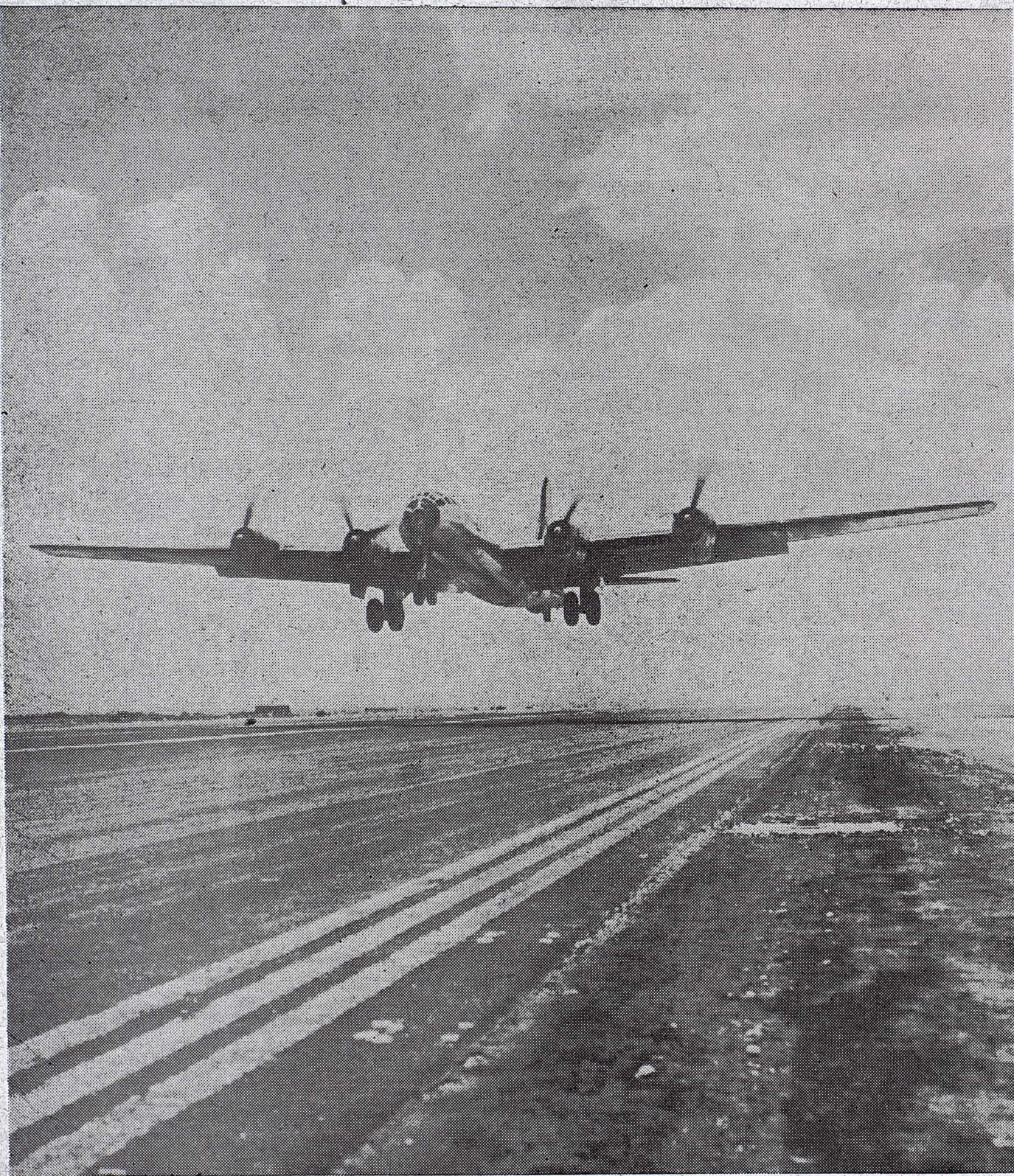


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# 6th WAR LOAN OVER THE TOP

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# GERMAN FURY FLARES ALONG MAGINOT LINE

## TWO NAZI SPIES AWAIT TRIAL; JAPS FEAR STRIKE AT MANILA

### THE RATTLER PYOTE, TEXAS

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## Who Can't Go Home?

We've just about reached the end of our patience with the extreme left end of the "You Can't Go Home Again" school of thought among civilian writers.

