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Shortland Harbor Paid Off



Capt. Leslie W. Felling, of Terre Haute, Ind. receives the award of the Oak Leaf Cluster (Air Medal), pinned on by Col. Bernard T. Castor. The award was made for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial attack on Shortland Harbor. The bombing run was made at an altitude of 9,000 feet, and anti-aircraft fire was so accurate and heavy that windshields of many of the aircraft were broken by the flying missiles. Capt. Felling's B-17 formation secured three direct hits on an enemy transport of 15,000 tons, fought off an enemy fighter attack on withdrawal and shot down two enemy planes.

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Awards Go To Seven Fliers

Medals for action on world-wide aerial battlefronts were received by these seven officers and enlisted men at recent presentation ceremony and review. Pacific European and North African theatres provided the action in which the following fliers distinguished themselves: Left to right, Capt. Bruce A. Gardner, S-Sgt. Ray D. Holcomb, M-Sgt. Mari J. Filigenzi, 2nd Lt. Conrad R. Payne, 1st Lt. Victor J. Lewin, Capt. Alfred J. Mobley, and Capt. Leslie W. Felling.



Decorations Go To Seven Pyote Fliers

Seven officers and enlisted men received decorations from Col. Bernard T. Castor at the presentation ceremony and parade held last Saturday.

The Silver Star was awarded to Capt. Bruce A. Gardner, of St. Johns, Arizona, and the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to S-Sgt. Ray D. Holcomb, of Eugene Oregon. Other awards were:

M-Sgt. Mario J. Filigenzi, Erie, Pa., DFC and Air Medal; 2nd Lt. Conrad R. Payne, of Lenoir, N. C. DFC (Oak Leaf Cluster) and Air Medal; 1st Lt. Victor J. Lewin, of Oakland, Calif., DFC; Capt. Alfred J. Mobley, of Graham, Texas Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster); and Capt. Leslie W. Felling, of Terre Haute, Indiana, Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster).

Capt. Gardner's Silver Star award was made for gallantry in action on a bombing raid over Germany while he was serving as bombardier on the leading airplane of a wing. Although one engine was knocked out and a fire started in the body of the ship, Capt. Gardner managed to release his bombs with highly effective results and then manned the nose guns to fight off heavy frontal attacks from the attacking enemy fighter force.

S-Sgt. Holcomb received his Silver Star for gallantry in action in another theater—over Rabaul's frequently visited harbor. He was side gunner in a Fortress formation that damaged the Vunakanau airdrome and destroyed seven Zeros. S-Sgt. Holcomb's deadly work with his gun aided the formation in fighting off enemy fighters and effecting a comparatively smooth run which heavily damaged the Rabaul installations. He was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for participation in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific during the first eleven months of the Japanese war.

M-Sgt. Filigenzi was awarded the Air Medal for his meritorious achievement while serving as engineer in over 25 operational missions during early 1942 in the Southwest Pacific.

Lt. Payne received the Oak Leaf Cluster (DFC) and Air Medal for his extraordinary achievement and meritorious service as a bombardier in the Southwest Pacific early in the war.

Lt. Lewin was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross for a raid on Palermo, in the North African theatre, when his plane was badly shot up. Despite this fact, Lt. Lewin, who was the pilot, held formation until the bombing run

Furlough Travel Time Is Granted

Pyote AAF soldiers are now eligible to receive furloughs of 15 days plus traveling time according to a recent station memorandum.

The same change in furlough length has been affected at several Second Air Force stations. Travel time will be estimated at normal train time.

Eight New Wacs Assigned Here

Eight new Wacs, all privates, have arrived at this station and assumed duties in various sections.

The Photo Lab and Station Post Office each received two of the Wacs, other sections getting one apiece. The following assignments have been made: Pvt. Gladys Buziak, Station Adjutant's office; Pvt. Rose Hussar, Station S-1; Pvt. Blanche C. Lubovich and Pvt. Catherine L. McDaniel, Post Office; Pvt. Audie L. Davis, Station Library; Pvt. Helen V. Kazacoff, Photo Lab; Pvt. Evelyn R. Brown, Combat Crew Personnel, and Pvt. Fay Sherman Photo Lab.

5th Fighters Down 554 Enemy Planes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Fifth Air Force Headquarters report that 72 American fighters have a combined bag of 554 enemy planes.

On the basis of records on file up to February 1, two pilots have destroyed 21 planes each, four have knocked out 15 or more, eight have 10 or more to their credit, 34 have over five planes each and 24 have exactly five each, the number required to become an ace.

Two Have 21 Each

Col. Neel E. Kearby, of San Antonio, Texas, and Capt. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis., are tied as top-ranking aces with 21 planes each.

was made and then, when forced out of the formation, and with the ammunition in his nose guns exhausted, he maneuvered his ship so that the turret and waist gunners could repel hostile aircraft.

Capt. Mobley was presented the Oak Leaf Cluster (Air Medal) for his part in an aerial attack on Shortland harbor in which an effective bombing run was made and two enemy fighters shot down.

Capt. Felling's award was made for his participation in the same attack.

LACK OF SALUTING WILL BRING STIFF PENALTIES

Training Open For Communications Or Engineering Cadets

Aviation cadet ground duty training is open now in only two branches, engineering and communications, it has been announced by Station Classification Officer Lt. Leon Bogart.

Engineering training requires completion of at least three years of a regular engineering course in an accredited college or university, and communications training requires completion of at least two years of college engineering, if applicant holds an amateur radio license, or completion of three years of college.

AFI Courses Aid Soldiers To Keep Education Going

Advantages of the Armed Forces Institute, the outfit set up to take care of the soldier's educational needs were pointed out to Pyote officers and enlisted men this week by Capt. E. S. Tierney, orientation officer from Eighth Service Command Headquarters.

More than 700 extension courses, which offer academic credit, are being offered by the 84 colleges and universities which are helping the institute in its program. On any of these courses the government pays half of the tuition costs incurred by soldiers, up to 20 dollars.

All courses offered by the Institute, many of which produce academic credit, can be started for two dollars. Training is available in practically any kind of work.

Navy Standards May Be Relaxed

WASHINGTON—That the Army and Navy may equalize physical requirements was hinted strongly last week as a five-man committee appointed by President Roosevelt to study physical, mental and moral qualifications for admission to the armed forces prepared its report for official approval.

Indications are that the Army will maintain its present standards, while the Navy will relax on certain phases to conform with Army listings and bring about a uniform policy.

The sad lack of military discipline prevalent at this station has caused Col. Bernard T. Castor, Station Commandant, to announce that some drastic measures will be taken soon to remedy the situation—unless some voluntary improvement is noted immediately.

Saluting—rather the lack of it—is the main problem.

Posters bringing the new announcement to the attention of all personnel will soon be displayed, and then there will be no excuse for anyone not having had sufficient warning.

Col. Castor stated that officers who fail to return salutes or fail to salute superior officers will be punished under Article of War 104, with a fine of \$25.00 or court martial.

Enlisted men who fail to salute at all proper times will be broken if non-coms, and if private soldiers will be subject to company punishment.

Cadet Training Program Limited To Combat Men

Indications that the Air Corps is "over the hump" in the production of commissioned flying personnel are seen in the recent announcement shutting off Aviation Cadet opportunities to those without overseas combat crew experience.

The statement said that no applications will be accepted or forwarded, except those coming from combat crew members who have been returned to the continental United States after completion of operational tours.

Applications now on hand at this station, or at the local aviation cadet examining boards, were to be disapproved and returned to the applicants.

'Barn Dance' Is Ticketed At USO

A "barn dance," complete with hay and rustic trimmings, is scheduled for Saturday night, March 11, at the Monahans USO.

Committees in charge plan to have a sheriff's posse on hand to "arrest" all persons caught stealing apples or otherwise disturbing the peace. Highlight of the evening will be the mock court held to try all offenders, who will be given penalties in the form of providing amusement. Cider and doughnuts will be served.

Junior Hostesses, dressed as country maids, will be on hand to entertain servicemen attending the affair.

Servicemen Get Discharge Pay Under New Law

By Camp Newspaper Service

If you happen to be a soldier, sailor, marine or coast guardsman who has tangled with the enemy in Europe, Africa, Asia in the Pacific or in the fog-bound Aleutians, or served with our armed forces at any other post overseas, you're going to get \$300 to put in your pocket when you come marching home for good.

If you're a serviceman who has served more than 60 days in the continental United States when discharge time comes around, you'll get \$200 in two monthly payments. And even if you're just a GI with less than two months service on your record, you'll get a present of \$100 from Uncle Sam when it's time for you to go home.

These are the principal provisions of the servicemen's Muster-Out Bill, which became a law recently.

This legislation affects virtually all the nation's servicemen and women up to and including the rank of captain in the Army or equivalent ranks in the other services. Also affected are many of the \$1,300,000 men and women who have been discharged from the services since Dec. 6, 1941.

Not eligible for these payments are persons discharged under dishonorable conditions; those who at the time of their discharge were returned to the inactive list and those discharged or released from active duty on their own request to accept employment who had not served outside the continental limits of the U. S. or Alaska.

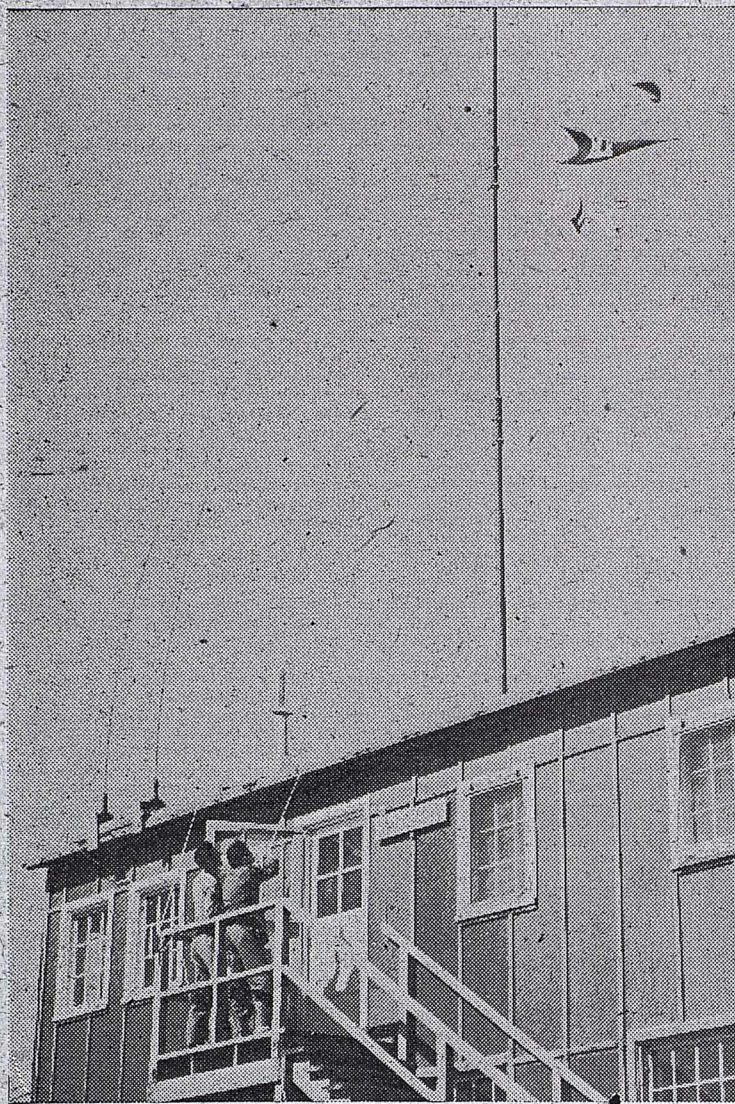
Air Corps Reserve officers, who already are entitled to receive a lump sum payment on their return to inactive duty are not eligible for the additional benefits, nor are members of the armed forces whose total service has been as students detailed for training under the ASTP, the AAF College Training Program or any similar program in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

West Point and Annapolis cadets and officers above the rank of captain complete the list of ineligible for discharge payments.

