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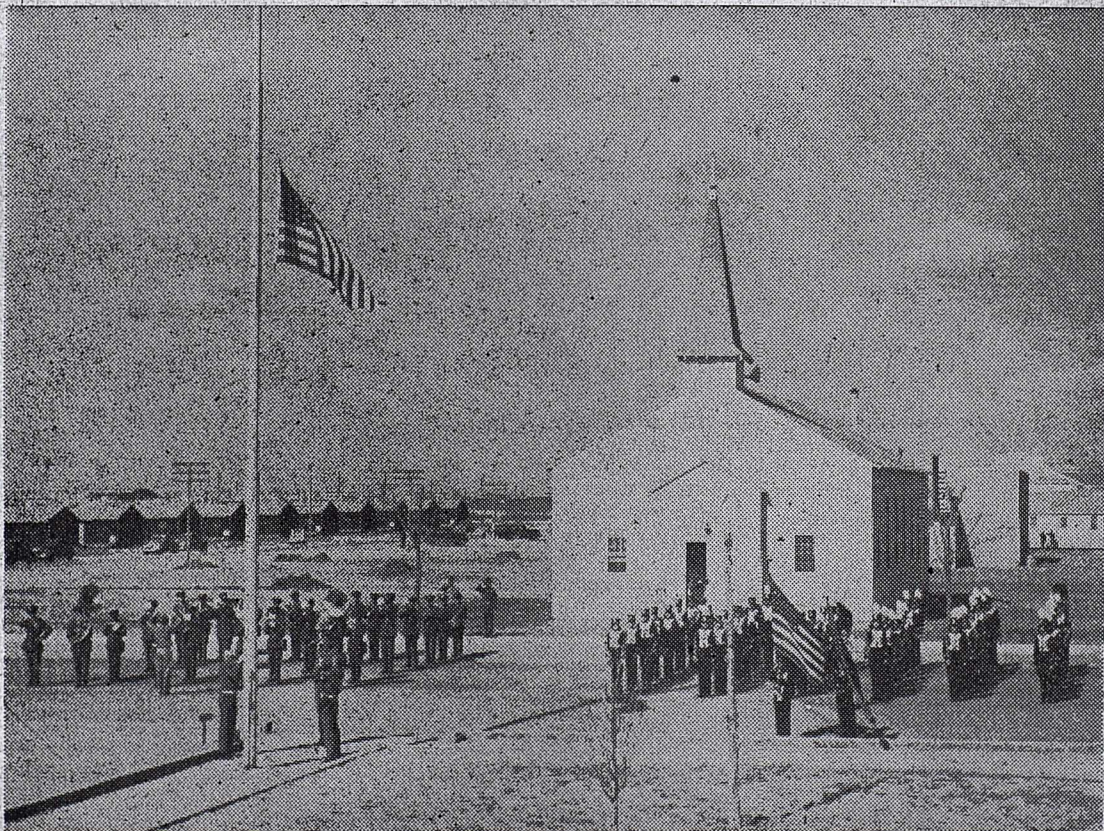
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Retreat

The martial splendor of dazzling band uniforms . . . a fluttering flag against a lazy Texas sky . . . a white painted chapel in the midst of drab rows of barracks . . . these Army camp elements combine to make this impressive picture, skilfully recorded by a Station Photo Section photographer. The visiting band in the picture is the Wink High School Wildcat band which recently played a concert here, and stood retreat along with WO Irvin Zimmerman's Station Band.



Central Office Hikes Efficiency Of Supply System

Coordination of record-keeping for all units at this station, resulting in a saving of manpower and increase in efficiency, has been effected by the creation of a Central Supply Office.

The Central Supply Office, located where the old Air Base Unit Supply room was formerly, will contain the records of all units except the Wacs, Medics and Aviation Unit. Paper work on each enlisted man will be done here.

A supply representative from each unit, stationed at the Central Supply Office, will coordinate with a supply representative left in the unit.

As a result of this change, all issues will henceforth be made from one of two places—either the Air Corps or General Supply Warehouse.

First Lt. Albert J. Ports has been named Central Supply Officer, and assistant Central Supply Officer is Lt. Zilliot.

Born On Saint Patrick's Day

Pfc. Mildred Brown, photo lab technician working at the Station Photo Section, has a birthday on Friday, March 17, Saint Patrick's Day. She'll be wearing a shamrock, says Pfc. Brown, for her father came from Ireland.

Aerial Gunner Of Jap Descent Training Here

(Picture on Page 1)

Cpl. Yukio Kishi, shown descending from a Flying Fortress after a training flight, is believed to be the only American of Japanese descent in training here. Cpl. Kishi, who enlisted in the Air Corps two days after Pearl Harbor, is a radio operator-mechanic-aerial gunner. He is an expert shot with either rifle or 50-cal. weapon.

Cpl. Kishi likes the upper turret gun position in a Fortress, and wants to see action; in whatever theater of operations he may happen to be sent.

Before enlisting, Cpl. Kishi led the typical life of a small-town American boy. He was born in Stockton, Calif., and worked as a nurseryman for a florist there. He played minor league baseball with the Stockton Lancers. He attended radio school at Scott Field, Illinois, and graduate from aerial gunnery school at Tyndall Field, Fla. After the war he expects to continue in radio work.

Message From the Commandant

Like all groups whose work is connected with the armed forces, the duties of the American Red Cross have been multiplied several times over since war began. The Red Cross has performed its work, both in this country and abroad, in such a superb manner that it merits our attention and respect for its efficiency and results alone, if for no other reason.

With U. S. troops scattered all over the globe, it is the job of the Red Cross to carry its services to every man in the armed forces. These services consist of those little things that mean the touch of home to the fighting men. They have been carried to the front lines and to the supporting forces, to large cities and to remote outposts, to the foot soldier, sailor and airman alike.

The Red Cross does little things—but those thousands of small acts done daily add up and produce better satisfied fighting men. A letter written home for a bed-ridden man, an hour of good music from some phonograph, a cup of hot coffee and a friendly talk with a hostess—who can estimate their value?

Men returning from combat have stated that they appreciate the Red Cross as they do no other organization, for it has sustained them in their hour of need. Airmen, especially, have benefitted from the Red Cross which has supplied rest homes where combat fatigue can be overcome.

To the officers and men of Pyote, I can say that the chances are very good that your contribution to this cause, to which we are paying special attention during the month of March, will come back to you tomorrow on some distant battlefield.

This movement is worthy, in the best tradition of American helpfulness and generosity. I urge you to support it in accordance with these principles.

Signed,

BERNARD T. CASTOR,

Colonel, Air Corps,
Station Commandant.

EM Wives Elect Officers; Look For New Members

An earnest recruiting drive, to attract members to join in performance of club activities, has been launched by the Enlisted Men's Wives' Club. The next regular weekly luncheon meeting will be held at 12:00 noon Thursday, March 16, and all prospective members are urged to attend this meeting.

At last week's meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Reva Combs, chairman; Mrs. Lillian Bryant, secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Johns, treasurer.

The club is now outlining a number of future activities in which all members will take part.

Civvy Shivvy Set For Thurs. Night

A dance for all civilian personnel of the station will be held Thursday night, March 16, at the Civilian Personnel Building, it has been announced.

Music, provided by the station orchestra, will begin at 8:30 p.m.

All-Girl Group Here March 22

"Victory Sweethearts" an all-girl orchestra, will present a program at 20:00 on Wednesday night, March 22, it has been announced by Special Services.

With a reputation for smooth harmonics and snappy presentation that has increased to national proportions in recent months, the Victory Sweethearts have been favorably compared with the best of all-girl organizations, including Phil Spitalny's famed group.

The show is to be presented at the Recreation Hall and will be free to station personnel.

India (CNS)—Home safe at his base after parachuting from his burning plane, a pilot drew his liquor ration, hustled over to the parachute shop and presented the whole bottle to the private who had packed his chute.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Nora E. Goner 76, who gave her occupation as a domestic, has filed her candidacy for the Republican Presidential nomination. "I want the President's job better done," said Mrs. Goner.

Issue Warning On Military Courtesy

A second warning for all station military personnel to observe military courtesy and discipline emanated this week from the office of the Station Commandant.

Punishment for those who fail to salute properly will consist of company punishment for privates, reduction in grade for non-coms, and payment of fines for officers. All courtesies of rank will be observed henceforth or disciplinary action will be taken, it was stated.

Concert Tonight; Feature Guitarist

Forest Smith, 17-year-old composer now living in Monahans, will be guest artist tonight when the 728th Army Band presents a concert at 2000 at the Service Club.

Smith, a guitarist who writes his own music, will present three selections which he composed.

As a musical salute to our aerial allies of the RAF, the "RAF March," by Davies, will open the program. Other numbers on the program will be: Emperor Waltz, by Strauss; Stars and Stripes Forever, by Sousa; Military Escort March, by Bennett; Beautiful Colorado, by DeLuca; and the Overture from the Barber of Seville, by Rossini.

Sons of Erin to Have Party at USO

There will be singing and dancing at the USO Club on Saturday, March 18, as the sons of Erin hold forth at a Shamrock party (Erin Go Bragh) in honor of St. Patrick's Day. One of the highlights of the birthday will be a game, "Kiss the Blarney Stone," and the walls will ring with the old familiar Irish songs. The shamrock itself will bloom again in the decorations.

In connection with the festive, green refreshments shall be served together with cookies decorated with Shamrock. Playing of games and dancing will highlight the evening.

Summer Uniforms Available at PX

Summer garments for officers and enlisted men have arrived at the Post Exchange, it has been announced.

PX officials stated that the shipment received will be the only goods the PX will have this year, and that a complete range in sizes is now available but may not be available later on. No replacements will be received, it was stated. Complete price ranges are also available.

Lt. Hawkinson Is Featured Artist

Lt. Frank Hawkinson, baritone soloist, will be featured on the second in a series of artist presentations, at the Pyote AAF Officers Club at 2000 Thursday, March 16.

Lt. Hawkinson, who is a bombardier instructor stationed here, is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, in Chicago. As a concert and radio artist he was well known in that area before entering the Army. His home is in Ada, Okla.

