

# THE RATTLER

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## New USO Club Packs 'Em In, Desert Oasis

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## New Club Handsomely Furnished



Reading room of the new Monahans USO Club above indicates the comfortable good taste of the spacious interior of the well-recreation spot. For story of official opening Tuesday and ball room picture, see page two.

## 19TH GROUP'S FABULOUS PILE OF MEDALS GROWS AS VETERANS HONORED

### For Military Glory Annals, Eight Heroes

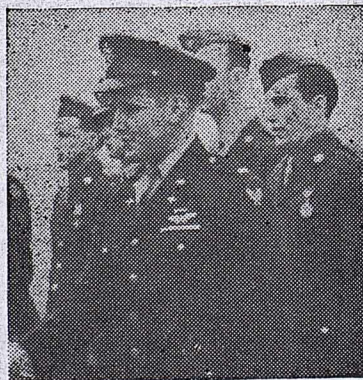
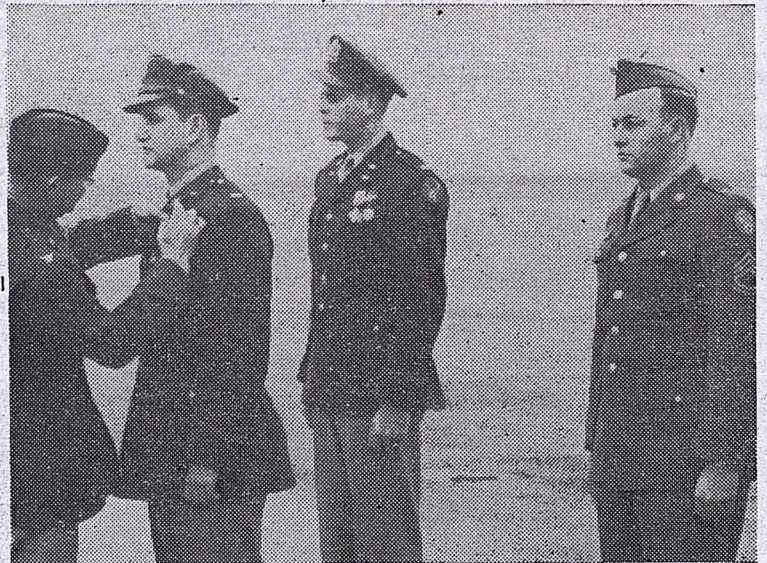
Eight veterans of the 19th Bombardment Group's gallant fight against the Japanese and their heavy odds in the early days of the Pacific war were presented with eleven medals at Saturday's review

In photo, top right, Col. Turner pins the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal on 1st Lt. Leonard Hersh, 410th. In the background 1st Lt. Merle C. Woods, 30th, and T-Sgt. Eugene D. Shafer, 410th, stand proudly at attention, both winners of the two medals.

In photo, lower right, T-Sgt. James C. Roberts, 435th, gets the DFC, while awaiting Air Medals are 1st Lt. Richard E. Oliver, 435th, T-Sgt. Clarence R.

Olsen, 410th, and S-Sgt. Melvin Wissert, 435th. In smaller photo, 1st Lt. Nathan E. Koch, 28th, receives the Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster).

Sections One and Two enlisted men took top honors in Saturday's parade, with Section Two officers placing next. Previous week, the high-stepping WACs took the blue ribbon.



BARN TO KILL OR BIKILLER



## New USO Club Opening Proves Huge Success

### Soldiers Enjoy Dance, Parade Inspect Center

Monahans shut up shop and Rattlesnake Bomber Base soldiers poured into town Tuesday afternoon for one of the most enthusiastic parades lately seen in these parts. Occasion: formally opening the large, handsomely furnished new USO Club, one block east of the courthouse.

In the parade, first place prize for floats went to the Mildred's Shop entry, and winning band was that of Wink High School. The USO theme predominated with Pyote AAB WACs, Jeeps, Band, Guards, War Dogs, etc., figuring colorfully in the procession.

Odessa's Chuckwagon Gang served barbecued deer, sandwiches, canapes and coffee in the park in front of the club. With dedication ceremonies beginning at 8 p. m., Major Sebastian Mangamelli, Pyote AAB accepted the building for military personnel and expressed the service's appreciation for those who contributed to making the new club a welcome reality. Rev. Dean Harrison of Pecos delivered the main speech, stressing the importance of the USO program here. Lt. Frank Orfanello also spoke.

Following the serious hour's ceremony, the Base Dance Band called the tune until midnight. A colorful party it was, with junior hostesses—most of whom had earlier received service awards—trailing formals to the rhythm. The club was filled to overflowing.

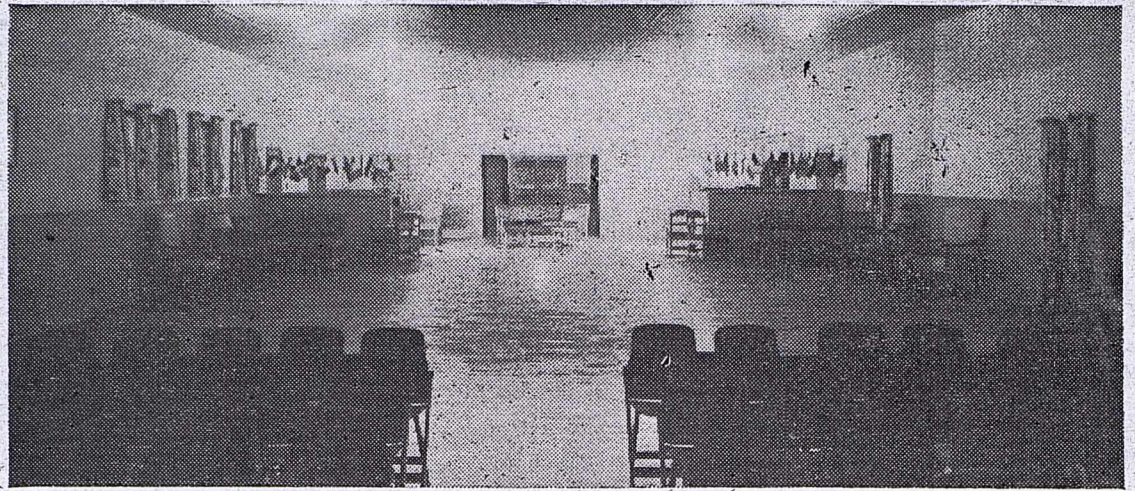
Unprecedented as local entertainment for soldiers here, the USO Club opening convinced all on hand that from here on out, there will always be "somewhere to go" in Monahans.

#### MONAHANS USO CLUB HISTORY

When the U. S. War Department proposed to build an Army Air Base at Pyote in the summer of 1942, Monahans citizens set up a War Recreational Committee under the leadership of Glenn Ratliff, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The committee unanimously adopted a resolution recommending a Monahans Recreation Center to be sponsored by local contributions.

At the outset the recreational room was small and could serve the needs of only a small amount of the military personnel that soon

## Dancing, Fun-Finding Couples Fill This Club



In the hardwood-floored ballroom above, soldiers, their wives and girl friends, junior hostesses

and visitors made merry at the official opening of the new, larger Monahans USO Club

Tuesday night. Regular dances will be held here on Saturday. Come here first.

poured into the Pyote AAB. The Monahans citizens called on the Federal Security Agency for assistance, and the agency, after investigation, recommended the USO supplement the community's program. The War Recreational Council, after consulting with FSA and USO executives, formed a Monahans USO Council, with A. C. Bradley as chairman.

After USO executives recommended a club for the community, the American Legion offered to donate a large building and surrounding property for the duration and six months. The USO formed plans for renovating and equipping the building and for a front wing addition.

The USO Director, Edward A. Palange, arrived May 5, 1943, to find recreational facilities wholly inadequate. At his suggestion, the Council approved opening a temporary club on June 15th at 500 East Sealy Street. Although designed merely as a drop-in center, regular nightly programs were organized, and attendance reached some four or five thousand monthly. Though over-crowded, the club served a wholesome purpose for months.

Construction was begun on the new club October 12th and completed in time for the Pearl Harbor Day opening. Mayor Ed Duffey was outstanding among the Monahans citizens who worked to get War Department and War Production Board approval for materials for the new club and see the project through. Lions, Rotary, American Legion, Business and Professional Women and other civic organization sponsored numerous recreational activities and plan to cooperate in maintaining a busy program at the new club.

The new club has a lounge, library, writing room, music room, office, snack bar, dark room and

## Monahans USO

Wednesday—Open house. Service Men's Wives Club Luncheon. Refreshments.

Thursday—Open House. See a movie at the new club. Refreshments.

Friday—Open House. Refreshments. Junior Hostesses.

Saturday—Open House. Dancing. Junior Hostesses. Refreshments.

Sunday—Open House. Coffee and doughnuts between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Monday—Bingo. Cigarettes as prizes.

Tuesday—Christmas shopping and mailing service. We'll wrap your gifts for you.

**BRAINERD, MINN. (CNS)**—Mark Miller, who said he drove his car from Mexico to Canada without giving up coupons in order to gather material for a magazine article entitled "From Border to Border on Bootleg Gas," may have to write the story in the cooler. He has been charged with violating Office of Price Administration gas regulations.

**INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)**—This city now employs policewomen to direct downtown traffic.

photographic equipment, ball room, rest room and showers, and the building is tastily decorated and furnished with attractive new furniture.

Near the Monahans city park, the club is convenient to the swimming pool, picnic facilities and softball grounds. When fully in operation, the club will be one of the best soldier recreation spots in West Texas.

## Miss Mary Brown Is New Monahans USO Club Worker

Miss Mary C. Brown of Minneapolis, Minn., former newspaper woman, arrived in Monahans last week to take over duties as the assistant director of the new USO Club, Edward A. Palange, director, announced.

Miss Brown attended the university of Minnesota, studying English and journalism. For 12 years she worked as reporter and feature writer for the Minneapolis Star-Journal and Tribune.

Obtaining a duration leave of absence, she took a three weeks training course in USO activities at Columbia University, and two weeks in field training at the USO in Victoria, Texas.

The new assistant director and her social hostess, Mrs. Frances Clark, will work with Mr. Palange in arranging recreation programs for soldiers visiting the new club.

#### GI RUNS AMOK ON TRAIN

**FT. WAYNE, IND. (CNS)**—Pvt. William Emig of Philadelphia made his way into the engine cab on a speeding Pennsylvania railroad train, knocked the engineer cold and grabbed the controls. Fireman Arnold Waibel then kayoed the soldier, halted the train and turned him over to the cops. Emig could give no explanation for his action.

#### IT'S THE WAR

**WASHINGTON (CNS)**—A local department store has applied for a license to establish a helicopter shuttle service between the local airport and the roof of the store.



## Diedrichs' Squadron

By S-SGT. ROY WORTENDYKE

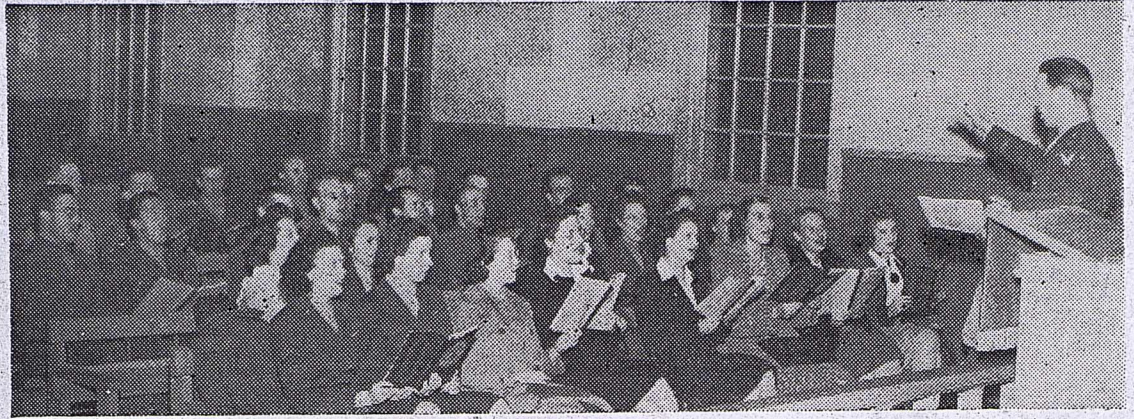
Back to Pyote! After two weeks of enjoying the hardships of Chicago and St. Louis your correspondent is back on the job. Though we had been threatened with grim exposes when ill-treated men, such as PFC Morris Levin and Sgt. Vincent Cullen, were allowed to put their "facts" into print, no Diedrichs Squadron column has appeared in the last three issues of The Rattler. Consequently our character is still unknown to the reading public and the news of three weeks is awaiting reporting.

