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## Base Insignia Sketches Under Consideration

Selection of a distinctive insignia for this station is now down to four sketches which are being considered for the \$25 cash prize being offered for the winning design.

Out of approximately three dozen ideas and drawings which were submitted, the top four were selected and returned to the submitters for further improvement before final consideration. From these four, one of the drawings will be selected by the new Station Commandant to be sent in to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Washington, for approval as a base insignia.

When approved the insignia may be worn on flight jackets, field jackets, coveralls and work uniforms and can be painted on planes assigned to the field.

## How About That? Could He Get On 'Tug Time' Pay?

Cpl. "Tug Time" Green, who handles the distribution of oils and greases on the flight line, is wondering if he can't start collecting "tug time" pay.

Cpl. Green has now logged a total of 3,972 hours on the tug and is still going strong. He and Pfc. Reyske are charged with keeping the flight line supplied with power plant and cleaning gas, various oils and greases and the disposal of used oil and dirty gas.

## Jewish Holidays Being Observed

Yom Kippur services will be held at this station on Wednesday, Sept. 27th, under the direction of Rabbi Abraham Avreck, visiting rabbi.

Yom Kippur marks the conclusion of the high holidays which are now being observed by Jews all over the world. Rabbi Avreck, a member of the National Jewish Welfare Board, has been at this station this past week for the observance of Rosh Hashonah. The Rosh Hashonah services had a daily attendance of about 60 persons, including some hospital patients who attended in wheel chairs.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (CNS)—The will of Frank Goler bequeaths to his friend Howard Ely \$100 or "all my neckties."



NEW COMMANDANT . . . Col. C. E. Duncan, a veteran of heavy bombardment operations in two theaters during this war, has assumed command of Pyote Army Air Field.

## 'Berlin Sweepstakes' Draws 400

### Big Pot, 3-Day Pass Await Winner

There's going to be one Pyote-bound GI who will be happier than anyone else on the day that Germany falls.

He'll be the man who selected that particular day as "V-E" day in the "Berlin Sweepstakes" that started down in the Flight Line Office and spread to include practically the entire base.

Four hundred GIs kicked in a buck, picked the prospective day, and sat back—hoping.

The pool opened August 31st and closed September 4. The man who selects the day that Germany surrenders wins—not only the pool—but will be awarded a three-day pass with which to dispose of his winnings in an extra celebration.

Mr. Frank S. Kovacht, Flight Line Maintenance Officer, promises the 3-day pass to the winner, and adds that if Mr. Frank S. Kovacht himself hits the lucky date he'll take a 30-day furlough—he hopes!

M-Sgt. Russell R. Roberts handled the monetary end of the "Sweepstakes" and admits that he was kept mighty busy taking "donations" as enthusiasm grew. M-Sgt. Neil M. Moss also brought in a few eager guessers.

All the guessers and names and cash are locked in a safe until the day that Germany falls, when the

winner of the "Berlin Sweepstakes" will be announced.

November 11th was a popular date, but most of the boys chose dates in the latter part of October. Some over-confident ones chose dates early in September—and they're out of the running already. Contrasted to these is the case of one cautious Master Sergeant. He chose the 15th of September, 1945!

The RATTLER will keep one eye peeled on that safe until the whistles blow and the sirens shriek, at which time the winner of the "Berlin Sweepstakes" will be announced and glorified in these pages.

## Capt. Blackstock Gets Promotion

Promotion to the rank of captain has been received by Herbert E. Blackstock, a "Pyote veteran" of some 20 months.

Capt. Blackstock arrived on this field Jan. 18, 1943, and has been Air Inspector (Technical) since then. He has 11 years service in the Army, having worked up through the ranks to his present grade.

A native Texan and permanent resident of Cleburne, Capt. Blackstock now lives at 615 South Pecos Street in Monahans. He is married.

## Full Story Of B-29 Development Is Made Public

Between the first fact-founded rumor that the AAF was building a bomber larger than the Liberator or Flying Fortress, and the day when they lifted their wheels from Chinese run-ways with bombs for Japan, there were many blind spots in the average person's knowledge of what was being done to make and man a weapon which could strike directly at the Japanese mainland.

It now can be told what went into the building and testing of the Superfortresses, how crews were selected and trained, where these activities took place and the huge effort that was involved. In the September issue of the AIR FORCE, the official service journal of the AAF, Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, who was commanding officer of the original B-29 unit, tells in his story, "Men of the B-29s," an adventure in production and crew training which has never been equalled.

"We started from scratch," the general writes. "We began with what was still, by military necessity, an incompletely designed, experimental plane—more complicated than an ever before used in aerial combat. When the 58th Bombardment Wing (later the 20th Bomber Command) was activated on June 1, 1943, we had no personnel, no planes, no precedents." Yet, when D-day came for the B-29s in China the bombers carried some of the most highly trained airmen in the AAF. Men who had helped engineer the B-29 through production were there, some flying as regular combat crewmen. At the bases were hundreds of ground men who had pioneered their jobs and become specialists at them. In the background were literally hundreds of thousands of Chinese laborers who had carved out the airfields by hand. Back home were more thousands of aircraft workers who had produced the planes.

How these men—working together—made that first B-29 mission possible is the man-power story behind this three-billion-dollar gamble on long-range heavy bombardment aircraft. General Wolfe's story tells in detail the many factors which went into preparation for the B-29 raids which are now devastating Japan and Japanese territory. What has actually taken place in the year which brought out a thousand rumors about the Superfortress is told in the Sept. AIR FORCE, now available at all AAF installations.

(Note—The first Table of Organization for such squadrons was drawn up by Col. Claude E. Duncan, now Station Commandant.)

## Mail APO Yule Packages Early

Christmas comes early for the men overseas as long as the Post Office is concerned. Accordingly a one-month period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 has been set aside for mailing Yule gifts abroad.

Requests from overseas personnel will not be required during the free-mailing period, but the postal regulations limit the overseas Christmas mail to one 5-lb. package per person per week.

Packages must not exceed 15 inches in length, and the words, "Christmas Parcel" must be marked plainly on each box.

The complete address including the return address must be placed inside the package as well as on the outer wrapper, for often the outer address is obliterated before the package reaches its destination.

No soft candies should be sent to the men overseas. No liquids will be accepted at the Post Office unless 2-ounce containers and adequately wrapped in absorbent paper. Intoxicants and inflammables are out.

Men who ship out after Oct. 16 will not be without Christmas packages if the parcels are mailed before Dec. 10 and the sender produces evidence of the soldier's transfer or change of address.

If you want your friends overseas to have a Christmas, better mail packages early.

### MONAHANS USO TO AID IN MAILING GIFTS

The Monahans USO has organized a volunteer wrapping committee to assist in mailing gifts to overseas personnel, wrapping them securely and addressing them correctly.

A complete list of the "dos and don'ts" for mailing overseas gifts is available, and may be had by any soldier or citizen of the community by calling on the USO.

## THE COVER

On the isolated bombing ranges where Pyote Army Air Field training crews drop their practice cargos, plenty of work goes on which the average GI here knows nothing about. The boys must keep the ranges' lighting system in good shape for night bombing practice. And another part of the work is to clear away any dud bombs which fall. Here a soldier gets in a little practice with the M-1 carbine while detonating a piece of dud bomb. The distance—about 30 or 40 yards—would be dangerous if the bomb were not a practice type, which carries a much less deadly load of explosives. It looks as if his marksmanship is good.

## What'll It Be, Doc? A Shave Or Some Mending?

Pfc. Don Wildman, a Sec. D electrician, is one man who's plenty versatile.

All day Wildman works in a maintenance crew on the line, where he does general electrical work and takes care of the flood lights.

After working hours he operates a combination tailor-barber shop in back of the Sec. D orderly room. With a sewing machine and all the other needed equipment, he can take care of any of your tonsorial or sartorial needs. Although Pfc. Wildman specializes in tailor work, he is ever ready to give barber service also; in fact, you can have your shirt mended and get a haircut—all in one painless operation.

## 35 Boys Attend Scout Meetings

About 35 boys are now attending Boy Scout meetings—not all regularly—on this base, and the organizational labors started several weeks ago are nearing completion.