YANK GETS TWO NAZIS WITH ONE BLAST

ENGLAND (CNS)—Lt. John J. Koerner, of Jersey City, bagged two Nazi fighters with one burst of fire in a battle in the skies over England recently. He fired on one Focke-Wulf, it blew up in the path of another and they both went down.

Section I Pennant Flies High



Section I's red pennant flies at the top of the mast over the ground radio station building, denoting that section is at the top in ratings for combat crew training sections. Section III's blue banner is second and the white pennant of Section II flies third. The men are shown changing the flags as a new set of ratings, determined by the office of the tactical inspector, came out.

Wink Band To Give Concert

The Wink High School Wildcat Band will make its second appearance at the Enlisted Men's Service Club at 20:00, Thursday, March 9, in a concert and mixed program of popular numbers.

The program will feature a set of dances consisting of taps, acrobatic and toe dancing. Sara Estabrook will again be featured in vocals and the Wildcat Trio will appear.

In a serious vein, the band will present the first movement of Shubert's Unfinished Symphony. Clarke's "Bride of the Waves," cornet solo, will be played by Troy Prater.



LONDON—A corporal rushed into a mess hall, ate hurriedly and rushed out, leaving his dirty plate on the table. An unhappy private came along and started to clean the table, muttering miserably. Under the corporal's plate he found a threepence tip.

CONFUSING, NOT AMUSING

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (CNS)—Arizona state police are combing the state for a cross-eyed bandit who specializes in raiding diners along the state highways. It is his custom to step into a diner, order a sandwich, and pull his job while gazing out the window.

Base Personnel Puts \$127,841 In Bond Drive

Rattlesnake Bomber Base personnel—officers, enlisted men and civilians—joined together to back the Fourth War Loan drive to the extent of \$127,841.20, a report from Lt. Jerry Hrdlicka, War Bond Officer, stated.

During the months of January and February the officers bought \$34,504.25 in bonds for cash to lead in that department. The EM had \$25,042.75 in cash purchases and the civilians \$10,699.00.

The enlisted men had a total of \$16,114.75 deducted for bonds in January and \$11,361.25 in February to lead in this field. In January the officers subscribed \$7,268 in Class B allotments and 7,481.25 in February. Civilian employees subscribed \$7,349.75 for pay reservations in January and \$8,019.25 in February.

The Wac unit had to raise its percentage of participation only one point to take honors with a total of 97 per cent of the total personnel sharing. The only close contestants were Maintenance Unit C, with 82 per cent, Unit A with 71 per cent and Civilian Personnel with 70 per cent.

Fortresses Using New Compasses

LONDON (CNS)—Flying Fortresses now are equipped with a new gyro flux-gate compass which enables navigators to get instant bearings high in the sky. News of the use of this delicate device was made public only recently after it became known that several have fallen into the hands of the enemy. "It's just a compass with all the errors taken out," one navigator explained.

THIS COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN MONAHANS

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A home owner ran this advertisement in a local paper: "If you'll rent my house, I'll loan you my maid and introduce you to my butcher."

DETROIT (CNS)—Plagued with rats, John Gremblewski prepared a tasty ham sandwich, then poisoned it and left it for the rodents. Later he became hungry and ate the sandwich himself. Doctors say he will live.

STARRS, CONN. (CNS)—The admission price to a dance at the University of Connecticut was a pint of blood and ten dimes. The dimes were collected at the door for the infantile paralysis fund. The blood will be collected later, on pledges, for the armed forces.

Push Trucks To Gunnery Range



The "Range Riders," group of drivers of the Station's Aviation Unit who shuttle to and from the ground gunnery range daily with truckloads of soldiers improving their marksmanship, are shown here. These 12 men have a high safety mark compiled during hundreds of trips. Left to right: Front row—Cpl. Earnest Briggs, Pfc. C. W. Welch, Pvt. Joseph Merriweather and Cpl. Daris L. Morris; second row—Pvt. Daniel Beasley, Pfc. Cleophus Waikin, Pvt. Willbert Taylor, Pvt. Dandy L. Dickerson and Pvt. Clarence Tiller; back row—Pfc. Willie Windon, Pvt. James Farmer and Pfc. Sammie Hunter.

New 9th AF Set Up In Britain; To Lead Invasion

LONDON—Announcement of a new tactical United States Ninth Air Force was made by the supreme Allied command here. The Ninth will be a "javelin for an invasion of Europe". Its first job will be to "knock the Hun out of the sky."

In a summary of the Ninth Airforce's mission in conjunction with the Allied air forces, the statement said that after air superiority was won the new tactical command would isolate the battlefield by smashing communications.

The third task will be to strike at selected targets in battle areas.

The new American group is a reorganized and enlarged U. S. Ninth Air Force, the unit which helped support the British Eighth Army in Africa and which raided Rome and the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania. It has the same commander, Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Breton, and much of the same staff, but with the force transformed from primarily heavy bombers to lighter planes for the close support of Allied invasion troops.

Monahans Churches

SUNDAY SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. R. B. Norton, minister; Sunday School, 09:45; morning worship, 10:00; evening Service, 20:00.

FIRST BAPTIST—Rev. C. G. Watt, pastor; Sunday School, 9:45; morning worship, 11:00; training union 19:15; preaching, 20:15.

FIRST METHODIST—Rev. Joe Emanuel, pastor; Sunday School, 09:45; morning worship, 11:00; evening services 20:00.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD—Rev. J. B. Essary, pastor; Sunday School, 09:45; morning worship, 11:00; evening service, 20:15.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—Sunday School, 10:00, morning service, 11:00; evening service, 20:00.

Monahans USO

EDWARD A. PALANGE
Director

Thurs., Mar. 9—Arts and Crafts.
Fri., Mar. 10—Game night.
Sat., Mar. 11—Barn dance; Pyote Army Air Field Band.
Sun., Mar. 12—10:30, coffee and doughnuts; 15:30, concert by Pecos choral singers.
Mon., Mar. 13—Bridge Contest.
Tues., Mar. 14—Informal dance; American Legion meeting in Quiet Room, 20:00.
Wed., Mar. 15—Dance class, 17:00 to 19:00; Catholic discussion group, led by Chaplain Gannon.

Red Cross Funds To Be Raised; Station To Participate In Drive

Formal opening of the 1944 American Red Cross War Fund Drive on this field has been set for March 15, according to Lt. George A. Hoffman, fund chairman. Originally scheduled to begin February 29, the campaign was postponed in deference to the extension of the War Bond Drive through March 3.

The campaign is slated to continue throughout the remainder of the month with active solicitation expected to reach a high point following March pay. The county quota of \$11,500 is almost double that of last year and directly deflects the greatly increasing demands of the War upon the Red Cross services to the armed forces. Approximately 85 per cent of the \$200,000,000 being asked of the American people this year will be allocated to the needs of servicemen and their dependents, it was pointed out.

What percentage of the county quota will be assumed by this field is not yet known, but it is expected to exceed \$3,000, Lt. Hoffman stated. "We are particularly interested in making a creditable showing this year in view of the disgracefully low donation made by this base last year," he added. Announcement of division chairmen covering officer, nurse, enlisted and civilian personnel will be made in the near future.

The campaign on this field par-



A worker serves a busy flier at Red Cross canteen.

allels similar campaigns being conducted in every county of the United States the month of March having been officially designated by the President as War Fund month. Early returns from drives throughout the country give definite indication that the largest amount of money ever asked of the American people by Red Cross will be met by the time the campaign is closed.

Then there was the burlesque dancer who was arrested for no gauze at all.

Aviation Unit First Sgt. To OCS



First Sgt. Garrett C. Maney Jr., of the Aviation Unit, shown being congratulated by T-Sgt. Ellwood J. Brooks, is the second member of his organization to depart this station for OCS. Others in the picture, who work in the Aviation Unit orderly room, are: Cpl. Theodore W. Suggs, S-Sgt. Frank S. Brown and Pvt. James C. Williams.

Fifth Column

By SGT. WARD HOWELL

No matter whether you are from California, Maine, Washington State or Florida you'll find names and addresses of buddies from your own home-town in the "home state book" at the EMC. Take a look to see if there isn't some neighbor of yours signed up—and jot your own name down too. Who knows, maybe that guy from down the street is right here in Pyote. Poor guy!

Good luck to OCS minded S-Sgt. Howard Gamble, super sleuth deluxe of Air Base Unit fame. After all these successful decades of hounding down erroneous entries in administrative records, Hawkshaw Gamble is starting the wheels turning towards Miami Beach where he'll slave out a stretch before trading stripes for bars.

Another week, another welcome to another new member of the S-1 commandos. The whiz answering the phone at Locater files is Pvt. John Caldwell, eager-beaver for P. T. hour.

Speaking of names (were we?), here are a couple in hot contrast. Kei Hung Ng and Frederick Robert Skrzypczyk (soon as I get my tongue unwound, we'll continue). They are both from Noo York—the former from NYC and the latter from Buffalo.

Ng was born in Toy Sun, China. He was a presser in civilian life, and has been converted (of course) into a cook since being in Sam's family. He has an excellent command of the English language, and is a cook at the Guard Squadron Mess Hall.

Skrzypczyk was born and reared in Buffalo; where as a civilian, he worked for Curtiss-Wright as a riveter. The Army has made a clerk of him and he works for the Guard Squadron. He speaks, reads and writes Polish fluently.

Congratulations to Cpl. Cecil Olmstead and Miss Edith Edwards who were recently married at Pecos. Perhaps the baking will pick up at Mess No. 2 these days, being as there's an inspiration behind the good Corporal.