Dutifully but reluctantly this squadron moved barracks bags, blankets, typewriters and other G. I. and personnel equipment to new quarters—quarters which, by the way, the squadron had when it first arrived on the base. Though an underground movement was started to transport the lawn too, no action developed. But almost every day now you can see dirt being unloaded in front of the new orderly room in the hope of eventually surrounding it with at least a weed patch. Could the saying "They shall make the desert blossom and bloom like a rose" be prophetic of these soldiers?

Contrary to first impression the activity taking place on the bit of ex-desert not far from the squadron area is not murder. It is nothing more than friendly games of soccer. The fact that M-Sgt. Joe Gutteridge went down for the count and Cpl. John Latuga is not participating because of a skinned shin is no indication that the morning melee is unfriendly. Not murder, friends, but manslaughter!

Casual jottings on the scratch pad: Sgt. Merton Parmenter has obtained the promise of the girl back home to remain true . . . Many fellows who said they wouldn't get ratings are sporting stripes . . . PFC Bill "Calisthenics Kid" Baccash set a squadron record for situps—125 . . . His statement: "Naw, I'm not tired" . . . 1st Sgt. Ed Walsh is taking a well-deserved furlough in Brooklyn and its environment . . . Someone ought to pass the word along to the management of the T & P that the national 35 mph speed limit does not apply to the railroads . . . It is hoped that the arrival of M-Sgt. Joe Bane and M-Sgt. Horace Cooper has not shattered the dreams of any private who has been hoping for a quick transition to an armful of stripes.

San Quentin, Cal. (CNS)—Because prisoners raised \$100,297 in war bonds they will name a bomber. Favorite now, is "Bad Check"—which always returns.



## Mixed Choir Practices Yuletide Program

### The Civvies

We have had some changes. Lt. Jacobs has been transferred, and we were indeed sorry to have him leave us. He bequeathed "Little Jake", the turtle, to the office designating Floryne as the one to take care of him. Now to our new officer, Lt. Murphy, a great big hello. Hope you are happy with us and don't find us too hard to get to work.

Glad you are back with us, Mrs. Newsom, we really did miss you. Better not get sick any more.

Maureen's sister, Jean, from San Angelo, visited her over the week end. Heard they had quite a lovely evening . . .!;@!"

Happy working at Civilian personnel, Goldie Pilcher, from San Angelo.

Sadie is shopping for Christmas presents at the PX jewelry department. Now I wonder who is going to be lucky.

Rosie Hermiston left us the first to go to work at Sub-Depot Headquarters. We will miss her.

Why is it that three single young ladies had to go to Monahans Thursday night all by their lonesomes and come home all by their lonesomes?

Betty Langley's "Heart Beat" was transferred to Alexandria, La. and she is definitely singing the blues.

Evelyn has her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wallace, from North Carolina, visiting her.

Skip said that he got his fever blister in Wink, Texas. What does that mean?

For the first time in history Floryne and Olivia came to work Monday morning and did not ask each other what happened Saturday night. I'm still trying to find out what they did.

Why does Maureen go around

### Chapel Group Sings 'Gloria In Excelsis' From Mendelssohn

The Chapel Chorus under the direction of Chaplain Edwin W. Norton is rehearsing a Christmas Cantata, "Gloria in Excelsis", which will be presented the Sunday night before Christmas, December 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cantata is built upon familiar melodies by Mendelssohn, and the Chorus has been rehearsing it for the past five weeks, making good progress in the work. All personnel of the Base, both military and civilian, are invited to be present for the presentation of this musical program.

The Chorus has been invited to present the Cantata at the Presbyterian Church in Barstow on the evening of December 23, and at the Presbyterian Church in Monahans on the evening of December 26.

Present in the picture: First Row, left to right: Cpl. Marguerite C. Erekson, Sgt. Dora B. Frye, PFC Jean Y. Morrison, Mrs. Henrietta Stein, Mrs. Betty Norton, Mrs. C. E. Wattenbarger, Mrs. Buddy Graves, and Mrs. Frieda Kleppe.

Second Row: Mrs. Arthur Z. Mann, Mrs. G. W. Hicks, 2nd Lt. Grace L. Burseson, PFC Mabel C. Bledsoe, 2nd Lt. Edith Haslam, and Cpl. Doris E. Ferrell.

Third Row: Sgt. Ernest R. Hansen, Sgt. Norman Tache, PFC Albert W. B. Ripley, PFC Warren E. Coxvold, T-Sgt. Carl E. Spring, T-Sgt. Henry E. Vierow, T-3 Glen Bumgarner and PFC Fred H. Fox.

Fourth Row: Cpl. John Shurcliffe, S-Sgt. William E. Bryant, Alan Graves, Cpl. Clyde W. Hecox, Cpl. Glen Booth, 2nd Lt. Eu-

gene W. Nelson. Fifth Row: Pvt. William W. Mohr, C. E. Wattenbarger, V. E. Carter, G. W. Hicks. Singers not in picture: PFC Althea B. Wagner, Cpl. Dorothy Orber, Cpl. Theora French, Mrs. R. H. Huffman, Mrs. Bill Gatlin, Mrs. James Atcheson Mrs. Mabel New Homes, PFC Vera Hrevus, Miss Dorothy G. Robb. At the piano: PFC Lowell S. Barnes.

### 323 Workers Get Civilian Service Awards Today

At ceremonies today at noon at the Sub-Depot Hangar, 323 civilian war workers of Rattlesnake Bomber Base were scheduled to be presented with Emblems for Civilian Service.

Col. Louie P. Turner, station commandant, is to make the presentation speech, with Major David R. Visel, Sub-Depot commander, as master of ceremonies. Speech of acceptance on behalf of the employes will be made by Mr. J. O. Donaldson, chief clerk of Sub-Depot Supply.

Ribbons will be given to 198 Army Air Forces civilian employes, and 125 of the Air Service Command. Token presentations were made to a representative of each of the six departments with civilian workers: Ralph W. Walker, Post Engineers; Mr. Donaldson, Sub-Depot; Miss Dorothy J. King, Headquarters; Mrs. Sally J. Smith, Finance; Charles E. Lowery, Quartermaster, and Miss Katheryn R. Whitefield, Medics.

New York (CNS)—Fan Dancer Sally Rand has announced that she's going overseas soon to dance for the troops in North Africa without her fans—fully clothed. "Never, never," said Sally, "would I fan-dance under military jurisdiction."

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## Experience With Shadow-Box Proves Community Workshop Idea's Clicking From Odd Boards, Most Anything

Attracted by loud and unpleasant noises circulating in the Rattler Office, one Sgt. Peter P. Urban—known locally as "Clean-Jeep Pete"—trusted his smile-draped head in the door:

"What's all the gum-beating about?"

"No shadow-box" came the moan.

"What's that?"

"A box contraption with a light inside and a glass top for putting on pictures to see through to mark instructions on the back for the engravers to make cuts for the newspaper" was the rather incoherent reply. "We've been trying to get one for months."

In a couple of hours back comes Pete with as tricky a shadow-box as ever got mailed from Sears-Roebuck. Such expedition needs looking into, it was thought.

What Pete showed us was a busy and growing workshop, where three former carpenters and one U. S. Forest Service ex-employee (how did he get in here?) make as great a variety of things as Santa Claus' famed factory. Cabinets, card files, desks, desk-baskets, supply closets, coat and hat racks, and what you were in the mill.

Community Carpenter Shop they call it, under the supervision of Lt. Charles H. Blankenship. It is a handy outfit in the setup headed by Major Fred W. Schulenberg, director of maintenance and supply. Get an order okayed, large or small, and it is a ten-to-one bet the boys can handle it. They don't need fancy blueprints, either.

At present, the circular and band saws, joiner, lathe and workbench handle a variety of jobs limited only by the carpenters' generous ingenuity. Soon, they will be equipped to handle even more work. A goodly share of repair work and sign painting also is handled here.

Sgt. Urban of Fall River, Mass., formerly an aviation magneto assembler, is non-commissioned coordinator between the shop, S-4 and offices ordering work, in addition to his duties as Base Housing NCO.

Foreman of the shop is Pvt. Herbert L. Pierce of Kansas City, Mo. Other carpenters are Cpl. Joseph B. Walker of Adel, Ga., Cpl. Valentine N. Bender (he's the forester) of Yakima, Wash. and Pvt. James A. McCauley of Louisville, Ky.

work fast and efficiently. They'll learn perfect balance and control, something you need as a fighter, airplane pilot or dancer. That's one reason we are glad to go on the tour and pass along the tips we know."

## Boxing Brothers Baer On Tour Of 2AF Bases

2AF HQ, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Sergeants Max and Buddy Baer, the famous brother boxing team, are touring bases of the Second Army Air Force, with the date of their arrival at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base as yet unannounced.

They began their tour at Colorado Springs headquarters November 26, going on to Peterson Field Nov. 27. The Baer brothers covered the 58th Wing bases Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, 2, the 21st Wing bases Dec. 3 through Dec. 8, and the 15th Wing bases, probably Dec. 9 through Dec. 16. Dates for the other wings are still in the planning stage, but the exhibition tour is expected to be completed by January. Lt. Edward Grosz, Special Service Officer, is in charge.

The brothers go through a program of physical training as well as put on a boxing exhibition, providing entertainment as well as instruction to enlisted men.

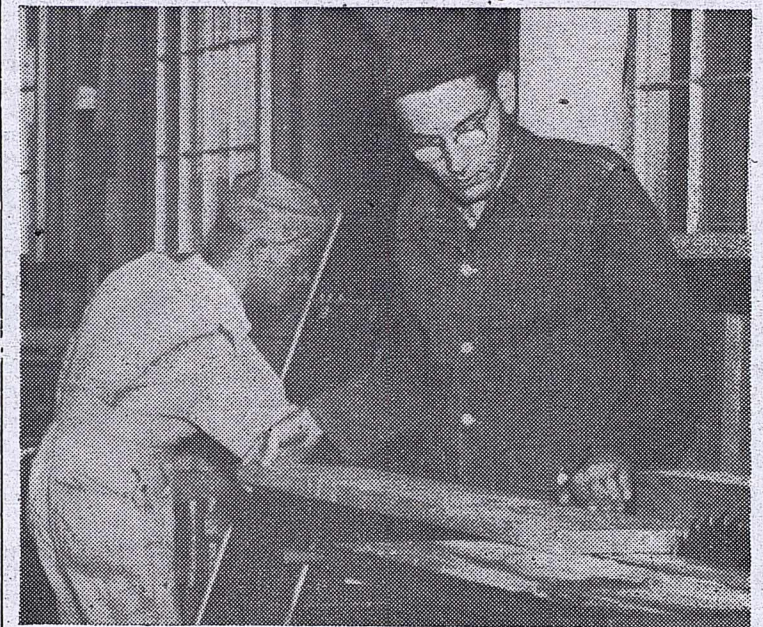
Max Baer is the better known of the two. He was heavyweight champion of the world from 1934 to 1935, losing his crown to James J. Braddock. Max began his pro boxing career in 1929, while his brother, Buddy, has had some 10 years ring experience. Both men are married and have children. They enlisted in the Army Air Forces Dec. 15, 1942, and were stationed at McClelland Field.

Max weighs about 200 pounds. Buddy, six years younger, weighs 225. Both are big enough to require special uniforms. In some barracks special bunks are prepared for them.

As training instructors, the brothers have assisted the Army Air Forces physical education and morals program.

"Too much probably has already been said about the physical training relationship with war," said Sgt. Max Baer. "but Buddy and I have our own ideas."