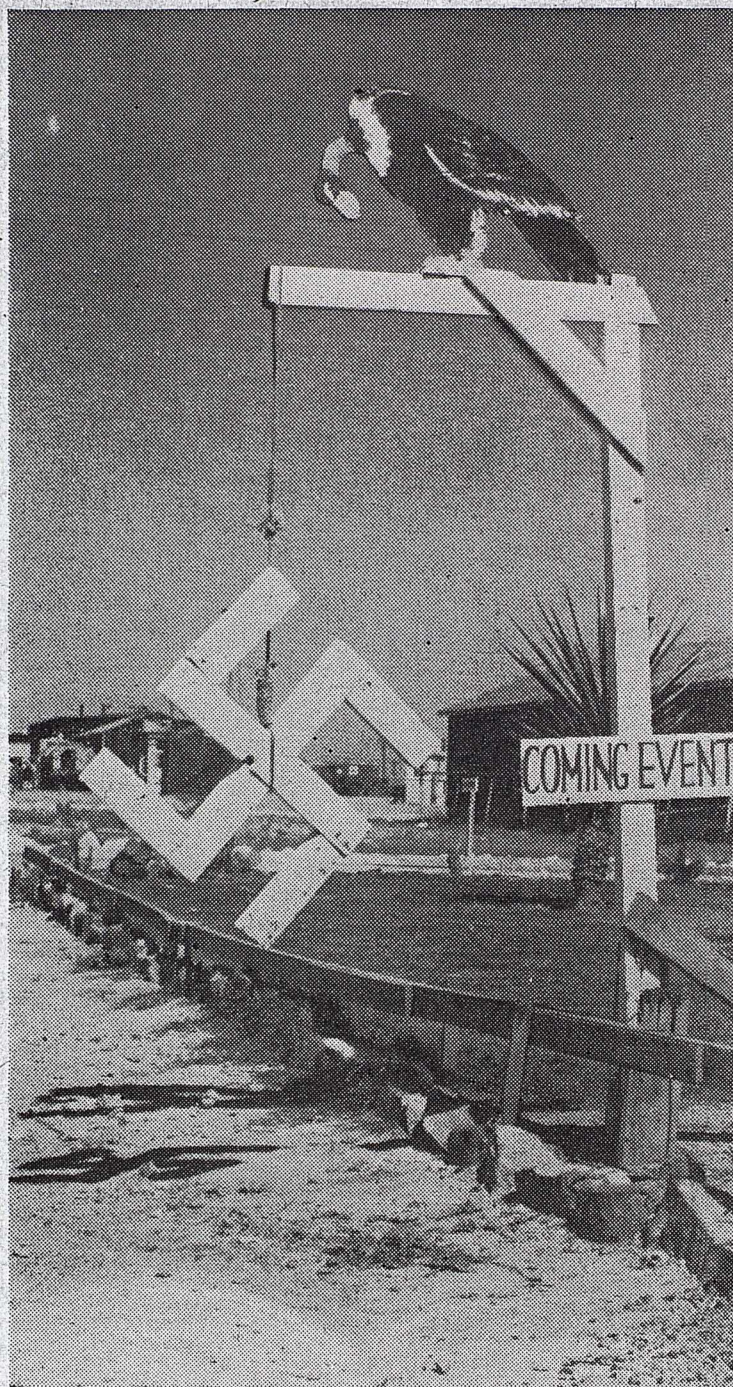
A goal of 32 boys attending the weekly meetings has been set. The Scouts meet each Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the area south of Civilian Personnel. A senior Scout movement for Air Scouts has been initiated; it meets each Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Civilian Personnel building. The Air Scout movement is for boys over 15 years old, the regular Scout movement for boys between 12 and 18. All boys of these ages on this station are eligible to join.

Major Joe L. Brady is Scoutmaster for the troop being formed; his assistants are Capt. Frost, Lt. Hansen, and Pvt. John E. MacConnell. Lt. Elmer L. Taft and Lt. Stanley R. Bowman are counsellors.

### RESORT HOTELS NOW REDISTRIBUTION POSTS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Overseas veterans of the Army Ground Forces and the Army Service Forces have moved into resort hotels at Miami Beach, Fla., and Santa Barbara, Calif., the first of five AGF and ASF redistribution stations where men returning for duty within the United States will be reclassified and reassigned.

WASHINGTON (CNS)—There are 72,000 soldiers named Smith in the U. S. Army, according to a recent survey. There are also 48,000 GIs named Johnson and 39,000 named Brown.



COMING EVENTS . . . This effigy of the swastika, which speaks for itself, has been built by the men of Sec. C in front of their orderly room. It is a tangible reminder to them that the harder they work the sooner the hanging of the swastika will become a reality in Germany.

### THIS WEEK'S BIGGEST WHOPPER

ENGLAND (CNS)—Radio Berlin has reported that a Luftwaffe lieutenant named Barmann recently shot down 11 Russian planes in one day, bringing his total score to 301.

EVANSTON, ILL. (CNS)—Police found the loot from several Evanston burglaries cached in the First Methodist church. Later they found the burglar himself. He had been living in the Boy Scout rooms of the church for more than a week.

### NEW DRESS FOR WACS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Wacs have been issued a new winter off-duty dress—for supper and dancing purposes. The dress is a soft wool crepe, "horizon tan" in color, of a one-piece sport design with exaggerated military shoulders to emphasize the waist line.

### Classified Ads

WANTED—Two riders to Barstow and back; leave Barstow at 7 a.m. and return 5:15 p.m. See Sgt. Harry A. Hopkins, c/o Combat Crew mail room.

## Service Club

Thurs.—Variety Show, 9 to 11.  
 Fri.—Leap Year Dance, 9 to 12.  
 Sat.—Open House.  
 Sun.—Musical, 8:30.  
 Mon.—Open House.  
 Tues.—Dance, 9 to 12.  
 Wed.—Open House.

## Theater Schedule

Thurs.—WING AND A PRAYER, with Don Ameche and Dana Andrews.  
 Fri. and Sat.—ATLANTIC CITY, with Constance Moore.  
 Sun. and Mon.—RAINBOW ISLAND, with Dorothy Lamour and Eddie Bracken.  
 Tues.—(Double feature)—BLACK MAGIC, with Charlie Chan, and KANSAS CITY KITTY, with Joan E. Davis.  
 Wed. and Thurs.—BRIDE BY MISTAKE, with Lorraine Day and Marsha Hunt.

## 'Leap Year Special' Dance Slated At EM Service Club Friday Night

The "sleeker" sex is coming into its own tomorrow night at the EM's Service Club. Miss Eleanor Crowder, hostess, announces that the Friday night dance is going to be strictly a "Leap Year Special".

This being a leap year—when custom decrees that the little woman can pop the question outright, rather than resorting to trickery and craftiness—the girls are going to switch the time-honored prerogatives the male sex usually has.

The girls will ask the fellows for a dance, and it shall be a common sight tomorrow night to see a soft, fluffy, luscious young thing approach one of those nasty Tech Sergeants and coo to him: "Let's squirm, worm!"

Many of the dances will be "Ladies Tag", which will provide the girls with a chance to swing a mean tootsie with a cat or a dreamboat, rather than having to put up with some of the squares in the joint.

There will be a healthy supply of girls—both Wacs and civilians from the base, as well as the groups of comely hostesses from surrounding towns.

Weather permitting, the dance will be held on the patio; if the weatherman starts cutting didos, however, the dance will be indoors.

Pvt. George Annis will direct the Pyote Orchestra; and dancing starts at 9 and lasts till midnight—when, like Cinderella, the GIs scurry back to the barracks before their fairy godmother (in the guise of a grizzled c.q.) tucks them in for the night.



**ALASKA**—A sergeant stationed here received a letter from home. "I'm sending you some goodies," his mother wrote. Much later the long-awaited package arrived. It contained fruit jar rubbers. The sergeant's mother had sent the wrong bundle.

### NAZIS OBEY COMMAND, KILL THEIR OWN OFFICER

**FRANCE (CNS)**—Sgt. Robert Beeton, of Clinton, N. C., and two buddies were speeding through France in their jeep when they spotted a company of German's marching toward them. Beeton slowed down.

"Open fire," the German officer shouted to his men.

The Nazis opened fire, all right—on the officer. Then they surrendered to Beeton.



The babe is Hazel Brooks, whom you'll be seeing at the local moom pitcher house—and don't tell us you won't recognize her. Being one who likes to turn a neat pun, may we say that we would like to sit home and curl up with a Brook?

## Money Due Missing Soldier Given To CP Fund By Wife

Mrs. Frank Compton of San Jose, Calif., whose husband was stationed here several months ago, has written to the Special Services Office requesting that a small sum of money owing to her husband be turned in for recreational activity at this station.

Mrs. Compton wrote a letter to Lt. William G. Roberts stating:

"In reference to your letter of Aug. 28, 1944, I don't exactly understand where the \$1.08 comes from; but as long as it's there it's perfectly fine with me if you will contribute it to your Central Post Fund. I remember only too well how any Special Service activity was appreciated by the boys there.

"And now that my husband is a prisoner of war in Germany I'm sure he often remembers what good times we had at the Service Club while we were in Pyote."

The money, which was a refund due Compton after he left here, has been deposited in the fund for the welfare of other enlisted men.

### STOP ACCIDENTS

Do not over-crowd motor vehicles. Too many passengers may cause a serious accident and make you liable for manslaughter.