"Believe Me, If All Those Enduring Young Charms," the old Irish melody, will open the program. Other numbers will be: Bach's Komm, Susser Tod; Wagner's Evening Star; Schubert's Litany; Verdi's Il Lacerato Spirito; My Journey's End; by Fay Foster;

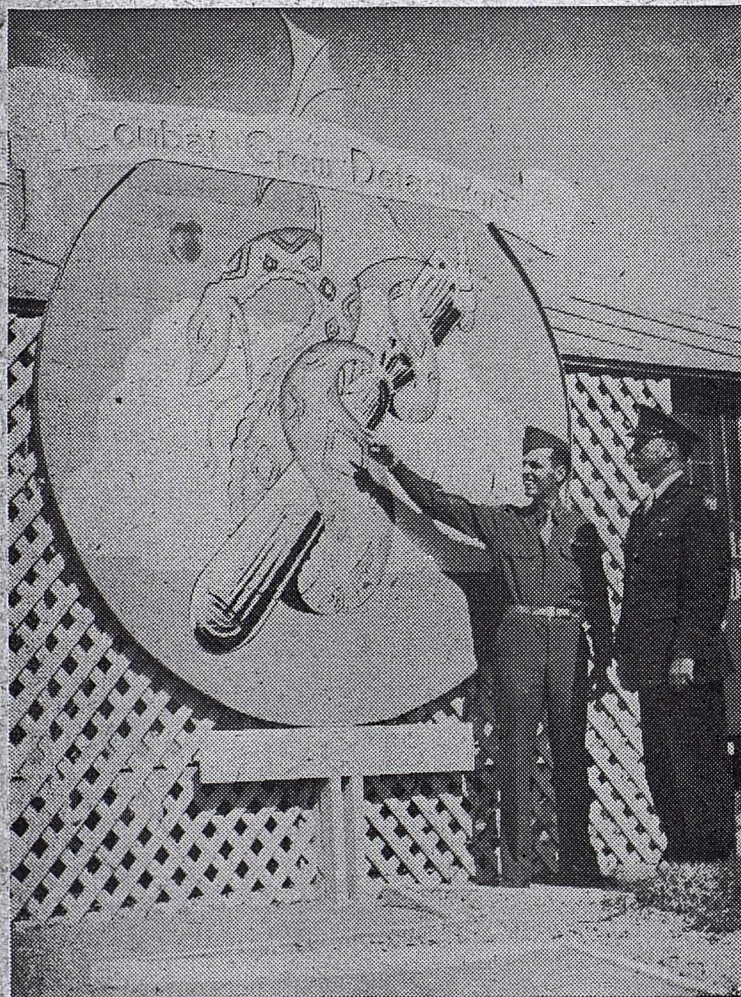


Randolph Field, Tex. — Somewhere above the plains of the great Southwest, a young pilot, lost on his first flight, thought he saw a town name painted on a big barn and swooped down to investigate. "Go to church Sunday," the huge letters read.

When I have Sung My Songs, by Earnest Charles; In Summertime on Bredon, by Graham Peel, Shadrach and To My Mother, by Robert MacGimsey. He will be accompanied by W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman at the piano.

The first program of the series, a Russian gypsy ensemble, was well attended.

New Insignia Gets Paint Job



Sgt. Bill Lamar, of San Antonio, points out to Maj. Cocke the work he has done on the Combat Crew Detachment's recently adopted insignia. Sgt. Lamar, a newspaperman before he became an Air Corps gunner, made the big diamond-backed rattler on the sign in front of the CCD office come to life with a few deft strokes of the brush. Maj. Cocke appears well pleased with the work.

'A Few Holes Here and There' — Pacific Veteran Describes Raid

"They caught us with their searchlights at about 8,000 feet. And boy, don't ever let anyone tell you that the Japs can't throw up some flak. Our ship hot-footed it over the Kahili airdrome, with that stuff lighting up the sky all around us. Circling back, we dropped down to around 3,000 feet and came back across at that height trying to miss as much of it as we could.

Capt. Alfred Mobley, a soft-spoken Graham, Texas pilot was describing a few of his experiences in the Pacific to a recent graduating class of pilots at Marfa Army Air Field.

Capt. Mobley, recipient of the DFC and Air Medal with cluster, went on:

"I guess our good luck pieces were working okay that night, because we weren't downed, although we had a few holes here and there when we got back to our base on Guadalcanal."

The raid he described was a night mission carried out against the Kahili airdrome on Bougainville Island. Capt. Mobley was piloting the flare ship, and when he says "we had a few holes here and there," it was a typical understatement. "I want to give you fellows a few ideas about what it's going to be like," he said, describing some of the things that happened during his 13 months in the South Pacific.

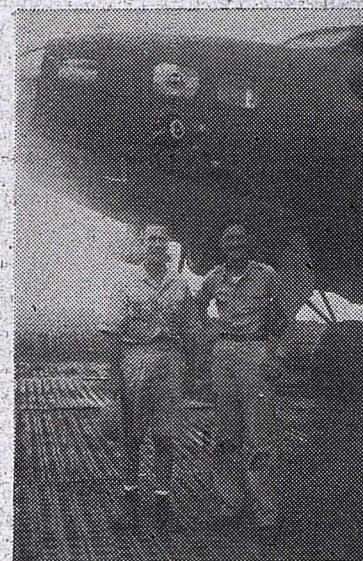
The newly commissioned officers were told what to expect when they have finished their training and go overseas, with some pointers being given on making the most of their training time and facilities and on proper combat procedure.

Capt. Mobley spent 13 months in the South Pacific, returning to the States in August, 1943. After attending standardization school in Florida he was assigned to this station as a pilot instructor and has been here since.

Before returning to the states he had well over 50 missions in, not counting a couple of dozen or so of what he calls, "just little ones that didn't really count." His ship was officially credited with shooting down two Japanese planes, and during the many raids he completed did extensive damage to many Japanese installations. During most of the time he was based in the New Hebrides Islands and on Guadalcanal.

One of the highlights of his experiences in the Pacific, from a personal standpoint, was the visit of famed comedian Joe E. Brown. Capt. Mobley piloted the ship for Brown on an inter-island trip, and became acquainted with the star who was then entertaining soldiers overseas.

ST. PAUL, MINN. (CNS)—Francisco Alvarez became annoyed when the small boy sitting behind him at a movie kept sticking his feet through the crack in Francisco's seat. So he jabbed the kid in the leg. Alvarez was fined \$25 in a local court.



IN FRONT OF '8 BALL' . . . "I've been behind the 8 Ball lots of times, but this is the first time I've ever been in front of it," cracks Joe E. Brown, left to Capt. Alfred Mobley, pilot of a Flying Fortress in the South Pacific. Photo was made during the famed comedian's entertainment tour to that area.

Barn Dance Success, Brings USO Changes

The gala success of the "Old Fashioned Barn Dance Party" held at the USO club in Monahans on Saturday, March 11, will cause changes in various programs in the near future, the USO director announced.

The unusually large attendance of both military personnel and Junior Hostesses indicated that farm day and country maid programs are still very popular and entertaining.

In this connection the USO staff shall conduct a series of farm day programs for its guests.

TOME RIVER, N. J. (CNS)—An OPA inspector dropped in at a local grocery and cornered the manager. "Where's your list of ceiling prices?" he demanded. "Right there," replied the manager, pointing up. And there was the list—pasted on the ceiling.

Frank Buck, 'Bring 'em Back Alive' Adventurer, to Lecture Here March 26

One of the greatest adventurers of the Twentieth Century, fabulous Frank Buck of "Bring 'Em Back Alive" fame, will make an appearance at Pyote Army Air Field on Sunday, March 26.

The storied gentleman who has made a life's work of capturing the world's most ferocious animals will lecture twice on that evening at Theatre No. 1. The first lecture will begin at 1900 and the second at 2100. Both will be accompanied by the showing of films that recapture his most exciting moments on the trail.

Buck has had an amazing lifetime, from the time he grew up on the outskirts of Dallas, Texas, then a small and sparsely settled town. Instead of following the advice of his friends to become a lawyer, he started out, when a youth, with the purpose of becoming the world's greatest hunter and collector of big game. During his school days he made pocket money by capturing rattlesnakes for sale, and that initiated him into an adventurous life which has taken him several times around the world and into the deepest jungles.

Thirty-one years of tracking down the most dangerous animals—of luring them from their jungle dens—of capturing them alive and unharmed, facing the possibility of gruesome death at every turn—bringing wild animals back alive so that the civilized world might see them in their natural state—that's been "All in a Lifetime" to Frank Buck.

Gripping secrets of the dense jungles of Southern Asia, India, the Malay Peninsula, Burma, Sumatra, Java, Nepal Borneo the Sulu Islands, the Philippines—remained untold until Buck broke his way through the miles of forests and became the master of the kings of all the beasts. He came through bringing with him the mightiest and most savage of all living things, animals and reptiles.

In his lectures, Frank Buck relives with his audience the most startling episodes of that amazing lifetime.

FIELD GLASSES SAVE LIFE OF MAKIN INVADER

Makin (CNS) — T-Sgt. Mike Thompson, of New York, waded into the battle for Makin with a pair of field glasses slung on the back of his cartridge belt. A few minutes later he reached for the glasses, found they had been shattered by a Jap bullet. Had they not been slung where they were the bullet would have entered the base of his spine.



Lives to Be Saved Rather Than Shrines, Says Sec. Stimson

WASHINGTON—When and if it comes to a choice between destroying religious, cultural or historical shrines in Italy or preserving American lives, there can be no alternative for the American Army, Secretary of War Stimson said at his press conference this week.

"American lives must be safeguarded no matter what the cost in material things."

Mr. Stimson said that it is our policy to take every possible precaution against the destruction of such valuable property. He said that the War Department recognizes the cultural importance of the City of Rome, but he added that it is also important as a railway center through which military supplies may be brought from the north to the Nazi fighting forces.

Recent communiques from Italy have mentioned that we have bombed military air fields near Rome and the railroad yards in the city itself. "So far as is now known there is no large concentration of German troops quartered in Rome," the War Secretary added.

NOBODY WANTED TO CAPTURE THIS NAZI

London (CNS) — A German pilot, the only member of his crew to escape when a bomber crashed near here, walked five miles through the English countryside before he could find anyone to surrender to. He finally persuaded an innkeeper to "capture" him and turn him over to the authorities.

Prisoners Return To Germany Glum

IRUN, Spain—Three train loads of German wounded soldiers, diplomats and officials crossed into occupied France this week and newspapermen commented on their gloomy looks. They were in marked contrast with the happy group of Americans who returned from Germany in exchange.

The wounded stared out of train windows and said nothing. One German, a sergeant, captured by the Americans in Tunisia, told a reporter, "Yeah, we were treated okay. Yeah, the Americans were damn good fighters in Africa."

Asked whether he was glad to be going back to Germany, the sergeant shrugged and drawled: "Well, after all, Germany is home for us, you know."

Comfort-Seeking GI Has Lighting System for Locker

MIDLAND ARMY AIR FIELD, Tex.—Probably the only deluxe-equipped footlocker in the Army is the pride and joy of Cpl. Richard Alvin, of North Branch, Minn. whose natural mechanical inclination has been fortified by an Army technical school course in the repair and maintenance of intricate photographic equipment. Special hinges, catches and locking devices may not be particularly unusual but his interior foot-locker illumination system is unique.

As the lid of the trunk is raised the interior is automatically lighted by two flashlight bulbs which have been turned on by the action of the lid. Used flashlight batteries, too weakened to measure up to Army standards, furnish the electric current.



DENSE WOODS offer complete concealment from planes. Good protection is also given by sparse woods provided you don't disclose yourself by moving around.

Red Cross Adds Cheer to Lonely Island Outposts

Red Cross field directors and Army Special Service officers, with the assistance of brawny natives, make up an effective team in the islands of the South Pacific to lick the enemy's co-workers—homesickness, boredom, fear and worry.

At one island outpost this fast-working combination built nine clubs right in the jungle itself. Natives supplied the labor, the Army supervised construction, and Red Cross furnished the staff. Each building was set on the bank of a river with an overhanging porch making it a "natural" for swimming.

At another club the Red Cross recreation director supervised the staking out of standard athletic fields with the help of the Army engineering survey crew. At still another, Special Service motion picture equipment cheered soldiers starving for entertainment from the States.

The entire joint program is adapted to rapidly changing conditions and varying needs of troops in a round-the-world war. Both the hospital and the able-bodied recreation programs are conducted cooperatively. At some centers Red Cross workers lead the athletics while Special Service takes charge of the movies. At others the Army takes over the athletics and the Red Cross handles special events, including movies.

