THE RATTLER

Rattlesnake Bomber Base

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## Middle East Hero Gets DFC In Ceremony Here

A dozen more medals will be added to the historic award collection of the fabulous 19th Bombardment Group, most decorated Group in the Air Forces, when eleven Air Medals and one Distinguished Flying Cross will be presented to members of the Group by Colonel Louie P. Turner, commanding officer. The presentation ceremonies will take place at the weekly review parade.

Air Medals will be presented to the following men, all who served with the 19th Group in the first year of war against Japan in the Southwest Pacific:

Sgt. Erwin H. Werthamer, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, now a member of the Base Band; M-Sgt. Vance S. Sheets, Salt Lake City, Utah; T-Sgt. Harold E. Guse, Salt Lake City, Utah; Captain Erling J. Nossun, Nilnor, North Dakota; T-Sgt. William I. Hamilton, Mercer, Pennsylvania; 2nd Lt. Bernard J. French, Tampa, Florida; T-Sgt. Harold M. Hoke, Kermit, Texas; T-Sgt. Paul LaValle, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; S-Sgt. Kenneth L. House, Moorpark, California, and S-Sgt. Leo E. Shreve, St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Distinguished Flying Cross will be presented to T-Sgt. Ralph E. Neeley, a newcomer to the 19th Group, who earned his award in recognition of extraordinary achievement while participating in 200 hours of operational flight missions against the enemy in the Middle East theater.

## Medics, 435th Tie Series

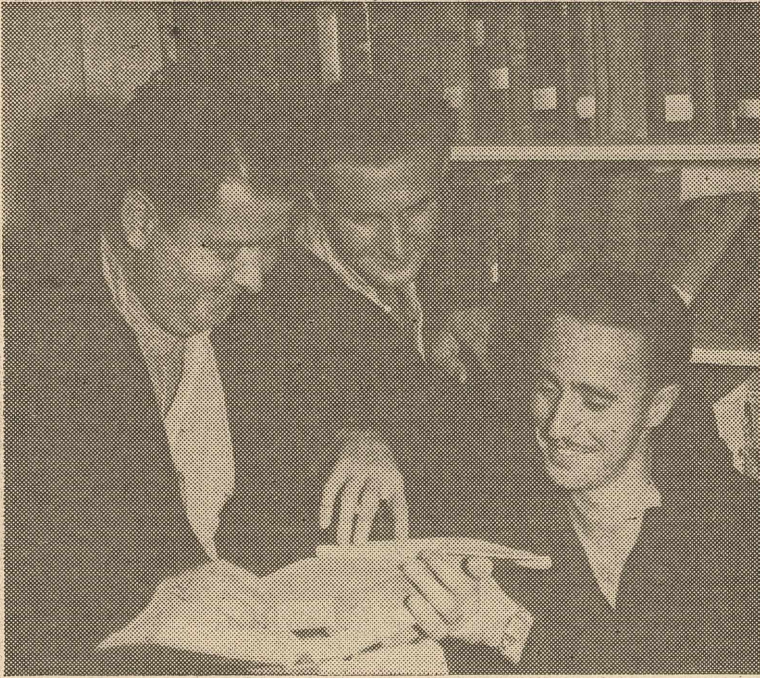
A scene long dear to the hearts of Flatbush fanatics, rooters for the Brooklyn Dodgers, was repeated the other night here at Rattlesnake Bomber Base when the boys went into a huddle over one of the decisions in the opening clash between the Medics and the 435th Bomb Squadron, contestants for the Base softball championship title. PFC Joseph C. Okenka of the Medics hangs his head in shame as Lt. Harold Glucksman of the 30th Bomb Squadron, hand on the hip, delivers a stirring oration. S-Sgt. Joseph Smithers of the 435th, partially hidden by the bashful Medics man, more than likely is scowling at the latter while Lt. Harry Bernstein, 30th Bomb Squadron, stares sternly at the cameraman, Cpl. Sidney Gordon, as if to say "don't you dare take my picture". Incidentally, the Medics took the opening game.

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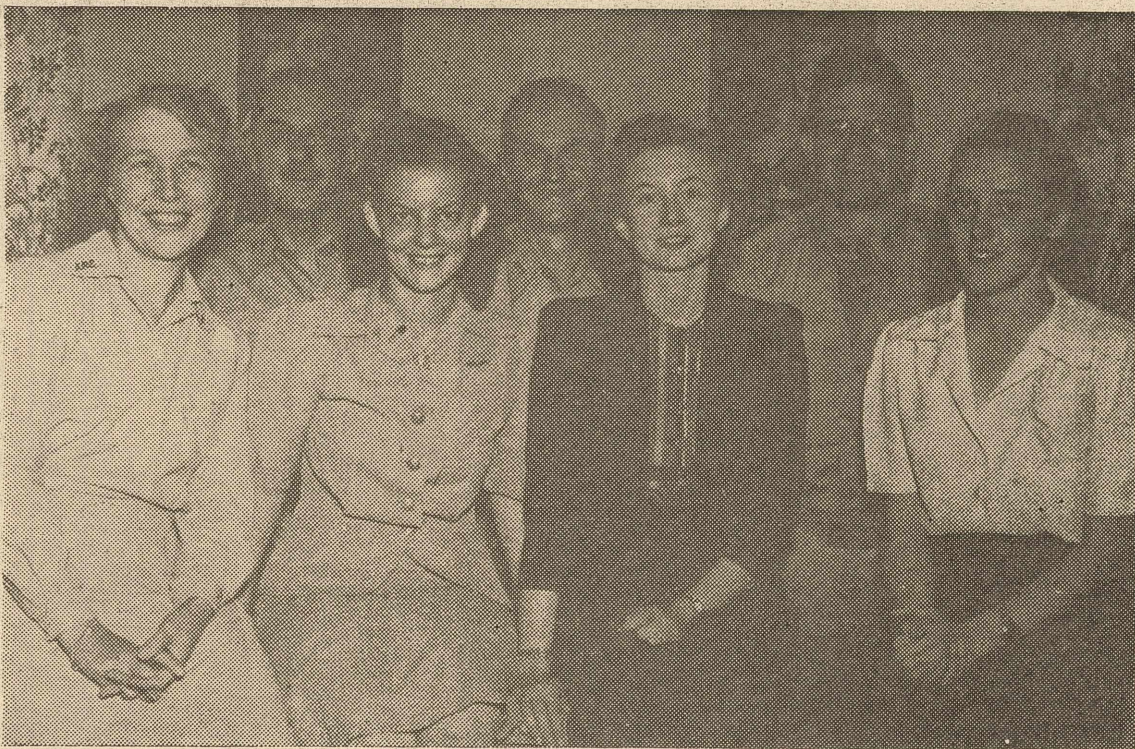


## Like Not-So-Humble Home



The Red Cross Recreation Building, with its library, auditorium, and guest rooms, is a place for rest and recuperation, enjoyed by convalescents and other ambulatory patients. Making good use of the home-like library room above are, left to right, patients PFC Joseph Morenko, Base Hq. & AB Sq., Pvt. Kenneth Shirley, 30th Bombardment Squadron, and PFC Joseph Beliveau, also Base Hq. & AB Sq.

## No Trouble Too Big For Them



The Red Cross Staff here exists to help the enlisted men and officers financially and otherwise in personal or family emergencies. This staff seldom has thrown up its hands, despite the many, often curious, demands made upon its re-

sources. Red Cross workers above are, front row, left to right, Mrs. Honora Janet Anderson, assistant field director in charge of the Red Cross Hospital Recreation Building; Mrs. Audrey Webb, Red Cross Office secretary; Mrs. Jean Spell-

## Red Cross Office Here Never Says No To Soldiers Bearing Troubles

### Organization Is A Connecting Link Between Servicemen And Families

If you've got a problem, Joe, that's gotten out of hand, pack up your troubles and dump them in the Red Cross Administrative Office. If that resourceful staff cannot soon have you smiling again, it won't be for want of trying.

Are you restricted and have to have your laundry from Monahans? Have you got to get to a

sick relative in a hurry? Are you worried about your dependent parents or distant wife? Were you "red-lined" and now short of necessities? Do you need the permission and cash for an emergency furlough? Do you want someone to meet your girl, who is arriving on the train when you are scheduled to fly?

Whatever is bothering you, cutting down your soldering efficiency, chances are the Red Cross, operating with funds supplied by annual nation-wide voluntary subscription campaigns according to Army Regulations, can help you. The figures speak convincingly on the job being done here by the Red Cross.

In August, the Red Cross staff here handled 1,882 cases,

taking on 738 new cases and closing 220. Services rendered in the 220 closed cases—with some cases including two or more services—covered 117 personal problems, 3 dependency discharges, 74 instances of financial assistance, 68 family problems, and 127 furloughs requiring Red Cross investigation.

Field Director George R. Wild explains that a large portion of the Red Cross work here consists of emergency loans, and that personal and family problems requiring outside assistance are relatively low. The latter fact he attributes mainly to the high standard of self-sufficiency of men in the Air Forces, but to the degree that the reason may be that the men do not know of all the Red Cross services available, he is looking for more to do—despite the fact that his staff is now short a secretary and a recreation worker.

About those loans: the Red Cross Office here, with the approval of commanding officers, granted 324 in August, totalling \$9,740.60. Such loans require no interest, and are payable in full the next payday or in monthly installments. Maximum is \$100, or more on consent of St. Louis headquarters, which has jurisdiction of the 17-state midwestern area. Repayment is voluntary, not deducted from pay, and recovery reported is exceptionally high, though no security is necessary. Death or discharge automatically wipes out the debt.

A 100 such loans were made in one day in August and 80 in one day this month. Largely they were emergency or convalescent furlough and "small comfort" loans.

You won't have to stand on the formality of military courtesy, Joe, when you go over to the Red Cross office, for the field director and his assistants have no rank, except for their own administrative organization. Just call him Mr. Wild, and sit down and have a cigarette while you get it off your chest. He'll understand your problems. He was an enlisted man in the other World War, and got a commission the hard way at O. C. S. in Ft. Sheridan, Ill. ending up in personnel and finance work. Since then he has

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man, secretary at the Hospital Rec. Building, and Mrs. Charles Ingram, office secretary; second row, left to right, George R. Wild, Rattlesnake Bomber Base Field Director; William Heggen and Joe Moore, assistant field directors.



## Takes Over Key Position



Major Rufus B. Rogers, Executive Officer

## Maj. Rogers, New Executive Officer, Brings Varied Career To Pyote

Major Rufus B. Rogers has been appointed Executive Officer of the Rattlesnake Bomber Base, succeeding Captain John J. Shields, who has been transferred to a new and important assignment.

Prior to his arrival at this Base, Major Rogers was commanding officer of the Army Air Base, Alexandria, Louisiana, which became, under his aegis, an important installation in the Second Air Force.

Former football star (Chicago University), World War I flier, successful business executive, amateur photographer and world-wide traveler, Major Rogers brings a colorful background to the Rattlesnake Base.

His military career dates back to the days of '17 when he joined that intrepid band of pioneers then risking their necks in crates called airplanes. He became a cadet at Kelly Field in 1917 and later a flying second lieutenant.

Among his contemporaries of those days were a second lieutenant named "Jimmy" Doolittle and Capt. Lowell Smith, the latter being the officer who led five army fliers around the world 20 years ago and is now a colonel, commanding Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona.

With the armistice, Major

Rogers re-entered the insurance business in Chicago, which has always been his home, and became vice-president of Bowes and company, direct representatives of Lloyd's of London.

He returned to active duty in August 1942 and his first assignment was at the Army Air Field, Ephrata, Washington, where he served as commanding officer of the Base Headquarters Squadron. During the latter part of January of this year he went to Alexandria to take command of the new Second Air Force base there.

As an athlete at the University of Chicago back in the early 1900s, Major Rogers was better known as "Bunny", a swivel-hipped 150-pound half-back who could twist and turn like the proverbial whirling dervish. A pupil of Amos Alon-

## Pyote AAB Insurance Leads All 8th Service Command 2AF Bases

Selling over eleven million dollars worth of National Service Life Insurance during the month of August the Rattlesnake Bomber Base once again set the pace for Second Air Force installations within the territorial limits of the Eighth Service Command, according to a recent comparative insurance report issued by the latter headquarters.