## 'Cactus Capers' Slated Monday

"Cactus Capers", a laugh- and song-sprinkled variety show comprised of local talent, will be unfurled at Theater No. 1 Monday night, Sept. 25, for two showings. Admission is free.

A complete line-up on the cast was unavailable as the Rattler was printed this week, but the headliners will be Cpl. Gene Elston and Miss Bobby Tubbs, the stars of the very successful "Off Limits". A number of songs are being arranged especially for Gene's fine voice, and other specialties in the show carry a GI motif with a heavy Western accent.

Pvt. Monty Ash of Special Services is handling arrangements.

## EM Wives Club Needs Members

Invitations are extended to wives of enlisted men stationed at Pyote to join the EM Wives Luncheon Club.

Meetings are conducted once a month, and the luncheon motif is used as the basis for club activities. This is due to the conflict of working hours of the girls here at the base.

Many of the wives of Pyote-bound GIs have not joined the club, it was pointed out, primarily because they didn't know of its existence.

The EM Wives Luncheon Club is the only organization of its kind on the base, purely social in purpose, and provides an opportunity for the EM wives to get together for a noon-time entertainment.

Parties interested should contact Reva Combs at the Post Exchange, or Miss Eleanor Crowder at the Service Club.

## Monahans USO

**Thursday**—  
 Birthday Night.  
 Protestant discussion group in Quiet Room.

**Friday**—  
 Informal activities.  
 Spanish class.

**Saturday**—  
 Dance.

**Sunday**—  
 Coffee Hour, 11 a.m.  
 Buffet supper, 6:30 p.m.  
 Songfest, 7:30 p.m.  
 Movie, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday**—  
 Songfest, Movie and dancing after movie.

**Tuesday**—  
 Dance Class; Quiz Night.

**Wednesday**—  
 "Better Halves Club" Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.  
 Catholic Discussion group in Quiet Room.



# KOOPS' KORNER

(Ed. Note: Koops being stranded in the "environs", waiting for a scheduled appointment with a man from Haig and Haig, his column this week is composed of notes and memos to Koops from his ever-lovin' secretary—Sugar.)

**SUGAR REPORT:** . . . Dear Koops, any chance of swinging a couple of ducats to take me to the Superbomber-NTAC game? . . . It's in Odessa the 21st of October, and only 60 cents a ticket for EM and 'guests'. . . A guy asks if you would see what can be done about getting some bowling shoes at the EM alleys for southpaws. Seems the left-handers hain't got no shoes. Talk to somebody, will ya? . . . See where the various sections took you up on your June 21st suggestion about turning in blankets for cleaning. Nice goin', keed . . . There's a policy to the effect that camp newspapers should not print anything uncomplimentary to any state or station . . . and that's the reason why no-can-print some of the gags and jokes that have been sent in . . . Sorry . . . The Special Service Office is taking you up on the idea of publicizing base goings-on with ads on bulletin boards in the mess halls . . . The Lincoln (Nebr.) Bomb-Bay Messenger carried a story on Page 1 about a map they have showing all 2nd Air Force installations. By this map, their story reads, guys can look to see where they're going to be shipped. And the headline on the yarn reads: "Where Is Pyote? . . ."

In Lincoln and Colorado Springs, the PX bought up all the enlisted man's tickets to the Superbomber games and gave—or will give—them to the GIs free. Can't somepin' like that be done here? It would be swell for that Oct. 21st game in Odessa . . . Last week at Theater No. 1, some woman with a baby disturbed the whole show. The kid bawled and bawled for at least 20 minutes, and the mother stayed right in the show . . . Seems to me she could take the kid out in the lobby where it could cry without drowning out the sound track . . . Special Services is on the prowl for more talent—either GI or civilian—to give a hand on the various local shows. A squib in the Korner would be appreciated . . .

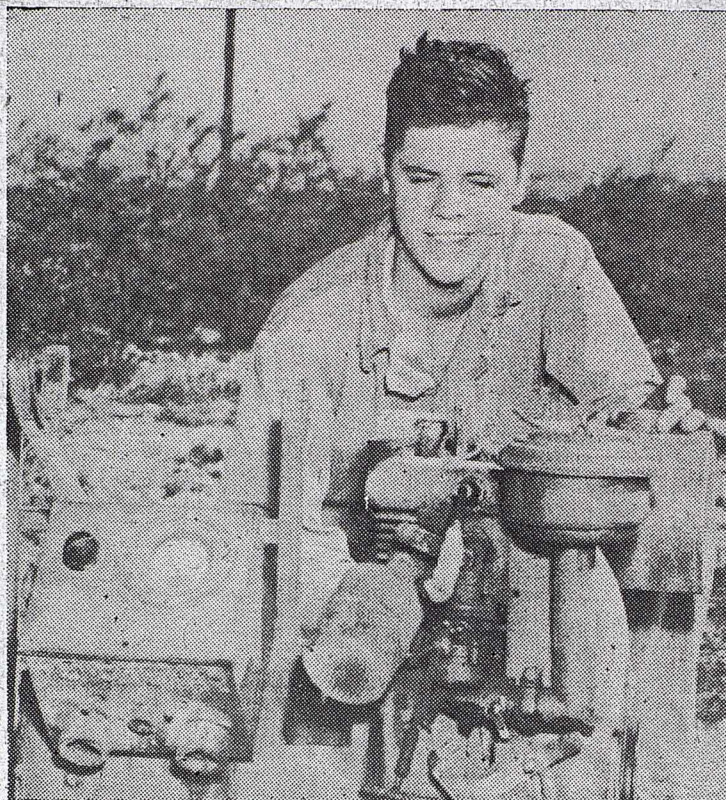
The rumors that 2AF will return to the two furloughs a year deal is strictly a rumor and no more . . . One source we heard says that the grapevine tells him that 2AF is considering switching back—but there's nothing definite . . . We do know that the Fourth Air Force went back to the 30 days plus travel time a year . . . Did you see by the papers where Representative Buffett (R. Nebr.) disclosed that the War Dept. does NOT prohibit enlisted men from writing to their Congressman? . . . Seems we once heard that they couldn't, but the straight dope is that the boys CAN write them, as long as said letter does not constitute political action on the part of the troops . . . To the guys that read the Rattler to drool over some pin-up-lifts, there might be some honeys coming soon, if Koops ever gets off that letter to Chi niteries.

What's this I hear about maybe—maybe having "Good Night, Ladies" presented on the base by a local cast? . . . And that reminds me—I see by the papers that the 6th Air Force is having a play-writing contest among its bases. The best show—as selected by the 6th AF judges, makes a tour of all other bases . . . We think that is a wow of an idea, and pass it along to the powers-that-be in 2AF . . . Tell VB that we checked on his gripe about tomato juice prices. The reason for the difference between the cost at the Service Club and the cost at the PX is that the servings at the SC are only 3 ounces (with ice making up the difference) and at the PX, it's 7 ounces . . . Glad to note that the PX is now selling potato chips, salted peanuts, and that kind of things in the tap-room . . . How about a line of cigarettes? . . . Keep hearing many nice compliments about the orchestra—who keeps getting better 'n better . . .

Couple guys wanna know if there is anything to the report that the Rattler will soon go back to 16 pages . . . To the guys who complain about missing the papers when on sale at the PX . . . Do they know that the Library has daily copies of big-town newspapers?

That's it for this week, Koops . . . Love,

Sugar.



**CHECKING GENERATOR . . .** Pvt. Charles W. Finnell checks one of the distant generators which supply power for the field's lighting system. Each night the gasoline supply must be checked and replenished. These lights are always a welcome sight to incoming pilots after dark.

## MEET YOUR BUDDIES:

### Night Flyers Are Thankful For Boys Who Keep Things 'Lit Up'

One of the GIs in charge of getting the Pyote Army Air Field all lit up, is not a bartender or a bourbon-hustler. He's 19-year-old Charles W. Finnell, a Pvt., from Lexington, Kentucky.

Finnell's job consists of making constant checks on the lights on the ramps and runways on the landing strips, as well as ground lights and obstruction lights on the hangars.

It's a lonely job for Charley, as he tours the runways in his jeep in the wee sma' hours of the morning, checking on runway lights. Out as far as a mile from the end of the runways are approach lights.

Once a night, he goes out to these distant lights, and puts the massive generator into action, in position determined by the direction of the wind.

Not only does he check on the field lights, but he must keep a watchful eye to be sure that the obstruction lights are burning on top of the hangars, towers, etc.

**"When an emergency arises," Finnell pointed out, "we have to be prepared for immediate action. So we bring our light truck with its super lights to flood the runway. When the ground lights are unable to go on, we use this truck, and boy—these are some lights! You can really see plenty when they are on!"**

It's another job in the Air Force

that puts a premium on painstaking accuracy. And many a pilot has thanked his lucky stars (or approach lights, to be exact) when he banks in for a landing after dark.