One ARC field director writes: "Every unit on this island has at least one minstrel show, stage show, or quartette contest monthly. We shoot for participation, not for performance, and still turn out skits of hill-billy jamborees and soldiers' versions of 'Hellzapoppin' that are 90 per cent original and all riot for literally thousands of G.I.'s stationed here."

It is to help fill and coordinate these recreational needs and boost the morale of America's fighting forces that American Red Cross is in the field—the only non-military organization operating on a full-time schedule at domestic and foreign army and navy posts and stations.

FILIPINO CHOOSES QUICKEST WAY HOME

San Francisco (CNS) — "Do you want to go into the Army?" the judge asked Simon Salting, a Filipino arraigned on a draft evasion charge.

"No," replied Salting, "I want to go home."

He hesitated. "Maybe," he said, "I get home quickest if I join the Army. I guess I do that."

P.S.—He's in now.

MEET YOUR BUDDIES:

Cpl. Scerri, Native of Malta, Wants To Make One More Trip to Old Home

The war's end will mean a lot of different things to a lot of different men—but to Cpl. Augustino Scerri of the Air Base Unit it will mean a chance to go back home and check up on the folks.

Cpl. Scerri, whose American name is August Sherry, came from Malta, the bomb-blasted island at the gateway to the Mediterranean. Still living there are his father, three brothers and two sisters. Another sister lives in Australia.

He hasn't seen his folks since 1938, when he last visited the tiny island that later became known as "the most bombed place in the world." Since then the isle has undergone hundreds of terrific bombing raids planned to put a stopper in the Mediterranean bottleneck. Needless to say, the work of the Luftwaffe, performed in the palmy days of that once-mighty organization, went for naught.

The people of Malta, who have long been faithful British subjects, displayed a brand of fortitude and endurance that has won them the admiration and acclaim of all members of the United Nations. Malta is the only state, or country in the world which has won a war medal in behalf of the entire citizenry. The British government struck off a special medal which was in honor of the entire population—around 250,000 tightly packed persons.

A quiet, friendly fellow, Scerri got the traveling bug early. Since leaving home at the age of 17, he has traveled around the world, settling down once in Australia and later moving on to San Francisco, where his home is now. Scerri traveled through the Suez and down through India and the Asiatic domains, finally landing in Melbourne.

For two and a half years he worked in a stone quarry, and learned to admire the Australian people for their independence, resourcefulness and aggressiveness. Then the travel itch broke out again and he came to the United States, arriving in 1930.

Scerri has been living at San Francisco the past six years, working in a factory that produced tin cans. About 14 months ago he received that letter that starts off with: "Greetings" and has been wearing his necktie tucked in since.

He has been stationed at Pyote for a year now. Shortly after coming here he took advantage of the opportunity to become an American citizen as a member of the armed forces. He had his naturalization papers made out in the name of "August Sherry" but somehow that failed to alter his service record and as far as the Army goes he is still "Augustino Scerri."

Cpl. Scerri, who has a pair of very capable hands, works at 3rd Echelon Maintenance in the fabric

department repairing boots, jackets, and other flying garments and leather equipment.

Every soldier has a dream of being stationed where he can go home occasionally, and Cpl. Scerri is no different. He thinks a station in Italy or North Africa would be about right. He got a letter the other day from one of his old buddies who had been in Italy. "The lucky sonofagun," mused Scerri. "He got a three-day pass, hooked a plane ride and got to see Malta. Now if I could only get sent to Italy . . ."

After that check-up trip to the old country, he intends to call his traveling days to a halt and return to 'Frisco.

Cherchez La Femme —Doggies Like 'em

Naples (CNS)—Canadian troops on the Italian front were having a lot of trouble with German watchdogs, which had been trained to bark furiously the minute they heard or smelled Allied troops. Because of their barking, many patrols had to abandon their missions. Then one Canadian had an idea.

The next night he took a lady dog into no-man's land. There was no barking, and in a half hour he returned to his own lines with the lady dog. A pack of enemy dogs brought up the rear, thoughtless of anything but love.

Gen. Chennault Sees Japs Licked From Air

China (CNS)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault believes that the Allies can destroy Japan from the air with only one-tenth of the air force now being used to wreak havoc on Nazi Germany.

According to a United Press dispatch, the commander of the U. S. 14th Air Force is convinced that if he can knock out the enemy shipping lanes in the South China Sea and Yangtze River and the railroads in northern China, Japan's industry and her army will collapse "easily."



CHECKING UP ON FAMILY . . . Is what the end of the war will mean for Cpl. Augustino Scerri, of the Air Base Unit, who is shown here mending a pair of flier's boots. Cpl. Scerri, who left Malta when 17, has not seen his family still living there, since 1938. After traveling around the world, he's picked San Francisco, Calif., for his home—and after one more trip to Malta, plans to quit roaming and make his home there.

Red Cross War Fund Drive Sets Goal of \$3,500 for Pyote Soldiers, Civilians

At least \$3,500 by March 31!

That is the goal of the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive on Pyote Army Air Field, Lt. George A. Hoffman, fund chairman, announced today.

Quota for this field was fixed at a recent meeting of the drive committee as the minimum contribution to the Ward County goal of \$11,500. Members of the committee include Major Thomas D. Haigh, chairman of officer personnel; Major Ernest A. Swingle, chairman of enlisted personnel; Lt. Edna Smith, chairman of the Army Nurse Corps; and Major Henry E. Bergechneider, chairman of civilian personnel. The campaign starting date was March 15.

A thorough-going campaign scheduled to reach every officer and civilian on the base was outlined at a recent meeting of the committee. Ample opportunity will be afforded all enlisted personnel to renew memberships on a voluntary basis. Although there will be no solicitation of this group, the committee is counting on its en-

thusiastic support based upon its response in all previous campaigns. Emphasis will be laid upon getting support from each category.

Tentative campaign plans besides including individual contact of every adult on the field by team members also call for Red Cross display and membership booths at service club and officers' club dances throughout the last half of March. Set aside officially as Red Cross Day will be March 31 during which time groups of hostesses will cover the entire field for last minute contributions.

"We are proud of the manner in which this field put the War Bond Drive over the top," Lt. Hoffman stated, "and we have no doubts at all that the same people will be as generous in their support of the Red Cross War Fund Drive"

Aurora, Oll. (CNS — Aurora's regular leap year frolic was called off this year. No unmarried men around, it seems.

Party Slated Friday Night To Honor Section I

A party is being given exclusively for the enlisted men of Section I, Combat Crew Detachment at 20:30 Friday night, March 17, at the Service Club. The club has been reserved for this occasion.

Food will be served in the early part of the evening, consisting of sandwiches, coffee and dessert, after which the members of this section, their wives, dates and visiting girls, will enjoy an evening of dancing to the music of the Station Orchestra. Special entertainment and novelty numbers are being arranged by the Service Club hostess, Miss Crowder.

Invitations have been sent out to special groups of young ladies from surrounding towns to attend this party and it is expected there will be plenty of dancing partners available for this event.

This is the first opportunity for the enlisted men of Sec. I to be all together on a social occasion.

'Best Barracks' Goes To Section 1

Section I again topped the list last week for the neatest all-around set of barracks, with an average of 94.7. The men of Section III were second with a percentage of 90.6 and Section II trailed them with 84.6.

S-Sgt. Doegen's barracks (605) crashed the lineup with a high score of 98 points to lead all individual barracks. Sgt. Savarese, of Barracks 615 (Sec. III) had next highest with 96 and S-Sgt. Sorafine, who has also been in the select lists before, was high for Section II with a percentage of 91.

Invasion Troops Get Swimming Lessons

LONDON (CNS)—Every American soldier in the Allied armies which will storm the Second Front bridgeheads into Continental Europe is going to know how to swim—just in case he has to.

The American Red Cross, acting under Army direction, is giving courses in combat swimming, water safety and life saving at pools throughout England. Nearly 1,000 officers and men are learning each week such tactics as jumping into the water from a height of 25 feet, fully clothed and carrying pack, rifle and helmet—and then swimming 35 feet to a rubber dinghy.



Q. Are airmen eligible to receive the Bronze Star?

A. Yes, under certain circumstances. The Bronze Star, newest Army award, is given "for heroic or meritorious achievement, in combat or in support of combat on the ground." It is expected that members of the ground forces will lead eligibility lists although airmen may win it too—but not in the air.

Q. My wife receives a Class E allotment-of-pay. Should she include this money as part of her earned income on her income tax returns?

A. According to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, Director of the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, the answer is No. Army wives and other dependents of Army men and women, with a single exception, need not pay income tax on family allowances or Class E allotments-of-pay. The possible exception, says Gen. Gilbert, is the divorced wife who is receiving an allowance or allotment in payment of alimony. She should consult her local Internal Revenue Office for a specific ruling in her case.

Q. I'm a sergeant with three years of service in the National Guard and three more with the AUS. Should I receive longevity pay for six years or three?

A. For six years. Longevity pay is based upon a soldier's total service.

Q. Is a soldier required to salute captured enemy officers?

A. Yes, the Prisoners of War Section of the Provost Marshal General's office says that he is, and the Prisoner of War Convention rules signed in Geneva in 1929 require that officers who are prisoners of war shall be treated "with the regard due their rank and age."

SEC. III IN REVIEW . . . Shown passing the judge's stand at last Saturday's review, the officers of Section III present a neat and uniform appearance for the judges. Despite an intermittent high wind that disturbed the marchers and curbed visibility, the unit preserved the order and precision of its ranks. At right, the color guard for the review passes. S-Sgt. Claude E. Meese carries the colors, flanked by Pfc. Richard Nell (left) and Pfc. Lawrence Fox (right). Major Cocke complimented Section III on its performance.



Section I Has Good Record In All Departments

Section I of the Combat Crew Detachment can be justly proud of being first in practically all divisions of flying and training.

They lead the field in the monthly award for "Efficiency in Flying". Then just to show that they weren't kidding they took over "Best Barracks" and "Best Marching" honors. On Saturday, March 11th, the section provided the Color Guard for the weekly revue.

This group is well advanced at this point in training. From the first the men have had a rough time. They came here in the cold—then they battled the wind—and now the sun has started bearing down.

Anyway, the job goes on and the men in Sec. I have gained confidence in themselves and in the team-work which makes every assignment on a heavy bomber an important one.

Lending their efforts towards making Section I a smooth running unit are the following student Squadron Commanders: Flight "A"—Lt. E. W. Lane; Flight "B"—Capt. E. W. Kesling; Flight "C"—Capt. J. F. McNamara.

"C" Flight of Section I, led by Capt. James F. McNamara, was the honor company in the parade on Saturday, March 11. The honor

company was made up of enlisted men of this flight, who were adjudged to be the best drilled unit in the parade on March 4, 1944.

Acting as platoon commanders and executive officers were: Lt. Brackley, Lt. Wilson, and Lt. Johnson.

Section I has held first place in training ratings on this field for several weeks. This fact is proclaimed by the large red flag bearing the numeral 1, which is seen daily flying above Major Stepp's "Yacht Club."

Maine Men Honored At Program Tonight

In commemoration of the State of Maine joining the union in 1820, on Wednesday, March 15 a program has been dedicated for that purpose. Military men and women who originate from this state and now assigned at the Pyote Army Air Field, have been especially invited to attend this function, together with other military personnel.