## Base Orchestra Opens Monahans Concert Series

The Pyote Army Air Base orchestra will hold the spotlight tomorrow evening at the Monahans High School Auditorium as the annual Series of Victory concerts sponsored by the High School gets underway.

Highlighting the program will be a selection of Victor Herbert favorites. A special arrangement of "Remember Pearl Harbor", written by W. O. Irwin E. Zimmerman, director of the Band, will be played and the vocals will be handled by Sgt. Lotita and Cpl. Zerman.

The concert will begin at 8:30 p.m. and admission will be limited to purchasers of War Savings Stamps or Bonds according to Webb Jenkins who is in charge of arrangements.

Tonight the orchestra will travel to Kermit for a special concert in conjunction with a local War Bond Drive.

Captain Charles R. Herpich is commanding officer of the Pyote Band which is rapidly establishing an enviable reputation in these parts. At present there are twenty-one men in the Band, only seven under the authorized strength, and there are high hopes of securing these seven in the near future.

zo Stagg, the "Grand Old Man" of football, Major Rogers played an important role during the 1908 season when Chicago copped the Western Conference championship. Stagg was enthusiastic over the new-fangled forward pass and "Bunny" Rogers was one of his star aerialists.

During his three years of varsity competition, the major was also a pole-vaulter and he captained the track team in his senior year.

Major Rogers has made many trips to Europe and Africa in connection with his business interests and knows well the North African territory where General Dwight Eisenhower's forces plastered the Axis and where the airmen of Major Gen. James Doolittle pulverized the German Luftwaffe.

With 97.6 per cent of the Base insured for an average policy of \$9,542, the Rattlesnake Base led the other six 2nd Air Force stations, under this Command, by a wide margin. To achieve this goal, \$11,287,000 worth of insurance was sold during August, last month of the recent drive to insure all personnel.

According to the report, the Rattlesnake Bomber Base was the only 2nd Air Force station under the Eighth Service Command to reach the insurance goal set by Major General Davenport Johnson, former commanding general of the Second Air Force, who asked that ninety-five percent of each Base be insured for an average policy of \$9,500 at the end of the campaign.

Spark-plugs of this concentrated salesmanship demonstration were 1st Lt. Frank L. Orfanello, Base Courts and Boards Officer, and S-Sgt. Clarence Bernstein, who personally interviewed nearly half of the Base personnel.

The figures become more startling when it is realized that four months previous the Rattlesnake Base languished near the bottom of the list with only 83.1 percent of the personnel insured for an average policy of \$7,150.

## Did Anyone Find A Barracks Bag?

Will somebody help out a very troubled GI?

Pvt. J. F. Coffey, ASN 31148213, 305 S. Sq. 31 S. Gp. CAA, Camp Campbell, Kentucky, has lost his barracks bag. And that's no joke. It was full of costly equipment, personal letters, papers, pictures, etc.

It was sent out from Stinson Field, San Antonio, June 26, with the barracks bags of men who left Stinson at that time for Pyote, and should be somewhere around here. The shippers were Hq. & AB Sq. there. Clothing mark is C-8213, and the name is on the papers inside.

The guy offers a reward, which he probably can't afford. But let's do him a favor, find the bag and send him word. The Rattler will forward a letter telling him where it is, if the finder will give us a ring.



**MEET YOUR BUDDIES:****Cpl. Ellmauer, Jack Of All Trades, Leaves Many Marks On Pyote AB****CPL. ROBERT NASH**

Cpl. Carl Ellmauer, a quiet soldier from Chicago, is one fellow who certainly intends to leave his mark on the world. Everywhere he goes, Cpl. Ellmauer is continually changing things around so that folks will know he's been there.

And nobody minds. In fact everyone at Rattlesnake Base, including the base commander, who is acquainted with any of the good corporal's work, heartily approves.

For the corporal is a decorator (interior or exterior), a carpenter, painter, sculptor, mechanic, a landscaper, horticulturist, gardener, artist, stoneworker—and a darn good whittler.

If anybody wants a boat built, he can do that too—or if your diving helmet or camera is broken he can repair it for you.

A few months ago, when he first landed at Pyote, Cpl. Ellmauer, then an ordnance mechanic, found himself singing "Time on My Hands". In the evenings after finishing his regular work, he'd sit around with his pocket knife and a few scraps of wood, and knock out name plates for the desks of various officers.

Pretty soon he was in such demand that all his spare time was taken up in this "extra work."

Today, he has so much "extra work" to do that it takes all his spare time to do his job.

Cpl. Ellmauer is one of those persons who have creative spirits and the ability to find expression in the workings of their hands. An automobile mechanic in civilian life, he has been tinkering with machinery and making small items to please his friends all his life. This urge to tinker has found expression in many varied jobs he has held, and he still likes to try something new.

Currently, the handy man corporal is busy constructing the attractive rock gate at the east entrance to the Base. He needed a road grader at one stage of the work. Instead of asking somebody to do it for him, he located an idle grader and in half an hour was driving it as if he had been operating one for years.

Twenty four years old, Cpl. Ellmauer is still single—"Thank goodness," he says—and practically all of his waking hours are taken up with jobs of one kind or another. He is friendly and will talk freely once he gets started, but when he works he usually likes to be alone. Occasionally he uses a helper but not often.

Many of the specimens of cacti planted on the base were dug up at some distant point by him and transplanted here. The scale model of the base, on exhibit at Base headquarters, was built by

him. One of his recent jobs was laying of the stonework around the bandstand at the new service club.

Cpl. Ellmauer is a graduate of the Holabird Ordnance School at Baltimore, Md., and attended technical school twice at Aberdeen, Md. Once he studied welding and again, radio motors (for tank corps use). He will observe his second anniversary in the Army in November.

At present he is studying the mechanics of the camera, Air Corps style, and working in the base laboratory at night.

Some of the work Cpl. Ellmauer has done with just a pocket knife and scraps of wood is amazing. Turn him loose in the middle of the woods with a hatchet and in three days he'd probably have a sawmill going.

The 410th Base Headquarters Squadron is justly proud of its exceptional master-of-all-trades.

No matter where he may travel, it's a good bet that whatever footprints Cpl. Ellmauer leaves in the sands of Time are at least going to be artistic.

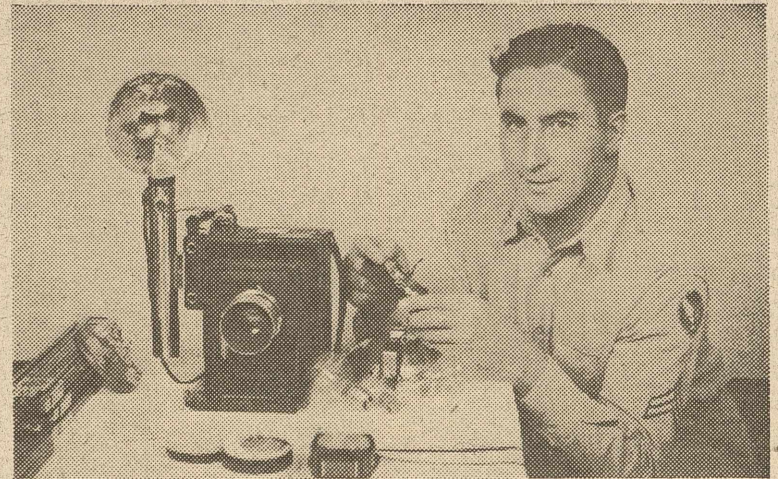
**Pyote Airmen Are Featured In Colliers**

Two Pyote soldiers who fought throughout the early stages of Pacific warfare as buddies in a Flying Fortress, are featured on the cover of Colliers magazine for October 2.

T-Sgt. Donald Kerns, radio operator instructor in the 19th Group, and T-Sgt. Edward B. Malinay, who has been transferred from here, are the men.

The magazine recounts the heroic deed of Malinay in rescuing Kerns after his oxygen supply had been cut off, in a Fortress 29,000 feet above Rabaul. For his courage in removing his own oxygen mask and carrying Kerns to safety, and thus risking the same death that would have been Kerns if he had been allowed to remain without oxygen, Malinay was awarded the Purple Heart by General George C. Kenney.

Malinay and Kerns, both side

**His Restive Hands Work Hard**

Cpl. Carl Ellmauer, Base Headquarters Squadron's jack of all trades, in top picture is busy learning all the intricacies of an Air Force camera, his latest enthusiasm. In the lower photograph, he is shown working on the design for the Rattlesnake Bomber Base's decorative entrance gates. If there is anything this guy can't do, given a little time to work on it, it must require rare skills indeed.

gunners and then corporals, stayed together until they were sent back to the States as instructors. Gen. Kenney got to know their names quite well—for they received enough "chest weights" to anchor a small warship.

Their citations mentioned action of almost every sort possible in those days, of which the following is probably the outstanding one:

Returning from a raid over Rabaul four months after Cpl. Malinay performed his rescue, their Fortress ran into a mess of trouble in the shape of twenty zeroes. Malinay, Kerns and Co.

**WITH 10 YEARS IN ARMY, SERGEANT ASKS NO LEAVE**

SAN JUAN, P. R. (CNS)—F-Sgt. Joe Nittiskie, stationed here, has been in the Army ten years, and he's never had a furlough. He enlisted in Pleasant Valley, N. Y. in 1933 and spent less than six months of his service in the continental U. S.

Recently he married a Puerto Rican girl and now he's lost interest in getting a furlough. "I'm saving up my time," he says, "for a big vacation after the war."

got seven of these, confirmed, and made it home safely.



# Rattlesnake Bomber Base To Open To Show Public What Bonds Can Do

## Training Equipment To Be Displayed, Explained By Trained Personnel

What War Bonds are doing for the Army will be told Saturday afternoon, October 2nd, when the gates of the Rattlesnake Bomber Base are thrown open for the first time to all civilians who wish to enter and inspect this huge Second Air Force heavy bombardment training station. Be on your toes, GIs, for the inspection by General Public.

Civilian admission to this "Open House" will be certificates showing War Bond purchases—one \$25 bond for individuals, two for families—made during the current Third War Loan. Of course Base personnel will be free to visit the demonstration area.

Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt, Jr., Base Commander, opened the Base to express the Army's appreciation to civilians in this vicinity for the excellent way they are backing the attack with bonds.

"We want the people to see just what they are doing when they invest in War Bonds", said Colonel Hewitt, "and this military show will provide an excellent opportunity. Heavy bombardment is playing an important role in smashing the Axis and the citizens of the United States are making this possible through their generous purchases of War Bonds.

"We'll show the citizens just what it takes to put a B-17 in the air," continued Col. Hewitt, "and we'll also show our other military equipment. We want to explain just how much money and work it takes to train a heavy bombardment crew and our open house will do just that."

The gates of the Base will be officially opened at noon and will remain open to civilians until 5:30 p.m.

A large area, opposite the Base Hospital, has been cleared and here each Section on the field will set up its equipment. Competent speakers will be on hand to demonstrate and explain the various displays and answer all questions.

Star of the production will be a B-17 "Flying Fortress", one of the 19th Group's planes, which will be available for inspection during the entire afternoon. A ramp has been built around the plane, and military personnel will explain the functions and intricacies of the Flying Fortress type which is doing untold damage to Axis empires.

Climax of the afternoon's presentation will be a mass flight of B-17s in fighting alignment. Some of these planes will be piloted by men who made history with the 19th Group during the early days of the Pacific war.

One of the most colorful and impressive sights in Army life,

the "retreat parade", signaling the end of the day's activity, will complete the afternoon show.

What will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting displays will be that of the "K-9 Corps", dogs especially picked and trained to aid in guarding Army property. These dogs work with members of the Guard Squadron in patrolling the Rattlesnake Bomber Base.

Among the various sections which will set up exhibits are the Quartermaster, Ordnance, the Medical Detachment, the Link Trainer, the Sub-Depot and the Chemical Warfare.

In order to give a well-rounded picture of army life to civilians, some of the buildings on the Base will also be available for inspection. These include the Enlisted Men's Service Club, the Recreation Hall, the Base Theater, the Post Exchange, barracks and mess halls.

