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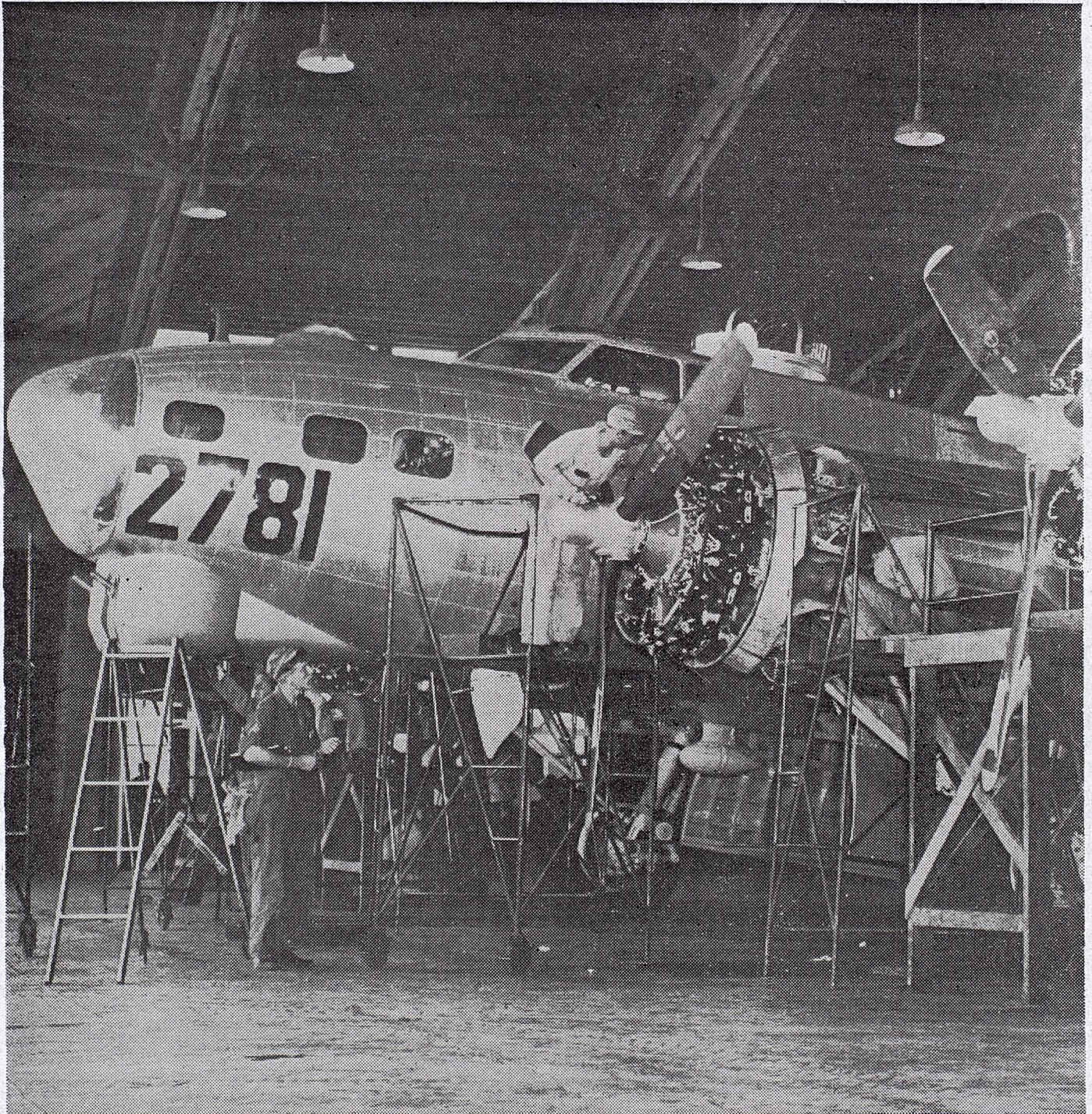
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## Non Com Mess Officially Opens With Dance Saturday Night

Saturday night is the date and 8:30 p.m. is the time when the first dance will be held in the Non-Com Mess, officially opening this long-awaited addition to the recreation facilities at the Pyote Army Air Field.

After more than two months of hard work by all personnel concerned, the former Guard Squadron Mess Hall has been transformed into a recreation spot which would bring a blush of pride to any individual.

The Mess will be open to members and their guests at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday night but the evening's festivities aren't scheduled to get underway until three hours later when the Pyote Field orchestra will give forth with the jive for the jitter fans. A program of entertainment has been arranged for the opening night.

Open to the top three-graders at Pyote this new organization now has a membership of more than 500 of the striped-clan. Membership in this Mess is entirely voluntary and the large number of those already paying dues gives ample testimony to the fact that the Mess is a welcomed addition to Pyote.

Daily hours of business of the Noncom Mess are from 10 a.m. till midnight every night except Saturday when the doors will be opened until 2 a.m. S-Sgt. Charles A. Bryan will be in charge assisted by Pfc. James S. Harty and Donald H. Kornfeld.

Beer, soft drinks, sandwiches will be on hand at all times and steaks with all the trimmings will be served as often as available. Prices, a very important item, will be "very reasonable" to quote M-Sgt. Morris E. Taylor, temporary president of the Noncom Mess.

No hard liquor will be allowed and Class A uniforms will be the order of the day whenever on the premises.

Designed by Staff Sergeant Walter Seefeldt, the Noncom Mess features a Western atmosphere. Top items of interest are the roomy comfortable booths which line the walls. Ancient wagon wheels, reputed to be over one hundred years old, hang from the ceiling. These wagon wheels strike the latest note in lighting facilities. One corner of the room has been converted into a bandstand and an ample bar, with footrest, will handle the flow of the amber liquid plus soft drinks and ice-cream.

Permanent officers of this new organization will be elected sometime next month.

This club is opened to all top three graders on the Field. Monthly dues are three dollars per month. It is expected that this figure will be materially reduced as the Mess reaches a sound financial status.

Lt. Colonel John B. Nelson is

advisory officer to the Mess, replacing Lt. Frank L. Orfanello who has been transferred. Col. Nelson has promised the organization his fullest cooperation and will do everything possible to insure its success.

Married members wives will be furnished with passes entitling them to make use of the Mess' facilities at any time. Members of the WAC Section below the grade of Staff Sergeant are honorary members.

It is contemplated that a nickel-odeon will be installed shortly thus providing music at all times.

The opening of this Noncom Mess brings to an actuality the dream of certain top three-graders here at Pyote who have always been anxious to secure a place for recreation which they could call their own. The new Mess has the unanimous backing of Pyote authorities and it has been said that as soon as the organization proves itself and is maintained on a sound financial basis, provisions will be made to provide larger and more adequate quarters.

## Section II Cops Bombing Honors

The second in the series of bombing contests was held last Saturday and the boys were out in leftfield when the final results were tallied.

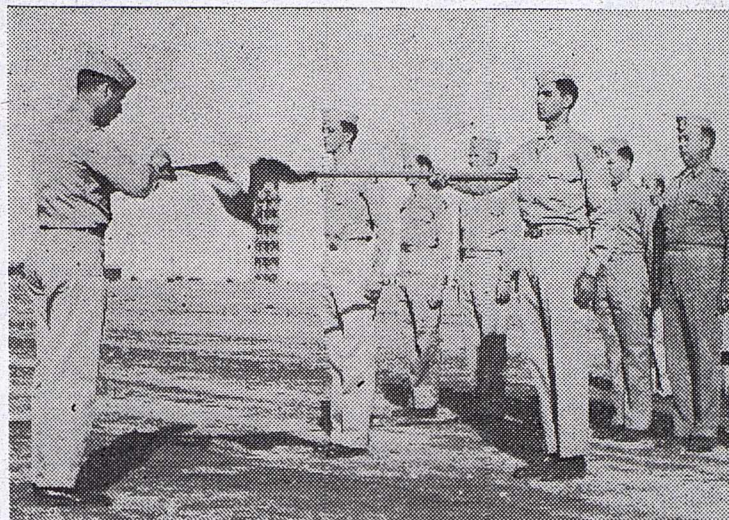
Only two Sections participated in Saturday's bombing foray with Section II taking top honors with an average converted circular error of 227.5 feet. Second place was taken by Section III with a converted error of 309.66 feet. Section I failed to bomb.

Two crews, dropping ten bombs each competed for the winning Section while Section III sent three crews, dropping a total of thirty bombs, over the target.

Lowest circular error was registered by Crew Number 5067 with a figure of 201 feet. Pilot of this crew is Lt. Harry Perry and bombardier is Lt. Frank Friedenbach.

Other crews from Section III included crew number 5042 with a converted circular error of 225 feet. Pilot is Lt. V. H. Hansard while Lt. John D. Whisman was on the egg-dropping detail. Crew number 5089 had a converted cir-

## Medics Get Ribbon Again



Major Fred W. Schulenberg (left) pins the ribbon awarded for best marching of the week on the flag of the Medics at last Saturday's review. The Medics have been taking the laurels quite frequently.

## Salesmanship Campaign To Mark Invasion Bond Drive At Pyote

One of the greatest salesmanship campaigns in Pyote history will be launched shortly when War Bond salesmen put the bee on their fellow officers, soldiers and civilians as this Field's part in the nation-wide Fifth War Loan Drive, according to Captain Jerry A. Hrdlicka who once again is handling the Drive reins.

"Certain officers and enlisted men and civilians will have a definite quota of personnel under them to contact," said Capt. Hrdlicka, "and in this way, it is believed that every person on the Field will have the opportunity to buy Bonds brought to them."

Majors will oversee the purchase of Bonds by Captains, Captains will see just how much the lieutenants under them will purchase and civilian departments

will vie against each other to see which will be top Bond purchasing organization on the Field.

No definite figure has been set as the Pyote quota but every officer on the field is urged to purchase at least one extra \$50 Bond during this drive and every soldier and civilian should purchase a \$25 Bond.

G. I. personnel has been setting the pace during the past War Bond drives and if the salesmanship campaign works out as planned the enlisted personnel will again head the list when the final returns are in. Certain high ranking non-commissioned officers in each Section will be responsible for the Section's Bond buying activities.

According to Capt. Hrdlicka, the goal among civilian workers is to have at least 95% of the entire personnel purchase Bonds through the payroll deduction plan to the tune of 12% of their income.

With the start of the invasion into Hitler's European Fortress, now more than ever before those of us still here at home have a golden opportunity to offer more than lip service to those who are fighting, dying, bleeding, sweating over there.

The Fifth War Loan Drive isn't another appeal to patriotism or a chance for savings but is a challenge to us here to see whether or not we think enough of our forces overseas to go out and purchase those extra Bonds.



## The Heat's On; Mercury Starts Climbing High

Brother, it ain't the weather, it's hot.

Our little clay pigeon has come forth with some torrid figures anent the weather during the month of May and believing you might enjoy mulling over same while sweating out a chow line, "The Rattler" presents the following for your edification.

The heat is on and during the past month, 19 days were ripped off the calendar in which the temperature climbed gleefully over the 90 degree mark. May 30th and May 7 saw the month's high when the thermometer hit 98. Don't take our word for it, call the Weather Office.

As you wended your weary way over the Field during the past month, you undoubtedly cussed the wind and the dust which raised holy hob with your freshly laundered locks. Tues., May 30, saw the second highest wind ever recorded at Pyote when it whistled through the regions at a 61-mile-per-hour clip. Easter Sunday copped the record with a 62-mile gale.

During the month of May, the Field was visited by Jupiter Pluvius but old man Jup didn't hang around long. Normal rainfall for this area during May is supposed to be 2.52 inches. We got .19 inches, just about enough to dampen the spirits. May 10 saw the first rain at Pyote since February 27th. Six-hundredths of an inch fell to break the drought and traces of rain were discovered on six other occasions by the eager-beavers of the Weather Office.