Italy (CNS)—Chips, half shepherd, half husky dog twice decorated for outstanding bravery during the Sicilian campaign, has now become the first dog in history to win the Distinguished Service Cross. The award was made here by Maj. Gen. Lucian Truscott after the tradition that no animal may receive the DSC was waived by the War Department.

Chips was cited for his "courageous action in single-handedly eliminating a dangerous machine gun nest and causing surrender of its crew."

Station Band Drummers Sticking Together



Two years ago Pfc. Clement R. DeRosa, left and Pfc. Marty Master, right, were playing in New York City orchestras when they met each other. They established a musical equipment store in Philadelphia, Master's home, and have been together since. Now they are drummers in the Station Band. They have been together since their first day in the Army which was July 21, 1943, at Camp Upton, N. Y. Classified as bandsmen originally, they attended a GI school at Camp Lee before coming to Pyote. Both have been drummers since they were big enough to beat two sticks together. Pfc. De Rosa played with several orchestras, including Will Osborne's, and was with Charlie Spivak a short while before enlisting. Pfc. Master was playing for Benny Goodman when he was called into service. The boys have an ambition to stick together and enlarge their enterprise in Philadelphia after the war, sticking to their playing meanwhile.

KING GEORGE KNIGHTS TWO U. S. GENERALS

Algiers (CNS)—King George VI of England, has knighted two U. S. generals, honored 16 other generals and cited ten officers, a sergeant and two privates with various decorations.

Maj. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Chief of Staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, was made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath and Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark became a Knight of the Order of the British Empire. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was one of nine generals named Companions of the Order of the Bath.

S-Sgt. Cyrus Cobb was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for heroism near Pichon in Tunisia and Pvt. Theodore Hill and Pvt. Malcolm Pressel, two heroes of the Tunisian campaign, were given the Military Medal.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The folks at home have sent more than a billion pieces of mail to soldiers overseas since the war began, according to War Department figures. Weekly shipments now average about 25 million pieces with V-Mail amounting to 25 percent.

Combat Crewmen Have Own Ideas: They Change Patches To Fit Wings

Those red patches you see on the blouses of Combat Crew trainees have suddenly changed in shape—and thereby hangs a tale.

A couple of weeks ago the patches were rectangular in shape. But many of the men wearing them thought that block of red felt just wasn't built right. Never lacking in intrepidity, they dreamed one up a little bit different, and now it has caught on with the Second Air Force powers that be.

The patch, which distinguishes the combat crew men as the boys who will eventually come into plenty of direct personal contact with the enemy, now matches the contour of the silver wings which are worn over the left upper blouse pocket.

When the desired change came to the attention of Brigadier General Armstrong, he decided to change the original design and now the patch is being manufactured in the new shape. It is

distinctive in the Second Air Force, and is intended to further instill pride of organization into the men wearing them.

The patches will soon be placed on sale at the station Post Exchange. Specifications call for a patch cut to conform to the outlines of the wings, leaving a quarter-inch border on all sides except the top, which is to be cut straight.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Harry Shipman was depressed. He flunked his Army physical, was fired from his defense job and got thrown out of a saloon in the same afternoon. So, a doleful man in a woeful world, he turned in a false fire alarm and didn't even bother to run away when the fire trucks arrived. Then, given his choice of \$25 fine or five days in jail he took the five days. "I'm glad this day is over," he remarked, "as he was led to his cell."

Russian Gypsy Concert Ensemble To Launch Series Of Artist Concerts

Inaugurating a series of six concert artist programs, a Russian Gypsy ensemble will be presented at the Officers Club at 20:00 on Thursday, March 9. Programs will be presented each Thursday night for the next six weeks, according to an announcement from WO Irvin E. Zimmerman, station bandmaster.

The first program will feature four members of the station band under the direction of Pfc. Bernard Tipple, concert violinist, conductor and composer. Others in the ensemble are: Pfc. Warren E. Koxvold, guitarist; Cpl. Carmine Dantone, guitarist, and Cpl. Philip Goldblatt, string bass.

Subsequent programs will feature Lt. Hawkinson, baritone soloist, on March 16; Pfc. Tipple, March 23; WO Zimmerman, pianist, on March 30; Miriam Edwards Tipple, soprano, on April 6; and S-Sgt. Frank Stone, clarinetist, on April 13.

Thursday night's program is in three parts, and includes Symphonic Sketches, by Rimsky Korsakov; The Two Guitars and Dark Eyes, two Russian gypsy folk songs; Valse Espanol, by Waldteuval, and several popular numbers.

Pfc. Tipple, of Chicago, has played with the Chicago and St. Louis symphony orchestras. A graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, at 18 he won an Illinois state contest for pianists. He has written several compositions for the violin, and is now working on a symphonic fantasy which is to be presented by the Station Band when completed.

Cpl. Dantone, of Boston, played with several orchestras on the East coast, appeared on the air and had his own orchestra appearing in Boston night clubs.

Pfc. Koxvold, of Minneapolis, was a featured guitar artist in midwestern orchestras. He is a graduate of McPhale College where he majored in guitar and piano.

Cpl. Goldblatt, of New London, Conn., appeared with radio orchestras and concert orchestras in that area.

NATIVES SYMPATHIZE WITH GEN. STILWELL

Burma (CNS)—Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was crouched in the bottom of a fragile Chinese river boat when it pulled up to a dock here. "Look at that poor man," said one of the native dockworkers. "He must be over 60."

Gen. Stilwell translated this conversation to his companions. "See," he remarked wryly, "you've got to take a lot of insults when you get to be my age."

Major Tenhouten Goes to Hospital

Major Charles M. Tenhouten, who has been dispensing health and healing as Station surgeon for many months, is now under the care of his own physicians.

The major had his left hip dislocated while horseback riding last week, when his mount reared up and fell backwards on him. He will have to keep a plaster cast over the hip for several weeks.

Lack of Manpower Brings ASTP Cut

WASHINGTON—To partially make up personnel shortage of 200,000 men, who should have been in uniform before the end of 1943, the Army this week made the "drastic decision" to return to active duty three-fourths of the ASTP members now receiving advanced technical training in colleges.

Inability of Selective Service to deliver personnel on schedule, increased combat operations and mounting casualties demanding immediate replacements in the field necessitated the action.

ASTP will be reduced from 145,000 to 35,000. It was said that this is necessary because of the "imperative" need at this time for these men who have already had basic training and a certain amount of specialized training for which their services are "urgently needed."

After exhausting all other sources, it was determined that the type of trained military personnel needed could be obtained only by decreasing the number of combat units or by drawing from the reservoir of men in ASTP training. It was decided that military necessity required that existing combat units be maintained.

JAPS' OVER-CONFIDENCE DESCRIBED BY TUNNEY

NEW YORK (CNS)—"There isn't a Jap in Bougainville who doesn't think he's as good as five Americans," Cmdr. Gene Tunney, U.S.N.R., told a meeting of the American Legion here recently in a warning against over-confidence on the home front.

"They are the victims of over-confidence," the former heavyweight champion said. "They have been sold that bill of goods by their warrior class."

"America must avoid falling into the same evil which the Japs have fallen into," he concluded.

Balances Wacs' Calory Budget



One of the most important duties of a mess sergeant is to see that all meals are properly balanced so as to produce maximum nutrition and strength. S-Sgt. Annabelle Ogden is pondering the pressing problem of whether to serve carrots or peas. Despite the presence of paper work, she views her job as interesting and enjoyable, and earnestly checks the calory list each day deciding on menus.

Former Artist, Wac Sergeant Equally Skillful With Brush Or Frying Pan

When you run across a girl as handy as Annabelle Ogden, the Wac mess sergeant, it makes you wonder a little about various post-war possibilities.

S-Sgt. Ogden, who in civilian life was a serious artist, can dash off a fast lemon meringue pie or a soft-pencil sketch with equal ease. Two of her paintings are over at the Enlisted Men's Service Club, waiting to be framed, and they are sufficiently good to excite the aesthetes. But her real forte is the lemon meringue, administered at critical moments with precise psychological effect. With such a weapon S-Sgt. Ogden has been known to accomplish great things for the Wac mess hall. There's a story that involves a needed potato peeler (mechanical), an unyielding supply department, and a pie, that illustrates the point.

Before joining the Wacs, Annabelle was a defense worker in upper New York state. A little better than a year ago, she decided

she could do the war effort more good as a Wac, and enlisted. Previously she had been a governess in New York and New Jersey.

Her experience helps her now in seeing that this station's Wacs are properly fed. Annabelle calls them "my little Wacs" and carefully counts the calories that her little Wacs get each day. They seem to like it, for their mess hall enjoys a very good reputation for cleanliness, good food, and efficiency.

Annabelle, a native of New Jersey, just always knew that she would be an artist. She began studying when twelve years old, and has continued to study and work since. She attended the Trenton Art School at Trenton, N. J., going to school at night and on Saturday while working, and studied sketching and pastel work at the New York Art School. Many of her works were exhibited and sold while she lived there.

Charts Are Okay, But Sgt. Depends On Memory to Locate Crew Members

The Combat Crew Status Section, where they keep tab on all combat crew trainees at this station, has the outward appearance of a Stock-Exchange brokerage office. Two walls of the office are covered from floor to ceiling with charts on which is listed the names of crew members, and such incidental data as respective positions on flight, time in hospital or on furlough.

Keeping these lists up to date, which is the job performed by S-Sgt. Harry D. Bartsch, is about as intricate as making the daily mark-up in a busy exchange. Bartsch, whose retentive mind and accurate memory, are the pride of the office, often doesn't even look at the charts. When the location of a crew member is needed in a hurry, he can reply in a hurry without getting out of his chair or batting an eye, "Why he is on crew so-and-so, flight so-and-so, and position so-and-so!"

Needless to say, such a fellow is handy to have around when you are in a hurry.

S-Sgt. Bartsch is a native Texan, and like a true Texan he loves his home state, but he is not a radical member of the Texas State Chamber of Commerce. He is usually glad to converse with "foreigners" and is not above conceding a few good points to other states, but somewhere along the line he always manages to slip in a plug.

S-Sgt. Bartsch grew up in Dallas and got his schooling there. After leaving "Big D" he was employed at Waco and was in business in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and at Corpus Christi.

He enlisted in the Army on Sept. 29, 1942 and after some armor and gunnery training, arrived here as a qualified aerial gunner. Bartsch came to this station "through channels" but his stay here came about as a sort of detour. Immediately after arrival he had a few spare minutes and wandered into the CCD Personnel Office looking for a typewriter with which to write some letters.

He found the typewriter, all right. While hammering out the news to the folks at home he attracted the attention of some of the non-coms in the office. The officer in charge told him he had a new job, and Bartsch has been reporting to that same typewriter every morning since.