It was all right to point out that many marriages in the haste of war time wouldn't hold up. To this we did and still agree.

It was, further, all right to say that certain pre-war marriages which weren't founded on solid ground would crack up under the strain.

But, when the Dorothy Parkers et al start in with the business of saying, in essence, "Some things are changing, a lot of things are changing, everything will change, including marriages," then we must take issue in our small way.

The argument is fallacious from beginning to end. The people who truly loved each other before the war will continue to love each other when peace comes, and you can bet your last sou on that. A lot of things are changing—governments, radios, guns, etc—but the eternal power of love is at work today in just exactly the same manner it was 200 or a thousand years ago.

If we weren't personally convinced of this simple fact, it would take about half the joy out of life for us—and The Rattler is prone to think that a lot of GIs think the same way.

The trouble with the people who write this sort of drivel is, that they don't know what they're talking about in the first place. It seems that for one of these poison pen propagandists to get in the mood, all he has to do is to think about his Cousin Charley who's a desk soldier in India. Automatically his heart begins to bleed for that poor fellow Charley, who must come home someday to a vastly changed world from which he has, to hear the writer tell it, been somewhat magically estranged by his months of absence and the changing tastes of the people back home . . . particularly Charley's wife.

Then—ah, now it gets good—the writer goes into his routine, which includes everything from Montaigne's essays to mixed Yoga classes, for saving Charley's little card castle on the Hudson, or wherever it is. And some of these boys and girls of the "You Can't Go Home Again" school of thought can really whip up a devastating peice on the situation—at so much a word, of course.

It's the same idea, in reverse, as the one which possesses today's advertising people who seem to be obsessed with the Brave-New-World-With-A-Built-In-Radio theme.

We can't help but wonder how these brilliant sleight-of-word artists would feel if they were actually to go to war. You never heard Hemingway, who's probably more intimately acquainted with war than any living writer, say that men and women would inevitably drift apart in case of war. According to Hemingway, love is here to stay. You've never heard of Ernie Pyle doubting the ability of soldiers to readjust themselves to conjugal living. According to Ernie, all they need is a chance.

Personally, it makes our temperature rise a bit to see these "You Can't Go Home Again" people raising hell with what was once a pretty noble part of American life. Why don't editors wake up and quit printing that sentimental slush?

#### ● PACIFIC THEATER

U. S. air power continued pounding the Philippines; 4 Jap planes, 5 Jap freighters were the haul in one day. The Nips were worried about the forces on Mindoro. Said Tokyo: "U. S. forces will stubbornly attempt to carry out landing operations on Luzon. As long as we hold Luzon, the enemy's attempts to recapture the Philippines will not be realized."

A lone Jap bomber dropped a single bomb on Saipan, caused no damage. The solitary strike was at B-29 bases.

#### ● HOME FRONT

Jasie Condon, intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnapping, died at his Bronx home Tuesday.

Hundreds of motorists were trapped on Ohio highways in a freezing blizzard with sub-zero temperatures. Virtually all main roads in the state were blocked.

A Grand Jury prepared to investigate the Montgomery-Ward dispute.

James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, asked Congress to enforce a law that would put 4-Fs into (a) essential war work or (b) the Army.

#### ● EUROPEAN THEATER

Nazis lashed out near the Maginot Line near Bitche, made a sizable dent in the U. S. 7th front. In Belgium, Allied forces beat back the German bulge. Other Nazi attacks gained ground between Saarbrücken and Saarlautern against the U. S. 3rd. The Nazi drive continued in force and fury across the flaming Western front. But whatever the cost of the German counter-attack, Von Runstedt had gained the most possession of a losing army—Time.

The RAF dropped 6000 tons of bombs on Berlin and other German industrial centers.

#### ● THE SPY FRONT

Two Nazi spies, captured at Port Hancock, Maine, were awaiting trial. It was presumed that a military tribunal would decide their fate. FBI gave credit for the tip on the two saboteurs to a 17-year-old high school boy and a housewife, both of whom reported suspicious activities.

A large balloon, probably of Jap origin, was discovered near Portland, Ore.; gave rise to the idea that Jap saboteurs might have landed in the U. S. by air.