In an effort to glorify the attitude of that great state it shall be remembered that "As Maine goes, so goes the nation".

Blinded Radio Operator Asks To Be Thrown Out

England (CNS) — Blinded in both eyes by splintered glass and shell fragments, T-Sgt. Forest L. Vosler, of Livonia, N. Y. radio operator of the crippled Flying Fortress Jersey Bounce, turned to his top turret gunner and said:

"Throw me out. I'm hit badly and no help to you now. It'll save 175 pounds and maybe you can get back to England."

Vosler was wounded when German cannon-firing fighters intercepted the Jersey Bounce over Germany. Two of the Fort's engines were shot out by flak. One shell burst in Vosler's radio cubicle, fragments piercing his chest, face and eyes. A direct hit disabled the tail gun and knocked out the gunner.

Vosler struggled to his feet but his wounded legs wouldn't support him. He groped for his machine gun but couldn't see to fire it. Then another shell burst, throwing more glass, debris and fragments into his face. He staggered to his radio key, sent out SOS signals, then appealed to the top turret gunner to lighten the load by dumping him overboard. The gunner refused.

As the blinded radio operator argued, the plane plunged into the English Channel. Vosler crawled out on the wing and held on to the wounded tail gunner to prevent him from falling into the sea. A rescue launch arrived and brought the crew to shore.

Vosler has been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Crewmen Serve as Student Marchers

The responsibility of getting the enlisted men to the flight line, ground classes, gunnery range and out of that well known "sack" rests with student non-coms who have been selected for section leaders. The following students are acting as section leaders in Section I:

A Flight—Sgt. J. M. Killen, Sgt. A. D. Beck, Sgt. S. A. Warden, Sgt. A. F. Chynoweth, and Sgt. F. G. Maddick.

B Flight—Sgt. P. J. Vuchichovich, Sgt. I. Gurtler, Sgt. E. S. Leonard, Sgt. W. L. Cole, Sgt. R. C. Hoelzer, and Sgt. J. A. Kisson.

C Flight—Sgt. J. E. Rogers, Sgt. M. S. Kusti, Sgt. T. Lappo, Sgt. R. Mikola, and Sgt. J. Jones.

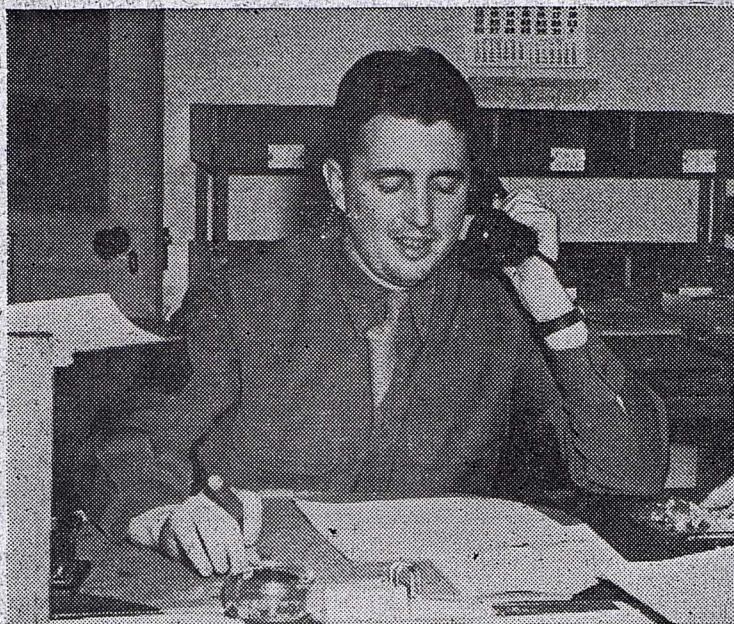
U. S. Troops Borrow Japs' Foxhole Tricks

WASHINGTON — U. S. Army troops on Bougainville Island in the South Pacific have borrowed a few tricks from Jap jungle fighters to make foxholes impervious to nearly anything that can be fired from an artillery piece or dropped by a bomber, the War Department disclosed this week.

Our men are building their foxholes beneath the protective roots of large trees. The spreading underground roots aid in keeping the shelter from caving in from the concussion of a bomb or shell burst nearby.

Poisonous insects are eliminated by burning paper in the pit and spraying it thoroughly with an insect-repellent solution. A double layer of sandbags around the opening, with just enough space left for an entrance, completes the shelter.

He's Punched Many a Card



T-Sgt. Martin P. Joyce keeps his left shoulder handy for a wailing wall and keeps a fresh supply of towels in his desk drawer at all times. Reason? The Sgt. has to handle many complains from distraught CCD men who allege discrepancies in their pay accounets.

It Takes Cigars, Wisecracks to Keep Sgt. Joyce, CCD Payroll Clerk, Going

T-Sgt. Martin P. Joyce, cigar smoking, wise-cracking man of many functions in the Personnel Office of the Combat Crew Detachment has had a busy time ever since he parted with his civilian clothing on Feb. 2, 1942 and joined the Air Corps.

After five and a half weeks in the army he found himself on a boat headed for Australia. There he saw ten months service with the 19th Bomb Group, covering a multitude of details. His impressions of Australia were that the weather was wonderful, but the K.P. was plenty rough.

Sgt. Joyce is a man of many functions at Personnel, and claims to be the unofficial chaplain of the CCD because so many people bring their troubles to him.

Among other duties he handles the Payroll Section—and sees that all enlisted men and officers are paid each month. He works very closely with Sgt. Rosson—in fact now that Rosson is on a furlough he has the additional job of Sgt. Major on his hands.

A constant parade of "moaners" present themselves at his desk—some of them are looking for travel money, which has not had time to go through, some missed the payroll at their last station, others forgot about various deductions and could not understand why their pay check did not add up.

However, Sgt. Joyce has a

bland and easy going disposition. He sits enveloped in a cloud of smoke from one of the seven or eight cigars he smokes each day and cheerfully straightens out the difficulty with a minimum of effort and a maximum of wisecracks.

Sgt. Joyce is 26 years old and single. His home is Youngstown, Ohio.

He has been working in the Personnel Section of CCD since January, 1943, shortly after returning from Australia.

He unblushingly admits that his hobby is jitterbugging and can be seen cutting a mean swath at the weekly dances at the Service Club.

Among other activities which keep him busy is playing basketball on the Pyote Base team, composed of enlisted men and officers. This outfit really gets around. This year they played at Marfa, Carlsbad, El Paso, Odessa Kermit Wink, Pecos and had a barrel of fun. They flew to Carlsbad, got grounded there for three days—you can imagine how tough it was.

Pinned down on the subject of marriage Sgt. Joyce said that he intended to get married in "about ten years". He would not enlarge on the matter and how he arrived at it is unknown—maybe he uses numerology. He professes to be a confirmed bachelor but on his day off he heads straight for Wickett—which looks suspicious.



"Congratulations, Smith . . . you just set a new altitude record!"

EDITORIAL

Jap Face and the Bambino

The practice of the Japs in yelling, "to hell with Babe Ruth" as they advanced on American positions in the Southwest Pacific is a bit puzzling to the average newspaper reader.

Some years ago, when the ebullient Babe Ruth was in his prime, he made several trips to Japan with touring American baseball teams. At that time Japan was just developing her national thirst for baseball. The beloved Bambino's big bat, and the manner in which he wielded it, was a source of great wonder and admiration to the Nipponese. More than that, it was the cause of many Japanese players' losing face. And according to the curious thinking of the Japs, as such it constituted an affront to the entire nation.

It is the perfect illustration of the inferiority complex which many Japanese instinctively feel toward America, combined with a touch of war hysteria that makes it sheer madness for the American mind.

It did not, however, confuse the defending Americans to any extent. They "struck out" around 30 of the attackers—for good.

The point is further illustrated by stories brought back from Jap prison camps, where the Nipponese stage baseball—and then are highly insulted if they don't win. They took their baseball seriously then, and it is evidently a serious matter to them yet. For their soldiers to yell "to hell with Babe Ruth" as they go to their deaths is an unintended revelation of the respect which they hold for Americans. They died knowing that Babe Ruth is the symbol of something forever American, and not Japanese.

Here Comes the Sand

We have a little secret for you newcomers who haven't been around here very long. If you thought that small breeze that came up the other day was a sand storm you're wrong. That was only a mild zephyr. In fact, you haven't seen anything yet.

When the sand gets thick enough for you to cut with a knife and make souvenirs out of, then spring is here. And if the weatherman's prognostications hold good, that sort of weather will be with us soon. When you look around you and see some of the "Pyote veterans" who seem to be taking it in their stride, don't lose heart. They did just as much moaning and groaning last year as you are doing now. No hysteria, please. Soon you too, will be a "seasoned" soldier, if you stick around here.

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The Wolf

by Sansone

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THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

"... When convenience suits, I ask that a plain canister—nothing fancy, there, please—containing my ashes shall be taken to Paducah, and at the proper planting season a hole shall be dug in our family lot or elsewhere at Oak Grove and a dogwood tree planted there and the ashes strewn in the hole to fertilize the tree roots. Should the tree live that will be monument enough for me . . .

"On a bronze tablet or the stone slab, as the case may be, and provided it doesn't cost too much, I'd like to have inscribed certain lines from the epitaph which Robert Louis Stevenson wrote for himself, to wit, as follows:

"These be the lines you 'grave for me:
Here I lie where I long to be.
Home is the hunter, home from the hill.
And the sailor home from the sea."

"I'm quoting from memory. If I'm wrong will somebody kindly correct me?

"Or, if a simpler single line bearing the same imprint seems desirable, I offer this one as suitable:

"I have come back home."

"And, thank you, no flowers. Does anybody feel moved to send flowers, I'd prefer that they give the money they'd spend there to some local non-denominational charity. Cover the spot with leaves—Christmas berries from the flatlands and cedar from the

friendly low McCracken County ridges if it be Winter, and leafy boughs from native hickories or hackberries or crabapples if it be in other seasons.

"Above all I want no long faces and no show of grief at the burying ground . . .

"I am a life member of Paducah Lodge No. 17 BPOE, but I'd prefer that the burial program of the order not be read. Like most burial programs it needs editing.

"For the wind-up, I'd be grateful if some of my colored friends sang first, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and then "Deep River." I think I could count on Mattie Copeland of Jones Street, who for so many years was a loyal, loving servant of my family, to recruit the singers from the choir of our colored churches . . .

"I rather figure that some of my fellow-townpeople might favor memorial exercises of some sorts, either in connection with the funeral or elsewhere. Personally, I have no objection, only desiring that no dismal note be permitted to ooze from the proceedings. Keep the thing cheerful, boys and girls . . ."

—From letter of instructions written by Irvin S. Cobb three months before his death, which he knew was coming. In the sealed letter the beloved American humorist asked that there be "no long faces and no show of grief." His family is carrying out his wishes.

Aviation Unit

By J. C. WILLIAMS

We looked for the ribbon that was to be presented to us for winning the previous review, maybe they forgot that we won the award.

A torrid jam session was put on Saturday night by Sgt. Ben Hughes and Cpl. Tokio Mitchell on the drums and PFC. Geo. W. Brown on the Sax, Pvt. John H. Williams was doing the nifty foot work.