S-Sgt. Bartsch has a desire to be a flier, but has been taken off flying status because of the age limitation. Being grounded was a grave disappointment to him but has now transferred his energies to the new job.

Sections I, II Tie In Medical Inspection

Sections I and II wound up deadlocked after a barracks medical inspection last week, both sections having a score of 94 and an excellent rating.

Inspecting officers declared that both sections displayed good soldiering in attaining the score, and pointed out that one point would have put either side ahead. Report on Section III was not available.

Section I Has 'Best Barracks'

The training sections finished one-two-three in the last barracks inspection, it was announced, with one barracks in Section II repeating as leader.

Barracks 605, of Section I, with Sgt. Rizzuto as barracks chief, was tops with an all-around score of 97. Officer in charge is 1st Lt. Doll.

Section II followed with a score of 95.5. Best barracks was 610, where S-Sgt. Sorafine is chief and Capt. Bonn is the officer in charge. S-Sgt. Sorafine's barracks has previously been named best on a weekly inspection.

With a score of 92.5, barracks 615 of Section III was placed third. Sgt. Savarese is barracks chief and Lt. Goring is the officer in charge.

Sec. I Shows Best Marching

The enlisted men of Section I, Combat Crew Detachment, displayed more snap and precision than any other outfit at last Saturday's review to win first place.

In second place was the Training Unit, and winners of third place were the combined officers and enlisted men of Section III.

SAILOR'S WIFE IS TOUGH TOO

NEW YORK (CNS)—Mrs. Adele Hammerman, 22-year-old wife of a sailor, came home one night and found a man in her bedroom. She hit him with a shoe and grabbed him by the seat of the pants when he tried to escape. Police arrived and found her sitting on the fellow's chest. He was intent on robbery, he admitted.

His Charts Keep Tab On CC Men



S-Sgt. Harry D. Bartsch, member of the Combat Crew Detachment Personnel Office, has a photographic mind that enables him to call off instantly the flight, crew and position of crew members in training here. Just give him a name and he'll do the rest—often without the aid of the charts shown above. The charts have to be kept up to date all the time so that any crew member can be located when needed.

Section II Buys \$21,850 Extra Bonds In Drive

Spurred by a three-way contest between bond-buying crews, the men of Section II piled up a total of \$21,850 in bond purchases during the War Bond drive just completed. This is believed to be the best record among the training sections for cash purchases.

The crew of 1st Lt. Sam Oliver, which had been leading the race all the way until the final day, was nosed out by a fast maneuver by Crew 2265. Lts. George L. Williamson, pilot, George W. Shera Jr., co-pilot, William L. Clanton bombardier, and Ashley A. Thornburg, navigator, waited until Lt. Oliver's crew was in the air. Then the boys figured how much they needed to go into first place, and plunked down the necessary dollars. They wound up with \$1,150 compared to \$1,125 for Lt. Oliver's crew. In third place was Crew 2268, of which the pilot is 1st Lt. Henry J. Nichols, with a total of \$975.

Flight B led the flights of Section II with \$2,100, Flight C followed with \$6,425, and Flight A was third with \$2,100. Static personnel in the section bought \$7,400 in bonds.

Leaders of the drive, in commending Section II for the fine record, emphasized that these purchases were all cash, over and above those made by deductions.

'Assembly Line' System Eases Men Shortage

FREDERICK ARMY AIR FIELD, OKLA.—Adoption of a drastic new production line maintenance system modeled after modern aircraft assembly lines for 50-hour inspections on training aircraft has solved a severe crisis in the FAAF maintenance departments here.

Faced with gradual reduction in maintenance personnel through overseas replacements, and a simultaneous increase in flying hours which last month set a new monthly record by 6,000 hours for Frederick Field maintenance officials have found an answer to the need for more work with less personnel in PLM.

PLM operates similar to modern factory production lines. The inspection line is divided into six departments or hanger sections, each operated by technician specialists of that particular phase of work: 1. Engines in general; 2. Fuels and oils; 3. Ignition and electrical; 4. Hydraulic systems; 5. Instruments; and 6. Miscellaneous.

In order to avoid clogging the inspection line, any necessary repairs requiring longer than 30 minutes, the time allotted for each plane at each hanger station, are made by mechanics in another hangar.

EDITORIAL

Do Your Planning Now

These days everybody with a pencil, a piece of paper and a little spare time is indulging in the new pastime of post-war planning.

Some of it, that localized part which is based on present needs and looks accurately to the future, will undoubtedly pay off in some sort of dividend. But a great mass of it often seems needless, boring and even fatuous to the average soldier who is concentrating all his thoughts on the prosecution of the war.

Too much of it is palpably designed to stimulate morale and assure members of the military establishment that the great actions now in progress and forthcoming on world-wide battle fronts will be repaid with interest by a grateful nation. The tandem of personal advancement is too openly attached by many self-appointed spokesmen who are promising the war-serious GI everything but the courthouse steps back home the minute the war is over. Such business is an affront to many a soldier who lays no dollar value on his patriotism or his citizenship.

While it is true that this sort of thing arouses distaste for the term, it is also true that a little well-applied personal thought and action now will do much to assure each soldier a fuller and better life when he returns to civilian life. This can be done by most soldiers without detracting from their contribution to winning the war, and will give double returns in constructive thinking and building for the future.

Primarily, the soldier has an excellent chance to further his education in the Army, no matter whether he left school after the seventh grade or has a college degree. On all levels and on many subjects, courses have been streamlined and brightened to the point where it is actually a pleasure to study. The government is spending millions of dollars, and wisely, to see that this is done.

This is as it should be, for when the war is over the burden of wise government will largely be in the hands of the men who are now fighting to see that the nation's way of life can be maintained. The better the men prepare now, both in a general and technical sense, the better will be the life to which they will return.

We don't mean that you can successfully assimilate Descartes' Discourse on Method while undergoing a bombing attack. But you can learn a lot by the proper study methods.

Some soldiers are in a position to save a little money now, through regular savings and purchases of War Bonds. This fund may appear helplessly small when compared to the sky-high wages and profits some persons are making, but a little bit saved now will go a long way toward re-adjustment.

Now is the time for each soldier to map his own post-war plans, subject of course to the vagaries of a highly uncertain future. The least you can do is have a lot of fun, and the chances are that time so spent will be richly profitable.

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(South Pacific)



"Careful! This is Leap Year!"

RED CROSS AT WORK—

'Rest Camps' Aid Combat Fliers

To soldiers who have never been stationed abroad, the advantages provided by the American Red Cross may seem obscure, but to most of those who have been outside this country and seen the canteens and rest homes provided by that organization, the strength and value of the Red Cross is unquestioned.

Such rest homes provide a means of eliminating "combat fatigue," and it has developed into a routine practice to order Army aviators overseas to these homes staffed with Red Cross recreational and administrative personnel. The Air Corps has led the way in cooperating with this system, which has restored many a flier to duty improved in mind and body and has given thousands of them health and wholesome recreation when they needed it most.

There are real homes converted from palatial residences, hotels, and summer resorts and located in terrain as different as can be found from that of the airbases from which the men come. Here the men doff uniforms for slacks and sweaters and settle down to relax and rest for the first time in many months. There is no set schedule. The men sleep late, eat, read and walk—and then sleep some more. A lazy man's breakfast provided in the kitchen, perhaps by a little old lady cook who likes to humor individual palates.

Sunday morning breakfast is at 10:30. Icebox raids are the custom. There are good books to read, fishing, alone or with a good companion, moonlight cruises, deep sea fishing or horseback rides. One rest home in the South Pacific has become, among other things, a veritable Arts Club. Sketching parties and easel painting are so popular that they stage art exhibits every two weeks. This home is music-minded, too; a hillbilly band, a symphony or explorations in native music, pre-occupy many of the group. Not to be overlooked is the fact that the Red Cross personnel are American women who are willing listeners should a man want to take down his hair.

Many flyers now situated at Pyote have probably enjoyed the services of Red Cross canteens usually operating on bases near large population centers. Many of these canteens serve hot coffee, soup, sandwiches and doughnuts on a 24-hour basis. Latest figures reveal that 130,000 Canteen Corps members supplemented by thousands of Canteen aides can feed eleven and a half million persons a day, and although basically this is an emergency feeding service during disaster it has expanded in wartime tempo to serve members of the Air Force Command and other groups as well as at the request of commanding officers.

Voting For Soldiers In 11 States Where May Primaries Due Explained

WASHINGTON—Information to facilitate voting in eleven state primaries during May by Army personnel whose voting residence is in those states, has been made available at all military installations, the War Department has announced.

Primaries will be held during May by the states of Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana Maryland New Jersey North Carolina Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota and West Virginia. In eight of the states, the states' absentee ballots will be used. Two states will issue "official war ballots" to soldier applicants. One state will make both types of ballots available.

Special information for the eleven state primaries follows. In each case, the date by which applications should reach the proper official is identical with the earliest date on which the state will start mailing out blank ballots. Except as otherwise noted, ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by the date of the primary in which they are to be counted:

ALABAMA—Date of first primary, May 2; run-off primary, May 30. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Alabama law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Montgomery, Alabama so as to reach Montgomery, in the case of the first primary, on or as soon as possible after May 10. A separate application is necessary for each primary.

CALIFORNIA—Date of primary, May 16. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with California law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Sacramento, California so as to reach Sacramento on or as soon as possible after April 6. Ballots must be executed by May 16 and must be received by appropriate local election officials by June 1.

FLORIDA—Date of first primary, May 2; run-off primary, May 23. Applications for "unofficial war ballots" may be made by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida, so as to reach Tallahassee on or as soon as possible after March 18. One application will suffice for both primaries. The state will begin mailing ballots for the run-off primary May 12. If a soldier is not or has not been registered, his votes for Federal offices only will be counted.

INDIANA—Date of primary, May 2. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with Indiana law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., on which card the soldier has written that he wishes it treated as an application for state absentee ballot. The card should reach Indianapolis on or as soon as possible after April 17.

MARYLAND—Date of primary,

May 1. Applications may be made either for "official war ballots" by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Annapolis, Maryland, or for state absentee ballots in accordance with Maryland law. In either case, the application should reach the appropriate official in Maryland on or as soon as possible after May 7. The "official war ballot" must be executed and received by the appropriate local election official by May 1; the state absentee ballot must be executed by May 1 and received by May 8.

NEW JERSEY—Date of primary, May 16. Application may be made for "official war ballots" by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Trenton, New Jersey, so as to reach Trenton on or as soon as possible after April 21.

NORTH CAROLINA—Date of primary, May 27. Application for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with North Carolina law, or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina, so as to reach Raleigh on or as soon as possible after April 1.

OHIO—Date of primary, May 9. Application may be made for state absentee ballots either in accordance with Ohio law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio so as to reach Columbus on or as soon as possible after April 9. The ballot should be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 5.