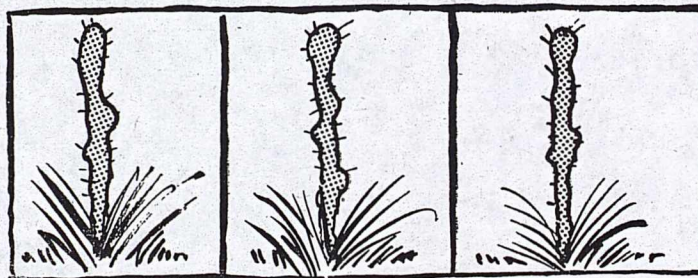
All of which adds up to the fact the May was a dry, windy month, getting hotter all the time but to quote the Weather Office, "brother, you ain't sweated yet."

## The Cover—

Everything else that takes place on this field is of secondary importance to the work carried on day and night on the line. Getting those ships in the air is the job of these mechanics, and how well they do it is shown by the fact that Pyote has one of the finest all-around maintenance records of any field in the country. Here a crew goes over a B-17 with painstaking thoroughness before it is allowed to go into the air.

NEW YORK (CNS) — Three polite robbers removed \$5,000 from the office till of a local manufacturing concern, tipping their hats and reminding the employees that "you might as well take it easy. You're covered by insurance."

## New Award For Pyote Service



## 'GREETINGS'

By direction of the Chief of Staff of Kitchen Police Pushers, the Pyote Medal is bestowed on (Fill in your name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for one year of meritorious service at the Rattlesnake Bomber Field, Pyote, Texas. Enemy fire was not probable nor expected but the hardships and tortures endured during this period of service would blister the paint on a Flying Fortress.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Your name) has participated in innumerable combat missions against blood-thirsty mosquitoes, flying cockroaches and hungry flies. He has sweltered in temperatures as high as 130 degrees and on many occasions has been forced to shovel the sand from his barracks before he could locate his "Sack".

The windstorms have wrecked his schoolboy complexion and ruined the waves in his curly locks which he has cultivated since childhood. The constant threat of rattlesnakes seeking refuge in his highly-polished g.i. boots has caused the recipient of this award many sleepless days and nights.

The courage, patience and devotion to duty which \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) has demonstrated during the past year pays high tribute to the training he has received during his Army Career.

For each month over a year's service, the award winner is entitled to clip one Cactus Leaf Cluster. If there aren't enough clusters, see the Chaplain or Grievance Officer. Be sure to bring a copy of this citation and your card with you.

## Monahans USO Has Anniversary On June 15th

June 15th marks the first anniversary of the opening of the USO Club in Monahans. An open house is being planned for that day starting at 4:00 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. a musical program will be given which will include the following numbers: Songs by Gerald Wolf and Teddy Joe Whitmire; a barber shop quartet; violin solo by Arthur Williamson; vocal solo by Mrs. Johnnie Hutchinson.

Mayor Ed Duffey will give a history of Monahans' USO after which a presentation of awards to volunteers who have served over 100 hours at the USO will be made by Judge Fred Snelson. The program will be concluded by a community sing.

J. W. Browne is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, assisted by Miss Loretta Agnew, Assistant Director of the USO, Mrs. Gilbert Murray and Mrs. B. D. James.

The public and all military personnel are invited to attend this celebration.

## Greener Pastures

Two pioneers of Pyote Army Air Field have left the wind-swept region of West Texas for greener pastures.

Captain John A. Emmert, Chemical Warfare Officer for the past eighteen months has been transferred to Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado for a new assignment and Lt. Frank L. Orfanello, formerly Courts and Boards officer and more recently Station Adjutant has gone to Charlottesville, Virginia, where he will attend a Military Government School prior to an overseas assignment.

## Theater Schedule

Thurs.—GAS LIGHT, with Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman, and Joseph Cotten. Also Paramount News.

Fri.—THREE MEN IN WHITE, with Lionel Barrymore, and Van Johnson and Keye Luke.

Sat.—THE COBRA WOMAN, with Maria Montez and Jon Hall.

Sun. & Mon.—THE STORY OF DR. WASELL, with Gary Cooper and Lorraine Day. Paramount News.

Tues.—YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS, with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

Wed. & Thurs.—THE HITLER GANG, with Robert Watson and Martin Kosleck. Paramount News.



## Banking Services Are Available To All Here

### All Types of Service Except Loans Given

Pyote Army Air Field's bank has been in operation for more than a month, and although a large number of station personnel have availed themselves of the facility, a large percentage still do not seem to be aware of the services that are offered.

John S. Powell, manager, explained that the bank is set up to handle all types of banking services from bank money orders to checking accounts and collections. An exception to the policy is that no loans are made through the organization.

The bank—a branch of the First National Bank in Midland—is located directly across the street south of Station Headquarters. It is open from 0900 to 1500 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on weekdays and from 0900 to 1300 on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays.

It was explained by Mr. Powell that checks will be cashed, deposits accepted and checking accounts in any reasonable amount will be handled. However, it was pointed out, certain rules are necessary for the cashing of checks for those who do not maintain regular checking accounts with the bank.

Cashier's checks, bank drafts, money orders and government checks will be cashed only upon proper identifications. Personal checks of officers up to a reasonable amount, and personal checks of enlisted men when endorsed and payment guaranteed by a commissioned officer, will be cashed on the same basis, and without charge.

An outstanding service of the bank is the issuing of money orders. The following charge scale prevails: For checks from one to ten dollars, ten cents; from ten to 25 dollars, 15 cents; 26 to 50 dollars, 20 cents; 51 to 100 dollars, 25 cents; and for all additional amounts, 25 cents per hundred dollars.

Services of the banking facility are available to both military and civilian personnel, Mr. Powell stated.

### SOLDIERS IN ETO TO GET NEW COMBAT JACKETS

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—GIs in the ETO are going to get new woolen field jackets, made of olive drab serge, as soon as manufacturers get to work on contracts recently let by the Philadelphia

### THE WEEKLY POLL—

## GIs Unanimous In Wanting Old Cinema 'Hits'

A few weeks ago, when one of our foremost literary figures of Pyote—a former Chicagoan who now writes a weekly column and additional article exploiting Army life in these parts—mentioned that he would like to see some of the old-time movies again, he did not know whether he was alone in his desire or whether, likewise, a goodly slice of movie-going GIs, harbor that same yearning within their healthy bodies.

This little piece is to inform you that he is not alone.

When our inquiring reporter went out to find out about this vital question, he not only found out that practically every one of them would like to see an occasional silver-thatched hit but he also learned that the memory of the soldiers goes back a long way. Nobody asked for "Birth of a Nation" but that was about the only one they missed.

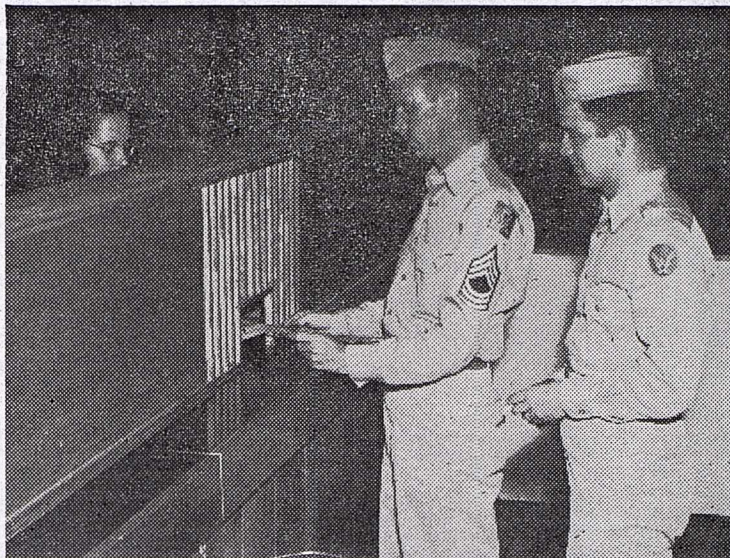
Out of the 15 customers queried in the Combat Crew Detachment with the question "Would you rather see some old hits in preference to some of the new Class B pictures," all answered affirmatively and they gave the following choices:

"Cimmarron" and "Lost Horizon"—Cpl. R. Backstrom; "All Quiet On the Western Front"—Cpl. W. Crook; "Knut Rockne"—Cpl. H. Hagan; "San Francisco" and "Naughty Marietta"—Cpl. F. Estlinbaum; "The Big Store"—Cpl. McMahan; "The Cocoanuts" and "The Big Store"—Sgt. W. Lamar; "Covered Wagon"—Cpl. M. Edwards; "The Plainsman" and "Gunga Din"—Cpl. Meisenheimer; "Lives of a Bengal Lancer"—Cpl. E. Evans; "Mutiny On The Bounty" and "Captain Blood"—Cpl. R. Cooke; "Lost Horizon" and "The Three Musketeers"—Cpl. Y. Kishi; "The Virginian"—Sgt. E. Smith; "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town"—Sgt. R. Work; "Ben Hur" and "Covered Wagon"—Sgt. De Mesquita; "Robin Hood"—Cpl. W. F. Welsh.

### Quartermaster Depot.

The new jacket is designed primarily for combat, but also may be worn for dress. It is similar, in looks, to the battle dress of the British Army, which has proved practical both for combat and dress.

## He Helps Bond Drive



Miss Mardeena Hill, bank cashier, has just sold a bond to M-Sgt. C. L. James to help out the 5th War Loan Drive. Second Lt. R. A. Elliott is waiting to perform his banking chores. Both are from Section D.



Mr. John S. Powell (right), of Midland, is manager of the branch bank on this field which provides banking service to both military and civilian personnel. He is shown dictating a letter to Mrs. Powell. The bank, a branch of the First National of Midland, provides complete checking and account services, making it just about like the bank at home except that no loans are made. A feature which many soldiers find convenient and reasonable is the writing of Bank Money Orders.

## What's New At Service Club

The String Ensemble will play in the Service Club on Sundays at 1700. Tea and cookies will be served on the porch.

There will be a new series of dances every Tuesday night, in addition to the Friday night dances; dances will be held on the patio if weather permits, and if not, inside the Service Club.

Every Monday night in the Symphony Room, an hour of recorded symphonic music by the world's greatest composers. Anyone interested in this type of en-

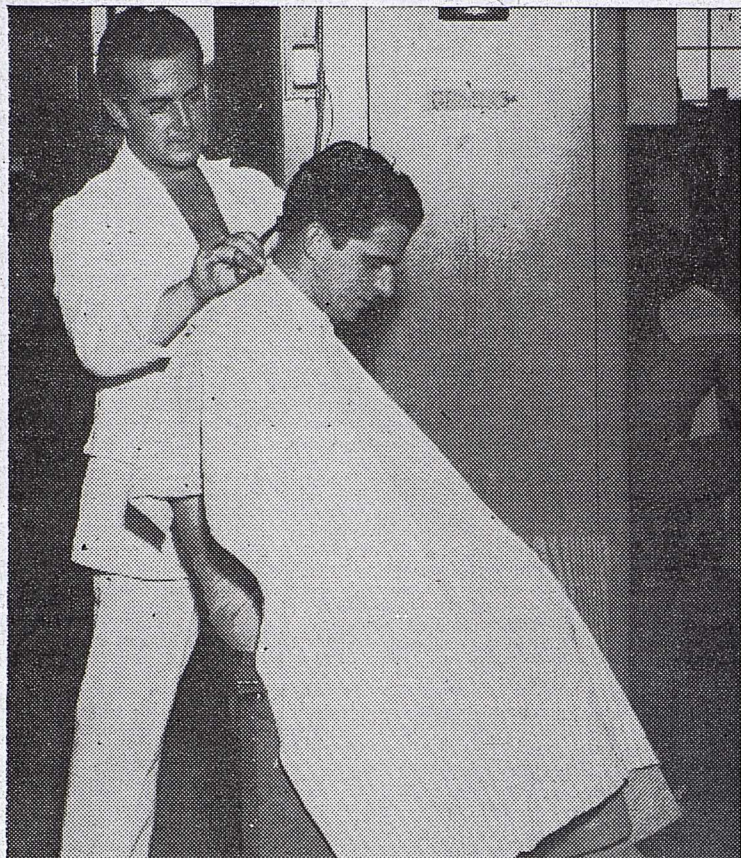
## 'Best Barracks' Won By Sec. III

In the weekly "Best Barracks" contest among CCD personnel, Section III registered 89 points to win first place, followed by Section II with 82 points.

