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Lynn Baggett of the movies holds high the Stars and Stripes signifying Independence Day. Symbolically, the flag waves over the world on a day when American soldiers are sprinkled all over the globe in an effort to assure the blessings of Liberty for all people. (See Editorial, Page 4.)

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ONLY HALF WAY! MORE BOND BUYERS NEEDED

Purchases For 5th Up To \$60,000

Pyote Air Field has already plunged better than half way toward its goal of \$121,000 in the Fifth War Bond Drive, but there is still a long way to go before the quota is reached.

Incomplete figures compiled Tuesday afternoon indicated better than \$60,000 worth of bonds has been purchased by both military and civilian personnel at this station. The breakdown on organizational buying was complete only through last Friday night, and this gave a total of only \$52,150 for the entire field. The figures:

Sec. I	\$ 3,825
Sec. II	3,750
Sec. III	1,500
Sec. A	14,350
Sec. B	575
Sec. C	50
Sec. D	3,025
Sec. E	2,000
Sec. F	8,850
Sec. M	2,100

At the same time the total of civilian purchasing had risen to \$12,125. But the civilians have had a pay-day since then with the resultant buying wave not figured in the total, and this figure should be only a fraction of the wind-up total.

How far off some of these figures for sections are is indicated by Sec. B, the Wac detachment. There the figures give the section a total of \$575 bought, but since then a single purchase of \$2,500 in bonds by one patriotic Was has been rung up, and this figure is not included in the total.

Monahans USO

Thurs.—Hobby Hour, 8:30 p.m.
 Fri.—Informal activities
 Sat.—Watermelon party
 Sun.—Coffee hour, 11 a.m.; buffet supper, 6:30 p.m.; songfest 8 p.m.
 Mon.—Movies, Songfest.
 Tues.—Dance class, 8-9 p.m.; Game night
 Wed.—Luncheon honoring Col. William W. Jones; Army Quiz; Catholic Discussion group, 8:30 p.m.

EVANSTON, ILL. (CNS)—James Ford and his wife became embroiled in a heated argument on a bus. Passengers tried to intervene. Total casualties: Ford, black eye; his wife, bloody nose; Mrs. Estelle Hoynes, a passenger, three teeth missing; her daughter, Marie, broken eye glasses, and the bus driver, bitten ear.

CG Commends



Maj.-Gen. Uzal G. Ent, Commanding General of the Second Air Force, commended the personnel of Rattlesnake Air Field for its fine past record when he spoke informally to the men last week.

Here's How To Eat To Cut Hazards of Summer Heat

The Ground Safety Section has set out a few simple rules which if practiced by station personnel, will make this hot weather something less of a hazard.

Do not cut down on your food because of the heat, the section advises. The body requires energy-producing food in the summer as well as in the winter. Summer meals should be simple and made up of easily digested energy-making foods such as: green vegetables, fresh fruits, milk, lean meat, eggs and breadstuffs. Sundaes, sodas and like items should be eaten moderately, as they are heat-producing items.

Loss of energy is as much an accident hazard as machinery without guards, the Ground Safety Section points out.

DES MOINES, IOWA (CNS) — Robert Butterworth was held on a charge of maintaining a fire hazard after police scrutiny of his pockets disclosed these contents: 20 paint brushes, five pounds of sugar, four flashlights, a tube of shaving cream and a quart of sauerkraut.

Post Exchange Now In Charge Of Service Club Cafeteria

New Schedule For PX During Summer Months

In accordance with new regulations, the Post Exchange has taken over management of the Service Club cafeteria and the Guest House.

No change in hours or general policy will be made by the Service Club cafeteria, indicated Capt. W. O. Hedley, Post Exchange officer. "We are going to try to keep up the good quality of the food, and expect to accomplish a speed-up in the feeding system by moving some fixtures around," he said.

At the Guest House, prices are being reduced from 75 to 50 cents for a night's lodging, it was announced.

The new fountain has been opened within the PX cafeteria, now serving soft drinks and ice cream with meals. A door connecting the fountain with the rest of the cafeteria makes it possible to have sodas with meals if desired.

A new schedule of hours is being put into effect at the Post Exchange during the summer months. The PX is now open from 1000 to 1900 daily, and is closed on Sundays. A substantial reduction in personnel required to run the PX is thus effected.

Theater Schedule

Thurs.—THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN, with Frederick March, Alexis Smith and Donald Crisp. Paramount News.
 Fr.—THE INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE, with Jon Hall, Evelyn Ankers, and Alan Curtis. "Halfway to Heaven," and "Speed Courier".
 Sat.—THIS IS THE ARMY, with an all-star cast. Shorts: "And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street."
 Sun. & Mon.—BATHING BEAUTY, with Red Skelton, Esther Williams and Basil Rathbone. Paramount News.
 Tues.—ATTACK: BATTLE FOR NEW BRITAIN, factual picture of New Britain campaign; and GOOD NIGHT, SWEETHEART, with Henry Hull, Robert Livingston and Ruth Perry.
 Wed. & Thurs.—THE MARK OF DIMITRIOS, with Sidney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre, Zachary Scott and Florence Bates. Short: "Andy Panda." Paramount News.