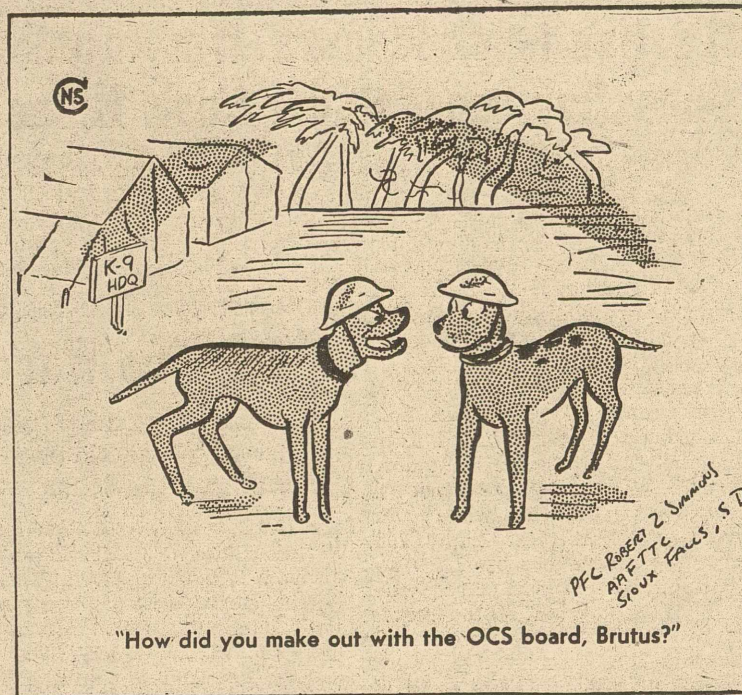
## New Repellent For Mosquitoes Defeats Malaria

(CNS)—A new repellent to ward off mosquitoes will help the Army defeat malaria before this war is over.

A shortage of quinine has caused the Army to come up with this new insect repellent with which to carry on the battle.

The chemical, still a military secret, is already safeguarding the lives of American soldiers and marines in the mosquito-infested jungles of the Southwest Pacific. Before many weeks are spent it promises to prove to the American chemists' antidote to Japan's supply of Java quinine.

The new chemical—now known only as Formula 612—is better than quinine because it is a preventive as well as cure. The new compound is a colorless liquid. It has no bad odor and is not injurious to people or material. It isn't expensive. It may be manufactured in volume and it stands up in all kinds of storage conditions. It's nearly perfect.



## Base Bond Sales Shift Into High As 3rd War Loan Drive Nears End

Shifting into high gear as the Third War Loan Drive entered the home stretch, both civilians and military personnel on the Base dug a little deeper into sagging pockets in attempts to meet the quota for the Base.

According to figures tabulated the Courts and Boards section, the period from September 9 to September 25 saw civilians dig down in their jeans to the tune of \$7,477 worth of extra War Bonds and military personnel put \$16,232 on the barrel-head for additional Bonds, over and above those they are purchasing through the regular Class "B" allotment plan. The military total included actual cash purchases and pledges which will be redeemed shortly after pay day.

Strangely enough, through some quirk of reporting, the largest cash purchase of War Bonds by a soldier was not included in the above totals. Corporal Sam A. Frankrich of the 19th Group anted up \$27,300 for War Bonds but that hasn't been listed on the Base's official figures.

With payday only a short time away (oh, happy thought) it is expected that the sale of War Bonds on the Base will zoom to untold heights.

Lt. Wade W. Lackey, War Bond Officer, urges every man who hasn't done so as yet to purchase that extra bond as soon as possible in order that this Base may meet its quota as set forth by Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson, former commanding general of the Second Air Forces, who asked for 90 percent participation with 15 percent payroll deductions.

At a War Bond dance Saturday evening at the Officers Club, a substantial sum was realized through cash sales and prizes

while Monday and Tuesday saw many pledges to buy Bonds filled out in the Base theater during a two-day showing of a training film backed by a short talk by Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon, Base Chaplain.

The Third War Loan Drive ends Saturday at midnight. The goal during this drive is fifteen billion dollars in additional cash.

### RANK VS. ENLISTED MEN IN 30TH SQUADRON'S DRIVE

The 30th Bomb Squadron started their War Bond drive off with a tremendous bang when Corporal Samuel A. Frankrich planked down \$27,300 for his share in Uncle Sam and in order to add a little spice to their campaign, their drive has been put on a competitive basis, the enlisted men versus the officers.

A large poster in the Orderly Room keeps everyone informed as to progress in the race and the Officers are puffing hard in efforts to overtake the enlisted men. Captain Betz is in charge of the Squadron's drive and from the way he puts it, the 30th Bomb Squadron means to turn in the best record at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base.



## It's Really A Modern War, Soldier; Once Overseas, Radio Cash Home

(CNS)—Radio is used by U. S. soldiers to send money home from overseas because they can't find any place to spend it. War bonds may be purchased by radio also.

This service, which is provided free of cost, was authorized last March for all officers and enlisted men in overseas service except those in Alaska, Hawaii, the Panama Canal Zone and Puerto Rico, where other methods of transmittal are available readily.

Yardbirds in whose pockets money burns large brown holes have found this system of radioing their dough home right down their alley. During one week last May, when the plan wasn't very well advertised, less than \$200,000 was sent home by 1,700 soldiers. A few weeks later when the men got wind of the service more than 9,000 soldiers sent home a total of nearly \$1,000,000.

This plan is as simple as hiding under the barracks when the KP call is out. Here's how it works.

Money may be transmitted to an individual payee such as your mother, your landlord or your pet Doberman Pinscher or to a bank or other institution. You may send as much money as you want but not less than \$10. You pay it to your personnel officer who turns it over to a finance officer. A radiogram is then sent to either the finance office in Jersey City N. J. or San Francisco, Cal. according to your overseas location. Checks are then written at these finance offices and mailed to the payees.

Speed is the big advantage in this radio method. Transmittal by radio takes a couple of days. By mail it might take months.

In buying War Bonds by radio the soldier pays his personnel officer for them, designates who will receive them and the bonds are delivered in no time at all. GIs abroad bought more than \$25,000 worth of bonds in this way during one week in June.

The use of radio for transmittal of money by military personnel is supplementing postal money orders which still may be used by soldiers or by persons who want to send money to soldiers overseas.

There are other ways of providing financial aid to GIs going overseas or returning home. If your family wants to send you some moo they can use treasury checks. A soldier can exchange cash for treasury checks which may be issued by any army disbursing officer. Treasury checks may be cashed by any disbursing office in the U. S. or abroad whenever the soldier needs dough.

The travelers check is still another method of acquiring scratch. Soldiers may buy these checks and cash them through disbursing officers whenever they wash.

## It's The War

### DEATH DIVES BLOW UP RUMANIAN OIL WELLS

MIAMI, FLA. (CNS)—T-Sgt. Frank Kozak of Carbondale, Pa. arrived here from Africa recently with a story of how the crews of two Liberator bombers deliberately sacrificed their lives by diving their planes into Ploesti oil field targets.

Sgt. Kozak, a crewman on a Liberator, said that the two planes, almost out of control, were aimed at vital targets in a suicide dive by their pilots, who made the sacrifice "to shorten the war." One plane hit and destroyed a refinery and the other shattered an important cracking plant, he said.

### JAPS AND DRAFT BOARD ATTACK SEAMAN

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Charlie Burnett, a New Orleans marine engineer, was torpedoed by Germans and Japs and broke his leg when he fell into the hold of his ship. But more trouble was waiting for him when he returned home. He was arrested as a draft evader.

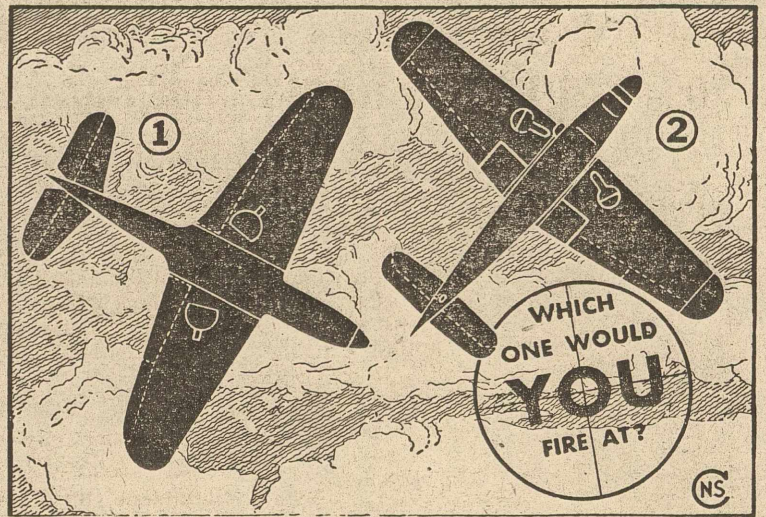
Burnett was cleared of the charge when an investigation uncovered the fact that his draft board had mislaid his record.

### ITIE GENERAL, IN FLIGHT, GIVES METAL, NO FIGHT

DENVER (CNS)—A medal was given to an American artillery officer by an Italian general whom the Yank captured in Tunisia. The decoration was awarded Lt. John V. Marshall, according to word received by his mother here. Lt. Marshall wrote he not only received the medal together with a citation but was made a member of the Centaurs, a recently-created Italian military order.

### NAVY BECOMES NAVY NURSE

CHICAGO (CNS)—Sgt. Pete Madio, a veteran soldier who saw service in 1919, never liked the Army much so when he had a daughter in 1921 he named her Navy. The other day Ensign Navy Maddio became a nurse at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Great Lakes, Ill.



NOT AT NO. 1! It's the Bell P-39 "Airacobra," a heavily - armed, single-seat fighter, powered by an inline engine. The nose of the fuselage is long and pointed. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back and it has a single fin and rudder.

FIRE AT NO 2! It's the German Messerschmitt Me. 109F, a swift, single-seat fighter. The leading edge of the wings has a slight taper and the trailing edge is swept forward to broad, rounded tips. Both edges of the tail plane taper slightly to rounded tips. It has a single fin and rudder.

## Pay Day: While You've Got It—



# BUY WAR BONDS 3rd War Loan



# Medics Again Take Top Honors In Weekly Sanitation Score

The commendable showing in Base sanitation which has been in evidence the past few weeks continued on its merry way during the past week, according to Capt. James K. Taylor, Base Medical Inspector.

The Medical Detachment once again came through with top honors with an average of 96.5. This is a half point less than they tallied last week but was still high enough to keep them firmly ensconced in the driver's seat. Lt. B. S. Igou is the officer in charge.

Second place went to Capt. S. B. Lang's Guard Squadron which climbed from 14th place last week to the runner-up position this week. They averaged a flat 95, a gain of three points.

Still holding down last place in the Sanitation standings, the 93rd Trainees Barracks dropped another thirteen points to attain a score of 63 as against last week's 75.

On the average scores were slightly lower last week than the previous week although sixteen scores still remained in the 90s.

Barracks and latrine inspections showed high scores with the Guard Squadron taking the ribbon for barracks with 96 points. Runners-up on Barracks inspections were the Medical Detachment with 95 and the WAC company with 94.

Mess Hall inspections this week were on the downgrade in practically every organization. Not keeping utensils in proper place, greasy silverware and trays and cooks needing shaves ranked among the three prime offenses.

Officers Block 400 showed a substantial gain in this week's BOQ and Latrine inspection, hitting 89.5 over last week's 84. Block 700 also climbed, jumping from 85.5 to 89.

## 20 AMERICAN GIRLS FERRY BRITISH PLANES

LONDON (CNS) — Twenty American girls are members of the British Air Transport Authority, an organization of 600 girl fliers who deliver planes from the assembly line to Royal Air Force squadrons all over the British Isles.

## GI CHOW PUTS 25 POUNDS ON UNDERAGE SOLDIER

CAMP SHELBY, MISS. (CNS) — Twenty-five pounds were gained by Pvt. Harry E. Maura during his 10-month "hitch" in the Army. Maura, who enlisted on his 17th birthday, was discharged from this post recently as underage.