OREGON—Date of primary, May 19. Applications may be made for state absentee ballots either in accordance with Oregon law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, so as to reach Salem on or as soon as possible after April 9. Ballots must be executed and be received by appropriate local election officials by May 13.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Date of primary, May 2. Application for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with South Dakota law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Pierre, South Dakota, so as to reach Pierre, on or as soon as possible after April 10. The ballot must be executed not earlier than April 17 and be re-

Male Call



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ceived by appropriate local election officials by May 2.

WEST VIRGINIA—Date of primary, April 9. Applications for state absentee ballots may be made either in accordance with West Virginia law or by mailing the official post card to the Secretary of State, Charleston, West Virginia, so as to reach Charleston on or as soon as possible after February 19. Soldiers should

write on the post cards that they wish the cards to be treated as requests for state absentee ballots or ballot applications.

WHERE HE SHOULD BE

RICHMOND, VA. (CNS)—A local resident applied his 1A draft reclassification on grounds of "hardship". His dependents, he said, included a wife, two children and three chimpanzees. P.S. He's in the Army now.

WAC Flak

Lt. Haslam says that she only needs to leave this station for something to happen. She is attending a conference in Colorado Springs this week and truly "things are happening."

We welcome the eight new WACs, who have arrived here to help us "help win the war" and we hope they receive the assignments they want and feel they are best suited for. We know they will be grateful for all the amicable assistance extended to them at this, the beginning of their Army careers. We, the charter members of the WAC Unit have been here over nine months, have tried to cooperate with the other organizations in every way; or, as far as our own company obligations would permit. To digress, this seems the opportune moment for conveying to the men of this station, our appreciation of their cooperation with us, and our sincere hope for its permanency.

After several months of living and working with Angela Berkenbaugh we hated to bid her adieu, but being Army lassies, we simply wished her the best of luck wherever she may go and hoped to see her again in the future. Angie worked in the Adjutant department in Headquarters and if you have been wondering just what has caused the blue atmosphere in that direction, you may blame it on the missing Angie. Barracks No. 3 will certainly miss her as that was where she bunked, but they honored her with a farewell party and escorted her to the train in gay spirits, knowing that Angie was "getting a break." Angie will go to school in Camp Crowder, Mo. for four weeks, then on to Ft. Oglethorpe.

Madam DuBarry, our white Persian, is now making noises like a mother cat and we are attending four snow white kittens, which have been named Reveille, Retreat, Bed-check, and AWOL.

Cpl. Helen Hevyl-Raffter, our CQ on the night of their birth, is a firm believer in the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared." Anyhow, when detailed as CQ of this company.

PT on the drill field each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at four thirty is one method of picking a soft ball team. Looks like a different game, the way some of us play it. But, we get our exercise and it's—OH, my aching back! Pvt. Frieda O'Malie dislocated a shoulder in trying to hit a home run and is now in the hospital. Wow—Fritzi, please take it easy, we waited a long time for you. You surely do put your heart and soul in your work and play.

Cpl. Althea Wagner must have been a bit absent minded the



Q. I was discharged after overseas duty and later I was recalled to the service. Under the provisions of the new Muster-Out law, may I get my discharge pay now or must I wait until after the war?

A. You've got to wait. Men recalled to active duty are not eligible for muster-out pay until they are again discharged or relieved from active duty.

Q. What's all this "limited service" malarkey? I thought the Army no longer accepted men for limited service.

A. The Army no longer uses the term "limited service" in inducting men. In some cases, however, men who do not meet the standards for combat service may be inducted because of their special skills.

Bronze Star Medal Aid to Non-Fliers

WASHINGTON—A new award, the Bronze Star Medal, can now be given for meritorious service or heroic action against the enemy not involving aerial flight.

For eligible Army personnel it provides a means of recognizing performance of duty beyond the ordinary, but which is not sufficiently outstanding to warrant the award of the Silver Star or Legion of Merit.

The infantry is expected to lead the eligibility lists. The Bronze Star gives members of ground forces a chance for a medal corresponding to the Air Medal in the Air Corps.

morning she left her work at the Ordnance Department at ten thirty instead of eleven thirty and started to the mess hall for lunch, or, she could have been hungry. The GI's from the same department caught up with her when she was more than half way, to these barracks and being unable to convince her of the correct time they offered her a ride. When she complied, they took her back to finish her work. Absent minded or hungry? But there is another possible explanation. Althea has been seen quite frequently in the company of a tall, handsome—didn't catch the name, but looks pretty good—Oh, you know—late hours, spring, so many could-be accountable factors in this dilemma.

For news of the new WACs see special feature. Bledsoe-Said-So.

Advice Is Given For Safeguarding Government Pay

One of the petty wartime rackets that has grown into a national sore spot is the thievery and forgery which daily robs some soldier's dependents of their government allowance and allotment checks.

To combat the chiselers who take this method of making a living, a set of advice passed on by the U. S. Secret Service may help your dependents to keep from being robbed. If you want to be sure they get their money on time, send the following advice home to your dependents:

Have a good deep mail box, keep it locked, and have your name printed clearly on it.

Be at home when the check is due; if possible meet the carrier and take check from him personally. Cash your check yourself, preferably at the same place each time. Do not send small children to the store to cash it. Never endorse your check until you are in the presence of the person who will cash it for you. Endorse it exactly as shown on face of check.

Notify your postoffice promptly of any change of address, and also notify the office which issues your check.

Do not fold, or mutilate your check in any way. Furnish identification cheerfully if requested; this is for your protection.

Safeguard your check. It takes a long time to replace it if it is lost or stolen.

All members of the military establishment, and civilians who draw pay by check, were advised to follow the above instructions in cashing their checks. In addition, the following instructions in cashing their checks. In addition, the following instructions were given:

If you receive the "card check" punched with holes, do not fold or otherwise mutilate it. If the check has been folded or stapled, it will jam the delicate electric machines which are used in the accounting division.

On receiving your check, make a memo of the serial number, date, amount, place issued and symbol number of the disbursing officer. This information is needed in placing a stop-order if the check is lost or stolen.

"CHOO CHOO" BRINGS AID

HAVERTFORD, PA. (CNS)—To Johnny Crampton, 2, smoke means "choo-choo". So when he began hollering "choo-choo" the other day, his grandmother peeked into the nursery. She found a mattress had been ignited by a short circuit, setting the house afire. Damage was slight.

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS

THE SHIP OF ZION

One of the grandest sights I ever saw was a view of a large ocean liner as she lay in dry dock in Boston. The huge ship was painted in olive drab, as it was used as a government transport ship. The ship was several hundred feet long and its bulk stood many feet above the water. On its several decks were suspended many life boats. For her protection one could see heavy mounted guns, placed in various parts of the ship. The boat was soon to go into active duty after repairs.

We may compare the Christian church to a large ocean liner. The dimensions of this ship are unknown. The Bible says when the Ship will dock at the Port of Heaven, there will be many millions of men and women who will come from every corner of the globe. "After this I beheld, and lo a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." Revelations VIII:9.

The Ship of Zion is large enough to accommodate every soul in the world. Every individual should be a member of this Ship. The Captain has made reservations for every human soul. Anyone has a right to be a passenger of this Ship because the Captain died for every sinner. His blood is the Ticket. By humble confession of guilt and faith in the Captain we may board the Ship.

There are various compartments in this Ship and we can compare them to the various denominations of Christendom. Each group makes its unique contribution to the operations of the Ship of Zion.

The Ship has a Pilot that is superior to all men—He is the Superman, Jesus Christ. He has weathered His Ship through every storm of unbelief, atheism, persecution, indifference of men, temptation, doubt, and all evil.

ARNOLD T. ANDERSON
Ass't. Station Chaplain

CHOW TIME IN JAIL

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Prisoner Ponciano Pena sawed his way through his cell window on the 13th floor of the county jail. He was spotted on the roof by a keeper who casually remarked that dinner was ready. Pena immediately abandoned his escape efforts to tie on the feed bag.

Training Unit

By PFC ED KOOPS

Today is the first of March. I know, you're reading it on the eighth of March, but what you read on the eighth is being written on the first. And so here it is March. For the record, we shall say that March came in like a B-17. So, we're into another month, the third, of 1944. And the same things will go on happening: GI's will marry Wacs, Wacs will adopt orphan pups, guys will pin up Rita Hayworth's pictures, fellas will split with the gals back home, Dick Tracy will catch Flat-top, the PX will still be out of Camel cigarettes, and 356 Pfc's will be found dead of starvation and exposure in phone-booths, while waiting to put through long distance calls.

The Training Unit personnel underwent a few changes, as the consolidation into the Hq. unit went into effect the first of the month. The Orderly room conquistadors are now: First Sgt. Blackburn, and S-Sgts. Reiche and McMullen.

The top-ranking lads are very happy that our old permanent c.g. is back at his old job, while still sweating out A/C—S-Sgt. Ernie Wohlforth. And as our Number 1 leg-man and news-hound, we give him a low-salaam from the GI belt-buckle.

In line with the above mentioned consolidation, Major Henry Bergsneider, one of the best C.O.'s in the 2AF, left us for another position on the base. We hope it's no breach of army etiquette for this poor Pfc. to say the Unit is missing a swell guy.

The Training Unit boasts a real GI in Sgt. William T. Sheffield. With 9 hash-marks on his sleeve, he's got a left arm that looks like a first cousin to a venetian blind. He's one of the old, old, old army men—the kind they say weren't born—they were issued. Bill served in four battles in the last war; and really has some ribbons from the days when a ribbon meant more than six weeks of good conduct. He enlisted in 1917 and has been in ever since. And the Training Unit is mighty happy to be able to claim him. He's the kind of soldier that makes us poor meager draftlings see what a proud, distinguished army man looks like. Sgt. Sheffield makes us feel a little bit humble.

MEMOS FROM THE BACK OF A MARCH MESS PASS: The buttons on the fatigue outfit have a meaning. (And we don't mean to dig up an old gag about the firemen's suspenders.) . . . The 13 stars indicate the 13 original states, of course; and the 48 encircling lines (and yup, we count

Their 20-20 Girl



The boys of the San Antonio Air Service Command at Kelly Field, Texas, have selected Ida Lupino Warner Brothers star, as their "20-20 Girl" because they believe she is a perfect vision. One look at the above picture and even those Rattler readers whose eyes test 20-40 should have little trouble understanding why she was chosen.

ed 'em to be sure) are symbolical of the present union . . . In line with Wac Flak's recent colyummies with all the verse and rhyme, we'll throw in one, too . . . With apologies to Pfc. Bledsoe for being-so initiative.

OH, STOP!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
You think this'll rhyme,
But it don't.

Guess that's the 30 line for this trip. Oh, except for one thing. Personal—will the guy who swiped a flight cap, size 7½ that I left on Service Club rack, please hang on to it? We were sick of it anyway. Personal—will the guy who swiped a fur coat from Service Club Friday night please return blonde that was in it? No questions asked.