That's Right! Rattler Is 8 Pages Today

Don't start looking for the other eight pages, because they won't be here. This issue of the Rattler contains only eight pages.

The short issue was made necessary by technical difficulties beyond our control.

Next week we'll be back on the beam with our customary 16-page edition.

Wink USO Now Open

An invitation for Station Personnel to visit the USO in Wink has been extended by the Wink USO Council.

The new building, which furnishes a comfortable drop-in center for service personnel while in Wink, was opened Monday night, July 3rd. The building has a lounge room, a reading and writing room with materials for writing provided, a supply of recent magazines, and rest rooms and showers. It will be open daily from 5 p.m. until after the last bus runs from Wink at night.

The cast of the Pyote AAF Bond Show used the facilities of the club when they visited Wink last week.

The USO in Wink has been provided by representatives from 32 civic and religious organizations of the city, representing a community-wide effort to make time off pass a little faster for the personnel of Rattlesnake Bomber Base. Chairman of the council is R. F. Mackin; Mrs. Melvin Dow is in charge of hostess arrangements.

Classified Ads

WANTED—Boston screw-tail puppy, male. If available for sale, contact Cpl. Thomas W. Jones, Sec. A Post Office.

LOST—Between Fort Stockton and Pyote, a lightweight brown jacket. Reward, Pvt. Helen B. McMachen, Special Service Office.

BOSTON (CNS) — Comfort-loving Paul Bucci won a divorce decree from his wife after testifying that she kept their home too clean—"like a show place and I couldn't enjoy myself."

A.G.P. MARK RESULT OF WORK, COOPERATION

During Past Year No Fortresses Grounded Here For Lack Of Parts

When the boys and girls down at Aircraft Parts and Equipment came to work on July Fourth, they didn't bother saying "Good morning."

"We made it!" was the greeting exchanged between members of this organization.

What they referred to was their solid year's record for no AGP—no airplanes grounded for lack of parts.

For on Independence Day, 1943, they started their record of keeping the planes flying. And on Independence Day, 1944, they were still going strong—not a single Flying Fortress had been grounded during the year for lack of vital parts.

When you think of how many intricate and delicate parts there are in a single B-17, how many critical materials go into their construction, and the relative scarcity of these items, it is really amazing that a single field could have kept all its planes up there for a year's time without a break. This sort of record has been hung up innumerable times at smaller fields, where smaller planes were used and where total flying time did not compare to the total here.

But for a four-engine field with a record for flying hours such as Rattlesnake Bomber Base boasts, a year's solid flying time with no AGP is an outstanding accomplishment.

Half a year ago Major General W. H. Frank, commanding general of the Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio, sent this field a commendation

for the excellent record. And during the past six months they've just doubled this record.

The following letter was received by A. C. P. & E. from the Station Commandant in regard to the record:

"This record could only have been attained by the perseverance and a sense of duty by all personnel, officer, enlisted and civilian, either directly or indirectly concerned in this achievement.

"Capt. Miles J. Frisinger is to be particularly commended for supervising the department. It is a source of great satisfaction to me that this excellent record has been made, and it is my desire that all personnel involved be advised of the contents of this letter."

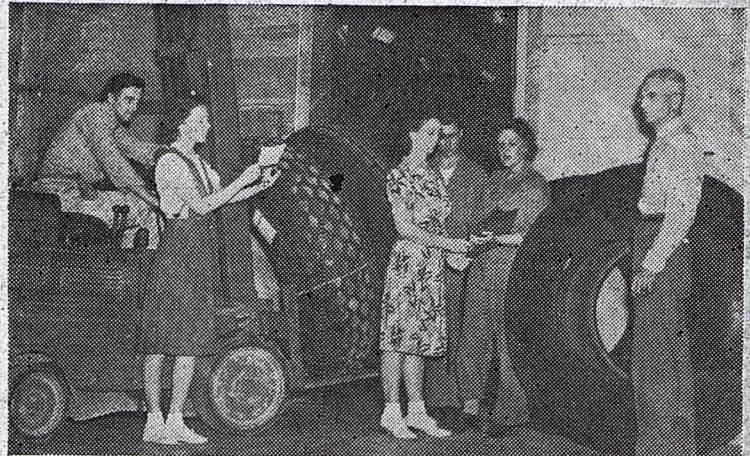
The record is not the accomplishment of any one worker or group; it was achieved through the cooperation of all workers, including both the military personnel and civilian personnel who contributed. It is not even the achievement of a single field—for there were many times when Rattlesnake Bomber Base was forced to call on other fields for certain vital parts which were not available here.

Neither was this a record which was accomplished easily. Sometimes desperately needed parts were located only a few minutes before a plane would have had to be grounded. Many times the boys on the line taxed their ingenuity and came up with miracles of production work that enabled the Forts to keep flying.