"Experience in the boxing ring will teach our men to dodge the enemy, think clearly and



This American ingenuity we hear so much about winning the war is strongly reflected in this unpretentious workshop back of the Base Library. In the top picture, Sgt. Urban explains a new work order to Cpl. Bender, standing in center before the stained hat and coat rack for Base Headquarters, and to Pvt. McCauley, who does things with a joiner (the machine in the foreground). In the lower photo, Cpl. Walker works on the circular saw, while Pvt. Pierce paints up a status board.

BROOKLYN (CNS)—Posing as a lieutenant in the British WRENS Medical Corps, Isabelle Rose, 17, of Brooklyn hoodwinked several high ranking American Army medical officers before she was arrested here recently.

Seized as an impostor by the FBI, the girl said she had been making the rounds of USO centers and service clubs, telling an adventurous tale of harrowing days spent at sea. She concentrated on medical officers, she said, and many of them entertained her in hot spots.

OTTAWA (CNS)—A pink pill that will prevent or cure seasickness and airsickness has been developed by the Royal Canadian Navy.

In order to test the capsules the Canadians built a roller seasaw with a large rocker which threw a seated sailor up and down while another apparatus tossed him from side to side. He was then given a pink pill to make him feel better.

The pill worked. Now it will be made available to seaborne and airborne troops.



**MEET YOUR BUDDIES:****Months Of Work Produce Relief Map Of Italy****Follow The News As Allies Drive Slowly To Rome**

Cpl. Martin E. Harris once worked in a paper mill, and T-Sgt. Howard A. Heusser wanted a relief map of a war theater for combat intelligence. That's how it all started.

Several months ago, the two 19th Group non-coms chose Kiska as their subject, but before they got well started the Japs had been driven out. As the Italian theater got hot and the battle settled down to a long, hard struggle, Cpl. Harris and T-Sgt. Heusser decided to show why the going was so rough there.

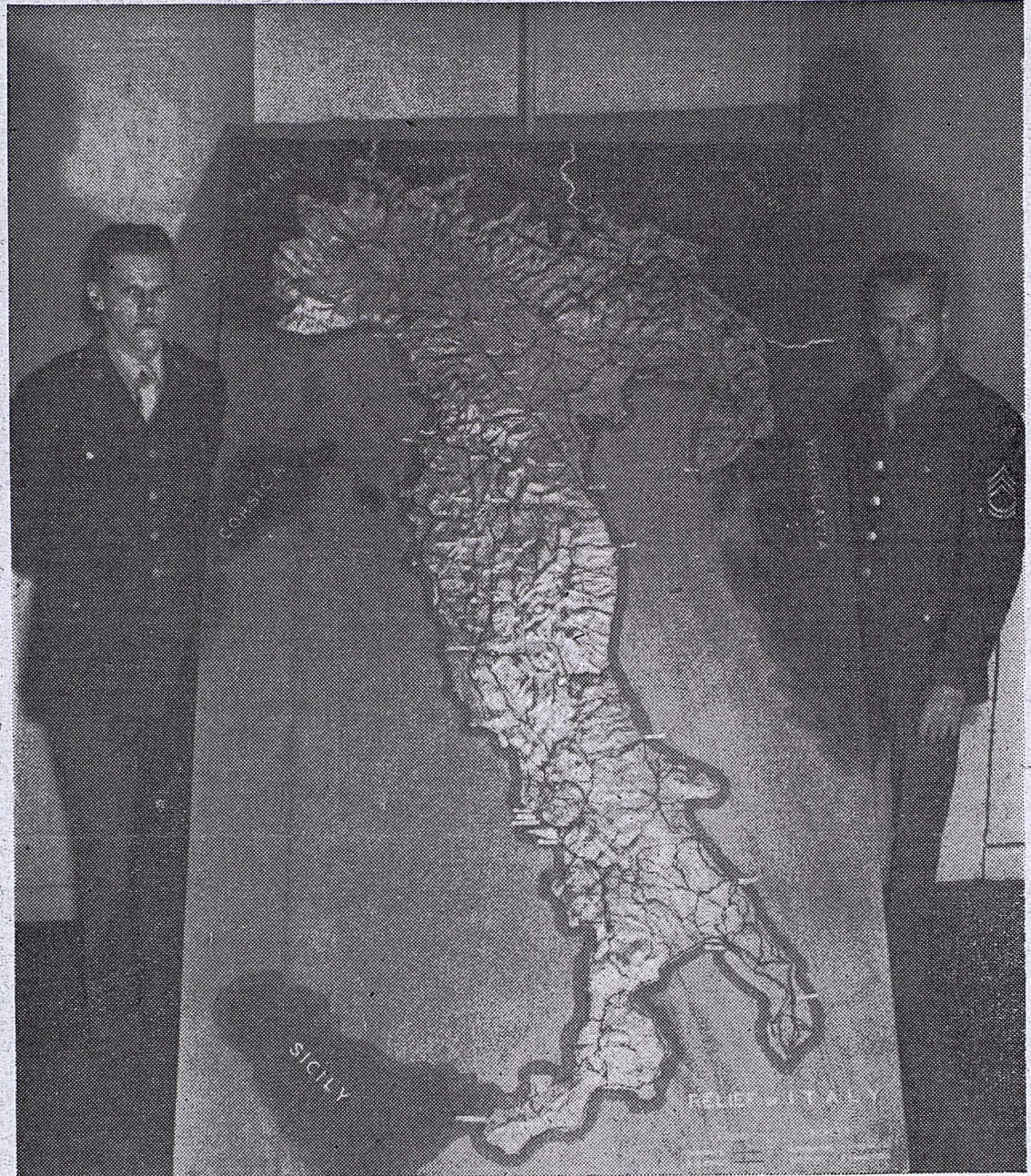
Using a contour map showing Italy's rugged spine, the men started work a couple of months ago, at first using guess work on height of hills and depth of valleys. They decided, however, that by building the relief map up on nails driven just the right depth into the base—one inch sticking up for 5,800 feet—and letting one horizontal inch equal 7.89 miles, they could give an accurate presentation.

Cpl. Harris was an old hand at using paper pulp—which he obtained by wetting tissue paper, not excluding the latrine variety, and beating it into pulp. Compressing and drying the fibrous material he then was able to mold it on the nails driven into the insulation-board base.

Painting in highways, railways, lakes, rivers, towns and labeling passes, peaks and other landmarks, he developed an ideal map for following the Allies' progress in Italy, and one that explains graphically the difficulties there encountered. The not-quite-complete map stands five feet wide and eight feet tall.

The map-makers are thinking of one on Japan, and possibly others, depending on the interest taken in the job just completed.

Sgt. Heusser was among the first American soldiers to touch Australian soil with the 7th Bomb Group in December 1941. When the 19th Bomb Group evacuated the Philippines and later Java and set up for business in Australia, his outfit was consolidated with that group. He was an operations clerk while in Java a month, and returned to Australia for a year's service in combat intelligence. He



came to Pyote in January, 1943.

A potato farmer from Preston, Idaho, Heusser enlisted Nov. 14, 1940, and completed the courses at Intelligence School, Salt Lake City.

Cpl. Harris, also of 19th Group combat intelligence, was inducted Nov. 7, 1942, at which time he was a cost and payroll accountant for a construction company in New York City; his home is Utica, N. Y.

When the map is fully complete, it will be hung conveniently for following the Italian campaign. Take a look at it; all roads may lead to Rome, but they are rough ones.

**ROCK SPRINGS, WYO. (CNS)—A group of men here bought a herd of buffalo from a nearby rancher. Buffalo meat is ration free.**

**Farewell Breakfast Speeds Col. Winburn To New Assignment**

Lt. Colonel Temple F. Winburn, former Director of Station Services at the Base, has left the sunny and sandy precincts of Pyote for a new and important assignment.

Prior to his departure last week, Col. Winburn was guest of honor at a "farewell" breakfast held in the Officers Club. During his stay at Pyote Col. Winburn made many friends and carries with him their well wishes for success in his new job. Before the reorganization program was put in effect here, Col. Winburn was Executive Officer of the 19th Bombardment Group.

Salt Lake City (CNS) — The police here will have to find some new way of detecting drunken drivers. Their drunkometer — a balloon into which the suspect used to blow his alcohol infested breath — has worn out and the cops can't replace it due to rubber rationing.

**STRICT CURFEW HOURS ARE ANNOUNCED HERE**

Effective December 7, curfew hours will be 2330 all nights except Saturdays, the latter set at 0200. Any enlisted man returning to the Base later than 0120 all mornings except Sunday morning, the latter 0300, will have his pass picked up and be reported to his organization's commanding officer.



## EDITORIAL:

## Day Of Infamy

United States fighting men here and at the battlefronts generally must agree with President Roosevelt and the War Department that December 7 should live in American memory only as a day of infamy. It was for that reason that the President vetoed a bill that would have rendered the day one of tribute to our armed forces, and that the Army will pay no respects to the anniversary.

America's armed forces will create their own day for tribute—the day they succeed in complete victory over this Nation's foes. Current conferences of the major United Nations' leaders and resulting action will render that day of victory one for aggressor-minded powers to heed for generations. History has never seen such celebration as V Day in this global struggle shall bring, and that fittingly may be reserved as the anniversary of tribute to those now carrying the offensive to the enemy.

But Pearl Harbor Day will be remembered. And its memory will carry unforgettable lessons which will become a permanent force in this Nation's dealings with other peoples. Among those lessons:

1. Appeasement stimulates rather than discourages aggression. Tendencies toward aggression on the part of any other nation must be met with force before they may gain momentum.

2. Freedom, in whole and all its phases, can be maintained only by constant vigilance; enduring peace is not a static condition but a positive program which must be continuously and vigorously pursued.

3. So long as force exists as a means of settling differences between nations, the United States must maintain military power adequate for any feasible contingency.

America is not alone with its December 7. Japan, Italy and Germany struck without warning at nation after nation in Asia and Europe, struck ruthlessly with the smirk of peace promises still on their totalitarian masks. Thus it is that the United States must join with all other decent nations so violated to establish a secure and just world order.

America's fighting men do not want "Pearl Harbor Day" disguised in any form of anniversary meriting celebration. They prefer to observe the day as one to be avenged—and to be irrevocably determined that it be one which will never happen again.

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### THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

## Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

"Come near and you shall learn the faithful American lesson. Liberty is poorly served by men whose good intent is quelled from one failure or two failures or any number of failures, or from the casual indifference or ingratitude of the people or from the sharp show of the tushes of power, or the bringing to bear soldiers and cannon or any penal statutes.

"Liberty relies upon itself, invites no one, promises nothing, sits in calmness and light, is positive and composed, and knows no discouragement.

"The battle rages with many a loud alarm and frequent advance and retreat—the enemy triumphs—the prison, the handcuffs, the iron necklaces and anklets, the scaffold, and leachballs do their work . . . the cause is asleep . . . the strong throats are choked in their own blood, the young men drop their eyelashes toward the ground when they pass each other . . . and is liberty gone out of that place? No, never.

"When liberty goes it is not the first to go nor the second nor third to go . . . it is the last. When the memory of old martyrs are faded utterly away . . . when the large names of patriots are laughed at . . . when the boys are no longer christened after them but christened after tyrants and traitors instead . . . when the laws of the free press are grudgingly permitted and laws for informers and

spies are sweet to the taste of the people . . . when you and I walk abroad upon the earth stung with compassion at the sight of numberless brothers answering our equal friendship and calling no man master, and when we are elated with noble joy at the sight of slaves . . . when the soul has ecstasy over the word and deed that put back a helpless innocent person into any cruel inferiority . . . when the swarms of cringers, suckers, doughfaces, lice of politics, planners of sly involution for their own preferment obtain a response of love and deference from the people . . . when it is better to be a bound booby and a rogue in office at a high salary than the poorest free mechanic or farmer with his hat unmoved from his head and firm eyes and generous heart . . . and when servility and oppression on a large scale or a small scale can be tried on without its punishment following duly after . . . or rather when all life and souls of men and women are discharged from any part of the earth—then only shall the instinct of liberty be discharged from that part of the earths."

—WALT WHITMAN

### ROMMEL'S COUSIN JOINS WAC

PITTSBURGH (CNS)—Ruth A. Hirtz, cousin of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, has joined the W-AC.



# THE CHAPLAIN SAYS -



A habit can be your most precious possession or your most dangerous possession. If it's a good habit, it can save your life. If it's a bad habit, it can put the government to the trouble of bringing you home in a box. So it's mighty important that the habits you form now be the kind that will pay off in terms of living to come home.