Individual barracks honors went to Barracks 609 of Section II, of which Sgt. Harold Scales is Barracks Chief.

entertainment will be selected to sponsor his or her own program.





HE SHOWS THEM HOW . . . "I tell you, Joe, you've got to start massaging your scalp again," Jimmie Ruggeri tells one of his Sec. A customers. An accomplished barber, Jimmie cuts hair in the evenings after finishing his regular chores, and in addition to his scissors-and-clippers work he gives his patrons plenty of free advice on care of the hair and scalp.

### Officers Wives Club To Hold Style Show At Next Meeting

On June 15th at 1:00 p.m. the Officers Wives Club will have a luncheon and style show, featuring Casuals and Play Clothes. This style show has been arranged through Dunlaps of Monahans. Mrs. Irvin Zimmerman will be a guest soloist.

Afterwards the club members may play bridge, rummy or bowl as the "O. W. Club" has made arrangements with the Officers' Club for any member who does not care to play cards to bowl.

Officers of the W. A. C., Army Nurses stationed on the base, wives and adult members of the family of any officer stationed on the base are eligible for membership in the officers wives club. This club is designated as the Thursday Club, and meets each Thursday. New members are welcomed to join the club.

The Officers' Wives Club met on June 1st, at the Officers' Club for the first luncheon of the month. Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons was a guest speaker, and expressed his interest in the "O. W. Club".

Lt. Edith Haslam, Commanding Officer of the local WAC detach-

### At Service Club

Thurs. — EM Wives luncheon, 12 noon; Station Orchestra to play in cafeteria from 1200 to 1245.

Fri. — Dance, 9 to 12 p.m.; Station Orchestra.

Sat. — Dance in Monahans USO.

Sun. — String Ensemble, 1700-1800; tea and cookies served on the porch.

Mon. — Record Hour, 2030, featuring Mendehllsohn's Symphony, sponsored by Larry McBride.

Tues. — Mending, 1000 to 1700; Dance, 2030 to 2230, music by Station Orchestra, Junior Hostesses from Monahans, Wink, Kermit and Base.

Wed. — Songfest, music and song films, 2100.

ment was also a guest speaker. Bridge and rummy were played after an open forum.

Mrs. Stevens was high score bridge winner and Mrs. Baum won the rummy prize. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. John Kenney, Mrs. Norman Appleton, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hyman Silverman.

### MEET YOUR BUDDIES:

## Jimmie Ruggeri Got Stage Fright Once But That's All Over Now Expert's Painstaking Tonsorial Technique Keeps 'Em Satisfied

Cutting hair is every bit that it's cut up to be—you can take it from Jimmie Ruggeri, down in Barracks 5, Section A. Jimmie, who is classified as a cook, has only one occupational love, and that's the gentle art of hirsute horticulture known as barbering.

There is no truth, Jimmie assures us, to the story that he got his first experience when he captured a long-haired pooch one day and made a French poodle out of him in ten short minutes with his daddy's clippers. But he admits that he started out in life to be a barber—a good one.

For several years after making his entrance in Pittsburgh, Jimmie just fooled around, going to school and things like that. But at the advanced age of 14 years he decided he'd been sponging off the folks long enough so he entered a barber school. Using the information his daddy had furnished, he started on his first victim and was doing fine when he got a first-rate attack of stage fright and backed out leaving his surprised customer half peeled.

After this one bad case, though, Jimmie settled down. Enough, in fact, that he received the highest recommendation given in his class. That was probably the only bad haircut Jimmie ever gave.

Seeing as how his father was a barber and his older brother was a barber and they'd been doing all right at it, Jimmie hung up his license in the family shop. All three of them maintain that the average citizen of this great nation, whether khaki-clad or civilian, is missing a good bet by not paying more attention to the hair.

He had just about brought his tonsorial technique to perfection when he got his "greetings." Jimmie hoped for a while that he would get to continue as a barber in the Army but when he got to Miami he learned that he'd been picked to minister to the stomachs rather than the scalps of his buddies.

After a hard day's labor at Mess Hall No. 5, Jimmie doesn't stop but his shift begins in Barracks 5. A couple of foot lockers, a hair cloth, clippers and scissors and he's ready to go. And usually there's a line waiting, because he takes pains with each customer. He didn't intend to make a spare-time profession of it when he landed here but when his friends learned about his background they prevailed on him to send home for the clippers.

Asked to give a few tips on how the average GI can care for his curly little locks, Jimmie part-

ed with the following trade tips:

"Everyone should massage the scalp twice daily—for at least a minute in the morning and a minute in the evening before going to bed. This will help to keep the scalp healthy and will prevent falling hair. Also, many don't realize that each person has his own definite facial features, therefore should have his hair cut and combed in an individual manner according to his features. Many men part their hair the wrong way and thus detract from their appearance."

He advises washing the hair as little as possible and keeping it well oiled in a dry climate such as this, not neglecting frequent massages.

Jimmie suggests that by applying a soft cream lotion or a little oil after shaving and massaging the face, you avoid shaving rash. For clearing up the skin, two or three steaming hot towels followed by a five-minute massage with cream will usually do the trick, if repeated enough. This is used by many men who work on the line, and is supposed to remove blackheads in six or seven treatments.

Jimmie will trim or cut their hair any way his customers want it done.

After the war, our Pittsburgh hero plans to return to the old home place and—what do you think?—set up in the barber business. This time he figures on branching out into the beautician field, where he wants to try his hand at hair-styling.

### Lt. Bowman Named Complaint Officer

Lt. Stanley R. Bowman, Station Grievance Officer, will receive complaints between the hours of 1100 and 1200 on Tuesdays and 1900 to 2000 on Thursdays, according to a recent announcement.

The Grievance Office is located in the Special Service Building (No. T-654, first door south of the Service Club). Any officer or enlisted men having complaints may contact Lt. Bowman during the above hours.





# KOOPS' KORNER

BY PFC. ED KOOPS

Looking through some of our previous columns, we note that in the issues of March 29, April 13, May 4, and May 11, we made some statements to the effect that the service in the PX general store might use some improvement.

And being a guy who likes to give credit where credit is due, I want to accord a few cheers for the improvement by every blessed girl who works there. The service, the smiles, the promptness, the cheeriness is marvelous. Thanks to all of you.

Any free-lance barbers around the base (and we have heard of some) might be able to increase their income per month by a small, gratis ad in the Classified ad section of the Rattler. Many of us tormented GIs would be pleased to take advantage of a barber if we knew where they were.

**PYOTE QUOTES . . .** Overheard in Mess Hall No. 5 during the 19-100ths of an inch

## R. I. P.

In Memoriam.

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rainfall last week: "Rain? Don't be silly. Somebody in El Paso just spit with the wind, that's all!" . . . Eavesdropped in the movie line: "He who hesitates is last!" . . . At last Friday's dance: "I'm one of the old-fashioned dancers—when you used to dance with your feet!" . . . Overheard at the Service next week. Know what I'm givin' her?—The air!" . . . Heard in the Rec. Hall: "Yeah, he's from Wisconsin — America's Dairyland. All that they have they owe to udders."

While browsing through the exchanges, we hit upon a rather interesting article in the Alexandria Air Base sheet. The movie-reviewer mentioned that he was mightily in favor of reviving some of the old films, rather than sitting through the occasional odiferous examples of Hollywood mediocrity.

And you will note elsewhere in this issue, a few opinions of assorted GIs, which seem to agree with the campaign mentioned in the Rattler a few weeks ago.

There have been a lot of

swell movies turned out in the past, and we'd give our eye teeth (and they're our own) to see some of them again. For one thing, they were mighty fine entertainment, good enough not to be dated and sure to be as fresh, as entertaining, and as refreshing now as they were when released. And secondly, seeing movies like "It Happened One Night" or "The Thin Man" etc. would take us back to those peaceful days of pre-war vintage when our biggest problem was whether we could scrape together the gas and quarters necessary to take the babe to the movies.

We don't know quite how to go about getting all this to the people where it would do some good. But we shall say again that we hope the Theatre Officer can pass this wish through the proper channels, and mayhap win for Pyote and the other camps, fields, bases, and posts one revival night a week, where we can see again the movies that we liked so well.

Which more or less winds up the reverberations from Koops' Korner this time. (Note to "Anonymous": we're looking into the situation you mentioned.) More next week, same time, same page.



Seattle — The Stethoscope, a naval hospital newspaper, offered a prize to anyone who could identify Betty Grable's leg in a layout of gam-art pictures. The chaplain won.

### HE DID HIS PART

CAMP KILMER, N. J. (CNS)—When the Army rejected Joe Rogers for physical reasons he became so miffed that he persuaded his wife to join the WAC. Now she's stationed here and he comes to call on week-ends.

## Champion 'Gadget Makers'



Tribute to the ingenuity with which 3rd Echelon Maintenance fix-its respond to calls for extraordinary pieces of work was paid when Major Sponable presented a placque to the department. The "Special Award" bore the following inscription: "Presented this 25th Day of May, 1944, to 3rd Echelon Maintenance. 'Declared The World's Greatest Diversified Gadget Makers.' By Major Sponable, Director of Aircraft Maintenance, AAF, Pyote, Texas." Shown are: Wyn Nell Cope (left, typist); Sylvia Mirman (seated); and Patty Myers (holding placque.)

Among the jobs which the 3rd Echelon Maintenance mechanics have turned out with the greatest of ease are false teeth molds, arch support, cabinets, wooden leg, crutch, a horseshoe. Time can be saved, according to Lt. Jordan, if the boys on the line include all information with repair jobs. That's a stack of work orders on the desk, indicating how many varied jobs the department handles.

## AAF Fighters Using Rockets Prove Deadly

Effective use in combat of rocket projectiles fired from underneath the wings of five types of fighter planes of the United States Army Air Forces was announced today by the War Department.

AAF fighter planes equipped with rocket projectiles now are being used in combat in the China-Burma-India and Pacific Theaters.

Fighter planes now using the new weapon include the P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt, P-38 Lightning, P-39 Aircobra and the P-51 Mustang.

Successful results have been obtained by the rocket-equipped fighters on land against enemy bivouac areas, rail and highway bridges, ammunition dumps and other such military targets. AAF planes operating over water have obtained accurate results with the rocket projectiles against barges and light shipping.

The rockets can be fired in

pairs or salvoed. The rocket consists of a shell tube containing powder. When fired the consequent flow of gas issuing from the tail propels the rocket in the sighted direction. The rocket is stabilized in flight by fins.

There is no recoil from the rocket projectiles such as the recoil from machineguns and cannon. The shock is absorbed by the high velocity gases ejected by the rocket itself. These gases blow beneath the wing surfaces without affecting the planes, which fly steadily on course during the firing of successive rounds.

## Sicily Hero Gave Life For Platoon

SICILY (CNS) — Lt. Robert Craig, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, who sacrificed his own life so that his platoon could gain a vital strong-point, has been awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery—posthumously.

Lt. Craig and his platoon were attacking an enemy position at Favoratta, Sicily, July 11, 1943, when they encountered the fire of 100 German soldiers. Craig ordered his men to withdraw and charged the enemy himself, killing five and wounding three before he was killed.



EDITORIAL

# The Big Battle

The most fateful moments of recorded history are being lived today, and while they are speeding by there is a great temptation for the average individual to get lost in the immensity of each passing incident. Everything about the invasion of Europe can be tagged "biggest"; two of the mightiest armies in history face each other; the largest amphibious assault ever assayed; the heaviest and longest aerial assault; the largest number of fixed defenses. We could go on, ad infinitum, but the list would be too long.

In the colossal turmoil one is prone to overlook the other, and mightier, struggle that is taking place. The struggle between two ideals, the war to the death between two irreconcilable forces of human nature. One is the way of life that sets up a hierarchy among thieves for a government and seeks to live, like a common thug, off the plunder stolen from neighbors. The other is the one that says all people can live together in peace, security and happiness if basic human rights are respected.