Have you ever heard PFC. George Lewis Laugh-Musical I should say.

Sgt. F. F. Smith, Pvt. George Brown and your editor are having some stiff Pinochle games, of course your editor wins—ask them?

A certain soldier is playing with dynamite and we will pick up the parts any time now.

T-Sgt. Brooks is doing a fine job as 1st Sgt. We knew he would make good.

Major Wilmoth has a wealth of military information and is willing at all times to explain anything to you that he can.

Look out New York City, S-Sgt. John D. Hill is on the way. Oh my.

Pvt. Deacon Derrill Britt has a sweet voice, how about a solo some Sunday morning?

All meh interested in a chorus or glee club, get in touch with Cpl. Morris.

Chaplain Anderson carried the boys to Odessa and a good time was had by all. There will be a repeat performance and I can't wait to get going.

The Mess Hall is having new equipment installed—more power to Sgt. Smith and his staff.

The Range Riders have compiled a wonderful record—keep it up boys. We are proud of you; that's a swell picture also.

The Orderly Room personnel also has a picture that is worth seeing, maybe?

The sugar report hour is still going strong. I don't see what they have to write so much about. How about it, generals?

The pen is mightier than the sword, so watch your step soldier. See you next week.

Illustrated Books Available Soon

New 32-page illustrated booklets will soon be placed on sale at the Post Exchange, according to an announcement from Capt. W. O. Hedley.

The booklets have plenty of pictures depicting "life at Pyote" in complete detail.

QM Sees

By SGT. JACK CANNON
"We'll ride through clover,
And proudly we'll exclaim,
Mr. and Missus is the name."

This popular song of a few years back was brought to the fore this past week when Miss Alene Casey and Cpl. Vernon Cole joined hands and said "I do" This event, which has been looked forward to with eager anticipation by all who toil in the General Supply Office, took place Sunday evening in the Monahans Baptist Church and was well attended.

The bridegroom, a native of San Jose, California, wore a neat suit of olive drab trimmed with insignia to denote rank. The ensemble, which consisted of a dark coat with lighter pants, was set off by a row of brass buttons running the entire length of the short jacket. For accessories Cpl. Cole wore a shirt, cotton khaki, gathered at the neck by a necktie, tan, mohair, shoes, low quarters tan completed the bridegrooms outfit. Cpl. Cole was attended by Pfc. William Friend of Buffalo, N. Y., with whom he has been a roommate since his arrival in Pyote. Pfc. Friend wore the season's most popular color, olive drab, in a tailored suit designed by the Philadelphia QM Depot. The bride wore an informal white dress trimmed with blue.

All kidding aside though, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our two favorites a life of happiness together and we know that we speak not only for ourself but for all the personnel of the General Supply Office, and the enlisted men of the QM Detachment. They both have what it takes to get along in this old world and together they should make an unbeatable combination. Am I right, folks???

Bill Harris is rapidly becoming the oldest man in the outfit if all those birthday cards that he has been getting lately mean anything. He has received an average of two a week for the past two months. Are they all for different birthdays, Bill, or is it the same one? Let us all in our your scheme, maybe you have something there.

The baseball team continues to go along at a fast pace and as the practices go along the team is beginning to show the result. In an inter-squad game this week, a team led by your correspondent ran rough-shod over a club piloted by Cpl. Sam Barone. Sgt. Hy Adlin on the mound for the Barone-men had difficulty finding the plate and when he did his offerings were pounded for base hits we're busy now with the building of a team to carry the honor of the QM through the Station League.

MALE CALL

by MILTON CANIFF



Cpl. Norm Richardson of the MR Section is working on a deal by which the Quartermaster General will approve the issue of GI suspenders. We heartily endorse this action as Norm seems to be suffering from that condition commonly known as Dropsey of the Breeches, characterized by a pair of pants worn low-slung on the hips. We further suggest that he be aided on this project by Cpl.

from the same condition. Watch out, boys, or people will be calling you D.D. (ask Rachel what that means).

At the processing of the Combat crews in Whse 3 last week, Cpl. George Eisenger had aroused the interest of a WAC in having a jam sandwich until she found out that it was made by jamming two pieces of bread together with nothing in between. That is strictly from Brooklyn, George.

Training Unit

By PFC. ED KOOPS

There comes a time in the life of every volunteer reporter when a blank hunk of paper and an Underwood typewriter present insurmountable difficulties. News seems scarcer than "bottled in bond" aqua-vitae. The only scoop of a disappointing week is that Sgt. John J. Andezkowicz is attempting to grow a mustache. And that is not much of a news item. In fact, it's not much of a mustache. Or we could go in to a long dissertation about the renovations in the orderly room. Wood shavings and old saws are lying askew around the place, and it shows signs of considerable activity. We could go into great detail about that, telling you what-all is going to be put into these new rooms and new partitions, but we don't seem able to find out. (We are some newspaper reporter!) So, all we can tell you is that there is a carpenter's holiday going on in the orderly room. More—next week.

So, here we are, with no news. We were sitting in the orderly room minding our own business and trying to bang out a letter to a taffy-haired screwball name Wendy (Wendy Focht, 1213 W. Washington, Ft. Wayne, Indiana—if you must know!) when the telephone rang. So we went over to answer it. We answer the orderly room telephone when the c.q. goes to the little boys room. Anyway, we picked up the phone, and said in our throatiest baritone, "Training Unit Orderly Room", and a feminine voice says, "Is this the c.q.?" "No Ma'am," we answered ever so politely, "this is Private Koops." "Oh," said the babe, "Not the Pfc. Koops that is a reporter for the newspaper???" "MMhmmm," we murmured bashfully, "What can we do for youse?" She hung up. So you see, folks, nobody wants to talk to us for fear we will put it in the newspaper. That is a nasty word of a way to treat a poor struggling news-gatherer. And for that, and reasons like that, we have nothing at all to report in a column this week.

We could suggest one thing or another about the library or the service club, but nobody has paid the slightest bit of attention to our last 4,386 suggestions, so there doesn't seem to be much sense in wasting space with that.

So, we're just sitting here staring blankly at a white sheet of paper and our mind is just as blank, if not as clean. A guy just brought an odd looking rodent into the orderly room. And we do mean a rodent. It isn't a mouse, and it isn't anything like anything we've ever seen before! But it's close enough to a mouse for us to call it a mouse. It is probably a great discovery, which any enter-

Guards Study Camouflage Methods



Members of the Guard Squadron are shown here "taking a break" in the camouflage area, where they have been studying camouflage tactics and technique. Left to right—first row: Pvt. Ray Peterson, Pvt. Woodrow Lamirand, Pvt. William Doman, Pvt. Robert Nederhood, Pfc. Edward Koleski, Pfc. Robert Renard, and Pvt. Robert Schoffield; second row: Pvt. Ray La Farge, Pvt. Edmund Hartman; Pfc. Eric Rush, and Pvt. Roy Baglinger; third row: Sgt. Anselno Saucedo, Pfc. Phillip Muise, Pvt. Stanley Grzybowski, Pvt. Chester Zebrowski, S-Sgt. Claude Meese, and Pfc. Ezell Collums.

SWEET AND SOUR—

BAND NOTES

By CPL. GLEN BOOTH

Why did I volunteer for this job? I see now what I should have a few weeks ago—a reporter's life is a headache.

The past week was very unusual for us. We went a whole week with only one extra engagement. That is news.

Someone should tell Pfc. Chaf-

prising news reporter could make a million-dollar exclusive scoop out of—but to us it is just a funny-looking little animal that looks like a mouse, but ain't. Pfc. James Burton just brought him in. If you're interested in biology you could check up on him. You see? Nothing strikes us as being newsworthy tonight.

In fact, we haven't anything worth writing about this week. And after sitting here for 30 minutes staring at a blank piece of paper we have decided not to bother turning in a col-yum this week. We hope you folks'll understand. There just isn't a blankety-blank thing to put in a column that folks'll read.

By now you agree.

fee that there are heaters in the middle of the barracks. Maybe he could miss them after lights are out. Incidentally, there was no damage done to the heater.

We boys are taking our "shots" now. Just try to beat a bass drum or carry a trumpet while marching if you want some easy agony. We know.

Sgt. Zerman now meets inspection formation with a saxophone. At least he didn't have to shine his trombone for inspection.

George Masur returned from furlough with love affairs well in hand. Seems Rita won out, cause he sure writes a lot of letters to her.

This week it is orchids to Danny Rassin for his fine work as baggage master of Ross' No. 1 band. The lemons go to those who insist on waking the whole barracks when returning from a late date.

Elmer Powelski must have found something quite interesting at the Wink band concert. He has been hunting the quickest means of transportation to Wink, anyhow.

Happy Arnoldi's chest swelled when he received a recent letter from home. He is now a proud uncle. This isn't the first time, he said.

Seems Bob Tipple has gone into a military hat store. He owned

one service hat and walked in Friday morning with two more. Maybe a friend needed money.

For your information, the Battle of Bands, at the Friday night dance, was strictly on a friendly basis. We weren't gunning for each other.

Maybe Louie Bromfeld should try keeping away from the hospital. He went to reduce pain and returned with more.

Does Sgt. Werthamer really go to the QM or is it a good excuse to grab a cup of coffee?

This week's "Bird's Eye Autobiography" is on T-Sgt. Ed Christensen. "Chris" as he is known to the band, is our acting first sergeant. His home is in Delta, Utah, and he is single. (I think). In addition to his duties as a top kick he also plays the trumpet. He was formerly with the 19th Bomb Gp. and spent 13 months in the South Pacific area. His likes are sports, banana cream pie, and Tiny (his reason for daily visits to Monahans). His major dislike is dishonesty. After he leaves the army (he will some day) Chris intends to begin immediate preparation for the future.

Yours truly is furlough-bound for good old Ohio. Unless I find an assistant we may be absent for a week or two.

Enuf sed fer now.

Mail Call

At last Captain Duff has succeeded in getting a box of Kleenex. He says that it took an act of Congress to get it but at least he came back to the office with it. We have seen many boxes of Kleenex around most every day and have tried to no avail to get one of them. We have even followed some of these girls around trying to find where it was hidden but without success until this morning. At least we now know how and to whom to go to get it. We have also been trying to get a box of soap powder but have met with the same fate as with the Kleenex. Someday I am going to work around to someone on the inside so that I can get some soap powder. Unless you know someone on the inside you may as well save your shoe leather and time trying to get it.

We have had a number of new faces join us since we last appeared in the Rattler.

We have two new WACs in the person of Pvt. Blanche Lubovich and Pvt. Catherine McDaniel. Both of them have just completed their basic training at Fort Oglethorpe and have been assigned to this office.

This A.M. we had two new G.I.'s join us. They are Pvt. John C. Lane and Pvt. Robert M. Moseley. They have just arrived at this base.

With their addition we lost two of our older men to the Air Base Unit. These men are Pvt. Howard Martin and Pvt. Louis Slatinsky. Both of these men have been with us while the going was rough and the personnel was almost nil.

Sunday will see Cpl. Hardy O'Neal and Pvt. James C. Boggs board the train for home. Pvt. Boggs is going to escort Cpl. O'Neal as far as Ft. Worth and see that he gets that far safe and sound. We would like to see Pvt. Boggs tell O'Neal that he will see that he has a girl friend that far and that he must watch his tactics so that he can be able to get his own after that.