Take the habit of hitting the ground, for example. The ground is almost always hard, except when it's muddy. It's always dirty. If you hit it hard and fast, it hurts. So it's very easy to form the habit of hesitating to pick the softest spot or the cleanest spot to hit. And later on when the chips are down, that habit will take its toll; that instant of hesitation has become deeply embedded in your "reaction groove", and that instant will be all a Jap or German needs to steady his sights.

Many a man has thought that when he gets to the real thing, he will do it the right way—the hard way. That man's family receives a telegram from the Adjutant General's Office; "We regret to inform . . .". Habits are like that. Once you form one, it rules you, whether you like it or not.

A good habit hangs on just as tenaciously as a bad one. And the good one pays off in a happy ending.

What sort of religious habits are you forming now? Whether they are good or bad, they will stick with you when religious habits are most important. If you are forming bad ones: Aloof indifference to prayer, sketchy attention to prayer, foul language, carelessness in matters of sex, never taking inventory of your standing with God; these are the habits that will rule you when you are under fire.

If you are forming good religious habits. Faithful attention to Church, careful attention to your daily prayer, manly disgust for all things filthy in thought, word and action, a sensible stock-taking of your spiritual life, these habits will be the order of the day when the time comes to face death with every breath you draw.

Don't stick your head in the sand. The habits you form today will not automatically disappear when the blue chips are on the table. Whether they be habits of physical behavior or spiritual behavior, they will stick. Good physical habits can save your life.

## PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—0900, Aviation Squadron Service; 0900, 19th Group Service, 1030, 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—1830, daily except Thursday.

Communion—1700 daily.

Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1430, in Red Cross auditorium.

Evening Devotions — Tuesday, 1930, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.

Study Club—Monday, 1930.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Thursday—2000, Base Chapel Services, Mrs. Mabel New Homes.

## JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—1900, Base Chapel.

# G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. Striking coal miners, under command of John L. Lewis, recently refused to return to work at the request of President Roosevelt so the Government took over the mines. Similar action was taken by the Government during the first wartime coal strike last—  
A—May ( ) B—June ( )

2. An American Government official who recently visited Russia to discuss production problems with Soviet leaders and who was kissed by the chief of that country's purchasing commission to the United States was—  
A—Donald Nelson ( )  
B—Cordell Hull ( )

3. Women pilots employed in a civil service capacity by the Army Air Forces and called WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) have sisters under the skin in the—  
A—Coast Guard ( ) B—Navy ( )

Answers: 1-B; 2-A; 3-B.

TACOMA, WASH. (CNS)—Pvt. Tom Monocella, stationed near here, wants his parents to send him a washboard for Christmas.

Good spiritual habits can save your soul. It's your funeral. Look to it.

—Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon



Q. I'm a paratrooper and I've been ill and hospitalized a month. Am I entitled to my additional parachute duty pay during this period?

A. If your illness was contracted in line of duty or brought about through injuries received in a parachute jump or training accident you are entitled to additional pay for a period not to exceed three months.

Q. Who is eligible to wear the expert infantryman badge?

A. This badge is awarded to infantrymen, including officers, who have attained the standards of proficiency established by the War Department for infantrymen or have exhibited a satisfactory performance of duty against the enemy. The combat infantryman badge, a higher award, is made for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy.

Q. How do Army Specialized Training Students submit their applications for Officer Candidate School?

A. ASTP trainees may apply for OCS during their training period. Their applications will not be processed nor will the applicant appear before a board of officers while he is assigned to a training unit. Upon his separation from the unit, the application and recommendations will be forwarded to

# Hearts & Throbs

'Miss' Sheila Maplebottom

Dear Miss S. M.;

I have been going out with a girl for a few months, and I did not tell her that I am engaged to be married. I am very fond of this girl and I would not want to hurt her. The girl that I am engaged to is coming to visit me next month, and I find that I haven't the courage to tell either one of the girls the truth. What should I do?

Anxious.

Dear Anxious;

I think that both of these girls would be very fortunate if you would forget about both of them. After all, most girls that you meet on the Base realize that most everyone has someone home that they care for. You should have never allowed yourself to put any girl in the position that you have put the girl that is coming to visit you.

Dear Miss S. M.;

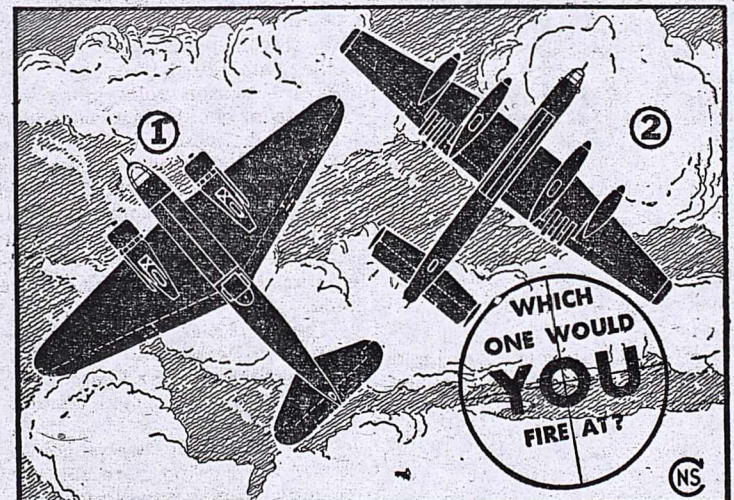
Several months ago I met a young lady at one of our G. I. dances. We spent most of the evening together and had a very pleasant time. Towards the end of the evening she left and said that she was going to buy a coke. So far she has not come back. What shall I do?

E. X.

Dear E. X.;

Go out and get your own coke; perhaps the line was too long. You still may meet her there.

the new unit to which he has been assigned. That's where it will be processed.



FIRE AT NO. 1! It's the Japanese Mitsubishi 98, a mid-wing heavy bomber, powered by two radial engines. The trailing edges of the thick wings sweep forward sharply to rounded tips. The nose of the rectangular fuselage extends well ahead of the engine nacelles. Leading edge of the tailplane is swept back to rounded tips and it has twin fins and rudders.

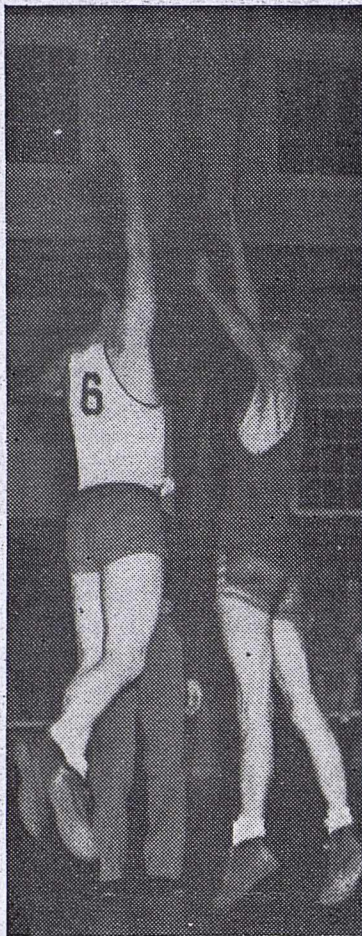
Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co.,

NOT AT NO. 2! It's the British "Halifax," a mid-wing four engine heavy bomber. The center sections of the wings are rectangular and the outer panels taper equally to square tips. The nose of the slab-sided fuselage extends well forward to the underslung engine nacelles. The tailplane is swept back slightly on the leading edge and it has twin fins and rudders.

Aircraft Spotter by Lester Ott.



Opens Season



Lawrence of Pyote and Gartman of Pecos strain upward in the opening jump of the first game of last week's double bill to begin a promising cage season here.

Ping-Pong Tilts Open Next Week

Celluloid cannoneers will come into their own at the Base Recreation Hall next Monday and Tuesday nights (Dec. 13 and 14), when a ping-pong tournament, sponsored by Special Service, gets underway.

Competition is open for singles only and both officers and enlisted men are eligible. Entries must be made no later than Sunday. Entry charts are available at the Rec Hall and Service Club.

First prize will net five dollars and second place, three dollars.

MAJOR WINS A BET

CAMP GORDON JOHNSON, FLA. (CNS)—Maj. Walter L. Oswalt bet \$5 he could hike 25 miles in six hours, which is two hours faster than the time prescribed for infantrymen. The major made good with 13 minutes to spare.

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A  
B  
SPORTS

19th Groupers Stage Comeback After Dropping Opener To Pecos

After dropping the opening tilt to Pecos last Wednesday night, 39-28, the Pyote basketball team bounced back Saturday night to score an impressive 47-33 win over Pecos in the first home game played at Base Rec Hall before a large, noisy crowd.

Holding the lead during the entire game, Pyote showed good ball handling and fine work under the basket in scoring this triumph. If hustle will win ball games the Pyote five, under the coaching eye of Lt. Harold Glucksman, will cop more than its share of victories during the coming court campaign.

Jumping into a 13-10 lead at the end of the first quarter, the 19th Groupers nursed their margin none too carefully and at half time, Pecos had whittled it to a two-point difference, 23-21.

With the opening of the second half, the Pyote team rolled along the hardwood prairie with grace and ease and soon piled up a comfortable margin and coasted to victory.

High scorer for Pyote was W. O. Kleppe who roamed the court like a gazelle, winding up the evening with eleven points on five baskets and one foul shot. Harcourt and Stage netted eight points each to trail in the scoring race.

Gartman set the pace for Pecos with eleven points but the rest of the team failed him.

As the season rolls along the Pyote team should take on added polish and finesse.

The opening game at Pecos was a story of too many shots heaved up which failed to come down in the hoop plus the appearance of a six-foot Pecos player who controlled the ball during the entire game.

They call him "Big Boy" Kilman at Pecos and when the evening was over, Pyote was willing to admit it had enough of Kilman.

Besides tallying twelve points to set the scoring pace for the evening, Kilman gave Pecos control of the ball under the basket and knocked down many a potential Pyote score.

Pecos took the lead early in this game and was never headed. Harcourt with nine markers led the 19th Groupers in scoring honors while Bundy and McPartland with seven and six respectively trailed him.

The next home game will be

played on December 18 at the Base Rec Hall when the Odessa High School quintet will meet Glucksman's charges. This Friday night the team travels to Marfa for a tilt with the Base team.

PLAYERS

PYOTE

	G	F	Pt
Harcourt, f	2	5	9
Stage	1	0	2
Bundy, f	3	1	7
Kleppe	1	0	2
Lawrence, c	0	0	0
Hogan	1	0	2
McPartland, g	2	2	6
Friedman	0	0	0
Sullivan, g	0	0	0
White	0	0	0
Pitts	0	0	0
	10	8	28

PECOS

	G	F	Pt
Leverette, f	2	1	5
Stallings	1	0	2
Haller, f	1	0	2
Wilkins	0	2	2
Stanford, c	0	0	0
Kilman	6	0	12
Oakland, g	3	0	6
Halbrook	2	0	4
Gartman, g	2	0	4
Sanders	1	0	2
Barko	0	0	0
	18	3	39

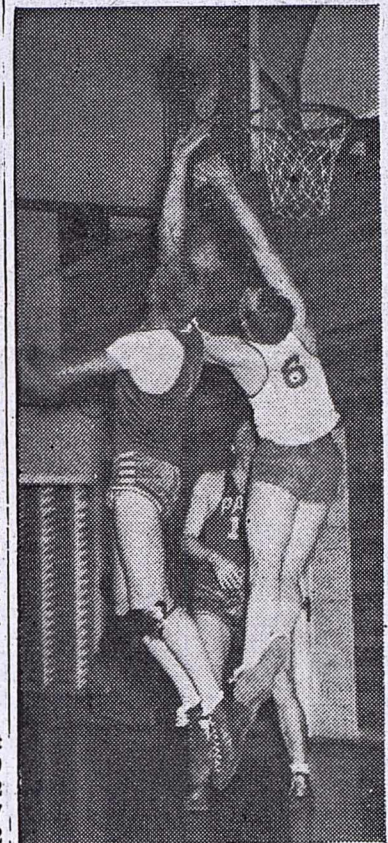
PYOTE

	G	F	Pt
Bundy, f	2	1	5
Joyce	1	0	2
Harcourt, f	4	0	8
Edge	0	0	0
Hogan, c	3	1	7
Kleppe	5	1	11
Stage, g	4	0	8
Emmert	0	0	0
Sullivan, g	0	0	0
McPartland	3	0	6
	22	3	47

PECOS

	G	F	Pt
Haller, f	0	0	0
Beaver	3	0	6
Leverette, f	0	0	0
Baum,	2	0	4
Holbrook, c	3	0	6
Gartman, g	4	3	11
Oakland, g	3	0	6
	15	3	33

Marksman



A lengthy reason Pecos took the opener, Kilman stretches another into the basket. Lawrence made a good try to stop this one, but the towering blond had the reach.

Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Duke University's football team lost 23 of its top varsity players to more advanced training centers in the middle of the gridiron season.

Pam Barton, twice woman's golf champion of Great Britain and once winner of the U. S. woman's title, was killed recently when a plane in which she was a passenger crashed in Kent. She was a Women's Auxiliary Air Force flight officer.

At the outset of the National Professional Football League season the mighty Chicago Bears lost three stars to the services, Artoe Kohlman, and Stydaner. Since then they have lost seven more, Nowaskey, Siegel, Gallerneay, Maznicki, Indian Bill Geyer, Bob Steuber and Bill Osmanski. Despite these losses the Bears still lead the league.

Rex Mays, twice winner of the famed Indianapolis auto speed race, has taken to the air. He is now Lt. Mays of the Air Transport Command.



## Four Fast Bouts Good Show, But Longer Card Is General Demand

What there was of it was okay but there wasn't enough to Thursday night's fight card in the opinion of the majority of the packed house on hand for the slugging festivities.

Four fast bouts made up the card and when you have two of four fights ending in knockouts, the crowd goes home with the feeling that there should have been more.

The next boxing card is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, provided enough boxers turn up to warrant a card. Special Service is issuing an appeal for all interested in participating in these boxing shows to turn their names into the Rec Hall between now and Wednesday. Winners of each fight net themselves two dollars and the loser draws one. Where else can you earn two bucks for six minutes of work?

If enough interest is shown, this Base will enter a team in the Fort Worth Golden Gloves championship bouts to be held during February. However, we can't have a team without boxers and if boxers don't train and fight before they enter the G. G. field, it will be a sad night for them.

Top bout of the abbreviated card was the finale when Luther Dodson and Jimmie Adams mauled and pawed each other for three rounds with the verdict going to Dodson. Making excellent use of a snappy left hand which soon turned Adams' right cheek the color of a P. X. hamburger, Dodson forced the fighting during the first round.

In the second stanza, Adams came back with a brief flurry of blows, some of which found the mark while others caused the referee to dance and squirm.

Dodson weathered this storm and kept pecking away at his opponent's right cheek and had the situation well in hand at the bell.

During the final session, Adams looped home a couple of rights but the sting was gone and Dodson shook them off.

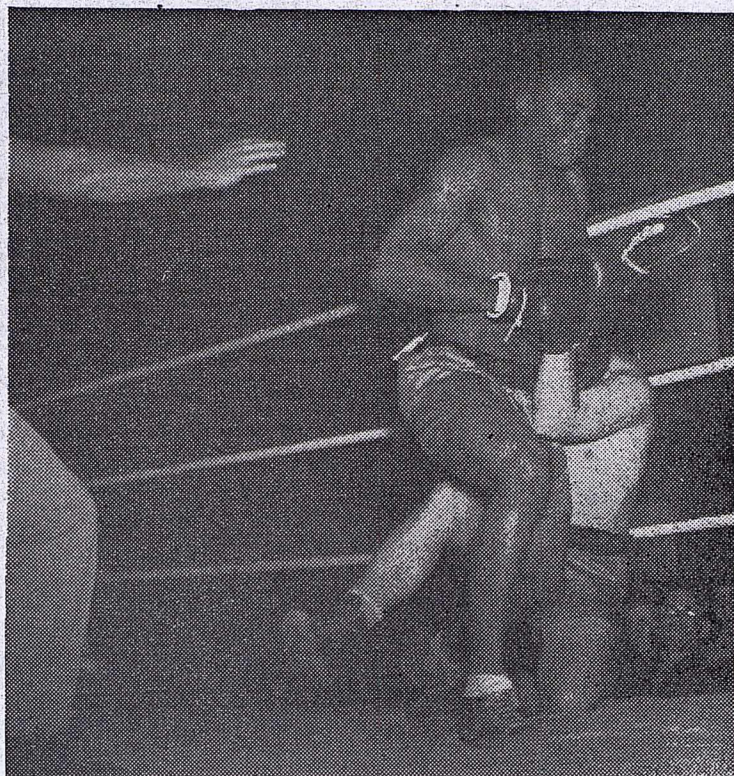
The semi-final between Sgt. Lamar Smith and Pvt. Richard Smith ended in a tko at the two minute mark of the second round when Lamar hit the canvas for the fifth time and wasn't able to make it up again without the friendly aid of the third man in the ring. Lamar was a game boy and carried the fight to his fellow Smith but the latter managed to beat him to the punch when they really counted.

Richard Smith carried a ten pound weight advantage and it might be added used same to good advantage.

Opening bout on the card saw Tommy Free and George Brown match dirty looks and blows with Free copping the unanimous decision. In the opening round Brown sent Free reeling into the ropes with one wild attack after another but the blows swung and missed were the ones that added up.

During the second round the boys waltzed with elegance and grace while "The Big Ship" cajoled and begged the lads to get in and swing. They did in the

## TKO Ends This Semi-Final



Sgt. Lamar Smith takes a fall as Pvt. Richard Smith tries to recover balance after throwing the downing blow. Lamar lost this one in the second round

after going down for the fifth time. The winner had used a ten pound weight advantage to good effect.

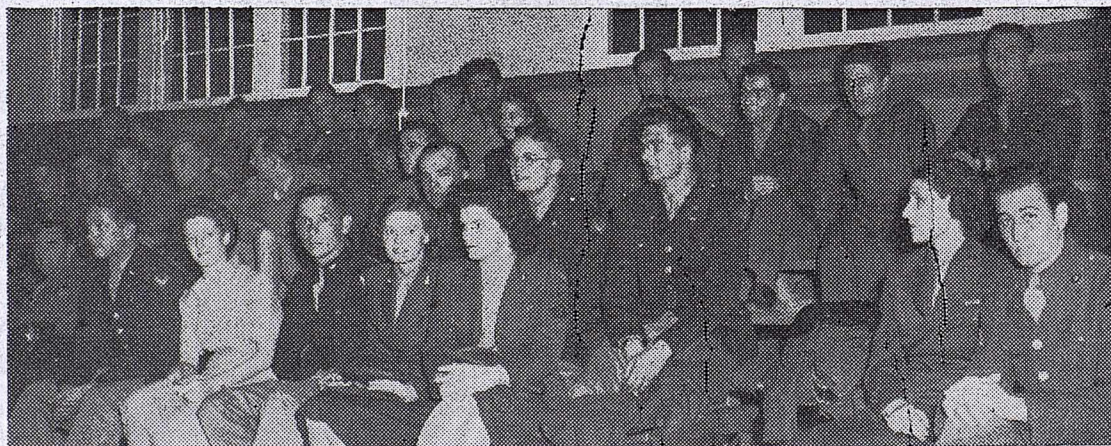
final round with Free uncorking a barrage of rights and lefts which had Brown's knees buckling.

Isiah Robinson took the second bout of the card when Ben Hughes folded after one minute and ten seconds of the second round. Robinson not only out-punched his foe but outmugged

him. Hollywood will be missing a good bet if they don't make this dusky warrior an offer after the war.

After loafing through the first round, Robinson pounced a few rights off Hughes' jaw and the latter decided he had enough. His wind was gone and his second tossed in the towel to stop the fight. The next day Hughes said he'd like another chance and he promises to do better.

## Rattlesnake Rooters Turn Out For Opener



Above group of rooters from the Rattlesnake Bomber Base trooped to Pecos to give the Pyote cage five a supporting

hand. Though disappointed at dropping the Wednesday opener, those who followed the team

into the home gym for the return match were rewarded by comeback victory.

### DESERTER CHARGED WITH MARRYING 9 WIVES

ARKON, O. (CNS)—Kenneth Jordan, 22, an Army deserter, was arrested here on a charge of marrying nine women in the last two years. He will be turned over to Army authorities.

Jordan said that three of his wives were from Cleveland, two from Rochester, N. Y., two from Arkon, O., and one each from Detroit and Midland, Pa. "They were going to play me for a sucker," he announced. "But I beat 'em to the punch."

### WAC IN SECOND WAR

FT. OGLETHORPE, GA. (CNS)—Lt. Grace Auer of Detroit, stationed at the Third WAC Training Center here, is a veteran of two wars. A native of England, she served with the British Women's Army Auxilliary in World War I.



## Beautiful Texas Gets Raspberry By Homesick GIs

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rattler has received numerous poems and letters from soldiers stationed here—some printable, most not—that are far from complimentary of Texas. A few samples are published below. WATCH NEXT WEEK'S RATTLER FOR A TEXAN'S REBUTTAL. The Rattler may be getting into hot water, but the editor, desperately remembering the Alamo, is prepared to tread a path long since abandoned by the fearful angels.)

Printable excerpts from a poem by PFC John Gilhooly, 30th Bomb Squadron:

Down in the State of Texas,  
Where the sun is always hot,  
There is a base called Pyote,  
It's the base that God forgot.

We're down with the lizards and snakes,  
Right in the Devil's own creation.

Boy, did we get the lousy breaks,  
When we left civilization?

When this great war is over  
And the victory song is sung,  
If I ever come back to Texas,  
Then I'll deserve to be hung!

And a letter; in part:

Rattler Editor: Where do they get off, singing this song about "Beautiful Texas". Beautiful Texas, phooey. Brooklyn's back yard looks better than the parts of this scenic wonderland I've looked at . . .

Dear Editor;

I've been stationed at this Air Base for more than six months, and believe me they can give Texas back to the Indians.

I always thought Texas was supposed to be beautiful country but after taking a gander at this place I've changed my mind.

Some people back home speak of wonderful valleys and citrus groves in Texas, the modernistic towns and public buildings, but I haven't seen anything even faintly resembling grass. And if I'd see a tree I'd probably keel over from shock.

Yes sir, they can give Texas back to the Texans, but send me to the good old East, where they have subways and running car lines, not Texas cattle cars. Give me the night spots with the neon lights, and not just the Texas prairie, give me hell, but please don't give me Texas.

Yours truly,  
A Yankee.

## Name It And It's Yours



Write (don't call) the name of this pretty little swimmer to The Rattler Office, along with your organization address, and if your letter is the first to hit the editor's desk the pin-up is yours. Lt. Edward H. Pykosz, unit personnel officer, and Mr. Albert J. DeBor, WO (jg), administrative officer, were in a photo finish for last week's prize, Miss Una Merkel. Although he is a married man, Mr. DeBor somehow came out of the mix-up as owner of the pin-up pix, though he assured the editor at length that he was acquiring the picture for someone else.

Dear Editor:

If your columns are available for a little billet-doux, please print this.

Not so many moons ago (as Texans tell time) the columns of daily sheets were covered with criticism and defense of Texas. The final outcome never reached this isolated spot and what I'm wondering is, why are Texans so proud of this cactus-covered, sand-swept doorway to Hell.

We're told only God can

make a tree and from that one gathers that even He forgot Texas. It must be like the rain. I understand that Texas children have to be brought out of the wilderness every so often and sent back to the rest of the states in order to understand what is meant by rain.

We don't mind a person boasting about their home state but when it comes to holding a gun to a man's head in order to make him say he likes Texas, that's go-

## AB Sqd. Unit C

Hi Mom,

Well, here I am back again; it's December 3, and I'm broke again. How's everything back home?

Mom, you know what, our Badger returned and you should see him. (By the way, that's all we can do; he's under the orderly room and we can't get to him.) Of course, our animal trainer, none other than PFC Willie Winters, is drawing up some blue prints on how to recapture him.