**SWEEPING WESTWARD** in southern Hungary along a 93-mile front in a new offensive, the Soviet Third Ukrainian Army dashed across the Danube and engulfed more than 330 cities, towns and villages. The Russians captured the great rail centers of Pecs, Mohacs and Bataszek in a vast flanking move south of Budapest. (*International*)

# 6th WAR LOAN NETS \$169,295

## Air Force Will Send 55,000 Men To Infantry

Making an official announcement, the War Department made public the fact that 55,000 men are to be taken from the Air Forces and transferred to the Infantry.

Another 25,000 will also be drawn from the Army Services Forces and attached to the ground forces, the announcement said.

The official announcement declared that the men being transferred are those qualified fully for combat duty, whose places can be filled by others not so qualified. It is expected that the transfer program will be completed by the end of January, 1945. This does not mean that the possibility of transfer to the Infantry will end on February 1.

General Ben Lear, commenting on the shift of Air Force personnel to the Infantry said:

"It is estimated that as the need and unavoidable casualties increase as a result of more intense ground force action an additional number of men may be shifted from the surpluses of the Air Forces to the ground forces."

Men transferred will not lose grade or ratings as the result of such transfers.

Among Air and Service Force personnel not affected by the transfer order are key specialists, combat crew members, men in combat crew training and those with various technical skills not readily replaceable.

In summing up the present shift of personnel, Gen. Lear said:

"No intelligent person ever attempts to say that the Navy does more than the Air Force or that the Air Force does more than the ground force. The action of all three is a coordinated and integrated whole with one joint mission—total defeat of the enemy."

"It is a military fact that the final action of all war is Infantry action—that is ground force action—and that until that action has been prosecuted to its fullest, until our ground forces actually occupy the enemy's terrain the decision is never final."

### THIS WEEK'S

Cover is an unusual shot of a B-29 approaching for a landing was made at Pyote Air Base. The ship is one of those regularly used in crew training and may be the very flying battlewagon that you are working or flying on.

## ONIONS ARE WHERE YOU FIND THEM



Here sits Sgt. Walter E. Marrable with living proof in hand that Texas probably has the best growing weather in the country and that there are unexplored places right in your own barracks bag. Sgt. Marrable found the onion "in bloom" deep in the heart of his Musette bag when he prepared to obey the recent "turn-in" order on field equipment.

## Pfc Ratings Unfrozen

The plight of the lowly buck private who has served long and diligently without getting 'stripe one', has received the attention of the War Department, it was revealed here.

An order, AR 615-5, will permit commanding officers to promote to private first class all qualified privates who have been denied their stripe because of a lack of position vacancies. The new order authorizes the waiving of the previous requirement of an authorized vacancy before appointment could be made.

Under the provisions of this new authority two Wacs, Charlotte Z. Robbins of New Jersey and Adele S. Berlowitz of Brooklyn, N. Y., both attached to the Base Photo Lab as technicians, have been promoted. Pfc. Robbins has served for 20 months and Pfc. Berlowitz

for 18.

The new stipulation provides for the promotion of all deserving privates who have served in grade at least one year, or who served or are serving outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska.

The War Department indicated, however, that the authority vested in the regulation will not be used for the automatic promotion of all such privates as meet the above requirements but will be reserved for those qualified men who have been denied promotion because of lack of position vacancies in the grade of PFC.

The War Department's action was seen as a morale booster because it indicates officials are doing everything possible to lift the "freeze" on promotions.

## Field Quota Oversubscribed By 24 Percent

Pyote Army Air Field's Bond Drive for \$136,000 went "over the top" 124% it was announced by Capt. H. D. Lucey, Bond Officer.

In extending his thanks for all those who aided in making the drive a success Capt. Lucey called special attention to the fact that the Wacs, Sec. A, the Officers and the Civilian Personnel at the field had oversubscribed their quotas.

The end of the drive found the goal of \$136,000 oversubscribed by \$33,295, one of the best showings in the 2AF.

It was stressed that the successful completion of this drive should not mark the end of the effort to continue bond purchasing by allotment. One low note of the Pyote campaign was stuck in the revelation that only 58% of all field personnel actually participated.