But it's all in the night's work to Pvt. Finnell, who got into his jeep to make the check on the generators, and turned around and added, as an afterthought, "Sometimes coyotes hurriedly cross in front of the lights on the jeep. . . . You know, it gets a bit lonely out there, too!"

## GIFT FOR BOY SCOUTS

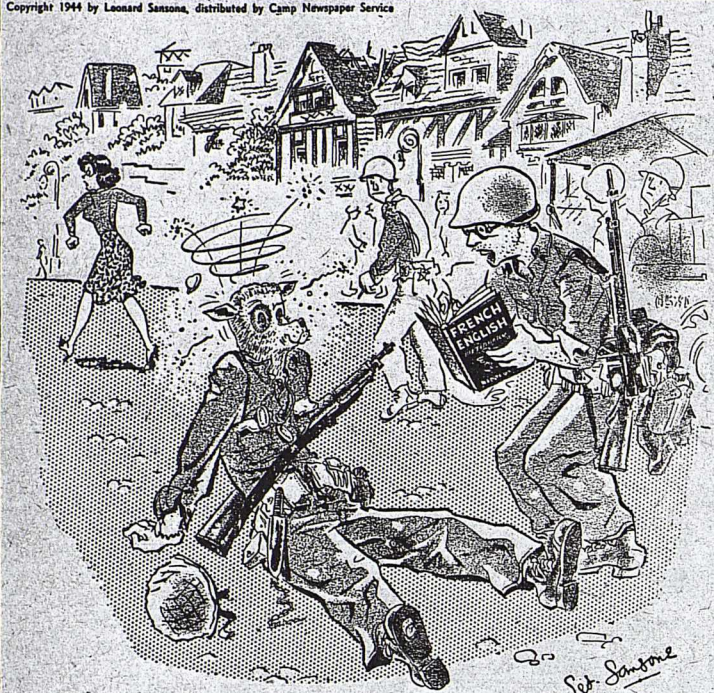
A donation of \$25 cash has been made out of the Civilian Personnel Welfare Fund to the Boy Scouts to help them during their period of organization. The Scouts have invited all boys between 12 and 18 years old who live on the base to investigate and join one of the branches of their organization.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

EDITORIAL

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"Oh... I'm terribly sorry! You put the accent on the wrong syllable!"

## Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

His age may be anything from 16 to 60; his clothes are nondescript, mostly somewhat ragged. . . . He struts proudly along the highway, his rifle slung over his shoulder, stares at uniformed soldiers with a slight tilt of his chin. "Good men," he seems to be saying to himself, "but I was doing this job long before they started to do it."

He is right; the maqui has come into his own; no longer does he hide, no longer does he deal his staggering blows from the back—as is according to the code in underground warfare when the enemy has his heel on your neck; no longer does he sulk in holes close to his home, to the place where he was born, not daring to appear among his own people, for the Germans had a price on his head and his inevitable last walk would have been to the execution wall.

The word "maqui" had its origin in the island of Corsica, years ago—the place which produced Napoleon and the fiercest, bloodiest feuds in history. In its original form it was "macchia," which means outlaw, at least that is what it came to mean before the word left Corsica and came to France. A macchia is a small bush which grows on that rock island and also in parts of Italy and reaches to about the average height of a man.

When a man offended against the existing government—whether his neighbors thought he was doing a shameful thing or a splendid thing—the smart move to make

was to get away; and that meant going away into the macchia—or the bushes. Thus an outlaw . . . became a macchia.

The French maqui of this war originated with those young men who refused to be recruited for forced labor in Germany or for work on fortifications in their own country designed to repel the invader when he arrived. They took to the bushes; they were, in the beginning, just passive resisters. The underground leaders saw in these fugitives the groundwork of a fine force for offensive warfare of the sort which includes bridge-blowing, train-wrecking, factory-smashing and a little wholesale murder. . . . So the word went out and other men, young and old, became maquis although they had not been ordered into forced labor. The army grew, was supplied with rifles and ammunition, with powder, TNT and knives. They've done a great job and are entitled to strut before the invasion armies. —W. A. S. Douglas.

#### JAPS SERVE LIZARDS ON JUNGLE MENU

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—Since the American infantry has cut off the Japs rice supply here, Nipponese soldiers are existing in the jungles on this diet:

Cocoanut meat cocktail, root salad, land crabs (main course), small live lizards (game course) and cocoanut milk in the half shell.

## Use Your Ballot

It must be very puzzling indeed to the Germans to read about or discuss the coming presidential election in the United States. No matter how Doctor Goebbels may doctor up the news, it is still news to the Germans that in America they are having an election.

If they turn on their hidden radios they can hear some of the campaign fireworks, which in America is a figure of speech. In Naziland the word "fireworks" in connection with politics means just that—the spat of a revolver in a bedchamber or the rattle of a machine gun before the execution wall. For in Germany bullets are used, not ballots, to settle political disputes.

While in America all soldiers are urged to study the election issues in preparation for voting, the all-wise masters of the state of Germany forbid their people "even to discuss the possibility of defeat". Fearing a collapse on the home front, the German rulers are propping up their slaves' sagging backbones—with a gun barrel. Either they work, they fight, or they die. In Germany there is no room for discussion, no room for argument.

That is why your ballot is so precious. That is, finally, one of the main reasons why we are engaged in this war. But with the ballot, disuse brings on decay.

Use your ballot.

## The Blowing Of The Shofar

Seldom before in the history of Jewry has the coming of the High Holy Day season held greater portents for a brighter and fuller life. Millions who are Jewish people await deliverance from darkness and oppression, from the evil forces with which Germany sought to encircle the world.

For those who already have been delivered from the blight of Nazi-ism, it is a season of thanksgiving, of praise to the Lord whose flaming spear is driving before it the hordes of oppression and hate.

The Jewish High Holy Day season begins at sundown on Sunday, September 17, and continues through sundown on Wednesday, September 27. This season is known as the Ten Days of Penitence. The first two days of this season are observed as Rosh Hashonah, the New Year; the final day is the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

The theme of Rosh Hashonah is the proclamation of the sovereignty of God, with its implied theme of God's wisdom on earth and of the affirmation of the faith and hope that man and nations will come to live in brotherhood, in justice, and in peace, in conformity with God's will.

The expression of this hope that life and peace will come to the world is the blowing of the Shofar, the Ram's Horn.

If this clarion call brings indeed the reality of peace and justice, then the entire world, wherever decent men look toward a new light of goodness, should join in its proclamation and its shout of joy.

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## News From Your Own Home Town

ATLANTA, Ga. (CNS)—This ad ran in a Sunday edition of the Atlanta Journal: WANTED—Typist, smart enough to be worth \$135 a month, yet dumb enough to start for less."

ASTORIA, N. Y. (CNS)—A local resident snores so loud that neighbors have threatened him with bodily harm if he doesn't cut it out. He has applied to the police for protection.

CHICAGO (CNS)—Arrested for carrying a gun in his belt, Braden French, a visiting hillbilly, explained that friends back in Tennessee told him Chicago was a tough town.

COLUMBUS, S. C. (CNS)—A Columbus native was arrested here for failure to carry a draft card. Later he produced the draft card, all right, and it was OK, too, except that it was dated 1918.

MEMPHIS, TENN. (CNS)—One Memphis department store is looking for 1,000 residents with two left feet. The store recently received 1,000 pair of shoes—all for the left foot.

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Charles C. (Peppy Charlie) Carey marked his 85th birthday recently by pedaling his bicycle 70 miles. Peppy Charlie averages 200 miles of bike riding a week.

PERU, IND. (CNS)—Mrs. Dolly Jacobs sued her husband, an animal trainer, for divorce. She won custody of three elephants, a horse and their two sons.