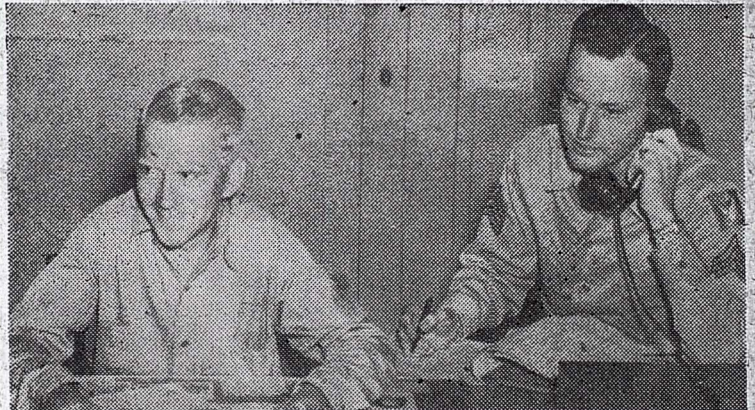
Very often it was "by the skin of their teeth" that they managed it. After the first few months it became a sort of game to see how long they could stretch the record . . . a game with a real pay-off for the winner. Finally, when they were within sight of the year-long mark, every worker bore down a little harder until the very last day, when the goal was assured.

The Rattler herewith gives a very low bow to the workers of this department, to all the fields which helped, to the boys on the line who made vital contributions, and to all who in one way or another helped the field attain this enviable record. We take this opportunity of extending our sincere congratulations, and here's hoping the "No AGP" sign hangs as long as Rattlesnake Bomber Base is in existence.

Workers Who Helped Set Record



The Shipping and Receiving Department of Aircraft Parts and Equipment is where a great deal of the actual work on supplies goes on. Here a group of workers is checking some airplane tires and storing them away for future use. Everything from the tiniest part to the largest replacement item on a B-17 is carried in this department.



Here are the two men responsible more than anyone else for the fine AGP record. Mr. Paul Reid, of San Angelo, and Sgt. John W. Gaines, of Ashville, N. C. They are the ones who have to know where to go and who to ask when a scarce item is needed. Mr. Reid is an old hand at the business.



Crating parts for return trip to factory are (left): Pvt. Otto Ursin, Bemidji, Minn., and (right) Pfc. Mike Davidyock, Summit Hill, Pa. Some parts have to be returned for overhaul jobs before they can be used again.



Here's Captain Frisinger, whose job is to see that everything is kept running smoothly in Aircraft Parts and Equipment. How well he has handled this task is shown by the record.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Don't look, Rosemary... he's just trying to attract our attention!"

POLICIN' UP

By SGT. ROBERT NASH

PLEASE DON'T RUSH

We quote an advertisement in the (Sun., July 2) El Paso Times: "Service Pay Bags for men—wardrobe type in olive drab duck. Regularly \$10.00... During Sale... For \$12.95."

And a story in the Abilene (Tex.) Army Air Base camp paper, The Fighter, states: "... Pvt. So-And-So has a winning smile and cheerful disposition. He comes from a large family of 12 members, having six brothers and four sisters."

C'mon. Who's hiding?

Have just finished looking at our first issue of the Drew Field (Fla.) Echoes, the camp newspaper which won the all-around title in the '44 CNS contest and now proudly introduces itself to the readers as "The best all-around camp newspaper in the world." It is far and away the best camp sheet that has hit this desk... Our boy Pfc. Ed Koops is thinking of entering the publishing field with a collection of his "dispatches from Pyote". If the deal clicks you can buy the book at the PX... We have just received a lengthy missile from our favorite correspondent in India, who discusses in some detail the train ride he took in that nation. Describing the plumbing arrangements on his car, he said "... they just chop a hole through the floor, give you

three bricks and walk out leaving you to face the grim task with all the assurance of .167 hitter facing Bobby Feller; the train, lurching and pitching all over the mountainside, adds to one's discomfort. Guadalcanal was never like that"... We're simply palpitating over the thought that Miss Esther Williams, who is modestly billed as "Queen of the Bathing Beauties", might send the boys at Rattlesnake Bomber Base a special tailor-made pin-up... It is, we agree, hot weather to be discussing football but there's a chance that the Second Air Force football team might be brought within convoy distance of Pyote for a game next fall...

Pfc. Grace Glocke, of Rapid City AAB, S. D., has been nominated the "best looking Wac in America." Naturally, our dander rose a bit at that one; next week we'll print our photographic contradiction.

FABLE OF THE WEEK

The Germans say their rocket bomb blitz is just what the doctor ordered, and they're even thinking of extending this product of the New Order to include New York City. "We can direct them by submarine as well as by air," they say.

Last week Adolf got his phrases a bit involved and wound up saying: "How could a struggle which has behind it all the fanaticism of a nation end otherwise than in

EDITORIAL

Liberty..Made In America

Independence Day, which has been strictly an American institution for some 168 years, found the entire American nation busy turning out a product which could be labeled "Made in America".

The product is a thing called Liberty.

Like some other American products, it is being spread all over the world. Unlike others, the price tag is blood, sweat and tears. You can't buy it with money or win it with gifts, as some unhappy European nations can testify today.

Unlike others, it doesn't wear out. Liberty improves with use and only deteriorates when it is shelved and not allowed enough exercise. You can wear out a tractor or a sewing machine or a car, but the more you use this commodity the better it gets.

This product is today being manufactured in America—in the training camps and grain fields and oil fields and homes of this country by an all-out war effort.