Cpl. Piercy is absent at this time but here's hoping that she is back with us soon. For some reason her hair turned overnight. She left the office one afternoon with hair as blonde as I have seen and appeared the next morning with black hair. That is the first time that I knew what a woman's hair would or could change as fast as her mind.

Pvt. Boggs is having a hard time trying to date one or all of the girls here at the office. He has asked one or all of the girls here at the office. He has asked each of them a dozen times but the answer has been no up to this point. They are smarter than we would otherwise have given them credit for.

It's a Great Day For the Irish



Yes, and Angela Green, lovely Irish lassie under contract to Warner Brothers, makes it a great day for all of us as she poses by the shamrock. Angela is looking forward, like a faithful daughter of Erin, to the celebration she has planned for Saint Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17.

Armed Forces School Opens 5 New Branches

Washington (CNS)—The United States Armed Forces Institute has established new branches in five theatres of war to aid in the instruction of students stationed overseas, the War Department has announced.

The new branches are located in the Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, the Middle East and in the European and Alaskan theaters. They offer the same correspondence courses provided in the U. S. A. through Institute headquarters at Madison, Wis.

May we pass on some information that may be of value to all concerned. It is against the law to mail any kind of ammunition through the mail. Second it is unlawful to have in your possession ammunition that is property of the U. S. Government. For any one caught sending such matter through the mail it is a one thousand dollar fine or two years in prison or both. Mailing of such through the mail may cause the death of someone.

Theater Schedule

Wed. and Thurs.—"Rationing," with Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main; also Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

Friday—"Lady, Let's Dance," with Belita, James Ellison; also Screen Snapshots and Swing Symphony cartoon.

Saturday—"Nine Girls," with Ann Harding, Evelyn Keyes, and Jeff Donnell; also Ray Eberle and Eddie Miller's Orchestra, and Sportscope.

Sun. and Mon.—"Tender Comrade," with Ginger Rogers and Robert Ryan; also Hiawatha's Rabbit Hunt, and Paramount News.

Tuesday—"Mojave Firebrand," with Wild Bill Elliott, Gabby Hayes; "Week-end Pass," with Noah Beery, Jr., and Martha O'Driscoll.

London (CNS)—The tiny Negro republic of Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, has declared war on German and Japan, the British Foreign Office has been informed.

Diedrichs' 'C' Breeze MAINTENANCE UNIT C

By the SULTAN

WELL, Spring is on the way to Pyote. Our outfit has had a Blessed Event . . . The new lawn has given birth to about 342 baby blades of grass. When will the First Sgt. hand out the cigars? The boys on the line tell me that the dust was so thick the other day that one Fort landed ten feet above the runway and didn't know it until the crew stepped out of the ship and fell through. Could be . . .

In order to save equipment on the field, our boys have thrown the ball away during calisthenics and just kick one another around. If you doubt this just take a good look at those three commandoes, T-Sgt. Tabbaci, S-Sgt. Cummings and Sgt. McElfresh. Also in the line of athletics our gang of "Conquering Commandos" shipped the Vincos on Tuesday Night with the score of 29 to 21. Those boys are really good.

The other night, Sgt. Rossi stepped out of his barracks door, gurgled in a high soprano "I'm shot", fell down and calmly passed out. Seems the shot he was referring to was something they give out free at the Dispensary (and it ain't alcoholic.)

Sgt. John Latuga (the Lumber King—he sold toothpicks for a sideline in Brooklyn) says he just loves work—he can sit and watch it all day long. Then he proceeded to give yours truly a demonstration and a darn good one it was too. Speaking of work our hard working mailman "Buck-in" for Corporal Voss complains that the mail is getting too hot to handle and would some of you fellows mail those letters to your gals back home in asbestos envelopes. He's now wearing gloves.

Well, there is not much in the way of dirt this week but yours truly is looking forward to the opening of our new latrine with all the new stools just itching with good rumors. See you there, so long.

P. S. All the gang is asking, "Why haven't the Commandos been given the Title to the basketball league already?"

'Motion Sickness' Pills Ease Rides

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The British have discovered a method of fighting mustard-gas burns with pills containing the gas itself, according to a report that has reached Washington.

The report asserts that volunteers who bared their forearms to the blistering action of the gas found its effects markedly lessened by taking the pills

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS

A fellow has lots of time to think when he spends almost eight weeks in the hospital. What kind of thoughts run through his mind is determined by what kind of person he is. When the Chaplain was going through this experience he did some thinking which he wants to pass on to you.

First, there comes to mind the fellow who gripes because he doesn't get out of the hospital as soon as he thinks he should. The Chaplain felt the same way, but then came to the realization that the personnel of the Medical Detachment is vitally interested in returning a man to duty in the very best possible shape, which is sometimes a lengthy process.

On the other hand, there are those who feel that the doctors and nurses, and even the ward boys, are neglecting them, and they don't get the attention they deserve. On thinking this phase of the matter over, the Chaplain came to the conclusion that the attitude of the doctors and nurses toward a man depends considerably on the man's attitude toward them. In other words, if you want to have friends, be one.

It all boils down to the same problem as the one presented to the Chaplain some months ago. One day a man came to his office saying, "This is the lousiest Base I ever saw. The officers I have to work with are terrible, and the enlisted men aren't friendly at all. I hate the whole set-up." Strangely enough, the following day another man came in and said, "This place is swell. Finest bunch of officers I ever saw, and the enlisted men are a fine bunch." And both of these men were talking about the same Base and the same personnel. Strange, isn't it?

Not so strange, when you come to think about it. A man's enjoyment of life or of his job, depends on what he puts into it. Go at your job with zest and you will enjoy it, depends on what he puts into it. Go at your job with zest and you will enjoy it. Go about your daily routine with a resentful spirit, and there will be nothing enjoyable in it for you. It is you yourself that makes the difference.—Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

Lincoln, Neb. (CNS) — Draft board officials, rummaging through their instructions, were puzzled to discover that they now must consider for deferment all persons "engaged in the production of tetramethyldiaminodiphenylethane."

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—0900 Aviation Unit Service; 1030, Chapel Service Vesper, Service 1930.

Wed.—Service Men's Christian Christian League, 1930.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses—0800, 1615 and 1745.

Confessions—Saturday, 1500 to 1730; 2000 to 2100; Sunday, before the Masses.

Weekday Masses—1830, daily except Thursday.

Communion—1700 daily.

Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1015 in Red Cross auditorium.

Evening Devotions — Tuesday, 1900, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesday 2030.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—1900, Base Chapel.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

PREBYTERIAN—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. E. Essary, pastor; Sunday School, 09:45; morning worship, 11:00; evening service, 20:15.

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

THEY'LL GET HIM YET!

Seattle (CNS) — Lawrence Anderson enlisted in the Army the day after Pearl Harbor. He reported for duty the following April and was discharged immediately because of a missing trigger finger. Drafted last July, he was discharged again—for the same reason. Last week he received his muster-out check and in the same mail a letter from his draft board, reclassifying him in 1A. The finger is still missing.

CONSERVATIVE

Bougainville (CNS) — Pvt. Sebastian Porretto, of Brooklyn, is a thrifty fellow. He used only 12 bullets to kill nine Japs here recently.

The Feed Bag

By FOO CHOW

Facts worth knowing! An Irish potato is neither Irish nor a potato. It is a tuber—an underground stem—and it comes from Peru, not Ireland . . . Vinegar was added to the U. S. Army ration in the war of 1812. It was mixed with sugar and water to make a "tonic." Our American forefathers had to conserve their waste grease and fats, too. They used them in making soap and candles, etc. . . . One ripe banana is the equivalent of four or five teaspoonsful of sugar . . . In the early 17th century vegetables were so little thought of they were fed to work house inmates as a sort of punishment . . . The English, during Queen Elizabeth's reign began the custom of eating three meals a day instead of two . . . When potatoes were first introduced in Scotland they were denounced as unholy and unhealthful food . . . In the 17th century coffee was considered poisonous . . . Ice cream was made in China several centuries before America was discovered . . . The International food symbol is the crescent . . . Popcorn balls were invented by the American Indians . . . Dehydrated vegetables were used during the Civil War by General Sherman. The soldiers called them desecrated vegetables . . . The Romans prized honey so highly that invading armies carried their own beehives right along with them . . . Macaroni and cheese was a popular dessert centuries ago in England . . . The radish was used as a food in China as far back as 1100 B. C. . . . The Aussies call hamburgers "dim sin" . . . They are wrapped in cabbage leaves . . . Sweet potatoes are members of the morning glory family . . . Dahlia bulbs were at one time used as food as a supplement to the potato crop . . . A Captain Gregory invented the doughnut . . . He disliked the soggy center of fried cake and suggested that the center be left out . . . The three rules for personnel lost in the jungles are: (1) Don't eat anything with a bitter taste. (2) Eat no plants with a milky sap. (3) Anything a monkey eats is okay for humans—including the monkey . . . Facts worth knowing: The red side of an apple contains more vitamin "C" than the green side—'cause you'll likely eat both sides anyway . . . All prunes are plums but it doesn't necessarily follow that all plums are prunes . . . Mares eat oats . . . Corn does not always signify radio comedians nor this colyum . . . Crumbs from the bottom of the bag: S-Sgt. Bundy has gone and got himself married up . . . Lt. Peoples is going on leave . . . ADD Food conservation notes . . . They say one of our Scottish cooks

Thursday Club Hears Speech; Tea Scheduled

Col. Bernard T. Castor, station commandant, spoke to members of the Thursday Club on the importance of Red Cross work and urged their support of the worldwide organization, when the club met in regular session last week at the Officers Club.

Mrs. J. R. Alley read a paper concerning safeguarding of military information which was entitled "Esprit de Corps." Members were then shown an Intelligence film, "Next of Kin," which carried the same theme.

Mrs. Wade H. Loofbourrow, president of the club, presided at the meeting, which was attended by approximately 80 members and their guests, including Mrs. Mildred Bodenhoff, Mrs. W. N. Pearson, Mrs. C. H. Edwards, Mrs. C. S. Shaffer and Mrs. R. T. Cheshire.

Hostesses were Mrs. Gilbert Hendrix, Mrs. Claude Lawrence, and Mrs. Robert Gantz.

Table decorations were of padded primrose flowers with a spring motif being carried out in the individual favors.

Mrs. McClain, Officers Club hostess was presented a gift in appreciation of her cooperation with the officers wives' club.

Highlight of the season for the club will be the formal tea to be given March 16, at the Pyote Officers Club, honoring civilian guests from neighboring towns. Committees appointed for the tea were: Guests, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Hendrix and Mrs. H. W. Appleton; invitations, Mrs. Leland Johnson, Mrs. John Atkinson and Mrs. Jack Schweitzer; decorations, Mrs. Jim Meigs, Mrs. Jim Ellis; refreshments, Mrs. John Kenney, Mrs. E. A. Swingle; hostess, Mrs. F. T. Sturdivant.

CAPTAIN, WITH 11 ROCKS, CAPTURES 11 GERMANS

Italy (CNS)—Capt Anderson Smith peeked into a cave and yelled: "Is anybody there?" "Yah," two Germans replied, walking out. Capt. Smith unarmed, picked up two rocks. Out came a third German and the captain picked up another rock. He had 11 rocks in his hands when he marched his captives back to camp.