Final figures of the Bond Drive follow:

Section	Amt.	% of Quota	% of Part.
A	\$ 7,815	111%	36%
B	1,950	119	100
C	1,345	23	10
D	9,940	60	42
E	4,540	61	25
F	9,575	78	47
M	3,550	94	96
Band	290	64	71
CCD	9,270	87	37
<b>Total for EM</b>	<b>\$48,275</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Officers</b>	<b>\$ 70,075</b>	<b>162%</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Civilians</b>	<b>50,945</b>	<b>182%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>\$169,295</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>58%</b>

### BABY BOY HARGROVE FIRST 1945 PYOTE BABY

First baby to be delivered at the Pyote Army Air Field Base Hospital this year was seven pound nine ounce Baby Boy Hargrove, son of 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Walter Hargrove. The little newcomer was clocked in at exactly 3:15 a.m. on the morning of January 2. Mother and offspring are doing fine!

### NEXT WEEK'S

Rattler will inaugurate a full column of classified ads. If you have anything you want to trade, sell, swap; if you lost or found something valuable—the columns of The Rattler are open to you. Mail or bring your ads to The Rattler or Public Relations Offices by Monday noon.

## Japs Are Tough To Kill, Combat Report Shows

(This is the first in a series of three articles on combat experiences of American soldiers who fought in Kwajalein and the Palau Islands. They are based on stories first printed in the U. S. Army newspaper Midpacifican.)

By Camp Newspaper Service

In one of the major divisions of the Army General Staff—S-3—experts are constantly collecting, examining, weighing and balancing with other factors the lessons learned from combat in this war. That which is pertinent and valuable is incorporated into training doctrine.

Capsuled below are some of the reactions of U. S. soldiers, officers and EM, to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palau in the South Pacific. They were culled from a series of 10 articles appearing in the Army newspaper Midpacifican.

On one fact every fighting man, who was interviewed, agreed. The Jap is a darned hard to-and-so to kill.

Said Sgt. Max Kay, rifle squad leader: "We saw 3 Japs run across a small clearing and disappear into a covered dug-out. So we decided to try to knock out the dug-out with fragmentation hand grenades.

"There was no enemy fire coming from the dugout, but we knew that there were at least the 3 we had seen inside it and there were probably more. Under the covering fire of BARS and some MIs, several of us crawled up close enough to throw grenades. Two of them exploded in the doorway of the dugout.

"We threw 4 more, deep inside the hole. The Japs were groaning inside, and those of us who were close up could hear the scraping of their bodies as they moved over the floor. A Jap, like a snake, must never be considered dead until he quits moving so we tossed in the rest of our fragmentation grenades, which made a total of 20.

"Most of us were satisfied then that nothing could have lived through the shower of steel fragments and the concussions of the 20 grenade explosives, confined in the comparatively small interior of the hole. The men began to move away. Some of the more curious stayed behind watching. Almost immediately two dazed but very much alive Japs ran stumbling out."

It's hard to believe that a man could stay alive in a fortified emplacement after a jet from a flame thrower had passed completely through it. But we have the word of Sgt. Charles Johnson, assistant rifle squad leader, that this happened in the South Pacific.

Says Sgt. Johnson: "Some Jap pillboxes and bunkers have shelves and partitions in them, so

## New Air Force Headquarters Established

A Headquarters, Continental Air Forces, has been activated for the purpose of decentralizing the command functions over the four continental air forces and the First Troop Carrier Command, the War Department announced today.

This new Headquarters will be located at Camp Springs Army Air Field, 11 miles southeast of Washington, D. C., and three miles west of Camp Springs, Maryland.

Headquarters, CAF, will be responsible for the air defense of the United States, for joint air-ground training and for the organization, re-organization and training of service and combat units and crews and their preparation for deployment overseas.

Headquarters, CAF, will be manned by personnel now assigned to Headquarters, AAF. Acting Commanding General is Brigadier General Eugene H. Beebe, who recently returned from the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations where he was Senior American Air Officer on Lord Louis Mountbatten's staff.