Our competitors in this world-wide market are the original high-pressure boys. In action they make the book-and-magazine salesmen, with their feet in the door, look like Caspar Milquetoasts. Only, when a customer falls for their line they find they've bought a phoney article and signed a lifetime contract that can be broken only by force.

All the little nations who went down one by one as Germany marched to power bought this way... and today they're paying the bill. And we're paying on the same bill for sitting by and watching the international cut-throats maneuver into a position from where they hoped to corner the market.

Their bait was a heavily-gilded article that turned out in the light of day to be unadulterated dictatorship. The package had a pretty wrapper which turned out to be just so much froth on a Mickey Finn.

The made-in-America product is a homespun commodity. It doesn't have any pretty cellophane on it. You have to use it to appreciate it—you can't get a kick out of it by setting it on a shelf and looking at it.

Our boys are over there now delivering this product. The Spirit of '76 is with them as they batter their way across the threshold of handcuffed Europe. Meanwhile it is our pleasant duty, on the home front, to keep on exercising that benefit known as Liberty, so that when they come home they will fully share the blessings of that priceless commodity for which they are fighting so valiantly today.

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victory quite irrespective of what the situation may be at the moment."

If you're thinking what everybody else has been thinking about those French girls, you can forget it, bub. There ain't a word of truth to it, the War Department assures us. In a booklet distribu-

ted along the Normandy beach-head, GI's have been warned not to wink at the French girls—"and keep your hands off if you want to keep out of trouble." The booklet says, "French women still talk about how your fathers did."

Wonder what they say.

Parachute Patter

By JANE CEARLEY

Now is the time to do all you can and then a little more added to it. This may not be the best place in the world to work, but it could be a whole lot worse. For instance, suppose that when we heard a plane—instead of having the blessed knowledge of knowing it was ours, we had to scurry to an air raid shelter. So, since we are in Pyote, some by choice, others by circumstances, let's do our part well.

The rules are easy and fair—you have a chance for advancement—some of us were paid while we learned. You are provided with the right for safety, healthful and harmonious working conditions. One rule that is stressed is the right to discuss freely with the executive any matter concerning his or her work.

Let's do everything in our power to enable our Air Forces to carry this war to the enemy.

Each one of us must exert every effort to get our job done on time. It must be right and remember at all times that "Nothing short of Right is Right." There is not a minute to waste in talking about our vital part in the war.

We also know: That to keep the ships in the air that our Army needs will take every ounce of energy and ability that every man or woman on every base can put into his or her job.

Let us remember each day when we come to work, that our soldiers are giving their lives for our freedom and safety. Nothing should stop us from giving our efforts and energy to bring them back. **LET'S GO! WE'RE IN PRODUCTION NOW!**

In welcoming Lt. Bill Edelman into our great expanse of open space, we also had the privilege of welcoming him into the Parachute Department. We are glad to have you, Lt. and hope you stay—but since you like Texas so well, and especially Pyote, we are sure you will.

We wonder who is trying to play Cupid for the last week. There are two of them at the game. As yet they have made no progress. Better luck next time, kids—your little bow and arrow didn't work this time. It seems that the prey had a mind of its own, and used it.

We still have witch craft which was to have gone out with the hoop skirts—but this department is blessed with a little witch—she is able to make a table tell you the answer to all your questions. She doesn't ride a broom though she rides the carbon tech barrel instead. Tell us where you picked it up, Winnie.

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LOOKEE YONDER!
REAL HARDWARE
GENERALS.... IT'S THE
WOLF PATROL WITH
MERIT BADGES! COME
IN AND WRINKLE YOUR
PINKS, GENTLEMEN!



DEAL 'EM AND
WE'LL PLAY 'EM!
WHAT COOKS WITH
THE ACT OF
CONGRESS SET?

FRANKLY, WE
WOULD LIKE TO
KNOW IF YOU
DISLIKE OFFICERS!
YOU SEEM TO DATE
ONLY ENLISTED
MEN... ARE WE
POISON?



FAIR QUESTION!... NO,
I'M NOT ALLERGIC TO
BRASS... I COULD GO
INTO A PITCH ABOUT THE
O.D. JOKERS HAVING FEWER
PRIVILEGES AND ALL THAT...
BUT YOU KNOW THOSE REASONS



IT SOUNDS SORTA CORNY TO TELL IT, BUT I'VE
GOT A JOB TO DO TILL YOU ALL GET BACK TO
STRIPED NECKTIES!... YOU BRASSIES RATE A
SALUTE FROM ALL E.M. —BUT JOE GEE OFTEN
FORGETS THAT CIVILIANS WOULD LIKE TO
TOUCH THEIR CAPS TO HIM, IF THEY KNEW
HOW!... I'M HERE TO PROVIDE SOMEONE TO
SALUTE HIM FIRST!... THEN HE PASSES IT ON
TO YOU!... BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED —YOU
MIGHT GET THE BREAKS ANYTIME... HMMM?



Loya doesn't mind the hot weather that Pyote seems to be stuck with but the little secret is that she has a new air conditioner in her apartment. We hope it's better that the one we have up here. But, that doesn't keep her off our neck about keeping the place clean. She acts likes she means it too.