Hempstead, L. I. (CNS)—The Kiwanis club took a sixth grade reading test and the only member to score 100 was a newspaper man.

brings his wife's false teeth to work to keep from eating between meals.—F. C.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By T-Sgt. LAWRENCE H. SHIPP

The large gathering of enlisted men and women in front of the Nurse's quarters at 11:30 last Monday was not an illusion. It was a reality. The occasion was a farewell tribute to one of the most popular, generous, good natured and beloved of all Pyote nurses. That "Angel of Mercy" and how very applicable in the case, was 2nd Lt. Hilma Feay. No token of friendship, no deed whether large or small, or no act of kindness was too great for the marvelous personality. During spare time Miss Feay spent countless hours sewing on stripes for Pfc. or M-Sgt. alike. After pausing for Mercers' poem, especially dedicated to her, that "Giant of Generosity" rolled off to the station in an ambulance followed by loud cheers and hearty good will wishes.

More than an Army nurse departed this base when Miss Feay left for in that nurse every fine quality of womanhood was present. The entire Detachment joins in wishing "Our Loss but Dalton's Gain" the very best of everything she so richly deserves.

Simultaneously the Medics take this opportunity to welcome attractive 2nd Lt. Genevie Kelly, our newest nurse, to our Desert Hospital. Miss Kelly is a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and consequently finds West Texas quite different.

Who said nothing ever happens at Pyote? Well, here at the hospital that statement is false and the past week has proved it. Early one morning a red-faced Medic, whom we've all seen around the hospital frequently, decided to climb over the closed gate rather than walk around. Apparently all was well and the G.I. said to himself: "A gate's a gate". Somewhere a voice said, "Okay soldier, jump in" and that 'gate climber' got a FREE RIDE! It wasn't to the hospital, however, for the driver of the jeep had his own plans!

Deepest regrets to those who did not receive their "Certificate of Proficiency" for "Landscaping" last week. Really you can qualify if—can you pick up paper and butts? Yes, fellows, we know all about it! It was M-Sgt. Villa, Cpl. McTigue and Cpl. Irwin who helped Carolyn Nichols make fudge. Well, well, so these big "He Men" have turned to the culinary arts! That isn't all Sgt. Villa excels in for he is now "The Official Cart Pusher" for Major Ten-Houten. Many others can do it but not with the ease and exactness

Name It and Take It



As if our pin-up customers weren't getting enough service, we put a frame around this week's guess star. She certainly does improve the looks of a picture frame! The first GI to correctly identify this gorgeous movie gal, will get the handsome 8 by 10 inch original picture if he calls at the Public Relations Office, located in Station Headquarters. As a tip, we'll tell you that her name has been used quite extensively in connection with the sale of radios. You take it from there.

of our Sgt. Major. Is that right, Lt. Igou? It's midnight calisthenics for Cpl. Kronenberg and Pfc. Newman. These potential "Super Men" were really on the beam and incidentally, never did they realize that there was an audience behind the closed doors! Say, Pfc. Abel was it you or the bus the other night? Remember the bus can't talk but if it could!!! Mrs. Cole, from the Dental Clinic, wouldn't think of missing the officers' inspection on Saturday. If roll call were taken this vivacious worker would always be present; of course, there is a window between them!!! Who said that Pfc. Ransome walks like he has "one foot in the furrow and one on the sod?" Well,—after all, this jovial ward worker is from the great agricultural state of Iowa! Pfc. Joe Okenka and his buddy Cpl. Doherty really made a hasty trip to town on their PM off—and what results!!! Okay Joe don't blame it on 'that haircut'. Careful fellows, don't step on that attractive little worker in the mess-

hall. "Midge," like Topsey, just grew—but not UP!! Get your picture frames early fellows!! Place: The Carpenter shop—"Berti and Noreck, Inc." It's one of those spare time jobs and plenty neat too. Cpl. Sanders and Pfc. Askins recently returned from New York City but not in the same manner for Benney came back "hitched". Good luck, Benney. The theme song of Bks. 5 is now, "I Didn't Sleep a Wink Last Night." Who said that that was more truth than song? It is rumored that S-Sgt. Uebel took a half day off. Well, wait until S & W learns of that!!!

Every outfit has to have its "youth" and so it is with the Pill Rollers. Now there is "Killer" Kane, the only one like him in captivity, who really knows because he's been "There". Pfc. Tomczak hasn't been "there" but he really wants to go to the Fiji Islands. Why? Because he once saw them in the movies. Now you have heard everything—til next week?

Behind the 8 Ball

By CPL. CYRIL L. THOMPSON

I hope no one thought I was fortunate enough to be shipped out when no article appeared last week . . . my apologies, but it was due to unavoidable circumstances. I could almost use an excuse that I was unable to find my typewriter after a wind and dust storm, such as we have recently experienced, had subsided. Wow! What a climate. Would some weather expert please inform us as to how these miniature hurricanes begin and end so rapidly?

It is probably the wish of every G.I. at some time or another, to be able to pin the origin of a rumor on a commissioned officer . . . Especially his C.O. Preceding a recent review, Major Sullivan, in giving a short talk to the boys in the roll call area happened to mention it would likely be his last review. That started something and when added to a few already well-circulated latrine stories, there was no doubt we were shipping for parts unknown. Don't get excited boys! It is very possible the Major was referring to himself and not the Unit.—Which all goes to show that Uncle Sam is still mighty secretive about his next move.

First Sergeant Blank is back in the saddle again with both feet on the floor, and spends part of each day punching T. S. Tickets for the boys. He claims his short trip was relaxing.

Marriage congratulations are due this week to Cpl. Bill Smoots and PFC. Gregorio Gutierrez. Gregorio returned from his furlough in San Antonio with his charming bride. Bill and his pretty wife, who had the knot tied in Spokane, Washington during the former's recent leave, were guests at a social evening in Monahan's last week, given by a Young Peoples Church Group and conducted by Mrs. Forsythe.

A few of the boys in Barracks 514 were surprised when Sgt. Birkenbuel returned from Montana and announced he was still single.

A prowling through the barracks one night disclosed some interesting things . . . Sgt. Mike Harrington leading an engineering discussion on how to be transferred to the Sub-Depot (he claims feminine atmosphere would be good for the morale) . . . Sgt. Dobey Bell lamenting the fact his gal back home had joined the WACs and he has a furlough coming up soon . . . Sgt. Ed. Crowley displaying a beautiful sparkler (wedding bells for sure) . . . Sgt. Baldi bragging about the new addition to the family—a boy . . . Sgt. Cuyer wondering why he can't get used to not having his coffee served in bed . . . and so on into the night.



RATTLER SPORTS



WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

They'll be either too young or too old on major league diamonds this season. Rosters of the 16 big league clubs are limited to players classified 4F, 4H (over age), 4C (honorably discharged) or unclassified because of extreme youth.

Take a look at the Brooklyn Dodgers, they're always good for a laugh. Their Bums have 10 spavined 4Fs this year, five rickety overage destroyers, a pitcher who has been discharged from the Army and three adolescents under 18. Their tottering outfield of Paul Warner, Lloyd Waner and Johnny Cooney totals 123 years of age, and they have three first string pitchers whose average age is less than 20.

The Chicago Cubs, better fortified than most teams in the National League, nevertheless have sent up a Very pistol flare for James Emory Foxx, a mighty man was he, to come back and play first base for them this year. Old Double X has been inactive since 1942 when he blew a sinus gasket but because he was recently rejected by the Army, the Cubs want him back on the has-sock.

Howard Ehmke, 50, has wired Connie Mack that he has been soaking his throwing arm in pickle brine all winter and now is ready to pitch again for the A's. But Mack, a kid of 80 himself, says he's going to hold up the rest of the league with kids, not old timers, this year.

The most interesting comeback of them all is that of Pepper Martin, now 40, who says he is ready to burn up the basepaths again for the Cardinals. The old Peppertot, for years the fastest runner and loudest belcher in the National League, should be good for 80 games if his chest holds out. That's where Pepper always caught those line drives—right off the old drum.

In Play-Offs



THE VINCOS . . . Back row left to right: Sgt. Jack Cannon, Cpl. William Harris, Sgt. McDonald, Cpl. Charlie Maxwell, S-Sgt. Walt Krawczyk; front row, left to right: M-Sgt. Moss, S-Sgt. Jim Castner, and the team's captain, S-Sgt. Charles Roberts.

Commandos, Sad Sacks Win First Play-Off Games

The play-offs in the Rattlesnake Basketball League began Tuesday, March 7, and saw the Crippled Commandos and Sad Sacks win the first games.

Without the services of Pfc. Hal Cooper, coach and brightest star of the Commandos, the Unit C boys had a slightly rugged time with the Vincos, but came out on top 27 to 20. The Commandos had a comfortable lead at the end of the first half but the Vincos, led by Cpl. Charlie Maxwell, came back in the second half and whit-

ted the lead down. Pfc. Joe Boots was high man for the game with 15 points and Maxwell was second with eight.

The second game saw the Galloping Guards, minus the services of their star Cpl. Bill Ray, fight hard but ineffectively against the Sad Sacks. The final score was 38 to 15. Sgt. Ralls Neill was high point man with 15 points.

In the second night of the play-offs the Commandos continued their winning ways by taking the Galloping Guards 31 to 25 in a rough, interesting game. S-Sgt. Gerrard of the Commandos was high with 11 points and Boots was second with 10 points. Pvt. Don Sheppard was high for the Guards with nine points.

The Vincos met the Sad Sacks in the second game of the eve-

Jap Airmen Falling Off, Says Sec. Knox

WASHINGTON—Secretary of the Navy Knox said this week that inability of the Japanese to sink or damage our ships attacking the Mariana Islands must be attributed to the skill of our anti-aircraft defenses and the poor quality of the enemy aviators.

ning and came out on top by a 44 to 24 score. Every Vinco was hot and they poured the points through fast. Cpl. Charlie Maxwell was again high man with 12 points, closely followed by Sgt. McDonald with 11, and Sgt. Dick Winters tied Maxwell with 12 points for the Sad Sacks.

He Picks the Yanks—

Majors Start Spring Training Soon; Needs of Army Make Forecasts Risky

By CPL. HYMAN BROOK

Both the American and National leagues are getting on their "Flying Red Horses" for their third consecutive wartime spring training for the coming '44 baseball season which will get off officially a little more than a month away. In both leagues the owners and managers are "Pulling Hair" and wracking their brains as to what the coming season will bring.

In the past, famous players such as Joe Dimaggio, Hank Greenberg, Bob Feller and many others traded their outfits for the G.I. Khaki and the Navy Blue, and this year adds a new list to the armed forces.

The world champion New York Yankees, who will be taking their spring training at Atlantic City, N. J., have lost some of their best players and heaviest power. Names like Charley Keller, Bill Johnson and Marius Russo are now in the armed forces. The Yanks' top pitcher last year, Spud Chandler, has been accepted as a limited service man. Joey Gordon, who surprised all in last year's world series by his outstanding playing, also has his number coming up by his draft board. Even though the Yanks have been hit hard this year your writer will still take the Yankees to cop the '44 pennant. Biggest loss may be veteran Bill Dickey.

The Cleveland Indians are having their "usual troubles" both with the loss of men beside the "LITTLE" arguments they always have among themselves. Jim Bagby, the star hurler, is asking for voluntary retirement, while manager Lou Boudreau is classified 1-A, and Jeff Heath is demanding a raise or else! Also, Al Smith has his troubles with manager "Boudreau". The Indians will take their spring training at Lafayette, Indiana.