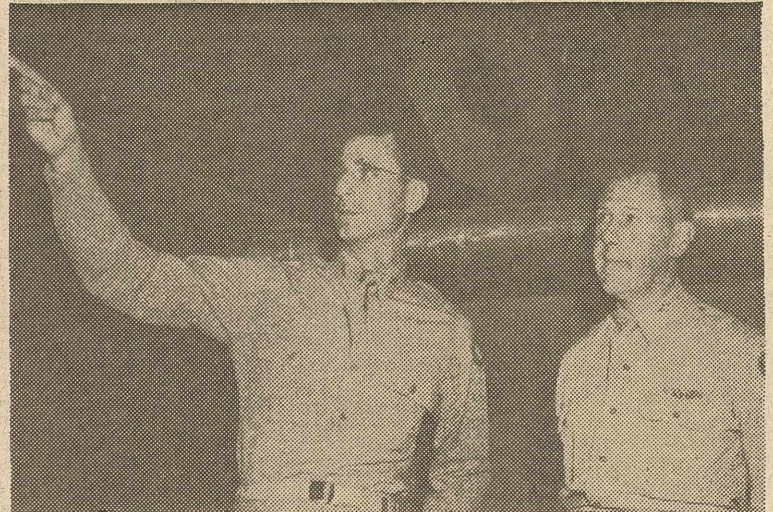
## Sanitation Standings

Medical Detachment	96.5
Lt. B. S. Igou	
Guard Squadron	95
Capt. S. B. Lang	
Altitude Training Unit	93.3
Lt. J. H. Hafkenschiel	
QM Detachment	93
Lt. George Frick	
WAC Company	92.6
Lt. Edith Haslam	
Guardhouse	92.6
Capt. S. B. Lang	
30th Bomb Squadron	92
Major Edson Sponable	
Base Hq. & AB Sq.	92
Major Ernest Swingle	
Officers Mess	92
Airdrome Squadron	91.6
Capt. J. J. Hess, Jr.	
435th Bomb Squadron	91.6
Capt. E. C. Steinemann	
Aviation Squadron	91.3
Lt. F. W. Thacker	
Bomb & Gunnery Range	91.3
Lt. E. C. Siemon	
28th Bomb Squadron	91
Capt. R. W. Beckel	
Service Squadron	90.6
Capt. M. A. Diedrichs	
Airdrome Squadron	90
Capt. R. B. Marshall	
PX Cafeteria	90
Capt. W. O. Hedley	
Officers Block 400	89.5
BOQ & Latrines	
Officers Block 700	89
BOQ & Latrines	
93rd Bomb Squadron	88.6
Capt. R. T. Hernlund	
435th Trainees Barracks	81
Major R. E. Thacker	
28th Trainees Barracks	80
Major L. W. Johnson	
30th Bomb Trainees Brks.	65
Major J. S. DeWitt	
93rd Trainees	63
Major W. H. Butters	

## ARMY REPAYS GOOD TURN

ROCHESTER, MINN. (CNS) — One good turn deserves another. Liselotte Wold, 14, of Los Angeles once sacrificed her curls for the Army when she sold them to buy war bonds. So when Liselotte became critically ill the Army supplied a cargo plane to rush her from her home to Mayo Clinic here.

# Showing The New CO Around



Major Alfred O. Saenger, who has been transferred to Kelly Field, helps his successor as Sub-Depot commander here get acquainted. Pitching into the new job is Major David R. Visel, right, who came here from Bergstrom AAB, Austin, Texas.

# Major Visel, Pilot In World War I, Takes Over Sub-Depot Command

Major David R. Visel, formerly Sub-Depot Commander at the Troop Carrier Command's Bergstrom Army Air Base, Austin, Texas, takes over command of the Sub-Depot organization here Friday, October 1.

In the first world war, Major Visel was in France two years as a pilot, and he was called back into the service July, 1942.

Following the other war, Major Visel became an executive in the Curtiss Wright Corporation until 1931. From 1931 until 1942, he was a resort hotel operator in California.

Looking over the set-up at the Sub-Depot here Major Visel finds it is about the same as at Bergstrom—a 24-hour, 7-day week show—though with work on different type planes and with the assistance of a service squadron.

Major Alfred O. Saenger, relinquishing Sub-Depot Command here, has been assigned to duties in the Supply Division of the San Antonio Air Service Command, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Looking around the large hangar, where civilians and soldiers were busy doctoring sick B-17s, Major Saenger admitted: "Yes, it is sort of my baby, and it's rather hard to leave the old crowd. We have hung together pretty well since it started."

Major Saenger came to the Rattlesnake Bomber Base with the first few officers, arriving here October 22, 1942. There's no doubting that all the Sub-Depot personnel will miss him: he has that rare combination, drive and a sense of humor.

Lt. James A. Wyper, assistant Sub-Depot supply officer, also is being transferred. He will go to

Roswell Army Air Field, New Mexico, to take over duties as Sub-Depot supply officer.

## FIRST DEPENDENCY BENEFIT AUTHORIZED BY A WAC

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)—The first family allowance application for the dependency of a WAC has been received by the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits here, Brig. Gen. N. H. Gilbert, director, announced recently.

WAC family allowance No. 1 was filed by Pvt. Edith L. Outcalt on behalf of her mother, Mrs. Helen D. Outcalt, Highland Park, N. J.

Mrs. Outcalt's family allowance will become effective Sept. 1 and her first check payable after Sept. 30. She will receive \$37 a month—\$22 deducted from Pvt. Outcalt's pay and \$15 contributed by the Government.

Since the WACs became an integral part of the Army Sept. 1, those in the four lowest enlisted grades may apply for family allowances for their dependents, including mothers, fathers, children, brothers and sisters under 18 years of age—but not husbands. The Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act of 1942 makes provisions for wives but not husbands.



## EDITORIAL:

## You Talk Too Much

Possibly it isn't you, but soldiers and civilian employes alike talk too much about what is going on around this Base. To prove it, try an experiment:

The next time you know something that shouldn't be known generally, such as the shipping of a squadron, take a trip into any nearby town. Check how long it is before you hear the news mentioned in casual conversation. Chances are you'll hear it on the bus before it is well away from the Base.

Place yourself in the role of an enemy sympathizer or agent, and listen for bus, street, bar and cafe conversation that discloses information that would aid the enemy. The experiment would be interesting and probably would reveal how much dangerous information you yourself carelessly carry off the Base.

The Second Air Force has issued a set of rules for safeguarding secret, confidential and restricted information.

1. Report at once to your immediate superior any questionable persons or suspicious incident.

2. Don't permit others to discuss military matters with unauthorized persons or strangers.

3. On social occasions don't talk or don't write anything military.

4. Guard particularly against the effects of drink upon your talking.

5. Secret matters will not be discussed over the telephone; references made to confidential or restricted matter will be held to the lowest possible minimum.

6. If you have knowledge of the loss or compromise of a secret or confidential document, promptly report it.

7. Become thoroughly familiar with the regulations on safeguarding military information (AR 380-5).

8. Don't brag about the Second Air Force to strangers. Results speak for themselves.

9. Don't mention dates, time, places, or figures as to strength, or any other military information.

10. Don't pay attention to rumors. Stop rumors by not passing them.

11. Never mention arrivals, departures of troops, cargoes, or destinations to anybody.

12. Be on your guard against dropping scraps of information that can be pieced together by enemy agents.

13. The safeguarding of Classified Military Information is the responsibility of all War Department personnel, military and civilian.

14. Remember that the Espionage Act provides severe penalties for "gross negligence" relating to safeguarding military information.

Recent spy arrests by the F. B. I. indicate that such warnings as these are far from being melodramatic ballyhoo. Respect is attracted by soldiers who guard their talk, not by those who shoot off their mouths to gain attention.

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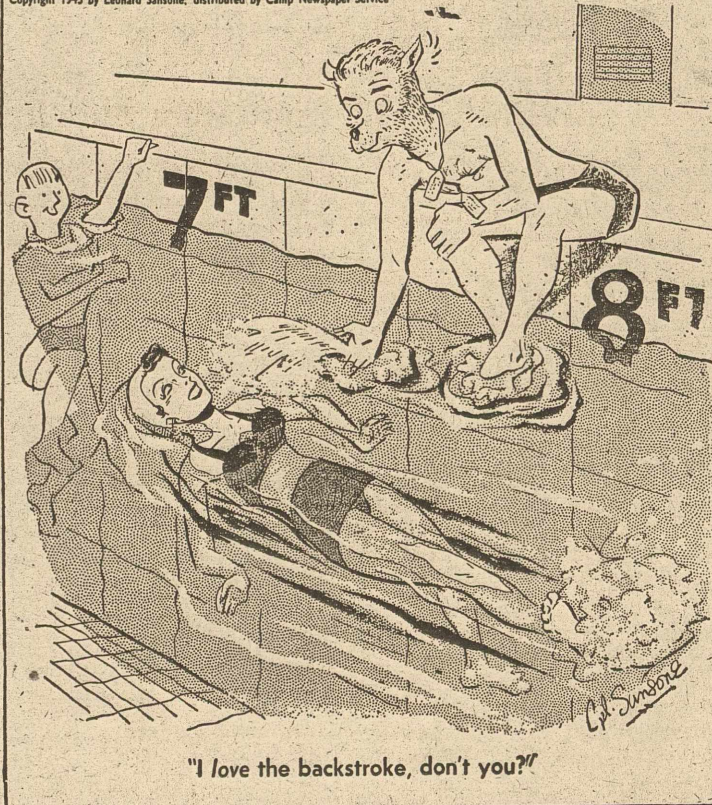
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## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I love the backstroke, don't you?"

### THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

## Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

Modern human civilization cannot be destroyed. One can destroy in one country, through war or revolution, some of the remarkable monuments of human culture and civilization, ancient and modern; but the present organization of the world does not allow anybody to destroy human civilization. Human civilization is, first of all, the moral conception of modern mankind, although including of course all economic all economic values, all achievements of technological progress, all great cultural monuments, buildings, cities, universities, libraries, museums of art and science; many of them are of inestimable value and could be of course destroyed in a great catastrophe. And that would be a loss which never could be replaced.

But that does not mean the destruction of human civilization. The human spirit, in its great creative power, having saved in innumerable places the results of modern science, technology and progress—material and moral—will continue in any case its great creative work. And we will rebuild, replace, reconstruct, and re-create the so-called modern civilization in new forms, which probably cannot have at once the same value and the same moral and material perfection as many of the destroyed monuments of the past. But the great struggle in human society for the continuation of past culture and civiliza-

tion and for future culture and civilization will continue with the same noble results and the same great success which is, again, in the nature of the human spirit and the human personality. Humanity will simply continue its daily life, its daily creation, and its daily fight for new and better forms of human existence.

The present crisis in Europe and in the world is the continuation of the eternal fight for a better justice, for a better life, for a better political, national, cultural, economic, and social existence for the greatest number of individuals in the greatest number of countries in the world; the fight for a peaceful settlement of the conflicting interests; the fight for a longer period of peace and for better forms of collaboration between the individuals in the particular nation and between the nations and states in the world. In a word, it is the continuation of the fight for a better society.

That is the ideal of democracy. This ideal is something so high, so valuable, and so dignified that it is worth believing and living. It is worth being a democrat.

EDUARD BENES,  
President, Czechoslovakia

CHICAGO (CNS)—A commercial high school here has a new course which includes instruction for gals in the application of leg makeup.



# THE CHAPLAIN SAYS -



Our B17s aren't built to dive and strafe, are they? But they have done it. Remember the battle of the Bismark Sea? The boys flew the Forts like pursuit ships that time. They knew the ships were not made to take a beating like that; but they were crazy mad that day: nothing could hold them. Why? What drove them berserk?

It seems that the crew of one bomber had to hit the silk. Better to take their chances with the sharks than burn with the ship. But the Jap Zeros had other ideas. About a dozen of them peeled off and made pass after pass at the men who dangled helplessly from their chutes. Not one of them hit the water alive.

It didn't take long for the word to get around. And the airmen went crazy. As who wouldn't? The Japs paid through the nose for their bit of "fun". When the boys got through there was nothing left of the 22-ship Jap convoy but some smashed hulks of lifeboats and barges.

Yes, sudden death is too good for the yellow heels that would kill a defenseless airman in his 'chute. No American man would pull a rotten thing like that—Oh, oh! As you were!