Will every one who attends the nightly dances at the Casablanca, please come up and register—Why? There seems to be some information that a certain girl would love to reveal to you. Of course we won't mention all the "why" but she thinks it's important.

Say Red, did you ever hear of the game "Truth and Consequences?" Well, there is one thing we would still like to have the truth on how you find things out so quickly or had you rather suffer the consequences?

The poor little pin up boy has caught it from all sides this week—where's the beam you are supposed to be on, George? Get hep! School days and young romance still lives. Betty got a telephone call from, ah—"an old school friend" the other day. The blushes revealed the kind of effects it has on her.

Monta is "getting plenty of

sleep" now that her one and only is absent from the field this week. Poor lonesome child, we feel so sorry for you. But be patient, he'll be back soon.

The smile-Thelma is wearing nowadays shows she doesn't care if the wedding ring has lost a little of its protectiveness. He has a very nice hand writing and we are all curious. Give us a little information, Thelma.

G.I. Betty was in for a fitting the other day. The chute harness is very figure flattering Betty—on you it looks good.



Q. Is it true that because I am not a native American, but only a naturalized citizen, I am barred from OCS?

A. No, that is false. It is only necessary that you become a citizen before your appointment as an officer candidate. You can become a citizen after 90 days in the Army.

Q. I was drafted in 1942 when

I was 39. In March, 1943, I tried to transfer from active to inactive service but my papers were lost in Personnel. Now, I am well into my 40s and not much good around here and I want to know if I can get a discharge.

A. Because you were over 38 on or before Feb. 28, 1943, you were eligible to apply for transfer to the inactive list as overage before July 1, 1943. This you did, but because your papers were lost, you're still in. Now, all you can do is write to the Adjutant General in Washington and find out if your papers are on file there. If they are, you may get out. Otherwise, you'll stay in. It is contrary to the Army's present policies to discharge anyone who is useful in any way.

Q. I have two children. One lives with my wife, the other lives with my former wife, now divorced but still dependent on me. Is it true that the child living with my former wife gets \$30 a month, because it was the first born, while my other child gets only \$20 a month under the Class A allotment?

A. No. Each of your children will receive \$25 a month. The total sum of family allowance payments for all children is divided equally among them.

Rattlers Advance To Southwestern Quarter-Finals

Loss To Hobbs AAF, 9-5, Drops Them From Race

The Rattlesnake Bomber Base Rattlers fought their way to the quarterfinals of the Southwestern semi-pro baseball tournament before bowing out on a 9-5 loss to Hobbs Army Air Base, thus capping a somewhat lack-luster season with considerable achievement.

The Rattlers won three games before dropping the tilt to Hobbs which eliminated them from tournament play. Their record, which incidentally cut them in for a slice of the tournament winnings, was:

- Defeated Biggs Field, 10-2.
- Lost to Camp Luna, 6-1.
- Shut out Ganit Jewelers (El Paso), 4-0.
- Trimmed 597th Sand Hogs (Fort Bliss), 4-3.
- Lost to Hobbs, 9-5.

At this writing (Monday) the Camp Luna team, which is sparked by Joe Gordon, former Yankee keystone man, has gone into the finals and was to have faced either Biggs Field or Hobbs.

After their game played Sunday, the Rattlers returned to this base on the short end of the score but satisfied with their part in the tourney. They hadn't been expected to furnish a great deal of opposition for the fair-haired boys from the other side of the New Mexico line, but before arriving on the scene they held a little caucus and decided they weren't going just for the ride.

They weren't, either, not by a long shot. Tournament crowds got plenty of bangs out of their never-say-die spirit and in at least one encounter that extra punch brought them victory—in their 4-3 encounter with the Sand Hogs from Fort Bliss.

Naturally, there will be a certain amount of prize money going to the locals for their efforts. Not having a prize list we don't know just how much getus this is, but it will be expended to bring the personnel here at this field improvements in their athletic program.

The line score on final game:
 Pyote 100 110 002—5 6 2
 Hobbs 100 220 04x—9 11 2
 Batteries: Hogan and Masi;
 Morrison and Blonde.

Ward's Double Beats Sandhogs

Walter Ward's two-base hit down third which eluded the left-fielder was the pay-off blow after two were out in the last of the 10th giving the Rattlers a 4-3 win over the 597th Sandhogs of Fort

Second Place Winners In 2AF League



The Rattlesnake Bomber Base Rattlers advanced to the quarterfinals in the Southwestern semi-pro tournament in El Paso

before a loss to Hobbs Army Air Field dropped them from the running. The Rattlers, official diamond representatives of this

station, finished second in the Second Air Force season chance, running just behind the vaunted Tucson club.

Bliss. Pyote now has won three and lost one in the Southwestern semi pro tournament. Opponents in Sunday's July 2nd game will be Hobbs Army Air Field with an unnamed team to be played Monday provided the Rattlers take the Hobbs nine.

Friday's game was a scheduled 7-inning affair which went into extra innings when the Rattlers tied it up in the 4th on Moran's single scoring Cargile who had walked and stolen second.