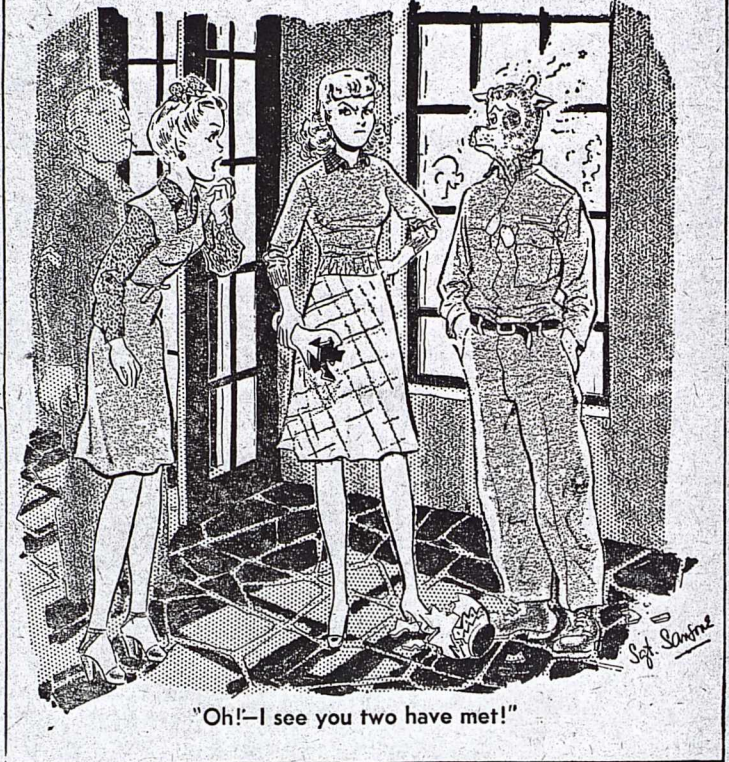
that the occupants in one part are protected from a grenade or shell burst in another part. Some are arranged so that even the flame-thrower, a weapon normally regarded as conclusively cleaning out an emplacement, fails.

"Dunn, our flame-thrower operator, fired a long jet into one end of a bunker and the flames came out the other end. In spite of the blistering heat, and smoke that had gone completely through the bunker, a Jap emerged a few seconds later, unharmed, and raised his rifle to fire at Dunn. Dunn saw him just in time and fired his flame at the Jap, who toppled backward engulfed in the blaze. When the smoke had cleared the Jap had crawled back into the bunker where he died. The point is that the Jap survived the first burst of flame inside the bunker and was still an aggressive menace."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Oh!—I see you two have met!"

## Three Pyote 'Feather Merchants', Bit By Flying Bug, Sprout Wings

Three Pyote "Feather Merchants" have been bitten by the "Flying Bug" and all of them have sprouted wings.

For those who don't know what a "Feather Merchant" is that's the name that is endearingly applied to a civilian who is helping to win the war by working at an Army base.

The three "Feather" gentlemen in this case are Arthur Mann, electrical foreman at the Sub-depot; Sidney H. Ragsdale, his assistant, and Robert H. Ammon, who is also attached to the electrical department.

All three of the men say that the urge to ride through the blue came upon them as they watched the big and the little ships soar into the sky at the Pyote Army Field. There's only one thing to do when that urge to "get upstairs" among the clouds hits you and that's just what these three lads did—they went to the Monahans Airfield and began taking lessons on how to get off the ground without a step-ladder.

Mann, to date, has five and a half hours of flying time to his credit, Ragsdale has four and Ammons has already garnered six and a half. They've got all the necessary papers in and when the O.K. comes back the boys are all going to do their first solo. Then—they're going to buy their own plane!

They've got Wm. Athey, who is in charge of production control at the Sub-depot looking around to pick up a government surplus plane for them and they're all

three going to share it's joys and its tribulations which, they hope, will be few.

The flying trio has already looked over several planes, but for one reason or another they rejected the offerings that have come their way so far. They're sure, however, that somewhere, soon, the government will be offering just the little flying crate that will fit them perfectly.

All three of the would-be pilots are Texans and Mann comes from a family that has proved it has lots of flying blood in its veins. His two "little" brothers both fly for Uncle Sam. They are Capt. Linn Embrey Mann, flight instructor at Randolph Field, and Lt Pat Mann who's been flying in the South Pacific. He was recently reported missing but he showed up and he's ready for his next mission.

### TEMPER, TEMPER!

Granite, Colo. (CNS)—Bill Lane got mad when he couldn't start his truck. So he built a fire under it—and blew up the garage.

# LOCAL "SEARCH FOR BEAUTY" GETS UNDERWAY

## Yule Broadcast Wins Acclaim From Listeners

Congratulations poured into Special Services Office after the presentation of "A Soldier's Christmas" over a nation-wide hookup that originated in Pyote on Christmas Eve.