Oh, yes, Mom, you should have seen the boxing show. It was a killer. PFC Tommie Free from West Point, Mississippi, out pointed PFC George W. Brown (5409) from Indianapolis, Indiana; Pvt. Isiah Robinson from Detroit, Michigan (the home of the brave), out pointed Sgt. Benjamin Hughes from Washington, D. C., and last but not least, Pvt. Richard Smith from Maridian, Mississippi, kay-oed Sgt. LeMar Smith of the 28th Squadron. Say, Mom, you remember Lt. Keith, our Adjutant, well the first sergeant think's he's going to take over the Ping Pong Table. Of course, I think differently. I always say, seeing is, believing.

Our basketball team is coming along fine under the supervision of Cpl. Theodore Suggs, our coach, who gained much experience, when times were normal, in leading other teams to state wide victories. PFC Bob Russell, Pvt. Joseph Scott, Pvt. Willie C. Brant, Pvt. Monroe Rush, Pvt. Claire Williams and Pvt. Morris Smith are promising material. Under his leadership I'm sure of nothing other than the championship.

Guess what, Mom, a certain M. P. (J. H. S.) locked up a certain Pvt. (J. B.) for flirting with his girl friend (tsk tsk). So, we privates have to be more careful. Well, I must close now. The P. X. is selling beer, and I want to knock myself out.

Your Sonny,  
E. Z. Breeze

## BOMBSIGHT BERTHA KILLED

LONDON (CNS) — Dorothy (Bombsight Bertha) Robson, 23-year-old flier and bombsight expert, was killed on a test flight here. Miss Robson was said to have been as accurate in placing bombs on a target as any flier in England.

ing a little too far for a genteel citizen.

If Texas had anything to offer besides dust, sand, wind and snakes, please advise. Self-addressed and stamped envelope enclosed.

Sincerely,  
Just a Friend.



# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By S-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

The "West Point" of the "Pill Rollers" has again been invaded. They struck at dawn. It was Monday morning that these gallant warriors moved into their new winter quarters here at Base Hospital. How happy were these men of the Old 19th to join our happy family and to share with us early morning calisthenics. Amazing, isn't it? The best of luck, fellows, and as time goes on and we become better acquainted we'll be hearing more of you.

If Barracks 2 isn't the noisiest place in Texas try and name a place that will compete. "We're the boys from Barracks 2; you ought to see us make with our shoes", followed by a thundering "rat-a-tat-tat" on the old wooden floor is mild compared to the routine noise. Cpl. Doherty, Cpl. Dwyer, Cpl. McTigue and P-FC Mercer are the originators and producers of this most unusual step. Have them give you a demonstration for you sometime; they'll be very happy to.

Even the patience of "Brute" Lonergan gave out the other night and in his rage he stomped a hole through the floor and fell through to his neck. Ah! and to think that Barracks 2 had to cause "Brute" his high blood pressure. Have you heard, fellows, what this personality Lonergan is going to receive for Christmas? He can rest assured that the mirror will be close enough after December 25.

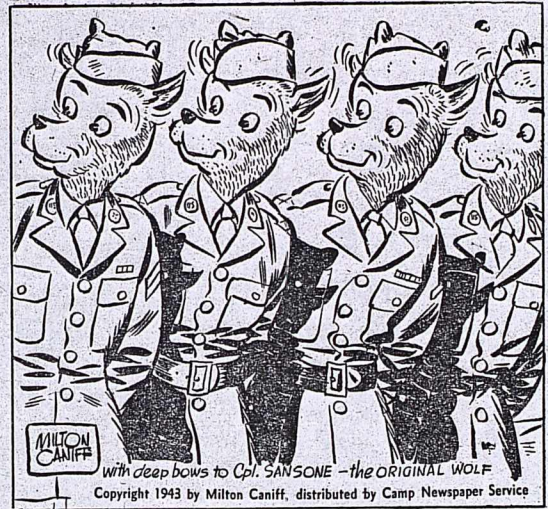
Texas is going to get the best of Cpl. Pietrusinski yet! At times The Chicago Kid thinks he "can't go on" but strange as it may seem he does. While on C. Q. the other morning Pete ran into a herd of Texas Steers in front of the hospital, and he thought surely it was his finis; but when the cattle saw his kindly face they simply stared at him and then made a bee-line for the desert. Poor cattle! Could that account for his finding his "Choppers" on the floor nearly every morning?

Try and explain this one: Two of our good friends, Cpl. Zentz and PFC Fockler, who live down the road a "piece", left on a 3-day pass for Big Spring. (So they said.) According to a very reliable report these two personalities were seen on the T & P somewhere between Pecos and El Paso. How pathetic to think they got on the wrong train. Now watch them try and get around that one.

Now Brooklyn's pride, Federico is happy for he's come upon a new game; it's try and find the patient.

# M A L E C A L L

BY MILTON CANIFF



Freddy finds patient missing—discovers him under the bed; Freddy hears noise in office—spots patient in kitchen—Freddy puts patient to bed and all is well. Finally, after another check-up patient is missing—AWOL! There just isn't any justice, is there, pal?

There was plenty of spirit on the hike the other night. With a little song and frolic the desert doesn't look so bad does it? Flight 1 and 2 answered each other in song and plenty of originality came to the surface. Who said they can never wait 'til Tuesday night rolls around? Incidentally, is it true that the lone representative of the Irish, McPhail, was the only Vet that did NOT come back in the ambulance?

Apparently PFC Jim Fisk and T-Sgt. James Schurr searched both Little Rock and Pittsburgh for the "Great Speckled Bird" but again Mother Luck was with the Detachment. Ah, we do get an occasional break, don't we? Say, Abe, it's something like "The Wreck on the Highway"; understand now?

Just why does attractive Miss Peterson in the Dental Clinic receive a nickel a day from a certain Cpl. in Flight Surgeons? Don't

## Parachute Patter

By JANE CEARLEY

Bad news hit the parachute department Monday when Mrs. Rozell got the message that her stepson had passed away. She left for

tell us that is allowance! Anyone knowing the circumstances phone 84. Speaking of telephone numbers—what Monahans number has been changed to Pennsylvania 7000? Don't tell. "Junior" Weaver could tell us plenty about Monahans and numbers but he just won't talk. You can't kid Barracks 5, chum, we've heard all about "It". PFC Nido is nowsomewhere in the New England States and says, "Wow, does the snow ever look good and New England hospitality is hard to beat." I might add, we do miss the noisy rascal, don't we? Mercer says, "Over 500 have asked me when I'm leaving for Flight Surgeon's Ass't. school but no one has asked me when I'm coming back." Don't worry, Bob, we'll be glad to see you come back. Fellows, is he serious about taking a 3 day pass back to Pyote?

Tyler, Texas, to attend the services. Our deepest sympathy to you, Mrs. Rozell.

Winnie D. Jones also is missing from the crowd this week. She has gone to see her mother who has been ill for quite some time.

The gang welcomes Mrs. Jewel Ball back after a week's vacation. She came back pepped up with new energy. We haven't been able to decide whether it was the rest or if she borrowed Winnie's recipe for energy.

Sgt. Milton Chapman, who has been in the hospital, was released yesterday. His arm is quite a bit better, but he still is unable to work.

We see that Monta Smith is driving her car to work again. What was wrong, Monta, were you just trying the bus out for comfort?

Mrs. Loya Huffman says she wants to thank her girls and the boys on the night shift for the splendid work they are doing. They are having lots of time left on the work orders estimated hours. Our advantage is 60 chutes on two shifts. Nice, eh? With our new table we are able to keep out of each other's way and are able to get a lot more done.



# SPECIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

## Laid 'Em In the Aisles At Astor



PAULA DEE, Petite Blonde In Tricky Tumbling & Hoofery

## 'Say When' Show Tonight Features Dancing, Comedy And Musical Acts

USO-Camp Show "Say When" will swing into action tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock in the Rec. Hall, a free entertainment featuring several Broadway-clicking acts presented by an emceeding comedian, as booked by the Special Service Office.

Paula Dee does an acrobatic routine-on-toes of exceptional difficulty, including walk-overs, balk-overs and flip-flops, adding graceful ballet steps. Born in Canada, Miss Dee has been featured at the Commodore, Astor and Taft Hotels and Leon & Eddie's of New York.

Arlene De Faye sings ballads and semi-classical numbers. After touring New England variety theaters, the Pennsylvania girl appeared as featured vocalist at hotels and clubs in New York—the Park Central, Famous Door and Biltmore Hotel with Horace Heidt and his orchestra.

The musical Johnstons is a clas-

sy xylophone act that has toured Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and in this country has played Keith, RKO, Warner, Public, Loew and Shubert Theaters, as well as clubs and hotels.

Emmett Oldfield and Co. is a comedy acrobatic act recently appearing with Bob Crosby's and Charlie Barnet's bands.

Harry Rose, known as "The Broadway Jester", does the master of ceremonies patter routine and vaudeville acts singly and with a

## Married Couples' Dance Excludes Single Wolves

HUSBANDS, ATTENTION!

You can bring your wife and dance strictly with her all evening (no cutting in) at the 8 to 12 p.m. dance Saturday at the Enlisted Mens' Service Club.

Wives of the enlisted men must like the idea, for it is their club that is sponsoring the dance, and they have issued the solemn warning: NO SINGLE WOLVES ALLOWED! (Editor's Note: apparently that does not exclude married wolves—there are such things?)

December 11 will begin a series of informal Saturday night shindigs for the "ole married couples" only. Also, you can challenge the little woman to games of ping pong, pool, bridge—and pay the check in the cafeteria.

Sounds like a swell idea for the happily married, so let's make the first party a success that will keep the idea going.

The regular Friday night dance at the EM Service Club will be held from 8:30 to 12 p.m., with the Dledrichs' Service Squadron as sponsor.

## Band To Swing Rhapsody In Blue Thursday Night

Highlighting a busy week, the Rattlesnake Bomber Base band will give a concert Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Enlisted Men's Service Club, Band Leader Irvin E. Zimmerman, WO (Jg), announced.

Modern music—such as Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"—will be featured, and all enlisted Base personnel are invited to enjoy the free concert.

Besides the Whiteman-Kostelanitz styled "Rhapsody in Blue", with six saxes taking the lead, the band will play Ferde Grofe's "On the Trail" during the Thursday night concert. A symphonic arrangement of "Star Dust" and other modern music as well as several military marches will be played. Soloists will be Sgt. Frank Stone, Sgt. Edward Christensen and Cpl. Irving Marder.

Wednesday the dance bands were scheduled to play a noon concert at the Sub-Depot and for the USO Show in the Rec. Hall that night. Friday the dance band is to play for the Enlisted Men's dance beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the Service Club, and Saturday for the Officers' Dance at 9 p.m. and the Monahans USO Dance at 8 p.m.

## AT THE THEATER

Wed. & Thur.—"Guadalcanal Diary", with Preston Foster, Lloyd Nolan & William Bendix. Also, Paramount News, Desert Playground. Time, 111 minutes.

Friday—"Gangway For Tomorrow", with Margo, Wally Brown & John Carradine. Also, Champ of Champions, Tip on Trips. Time, 99 minutes.

Saturday—"Yankee Doodle Dandy", with James Cagney, Joan Leslie & Walter Houston. Also, Goodnight Rusty.

Sun. & Mon.—"Riding High", with Dorothy Lamour, Dick Powell & Victor Moore (Technicolor). Also, This is America & Paramount News. Time, 115 minutes.

Tuesday—"Henry Aldrich Haunts a House"; "Gildersleeve On Broadway". Double feature. Time, 138 minutes.

### SHOW TIME:

STARTS	ENDS
1:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:15 p.m.	12:15 a.m.

## Special Service Announcements—

Squadrons may obtain ping pong balls at the Recreation Hall. Dayrooms will soon receive eleven magazines and the El Paso Times.

There will be a Base ping pong tournament in the Recreation Hall on December 13th and 14th.

The new theater will open about December 12th.

The Monahans USO will have Saturday night dances with the Dance Band, 8 to 12 p.m.

About \$5000.00 worth of athletic equipment has been and is being received for use of Base personnel.

### OH, CHAPLAIN, LISTEN TO THIS TALE OF WOE!

FT. BLISS, TEX. (CNS)—Pvt. Lewis Vik of Henning, Mich. left here on a week's furlough. On his way home his train was snow-bound five days at Sanborn, Minn. When the drifts were cleared his train collided with another. Then he lost his ticket. Finally he reached home, wired for an extension of his furlough. When none came he started back. Five hours after he began his return journey a telegram arrived granting him the extension. Vik's comment is unprintable.