Moran pitched superbly, shutting out the Sandhogs after the 4th inning and allowing them only three hits. The Sandhogs drew first blood when McCugh reached first on Wynnee's error went to third on West's single and scored on Parker's drive to right. They picked up another in the 3rd on Moran's wild toss to first on West's dribbler and Parker's smash over second which rolled through the fence in center-field was ruled a two-bagger.

This was probably the only open spot in the ball-park and the fans never saw any more two bewildered ballplayers as the Sandhog center and right fielder, as the ball disappeared and Glucksman scampered home only to be sent back to second by both umpires who lived up to the letter of the rule-book. However, Ward came through with a ringing two-base

drive scoring Glucksman and he too came in on Parker's wild throw on Cannon's drive to third.

The 597th boys went ahead again in the 4th when with two out Rapert hit safely, McCugh walked and West's third hit pushed Rapert over for the Sandhogs third and final tally.

Moran's single which tied it up again came in the 4th with neither side scoring until Ward's drive in the last of the 10th. Moran's pitching after the 4th was a masterpiece to watch. With men on base he was invincible, 12 Sandhogs being stranded in the 10 inning affair. Moe struck out 14 while walking four. He struck out the side in the 5th.

PYOTE

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Glucksman, ss	4	1	1	2	1	1
Wyne, lb	5	0	1	11	0	1
Ward, lf	5	2	2	0	0	0
Cannon, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Masi, c	4	0	1	13	2	0
Cargile, 2b	2	1	0	0	6	1
Correia, cf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Mitchell, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Moran, p	4	0	1	0	3	1
	35	4	8	30	12	4

597th

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McCugh, lf	4	1	0	0	0	1
West, ss	5	1	3	1	4	1
Fillippo, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Parker, 3b	3	0	2	4	1	1
Ashton, c	3	0	0	6	2	0

Fitzgerald, c	2	0	0	2	1	1
Wilmuth, 2b	5	0	0	2	1	0
Shea, lb	5	0	1	12	1	0
Puccetti, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Rapert, p	2	1	1	0	2	0
Raymond, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
	39	3	9	29	15	4

	R	H	E
Fort Bliss	101	100	000 0 3 9 4
Pyote	002	100	000 1 4 8 4

Section A Nine Pounds D, 12-2

The Aces of Section A, currently hotter than a two-dollar pistol, mowed down the Section D nine last week, 12-2, behind the six-hit twirling of "Hoosier" Gamble.

Section D got off to a flying start by pushing over two quick runs in the second stanza, but the only thing gained thereby was avoiding a shutout. The Aces got going on in the third and piled up a wide margin. Linsky led the hitting with three for five. Neill and Shipley spearheaded the D struggle, collecting two hits apiece in three trips to the plate.

The line score:
 Sec. A—003 022 5—12 14 1
 Sec. D—020 000 0—2 6 6
 Sec. A—Gamble and Stover; Sec. D—Tucker, Anderson, Quimby and Winters, Baldwin.



KOOPS' KORNERS

BY PFC. ED KOOPS

ODDS AND ENDS: . . . We seem to have trouble with the rank. At the Bond Rally, we called Major James F. Sewares "Lieutenant Sewares" and in last week's col-yum we referred to Lt. Leon Bogart. Between the time we wrote it and the time you read it, Lt. Bogart got his captain's bars . . . The other night we tried to make a long distance call and the operator asked us what our name was. We said "Koops," and she turned to one of the other operators and chortled: "Oh, here's that crazy guy that writes for the Rattler!" We don't know what that makes us, but we do know we ended up waiting about two hours for the call to be put through . . . Lt. Col. Stanley Persons, Executive Officer, probably has a lot of fine things to his credit, but for our dough, he rates a salute if for nothing else than having such a beautiful and charming daughter . . . We note that in a recent issue of the Flying Times, the Pecos scandal rag, they are grippling about the barber shop situation, even as you and I . . . Take heart, you Pecos lads, and keep fightin'. The Pyote barber shop situation has changed very much for the good. The gents over there are getting on the ball, I understand, and deserve a neat round of applause for their neat about-face, and their cooperation . . . We stopped by the PX the other day and one of the fair damsels said to us: "How come you don't mention us anymore?" Well, we didn't have much of an answer, except that we think it's swell that they have improved so nicely, as per our suggestions. But we will say, furthermore, that they all seem like very attractive, pleasant, and beguiling girls and we love 'em

RATTLE NEWSREEL: 'Jever hear the yarn about the GI that asked the lass if she was doing anything that evening? She said she wasn't; so he took her out, and sure enough, she was right.

Or the PX patioserver that remarked that some girls have legs that look like this: (). And some girls have legs that look like this:)(. But the gals he goes for are the ones who have legs that look like this: !!.

Or the one about the fellow who took his best girl out for a ride. No matter what he suggested

they do—whether it was parking in the dark, or pitching a little woo, or whatever else—she just shook her head. And it wasn't 'till he got her back home that he discovered she had her nose caught in the windshield wiper.

PYOTE QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Oh she knows all the answers, all right. The trouble is nobody ever asks her hte questions!"