Chicago (CNS) — To spur the paper drive, Otto Schnering, president of a local candy firm, has offered a free candy bar to children who bring 10 pounds of waste paper to his office.

Soldiers Will Get Break On Income Taxes

Have you filed your income tax report yet? If not, hold it up a minute. Here are a couple of hot tips for you:

In the first place, when you sweat your way down to the bottom of the form, you may find you don't have to pay anyone a dime. That's because servicemen get a big break from the Treasury Department this year.

Congress has permitted those in the armed forces to exclude from their gross 1943 incomes the first \$1,500 of their regular service pay, on top of the regular personal exemption, which in the case of single men amounts to \$500. This will relieve the great majority of the nation's GIs from the responsibility of paying any tax at all.

This doesn't mean, of course, that you get an exemption for all that dough you won on the races last year. That ain't Army pay. Income from civilian sources is taxed on civilian rates. You've got to pay through the nose for that kind of money, just like anyone else.

Now then, let's suppose you were on active duty with the armed forces during 1942, as well as 1943. In that case, you may be entitled to further benefits from Uncle Sam.

Most servicemen who paid a quarter or a half of their 1942 tax last March or June will be entitled to a refund under the forgiveness section of the new tax law. If they had no tax at all on their 1943 income, or if it is less than their 1942 tax, they are also entitled to the benefit of the forgiveness feature and if their 1943 tax is greater than their 1942 tax, three-quarters of the 1942 tax will be forgiven if it is more than \$66.67, or up to \$50 if it is \$66.67 or less.

In a nutshell, here's how you determine whether or not you have to pay an income tax this year:

1. You must file a tax return IF—
 1. You paid or owed a tax on 1942 income.
 2. You are single and had an income in 1943 of more than \$2,000 (including service pay of \$1,500 and civilian income of \$500).
 3. You are married and had a combined income in 1943 of more than \$1,200 excluding your service pay.

Clear enough?
As a parting suggestion, the Treasury Department has recommended that you use tax form 1040—a new simplified type of income tax form—if your total income is less than \$3,000, which it probably is.

Over 300 Million 'V' Letters Sent

Over 300 million V-mail letters have been handled by the U. S. Army since the system was started in June, 1942, a War Department announcement stated. All members of the military were urged to use V-Mail at all times possible, as it has definite advantages over ordinary or air mail service.

In the first place, V-mail is faster because it is the only kind of mail that is always sent by air. Unlike ordinary letters, which are subject to loss if the ship on which they are being carried is lost, V-mail is protected against loss. If a V-mail plane is forced down, the original letters are re-photographed on another roll of micro-film, and sent on a second plane.

V-mail patrons were advised to write plainly, to address letters correctly, and write regularly to friends overseas.

QM Sees

SGT. JACK CANNON

Overheard in the PX: In answer to Shorty Wilson's query as to where he could secure a copy of Life magazine when the PX stock was gone this week, one of the fair damsels employed in our local General Store suggested that he try to buy one in Pyote. Says Shorty, "Can you imagine anyone trying to find life in Pyote? There hasn't been any life in that town since the days of the last oil boom." We are inclined to agree with him and we might add that anyone who lives there finds Time on their hands. (All right, so it ain't good).

Getting the jump on many of the Major League ball teams this year, the QM team started its spring training this week and from all appearances it looks as though there might be a good club in the making. Despite a few windy days the boys were on the field daily getting rid of those kinks that pop up the first time you throw that pellet around. In a practice game this week the boys smothered the Guard Squadron under a flurry of base hits that netted a total of fifteen runs while Sam Barone on the mound for the first time this year, hurled brilliant ball to hold the Galloping Guards down to a walk. Backed up by a snappy infield and a better than average outfield, the Pittsburgh youngster gave up a total of six runs most of which came in the end of the game when darkness made fielding the ball a little difficult. If the team can keep up the pace it will be a contender for the Station Championship.

Was his face red! Prize boner of the week was committed by PFC Bill Harris. While returning from P.T. class this week Bill was puzzled by the actions of his companions when they all suddenly stopped and with their hand to their foreheads in the familiar gesture known as a salute, stood at attention. It took him a good minute and a half to realize that they weren't looking for Superman flying through the air but were standing Retreat. Quote Bill, "I thought they were shading their eyes from the sun while they looked for something up in the sky."

A few years ago Jerry Colona had the entire country asking "Who's Yehudi." The latest \$64 question is, "Who is Nick Iaoski." To date we have found out that he was All American fullback from 1929 to 1938. He played the entire infield for Brooklyn from 1922 'till 1931. He pushed Whirlaway to victory in the Derby. Singlehanded he chased Rommel out of Africa. In fact every great thing that has been done in the past thirty years has had Nick as the force behind it. When any-

One Of Lucky Stars



This military miss takes advantage of a time out to have a cup of tea. One of the ten "Lucky Stars" in the show of that name, Shirley Cowan considers herself lucky to be playing with such stars as Eddie Cantor, Ann Sheridan, and Errol Flynn. Our opinion is, the others are also lucky to be in the company of such a beautiful miss.

one asks the question "Who did this?" or "Who did that?" around the Quartermaster Barracks he is answered by a chorus, "Nick Iaoski, of course." Nick's deeds were first brought to light by the Bard of Batavia, PFC. George Mahaney and ever since new stories of his deeds have appeared until now he assumes the characteristics of Paul Bunyan, Supermouse and Frank Sinatra all rolled into one.

LITTLE FERRY, N. J. (CNS)—This town's one-man police force is seeking the thief who stole police headquarters, a six by nine foot frame building,

SWEET AND SOUR—

BAND NOTES

BY CPL. GLEN BOOTH

After another grinding week, here we are with another bit of something.

PFC. Master finally got on the train for his furlough. Did you ever see such a nervous creature before?

Was that girl really your cousin Danny?

A fellow columnist boasted three Dominics in his barracks. In our small organization of thirty men we have three George's and two Harold's.

After the party Wednesday there is a lot that could be said but maybe we better take in just a few of the high spots. The party was held at the Monahans Country Club. Among the evening's entertainment were songs by Lewis Shelton (where did you learn those, Lewie?) plenty of dancing and beer. On the more serious side we had Viennese waltzes by PFC. Tipple and several vocal selections by his wife. In addition I might add a swell time was had by all and thanks to Sgts. Zerman and Christensen for the good time.

The Rattler runs a column "Know Your Buddies" so I am going to give a bird's eye view of the members of our band.

This week we have our bandmaster WOJG Irvin Zimmerman. He is from Dayton, Ohio, graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and taught piano and music theory at North Carolina State College. (Incidentally he was the youngest member on the faculty and had several students older than himself.) He is married and has no children. His likes are, sea foods, big sirloin steaks, Bhrams and low down boogie-woogie. His dislikes are, music before breakfast, Wheaties and music such as Deep in the Heart of Texas. He intends to go into the science of music after the war. Technically that would be a Musicologist.

Enuf sed fer now.

"Isms"

Socialism—You have two cows. You give one to your neighbor.

Communism—You have two cows. You give both cows to the government and the government gives you part of the milk.

Facism—You have two cows. You keep the cows, give the milk to the government and the government sells part of the milk back to you.

Nazism—You have two cows. The government shoots you and takes the cows.

New Deal—You have two cows. The government shoots one cow, milks the other, and pours the milk down the sewer.

Capitalism—You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

Aviation Unit

By J. C. WILLIAMS

Hello.

This has been a history making week for the Aviation Unit. First we lost our Commanding Officer, Capt. Fred W. Thacker, then Major Edward M. Wilmoth assumed command, and now we have lost our 1st Sgt. Garrett C. Maney Jr. to OCS. To our officers who have left we wish the best of luck in their new endeavors, to Major Wilmoth, we pledge the same cooperation and look forward to doing bigger and better things under his command.

You should have seen Pfc. George W. Spriggs running Pvt. K. C. Rhodes. Who said Spriggs couldn't run?

T-Sgt. Elwood J. Brooks is taking over in Sgt. Maney's place to the delight of the unit. Congratulations Sgt., we know you will make good.

Orchids to the KP personnel for their good nature at all times under trying circumstances . . . Pvt. Jack W. Allen is learning to beautify his envelopes from Pvt. Tiller. The line forms to the right boys . . . Have you heard Pvt. Wm. Thorp tickle the ivories? . . . Pvts. Wm. Brown and Charlie Tipton should join Wings Over Jordan after the war with such voices.

Sgt. Lewis Stanley is doing a fine job on the area with the help of Cpl. Tokio Mitchell.

The squadron welcomes Chaplain Anderson back with wide open arms and we are off to Odessa.

Have you seen the latest pictures of S-Sgt. Frank S. Brown? They are honies! . . . The telephone wires will be humming soon to Delaware. Oh, boy!

Have you you heard Pvt. Oliver Dean mimic? He is good . . . Supply Sgt. Hughes is a lover of classical music, would you believe it?

Sgts. Stanley, Frederick Smith, Pfc. George Brown, Pvt. Dean play a mean game of tonk. Everything goes—and how . . . Sgt. F. F. Smith is quite a camera bug. He is good.

Please help us with some news or I will tell all, that is a threat. We'll be seeing you next week.

ONE MAN AUDIENCE SEES FREE MOVIES

ASSAM (CNS)—The most exclusive movie audience in the world is composed of a single man—S-Sgt. Frank Kulikowski, an aviation mechanic who has been confined to a hospital bed here since a plane crash in October.

Every Sunday night, a special service officer drags his projector into Kulikowski's room and sprays a movie on the wall over his bed.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

By T-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

Barracks No. 2 and the dwellers therein have proven definitely that "Their Home" is an "Institution" in itself. Super G. I.'s with unlimited energy, originality and the best morale on the Field work hard, play harder and actually lie awake nights thinking of some new endeavor. The building itself has stood up remarkably against its terrific "beating" and will perhaps be intact for at least another month. Last Tuesday night the apex of all times was reached when the "Shack" suddenly took on the appearance of a botanical garden. Strange, isn't it? Like magic (the Mercer-Maleski type) holes appeared everywhere in the floor (caused by too much mopping, of course) and through the openings trees, sage brush and cactus "Miraculously" appeared. Ah! what a spectacle! Cpl. McTigue and Doherty perhaps remember but "Brute" Lonergan will never forget. This notorious soldier says he will soon be forced to 'take over' in the event of a recurrence. Don't be too hard on the boys, "Brute".

Odessa will never forget the night Robinson, Ransom, Oligney Federico, Timmons and Stopp entered her gates. Yes, it was a banner night for all, but for Oligney, the Baltimore Flash, it was more. It was his 'Golden Hour'. But why were you so excited, Jim?