## Gypsy 93rd

By CPL. IRVING J. PACKER

A SCOOP ABOUT STROUP BY SNOOP: Last week, one of the men in the Orderly Room received a call from someone in Monahans who recently requested that T-Sgt. Albert G. Stroup be called to the phone. When informed that Sgt. Stroup went to town to get married he replied, "I know it—The bride has been waiting impatiently in my study for the past two hours." Several hours later the same party called and asked that we make another attempt to locate the delinquent groom. We did but to no avail. From reliable sources, it was learned that Stroup showed up a bit late for the ceremony, but the bride and groom are living happily ever after—after the wedding ceremony was over. Congratulations, Sgt. Stroup and Bride!

Cpl. Murray Greenfield, formerly of this squadron, has been nicknamed Unconscious by those who work with him at the locator file in Base Headquarters. It is apparent that Cpl. Ruth Tucker and Miss Hazel Maher do not know that Unconscious is all a dither about a Thelma from Galveston and vice versa. When one of the WACs called the locator file recently he unconsciously asked, "How are you, sweets?" You can imagine his embarrassment when he discovered that is was not Thelma.

From all outward appearances it seems that last Thursday was a day of confusion rather than moving day. Everybody appeared to be running helter-skelter like a chicken without a head. This day reminded me of an anecdote: An old lady entered a bus and was reminded by the driver to pay her fare. The following procedure took place. She opened her bag, took out a pocket book, closed the bag, opened her pocket book, took out the fare and closed the pocket book, opened the bag and put in the pocket book. The driver gave her four cents in change. She opened the bag, took out the pocket book, closed the bag and put the four cents into her pocket book, closed the pocket book, opened the bag and put the pocket book into the bag then closed the bag—her fare had been paid and the bus moved on. However, it is the result that counts and at the end of the day everyone was happily situated in their abodes.

Many men have asked why we still use the title Gypsy 93rd for this column instead of Maintenance Squadron E. We have been permitted to use that name for sentimental reasons only, and we will continue to use the name until notified to the contrary. While

## Air Forces Like 'Em Trim And Strong, So . . .



Physical training instructors last week put several thousand not-too-enthusiastic soldiers through that periodic G. I. torture known as physical fit-

ness tests. Group above is doing the situps, a midriff mauler; other two tests are pullups and 300 yard shuttle run. The latter

should happen to the enemy. Monthly records show how well the Army is succeeding in making a man of you.

there have been many changes since the re-organization we are reasonably sure that the same splendid spirit and co-operation that existed in the old squadron will still prevail. Hasn't it been said, "That a rose by any other name still smells the same."

We welcome into our midst Major Edward M. Wilmoth as Commanding Officer of Unit E. Major Wilmoth is a veteran of World War I and unquestionably will bring into this organization his vast experience.

We also welcome Warrant Officer Joseph J. Fersch as our new Adjutant. Mr. Fersch was a member of the National Guard in New Jersey from 1920 to 1923. He came up from the ranks and saw service in Java and Australia.

Good luck to Major Wilmoth, and Mr. Fersch in their new endeavors!

It is the opinion of yours truly that PFC Albert R. Held holds some sort of record. Recently three girls traveled more than three hundred miles to visit him. One of the boys of this squadron remarked: "Some fellows are lucky. Here is a guy who has three girls while I have none." This fellow can best be consoled by the words of wisdom of a famous Chinese philosopher. As Pir In once said, "To be envious of one who has more than one woman is to be envious of a man who suffers from an uninterrupted headache."

Does anyone know what kind

## Sub-Depot Supply

By LOW SCORE FOUR

Bet you thought we were fired Huh? But we weren't; just didn't have much to say . . .

For the latest forecast in weather conditions ask Milton Eckerman. His last report on climatology was that it was "Snobbing in Hobbs". For those who don't quite understand that Milton lingo, he meant that it was snowing in Hobbs. Guess they are going to have a white Christmas.

Of course we were all at the dance the other night at the Service Club. Noted that every one was having a good time . . . especially Bee in her new get UP: Pretty "slick", huh Hank?

This office has been bussin' and a cussin' with all the new activity going on around here . . . but

of a building is being constructed along side the Squadron Supply or is it a military secret? "Snooper" Montgomery made his usual investigation and when he asked one of the Mexican laborers, he received the following reply, "No sabe, mi amigo." Snooper came into the Orderly Room rather flabbergasted and told Sgt. Taylor, "There is no reason why I should have been insulted. This fellow could have given me a civil answer." Taylor remarked, "Quien sabe." Snooper walked away still wondering what it is all about.

everyone is sure on the ball. And with everyone pulling together we'll keep 'em flying.

From now on in, every week we are going to choose someone who is really outstanding in his or her work. The vote this week goes to Mrs. Bell. Seems she felt bad when her daughter had to quit to go back to school so she applied for the vacant position. From what we hear, she has more than filled the bill. She is very conscientious and always willing to work. Her pleasant disposition makes it a pleasure to work with her . . . So hats off to Mrs. Bell . . . and all you other teammates keep pitching, and it won't be long before the light will shine on you . . .

This marriage business must be catching, as we understand that our problem child, better known as Sgt. Brown, is also anticipating the bliss of wedlock . . .

If you can't get 'em one way try a Hitt another way . . . Did you see those shocking stickings, in a very subdued shade of red, that that gal had on?

Most everyone in Supply is on their good behavior cause of Santa Claus . . . Not much gossip this week . . . but we got our eyes and ears open so be good and if you you can't be good be careful.

SEATTLE (CNS)—J. C. Pursley bought a pair of shoes from a stranger for \$1. He took them home and tried them on. Both were for the right foot.



## Soldier Sports

The U. S. Coast Guard Station at Manhattan Beach, N. Y. should be able to field a pretty fair baseball team next spring. Stationed there are Mikey Witek and Sid Gordon, former Giant infielders; Ed Levy, ex-Yankee first baseman; Gar Del Savio and Hank Sauer of the Cincinnati Reds; and Randy Gumpert, Newark pitcher.

Newest Army-bound big leaguers are Ken Trinkle and Hugh East, Giant pitchers; Charlie Keller, slugging Yankee outfielder; Chubby Dean, Mike Center, Henry Edwards and Gene Woodling of the Cleveland Indians; Sherrod Robertson of Washington; Dee Moore of the Phillies; and Dick West, Cincinnati catcher.

PFC Bryan (Bitsy) Grant, former Davis Cup tennis star, has been seeing a lot of the USA since his induction in 1942. He's now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., his seventh Army camp.

Lt. Dave Camerer, former Dartmouth tackle and New York sports writer, is stationed at the Army Air Base in Pocatello, Ida.

Lt. Cdr. Gene Tunney, stationed in New Zealand, recently described to a native audience his knockout of Tom Heeney, battler from "down under" in 1928. That was Tunney's last fight. After he met Heeney he retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

Service in the Canadian Army hasn't harmed the track form of Sgt. Gerard Cote, the cinder star. Cote recently covered the 26 mile course of the ninth annual Yonkers (N. Y.) marathon in two hours, 38 minutes and 35.3 seconds to repeat a victory he first won in 1940.

Miss Patty Berg, chubby little golf star, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Local draft boards report men quit defense jobs to join the Army. The men think the war will soon be over and they want to get in before it's too late to become veterans.



Camp Roberts, Cal.—A soldier stationed here was in a quandry after receiving a tinselled Christmas package in November bearing this marking: "Do not open Till Christmas. Perishable."

# A A B SPORTS

## Warmin' The Bench—

### Bears' Bronko The Buster Nagurski Was King Of Chicago's Mastodons

BY SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS  
CNS Sports Staff

When genial Jimmy Conzleman was coach of the Chicago Cardinals in the National Professional Football League his team used to absorb some heartless wallopings from those mighty monsters of the midway, the proud Chicago Bears.

Today Jimmy is public relations man for the St. Louis Browns which is a far cry, indeed, from those dear, dead days of long ago when he used to sit in the chill autumn air on Sundays and watch his team get crushed underfoot by the Mastodons. He can look back with a smile at those dreadful days now, although when he recalls what Bronko Nagurski used to do to his boys, the smile is quite liable to break into a shudder.

Nagurski, the old Minnesota land mine himself, was always a fright for the Cards to behold. He used to murder them. He'd take the ball, curl it up in his arms like a baby, then step on the nearest Cardinal's face. The Bronk was a hard man to stop in those days.

On one occasion, after the Cardinals had undergone an exceptionally gruesome shellacking at the hands of Nagurski, the badly battered men of Conzleman climbed wearily into a bus destined to carry them safely to the comfort of their hotel. The brave, embattled Cardinals were feeling tenderly for their seats when a large red faced woman, laden with packages, brushed past a couple of tackles, bowled over two or three guards and hip-blocked two tailbacks out of a seat.

"Watch out, fellows," warned Conzleman. "It's Nagurski's mother."

Despite all those drubbings he got from the Monsters, Conzleman retained a warm feeling towards George Halas, coach and owner of the Bears, who, Jimmy believes, is the greatest football master mind in the world.

This high opinion of the Bears and Halas was shared by Charlie Birdwell, Conzleman's old boss and owner of the Cardin-

als. Jimmy recalls one afternoon when the Cards gave the Bears a terrific fight, losing by an eyelash in the last minute of play. Conzleman waited in the clubhouse for Bidwell to show up and congratulate him for the great showing he made against the Halas invincibles.

Bidwell showed up all right but he was pale as a ghost. "What a close one that was," he gasped. "Don't ever scare me like that again." Bidwell, it seems, is the hottest Bear fan in the country.

Charlie Grimm, who was too good natured a guy to hold on to his job as manager of the Chicago Cubs, has signed a 25-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers. "I like Grimm," said Bill Veeck, owner of the Brewers, and besides, he owns a piece of the club."

Do you follows the bangtails? If so, the retirement to stud of mighty Whirlaway must have recalled to you some of the stories they used to tell back of the stables about Whirly and his trainer, Ben Jones.

A lot of mush and drivel has been written about trainers and horses but in Ben Jones' case, the stuff was straight goods. Jones was nuts about Whirly.

Whirlaway, when a colt, was as flighty and nervous as a child bride. As a two-year-old he finished out of the running three times, although he was good enough to beat any horse he ever faced. But Jones teased him along, stuck a blinder on one of his glims so he wouldn't shy at the rail and coached and cajoled him into becoming the great race horse he turned out to be. Whirly never finished out of the running after except once. And that was in the very last race of his life when he was so lame he could hardly stand up.

"It's just like losing my best friend," said Jones on the day they took Whirly away.

SPEAKING OF WHIRLAWAY, here is some dope on all the

## LIFE SAVERS



BE SURE of your target before you shoot. Ineffective firing will reveal your position and draw enemy fire.



DON'T FIRE too long from the same position. Move frequently so the enemy will not be able to attain accurate aim.

## BRITISH OFFICER PRAISES U. S. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

NEW YORK (CNS)—Brig. Gen. J. R. Rees, consulting psychiatrist of the British Army, thinks that the American Army method of psychiatric examination is far superior to any other system "used anywhere in the world."

During a recent inspection of military hospitals and induction centers here Gen. Rees observed that this nation can afford to reject more men than the British "because we haven't the luxurious supply of manpower you have."

He had high praise for the American system of rejecting known homosexuals and bisexuals from the armed forces and regretted that it was sometimes impossible for the British to do this.

"Proper selection of men is the primary step to hold at a minimum emotional disorders, which are an enormously serious problem in every army," he said. "Prevention of trouble is more valuable than treatment later. I have been surprised at the reliability of your medical investigations and of the systems you use to adapt them to army life."

## EX-POLICY KING IS HERO

Italy (CNS)—Jose Enrique (Henry) Miro, one time Dutch Schultz aid in New York's policy rackets several years ago, is a hero today. Miro, now 42, lost both legs fighting with American forces on the beachheads of Salerno.

dough that he earned: in the first place, he won more coin than any other horse in history. \$1.39 for every foot of track he covered. He traveled 404,590 feet and collected \$561,161.50 in frogskins. His richest race was the 1941 Kentucky Derby, which he won in record time for a purse of \$61,275. He won 32 races (more than Man O' War) in 60 starts, placed 15 times, paid show money nine times and finished out of dough on four occasions.