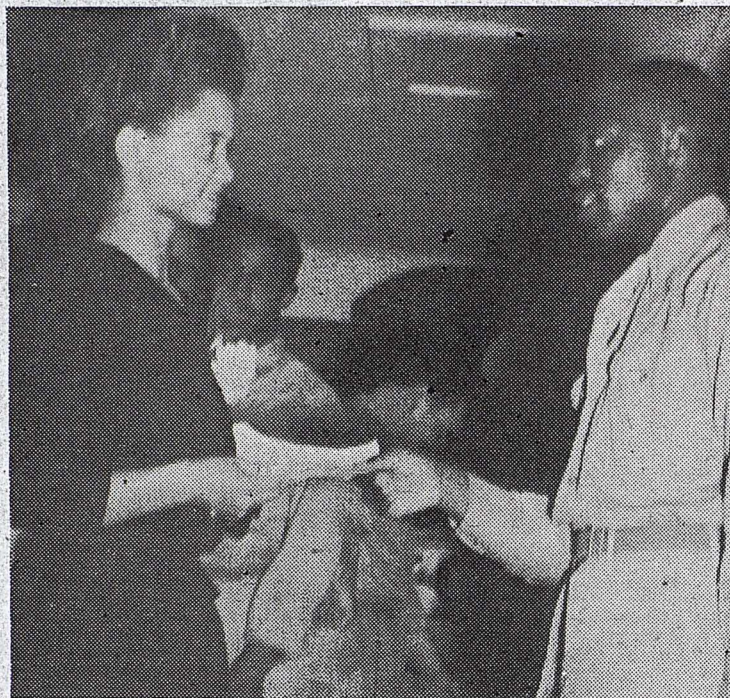
PITTSBURGH (CNS)—When 200 pounds of ice fell off a delivery truck, a passing cab driver stopped his cab, picked up the ice and placed it in the back of his cab—in the lap of a lady customer.

PATERSON, N. J. (CNS)—Ten local businessmen who had grown tired of waiting their turn at their favorite barber's chair, bought the barber shop and hired the barber for their personal use.

PITTSBURGH (CNS)—Two local residents were juggled after they stole a mounted policeman's horse and took it into a nearby saloon for a drink.

BROOKLYN (CNS)—Mrs. Olga Sadosh was given a suspended sentence on a charge of permitting a cow to roam the streets of Brooklyn. She promised to restrain the heifer.

## Sec. C's 'Chin-Up' Girl



Mrs. Cornell Ridley, of California Springs, Calif., was selected by Sec. C in its recent contest as the ideal "Chin-Up Girl". Here Mrs. Ridley is being presented a \$25 War Bond by 1st Sgt. Brooks of Sec. C. Her husband, Pvt. Cornell Ridley, is a physical training instructor.



Q. Bowser, my pet dog, has just returned from the wars where he lost a leg with the K9 Corps. Is Bowser entitled to wear the Purple Heart?

A. No, despite his wound, Bowser can't wear the Purple Heart for the simple reason that medals are awarded only to humans. If a dog's action warrants it, however, he may get a citation.

Q. I'd like to transfer to the Paratroops but have been told that I can't because I'm color blind. Is this true?

A. No, color blindness alone won't disqualify a candidate for the Paratroopers.

Q. I'm about to be commissioned a second lieutenant and realize that when I reach this rank my family allowance will stop. What I want to know is how soon is the termination of this allowance authorized after the period of enlistment ceases?

A. The law provides that entitlement to a family allowance will terminate on or be modified at the end of the month in which a change of status in the enlisted man or his dependents occurs, rendering them no longer eligible.

## Gen. Norstad Chief Of Staff For 20th

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Assignment of B-Gen. Lauris Norstad as Chief of Staff of the 20th Air Force with headquarters here has been announced by the War Department.

The 20th directs operations of B-29 Superfortresses under command of Gen. H. H. Arnold. Gen. Norstad, who has been director of Operations, Plans and Intelligence for the Mediterranean Allied Air Force, assisted in planning the aerial campaign for the North African invasion in 1942.

## TURKEY PROMISED FOR THANKSGIVING

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Every GI in the Army is going to have turkey on Thanksgiving if the Quartermaster Corps has anything to say about it.

As early as last June, plans were drawn up for the procurement and distribution of supplies for the holiday feast, according to the War Department, and more than a million pounds of turkey have been obtained.

## 8TH AAF BOXSCORE

ENGLAND (CNS)—The U. S. 8th Air Force, which dumped its first load of bombs over Europe a little more than two years ago, now has spilled nearly 300,000 tons of explosives and fire bombs on German-held territory.

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

The Director of Maintenance's office has been moved to new quarters in the Sub-Depot. Plenty of room and attractive surroundings are the main reasons that all concerned are appreciative of the change.

T-Sgt. Edgar Fink has gone to the hospital. By the time you get this he'll probably be able to receive visitors, so—drop around, huh, and cheer Eddie up? If you think of it, too, take him something. Just anything will do—a bouquet of blondes, a bouquet of brunets, or some such small token of esteem.

### Local News

Cpl. Joe Prop has returned from furlough for a much needed rest. . . . Pvts. Jimmie Dean and Bob Ives, with their eyes on tumbling car prices, are working at the Service Club piling up the dishes and the cash for a car . . . We've said goodbye to Cpl. Eddie Huber, the genial instrument man who's given up the Battle of Pyote for the battle over there . . . During Sgt. Goodman's absence, Pfc. Cotcher was No. 1 man in his office. He had little difficulty in keeping the boys in line—he'd just light an acetylene torch and go for the offender . . . Pfc. Cotcher, incidentally, is quite a locksmith. If you have lost a key or have a broken lock, he is the man to see. . . . "High Altitude" Dawson didn't get that name for his flights. He doesn't fly but he's the boy who's always there with the oxygen parts making it possible for the boys who do get into the wild blue yonder . . . The fellows around here who put the "roll" in rolling stock are Pvt. Michna and his boys who take care of the tires. They're doing a bang-up job.

## NO MORE BAD CHAMPAGNE —NAZIS DRANK IT ALL

FRANCE (CNS)—The Nazis, during their occupation of France, drank all the bad champagne in the country—but very little of the good stuff.

According to French sources, the Wehrmacht consumed 60,000 bottles of champagne a day. "But they didn't specify that it had to be good champagne," said one Frenchman, "and as a result, there is no bad champagne left in all France."

TEANECK, N. J. (CNS) Charlie Kuchar and Pete Allen were seated comfortably on a pile of lumber in the rear of a truck when a strong gust of wind blew Charlie, Pete and the lumber out of the truck and dumped them in the road 30 feet away. "It was like a glider flight," said Charlie.

# "A" Men

By SGT. WARD HOWELL

Several men on this field can scratch their floor-mops and recall the days when life at Pyote wasn't so rough. We were content with steady, reliable, 6-day-a-week jobs. Now comes ze revolution! What with spending our time removing hunks of earth where the swimming pool shall one day grace the Service Club plaza; sweating through fatiguing hours behind the counter over at the combat crew pool processing line; dashing hither to catch the PT class; running thither to massage a dish on KP; flying yon to beat out a few morbid hours on CQ and ending up by throwing some H2O on the floor of the barracks while on BO—we don't have any too much time hanging heavily on the ends of our arms. Ah yes, these changing times.

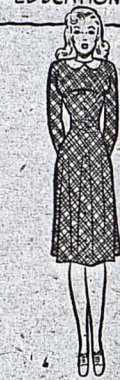
Speaking of changing times—this week we say "so long" and best of luck to a whole bunch of swell guys. The names: Pfc. James Margiavellano, Cpl. Murray Hamilton, T-Sgt. Lynn Bennett, Pfc. Harold Barnett, Sgt. Louis Bodeau, Pvt. John Zonver and Pfc. John Gibbs.

The Rattler carried a fine tribute to 1st Sgt. James Schurr last week. We all extend our sincere sympathy to the medics upon their loss and with wishes for the speedy recovery of the others, more fortunate.

The PX is a place  
That's known for fame and glory,  
But every time I visit there—  
They're closed for inventory.  
—Courtesy Esquire.

HERE 'N THERE IN A . . . Since S-Sgt. Frank Safranski has put "the gadget" on the third finger, left hand, of his Anne Dalton, that makes the deal in the bag . . . Two whiz-bangs when it comes to evening PT classes in the gym are S-Sgt. James Rosson and Pfc. Bill Key. Those boys really work out. . . . Pvt. Roy Rundgren will go into the Paratroopers as soon as he returns from furlough. Best of luck, Roy . . . Cpl. Jack Caldwell celebrated his recent birthday wrapped around a 2-inch T-bone in Aztec Joe's (not a paid adv.). . . . Sgt. Fred Johansen said he checked service records even in his sleep after the first day on the processing line . . . Discharged and on the way home is Harry Harrison . . . Recently three-day passing were S-Sgt. Bob Nash and Pfc. Walter Williams, in Dallas; S-Sgt. James Volmer in Carlsbad; Pfc. Noah Fleisher in Colo. Springs; S-Sgt. Ray Braun in Ft. Stockton; Pvt. Davis Lunceford, Sgt. Meredith Ford, Sgt. Clyde King and Cpl. George Kahn in El Paso.

**ANTHROPOLOGY REFRESHER CHART (FOR THE RETURNING SERVICE MAN WHO WISHES TO RESUME HIS EDUCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...)**



THIS IS A GIRL



"SPECIES AMERICANUS" (THE ALL-OVER OUTLINE IS THE SAME EVERYWHERE, BUT THE NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE SEEMS TO PRODUCE DISTINCTIVE RESULTS)



SOME TYPES ARE READY SUBJECTS AND MAY BE PICKED UP AND FONDLED



OTHERS ARE WARY UNTIL CERTAIN OF THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL INTENTIONS



THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH THE STUDENT WILL FIND THE SPECIES IN ABUNDANCE... IN OTHERS THE FIELD MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED OVER BY LOCAL SCIENTISTS...