When the Doors of 'Sunset Inn' opened at 2030 last Wednesday night there was a crowd at the door and every one of them a Medic. The members of Local 237 really think Tom is a regular fellow and really appreciate his many tokens of thoughtfulness.

It's 'no letter in the mail today' for Cpl. Doherty. And to think it all happened because 'That Letter' went into the wrong envelope!! Pfc. Tony Nigro will still accept your contribution in getting his two 'Pyote Pals' out of "Bondage". Well, Tony, what do you say? Yes, a "Crash on the Highway" was reported by Capt. Taylor and S-Sgt. Boreski and Cpl. Maleski were on the job. Unfortunately, it was too late for the old gray tabby cat was dead! Just what would we do if we did not have the Vets? Who in Monahans said, "Sgt. Fohey, you're tops but you remind me too much of my kid brother." Cheer up, pal! Cpl. Dwyer seemed to be a 'guest of the village' the other night and it wasn't his idea either. Well, now have you heard everything? What's this we hear about

Name It And It's Yours



Here's what the well-filled bathing suits are filled with this season in Hollywood. The luscious brunet beauty, who got her start on Broadway, has moved to the flicker capital; early in her career she played the love menace in Mickey Rooney's ever-tangled life. With that help, can you guess her name? The first one to submit the correct name to the station public relations office will receive a flashy 8 by 10-inch pin-up picture. Her initials are P. D.—and you'll have to say P—D—Q, if you expect to win.

Cpl. Joe Solick learning how to drive! Joe still feels there are possibilities for he's driven a car for only 28 years! Pfc Jimmy Fisk never misses a night when it comes to calling that "Special Attraction" in Monahans. Why all the secrecy, Jim, you know we're all your buddies!

Our heartiest regards and very best of luck go with S-Sgt. Bumgarner on his new assignment on something that is more or less new to us... Air Evacuation.

Glenn was always a very willing worker and a good plugger for any Medic activity and we'll certainly miss him. It's more than Leap Year for Lt. Keenan! On one of his charts the date read: "30 February 1944". Cpl. Tomczak (in Bks. 5 it's "Tomcat") says that he hasn't slept for two weeks! Well, fellows, what would you say he was doing when his eyes are closed, his mouth is open and he isn't talking!

Sub-Depot Supply

By CATTY CHATTY

It was a tough struggle, but I finally dug up a few choice bits that might interest someone... All was quiet on the Supply Front this past weekend, due to the fact that our Captain was in San Antonio on business... However, we're quite sure that he got a few good licks in as the Mrs. left her flower in the care of ten pounds less, none other than Miss Blackburn.

J. O. Donaldson doesn't seem any too happy these days... Wonder why?? wish the front office had a nice, young assistant like in Warehouse No. 2... Bet I wouldn't stand him up on a date... especially if I asked him for it... (he either wants the girls in Warehouse No. 2 to run faster or slow down, can't remember just how that story went...)

Bee made a trip home this past week-end, and it was just a coincidence that a certain T-Sgt. was on the same bus???

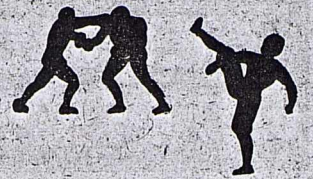
Norma Brown got to kiss her boy good bye after all... At least that's what I hear... How about that Norma?... The front office vampire is giving EM a break again... Was seen lurching in the Service Club last week... What, no brass bars?... This love business is really burning up the wires... What with telegrams and long distance phone calls... Nina, know what I mean?... Old 'Hatch' is going to write a book about his harem... He now has eight beautiful gals working for him... 'Life begins at forty' must be more truth than fiction... Guess you're never too old... Mr. Neb nearly walked off the ramp the other day looking after a cute little WAC... You know there are some darn cute ones running around here... (and I should know)... Jackie Melton said she had the thrill of her life last week... But she won't tell us what it was.

One of our Messengers was making a lot of trips to Warehouse No. 3... and now I know why... Turner and M. D. are that way about each other... Really... Who is Marie Stacey's new heart throb at the Service Club... his initials are H. B... Here are some questions that came up from Warehouse No. 3... Will Mary Lou ever grow up to be woman size?? Pretty cute, though, for a tiny tot... What will Lucille Blumenthat and Dorothy Abraham think of a real sand storm?... They thought these slight breezes were something... How can Virginia Parker eat so much candy, fruit and everything... and still stay so slender?... And how, oh how, does Mr. Neb manage to remain so calm and unruffled amidst all those she wolves?

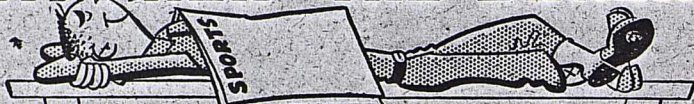


RATTLER

SPORTS



WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

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Stop Me If You've Heard This Song Before

It happened in a Green Bay Packers-Chicago Bears football game about eight years ago. Midway through the contest, with Green Bay well down in the Bears' territory, Quarterback Johnny Blood was cooking up something special in the huddle when he looked up and found Carl Brumbaugh, Bear's quarterback, in the huddle with him and the rest of the Packers.

"Pull up a chair, Carl," he invited.

"No, thanks," said Carl making rapid tracks for his own side of the line. "I just thought I could be of some help, but you guys seem to understand the play pretty well."

Golfer Joe Kirkwood was giving driving instructions to a novice.

"The first thing you do," said Joe, "is address the ball."

"What?" said the guy.

"Address the ball," Joe repeated.

"Hello, ball," said the duffer.

HERE'S A HOT SPORTS FLASH: Cornell University's well-conditioned team won the College Club's annual catch-as-catch-can duplicate bridge championship, played under Marquis of Queensbury rules in New York recently. The Big Red team smashed the game but out-weighted Dartmouth boys in a hard fought grudge match in which the psychic bidding was terrific. The house was jammed.

When Fresco Thompson was managing the Birmingham club, the New York Yankees sent him a young pitcher with a lot of smoke on the ball but nothing under his hat save his ears. Fresco wanted to get a line on the goof so he approached him and spoke.

"I know you played with Augusta last year and went very well," said Fresco. "Where were you the year before?"

"Amsterdam," said the kid.

"And how did you go there?" asked Fresco.

"By train," said the kid. "None of them buses for me."

Here's the latest major league draft box score: Detroit pitcher Virgil Trucks was inducted into the Navy; Dodger pitcher Bill Sayles joined the AAF; Washington catcher Jake Early, Cardinal pitcher Howie Krist and Bob Carpenter, owner of the Phillies, passed their pre-induction physical exams; Yankee ace pitcher Spud Chandler and Ben Chapman former big league star, have been accepted by the Army for limited service; Dodger outfielder Dixie Walker, Dodger catcher Bobby Bragan, Giant infielder Dick Bartell and Detroit outfielder Don Ross, have been classified 1A.

RAF Sgt. Freddie Mills, light-heavyweight champion of the British Empire, has challenged Sgt. Joe Louis to a title bout if and when the Brown Bomber comes to England. The War Department has announced that Louis soon will be sent overseas to entertain U. S. servicemen in a series of bouts.

Maj. Robert T. Jones, of Atlanta, holder of more golf records than any other man has arrived in the ETO and is assigned to duty as intelligence officer with a USAAF fighter unit.

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Paul Revere, a truck driver, paid \$13.50 in court fines for his wild ride through Minneapolis the other night. Revere was arrested on a charge of speeding. "Your namesake had good reason to be in a hurry," said the judge, "but you didn't."

Chicago (CNS) — An original Dick Tracy brought a price that would make collectors of Rembrandt wince when comic strip art went on the block at a war bond sale. A picture of the jet-jawed comic strip detective, drawn by Chester Gould Tracy's creator, brought a bond outlay of \$10,000.

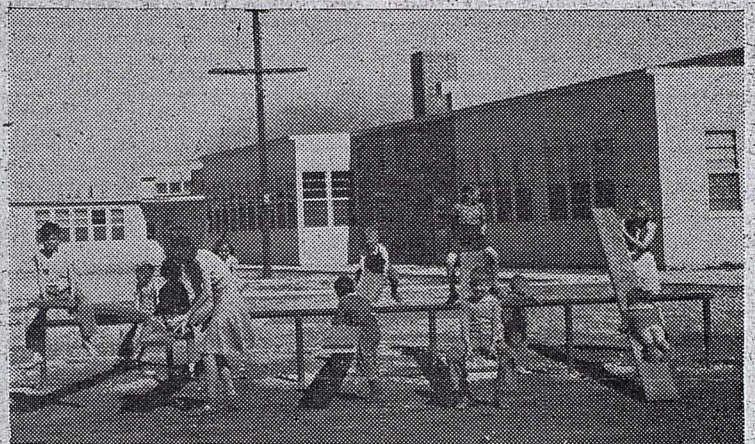
JUST A LUXURY

WEST HAVERSTRAW, N. J. (CNS)—The trustees of this little village, who recently fired the police department, now have discarded the town judge, too. The reason—no crime.

POTTSVILLE (CNS)—Mayor Claude A. Lord is going to present a lapel pin to every 4F in Pottsville. The pins are intended to save rejected men from possible embarrassment, the mayor said.

Mobile, Ala. (CNS)—Mobile has abandoned its brief experiment of serving ladies only at state operated liquor stores. The plan was discontinued by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board after a one week trial.

Phoenix, Ariz. (CNS)—A local resident became involved in a street argument on how easy it is to pick pockets. At the heat of the discussion, he reached into his pocket, found he had been fleeced of \$47.



New Playground Area, Equipment For Children

The small children of civilian employees stationed here, who have been puttering around for some time with just their own private toys to play with, now have some equipment on which to get their exercise. The kids are shown, above, pounding the see-saws, and at right, going to town on a section of the swings. A playground section has been set aside in the civilian housing area, and sandboxes and other devices are available.

Commandos Strike Again



Undefeated and untied, the Crippled Commandos now stand at the head of the list of teams that will soon be battling for the station championship. Here they are shown in their latest victory, a 63-40 victory over a selected team from Section III. In above picture the Commandos' scoring ace, Pfc. Joe Boots, (far right) is passing to Pfc. Chester Sartori (far left). Others in the picture are: Pfc. Joe Eonta, Pvt. Lefty Brown, and Pfc. John Pirechak.

Chapel Schedule

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses

0800, 1615, and 1745.

Confessions Saturday, 1500 to 1830, 2000 to 2100, and any day before Mass.

Week-day Mass: Daily at 1830 (Except Thursday).

Holy Communion: Daily from 1700 to Mass time.

Hospital Mass: Thursday at 1015.

Evening Devotions: Tuesday at 1900: Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help. Friday at 2100: Stations of the Cross.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Distribution of Ashes: 0730, 1200, and 1830.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday, February 25th, at 1900: Sabbath evening service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Thursday, February 24, at 2000.