Gen. Eisenhower, in launching the invasion, said, "You are about to embark on a great crusade. The eyes of the world are upon you and the hopes and prayers of all liberty loving peoples go with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers in arms on other fronts you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security to ourselves in a free world . . . The tide has turned and the free men of the world are marching together to victory . . . We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck and let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

These are powerful words to fit a powerful undertaking. Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded American armies in France in World War I, stated: "Today, the sons of American soldiers of 1917-18 are engaged in a like war of liberation. It is our task to bring freedom to peoples who have been enslaved. I have every confidence that they, together with their gallant brothers-in-arms, will win on through to victory."

These are men to whom the military aspect of the invasion is of supreme import, but who, nevertheless, consider it primarily in the light of history and human values.

First information, sent out practically as our men were hitting the beaches, presaged somewhat lighter casualties than the terrific toll that had been expected. But even with the best of luck the road to victory is not likely to be easy or short. We have the word of our Commander-in-Chief for this.

Now, at a supremely critical moment of the war, is a good time for us to weigh the cost of victory against the possibility of future conflicts, and make every effort to insure ourselves against another tyrant's uprising such as this. Such an effort, if commensurate with our stupendous military accomplishments and properly coordinated with them, cannot help but bear fruit.

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## The Wolf

by Sansone



### THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

## Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

We are watching Message Center pretty closely these days, awaiting the hour that an important little book will finally get here and start us on the road to success. Our attention was focussed on this important message by the following advertisement appearing in the Ft. Sill (Okla.) Replacement Center:

**SEND NO MONEY  
If You Need This Offer You  
Have No Money**

The dulcet tones of the juke box drift into every corner of the USO. Gay little groups are clustered around the Snack Bar . . . in the reading lounge . . . and gayest of all is the group around Private S., whose charming smile and witty sparkling with make him the center of attraction.

Then suddenly it happens! The conversation falters . . . soldiers and hostesses, a moment before enchanted by the sophisticated dialogue, gradually move off, leaving Pvt. S. forlorn . . . an outcast.

Someone has noticed his barren sleeve, unmarred by stripes.

How often have you seen this happen? How often has an otherwise personable young man lost his social standing because of Sleeveosis?

Don't let it happen to you! Don't get caught with you T-O showing! Why wait—you, too, can have stripes for your sleeves, if you act

promptly!

Write today, enclosing a facsimile of your rejected OCS application.

**The T. S. Apple Polishing School  
"Bucking the Refined Way"  
Washington, D. C.**

Needless to relate, our order went in by return mail and we are palpitating with eagerness over the new horizons thus to be opened.

Another piece of mail we are awaiting impatiently is the combination Caniff-Sansone (Wolf Lace) cartoon which is being awarded to all papers getting honorable mention in the CNS camp paper contest of 1944 . . . Incidentally there were three papers in Texas which received honorable mention in the Rattler category . . . The Camp Berkeley News, the Camp Maxey Times, and your sheet . . . which makes us right proud, as both of these, and most of the winners, were papers from fairly large camps . . . The Rattler was also the only Second Air Force newspaper to get the mention.

If you're writing anybody in the Navy named Smith, for Pete's sake put the middle initial in the address. There are no less than 16,000 Smiths in the Navy, according to OWI, and 300 of these have the same first name and initial.



## Some Differences Smoothed Out On Bill To Give Postwar Aid To GIs

### House, Senate Agree On Loans Up To \$2,500

WASHINGTON — While the Senate Finance Committee will not be in conference-session until next week some differences between the Senate and House on "GI Bill of Rights" already have been ironed out and the measure is not expected to encounter obstacles to create undue delay in its coming before the two bodies for final action.

Highly important was the agreement of the conferees to the House increase in government-guaranteed loans for World War II veterans from \$1,500 to \$2,500, the funds to be used for the purchase or building of homes or purchase of farms or small businesses. The loans will come through the Veterans Administration, utilizing funds of Government agencies, and with interest limited to three per cent per annum.

#### Unemployment Compensation

While the Senate has approved a year's unemployment compensation and the House asks for 26 weeks as a maximum, there is a report that agreement will be reached on 40 weeks. The conferees also will thresh out the differences on the amount of unemployment compensation, the House having set the amount at a straight \$20 a week while the Senate has a sliding scale from \$15 to \$25.

Provision that veterans on strike be denied compensation remains in the Bill, an amendment in the House to strike out having been defeated.

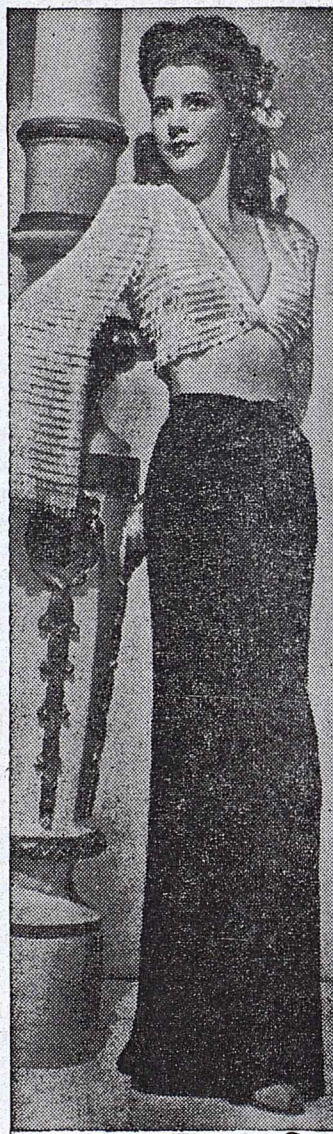
#### Education Provisions

The bill provides that veterans may attend schools of their own choice for a maximum of four years at government expense, with tuition and other fees not to exceed \$500 annually. There is also a provision for the payment of a maintenance allowance of \$50 a month and \$75 a month if the veteran has dependents. Veterans who were 24 years of age or older at the time of entering service must show that their war service interfered with their schooling, or that they need a refresher course. The veteran may attend a trade or vocational school of his own choice, provided the school is approved by state educational authorities or by the Veterans Administration. The Senate bill did not require a showing that education was interfered with by war service.

Among clauses of the Bill already passed by both Senate and House are those providing for increased hospital facilities; speedy

settlements of claims and other protections for disabled veterans, whose cause comes first in the consideration of all service men; streamlined and effective unemployment service; vocational training; a board to review discharges, with all of these functions placed under the U. S. Veterans Administration so that service men will have but one agency to go to to ascertain their rights.

## Pensive



Julie Bishop contemplates a very rosy future for herself at Warner Brothers Studio, where she has just won a lot of attention and praise for her recent work with Errol Flynn in "Northern Pursuit." Meanwhile we are contemplating our future, also giving Julie a lot of attention and praise but our admiration has nothing to do with a Northern pursuit.

### TEXAS RANKS SIXTH

## New York Leads Manpower Roll In Army--WD

Figures compiled by the War Department indicate that New York leads all other states in number of men in the Army, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary emanating from Texas. New York has approximately a fourth again more men than the second state, Pennsylvania, and almost twice as many as Illinois, in third place. Uninhibited YANK states:

"The WD's new state-by-state breakdown of personnel statistics give the lie to the claim that half the Army comes from Texas. New York is the state with the largest representation in the Army. The following figures for the 48 states and the District of Columbia do not include women who are serving in the Army:

New York	860,000
Pennsylvania	602,000
Illinois	464,000
Ohio	414,000
California	407,000
Texas	372,000
Michigan	299,000
New Jersey	272,000
Massachusetts	337,000
Missouri	199,000
Indiana	188,000
North Carolina	161,000
Wisconsin	156,000
Tennessee	151,000
Georgia	146,000
Kentucky	143,000
Minnesota	143,000
Alabama	139,000
Virginia	138,000
Louisiana	125,000
Iowa	119,000
Oklahoma	114,000
Connecticut	112,000
Mississippi	110,000
Maryland	107,000
West Virginia	105,000
Florida	100,000
Kansas	95,000
Arkansas	92,000
Washington	87,000
South Carolina	83,000
Nebraska	64,000
Oregon	57,000
Colorado	54,000
Dist. of Columbia	51,000
Maine	46,000
Rhode Island	42,000
New Mexico	33,000
Utah	32,000
North Dakota	31,000
Montana	29,000
South Dakota	29,000
Arizona	26,000
New Hampshire	26,000
Idaho	25,000
Vermont	18,000
Delaware	16,000
Wyoming	14,000
Nevada	9,000

## Male Call



## Italian Patriots Have A Chance To Strike at Foe

A hint of things to come when the armed might of the United Nations cracks Adolf Hitler's European fortress from the west was contained in a recent dispatch from the Italian Front which stated that the Allied High Command there had divided all of German-occupied Italy into six operational zones from which the Italian Underground may prepare for the day of action.

The dispatch followed by a joint statement released by Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's Allied headquarters and Premier Pietro Badoglio's Italian High Command which said that the zones had been created so that the population living in each one would be able to receive pertinent instructions by radio.

The zones were designated as follows:

- 1—No Man's Land comprising all the areas immediately ahead of the front lines of the Eighth and Fifth Armies, where no organized action on the part of the Italian population was foreseen.
- 2—The area surrounding Rome, for which "special instructions will be given—at the proper time."
- 3—The west coastal area.
- 4—The central Apennine Mountain areas.
- 5—The Adriatic area.
- 6—Northern Italy.

The creation of the zones was announced several hours after General Alexander's headquarters had made public the first communique issued by the Italian underground. It said guerrilla activities in the north had forced the Germans to send six of their twenty-five divisions in Italy to that area to meet rising unrest.



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

### Knot Hole In Any Party Platform



## Veterans Think They Should Get Job Preference

### 73 Per Cent Of Men Interviewed Want 1st Choice

NEW YORK — That veterans should have job preference was the opinion of 73 per cent of the ex service men recently questioned by a trade publication in this and the Chicago area.

Personal interviews conducted at random among medically discharged men now back at work showed that "most were vehement" in their belief that persons who served with the armed forces should have first choice in post-war jobs.

Some of the veterans foresaw a resurgence of gangsterism and racketeering if jobs were not forthcoming; others predicted another march on Washington. "Ex-service men will get what they want; there are too many to get pushed around" seemed to be the sum of opinion.

The 27 per cent who did not believe that veterans should have job preference defended their stand, saying that it was the Selective Service boards that determined who was to fight and who was to remain. The welfare of the nation depended on jobs for all, they said, and chaos would inevitably follow were any one large group in the U. S. to suffer from unemployment.

All wanted private enterprise to provide their jobs but 14 per cent thought the Government should supply civil service employment if industry did not or could not come through. In the event of too few jobs, 10 per cent wanted the thirty-hour week, while 15 per cent suggested an emergency relief program with increased unemployment and old-age benefits.



Q. How much did my GI clothing cost?

A. Your complete uniform, including your \$15.50 wool overcoat and your 5-cent cotton handkerchiefs, cost the government \$114.86 at the outset. It also costs the Army \$75.37 a year to maintain these duds for you.

Q. Look, I'm the member of the ground crew of an air combat squadron stationed in England. The flying members of this squadron are permitted to wear service stars to show they have been in combat. But my orderly room tells me that ground crew members are not permitted to wear these stars because we have not seen combat in the air. Is this correct?

A. No, your Orderly Room is mistaken. The War Department says that all members of a unit credited with battle participation may wear a bronze service star on the appropriate service ribbon. As a member of a ground crew you come under this category.

Q. Will I be permitted to wear my uniform after my discharge from the Army?

A. You can wear it from the place where you get your discharge to your home, provided that you go there within three months of the discharge date. You may also wear it at military ceremonies in peacetime.

### NAVY'S FIGHTING FLEET GROWS TO 1200 SHIPS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Four years ago the U. S. Navy's fighting strength consisted of 380 ships, according to statistics revealed recently by Rear Adm. Cochrane, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ships. Today fighting ships of the Navy total 1,200.

## Over-Age Men Serving Army In Many Capacities

### Accent, However, Is On Youth, Says Report From OWI

WASHINGTON — Probabilities of physical fitness favor youth in the combat replacements, although men in and above the upper Selective Service ages are serving the armed forces by the million in assignments they fill as well as their juniors, according to a report this week by the Office of War Information.