# MALE CALL

By

Milton Caniff



BEGINNERS ARE WARNED NOT TO BE MISLED BY THE GAUDY SURFACE COLORING OF SOME SUBJECTS...OFTEN THE MOST SATISFYING RESEARCH MAY BE CONDUCTED WITH PLAIN TYPES —ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH NESTS OF THEIR OWN...

MANY STUDENTS BECOME SO ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE CREATURES THEY DECIDE TO MAKE PERMANENT PETS OF THEM ... AT THIS POINT YOU THROW THE BOOK AWAY...



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# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By PFC. BOB MERCER

(Ed. Note—T-Sgt. Shipp's boy Friday handles his column this week, as Shipp is away on DS).

The good news around here is that our boys are back—and doing nicely in Ward 8. Sgts. Villa, Boreski and Lesho and Cpl. Doherty, we're surely glad to see you all making such good progress—and we want the whole world to know that most of your burns came about because you deliberately went back into a blazing inferno to help your buddies.

1st Sgt. Flitt says it's so dark on some mornings that he's confused in making out the difference between the "Marine lunge" and "shadow boxing".

Attention "IN OUR MIDST"—You'd better stop kidding my boss so much, or I'll stop saving those bobby pins for you gals.

Our loss is Chaplain's Kuhn's gain. Pfc. George Sauter has become chaplain's assistant—and

we're happy that he'll remain on the base. Don't forget to come around often, George . . . Pfc. Nas-sif is breaking plenty of hearts with those "romantic reminiscences". Especially when you tell them at 0100. Better take it easy or we'll have to inform "Mr. Anthony" Mete.

## Lt. Moore's Boys Are On The Ball!

Unintentionally omitted last week from the list of persons who should receive recognition for their part in the station's fine work of processing crews was the name of Lt. Harry Z. Moore.

Lt. Moore, in charge of CCD Supply, and his section contributed greatly to the final record of 99 per cent which set a record among 2AF stations. He and all the Supply boys and girls deserve the gratitude of us all. The Rattler hereby extends to them congratulations and best wishes.

## 3rd Echelon

By SELMA LANE

There's a dance tonight, and everyone around here is getting ready for another enjoyable evening with James Page and his songsters. The tax is \$1 per couple.

Another of our Personnel clerks has left us for college—Fleta Smith, who was with us almost a year . . . Pete Beavers says that red car is HIS . . . Look for a Paul Jones (dance) special tonight.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — A sleepy burglar broke into a loan office, helped himself to \$300 and then lay down on the counter for a nap. Several hours later a cop awakened him gently and led him away to the station house.

NEW YORK (CNS)—When the judge asked Joe Schleifer why he kept 29 gallons of bootleg alcohol in his cellar, Schleifer replied: "Judge, I like a little nip once in a while." The judge thought 29 gallons for nipping was overdoing it, so he fined Schleifer \$100 and placed him on probation for a year.



## BRIEF POINTS From Section C

By PVT. WALTER CABELL

Within the last few weeks quite a number of changes have taken place to add to the morale of our unit. Our C. O. has been instituting a great contribution to this effort—which brings us to a little note for our C. O.

Lt. C. H. Gabler has a commendable record. He enlisted in the service in 1940, in the infantry and served as an EM for 26 months. He was promoted rapidly to the position of First Sergeant at the age of 19 years. He boasts of having the best unit on the base. And to be removed from this position, one would have to use a lot of force. Lt. Gabler has a hobby—he's a motorcyclist, having been engaged in a number of the Midwest classics. His home is in Midland, Texas.

The squadron dance went over with a "Wow" last Thursday night. Everyone had an enjoyable time, and ready for more. Mrs. Cornell Ridley of Pecos, Texas, was the winning contestant for our "Chin-up" girl. She was presented with a \$25 War Bond. Mrs. Ridley's photo will grace the walls of our day room. There were also several prizes awarded to winners of the "jitterbug" contest.

As a special feature, presented by Special Services, 100 men of our unit were given a trip to the "Caverns" of Carlsbad, New Mexico, last Sunday. Needless to say, there really were some sights to behold. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

We have an extensive sports program coming up now. Our athletic director says we can get set to gather in some honors. Sgt. Smith will give you the low down.



OKAY, PULL IN YOUR EYEBALLS! . . . Donna Reed is a movie starlet—as any fool can plainly see. She is reclining on some fancy veil of—aw, who wants to talk at a time like this?

### FEW MEN OVER 26 FACE DRAFT THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Few men past the age of 26 will be drafted for military service during the rest of 1944, Col. Francis V. Keesling, Jr., told a Congressional Committee recently.

The armed forces, estimated at an over all strength of 11,417,000, now may be kept at full strength without changing current draft policies, according to Selective Service figures, Col. Keesling said.

### STOP ACCIDENTS

If you plan on pulling some horseplay, wait and join the Paratroopers—then try it on the Germans. Do not try it on your fellow worker, as it may cripple him for life.

### BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Sept. 21st has been designated as "Birthday Night" for the month of September at the Monahans USO. All service men and women having birthdays this month are cordially invited to the USO for the birthday party. Volunteer workers with the assistance of Mrs. George Baker have large birthday cakes ready for the event.

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)—The 100 millionth check has been mailed from the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits, the WD has announced. The check was a family allowance payment of \$120 and went to a soldier's wife and three children in San Francisco.

BURMA (CNS)—"What do you think," the British officer said to his Gurkha sergeant, "of the idea of Gurkha soldiers jumping from planes at 800 feet like British and American troops?"

The Gurkha sergeant shook his head. "Gurkha soldiers won't jump from 800 feet," he said. "Two hundred feet, okay."

"But," the officer argued, "at 800 the parachute has a better chance to open."

The Gurkha smiled and nodded. "Oh," he said. "You mean we get parachutes? That's different."

### STOP ACCIDENTS

Goggles and eye shields are for your own protection. Do not wait until the Safety Inspector requests you to use them.

## DEVIL'S CORNER

When I'm in the blazing sun  
Where Nature never thought of green grass  
Or shady trees,  
I always stick to my rivet gun  
In this terrible, hot and dry breeze.

Even in the blazing inferno  
Life is much brighter  
When I do the job I know,  
And the burden is still lighter.

Of my work I'm surely proud  
When my day's work is done  
Other things I have to go without  
Such as love and other fun.

When the long shadows fall  
I'll forget about the grease  
With a few beers and a friendly brawl,  
Or lie down, and take life with ease.

It's not easy to carry the burden  
Of both nature and man.  
But I do it with a grin  
While a guest of Uncle Sam.

—Cpl. AUGUST SCERRI



EXPLODING DUDS . . . A group of ordnance men operate a detonator set which explodes dud bombs on the station's bombing range. Left to right: Lt. E. L. McIntyre, Capt. Francis Weiman and Pfc. Howard Traubman.



## Boxing Card Set For Sept. 27; Dodson-Robinson In Main Event

In order to bring local fistic fans the best boxing card in Pyote's history, the set of bouts originally scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20, has been moved back a week.

The bouts will be unfurled on Wednesday night, Sept. 27, in the Rec. Hall, beginning at 8:30.

S-Sgt. Fred Root, the PT department's boxing instructor who is handling arrangements, has built up a card of five red-hot boxing matches and one wrestling event thrown in for color.

Leading the parade is the evening's five-round main event for the lightweight championship of Pyote Army Air Field which will bring together the Altoona slugger, Luther Dodson, and the pride of Detroit, Izzy Robinson.

Both are experienced, clever fighters with impressive records. Robinson, colored former Detroit Golden Gloves champ, has amassed 25 wins against a single loss as an Army boxer. Fast and very clever, he has displayed the stamina required for competition over the longer route against first class opponents.

Sgt. Dodson, Pennsylvania boy who is well known to fight fans in this vicinity, also has a marvelous Army record. He has dropped only two fights in 28 starts. Last year he finished in the finals in the Odessa district Golden Gloves tournament, and has won seven straight fights in the Pyote arena without losing.

Robinson is expected to weigh in at 131½ pounds, Dodson at 130.

The semi-final, brining together two terrific punchers, will crowd the main go for sheer interest.

Clifford Weiss and Otis Delce are slated for a three-round bout which should see a maximum of leather tossing.

Weiss has won the only two fights he has had while stationed here and is a seasoned, smart fighter. He was also a finalist in the district Golden Gloves tourney last January.