To our shame be it said that there is one breed of American men who do a thing just as bad, if not worse—

I mean those men who take a girl out and deliberately feed her liquor. They have learned that when they have cleverly broken down a girl's defenses with liquor, that girl is easy prey to their rotten lust. She is just as defenseless as the airmen in their 'chutes: and these birds cash in on it just as greedily as did the Jap Zeros.

What about it? Do such men deserve any more mercy than our pilots and gunners showed for the Japs in the Bismark Sea? I cannot see that they do, before God.

Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon



London—An hour and a half after the first news of the Italian surrender had been received here the Berlin radio was feeding its listeners a musical program called "Let's Go On Dreaming."

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**  
 Sunday—0900, Aviation Squadron Service; 0900, 19th Group Service; 1030, Base Chapel Service; 1930, Chapel Service.  
 Wednesday—1930, Service Men's Christian League.  
 Thursday—1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**  
 Sunday Masses—0600; 0800; and 1615.  
 Confessions—Saturday, 1500 to 1730; 1900 to 2100; Sunday, before the Masses.  
 Weekday Masses—1730, daily except Thursday.  
 Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1430, in Red Cross auditorium.  
 Evening Devotions—Thursday, 1930, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.  
 Study Club—Monday, 1930.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
 Sunday—1715, Base Chapel Services.

**JEWISH SERVICES**  
 Friday—1930, Base Chapel.

## Jewish Holy Day Services Listed

Men of Jewish faith, whose presence at the Base is not essential at the time, will be permitted to apply for three day passes . . . and in certain instances for furloughs . . . in order to attend Jewish Holy Day services.

Opportunities for religious observance will also be available on the Base with services starting this evening at 1900 in Building S8-T266.

Rosh Hashonah services will be held tomorrow and Friday in the Base chapel at 0900. Kol Nidre Services will be held next Friday in the Base Chapel at 1930 and Yom Kippur will be marked with services on Saturday, October 9 in the Base Chapel at 1030.

## 145 WACS ENTER ARMY MEDICAL SCHOOL

HOT SPRINGS, ARK. (CNS)—One hundred-forty-five WACs have begun training at the Army-Navy General Hospital here. They are the first such group to attend an Army school for medical technicians.

Present plans call for the training of 1,000 WACs as medical, surgical, X-ray, dental and laboratory technicians to serve with the Army in hospitals in the U. S. and overseas. The course for X-ray, dental and laboratory technicians will last three months and that for medical and surgical technicians, two months.

## Christian Science Worker Named

Mrs. Mabelle New Holmes of Pecos, has been appointed by the Texas Christian Science Camp Welfare Committee to act as the Volunteer Christian Science War-time Worker at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base.

Mrs. Holmes will be here at least one day each week, the date to be announced later, and will conduct Christian Science services each Sunday in the Base Chapel at 5:15 p.m.

She will also serve the men and women in uniforms as a practitioner of Christian Science and would like to meet all interested at the Chapel next Sunday, October 3rd.

## G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

These are so easy that you don't need a classification score of even 110 to get 'em. Mark one answer for each and do it without looking at the right ones first.

1. Gen. John Joseph Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, reaffirmed his belief in the necessity of "unconditional surrender" in this war on the occasion of the celebration of his birthday which was his—

A—83rd ( ) B—77th ( )

2. When Italian warships began to run the gauntlet of Nazi submarines and bombing planes in the Mediterranean most of the Itie craft escaped to Malta and other Allied bases but one which fell victim to German aircraft was the battleship—

A—Italia ( ) B—Roma ( )

3. Terms of the Italian surrender were concluded Sept. 3 but did not become effective until a few days later on—

A—Sept. 8 ( ) B—Sept. 13 ( )

ANSWERS: 1—A; 2—B; 3—A.

## SERVICEMEN'S BONUS SPONSORED IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—State Sen. Charles A. Phelps of Ft. Wayne has asked the Governor to call a special session of the legislature in January to vote a State bonus to Indiana men in service. Sen. Phelps proposes a \$20 monthly bonus with an extra \$5 a month for overseas service.

## MARINE MAKES BRANDY FROM GI PEACHES

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (CNS)—Marine PFC Norman Peterson of Atlanta, Mich. built a still of empty cans, kegs and steel coil from a wrecked bomber. Into the still he poured canned peaches and the resulting concoction, says Peterson, "was the best peach brandy in the Solomons."



Q. Are enlisted men in the Navy permitted to wear Army uniforms?

A. In some cases, yes. Enlisted personnel in the Navy who are serving with Army detachments are authorized to wear Army uniforms. Shore sailors with Army outfits will wear their own insignia on the Army clothing issued to them but otherwise they will dress just like the soldiers.

Q. Is recognition given to Army units that distinguish themselves by outstanding performance in action.

A. Yes. The War Department has announced awards of a citation to such units. To merit this recognition a unit must have distinguished itself among other organizations to the extent that would warrant the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to an individual according to an official memorandum.

## RAF PLANE CALLED 'OURS' BY ITALIAN CIVILIAN

NORTH AFRICA (CNS)—A Spitfire soared over Reggio Calabria. An Italian civilian looked skyward and sighed: "It's one of ours."

"No," said a British officer, "It's one of ours." The Italian shrugged. "It's the same thing now," he said.

## BROTHER GETS BROTHER'S LOCKER

CHANUTE FIELD, ILL. (CNS)—Francis Byrne has been assigned the same locker here that his brother—now serving overseas—occupied last year when he was stationed at Chanute.



LEARN TO DISTINGUISH between battle and chemical odors. Whenever there is any doubt, play safe and put on your gas mask.



DON'T ANSWER NATURE'S calls during a gas attack. Blister gases attack the tender sweaty portions of the body most easily.



## Diedrichs' Squadron

By

S-SGT. ROY A. WORTENDYKE

The moaning and groaning of the average Fighting Flying Crutch now is not due to his disability but to his aggravation at the new training program cutting into his free time. He does not mind Sgt. Vincent Cullen splicing on chemical warfare, M/Sgt. Claudius Howard narrating his experiences on guard duty, or Sgt. Frank Clifton demonstrating the hand signals for extended order drill. Naturally he recognizes the importance of the lectures on first aid. But, frankly, he would rather be elsewhere. Odessa, for example, is a Mecca for this squadron's nighthawks.

The jottings on the back of the envelope borrowed from Pvt. Howard McNearney reveal the news of the week. PFC Anthony Rosinski broke his wrist from working and not, as Pvt. Philip Morin says, from being bowled over by the latest rumor. S-Sgt. Don Gonzales, sergeant in charge of squadron supply, the day room, the latrine, he who jumps over the table from a flatfoot position, and a recognized lady killer, is reported angling, through an intermediary, for a date with Helen Williams, of the Sub-Depot. While on furlough PFC Michael Davidyock married "the girl". The Squadron extends congratulations to both. Pvt. Wilfred Lohse left the squadron for new duties at Kelly Field, and S-Sgt. Warren Keys and S-Sgt. Clifford Thomas have taken on new roles of flying cadets. Recently returned from William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso. Cpl. Virgil Yanken comments caustically, "Though the base (Pyote) has improved since I went away, I'd rather not have come back."

With the advent of the rainy season and the end of the month there has come an increase in the production of hearts, wings, stars and other trinkets by the squadron's incorrigible tinkers. PFC. Jarm Louie can be seen almost any evening polishing a metal ring for some as yet undisclosed admirer. While Pvt. McNearney demonstrates his skill at cartooning, Sgt. Herbert Folsom is hard at work on a scale model of a Flying Fortress. In the army, bull sessions are not usually news, but when the subject is "What is going to happen to the excess women after the war?" As barrack No. 2 stayed awake to discuss, the matter is worth mentioning. The WAC might be especially interested.

Pvt. Henry Palumbo is not satisfied with the method devised to

## What A Pyote Breeze Would Do To That!



Delicious Dolores Moran, who is getting quite a name in pin-up circles with such eye-teasers as this, will soon be seen in "Old Acquaintance." But feather your props, GIs, the title is just a title.

### SUBMARINE NAUTILUS GETS CITATION

PEARL HARBOR, T. H. (CNS)—Because it exemplified the "offensive spirit and aggressive teamwork" of the submarine service in its record against Japanese shipping, the U. S. submarine Nautilus has received a Presidential citation.

The Nautilus scored the fatal blow against a 10,000-ton Jap aircraft carrier in the Battle of Midway, sank an enemy transport and patrol vessel in the Solomons campaign and inflicted heavy damage on Nipponese shipping elsewhere.

wake him up. Don't worry, soldier, your barracks mates are too lazy to carry water to use that method very often. It was Sgt. Norman Moore who first discovered the advertisement of women's underwear in the Sears-Roebuck catalogue that is now making the rounds of barrack 4. T-Sgt. Chas. LaReau had an echo. PFC Archie Robinson, a shadow, Pvt. Thomas Lowlar, and a girl; now only the echo remains. Even without a Jap with a bayonet at his back PFC Riley Reed claims that he can run five miles cross country in 40 minutes.

Pvt. Eddie Fletch is deeply grieved at "the boys." It is not that he minded the petty larceny. Even the loss of the original liquid in the bottle would not have hurt him too much. But why, he asks, did they have to put vinegar in its place?

### JILTED SOLDIER SEES HIS GAL WED ANOTHER

NEW YORK (CNS)—When Cpl. Vincent Armenia learned that his old girl friend was going to marry somebody else, he came a-running from Camp Beal, Cal. to stop the ceremony here. When he arrived he called the girl's father, threatened to wing a monkey wrench into the romance if the wedding took place. The girl's father had Armenia hailed into court where the judge gave the soldier a good talking to and let him go. Thoroughly chastened, Armenia marched out the door—into the arms of a detective who arrested him for being AWOL.

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—The lone American team competing in the American International Track and Field Championships at Cornwall, Ont., was a 15-man team from the 5th Armored Division.



# A A B SPORTS

## 435th Team Downs Medics To Tie Softball Series; Playoff Tonight

Scoring two runs in the sixth and another in the final frame, the 435th Bomb Squadron knotted the Base softball series tighter than a drum last night when they earned a 5-2 victory over the Medics at the 19th Group athletic field. The final and deciding game will be played tonight at 1800.

Smith hurled for the 435th and turned in an excellent job, keeping out of trouble in all frames except the fifth when the Medics registered two hits and one run to knot the score.

The opening inning saw the 435th jump into atwo run lead on one hit and two Medic miscues. The Medics broke into the scoring columns in the third stanza on a single and a double to score one run.

The score stood at 2-1 going into the last half of the fifth when two Medico doubles tied things up. This didn't last very long as the 435th came back in their half of the sixth to load the bases with one out and eventually scored two runs.

Okenka hurled for the Medicos and passed most of the evening getting out of hot water. Eight Medical errors didn't help the situation.

The opening game of this Base series (held last Wednesday) saw the Medics jump into a commanding lead in the early stages and hang on for dear life and victory at the end, thrilling the 200 Flat-bush-mannered fans. Fortunately for them, they lasted long enough to rack up this all important victory, 13-9.

Pregame highlight saw Colonel Louie P. Turner, Group commanding officer, taking the mound against Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt, Jr., Base commanding officer. Col. Turner had some trouble finding the plate but after going to a three and no count, came through with his first strike. Col. Hewitt swiped mightily at the next pitch and fouled it off to the left of the plate. With the count at three and two, Col. Turner shot his next pitch in knee high. Col. Hewitt swung and skyscraped to short for the out.

LUBBOCK, TEX. (CNS)—A South Plains Army Air Field pilot student lost his wallet containing \$50. Fellow students passed the hat for him. Contributions totaled \$78.47.

### FIRST GAME

#### MEDICS

Player	ab	r	h	e
Depperschmidt, cf	4	2	1	0
Villa, sf	4	2	0	0
Campbell, lb	4	1	1	0
Gustafson, lf	4	1	2	1
Kuna, ss	4	1	1	2
O'Kenka, p	4	1	0	1
Boreski, 2b	4	3	3	0
Weaver, 3b	4	0	1	0
Nido, rf	4	0	1	0
Nichols, c	4	2	0	0
	44	13	10	4

#### 435th

Player	ab	r	h	e
Campbell, cf	4	1	0	0
Karas, ss	4	2	2	0
Bisek, c	4	1	1	0
Smithers, 3b	4	1	0	1
Byron, 2b	4	0	0	2
Smith, rf, p	4	1	2	1
Oates, lf	4	0	0	0
Gradle, sf	3	1	2	0
Kearns, 1b	3	1	0	0
Merritt, p	0	0	0	1
Zalenski, rf	3	1	1	0
	37	9	8	5

MEDICS	550	010	2	—	13
435TH	012	101	4	—	9

ODESSA—Sept. 29—Following the line of most schools throughout this section, Odessa High School will admit soldiers to its football games at half price this season, it has been announced.