Based on records compiled from the files of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Selective Service it is shown that the average enlisted man in the armed forces is approximately 25.1 years old; in the Army 25.78; in the Navy, 23.50; in the Marine Corps, 23.50.

It is pointed out that age ratios in previous wars are not comparable because they include officers and record the age at the time he entered the Army. On this basis, average age in the Union Army in the Civil War was 25.54 and average for the last war was 24.89.

### Distribution of Enlisted Men By Percent in Each Age Group

Age	Army	Navy	Marines
19.9 and under	11.7	34.1	29.8
20-22.9	26.3	24.6	32.7
23-25.9	22.5	12.5	15.8
26-28.9	14.3	8.7	8.4
29-31.9	10.3	7.1	5.0
32-34.9	7.1	5.3	2.6
35-37.9	5.2	4.0	1.9
38 and over	2.6	3.7	3.8

Army authorities are emphatic in their statement that there are a great number of assignments for which older men are fit, and, in every branch, older men can endure as much as a youth. In some

## "Book Racket" Clips Relatives Of Missing Men

Relatives and close friends of American soldiers who have been killed, reported as prisoners of war, or missing in action, were warned by the War Department this week against what is described as the "book racket." Here is the Department's example of how the "racket" works.

The father of a flyer who had been reported missing in 1942 received a letter from a small publishing company stating that his son had been awarded a "medal of honor," that a full account of the circumstances was contained in their book, and that he could have a copy of the book if he sent the company \$10—at once. The father wrote to the War Department and was informed that his son had been awarded the Silver Star. The War Department warns that it does not endorse or sponsor such enterprises as described above.

ground combat units, older men are mingled deliberately with the younger so they may absorb what the Army calls the "fire and verve of youth." The fact that they proved their capability in tough training courses accounts for their assignment to combat units. However, Army technical and medical authorities add that at higher ages fitness for combat becomes the exception rather than the rule.

The difference shows up first at the local boards where, in November, 1943, disqualifying defects accounted for only about one of out of every 60 selectees at ages under 20 being rejected as unfit for military duty, but in the group 25 to 29, the proportion was three times as great, one in 20. And in men 35 and over, the ratio was one in 10.



It Says Here —

## Certainly We Have Flowers In Pyote, Says Irate Chamber Of Commerce Man

'Wolf Rose' Is  
New Phenomenon;  
Puzzles Science

By PFC ED KOOPS

As a self-appointed, eager press agent for the Pyote Chamber of Commerce, I regret to confess that a veritable wealth of beauty has surrounded me, yet gone unsung and unheard.

Yet I do have an excuse. You see, to those of us stationed at Pyote any length of time, the charm of the locale has worn off: the certain, quaint picturesque scenery has lost its novelty; the breath-taking grandeur has become routine to us.

We have become bored by the florid, rainbow-hued sunsets we see between the large tan gusts of genuine sand. We cannot regain that old, odd thrill of watching a prankish Pyote wind blow Mess Hall No. 5 down next to Mess Hall No. 1.

And so, perhaps, because this familiar beauty is all too, too close to us, I can be forgiven for a failure to comment on the enchanting array of flowers, the stunning blooms of floral bouquets that blossom on every inch of the soil we are fighting to defend from mail-order salesmen, slot machine vendors, and peddlers of marked playing cards.

We spent all last Saturday out communing with nature, cooing over the bashful desert flowers that bloom in such profusion; and we returned with one of the nicest bouquets of poison ivy that ever nestled close and cozy to a sunburned nose.

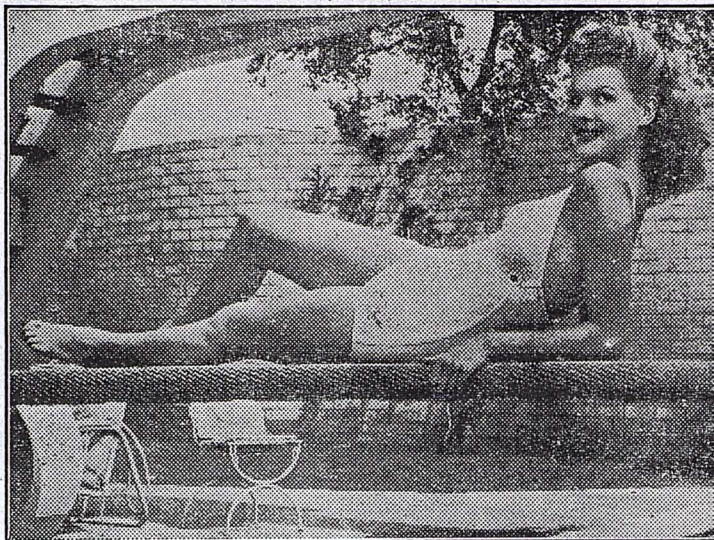
Our face is so puffed up we look like we're hoarding pool-balls in our jowls. But does that bother us? Does that lessen our ardor for the numerous, enchanting buds, plants and flowers that make Pyote known through West Texas as "the flower garden of the world?" Of course not.

But perhaps you unknowing nature lovers do not realize what breath-taking, wondrous beauty is yours at your very doorstep. And so we have listed for you the various plants and wildlife that blossom in Pyote.

First and foremost is the **Cactus**, known to all horticulturists as the "squatibus ouchimus" plant. The cactus is a beautiful shrub, growing to a height of umpteen feet, approximately. It's friendly little needles feel like the Medics Shot-men in review.

Then there is the garbage-can fern, as it is so beautifully called.

## What A Blooming Yarn!



Have you ever seen a Rose, Wolf? Pardon me, I mean, have you ever seen a Wolf Rose? That's the new type of flower growing in these parts, an unscientific partial survey by wandering reporter Ed Koops shows. What does the Wolf Rose do? It cranes its stem and goes "Oooooo" at the passing beauties, such as Rosemary La Planche. Rosemary, shown here at a swimming pool in Hollywood where she now resides, was Miss America two years ago, if you remember. Some Rose! Some Rosemary! Some story!

Watered with 3.2 beer from a garden hose, this fern will quickly spread and entwine itself through barracks screen doors, thus locking in (or out) Tech Sergeants looking for extra duty laborers, absent KIPs, or the curious little chaps that come in at odd hours to count mattress covers, butt cans, or foot locker hinges.

But quite my favorite flower is the **Wolf-Rose**, so named because its pliant branches emit a strange and insidious whistle when the wind blows. The **Wolf-Rose** grows best in areas designated for crap games, and its "ooooo-ing" sound has caused confusion to more than one fair damsel. One enterprising GI is attempting to transplant the **Wolf-Rose**, for post-war days, to drug store corners to save wear and tear on the vocal chords.

T-6 Wesley T. Farraday, famed in civilian life for crossing a daisy with an orchid and getting an American Beauty, has brought to my attention a rare virgin fauna. T-6 Farraday claims that this previously unknown plant is best acclimatized to areas back of latrines, and Farraday claims that he has heard this plant-life actually speak. We have only Farraday's word for this strange phenomenon, but according to him, it sidles up to innocent GIs and

lecherously whispers: "Does your cigarette taste different lately?" (Further details can be obtained from Farraday himself. His orderly room lists him as having his bunk under a damp rock back of the Mess Hall.)

There are numerous other flowers that grow in scarlet, ecru, and violet profusion wherever you step on this wherever you step on this list them all would be a tremendous undertaking.

We shall, therefore, list only a few of the names of these wonders of nature. There's the Lily of the Alley, the Dandelion, the Nettle-grass, the Devil-weed, and any number of old cigarette butts and pipe ashes.

So, tomorrow, friends—make up a picnic lunch and go out of doors and commune with nature. Reacquaint yourself with the wonders of the scenic grandeur of Pyote, see with clearer eye the mass of virgin flowers that bloom all over the joint.

And the next time the dust blows a little, or the sand sprays a trifle, just grin and say to yourself: "Pyote Is the Garden Spot of West Texas" You'll be surprised how much better you'll feel. Oh yes you will . . . Lykell, lykell, lykell.

## Section E

By THE SULTAN

Congratulations seem to be in order for the four lucky men who made ratings this month—Mellott, Faliero, Anapol, and Nachreiner. Anapol was way overdue for his and we're glad to see his name conspicuous by its absence from the K. P. list.

As long as we're on the subject of ratings, how about that long suffering gang in Engine Installation? Those boys are the most consistently hardworking crew in the outfit and nary a reward for their efforts. Do they have to fill the hangar completely with engines before they get a little recognition? Incidentally they've been denied the privilege of attending medical lectures in the afternoon whereas nearly every other department attends the lecture at 1530, and there seems to be no justification for the charge that they're behind in their work; there are too many engines already in the hangar and down at the squadron for that.

Louis Bromfield was, although unknown to him, afforded material for a new book this week when "The Rains Came" to Pyote. Captain Stein must have been swamped with Section 8 cases. We saw Wild Bill Malsch frolicking around with his manly (it says here) chest exposed and numerous others salaaming all over the area.

Phil Eonta looked like a lost soul for a few days this week. Understand he's back to normal now that Nina has returned to stroke his fevered brow.

The section still maintains its high average of hospital cases. Wurdock is due to return to duty shortly but the new additions to the list are: Jorgenson, Baddaker, Meares, Crutchfield, Robb, Boenig, and Eonta. The nurses are nice, fellas but we hope you'll be back with us soon.

The original "John" Morgan has been seen bemoaning the fact that his love has forsaken his affections for another and she's going to make it legitimate too.

Scenes for the Squadron Album: Latuga manfully battling the weeds on the Orderly Room lawn; Porter stripped to the waist, felt perched on the desk smoking a stogey in the Aero Repair Office; Walsh in his fatigues; Kapino's bunk around 1800; Stuz combing his hair.

Incidentally have you noticed the batting averages of Masi and Matalavage? Just a couple of Crippled Commandos who really cripple the old apple. Mat seems to have found a home in the clean up spot and Masi follows just in case the slugger from Pa. stops on his way around the sacks.



## MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By T-SGT. L. H. SHIPP

Major TenHouten put it so aptly at a recent meeting when he said: "Men, you're in the army but not in the war." How very true this is. Our task, and it is a great one, is aiding in sending well trained crews in the best possible physical condition to that theatre of war where they can do the most good. True, we cannot all go 'Over There,' but remember the part we're playing is important and is a definite cog in the greatest war machine the world has ever seen.

Swimming, boating and sunbathing, together with excellent music by the famous "Medix Tro", already popular throughout the base, made the Pill Roller's Party II tremendously successful. The little "exhibition" on the beach and the wide variety of "refreshments" added to the excitement.

The interesting side-lights were terrific! There was Pfc. John Miller who must have thought he was back on that farm in Idaho when he helped Alice, the Rancher's daughter, milk a cow. Sgt. French spent a rather 'wet' PM because her many 'Surgery Pals' believed in "immersion." Regardless, Frenchie, it beats pushing the surgery cart—and for 75 cents a day! Wasn't it Cpl. (Java) Shaffer or Pvt. Colegrove who were doing a good job of catching the small goats? (Sh! now the latter is in Ward 6 and if you were to ask her, the answer would be, "I was kicked.") Suppose the goat did that too!

Now Sgt. Duncan hadn't exactly planned to come back bear-footed but -----; then there are those who had only a blanket that was dry! After occasional "chats" with the drivers, the convoy headed 'back home' in the general direction of Pyote.

S-Sgt. Lesho and Cpl. Noreck, "Defenders of the Cause," came through without a scratch and their only complaint was: "We were so rudely interrupted." Ambition always has its reward and the answer was simple—washing windows! Incidentally, they "volunteered."

The Local 237 is about to launch a new drive. This time it's a new home. Big things are in the making and complete details will soon be available. Remember, expect the unusual and exotic.