Delce is the year's best find among the colored boxers here, and his development is directly attributed to Eddie Phillips, Sec. C's trainer and talent scout. In his three appearances at Pyote he has shown remarkable skill and terrific punching power. His last time out Delce tucked away a KO handily.

It is extensively prophesied that the wrestling match involving "Strangler" Brown and "Strong Man" Bell will be of the hair-raising, wham-bang variety. The boys are evenly matched and more than eager.

In the preliminaries one lightweight and one welterweight match are on tap.

## Here's Question-And-Answer Sheet On 2AF-NTAC Game

Some of the more skeptical brethren in these parts are harboring certain unanswered questions in their minds concerning the Oct. 21 engagement in Odessa between the 2AF Superbombers and NTAC.

In the first place—why there?

Because, good people, it is the desire of the 2nd AF Commanding General that the Superbombers play near stations of the 2nd AF so that personnel stationed in isolated spots may have a chance to see at least one big-time football game this fall. As you all know, Pyote qualifies with a triple-A priority.

And Odessa is the only town around here with anything like suitable facilities for entertaining such a club as the Superbombers. Fly Field, Odessa's high school stadium, will seat 7,500 persons; with end zone bleachers this figure can be stretched by another 1,000 or better.

In the second place—will we get to go?

The answer is: yes—probably. Everything in the Army has to be qualified, but it is planned to operate the field with the absolute minimum of personnel necessary to maintain the efficiency of the base on the Saturday night the game is played.

Next, how do I get a ticket?

Ticket sales, which will begin as soon as the ducats arrive here from the printers, will be handled by the Public Relations Office through the various units on the base.

It has been agreed by all parties connected with the deal that military personnel are to get first crack at the tickets. They will be placed on sale at army posts at Pyote, Midland and Pecos before they go on sale to civilians in surrounding towns. The tickets will be apportioned to the three bases. The prices will be 60 cents for enlisted men and \$1.75 for officers. Each enlisted man is allowed to bring one feminine guest for 60 cents also.

No seats will be reserved, but one side of the stadium will be reserved for military personnel only. The other side will be occupied by civilians.

How about transportation?

Efforts are being made right now to provide transportation to and from the game for as many soldiers as want to go. That is one reason why you are requested to turn your name in to your first

Paul Chiarello, at 135 pounds, will go three rounds against Tommie Thomas, same weight. Chiarello, a rugged-appearing newcomer, will be making his first appearance.

Danny Camoia and Johnny Jones, both weighing 140, will tangle in another three-round prelim.

sergeant if you plan to take in this spectacle.

Are the Superbombers really as good as some people say?

The answer is—they're probably better. The players were carefully chosen from all the 2AF bases. To give you an idea, Ray Evans, from Kansas, led the nation's collegians in 1942 with a record of 101 completions. The Bombers have the great Glenn Dobbs pitching, among others. Dobbs was one of the greatest chunkers ever to come out of the pass-minded Southwest. But the sensation of the Superbombers is hippety-hips Johnny (Strike) Strzyskalski, who got all-American mention at Marquette as a sophomore two years ago.

Who gets the rake-off?

The Army Air Forces Aid Society. There are four major teams in the Air Force this year, and all of them are shoving their profits at the AAF Aid Society, the organization which provides for the care of dependents of Air Force personnel.

Where are the Superbombers going this year?

We can't tell—yet. They already have a bowl bid. It is known that they are gunning for the unofficial football championship of the Armed Forces. Service football has been dominated for the past two years by Navy elevens, and as the saying goes, too much is enough. We're going to try to take that honor away from the Navy this year.

NEW YORK (CNS)—"Do you know where I can buy a good used car?" the Army psychiatrist asked inductee Harry Proper, a used car salesman. "Are you crazy?" queried Proper.

## THANKS!

The Lions Clubs of Monahans, Wink, Kermit and Fort Stockton have given outstanding assistance to those in charge of building a swimming pool for enlisted men at Pyote Army Air Field.

Many contributions of needed materials, in addition to direct financial assistance, have been made by the clubs.

Sincere appreciation for the assistance is expressed to these big-hearted Lions on the behalf of all station personnel.

## Touch Football League Starts With 15 Teams

### Play Begins This Month; Room Left For More Entrants

It's just about that time of year when six or seven guys get together on vacant lots, streets, or playgrounds to beat the bejabers out of a bit of pigskin.

A touch football league is now being organized here on the field, which will include about 15 teams. Play is due to start about the end of the month, according to Lt. Rodney S. Mahoney, Station Physical Fitness Officer.

T-Sgt. Fred Hightower, one of the newly arrived PT instructors will be in charge of this league. Hightower is well experienced in intra-mural athletics.

The following teams have been organized by the captains listed. There are still vacancies in the schedule, and teams are invited to join now. Those who wish to organize such a team, contact S-Sgt. Parvin at the Rec. Hall, or phone 231-R2.

The teams:

Dusters (S-Sgt. Walt Ward); Flashes (Cpl. George Wynn); Bruisers (S-Sgt. Ed Owenby); Hot Shots (S-Sgt. Pilcher); Speedsters (Sgt. Zernon); Demons (S-Sgt. Castner); and the Sawbones (Pvt. Relkin).

### NAVY ADDED 65,000 SHIPS SINCE WAR BEGAN

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U. S. Navy has grown by almost 65,000 vessels with a total displacement of more than 9,000,000 tons since Sept. 1, 1939, when the war in Europe began, according to James V. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy.

During this same period, Navy personnel including Marine Corps and Coast Guard has increased from 152,000 to 3,717,000, Mr. Forrestal said.

## Superbombers

vs.

## NTAC Aggies

October 21

Odessa, Texas

## 2AAF "SUPERBOMBERS"



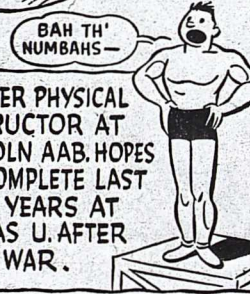
A TEXAS OIL FIELD WORKER SEVERAL SUMMERS, AND STAR QUARTERBACK WITH TEXAS LONGHORNS WHEN THEY LOST ONLY ONE GAME IN 42 AND DEFEATED GEORGIA TECH IN THE 1943 NEW YEAR'S DAY COTTON BOWL GAME



**Pfc. DON FAMBROUGH**  
2nd AIR FORCE QUARTERBACK

NATIVE OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS. STARRED ON LONGVIEW HIGH AND TEXAS LONGHORN ELEVENS

FORMER PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR AT LINCOLN AAB. HOPES TO COMPLETE LAST TWO YEARS AT TEXAS U. AFTER THE WAR.



### Monahans-Kermit Tangle Friday

For those frenzied football fans—who like their pigskin pandemonium to be raised weekly—there's another high school game in the offing.

The Monahans Green Wave tackles the Kermit eleven at Kermit tomorrow night.

There will be special prices for servicemen—presumably 50 cents, according to the admission charged for Monahans home-games.

The following Friday, the 29th, Monahans takes on Pecos at Sealy Field in Monahans.

So, if it's football you want—take in these night games: Tomorrow night, Monahans High at Kermit; and next Friday, Pecos at Monahans.

Before going overseas on his USO tour, Lefty Gomez received his quota of shots in the arm. "Don't give me any shots in the left arm, doc," he advised while rolling up his sleeve. "It's been dead for years."

### All-Stars Split Bill At Angelo

A Pyote all-star team, managed by Lt. Elmer L. Taft, split a twin bill last week-end with the strong Goodfellow Field Club. Our boys dropped the Saturday afternoon tilt 17-3 and came back to take the Sunday game 5-2.

Pfc. Leon A. Serraille pitched the opener and Sgt. John F. Cannon caught. Sgt. Larkin J. Tucker, Jr. relieved in the fifth frame with Sgt. Jim Castner receiving.

Pvt. John T. Moran hurled Sunday's game and Pvt. Ralph Cannon caught. The line score:

	R	H	E
Pyote	5	10	4
San Angelo	2	8	4

### NAZIS PLACE BOOBY TRAP IN RUSSIAN POET'S GRAVE

RUSSIA (CNS)—Add this one to your list of Nazi battle tricks: Russian sources have reported that the Germans put a booby trap in the grave of the great Russian poet, Alexander Pushkin. Many civilians were killed while visiting Pushkin's grave because of the trap, the Russians said.

## WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

**The Babe in Bedclothes**  
Don't you believe that story you've been hearing about how Babe Ruth is coming back to baseball as a pinch-hitter. There is nothing to this particular latrine-ogram, nothing to it at all.

Actually, the world's greatest fat man is going to confine his future athletic activities to golf, poker and an occasional round of Kelly pool unless someone offers him the big-league managerial berth he has wanted all his life.