The Odessa Bronchos, who have not lost a conference game in two years, will open their season Friday night, Oct. 1, in a game at Lamesa. Although undefeated in either year, they did not win the title due to eligibility difficulties.

After dropping the season opener to the Lubbock Westerners, 18-6, the Bronchos came back last Friday night much improved, to whip El Paso High 40-6.

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, Ark.—A game, which combines features of football, basketball, volleyball and lacrosse, has been introduced by Lt. George Mayer and PFC I. S. "Doc" Cheroff. The player can run, pass, kick, slap or punch the ball.

## Looking 'Em Over From Here

By PFC HYMAN BROOK  
Sports Editor

It's a repeat performance this year in the World Series as Ring Lardner used to say. The 1942 combatants, New York Yankees and St. Louis Cards, have once again spread-eagled their respective leagues and are now readying themselves for the Series title.

The zoot-suited clan which makes with the books have installed the Cards as a 7-5 favorite strictly because of their dash, elan and pitching. (And if you would get down on some of those odds, contact this scribe.)

As matters stand now, Mort Cooper, Max Lanier, Harry Brecheen, Alpha Brazle and Ernie White will toe the mound for the Cards. All of which means Billy Southworth intends to lose one game. He remembers that Cooper has yet to lick an American League club in either a Series or All-Star game.

The edge in outer gardeners rests with the Red Birds strictly because of one muscle-armed Stan Musial, the ace out-fielder of the year. Stan is walloping the ball at a .356 clip at present and leads both leagues in batting. Just as jolting Joe DiMaggio gave the Yanks the edge in this department last year, "Swattin'" Stan gives Southworth's boys the margin this season.

Based on comparative records, fielding and hitting, the Cards infield also holds an edge. Second baseman Lou Klein has made a splendid showing while Joe Gordon has been running into difficulty all season. Slats Marion, George Kurowski and first baseman Sanders round out a quartet of infielders who are hard to top.

Walt Cooper, behind the plate, is hitting up in the select .300 circuit this season and his added experience won't hurt the Cards chances one bit.

While all this makes the Yankees chances appear pretty slim, they aren't out of it all by a long shot. They have plenty of World Series-wise veterans and a fairly good hurling record.

Likely opening choice for Joe McCarthy's boys will be Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, who already has a record of 19 wins and 4 losses. Bonham, Russo, Wensloff and Borowy may also start with Johnny Murphy, the famous fireman, to be on hand to squelch any Card uprising.

The Yankees infield doesn't compare with old Yankee teams but they can still play on my ball club any day. Old Frank Crosetti roams the short-field as of old and while Frankie can't hit, he can still stop the ground balls with the best of them. Nick Etten, ref-

ugee from Philly, has been a revelation at the first sack and Johnson at third has proven one of the outstanding rookies of the year.

## Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Although the Navy took top honors in the National Tennis tournament when Lt. (jg) Joe Hunt stopped Coast Guard Seaman Jack Kramer, 6-3, 6-8, 10-8, 6-0, to win the National Singles title, the U. S. Army was in there punching all the way.

Cpl. Frank Parker, former Davis Cup star, reached the semi-finals in the singles competition before bowing to Kramer and, paired with Kramer, won the national doubles crown from William Talbert and PFC Dave Freeman of the Army Air Forces.

Other GIs who participated in the goings-on were PFC Bitsy Grant, A-C Tom Falkenburg, Pvt. Bob Odman of Seattle, Cpl. Charles Hare of Ft. Meade, Md. and Pvt. Vincent Paul of Camp Stewart, Ga.

Big Ed Levy, 6-foot, 5-inch Newark Bear outfielder, has been sworn into the Coast Guard and has reported for duty at the Manhattan Beach, (N. Y.) Coast Guard station. Two other Newark players, Pitcher Joe Page and Catcher Mike Garback, recently were rejected for military service.

Five former major league stars have been shipped from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station to receive further training. They are John Rigney, White Sox ace pitcher; Jack Hallet, Pittsburgh righthander; Tom Ferrick of the Cleveland Indians; Frank Bison, Brownies' pitcher, and Catcher Marvin Felderman of the Cubs.

PFC Ed (Lefty) McFadden, sports editor of the Tailspin, Tinker Field, Okla., reports that the best team his Field met this season was the Navy Skyjackets, Norman, Okla. The Skyjackets are coached by Lt. Charlie Gelbert, former Cardinal shortstop. Their top pitcher is Al Benton, ex-Detroit righthander, and their leading hitter is Johnny Rizzo, who used to play for the Phillies, Pirates, Reds and Dodgers.

TYNDALL, FIELD, FLA.—"I'm pretty much out of shape right now, but after looking over the obstacle course—well, I won't be—for long," A-C Theorode E. Kara, former Olympic boxing team member, said on arrival here.



## Marshall Airdrm. Sq.

By CPL. MARTIN O'BRIEN

We're pretty green at the literary end of things and hope for the time being you'll bear with us, but let's start by thanking "The Rattler" for allowing us to cut in. We don't know what the attraction is in the Marshall Squadron, but we've got more dogs than Hitler has in his cabinet. Too, it's a toss up who has the most fleas, but so long as the QM supplies us with enough mops, I suppose we can endure a canine's weakness. We think, too, that if our engineering officer's, Lieut. Cole's pooch "Junior" was to wear his heart on one of his long ears he'd have quite a lady dog following.

Here's a guy wants his name in the paper in spite of his creditors, Cpl. Harry Downing. O. K., Harry? Another guy, Ben D. Fellipo, the midget from Communications, wants us to use him on the pigeon carrier system, one of us to dispatch him from one of our pockets. We of Communications aren't on speaking terms with the armorers because they gave us a trouncing in soft ball, 86-to-3, in spite of the fact we were playing unusually good ball. However, we may contact the Ordnance men and arrange a singing bee, the best two out of three wins, and forget about soft ball.

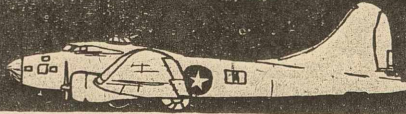
We think a lot of our First Sgt. Harold Gaskins, and wonder where he gets so much patience since it takes plenty of something to endeavor to keep all of us contented at the same time. Tho' a statement like this is not immune to argument, you can't possibly please all of us people all the time, etc.

We've got bad news for the supermen in the form of our gunnery officer, Lieut. Litcofsky, who worked miracles in whipping up into the best possible shape on the gunnery range. Too, those gunnery medals will look pretty sharp on our O. D. blouses. Pvt. Longo, the jitterbug king, keeps us upset no end with his beautiful sketches.

PFC Compton, the poetical wizard, insists he'll do another hitch after the war because he's allowed to wear shoes in the Army, and Cpl. Channell is so proud of his he sleeps in 'em. Wonder if they're mountain boys. It's nice to have gotten thru' this since we were unprepared at this writing, and if we can pass the First Sgt's. censorship, we'll be back next week.

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Marshall Spearhead thought he could avoid induction into the Army by eating his draft card. It didn't work. He was fined \$10 in police court for disturbing the peace.

# 19TH BOMB GROUP



## Dirty 30th

By SPONABLE'S BOYS

We believe that the editor of The Rattler is getting tired of printing the stories of the 30th's perfect scores, so we'll dispense with it this week and just say: "ho-hum, another day another record." At least it saves boring our readers with all the morbid details.

Lt. Schier and Lt. Ashmead are contemplating hanging out their shingle and becoming attorneys at law. What a way to answer the phone, "30th Engineering Ashmead and Shier Counselors at law."

WO Kovacht has finally been dislodged from the ceiling after hitting same when his request for leave of absence came back disapproved. Oh, well we can't have everything.

We wonder how the thriving metropolis of Wink is making out this week since M-Sgt. Hawkins has had to cease operating there while being on night duty. Don't worry, Hawkeye, they say absence makes the heart grow fonder. Yeah! for the other fellow.

Here's hoping that the rain ceases soon, for we're just about out of buckets and no liferafts are in sight. Apparently these hangars were built as a protection against the sun and not the rain, at least so it seems.

Congratulations to our CO on his recent promotion to Major. Although it is causing red faces since the boys can't get out of the habit of calling his Captain. Here is hoping he forgives and forgets, we all make mistakes.

We don't like to mention any names, but the two Casanovas in Tech Supply had better watch their step. There is safety in numbers as long as you keep them at a distance from each other. Remember that boys the next time you retire to the Sub-Depot for a few parts.

How can we make the First Sergeant happy? We can work hard enough to please him, but what he thinks of our marching just can't be printed. Is there a miracle worker in the outfit?

It's rumored around the Orderly Room that a certain S-Sgt. whose nick name is Bomb Bay has been having no end of trouble with his correspondence. It seems that he has been corresponding with two girl friends who live in the same town, and he got their letters mixed up. When an-

swers came back from these letters "was his face red"?

Why is it that PFC Gilhooly has changed his tune about Texas? Can it be love?

Why, we would like to know, has three (3) of our outstanding flight instructors rented a house in Monahans? Can it be that they are home sick?

### THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE

M-Sgt. Anderson going a day without asking for a pass.

T-Sgt. Conway with a girl on his arm.

Cpl. Crouch take the pass he's been after for some time.

How T-Sgt. Cuttright can take two girls to El Paso and come back with his scalp still intact.

## Field Director Explains Plan To Save Time

In attempts to save time, money and effort in times of distress, the Red Cross Field Director, Mr. George W. Wild, is urging that enlisted men at this Base write home and inform their relatives that in the event the soldier's presence is needed at home due to sickness, death or other causes, that the families immediately contact their local chapter of the American Red Cross rather than send the telegrams to the individual soldier.

It is the practice of the soldier's family to send the wire directly to the soldier. He, in turn, must then present it to his commanding officer who requests the Field Director to secure a confirmation wire from the local chapter.

If the families would submit emergency requests directly to their local chapter, much delay and many telegraph and telephone messages would then be eliminated. The local chapter could immediately determine the necessity of the soldier's presence, wire their representative at the soldier's station and he would then be granted an emergency furlough by his commanding officer.

The wide-spread use of this latter system would not only reduce the time delay occasioned by the present practice but would also help relieve the burden on lines of communication and materially cut the expenses of the American Red Cross.

## Altitude Training

By PFC JACK MINKIN

Each unit on the Base has some sort of private insignia to signify its type of operation.

Ours is the "Greyhound". It was chosen the most descriptive because of its swiftness and agility. Getting into the stratosphere and down again before any ship can get up there is traveling quite a bit. Do you still wonder why we chose the greyhound?

Accepting the new personnel for our unit is another tradition we are proud of. This was portrayed by our reception last week for new members. Slowly but surely we are reaching our quota. Of the famous names of the arrivals is "Benny Goodman." No, he isn't the famous band leader, but his mirth and merriment sure are in keeping with his name.

Not only is his fun typical of the activity during our free time, but that of every one. This is because one of the greatest forms of democracy is portrayed in our unit. We have Poles, Jews, Mexicans, Swedes, Scots, Spanish, Irish, and "just Americans." All kinds of fellows, every one a true American. Perhaps there is a good reason for it, but reason or not, it is so. Every one gets along with everyone else. At night when work is done and there's idle time, a get together is at hand. That is when every trait of Americanism is shown.

The ball game between the non-coms and PFCs resulted in defeat for the latter. Perhaps in the next game the score will be reversed, that is, if we get out of the rut. The only way to do that is to challenge them once again. Then we will see who has the better team.

Last but not to be forgotten is the headliners' column.

For the past few days, peace and quiet has reigned in our barracks. This will be gone when the famous "Gum-beater" gets back from his furlough. Sgt. Henry Spas is the chap who will be doing all the talking then. I have to take time out now to plug my ears for the ordeal.