Travel the corridors sometime and you'll soon declare that you have seen 'everything.' It was in physiotherapy the other day that two of our 'old timers,' Sgt. Biondi and Sgt. Bloom were having a

## Practice On Skeet Range



This group is out on the Skeet Range getting some practice knocking down the speedy, erratic targets. In this manner they are combining some enjoy-

able relaxation with purposeful training. Even when it's part of the training program, Skeet shooting is something to be enjoyed. If you can arrange a trip

out to the range on your day off, everything will be furnished and you can get in some practice. The instructors, guns and ammunition are furnished.

terrific argument. Rulers were swinging and hands were flying. Abe was about to blow his top. Then came the compromise; they took a ruler and measured leaving Cpl. Okenka as the judge. Here was the result: Sgt. Bloom's nose was the longest by a half inch!

Have you ever noticed how Cpl. Jones' accent becomes more Southern as the "ordinary evening" progresses? And he is always 'fixing' to go somewhere too. The Timmons-Ransom team has taken on a new responsibility of caring for their 'son', Pvt. Sundermeyer. They're just the right type of guardians, wouldn't you say? All was well until they caught him carrying matches the other day. He was reprimanded by being taken with the two senior members on pay-day night! You guess the rest.

Here is a challenge: Name another woman on the base who has eyes that are more beautiful than New Jersey's contribution to the Wac's! You know her: she's been here a long time. It's that bundle of personality and is no other than Pfc. Edwina Mazzei. Her latest ambition is to learn to drive a truck! Sgt. Howard is really angry this time and he wants the world to know he is not a drinker of Pepsi-Cola. Fellows, this time you be the judge!

Going to dinner last Wednesday was like coming into the Coffee Shop of the Blackstone Hotel. The band really gave a splendid concert and you can rest assured we're awaiting their hasty return. Now who was it that called our mess hall a 'Country Club' anyway?

Our Fellow G. I.'s at the Flyer's

## WAC Flak

By CPL. EDNA COLLINS

In this corner, ladies and gentlemen, we have Pvt. Esther Veltum, who will be your new Wak Flakker from now on. Due to numerous interruptions each week and also not having a nose for news, yours truly will gracefully retire from the press. It has been an honor and a privilege to write this column and believe me, it is with regret that my pen is laid aside.

We shall introduce Esther to you all publicly and then the Wak Flak is hers. She is one of our fairly new Wacs, hailing from Pittsburgh, Pa., works at the Station Hospital and intends to enter into Physiotherapy. Lots of luck to you, Esther, and may you enjoy being a member of

Dispensary are no longer reading Funny Books — they don't have time! Of late they've been so busy reading AR's that they find little time for anything else. Incidentally, just what did you hard workers do with all those pin-ups? Barracks two say they could use some of them. Which Lt. over there went to Monahans the other day to pick up three lifeless "characters"? It is consoling to know that there must have been safety in numbers.

If there is any question as to where shoes should be placed from the sanitary point of view consult Sgt. Klucyzki. And to think that it ended up in an awful argument one day; the question being: "Would you rather smell your own or someone else's?"

the Rattler Staff. — Thanks, Edna, you might have added that the new Wak Flakker has done nothing in the way of journalism, but if her broad-minded public will bear with her, they may still raise a brow now and then when they turn to this page.

Sunday, a week ago, belonged to the "Mad Medics" again and they really outdid themselves to entertain us at Grand Falls. Chasing pigs around the grounds and holding each other upside down in the water is a welcome change from everyday G.I. routine . . . Congratulations are in line for our new Sgts.: French and Zentz, and Cpls.: Lightbourne, Lupardus and Jacobs—Good work, girls, we know how long you've waited . . . Back in the fold once more after hospitalization in Ward 6 are Katharine Lawhorne, minus an appendix, but looking none the worse for it, and Cpl. Tucker who has been out of circulation for two and a half weeks.

Though we bade farewell to Sgt. Nugent, Cpls. Hamilton and D'Eustachio and Pvt. Lubovich, we welcomed three new Wacs this week—Merle Christensen, Utah; Betty Earls, Texas (Beautiful Texas), and Melba Foster, Arkansas.

We can't sign off without a word about the M.P. party at Monahans. The highlight of the evening was our own Lt. Haslam who looked stunning in her summer whites. More parties like this are always welcome.

TRENTON, N. J. (CNS)—The will of Mrs. Mary Kubery left \$2 to her husband with the proviso "That he uses \$1 of same to purchase a rope to hang himself."



## THE CHAPLAIN SAYS

Religion in the Army is no different from religion at home. It is still the union between man and God. The Army will not make non-Christians out of Christians. Neither will it work miracles in making Christians out of non-Christians. The tendency on the part of the Army is to become lax in the matter of Church attendance.

It is true that duties sometimes conflict with attending Worship Services in the Chapel. What is just as true is that many soldiers, enlisted and commissioned, cause their duties to conflict, or try to make excuses on the basis of duties, when the real reason is an indifference toward the work of the Lord on earth.

Merely attending services will not make a Christian out of anyone. On the other hand, a person who is a Christian should evidence that fact by going to Chapel Services whenever he can. One not only finds benefit for himself in his attendance, but he is also an example to someone else. One never knows who is looking to him as a pattern of behavior. Your failure to attend may keep someone else away who really needs the religious inspiration found in the Chapel.

There are some who will say: "I can't get interested in the services. The Chaplain is not an interesting speaker. The whole thing bores me." Did you ever notice that those are the ones who do not come often enough to become interested. Would you expect to enjoy a continued story of which you read the first, fourth, eleventh and nineteenth installments?

Try being regular—just as regular as your duties will permit. It will pay dividends in terms of personal satisfaction and well-being. If you have any suggestions of ways in which the services might be improved, any of the Chaplains will be glad to listen to you.

—Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

### IF YOU LIKE MENCKEN, HE'LL BUY YOU A BEER

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Soldiers who like H. L. Mencken's books can get a free beer from the author anytime they happen to be in Baltimore.

"I write to every soldier who writes to me," the famed Baltimore sage said. "I offer to buy him a beer when he gets home. I'd like to buy him ten beers; in fact, I'd like to go broke buying beers."

## QM Sees

By CPL. HAROLD MELVIN

Somebody came through with an idea a while ago which was positively frightening in its effectiveness. The Pyote Band walked in for some music-making at Mess Hall I, and probably nobody was more surprised than those fellows at the very back of the hall, who had that long chow line to "sweat out". As last week's "Rattler" said, there is nothing so cheerful as a little music while eating. And when even the K.P.'s approve, the idea must be good. We only wish they would come back a little more often, or if that is impossible, arrange for a juke-box.

The new commissary Sgt. major, Chandler McCurdy, got off to a good start when he managed to obtain for parched commissary throats one container, water, cap. 20 lbs., w-spigot, complete with packing. "Major" McCurdy, as McCurdy informs the casual observer, will officiate in matters concerning the use of said container, as well as in matters channelled to Lt. Ewald.

Another Quartermaster team has declared itself a unit and opened up for business. Composed tentatively of Bodde, Wilson, Harris, Barone, Rapley, Mahaney and Gehlhaart, the team started its practice bowling the day before

yesterday, June 6. With Gus Barabus gone, high-man Barone must be counted on to come through with the scores for the adding machine. Shorty Wilson, we hear, still counts his fingers after each shot—just to be sure the next man doesn't find the holes filled. With the softball league about over, the bowling team will keep at least one QM group in competition.

**Five-colored dog: A friendly little pooch is living outside the QM barracks nowadays in a barracks built for one. "Ban-shee", as owner George Mahaney calls her, is a four-foot aristocrat straight from Ireland and a great hand at putting away spare scraps of food. Add all this together, and Mahaney, pockets filled with chow for a "sick friend", can easily be explained.**

Here 'n there: Cole and his wife walking arm in arm to work at roll-call time have caused a lot of envy among single men. . . And speaking of roll-call, who wakes up Sgt. Gagnon on parade day? . . . Wonder how many will actually be able to go the training lectures June 8, 9, 10 after orders have been given to finish "work on hand" . . . "Walking" table walked to another building one night thanks to the concerted efforts of Pernicairo, Bodde, Stammers, etc. . . It didn't stay, though . . . And last of all—Producer: "Why that's amazing! I'll put that show in every theater in the country! You say that after the dogs have danced and played the piano, the

## Radioman Who Trained Here Is Missing

FORT WORTH — T-Sgt. Leo Fines, 23, radio operator on a B-17, has been missing in action since a raid over France April 27, his wife, Mrs. Helen S. Fines, 3017 Alton Road, has been advised.

Sgt. Fines, who has been overseas since October, 1943, and holds the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, is believed to have been on his first mission with a new crew. His regular crew was shot down over Germany two months ago on a raid in which he did not participate.

Sgt. Fines received his combat crew training at Pyote Army Air Field. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fines of Indianapolis.

## Classified Ads

LOST—Black dog, two months old, answers to name of "Taffy." If found contact Mrs. J. A. Golde- rich, Station Signal Office. Reward if found.

WANTED TO BUY—A '38 or '39 model car in good condition. Will pay cash for reasonably priced car. Contact Rattler office, Phone 11.

RIDE WANTED—Sgt. Earle W. Curtis and wife want auto transportation to Hartford, Conn., or vicinity on or about June 10. Will share expenses. Licensed driver. Sec. F Orderly room, or 151-W, Wink.

LOST—Two-tone green wallet with "Evelyn Ayres" printed in gold on it. Lost in PX Telephone Exchange Friday night. If found return to S-Sgt. L. K. La Cassa, Bks. 612, Bunk 25.

FOR SALE—1939 Pontiac, excellent condition, radio and heater. Contact Smirnoff, Motor Pool.

LOST—In vicinity of Main PX, one GI Navigator type A-11 watch, Ser. No. 40699. Belongs to Cpl. Dennis G. Eagan, Sec. 1, CCD. Finder please phone 241 or call Hdq. CCD. Reward.

(Ed. Note—If you have anything to sell or trade, want to locate a lost article, or need a classified ad for any other reason, The Rattler will carry your ad for you free of charge. This service is available to all station personnel. Copy must be submitted to the Rattler office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Monday.)

little dog sings the Star-Spangled Banner?"

Mahaney: "Well, yes, but to be frank, it's all a trick. The big dog's a ventriloquist."



"No! No!! The 'U.S.' is upside down!!"



# MELODY IN F

By PFC. JOHN GILHOOLEY

Writing my first column for Section F is quite a job as it is six o'clock in the morning and I have just finished a rough night of KP; however the deadline must be met. What surprises me is that I still have some energy left to pound the keys of this typewriter after wrestling with cups, bowls and trays for twelve hours.

This column is to be a news center of Section F and it is for the men of that organization. It would be greatly appreciated if any unusual bits of news or gossip is brought to my attention. I can be located in Barracks 527—Bunk 17. We'll print anything that is interesting and fit to print such as parties, weddings, births and other miscellaneous items.

It is reported that we have quite a Casanova in our organization; 'tis even said that he's equaled only by Clark Gable and Rudolph Valentino. He answers to the name of Richard Hanberry and puts in a hard day's work every day as a clerk on the gunnery range. Congratulations are in order for Dick as he has just been promoted to corporal; no doubt his girl Bobo is happy to see him join the ranks of non-commissioned officers.

T-Sgt. Budagher is said to be heading for Puerto Rico to marry his rum heiress when and if the 2nd Air Force comes across with his furlough; no doubt Barracks 537 will have ample rum after that merger is completed.

Seems that the boys at the Ground Gunnery Range are still a bit hazy after the party that they had at Balmorhea; we haven't seen such wicked tans and sunburns in quite some time.

Sgt. Gary Fawcett took unto himself a wife and helpmate here recently; the lucky girl was his hometown sweetheart from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Miss Bonny Losness. Cpl. Jack Mackey did the honors as his best man.

Section F must have a corner on the local cigar market as every G.I. passing by is puffing on a stogie . . . and has a couple in reserve. The stork has made several calls lately and the proud papas have been very generous. Little Junior used to mean only a lot of extra expense but now the blessed event also means thirty extra shekels in the pocket on pay-day.

### Vital Statistics

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Charles N. Mix proudly announce the birth of a baby girl, Nancy Lorraine, on May 29, 1944. The parents are from

## Name It And It's Yours



That's right, just name it and we'll give it to you—a beautiful 8x10 inch print of this top-ranking pin-up girl. In order to pacify everybody who comes in, we'll pass out other pin-ups as long as they last. First one in with the right name gets La—uh, oh, we almost said it—and the rest will get others.