**QM Sees**

By SGT. JOHN F. GANNON

After a week's disappearance from print, the doings of the QM again pop up under a new byline. Former correspondent Cpl. Melvin has left to join the ranks of the ASTP, which brings to mind a little verse. Pardon while I wax poetical.

They sent us to college inkhaki,  
More Boy Scouts than soldiers  
are we,

Take down your service flag  
mother,

Your boy's in the A. S. T. P.

No offense meant to those who are taking part in the Army Specialized Training Program. They are doing a fine job and your correspondent suggests orchids to them. (Apologies to W..W.)

Others leaving our organization are Pvt. Salato of the Memo Receipt Section, who is off to supply school at Camp Lee. Lots of luck, "Funzy", and say hello to "Red" for us.

T-Sgt. Morris Adlin, major domo of the QM office, has been transferred to Ardmore. We are sure that the bast there will profit a great deal from his ready store of knowledge of supply functions.

**Things we could do without:**

Amos and Blalock's contests carried on at any time of the day or night, much to the discomfiture of the other inhabitants of Bks. 2.

The yowling of the War Dogs at unholy hours of the night.

The radio playing all night in Peragine's ear while he sleeps peacefully.

Our best wishes go to Walter Burda as he leaves us to return to the farm. As the boy always said, "Everything for the Boida," and now that goes double. From us to you, Walt, good bye, good luck, God bless you.

The ranks of the QM were sadly depleted last week due to the fact that some of the boys were "Juarezing" it down in old Meehico. Christmas shopping, no doubt, and I'll bet that they were in good spirits. (No pun intended).

The bowling league continues to roll along at a fast pace. At the present time the Yardbirds are in first place closely followed by the Sad Sacks. The tops in individual averages are Sgts. Gelhaart and Cannon and Cpl. Barone (Sam), although they are being pushed by the rest.

We again have in our midst Sgt. "Let's-get-on-the-ball" Pernicaro, our First Sergeant back from Calumet City which I understand is a suburb of Chicago.

Cpl. Sar-r-m-m-m Barone still insists that we never lived better before we came to Pyote and that

**Three Little Maids In Revue**



These three little maids march attractively to a Hollywood movie set to do their bit for art in a musical revue. Names? Not that it makes any difference to you, soldier, but they are Dorothy Dayton, Mary Landa, and Janet Barrett.

**CPO Bobby Feller, the Cleveland Indian's fastest contribution to the Navy, is stationed in the South Pacific.**

Members of the football squad at Camp Grant, Ill., must learn to play at least two positions apiece. Coach Charlie Bachman has only 25 men on his squad.

we are all "having a party"! I can understand his attitude as I rode through Pittsburgh on my way home.

Why has Ben Barrafato a far away look in his eye and why is he frantically searching for an apartment? Could it be that his wife is due to arrive here next week? Mmmmm, could be!

What they want for Christmas: Playford—A barrel sweater with two inch stripes; Marchewka—A new yo-yo to replace the one that he broke recently; Woods—A bowling ball that isn't bigger than he is; Burnsed—A box of cigars as he never can get any here; Gelhaart—A job as manager of the new theater so he can forget property; Entire detachment—A sixty day furlough (Don't we all?).

**DRAFT DODGER GETS TWO YEARS IN JAIL**

NEW HAVEN, CONN. (CNS)—Stanley Mocarisky, 23, was sentenced to two years in federal prison for refusing to be inducted into the armed forces. Previously he had been advised by a federal judge to leave the U. S. when he told the court that he was unwilling to serve his country because "the country never did anything for me."

**GI GETS \$310 ALLOWANCE**

DES MOINES (CNS)—A total of \$310 a month will go to the family of Cpl. Cyril G. Wolfe under the new dependency bill. Cpl. Wolfe, 42, has 12 dependents, a wife, 10 children and his mother.

ITALY (CNS)—A German soldier swam across the Volturno River and surrendered to the Allies. "What's your name?" he was asked. "Pvt. Hitler," came the reply.

SAN ANTONO (CNS)—Restaurateurs have been terrorized by a cross-eyed bandit who orders wheat cakes, pulls a gun when the deck comes,

**Altitude Training**

By CPL. JACK MINKIN

Did you ever stand at a busy business intersection for any length of time? If you did you'll know what I mean by personal oddities. The odd characteristics displayed by the fellows from different parts of the U. S. make you stop and wonder; then you realize it takes all kinds of people to make a world.

Now to take you backstage and give you an eye-full of some of the fellows in our unit.

The first stop is Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; as you all know it is one of the main coal mining regions of our country. I take great pleasure in bringing to you S-Sgt. Robert Elmer Freas. He is that great fearless pioneer from the region that is so covered with coal dust that you can't see the sun. It is also known as, he claims, the flood area of the northeast; in addition to this, it is so cold that a slight drizzle of rain makes the streets as slippery as glass.

With all these hardships so necessary to master in order to exist, we wonder what he did. I say this because he's always saying, "Br-r, it's cold." Any time of the day he will say, "Turn the heat up." The two pair of G.I. long-johns were always the best article of clothing that was ever issued to him; they are always adorning him in the hottest weather.

The next stop is Bath, New York State, where we introduce Sgt. Henry Spas; being a farmer of long standing, everything in his conversation is toward the farm. If I were to give you his description of the B-17, it would mean a special couris-martial. That is because everything he says is in relation to the farm, and this is no exception. It finally went into a stage where a debate was in progress on which was more important: Farm vs. City. Being that there was a minority of farmers, I'll have to leave the question of the victor up to you.

That great American holiday, Christmas, with all its gaiety, happiness and pleasures, will have to be endured once more in an army camp for a great many of us. Nevertheless, we are all making the best of it, and, being a true soldier, we're starting in early—many fellows of our unit have already done their shopping, while there are the usual last minute shoppers.

LONDON (CNS)—Thirty of every 1,000 American soldiers stationed in the British Isles have married English girls.



# Big Four Confer On Strategy For Axis Surrender

## Rest Is Up To Millions Of Soldiers

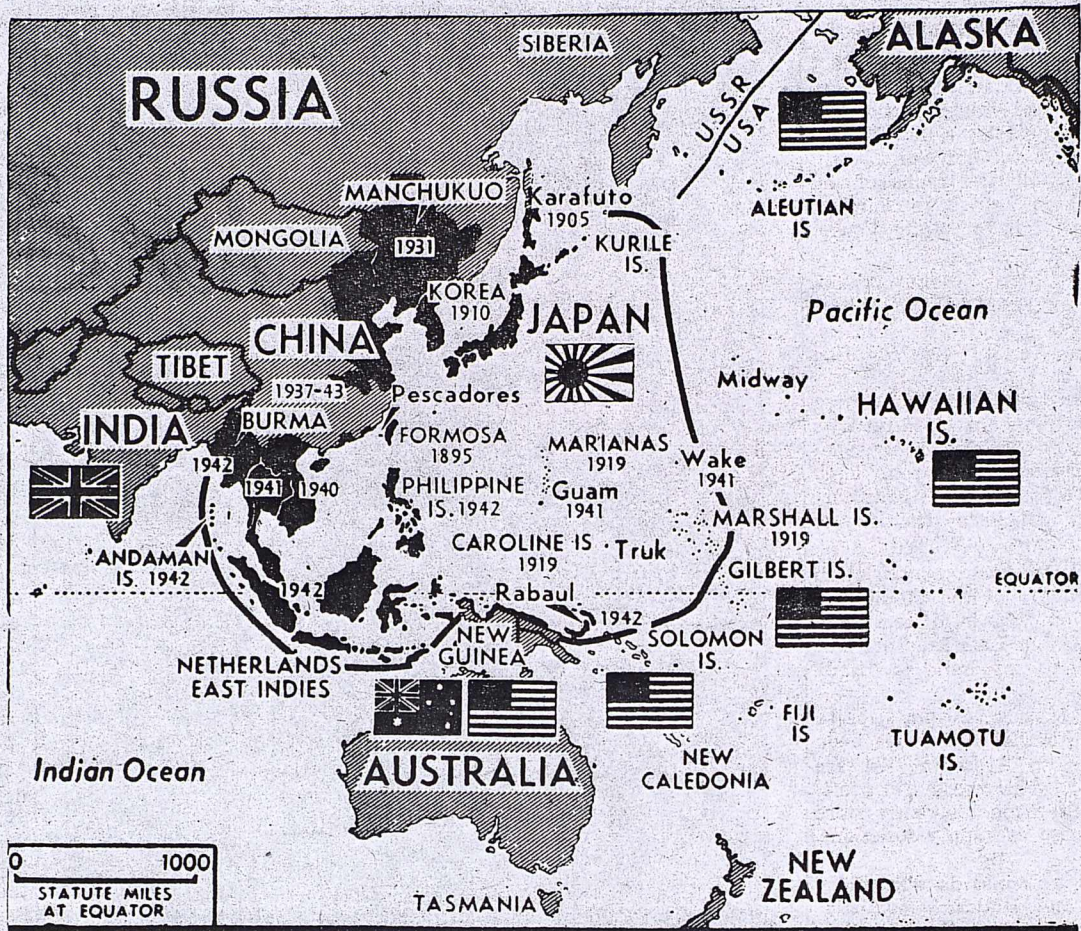
Few definite announced facts emerged last week from the sketchily reported conferences of Roosevelt, Churchill, Chiang and Stalin. And even less was known of the side conferences, such as that including Turkish officials.

As previously, the decisions there would become known in subsequent series of exploding actions. Most important, perhaps, was the evidence that the United Nations finally are fighting as one team, agreed on utter defeat of the common enemy and on how that is to be brought about.

But however historic, however helpful, such conferences do not win wars; they only can direct the power that you, soldier, and millions like you must generate with sweat, courage and sacrifice.

That is the real significance of the Middle East conferences for you. The big push is ready. The critical hour is here. The rest is up to you.

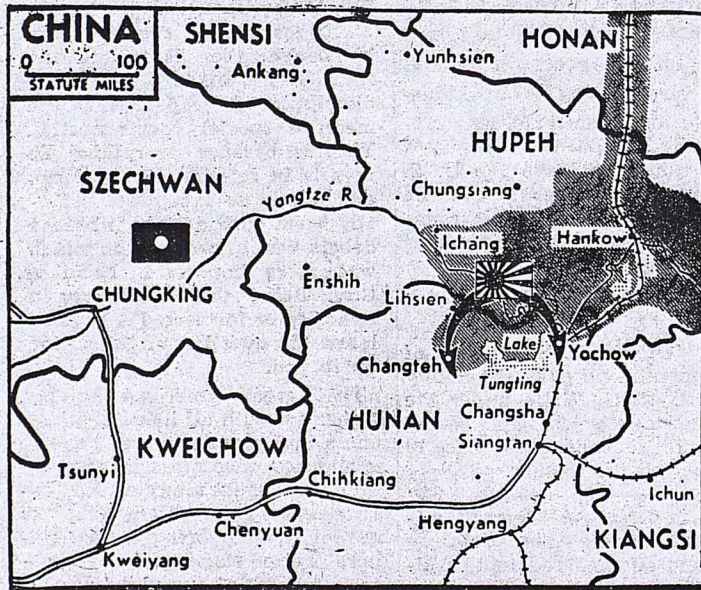
How long will the war last? Each of the millions of fighting men will help decide that by his individual effort in the months ahead.



The Cairo Conference of Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang declared that Japan will be stripped of all territory gained by aggression since 1894. Thus would be crushed one of the

richest and largest empires created in modern time, to free literally hundreds of millions of people enslaved by the Tokyo militarists. World security cannot permit a war-minded

power to retain even a fraction of the resources Japan has stolen. Black areas on the map and indicated islands show territory that has come under Japan's evil domination.



As the above map indicates, the Japanese are still attempting to capture China's vital rice bowl as well as edge near-

er the capital of Chungking. Chinese troops have managed to defend strategic Changteh and thus protect Changsha.



Above map shows Teheran (A), site of the meeting of President Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, following the Ro-

osevelt-Churchill-Chiang meeting at Cairo (B). Meeting places were daringly close to German territory and air bases.