Thanks for participating in this activity that made Pyote Air Field known to new thousands is extended to Chaplain Edwin Norton and the Carol Caravan: Pvt. Monty Ash, Pvt. John Parish, Cpl. Gene Eaton, Cpl. Geo. Kahn, Lt. Wm. Mulvey, S-Sgt. Gordon Larson, Pvt. Bernard Steinberg, S-Sgt. Robert Jett, Pvt. David Goodman, Cpl. Allan Sterns, Pfc. Ralph Koven, Pvt. Wm. Swanson, Pvt. Helen Auberlin, Mrs. Glynie Parish and Mrs. Charlotte Ash

## Cast Begins Rehearsal For Broadway Hit, "What A Life"

Pyote's next stage presentation is in the offing! "What A Life" a Broadway hit of a few seasons ago that chalked up a healthy box-office record, will be presented at the base theater in the near future.

Special Services is currently casting the roles in this 3-act farce. The story concerns the Pecks-bad-boy of this generation, Henry Aldrich, and the trials and tribulations that beset him in high school.

### 6 2AF UNITS WIN GROUP CITATIONS

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Five heavy bombardment groups and a medium bomber unit, all of whom trained for overseas at bases under the jurisdiction of Second Air Force, have been awarded Distinguished Unit Citations for extraordinary heroism in combat, it was announced by the War Department.

## Monahans USO Sponsors Search For Glamor Girl

The Monahans USO, in conjunction with the field's Special Service office is conducting an area-wide "Search for Beauty".

And the lucky girl, chosen for her beauty, charm, and personality, will be awarded the leading role in a forthcoming show, as well as a life-size photo or portrait.

The other finalists will also be given featured parts in the new show.

Finals in the "Search for Beauty" contest will be held at the Monahans USO on February 3.

Applicants are welcomed from girls in Wink, Monahans, Kermit, Pecos, Pyote, as well as base personnel.

Judges will include three prominent townspeople of Monahans, and two officers from the Pyote Army Air Field.

Girls desiring to apply may do so by sending in a photo, by personal application at the Special Service office, or by sending in the application blanks which are available in surrounding towns and at various places on the field. These applications should be filled out and returned to the Monahans USO, the Special Service Office, or the Service Club.

### HE DONE POOR NELLIE WRONG

Kansas City (CNS) — A city slicker proposed to Nellie Wells, 17, borrowed \$120 from her and deserted her in a beauty parlor where she was having her hair set for the wedding.

### ANYONE FINAH?



Dinah Shore heads a technicolossal cast in "Belle of the Yukon" showing Friday and Saturday at Theaters 1 and 2.

A good, clean show—"What A Life" should top all previous stage offerings at the Rattlesnake Field. A few parts are still available. Interested parties should contact Cpl. Arthur Hammel at the Special Service Office anytime during the day.

The first rehearsal is scheduled for Monday, January 8th.

## Pyote Talent Hunt Going Full Blast, More People Needed

The hunt for Pyote talent is still going on at full pace.

The most immediate need is for persons who would like to take parts in the presentation of the comedy "What A Life".

This Broadway hit, that scored a record run throughout the nation tells the adventures of Henry Aldrich.

There is room for all sorts of amateur actors in this project. You don't have to be an expert. If you would like to try out come on over to Special Service Office and make known your desire. A cordial welcome awaits you.

This invitation is also extended to persons who might want to do stage managing, property or lighting chores.

Script, skit, song or comedy writers are sorely needed and there's plenty of room for dancers, singers or instrumentalists.

If you are at all interested just drop in at Special Services. If you want to call, the number is 27 or if you're tied up, just fill in the coupon below and send it in and we'll get in touch with you.

#### SEARCH FOR TALENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or Section \_\_\_\_\_

Soldier \_\_\_\_\_ WAC \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entertainment \_\_\_\_\_

## Theater Schedule

- Thu.—SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS with Vivian Blaine and Carmen Miranda. (Technimusical with songs and laughs and sol'jurs.) Also Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.
- Fri. and Sat.—BELLE OF THE YUKON with Dinah Shore, Gypsy Rose Lee, Randolph Scott, Bob Burns. (Technimusical about gold-rush with chorus gals and songs.) Also "I'm An American" and Donald Duck cartoon.
- Sun. and Mon.—THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett, and Raymond Massey. (Chiller-diller of a professor and a model implicated in a murder. Terrific.) Also "Jammin' The Blues" (considered best short subject of 1944) and Paramount News.
- Tue.—MINISTRY OF FEAR with Ray Milland and Marjorie Reynolds. (Class A yarn of a blind man that steals a cake; spies and excitement aplenty.) Also March of Time and Gandy Goose cartoon.
- Wed. and Thu.—FAREWELL MY LOVELY with Dick Powell, Claire Trevor and Anne Shirley. (A hard-boiled murder mystery as good as "Double Indemnity". Think you'll like.) Also Community Sing and Paramount News.