Albany, Oregon and the new heir-esses tipped the scales at eight pounds and nine ounces.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Matthew J. Rice announce the birth of an eight pound baby boy on May 12, 1944. Their son was the third baby born in the Pyote Air Base Hospital and has been shouting about it ever since.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Joyce R. Williams announce the birth of a baby girl, Barbara Ann, on June 1, 1944. The baby weighed six pounds and ten ounces at birth. The parents' home is in Burkburnett, Texas.

Cpl. Slim Atkinson and Pfc. John Cordle are to be seen nightly in the PX patio gazing at our pretty Wacs and imbibing that stuff the Texans call beer. When questioned as to their opinion of our Wacs' beauty, they clutch their beer bottles tighter and chorus "Buy us some beer and we'll talk."

With a very heavy heart I shall have to report defeat of our high riding Static Chasers. The Static Chasers, composed of the radio men of this organization in the ground station and flight control, met the Canadian Club, composed of the static officers, and went down to a 13 to 1 defeat before the eight hit pitching of Lt. Ewald. Kane pitched for the Static Chas-

## "A" Men

By WARD HOWELL

A recent tete-a-tete with Vivian Payne, who was connected with Sgt. Ed David (mustache and all) in this column last week, proved to your frustrated reporter that when he stated there must be something beautiful between the two he wasn't far off the track. (Ed's note—This case is closed)

Pvt. Dick Brindle blew in from furlough the other night. We Barracks BAGS in No. 3 have been forced to resort to the radio for musical entertainment since Sinatra has been gone. As Dick hit Pyote, so left S-Sgt. Paul von Krum and Pfc. Floyd Celaya in search of adventure in New York and California respectively.

Orchids to the orchestra for brightening up a few squalid hours now and then. Lately they

ers and would have tucked this game into his already bulging satchel of victories except for nine errors committed by the men behind him. These two teams are now in a tie for first place in the softball practice league and both look like good bets when the league competition sets in.

have played at the Ptomaine Tavern (correction, Mess Hall) and Service Club during lunch hour. Rumor hath it that this may continue—which would be a bit of alright. While on the subject of orchestra, let's throw in a plug for the jive that sends the hep-cats hoppin and the dancers dancing every Friday nite.

Here 'N There In A . . . Cpl. Murray Greenfield is recuperating at the hospital after a rush appendectomy . . . Sgt. Ralph Bass remarked that the humility after the recent rain was terrific . . . "Oh Promise Me" paralleled in three words—Urge, Splurge, Dirge . . . Sgt. Pete Urban really throws the two-bit words around in Barracks No. 1. The boys are saving their centavos so they can purchase a Webster de-luxe and keep up with the pace. Incidentally, caught Pete guzzling some Ditto-solvent the other day . . . Sgt. Owen McMahan has left the Allotment division of Headquarters to work at the Officer's Club. See 'ya around, Mac . . . The war in the Pacific should really be called a Tug 'O War, what with the Yanks on one side and the Jerks on the other . . . Nominee for most in love with his girl back home is S-Sgt. Frank Safranski who spends most of his evenings sweating over a hot desk writing Anne Dalton of Illinois . . . Definition of a swell CO is one who will play ball with his boys—and that's where we saw Major Swingle the other day—indulging in a little catch during the lunch hour . . . How about Blondy Johansen saying he had to go to the Dental Clinic for a compression? . . . Cpl. Jackson sheer relaxation at a "Big Texas Caldwell enjoyed three days of Rancho" with able assistance from Jeanne Hearn and June Demere . . . Welcome to S-Sgt. Charles Redmond, Pvt. Elvis Exum, S-Sgt. Andrew Barrow, Cpl. Bob Eaton, Pvt. Minton Jones and Cpl. Sidney Aronowitz . . . Did'ja ever see a gopher go for another gopher's hole in the ground? . . . Sgt. and Mrs. Gerard Finn are well settled in one of the Base Dorms. New Yorker Mrs. Finn thinks the Monahans pool quite the place. You're likely to see them any AM about 7 on the SC steps . . . Pvt. Joseph Touchett just finished three day passing in Beaumont; Cpl. Ralph Holmes in El Paso (naturally Juarez); T-Sgt. Melvin Jones and M-Sgt. John Palmer in Sweetwater; Cpl. Harry Viert in Dallas; Pvt. Minton Jones in San Antonio and S-Sgt. Schlamme Miller in El Paso . . . Good-bye and best of luck to Lt. Gebbie of Stat. Also to Sgt. Donald Payne and Pvt. William Kralic who have transferred to Section D . . . Ask Cpl. Harold McDonald what it's like to snooze through a three day pass . . . About all for este semana . . . Remember, Der Fuehrer Der Better!





# RATTLER SPORTS



## Sec. A Looks Like Threat; Winner 19-4 Texans Pile Up 10 Misplays In Season Opener

The Pyote Air Field Baseball League officially opened its season last Thursday night when Section A turned back the Civilian Personnel 'Texans' by the score of 19-4. Ten Texan errors with eight walks thrown in by their hurlers accounted for the high score. Section A got off to a bang sending eight across in the 1st and continuing with at least one each inning. Linsky led the attack with three out of five while Rhodes and Abrams each connected for triples.

	R	H	E
Civ.	0	0	0
Sec. A	8	12	25

Tonight the Civilian Personnel team meets the newly organized Section 'F' 'Flyers' at diamond No. 1. This is the 'Flyers' first game and an interesting tussle is in the making.

Next Tuesday the Medics will attempt to hand Section A its first defeat at No. 1 diamond, while Section E's Commandos take on Lt. Taff's Hangar No. 1 at Civ. Pers. diamond. Results of the Medics-Section E game and Aviation Unit-Hangar No. 1 game came in too late to meet the deadline.

### STANDINGS

Section A	1	0	1000
Section E	0	0	000
Section F	0	0	000
Avn. Unit	0	0	000
Medics	0	0	000
Hangar No. 1	0	0	000
Civ. Pers.	0	1	000

### HOW TO GET MARRIED — THE HARD WAY

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—Richard Envey, 21, of Minneapolis, pharmacist's mate and veteran of two years service in the Pacific, went AWOL from his navy base at San Diego, to marry his fiance, Mary Niemi, here.

On his way to church he was picked up by the shore patrol. He talked one of the SPs into accompanying him to church as his best man. The ceremony was performed and Envey was shipped back to San Diego, where he will face trial on the AWOL charge.



The records say that Robert T. (Pop) Weaver, catcher on the Civilian Personnel team, is 49 years old, and they might have missed a year or two somewhere. For Weaver, back in 1909, was playing professional baseball. He was a pitcher for 18 years and played all around the infield, with a lifetime batting average of better than .300. Most of his playing years were with the Oklahoma City Indians and Haskell (Texas) Indians. And now he handles catching duties for the newly organized Civvy team. Asked how he kept in shape, Weaver grinned and said something about "Texas air and sunshine." He has three sons in the service.

## Practice Over, Softball Chase Starts June 19

The practice session of the Rattlesnake Softball League ended in a three-way tie for the mythical crown between the Canadian Club, Medics and Static Chasers of Flight Control. These three teams are expected to be right up there battling away when the final prizes are given.

Competition in the regular softball diadem chase starts on June 19th, and games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at the old 19th diamond. Any teams wishing to enter have until June 12th to submit their

rosters. League officials state that absolutely no rosters will be accepted after that date, so if you intend to enter a team better get busy and settle on the line-up.

### MUSTANG BREAKS RECORD IN COAST TO COAST HOP

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — The Army's P-51 Mustang fighter plane has established a new trans-continental speed record by flying from Inglewood, Cal., near here, to New York in 6 hours, 31 minutes and 30 seconds, beating the previous record by almost an hour.

In London, British airmen were celebrating a new trans-Atlantic speed record of 6 hours, 46 minutes, for the 2,200 mile route from

## Twass Moider Static Chasers Drubbed By Clubbers

Twass moider, that's what it was.

Last Thursday night, the highly touted and confident Static Chasers softball team bounced off a stonewall in the person of the Canadian Club and when they picked up the bloody pieces, the Static Chasers groped for the showers to wash away a 13-1 loss.

But they'll never forget it. The Canadian Club won't let 'em.

Lt. Stan Ewald hurled for the Canadian Club and had the Static Chasers eating from his greasy palm as easy as you'd tame a blind French poodle.

Five runs in the first inning set the stage for the evening's debacle. A few well-placed Canadian wallops aided materially by errors by nervous and tense Static Chasers provided the five run margin.

In the second frame, the Clubbers bounced right back to the attack and before they were through, "Sugar" Kane, hitherto undefeated Static tosser, was blinking as seven more runs piled across the plate. However "Sugar" kept showing his pearly whites and settled down but it was too late as the old woman said when they locked the barn after Dobbin took off for greener fields.

Managed by one Pfc. Ed Koops who fancies himself as a bit of an expert on diamond affairs, the Static Chasers were licked from the start. The boys were nervous in the service.

One more run was added during the late stages of the game by the Canadian Club. This was just another case of heaping insult on injury as this run had been preceded by a short address by manager Koops who doubted if the the Clubbers could score another run.

This could go on and on but why waste type and space? You get the idea. We kicked the pants off 'em.

Laborador to the British Isles, which slashed 2 hours and ten minutes from the old record for the same route.



# Tucson Sweeps Twin Bill From Rattlers 8-1; 6-2

## Miscues Figure In Double Loss; Ward Gets Season's First Homer

Lack of proper support cost the Rattlers two ball games last Saturday and Sunday June 3 and 4 to the Davis-Monthan "Mustangs" at the locals diamond. The scores were 8-1 and 6-2.

Three errors in the first game and five in the second were too much for the "Rattler" hurlers, Ward and Moran, to cope with. Both pitched excellent ball games and with an airtight defense, scores of both games would have been much different.

Clemenson proved to be everything expected and it was only in the 9th that Pyote pushed it's one run across. Cargile and Wynne opened the 9th with two successive singles and when Coreia hit into a double-play, Cone to Herrell, Cargile scored with the run that deprived Clemenson of a shut-out.

The Mustangs scored two in the 3rd on Mills walk, Schuck's triple and an infield error. Another was picked up in the 4th on Clemenson's double and Mills' single. Three singles, a walk and a fielder's choice gave them two more in the 9th on the third Rattler error, Weiffenback's single and Schuck's double.

Ward was the only Rattler batsman who gave Clemenson trouble. He tripled to deep left to open the 3rd but the next three hitters couldn't bring him in. He singled in the 5th and made it three for three with a double in the 7th. Cargile's two singles and Wynne's infield hit rounded out the Pyote hitting.

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### Second Game

Five "Rattler" errors in the second game accounting for five unearned runs spelled a 6-2 defeat. Up to the 6th inning Moran allowed the hard-hitting "Mustangs" one hit and with the proper support would've won his game 2-1.

After two were out in the first Walter Ward sent a screaming line drive to deep center which got by the center-fielder for the first Pyote home-run of the current season. Ward, the slugger of the two game series helped himself to another hit, a single in the 9th when with the aid of Masi's walk, the "Rattlers" put on a short-lived rally. The second Pyote run came in the 5th when Cargile opened with a double and went to third when Radwin attempted to pick off Coreia who had walked. Cargile then scored on a short passed ball.

The Mustangs got their first run in the 5th without the aid of a hit, when Cone drew a base on balls, went to second on a passed ball and scored on an error. Schuck's double, McCarron's

single and another infield error in the 7th mixed in with singles by Radwin and Mills gave them another and the final two "Mustang runs" crossed in the 8th on Scheffels triple, a fielder's choice and doubles by Herrell and Radwin.