GI Bill of Rights Grants Loans To Servicemen

(By Camp Newspaper Service)

Here—in a nutshell—is what servicemen may derive from the \$6,000,000,000 GI Bill of Rights, which recently was passed by both Houses of Congress.

1. A maximum of 52 weeks unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 a week.

2. A government guarantee of fifty per cent (although not more than \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes. These loans will bear the low rate of four per cent interest.

3. A maximum of four years' educational aid for servicemen who joined the armed forces before they were 25 years old. Five hundred dollars yearly will be provided for tuition, plus subsistence allowances of \$50 a month for single and \$75 a month for married veterans.

4. A veterans' placement service to assist returning servicemen and women in obtaining civilian jobs through the United States Employment Service.

5. Hospitalization, which is obtainable through the Veterans' Administration.

NEW YORK (CNS) — Cabby Ed Waters dropped a well dressed passenger at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street, then noticed that his fare had left a package behind. Waters hollered but the man walked on, disappeared into the crowd. The cabby then opened the package. It contained \$27,200 in cash.

Medics Trounce 'F' Flyers 13-3

With Blakney tossing six hit ball the Medics easily took their second ball game of the season over Section F's Flyers by the score of 13-3. Opening with four runs in the 1st inning the Medics were never headed. Blakney showed mid-season form combining a change of pace ball with good control.

Excellent support in the field, including a snappy double play, pulled him out of hot water on three occasions. Every Medic made at least one hit with Masters leading the attack with three for four. Boreski's home-run, a solid smash to right field scored two ahead of him in the 6th when seven Medic runs scored.

Blakney allowed three Flyer hits in the 1st, good for two tallys and pitched scoreless ball until the 7th when the Flyers put on a rally scoring their third run. Sokowski hurled good relief ball after Boreski's homer sent Narcel, starting Flyer pitcher to the showers.

The line score:
Medics 401 017 0 13 16 4
Sec. F 200 000 0 3 6 4

Batteries—Blakney and Sibley; Narcey, Sokowski and Brown, Duff.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Section A	3	0	1000
Avn. Unit	2	1	667
Medics	2	2	500
Section F	2	2	500
Civ. Personnel	2	2	500
Section E	1	3	333
Hanger No. 1	1	3	333

Tonight at Diamond No. 1 the the Flyers of Section F aim to get back in the win column at the expense of Section A's Aces. Down at Civilian Personnel diamond the Aviation Unit will be playing off a postponed game with the Texans of Civilian Personnel. Both teams are pointing for this one. Next Tuesday July 11th Section D will be after the scalps of Section F at No. 1 diamond while Section A takes on the Aviation Unit at Civ. Personnel field.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CORPS SEEKS TOP MEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Army is on the prowl for some top men with which to complete the roster of its Counterintelligence Corps.

Enlisted personnel for the Corps will be acquired from the three major commands in monthly quotas for a period of about six months. If the major commands cannot furnish qualified personnel, however, it will be secured from reception centers.

'DON'T WINK AT GIRLS!' GIs IN FRANCE TOLD

FRANCE (CNS)—GIs in France have been warned by the War Department not to wink at French girls—"and keep hands off if you want to keep out of trouble."

The WD further advises them, in a booklet distributed along the Normandy beachhead, to give the women a hand with the housework. "French women still talk about how your fathers did," the booklet recalls.

20,000 Enlisted Men Transfer To Infantry Units

Lieutenants Under 32 May Volunteer For Infantry Duty

More than 20,000 enlisted men—approximately the equivalent of the personnel in one and one-half divisions—have been transferred at their own request to the Infantry from other arms and services, it was revealed today by the War Department, which at the same time announced provisions under which lieutenants in certain categories also may volunteer for assignment with the Infantry.

Opportunity now is given lieutenants under 32 years of age on duty in continental United States to volunteer in view of the large number of enlisted men who are transferring to the Infantry. To emphasize the importance attached to the provisions of its directive, the War Department makes it mandatory that the instructions be read by every officer within continental United States 48 hours of its receipt.

With certain exceptions to the general rule which prohibits transfer of officers between the Army Ground Forces, the Army Air Forces and the Army Service Forces, any physically qualified lieutenants wishing to volunteer may make written request through military channels to The Adjutant General, accompanying the request with a certified copy of his qualification card showing experience and training by branch. In order to qualify for transfer, the individual must meet the high physical standards required for duty in the Infantry. Commanders of units or installations to which the officer is assigned will certify as to his qualification for this type of duty. Only the War Department may disapprove the request.

Due to military necessity, certain lieutenants are prohibited from applying for transfer. These include officers assigned to combat units of Army Air Forces and Army Service Forces.

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DECISIVE LAND BATTLE LOOMS IN FRANCE

Weapon, Aerial Superiority Ours During Invasion

The war news has been so good during the past ten-day period that the American people have, in their own incurable manner, grown correspondingly confident. So much so, in fact, that separate statements from three top military leaders warned against the dangers of overconfidence.

Gen. Marshall, Gen. Arnold and Adm. King told the home front that hard and bitter fighting is ahead and the only way to bring an early end to the war is buckle down harder than ever to bring pressure in the coming critical battles.