## Service Club

- Thu.—Enlisted Men's Wives Luncheon, 12:00 to 1 p.m.; Variety Show, 9 to 9:45 p.m.
- Fri.—DANCE from 9 to midnight.
- Sat.—Club facilities open, games, letter-writing, records, etc.
- Sun.—Bingo, 8 to 9:30 p.m.; prizes include a phone call home.
- Mon.—Club facilities open; radio, relaxation, etc.
- Tue.—Club facilities open, games, recreation, etc.
- Wed.—GI Movies from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

## Monahans USO

- Thu.—Opening of Beauty Contest; Protestant Discussion Group; Bingo, 9, Refreshments.
- Fri.—7:30, Family Night; games informal dancing.
- Sat.—DANCE, Pyote AAF Band.
- Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 2:30, Recorded Classics; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:00, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie.
- Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie.
- Tue.—7:30, Arts and Crafts; 8:00, Beginners' Dance.
- Wed.—12:30, "Better Halves" Luncheon; 3:00, Senior Hostess Meeting; 8:30, Catholic Discussion Group; 9:00, Spanish Class.

# POETRY CORNER

## LOVING A SOLDIER

Loving a soldier is not all play,  
In fact there's little of it that's gay.  
It's mostly having, but not to hold;  
It's being young, and feeling old.

Loving a soldier is not all cream,  
It's being in love with a misty  
dream;

It's getting a card from a south-  
ern camp  
And sending a letter with an air-  
mail stamp.

It's hoping for furloughs you know  
can't be;  
It's wondering if he has gone over  
the sea.

And when he comes home it's  
laughter together  
Unconscious of people, of time, of  
weather.

It's having him whisper of his love  
to you,

And answer his whisper that you  
love him too.

Then comes the ring and promise  
of love,

Knowing you're watched by the  
father above.

And loving a soldier is goodbye at  
the train,  
And wondering when you'll see  
him again;

Reluctantly, painfully, letting him  
go,  
Inside you are crying for wanting  
him so.

Then you watch for word that he's  
safe and well,  
And wait through a long no-letter  
spell.

Your feet are planted in sand, not  
sod,  
And your living strength comes  
slowly from God.

Loving a soldier is undefined fears,  
And crying until there are no more  
tears;

Hating the world, yourself, and  
the war,

And so discouraged you can fight  
no more.

And then giving up, you kneel  
while praying,

And really mean the prayer you  
are saying,

And when the mail comes you  
shout with joy,  
You act like a kid with a new  
shiny toy.

You know very well he is oceans  
away,

Yet you keep loving him more  
every day;

You know very well that loving's  
no fun

With a man in the Army to  
shoulder a gun.

Then you grit your teeth and put  
on a grin,

He's gone to war and you'd better  
help win.

Then your birthday comes and  
you're older today,

You feel just the same as you did  
yesterday.

But you're not, you have changed,  
you're wise and strong;

You can weather this war if it's  
twenty years long.

So loving a soldier is heartache  
and tears,

It's a life full of sadness and un-  
defined fears.

Loving a soldier is really not fun,  
But it's worth the price when the  
battle is won.

—Mrs. H. D. Norton,  
Rockford, Ill. Wife of  
Pfc. H. D. Norton.

## LETTERS

Dear love, you want that I should  
write to you

But it is hard to write the things  
I'd say

If I could touch your hand. There  
is no way

To tell you all the lovely things  
we knew

Together. If only, as we used to do  
We might again be young and  
brave and gay,

What things I might not write to  
you today!

What pity that those gaysome days  
are through!

O love, no piece of paper ever  
could

Say all the things that I could say  
to thee!

For words are such a fallacy. I  
would

Have none of them, save I can  
ever be

Beside thee. Spoken words are  
understood

So wait, my love, until you speak  
to me.

—Mrs. J. Raffier,  
Gilbertsville, Mo  
Wife of Pvt. J. Raf-  
fier.

## MUD, MUD, MUD

I've seen mud on U.S. race tracks  
That stopped horses near the wire.