PFC Don (red head swain) Minthorn is the lucky chap this week who departed for his well earned rest. Here's wishing him a happy trip home and a joyous time when he gets there.

Cpl. Carl Bruske is the only GI civilian on the Base. Ah, such a life; to be a civilian once again. What is your formula, Cpl.?

It has happened in our midst. The only groom in all captivity to receive a guest's invitation to his own wedding. We know the first one hundred years are the hardest, Sgt. Blumenthal, and may you be more than a guest in the future.



## MEDICAL DETACHMENT

### Medics' Reporter Relates Hectic Rail Travel In 'States'

By S-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

(Note: This is your "Foreign Correspondent" en route to "The States", covering a partial furlough route of 31 Medics and one ATU.)

The afternoon was spent looking for something in which to place a few meager belongings for that long awaited and much talked about thing known as a furlough. Never did a happier truck and roll off into an army track and roll off to the station in Pyote. With ample time still remaining until train time, great ambitions while on furlough were being narrated; each soldier hoping for his ambition to become a reality. The question at this time was "Who is going to carry the lunch boxes?" By several lending a helping hand the two rather large boxes were faithfully brought along.

Ah! The moment had arrived and down the track could be seen the smoke of the "Iron Horse" which was going to serve as the deliverer from the desert. The almost loaded train came to a halt, and the first ones to board it, of course, were the Medics. Yes, the hour had arrived and happiness reigned supreme. Shortly, the noted T & P left Pyote behind lunging and bouncing toward Monahans. By this time the stillness of coach 2632 had been broken, and the party was on. Who was it that said that there was only one "condition" to be in when riding that particular train; well it seems that some of the Medics heartily agree, especially that character known as PFC Timmons! Remember him, fellows? He used to sweep floors.

Only PFC Mercer would conceive the idea of hanging "Daisy" up in the train and letting the passengers know that we were really proud of her. Had this head of a former Texas Longhorn passed inspection she'd probably still be in Barracks 1. Now that mass of bones is back in the States serving as a symbol of what the Texas Desert can do to one. At this stage of the train ride imagination ran wild and soon pickles protruded from the horns, oranges and tomatoes were securely placed in the eye sockets and with a few other decorations that "Mess" was quite a

## What Makes The West Wild



Such western garb as this—through which shines Jean Arthur's tantalizing torso—would hardly be familiar to the old trail blazers, but we bet the old blazers would try to be familiar with Jean.

sight to behold.

Soon the song fest began and on into the night those strains of all the old favorites blasted through the coach. There was "Junior" Weaver, "Curley" Meyers, "Scar Nose" Kronenberg, "The Great" McTigue, "Noisy" Miller, "Eye Doctor" Mercer, as well as that "Step-child" of ours, Sgt. Spas—all doing their part. It seemed as if the 'Boiler Gadget' was so busy holding the hand of a Pecos WAC that he had no time for the real excitement.

At Midland the screaming headline of an 8 page daily said: "GERMANS PUSH AMERICANS BACK." This was not good but what were we going to do about it? Ah! another brainstorm downed on the Medics—here's the answer: a war bond drive right on the train! Without a moment's hesitation this idea was put into operation and from that very moment every civilian was halted near the Texas Cow and was kindly asked to increase his purchase of war bonds over the previous month. When the good civilian promised faithfully that he would comply with the request he was released and went on his merry way to the tune of "He's a jolly good fellow!" It is estimated that over \$1,000.00 worth of bonds were "sold" in two hours. Now these Texans had better keep their promise!

The frolicking continued, the

early hours of morning were approaching. "That Cadet" in the corner disappeared (wonder why) and finally a place known as Abilene was reached. This was the climax. Soldiers piled into the train—no end—and the result was a sight no one could ever forget. There were soldiers almost two-deep lying in the aisles, and between the seats—yes, everywhere! The only place you could not see them was on the light fixtures. Lucky Medics—everyone had part of a seat.

The early morning hours passed slowly, but at day break came the real thrill—the sight of a tree near Fort Worth. It was here that the parting of the Medics took place. Some went on to St. Louis and others Kansas City. After pushing, shoving, shouting, the great packed train was completely evacuated.

Now just what happened to the St. Louis gang will be reported later but now let's see what became of the K. C. Gang. Here is a spectacle that three Medics will never forget. The Rocket pulled in, almost fully loaded with civilians and some soldiers; more civilians and a few soldiers with reservations got on, then the train pulled out leaving 10 soldiers and 2 sailors on the station platform! Nuff said.

Now destination reached! Place: Des Moines, Iowa. Here in the great Middle-West the bread

## BASE HEADQUARTERS

By CPL. SAMMY KAPLAN

Did you all know that Cpl. Cisek ran into a little bit of luck while walking up the road here on the base last week? He was walking along nonchalantly whistling a little tune when suddenly he saw a Second Lt. approach him. Coming closer he rendered the officer a snappy salute, and what do you think happened? The officer was so pleased at the way Cpl. Cisek saluted him that he gave him a cigar with a brand new dollar bill wrapped around it. A week has passed on and still Cpl. Cisek can't get over it.

Sgt. Heckler, payroll clerk deluxe, has been beaming big, round smiles all week. We wonder if it is the wonderful success he has been having lately?

Sgt. Core formerly of public relations dept. is now duty sgt. of our squadron, and really doing a nice job.

A few fellows of our squadron got together last week and had a little discussion about communication, and finally came to the conclusion that the three means of communications are telegraph, telephone, and telewoman. All those that agree, say I.

Why is it that PFC William Hunter of the adjutant's section talks in his sleep? Better cut it out Bill or else you might tell us all your secrets. How do I know all of this? Well, I sleep in the same barracks and listen to his nightly story.

PFC Elmer Henne of barracks No. 5 has taken on a new lease on life since receiving a letter from his sweetheart back in Seattle, Wash. He has been on the beam ever since. See what a sweetheart's letter can do to an individual?

basket of the world, conditions are excellent. Night clubs are packed, and the money flows as freely as sand blows in Texas.

Now for the story of the week: (Exclusive) A very attractive girl who works in an orange juice shop here in Des Moines received a letter the other day from a Pyote Medic who signed his name like this—"Jim N." Brazenly I quote from this "sugar report". Quote: "Dearest Mary, It is with deepest regret that I have not written you sooner, but I just returned from maneuvers and boy were they tough!" Unquote.

(Note: Next week your foreign correspondent will report to you from New York City.)



# WAC Flak

By SGT. SYLVIA WEXLER

Here 'tis, a beautiful rainy evening, and another column to be dashed off. A rainy day in Texas—something people just dream about—and yet there's something about the cold, damp weather that makes us all think of home. And with the heaters in the barracks—why it's really nice here—very pleasant. Why, we never had it so good—heat in the stoves, 2 pair of shoes in the closet and cows in the backyard. "I think I'll stay a while," said Sgt. Mary Welch, "It's very pleasant here."

If they don't send us some more WACs, we're gonna have a terrific time trying to beat those Wink girls at Soft Ball. Now Cpl. Barber said she'd join the team except that she doesn't look well in shorts. Y'see, it's things like that, that keep us from having a permanent team—what we need is WACs who can pitch ball instead of woo.

We're having plenty trouble naming Madame DuBarry's offsprings—our khaki colored kittens. They were christened Marie, Edith and Marjorie after our officers—only we found out, a bit too late, that Edith isn't a she—she's a he. Anybody got a good suggestion for the poor kitten's name?

Could that 1st Sgt. who brought our CQ, PFC Ickes, sandwiches the other night be the same Sgt. who was so anxious to show his pass at the gate that he stepped out of a moving car and fell right on his face? Couldn't have done him any harm, 'cause from here, his face looks pretty good.

That was PFC Bill Ward of Quartermaster holding hands with Pvt. Adele Berlowitz of the Base Photo Lab. at the movies t'other night. A mighty pretty picture, we must say—wonder if she can develop that one.

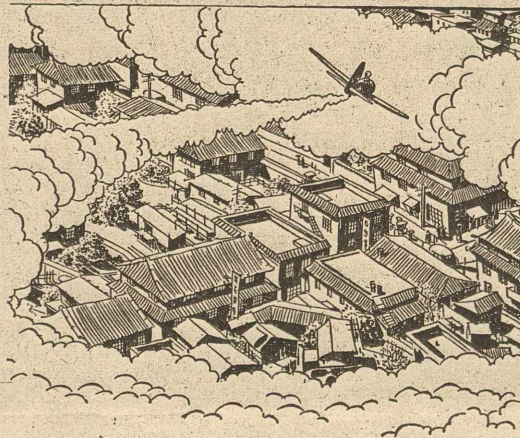
In answer to the many inquiries our CQ had Thursday night, we'd like to advise the interested GIs that Cpl. Peggy Erickson is at the Hospital. She's feeling pretty well—and in need of some company. Well, what are ya waiting for?

PFC Hrevus returned from her visit to Shepard Field and is now raving about the mirrors in the barracks—and the bathtubs, no less. She thinks they'd both make a good addition to our WAC Home. What we're a-thinkin' about is the extra cleaning detail involved.

Those two Sgts. of the 28th Squadron who were vying for the attention of Cpl. Rose Daly, were pretty disappointed to find out they had both lost out to a PFC. Don't feel badly, boys, we see a newly-made Sgt. escorting

# M A L E C A L L

BY MILTON CANIFF



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## QM Sees

Last week an interesting letter came to the QM from overseas telling how Salvage Officers and men are constantly searching roads and trails for discarded clothing and equipment—repairing and reissuing it as best they can. It called to attention the all-

her about—or is that the PFC with a promotion?

Congratulations to the Medics Softball Team—they sure played a swell game as the final score showed. Guess we oughta take some lessons and mayhaps we'd win a game, too.

That WAC who transferred to Barracks No. 2 because she couldn't stand the "noise" in the first barracks is now complaining that it's too quiet there for her—at least the past couple of days have found it so. Well, Cpl. that's the unwritten G. I. system of proper discipline.

**TOMORROW'S PAY DAY! HOW'S ABOUT PUTTING PART OF YOUR PAY IN WAR BONDS AND STAMPS!**

important role Salvage Operations assume on any Base, home or abroad.

A change in season has brought added activity to the Salvage Office here. It's a big job to exchange, repair, and do the endless number of little tasks that are necessary if the men at Pyote are to keep up their end of the American soldier's reputation for being the most comfortably clad and completely equipped fighter in the world. The salvage crew is doing a good job toward this end.

Speaking of exchanges, Lt. Kravitz, the head of the crew, exchanged his gold bar for a silver one recently. Congratulations, Sir.

The QMC is doing its part toward the Third War Loan Drive. Since there were no movie stars in the bunch, First Sgt. Perniciari launched his own campaign, and he's doing all right. Five hundred dollars is not so bad for a small detachment, especially when the drive is just getting underway. Private Amos responded with a promise to buy three one-hundred dollar bonds. We need more like you, Amos.

Last week's "Rattler" gave the QM Barracks a higher rating than

usual, and the way Lt. Frick has had everybody "GIing" the place after 5 o'clock, their score should take another jump. They tell me the real action in that Barracks comes at noon everyday. I don't know what goes on, but I never heard of a T-Sgt. scrubbing floors.

Private Eugene Maddy surprised everyone and came back from his furlough a married man. He has someone "NICE TO GO HOME TO" and hopes it won't be too long before the Yanks get to Berlin and he can go home to see how "NICE IT IS BY THE FIRE."

No matter how upset the world may be or what the news from the battle front is, the simple things of life still create an interest and human nature still responds to new born pups and kittens. The QM is patiently waiting the arrival of WACKY's off-spring. They have her in Monahans at a private home where she is doing nicely—and here's hoping it is a boy when the great day comes.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (CNS) —Rescued from a coal tender into which he had fallen, George Patrick McLaughlin, 6, asked for a dish of spinach. He wants to join the marines, he explained.



## Red Cross—

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practiced law, and actively supported "40 & 8" and American Legion programs.

William Heggen, one of the assistant field directors, formerly was a physical education instructor in the Des Moines, Iowa, schools, and the other, Joe Moore was a football coach and social service worker in the same city, though they did not know each other until they hit Pyote. Running your problems through the paper work, and keeping your confidences well, are the two secretaries, Mrs. Audrey Webb and Mrs. Charles Ingram.