The 1943 second place Washington Senators have a new lineup coming this year. Johnny Niggeling, the knuckle-ball hurler of the Browns, will be pitching for Washington, also Roger Wolff of the A's, and the Senators picked up veteran Rick Ferrell from the Browns to be behind the plate. Joe Kuhel will be at first base for the Senators, coming over from Chicago. With the right breaks the Senators may be the team to watch in the American league.

Connie Mack picked up Frankie Hayes from St. Louis, Rip Radcliff from Detroit and "Traveling" Bobo Newsom from Washington. Mack shifted Bob Swift and Don Heffner over to Detroit.

Over in the National league both the St. Louis Browns and St. Louis Cards have delayed their spring training until the 20th of March. Stan Musial, batting champ and most valuable player in '43, is still available for induction. Lou Klein, Harry Walker, Al Brazle and Ernie White have all been called to service since last season, taking

the cream from the Cards. Billy Southworth still has his hopes built high on taking the pennant for the third straight year.

Chicago Cubs lost catchers Clyde McCullough and Mickey Livingston. Hiram Bithorn, ace right hander for the Cubs, was also in the missing list this year. The Cubs and Cincinnati Reds still have many of their old timers and are building their hopes around them for the coming season. However, the Reds lost their ace Johnny Vander Meer, Lonnie Frey and Bert Hass. The Reds will be taking their spring training at Bloomington, Indiana.

The Pittsburgh Pirates signed Babe Dahlgren to fill the shoes of Elbie Fletcher, but the team was weakened by the loss of Bob Klinger, Maurice Van Robays, and Hank Gornicki.

The Brooklyn (Bums) Dodgers lost their top man Billy Herman and Ed Head, also Kirby Higbe. Mel Ott of the Giants has lost his infield, and will need replacements for Mickey Wittek and Dick Bartell.

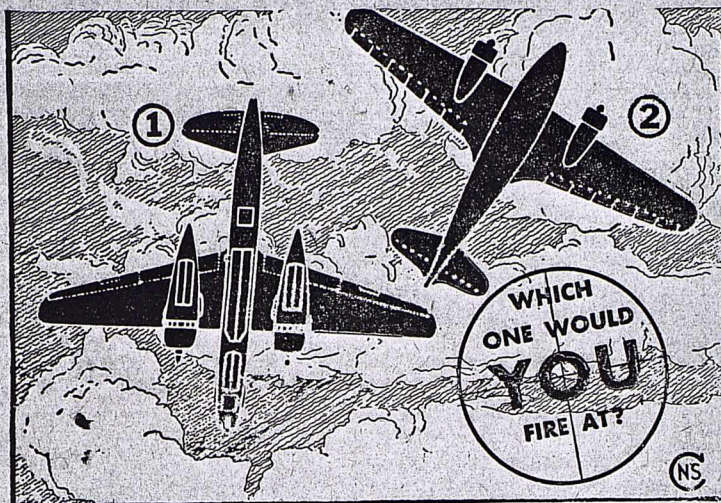
Hardest hit team of both leagues is Detroit, which suffered the loss of Tommy Bridges, Dick Wakefield, Jimmy Bloodworth, Hal White and Virgil Trucks.

The Boston Braves, Red Sox, White Sox, A's, and Browns have all been given the once over lightly by the draft boards. Big Tex Hughson, George Staller, Mickey Vernon, Chet Laabs and veteran Luke Appling are all now in the service.

There'll be a gang of new stringers coming out of the farms this year and anything could happen in the '44 season. As the baseball officials have said, "we'll continue baseball as long as we have nine men to send out on the playing field."

RED ARMY NAMES TWO CHIEF MARSHALS

Moscow (CNS)—The Supreme Soviet has appointed two new chief marshals in the Red Army, it was announced here recently. They are Marshal Alexander Alexandrovich Novikoff, named Air Chief Marshal, and Marshal Nikolai Nikolayevich Voronoff, named Artillery Chief Marshal.



NOT AT NO. 1! It's the AAF's A-20 or the "Boston" as it is called by the RAF. The A-20 is a high trailing midwing light bomber, powered by two radial motors. It has a long nose which projects well ahead of the wings. Its underslung engine nacelles extend beyond the wing's trailing edge. The leading edge of the wings is straight and the trailing edge is swept forward to narrow tips. The tailplane is elliptical.

FIRE AT NO. 2! It's the Jap's M-c-20 "Topsy," a long range, low-wing, twin radial engine trans-port plane. It has a long, streamlined fuselage with the nose extending well forward of the underslung engine nacelles. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The tailplane has a pronounced taper on the leading edge with rounded tips and has a single fin.

Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co., publishers Aircraft Spotters by L. Ott

GI STILL OPERATING AT SAME OLD STAND

Port Moresby (CNS) — Back home in the town of New York Sgt. Richard Tarsias ran a beauty shop. Here in New Guinea he is doing the same sort of work.

Incapacitated for further combat action during the Buna campaign, Sgt. Tarsias opened Port Moresby's first beauty salon at the request of Special Services. His customers are American nurses and Red Cross girls.

Durable Team



THE GALLOPING GUARDS . . . This "iron man" quintet put out a lot of good and hot basketball during the station championship chase that just closed. Standing: Pvt. Ray Peterson, Pvt. Don Shepard, and Pvt. Monsterialia; kneeling: Pvt. John Camp (Captain); and Pvt. Herb Pflugrad.

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All-Out Aerial Offensive Gets First Full Scale Try

Luftwaffe Being Whittled Down In Gigantic Battles

Exponents of total air war who have long envisioned an "all out" aerial offensive against Germany, have apparently sold their proposition to Allied military chiefs.

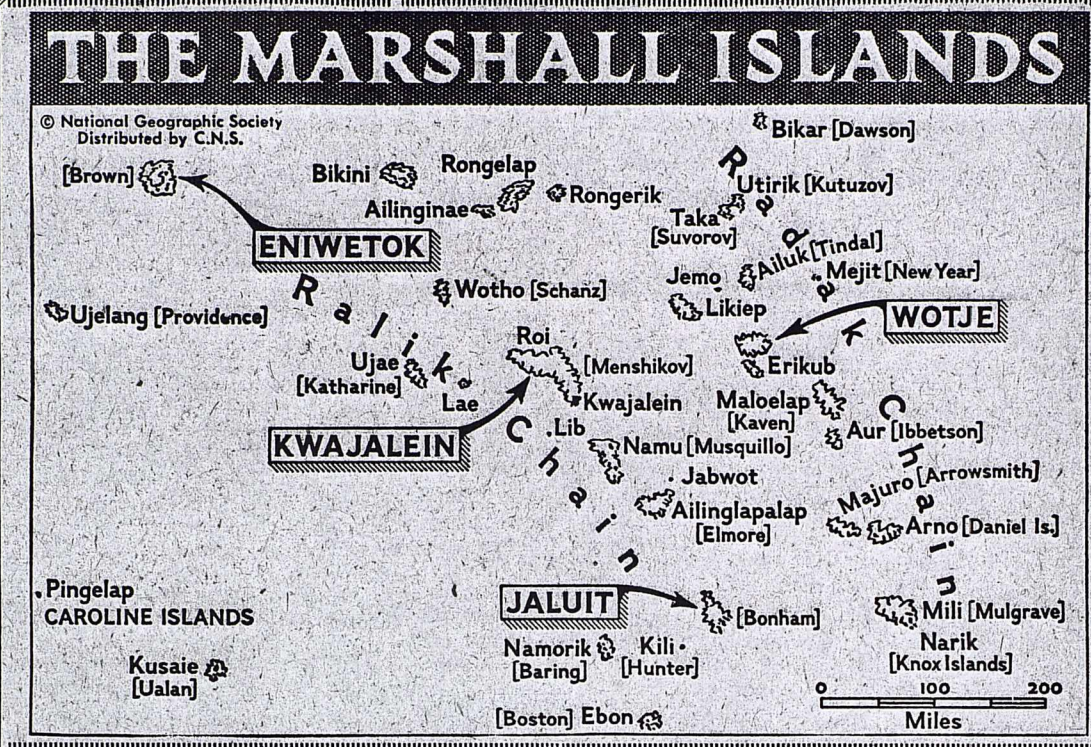
Tremendous blows have been struck; history-making raids have been carried out against picked objectives; stupendous damage has been inflicted on the enemy. Yet only in the last two weeks has full-scale attack, of a ferocity figured to absolutely knock Germany out, been mounted.

Striking power of the incredibly mighty American Air Force is now reckoned in "divisions"—a division can be made up of anywhere between 420 and 730 bombers. In one day desperate Luftwaffe resistance knocked down 68 American bombers, topping the old record of 60 lost over Schweinfurt. In return the Nazis lost 125 planes at first count, probably many more.

The damage has forced Germany to move her capital from Berlin. That is something Britain did not do in the darkest days of the air blitz over London in 1940-41. Now the tables are completely reversed, and Germany sends up her outnumbered air fleet now, to meet losses which continually whittle her down.

Thus from a strategic angle, the massive blows being mounted against Hitler's fortress Europe are the most important news on the world's battlefronts today. "Air supremacy, the talisman that can paralyze German war industry and war transport and clear the road to Berlin, is clearly within reach," the House of Commons was told by Sir Archibald Sinclair, Britain's Secretary of State for Air.

In recognition of his aggressive waging of our part of the aerial war from Britain, Jimmy Doolittle was elevated to the rank of lieutenant general. Nothing shows more clearly the hopes pinned on the U. S. airarmadas stationed in Britain.



Ireland's old animosity toward Britain created a stumbling block on the diplomatic front, as Prime Minister Eamon de Valera bluntly refused to toss out the Axis nationals in Ireland. Immediately England, backed openly by the United States and Australia shut off travel between Ireland and England. The announced reason, and plainly understandable, was that too much military information filtered out of Erin for the benefit of Germany. This naturally becomes more vital as D-day draws nearer.

Tightening of the noose around the Bismarck Archipelago, and strangulation of Rabaul, appears next on General MacArthur's list in the Pacific. The large naval and air base, which is only 830 miles from Truk, appears to be the next natural objective. It has absorbed daily destruction, more than any other base in the Southwest Pacific. Chief objective of the recent landing on Los Negros Island was to capture Momote air field from which Rabaul could be pounded more.

AIR WAR NEARS PEAK TEMPO . . . Germany's industrial centers are pounded heavily as the scale of Allied bombing attacks mount. Allied leaders envision air supremacy that will clear the way for invading armies.

Incredibly successful Russian drives continued to soak up the enemy's men and material. A major catastrophe looms at Odessa, the Black Sea port where Soviet troops have hemmed in Nazi divisions in a position comparable to that of the British at Dunkurke. A third great offensive in the Ukraine sent Nazis legions into such headlong retreat that they abandoned their equipment where it lay, the Russians reported. Twenty thousand German soldiers were killed and

1,100 tanks and big guns were taken. America, Britain and Russia appeared to be reaching an agreement on the distribution of the captured Italian fleet. A three-way division is expected. The Anzio front, scene of spectacular German charges in an effort to hurl Americans into the sea, had calmed somewhat with intermittent assaults on both sides continuing. Three sharp German thrusts were repulsed with considerable casualties to the enemy.