On the plains of western France, one of the greatest pitched battles in history is developing between Rommel's troops and the Allied armies of Gen. Montgomery. Many promising indications were seen to have given rise to the wave of American optimism.

Too, the continued failure of German air power to make any sizable show over the struggling land armies in Normandy has been very noticeable. Hitler passed up his golden opportunity to inflict damage when our supply boats were massed in the Channel. In less than a month after starting the invasion, we have won enough space in Normandy to pour large armies into the field, and have a port, Cherbourg, through which to land them. The "flying bomb" rockets hailed so spectacularly by the Nazis on their first appearance, have proven to be largely ineffective as appropriate counter-measures were developed. They were a poor substitute for the air force which failed to show up.

American weapons in Normandy have proven their all-around superiority over those of the Germans. Only their 88's could be compared with our artillery in effectiveness.

Added to this list of troubles for the German high command is the great summer offensive which has been launched against them in White Russia. Four mighty Red armies crunched along a 350-mile front toward the Nazi stronghold at Minsk, strategic center on the old Polish border. In one week, the Russians, announced, they killed or captured the stunning total of 183,930 German troops. The special announcement which disclosed this information indicated the bitterness of the struggle in the totals: The First White Russian Army fight-

ing for Bobruisk had killed 50,000 and captured 23,680 and the Second White Russian Army which took Mogilev killed 30,000 and captured 3,250. Stupendous quantities of equipment were taken as the Soviet troops steam-rolled their way toward Minsk.

After months of attempts of trying to get little Finland out of the war by diplomatic means, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with the little country. The action followed a stormy period during the Finnish ministers had been given their diplomatic walking papers from Washington and a pro-Allied coup in the 25-year old Finnish republic failed to come off. Under the guns of German warships, Nazi troops moved ashore at Helsinki and German planes were sent into the country.

In northern Italy the Allied war machine rolled forward on a 100-mile front, as the German's delaying action withered away and they fled before Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's American troops. From the Tyrrhenian Sea to a point beyond Lake Trasimeno the Americans plunged forward. The fall of Siena, 31 miles below Florence, was expected and Yanks were within 27 miles of Pisa, anchor of the enemy's Gothic line defending the valley of Po.

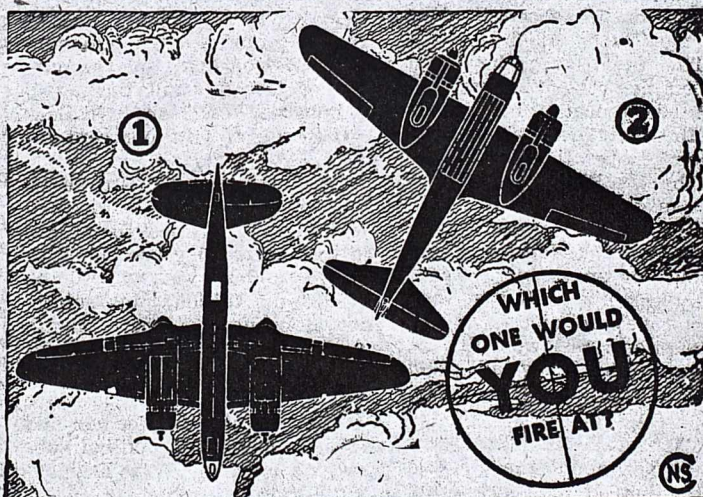
Germany's bringing up of troops seeing invasion action for the first time appeared to have gained them but a little time, as their line of men and tanks melted before thunderous artillery fire. The British line curling around the city of Caen from the southwest was pushed back temporarily but stiffened and moved ahead. Enemy broadcasts reported concentration of three British infantry and three tank divisions southwest of Caen and said: "It can be assumed Montgomery expects a decisive breakthrough here." Roads out of the city were being bombarded.

Bloody fighting with heavy casualties on both sides raged on the small and strategic island of Saipan. American forces on Saipan lost 9,752 men in the first two weeks (killed, wounded and missing) — more than double the total of bloody Tarawa and double the losses during six months at Guadalcanal. It showed how the enemy's fight will increase in intensity as the war comes closer to his home shores—for from Saipan the home island of Nippon can be blasted with the Superfortresses.

Where Will Tito Strike?



BALKY BALKINS . . . Famed for centuries as the "powder keg of Europe", the Balkan states may yet be the scene of more violent action than any that has so far occurred there in this war. Marshal Tito keeps his army striking scattered yet sizeable blows at Hitler in Yugoslavia, which has never surrendered to the paperhanger. In Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, the pro-Nazi governments are shaky. In Slovakia unrest and sabotage are mounting.



NOT AT NO. 1! . . . It's the R-4F's American-built "Baltimore", mid-wing medium bomber powered with two radial engines. It has a deep-waisted fuselage with a pointed nose. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The engine nacelles extend beyond the trailing edge of the wings. The tapered tailplane has rounded tips and a single fin and rudder.

FIRE AT NO. 2! . . . It's "Lily", a Jap mid-wing, twin engine medium bomber. The slab-sided, deep waisted fuselage has rounded nose which extends well ahead of the engines. The leading edge of the wings is almost straight while the trailing edge is swept forward with rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back and the trailing edge is curved.