When he was in his prime, Ruth was America's greatest sports personality. Maybe he still is. Now he's past 50 and the half-forgotten hero of a semi-legendary past. He still has the instinct, the flair and the sense of the dramatic which placed him upon a pinnacle none of his rivals could ever quite reach. The only difference is that now he belongs to the ages.

It seemed strange, then, that during his recent stay in a New York hospital, where he had a cartilage removed from his knee, only one old ball player came to call on him. That was Al Schacht, the ex-pitcher, clown and restaurateur. It seemed kind of strange, to be sure, that Ruth, to whom baseball players owe more than they owe to anyone else, should be so easily forgotten by them. Before the Babe came along, they were paying off the players in nickels and dimes.

The Babe doesn't look at it this way, however. He has grown mellow with the years. He won't discuss his disappointment at not having landed that major league manager's job, or the rough deal he got in Boston, where he was mercilessly exploited during his last year in the game. He just won't talk about those things any more.

**He Still Has His Friends**  
During his last day at the hospital, the Babe was sitting up and talking to his pal Schacht and to Joe Williams, the sports writer, when someone knocked at his door. It was a nurse and she had a slip of paper in her hand.

"One of the patients downstairs, a little boy, is leaving the hospital today," the nurse said. "He has been here six months and he wants your autograph."

The Babe's fat face opened up into a watermelon grin. He grabbed a pen and the paper and signed his name with a dramatic flourish. Then, when the nurse had gone, he leaned back in his bed and smiled.

"See," he said. "The kids ain't forgotten me yet."

# ALLIED AIRBORNE FORCES LAND IN HOLLAND

## Allies Capture 454,000 Men Since June 6th

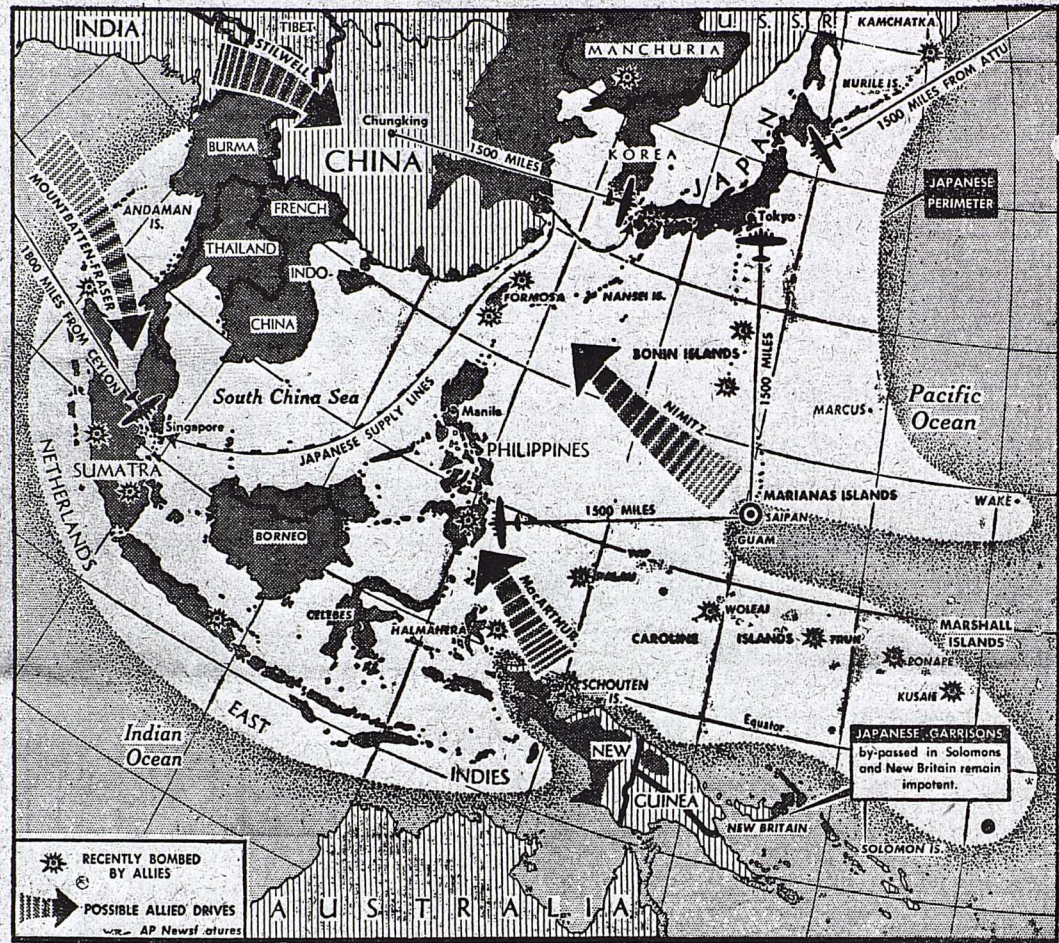
While the big guns of Allied military strategy were meeting in Quebec to chart new plans for offenses against the Axis, foot soldiers of the Allied cause last week were breaking onto German soil and getting for the first time the Teutonic reaction to invasion.

The accounts of contacts with civilian populations were too scattered and incomplete to give a complete and accurate picture of this reaction, but there was definitely no carpet of roses laid down for the khaki-clad boys who broke through the Siegfried Line. Things were greatly different from the situation in France. There they were greeted with the wild, almost frenzied demonstrations of an entire people from the youngest to the oldest. In Germany the people seemed to be saying "humph" and letting it go at that.

Gen. Eisenhower, undoubtedly with an eye to feeling out anti-Nazi feeling, said that a military government would be installed in German areas as they are captured, and the Nazis will be thrown out of their places of power. With the crossing of the Siegfried line the correspondents can start substituting the word "captured" for "liberated" as more areas come under Allied control. For, although the German rulers are sitting on a powder keg of around 8 million foreign workers, there are no organized movements such as that of the maquis in France which contributed greatly to Allied victories.

On the other hand, it is the belief of many observers that Germany is not so irretrievably adamant in her Nazi convictions as Herr Doctor Goebbels would have us believe. The realization that she is fighting a hopeless war will sink deeper into the Reich. It must be remembered that Hitler never received a majority vote of approval at any time of his career. Time after time he has eliminated rivals by the firing squad method. This indicates conclusively that there is still widespread resistance to the Nazi creed even inside Germany.

Whether this feeling can be developed and exploited to the sizable advantage of the United Nations will only be seen as the pattern of occupation of Ger-



**NEW BLOWS IN PACIFIC . . .** Map shows where Allied aerial blows have been struck at the Japs in recent days. The Quebec conference between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Allied military strategists had as its main topic the crushing of Japan. When Gen. MacArthur left the Philippines in 1942 he vowed to return. These bombings, plus new landings in Palau east and south of the Philippines, appear to be clearing the way.

many unfolds.

It is freely predicted that there will never be a formal surrender on the part of the Germans—only piecemeal surrender, army by army. If this be true we can look to the entrance of Allied soldiers into the capital city of Berlin to signalize the final crushing blow—unless there is a change of heart of the rulers meanwhile. For the present rulers, fearing their just payment for their crimes against humanity, will prolong the war to the last day possible.

The War Department came out with a demobilization plan—and many soldiers (mainly in the ground services) wondered when V-Day would fall. "On or before Oct. 31" for some reason, has been the date most freely bandied about by the V-Day guessers, not all of whom wear white shirts and striped ties. Word seeping out of the Quebec conference was that this has been set as the deadline for the fall of Germany.

At any rate, disregarding all latrine-ograms, poetic prophets and inside tips, Germany is in a bad way and gets more so every day. While it is surely very bad form to be second-guessing the generals out loud, a growing air of optimism is contained in messages from the front. Gen Eisenhower stated—not for the first time, either—that the war against Germany will be won this year if the troops in the field get the proper support from behind the lines. Field Marshal Montgomery said in a radio broadcast: "Nothing can prevent the complete and utter defeat of Germany . . . It is becoming problematical how much longer (the enemy) can continue the struggle."

A major attempt to flank the German Siegfried Line is being made by the First Allied Airborne Army, which landed in Holland and quickly effected a juncture with the British Second Army. While massive blows rained at the middle of

the line and the ultimate objective of Cologne, the airborne troops made their surprise landings in a supreme attempt to break into the heart of Germany and force the war to a swift conclusion.

The rain of blows on the Western front has forced the Germans to withdraw some of their crack troops from the Russian front to bolster the defenders of the Siegfried Line. Some of the forces met by the aerial invaders were green and untried soldiers who dropped their arms and fled. Allied air power went to work overtime in an effort to seal off these troops from the reinforcements being rushed into Holland.

A recapitulation showed that the Allied armies have captured 454,000 prisoners since landing in Normandy June 6. This included 20,000 Germans who surrendered to the Ninth U. S. Army at Beaugency, southwest of Orleans after being hopelessly cut off.