The Red Cross Hospital Recreation Building houses the services extended by that organization as "the only volunteer society authorized by Congress to aid the military in caring for the sick and wounded." It is the domain of Mrs. Honora Janet Anderson, competent, sympathetic and cheerful assistant field director, and her secretary, Mrs. Jean Spellman.

**There all patients able to participate may see entertainment films twice a week, Monday and Friday, in the auditorium, play games, take part in community sings, attend patient meetings to see training films or hear lectures. Mrs. Anderson now is planning a croquet court, just outside the well-fitted library. Upstairs are guest rooms for patients of the critically ill.**

With the help from the many thousand chapter volunteers, the Red Cross also helps handle personal or family problems that may be retarding the patient's recovery, makes necessary investigations and loans for convalescent furloughs and discharge cases, provides small individual comforts, and keeps families informed in case of serious or prolonged illness.

But Mr. Wild will tell you that the big job of the Red Cross at and military installation is to supply adequate contact between the men and their families, and for that task the Red Cross is available 24 hours a day for almost any conceivable type of service. Among those services are:

**Arranging for relief of distress in a soldier's family; locating a soldier's family for him or vice versa, providing individual counsel and guidance on family or personal matters, furnishing information about government insurance, allowances, allotments and pensions, obtaining information and making loans (in cooperation with commanding officers) relative to discharges or furloughs, planning vocational rehabilitation for discharged soldiers, and the like. Actually, the Red Cross' work is as difficult to classify**

## WORLD WAR II 'SGT. YORK' CAPTURES 114 ITALIANS

SICILY (CNS)—The "Sgt. York" of World War II is Sgt. Floyd Cravath, 22-year old Bay-side, L. I. resident who captured 114 Italians in Sicily with a bullet jammed in the chamber of his rifle.

As Sgt. Cravath describes the incident, he came upon 110 Italian soldiers and four officers under a group of trees during the Sicilian mop-up. In his excitement he fed a bullet into the chamber of his rifle and then, to his surprise, all the soldiers leaped to their feet and raised their hands.

All Sgt. Cravath had to do was march the men back to camp. "It was the simplest thing in the world," he said.

**as the human suffering it alleviates and the human needs it seeks to fill.**

Mr. Wild had several suggestions for soldiers, born of experience here:

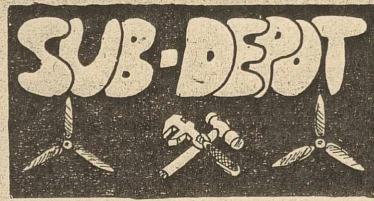
Every soldier should urge his parents, wife or other close relatives to remember to get in touch with their local Red Cross chapter first in any emergency requiring the soldier's presence. Much time, money and effort would thus be saved, for eventually that local chapter must verify the emergency before the Base office can recommend to the soldier's commanding officer that an emergency furlough be granted or extend a loan for that purpose.

In requesting an extension on an emergency furlough, the soldier's wire to his commanding officer should state the number of additional days needed, reason for extension, and the address for the answering collect wire.

The Red Cross now is handling investigations for dependency discharges, though such are few and far between. (The Red Cross does not investigate conditions requiring farm discharges or furloughs, a popular misconception.)

**Such continental base services of course represent only one phase of the Red Cross' work; there is its vast program in combat areas and its domestic civilian services, as in floods and similar disasters. But it is a very important phase, according to the 1942 records: 864,000 service men aided by field directors to solve personal and family problems, \$4,500,000 extended in emergency loans, 264,000 Army and Navy hospital patients served, 800,000 families of service and ex-service men assisted in various ways, 145 recreation buildings staffed, furnished and operated at military hospitals.**

But be sure of this: you'll be anything but another statistic when you carry your problems to the local Red Cross staff.



## Headquarters

Headquarters is really on the beam this week! And here's the reason why: John Bogard received a letter from that cute little WAC in Georgia. It is no wonder that he is floating around on a cloud. Bet all our mothers told us about things like that.

The Sub-Depot really turned out for the gala affair Thursday night at the Recreation Hall. Jean Williams was there playing hard to get (Ahem); Conley and Maxine Colburn as cute as ever; Wanda Stricklin looking every bit the cute little De-icier that she is, and Anita Pinney showing everyone what it is to really dance, and be graceful at the same time.

Frankie Padak is as smooth as a moonbeam. Now don't get the wrong idea, the subject is dancing. You've all heard of the "Man on the Flying Trapeze", well just take it from there.

Warning! If anyone notices an odd look in Helen Reese's eye, don't be alarmed. Of course she will be crazy, but she says it is the tire and gasoline rationing that is doing it.

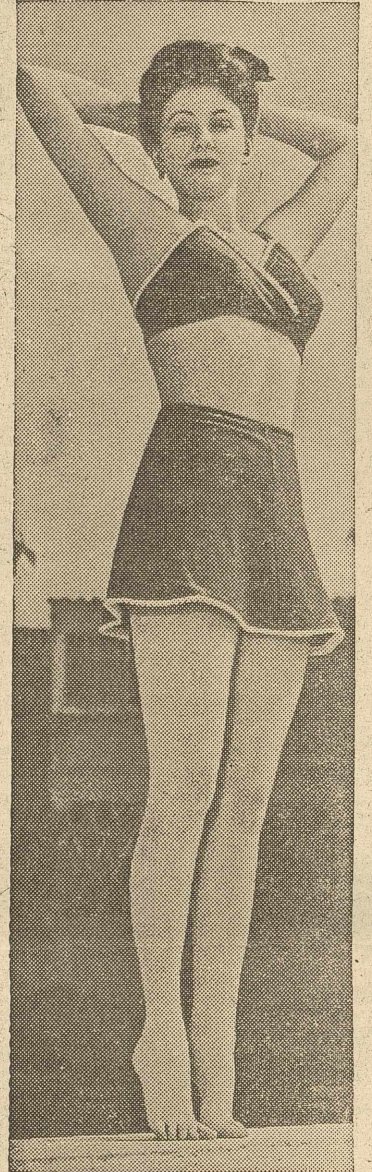
Anita Pinney should work in camouflage from the way she keeps her boy friend hid. He is always there, and yet no one can get even a glimpse of him. How about that

Mr. Wal was really cutting a rug at the shindig Thursday night. He wanted to get in the chow line, and she wanted to dance. So they both went into the chow line, and she patted her feet while she ate. There is one thing about these Garden City people—they can do more than one thing at a time.

Sub-Depot received a jolt this past week. It is a grand break for someone, but from this end of the line, it isn't so pleasant. As everyone knows, Major Saenger is leaving us. There are no words to describe the feelings of all the people who work with him, and the ones who knew him as a friend. All we can say is: "We will miss you, Major Saenger; hope this will be a big chance for advancement for you, and may you always have the good luck that is deserved by a wonderful person like you."

Major Visel will be taking over as Sub-Depot Commander within a few days, and here's hoping that he will enjoy it very much. Hope he will enjoy working with all the employees as much as they are going to enjoy working with him. Welcome to the Sub-Depot, Major Visel!

## Hold It!



**And who wouldn't want Joan Leslie to hold that pose—or to hold Joan Leslie, for that matter? She plays in that super show with the GI theme, Irving Berlin's "This Is The Army." Oh, if it only were!**

Jean Williams is leaving us soon. Everyone is worried about Marjorie Hitt. She will probably kill herself trying to howl enough to make up for both of them. Instead of working her shift of half a day of howling, she will have to work all day long. Poor Marjorie.

Next time Anita Pinney tries to slide down the bannister of the stairs, someone is going to have to remove the posts that are in the middle of the bannister. The next time she tries to go over one, she had better have a parachute along.

CAMP CROFT, S. C.—A heavyweight, who met the best of them, is now training with Company C, 50th Battalion. Pvt. John L. "Tiger" Fox faced 323 opponents and lost to only six.



# Germans Retreat On All European Front Sectors

## Allies Must Speed Drives To Match Reds

By CPL. TOMME CALL  
Rattler Editor

The steam-roller Russian offensive that last week was crowding the German invaders steadily back toward the Baltic States, Poland, and the Balkans, increased pressure to speed up the Allies' time-table in the European theater.

Wrote the New York Times' sound correspondent in London, Drew Middleton:

"The inability of the enemy to hold his vital Winter Line in Russia, the increasing numerical weakness of his garrison in Western Europe, and the political necessity for the establishment of a second front within striking distance of Germany itself move observers here to believe that the Allies must set ahead their date for their full scale invasion of the northern front or to launch in the shortest possible time preliminary operations which will win a bridgehead from which to attack later."

If the Soviet Union has the reserve strength to mount a winter offensive on top of this summer's gains, no Germans save prisoners may be on Russian soil by next spring. Where the enemy plans to make his supreme stand to hold his dwindling eastern European possessions is not yet clear, but he still is expending vast amounts of territory, perhaps to avoid Stalingrad-size losses. Each retreat adds to the unrest in the eastern European countries now dominated from Berlin. Last week the Germans appeared understandably concerned over the stability of their hold on the peoples from Finland to Greece. Fear of the oncoming Russians prevented the Germans from increasing the cooperation of satellite powers for the final stand in the east.

Continuing stubborn German resistance along the Naples-Foggia line in south central Italy rendered Allied progress there slow and costly, though the British Eighth moved into Foggia, with its strategic air base system—thus, menacing Hitler's Rumanian oil fields and permitting softening-up operations for possible Allied invasion thrusts into the uneasy Balkans. Yugoslavian pa-

riot armies continued intense fighting against the Germans, perhaps anticipating a British-American leap across the Adriatic. In Corsica, the struggle progresses to secure that stepping stone into Southern France or central Italy.

Even so, the Allies faced the necessity of still greater operations to match the Russian offensive. The answer perhaps was hinted in the ever greater aerial bombardment of Western Europe. Considerable significance attended the feat of P-47 Thunderbolts, with special gas tanks and other equipment, accompanying Flying Fortresses on an 800-mile round-trip raid on Germany's North Sea naval base of Emden. The Forts' devastation may be increased greatly with such protection, and at less cost. The U. S. Eighth Air Force in Britain by week's end had set a new record for one month's operation.

Though overshadowed again last week by European developments, Gen. MacArthur's broadening offensive against the Japanese in the Southwest Pacific continued. Ground gains were made in New Guinea in the drive on the Finschafen base. The Japanese appeared willing to spend aircraft in defensive operations, but were conserving their naval forces.

One Senator among several home from a tour of the battlefronts reminded America last week that Japan is the only "ballanced enemy" this Nation has, that is, strong on land, on sea and in the air. For that reason alone, crushing its captured empire may remain a formidable task after Germany has been disposed of either by internal collapse or surrender forced by great battles yet to come.

Favorable weather for a campaign to retake Burma is at hand. Most observers believe that probable drive and Gen. MacArthur's offensive toward the Philippines will be independent actions, with the former designed primarily to pour strength into weary China. Now that the European strain on the Allied fleets has been greatly lessened, the naval war against Japan may be stepped up. Adequate forces should be available for the projected Burma campaign, which probably will begin with amphibious operations because of the difficult terrain on the India-Burma front.



## Russians Regain Two-Thirds Of Territory Lost To Nazis

In little more than a week, the thundering Russian offensive greatly changed the above complexion of the Eastern Front, lopping off square mile after square mile of the German-held territory and driving the spearheads forward to threaten the invader's whole "Winter Line". In the nine months since Stalingrad, the Red Army has completed two-thirds of the giant task of hurling the enemy from Soviet Union soil.

With unprecedented show of overall power, the Red Army captured Smolensk, soon after Bryansk, and continued the drive toward the old Polish border, 150 miles to the east. The Russians also were nearing Gomel, heading deep into White Russia.

Pressing hard against the Germans Dnieper River line, the Red Army at week's end was reported making crossings along that 300-mile front. Immediately threatened, since the capture of Poltava, were the German river bastions of Kiev, Kremenchug, Dnepropetrovsk, and Zaporozhe.

Meanwhile the Red Army cut across north of Melitopol, apparently attempting to sever German communications between the lower Dnieper and the Crimea. Claiming to have sealed remaining invaders of the Caucasus on the Taman Peninsula, the Russians pointed toward recapture of the Crimea, thus to regain Sevastopol and invigorate their Black Sea fleet.