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### FIRST GAME

Pyote	AB	R	H	PO
Glucksman, rf	4	0	0	1
Kleppe, ss	4	0	0	1
Matalavage, 3b	4	0	0	0
Masi, c	3	0	0	11
Cargile, 2b	4	1	2	3
Wynne, 1b	3	0	1	5
Coreia, cf	4	0	0	2
Roberts, lf	4	0	0	2
Ward, p	3	0	3	2
	33	1	6	27

Tucson	AB	R	H	PO
Cogswell, ss	5	3	3	1
Mills, 3b	5	2	3	3
Weiffenback, rf	6	0	2	0
Schuck, lf	3	1	2	0
Scheffell, c	6	0	1	14
McCarron, cf	6	0	1	1
Cone, 2b	5	0	1	3
Herrell, 1b	3	1	0	5
Clemenson, p	5	1	1	0
	44	8	14	27

### SECOND GAME

Pyote	AB	R	H	PO
Glucksman, rf 3b	4	0	1	0
Kleppe, ss	3	0	0	2
Ward, lf	4	1	2	3
Matalavage, 3b rf	4	0	0	0
Masi, c	3	0	0	4
Cargile, 2b	4	1	1	3
Wynne, 1b	3	0	0	12
Coreia, cf	2	0	0	3
Moran, p	3	0	1	0
Saraille, x	1	0	0	0
	31	2	5	27

x batted for Kleppe in 9th.

Tucson	AB	R	H	PO
Cogswell, ss	5	0	0	4
Mills, 3b	5	0	1	0
Weiffenback, rf	4	0	0	0
Schuck, lf	5	1	1	1
Scheffell, c	5	0	1	8
McCarron, cf	4	2	2	1
Cone, 2b	3	1	0	1
Herrell, 1b	4	1	1	12
Radwin, p	4	1	2	0
	39	6	8	27

### JUAREZ OFF LIMITS

A notice has been carried in the Daily Bulletin that Juarez is off limits to all military personnel. The "off limits" started June 3rd and is effective until further notice.



IN THERE FOR WARD... Schuck, Tucson left fielder, flails mightily but to no avail as Pyote's ace hurler Ward exercises his control in first game of series which Tucson won. Ward pitched excellent ball and had the crowd with him all the way.

## Lt. Rew Sets Pace For PFT

Spreading the field in the recent physical fitness test was 2nd Lt. Tom Rew, Section F, who racked up a total of 90 points to take a five point lead over his nearest competitor.

Lt. Rew's ninety points was the result of 114 situps, 17 pull-ups and a 300-yard shuttle run which he knocked off in 47 seconds.

Second place, according to figures compiled by the Physical Training Department, went to 2nd Lt. John Muir of Section II of the Combat Crew Detachment. He scored 85 points via 114 situps, 10 pull-ups and a shuttle run in the very fast time of 41 seconds.

Third place honors were shared by Lt. Curtis W. LeDoux and Cpl. Quentin Taylor. Lt. DeDoux, who will be remembered from the last boxing show where he put on a sterling exhibition, scored 81 points with 114 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups and a shuttle run in 52 seconds.

Cpl. Taylor, co-holder of third place honors is a Section A man who did 114 situps, 13 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 47 seconds.

## BATTLE WEARY SOLDIERS GET BREAKFAST IN BED

ITALLY (CNS)—Sgt. Saul Jaffe, of New York, has one of the strangest jobs in the army. He serves breakfast in bed to unbelieving GIs recuperating at a villa that has been set aside for Army rehabilitation work here.

Sgt. Jaffe makes his rounds at 10 a.m. every day in the company of a white-coated Italian waiter, who is laden with trays of fruit juice, coffee, bacon and eggs. Soldiers who don't feel like eating in the dining room are served in bed.

## EM Bowling Loop Opens

The long awaited Enlisted Men's Bowling League is finally a reality, with a total of 28 teams submitting rosters. Two leagues have been organized, the "Red" and "Blue" Leagues with 14 teams in each. Every team will bowl at least once a week, alleys 1, 2, 3 and 4 being reserved for League Bowling on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Tuesday, June 6th marked the opening of the E. M. B. L. but results of the first four games came in too late as the "Rattler" went to press. However team standings and averages of the 1st ten leading bowlers will be published each in the Base paper. Prize money amounting to approximately \$275.00 will be distributed to the top teams and bowlers at the end of the season which will run

Teams entered are as follows:  
Red League: Aleutian Aces—Section 'D'; Star Gazers, C. N. T.; Statistical Dept.; Communications; Snoops—Air Inspector; Comets—Chemical Dept.; Typewriter Commandos—Combat Crew Det.; Quartermaster; Medicos—Medical Det.; Chair Sitters—S-1 Personnel; Saw Boners—Medical Det.; Tripods—Photo Lab; Shutterbugs—Photo Lab; Musclemen—Physical Training.

Blue League: Flight Control Flashes—Flight Control; Pill Rollers—Medical Det.; Consolidated Mess; Section VIII's—Combat Crew Det.; Bombers—Training Secretary Office; Section E; Cyclones—Weather; Hangar No. 1—Team 1; Hangar No. 1—Team 2; Fighters—Training Secretary Office; Guard Squadron; Tow Target; Combat Crew, Section 1 Flight B; Combat Crew, Second Team.



# INVASION: AEF Swarms Ashore On French Coast

## Losses Light For Us; Enemy's Air Defense Impotent

The invasion of Europe, still in its unfolding stage today, has so far been characterized by two things favorable to the Allied cause—the stunning first-hour amphibious successes and almost complete lack of opposition from the Luftwaffe.

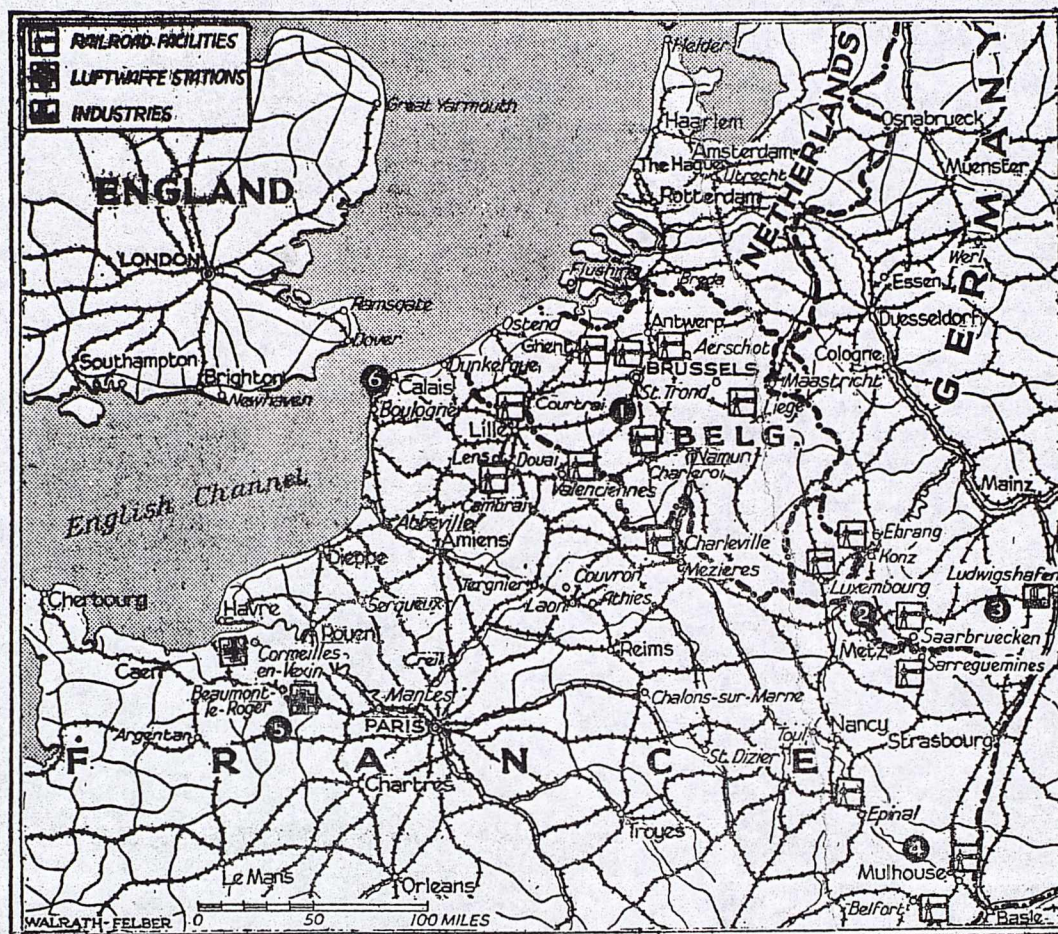
At the time this is written (early Wednesday morning) the Allies are pouring an "unprecedented stream" of reinforcements across the Channel to bolster the shock troops which started the landings. The situation can be expected to change almost hourly, but early indications were that the AEF had up to that time accomplished everything it set out to do.

President Roosevelt, at his regular Tuesday press conference, said the invasion of Europe is "up to schedule." Prime Minister Churchill, addressing a cheering House of Commons, stated "many dangers and difficulties which this time last night appeared extremely formidable are behind us . . . This operation is proceeding in a thoroughly satisfactory manner." Gen. Montgomery, commander of the land forces, said he was pleased with the initial phase of the gigantic air and sea invasion.

As Americans all over the nation streamed into churches and places of worship on D-Day, they were encouraged in their prayers by the remarkably low losses which characterized the early hours of the operation. For this they thanked God. The Commander-in-Chief Tuesday night led the entire nation in reciting a solemn prayer to Almighty God to lead Allied forces "straight and true" in their great struggle.

Hitler and his generals in Western Europe are certain to try every means at their command to destroy the attacking forces. For months they have been drawn up behind their supposedly impregnable wall of fortifications, tense with expectancy. Their plan of defense relies largely on a force of mobile reserves which they intend to shuttle about to meet the occasion.

It is interesting to note that Hitler has selected General von Runstedt to lead his defense—in spite of the fact that von Runstedt is known to believe in the hopelessness of his task. A few years ago he stated, in substance, that



**INVASION SPREADS OUT**  
Reinforcements are streaming across the English Channel in unprecedented volume to back up the invaders who have hacked out a beachhead on the Normandy Coast of France. Between

"time works against any Continental power warring against England," and that it would be hopeless to try to defeat England "unless we are allied with either Russia or the United States."

And now Hitler, no longer relying on dreams or intuition, has picked this well-schooled Prussian professional soldier to defend his stolen empire. The only explanation is that he intends to hold out as long as possible and believes von Runstedt to be the most capable man for the job.

During the weeks of aerial pounding that preceded the actual assault, it was assumed in many quarters that the Luftwaffe was being hoarded away as an ace-in-the-hole for D-Day. But surprisingly, the Luftwaffe has made almost no show to date. Only 50 planes rose to meet the umbrella of 12,000 ships which the Allies flung over their troops. Herman Goerring, Luftwaffe chief,

Cherbourg and Le Harve most of the action is concentrated, with Allied beachheads working inland after the troops got ashore with amazingly low casualties. Four thousand ships took part in the original trip

broadcast a statement that the invading forces must be annihilated, "even if it means the destruction of the Luftwaffe."

He probably didn't mean to but he could have taken those words right out of the Allied vocabulary. Our chieftans have been itching to get the balance of the once-vaunted Luftwaffe into the air for a showdown battle. If they do this, we can expect the most stupendous aerial battles in history to take place in the flame-filled skies of France.

After months of carrying the propaganda ball, the Allies tossed it to the Germans when they invaded, and have remained silent regarding their troops and disposition. The intense anxiety which pervades the Nazi ranks is shown by their frantic cry that the invasion has flared along a 240-mile front from Calais to Cherbourg. Actually landings were effected at points be-

between Cherbourg and Le Harve, less than half the distance between Calais and Cherbourg.

By these and similar reports, the Germans were "fishing" for information but they are being left in suspense.

In the first day of transporting troops across the choppy Channel, American losses consisted of two destroyers and one LST landing craft. Correspondingly low losses among men were indicated.

Most observers feel that the battle will not go into a really critical stage for a week or ten days. During this period the Germans can be expected to line up their mobile troops facing the direction from which they feel the greatest assault will be forthcoming, while we will be engaged in consolidating and expanding our initial positions. Indications are that emphasis will be placed on continuing expansion.