ANYBODY SEEN A BODY?

BURBANK, CAL. (CNS)—Mrs. Helen Smith telephoned police and asked: "Where is my husband? I shot him and now I can't find him anywhere." The police found husband Harry in a hospital and if he wants to find his wife, she'll be in jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Sam Baugh Named Top Pro Slinger

CHICAGO—Sweet Sammy Baugh, the Sweetwater, Texas rancher, has put his brand on the 1943 passing championship of the National Football League.

Based on the number and percentage of completions, Baugh outdid by a hair the feats of Sid Luckman, who was voted the circuit's outstanding player. Baugh had a mark of .577 and Luckman caught his target .545 of the time Luckman, the former Chicago Bear T-timer who is now in the Maritime service, added to his fine passing record with his ball-carrying and general all-around excellence in other departments.

Baugh also led in pass interceptions.

BILLETING EXPERT SLEEPS IN A LOBBY

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Ens. Helen McCreight, a Wave, whose job in the billeting office of the Navy Department is to find shelter in Washington for Navy personnel, couldn't find a place to sleep herself on a recent visit to New York.

Ens. McCreight spent the night in a hotel lobby because she forgot to make a reservation in advance of her week-end trip to the Big Town.

Vincos Smother Armorers, 51-37, To Take 4th Spot; Commandos Win

While the rest of the teams were resting up for crucial playoff engagements, the Vincos dropped the Armorers from the lists with a rowdy 51-37 win in last week's play.

S-Sgt. Walt Krawczyk was hotter than a two-dollar pistol, pouring in 18 points to pace the Vinco scoring. Krawczyk crammed in seven field goals during the first half and added two more during the last half of play.

Sgt. McDonald and Pfc. Pete Jasaitas were runners-up with 15 points each, and M-Sgt. Bill Moss tabbed 14 points.

At the end of the regular schedule three teams—Armorers, Vincos, and Sad Sacks—were deadlocked in a percentage tie for third and fourth place. By agreement the three got together and tossed a coin. A lucky flip won third place for the Sad Sacks without a struggle, and the Vincos and Armorers battle it out for fourth.

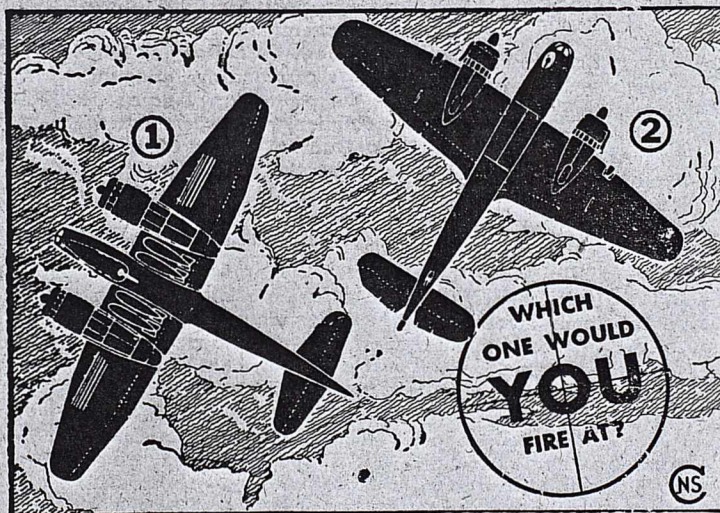
The Crippled Commandos, undefeated kingpins of the circuit, indulged in a non-percentage fray with an informal quintet from Section III, winning the match 63-40 although they were extended at times by the Section III players.

Thursday night, March 9, the Commandos will meet the improved Galloping Guards in what promises to be a close and hotly contested duel. In the second game of the evening, the Vincos

will meet the Sad Sacks. The first game is scheduled for 19:30, and the second at 20:30. Admission is free.

BOX SCORES

Fighting Armorers	G	F	Pts.
Backmeyer	1	0	2
Cervantes	5	0	10
Thomas	0	1	1
Tamburrino	4	1	9
Jasaitis	7	1	15
	17	3	37
Vincos	G	F	Pts.
Moss	6	2	14
Castner	3	0	6
McDonald	7	1	15
Harris	0	0	0
Krawczyk	9	0	18
	25	3	51
Crippled Commandos	G	F	Pts.
Boots	9	3	21
Cooper	7	4	18
Sartori	5	0	10
Perachek	2	0	4
Shonenberg	0	0	0
Gerrard	5	0	10
	28	7	63
Section III, C.D.D.	G	F	Pts.
Burns	5	1	11
Elhert	7	0	14
Hedge	4	0	8
Hurley	2	1	5
Williams	0	0	0
O'Bise	1	0	2
	19	2	40



FIRE AT NO. 1! It's the Nazi JU-88, a twin engine, low-wing dive bomber which also has been used as a torpedo bomber. The nose of the thin, streamlined fuselage projects ahead of the underslung engine nacelles. Both edges of the outer sections of the wings taper to broad, rounded tips. The single rudder extends beyond the tapered, rounded tipped tailplane.

NOT AT NO. 2! It's the British Beaufort, a mid-wing, twin-engine bomber used as a torpedo carrying plane. The rounded nose of the fuselage extends well forward to the engine nacelles. The center section of the leading edge of the wings is straight and the outer panels are tapered. The trailing edge tapers to rounded tips. Rounded tipped tailplane has a V-shaped cut-out.

Germans Re-Build Sea Defenses To Meet Invasion

'Atlantic Wall' Can Be Cracked, Is Admitted Now

The "Atlantic Wall," which isn't a wall at all but a series of separate defenses, can be cracked, the Germans now admit to their people. They are planning modifications to it on the basis of lessons learned from the Allied landings at Anzio and Nettuno.

A landing on the French shore would only be "a prelude to battle and does not itself constitute a decisive action," it was stated in the propaganda organ run by Goebbels.

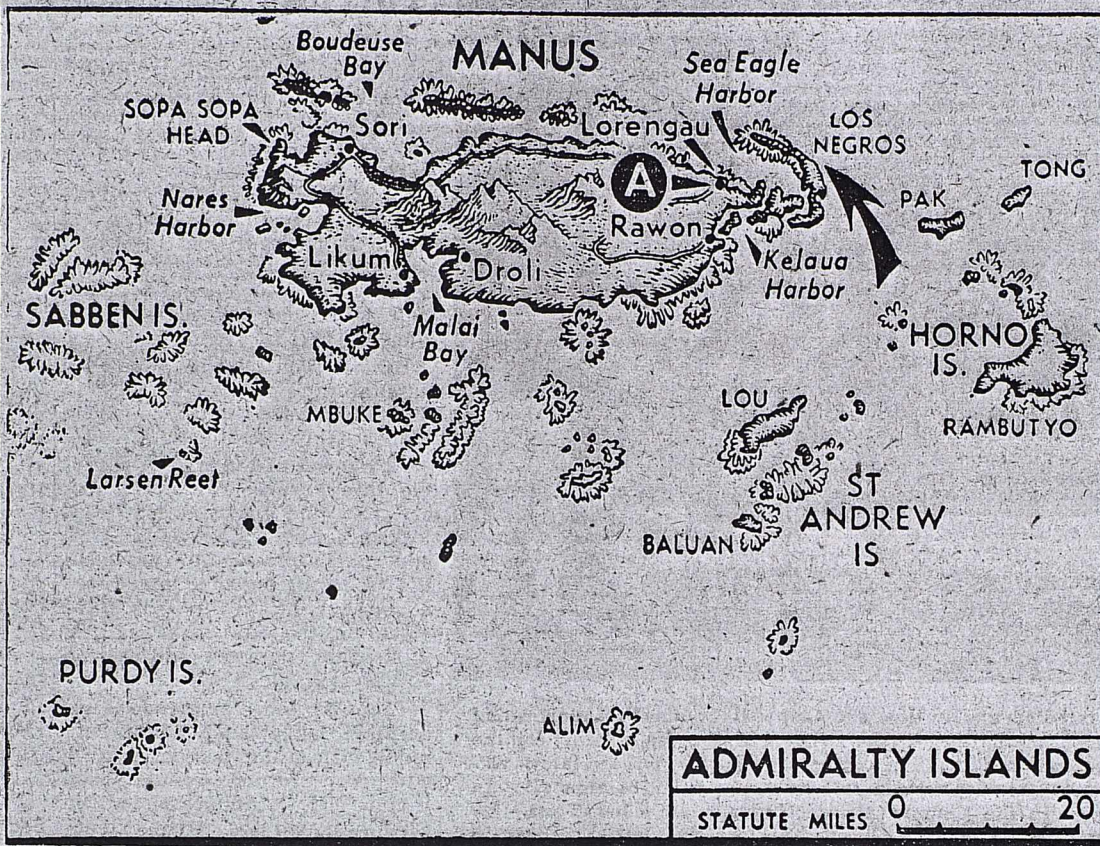
Evidences of the frantic efforts of the Germans to strengthen the Atlantic were brought back to this country by recently repatriated Americans, who stated that specialists were working every day and employing thousands of workers in changing some parts of the defense.

As German's worries increased last week, so did those of her ally Japan. The Nipponese, eyeing the increasingly frequent bombing missions against Paramushiro, wonder if this isn't the next stop on the road to Tokyo. Paramushiro is about 1,200 miles from Tokyo but it is only 700 from Hokkaido, the large and thickly populated mainland island of Japan.

Dropping their "superman" attitude momentarily, the Japanese rulers told the people the grave damage they had sustained at Truk, and admitted that they are saving their fleet for a more critical time. Hard hit by shipping losses, they are believed to have decided on saving the fleet for a final decisive battle in home waters. This is in line with the Axis policy of dragging matters out and hoping for a negotiated peace.

Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who swore two years ago he would get even with them for the "hell of a beating" they had given him, took some satisfaction by opening an attack in northern Burma that trapped 2,000 of the enemy.

Gen. MacArthur personally directed forces of dismounted U. S. cavalrymen who stormed ashore on Los Negros island, in the Admiralties.



Arrows point to Los Negros Island, upper map, which was seized by Americans in a daring sea maneuver that put dismounted cavalrymen ashore. Momote Airfield near Lorengau was also seized. About 50,000 Japs are now encircled in the area encompassed by dotted line (right). Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announcing the American landing in the Admiralty Islands, north of New Guinea, remarked pointedly that the site of the invasion was 1,300 miles from the Philippines.

Over the skies of Europe, the war of attrition which the Allies are waging against Germany continued to take a heavy toll. For the first time, American bombers swept in over Berlin, and planes following up this initial raid precipitated what the German radio described as one of the greatest air battles of the war.

Heavy casualties incurred on the Anzio beachhead caused a serious dislocation of German plans for opposing an invasion from Great Britain, it was learned. Germany's finest divisions were poured into the bloody struggle to throw American forces back into the sea.

Cavalrymen Take Island Airport