I've seen mud on Flanders poppies  
That stopped soldiers under fire.

I've seen mud in some U.S. camps  
That would flatten beast or man,

But I've never seen the brand of  
mud

That's found in old Oran.

You get mud in very chow plate;  
You get mud in bed, it seems;

You get mud in your best helmet;  
You get mud in your best dreams.

Sure I know that this is wartime,  
Sure, I know it's sweat and blood;

But I ask you, must I perish  
In that god-damned Oran mud?

—Submitted by T-Sgt. Opilo.

## IF I COULD WHEN I GO TO SLEEP

If I could, when I go to bed,  
Recall each little thing you said,  
And in my dreams could see your  
face

And feel again your last embrace,  
I wouldn't mind this hellish place.

If I could, when I go to sleep,  
Hear once again those words so  
sweet

You whispered as I held you tight;  
Our lips they met, but oh, so  
light—

I wouldn't mind this weary fight.  
But when I sleep, I'm half awake  
For fear some Jerry's knife may  
take

This thing called life away from  
me,

And send me to eternity,  
Where lips like yours will never  
be.

If I could see your eyes tonight;  
The way they dance and shine  
with light

Of love and trust and joy of life;  
To know you're mine, yes mine,  
my wife,

I wouldn't mind this sacrifice.

—Pvt. Teddie R. Williams,  
Section S.

## LOVE LIKE A TAUT CORD

Love, like a taut cord,

Bound us fast together;

Drew me to you and

You to me as rain

Is drawn to earth,

Or tenderness to pain.

For an estatic day

We wondered whether

Such marvelous delight

Could ever die.

We knew all things come

Sometime to an end,

But it increased

Our rapture to pretend,

Our love was different—

We knew not why.

But very soon a cold wind

Made us shiver;

We looked about and saw

The world was gray.

We saw all life and future

Flow by us like a river,

While we two stood alone.

Alas, our bond was like

A cobweb brushed away.

We've learned the foolishness

Of pride

And oh the lovely thing we shared

Has died.

—Pvt. Bea Ross,  
Section B.

## THE WEARY MOTHER

To all the boys in the Service ev-  
erywhere,

Should think of their Mother who  
they left back there;

The lady who carries the weary  
mind,

Who shed tears and prays for them  
all the time.

The little lady that cared for you  
so long,

You have been taken from her to  
do the wrong,

But as the days come and nights  
pass

She is back there praying for this  
war not to last.

She realizes there is nothing she  
can do

But depend on God and pray for  
you.

But after all is said and done,  
She still prays while you carry  
the gun.

But through the century of years  
and years

There has always been remember-  
ed the Mother's prayers

That have led the path and guided  
you straight

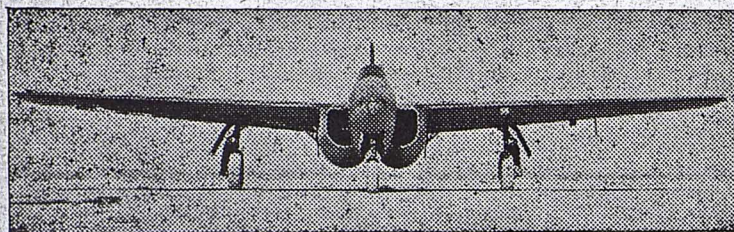
To protect you from all harm, evil,  
and fate.

—Pvt. Gus T. Younger,  
Aviation Unit.

Due to space shortage, the re-  
mainder of poems submitted will  
appear in next week's Rattler.



## FIRST PHOTO OF AMERICA'S JET PLANE



With the opinion continually rising among aeronautical experts that the propellor driven plane has now reached the peak of its possible efficiency the interest in jet propelled aircraft, is becoming intense. Above is the first officially released photo of America's P-59 jet propelled Aircobra.

## Two Low-Flying Pilots Ousted From Army By Court Martial

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Jan. 4—Two flying officers on Second Air Force bases who were tried by General Court-Martial for violations of Army Air Force regulations by low flying have been sentenced to dismissal, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

In one case, where the accused officer was likewise found guilty of manslaughter, he received an additional sentence of six months at

hard labor. The sentences have been reviewed by Major General Robert B. Williams, commanding, and approved.

One of the accused was alleged to have flown an A-25 Curtiss Hell-diver last September over a lake crossed by power lines strung over water at a height of from 80 to 35 feet. At a point where the power lines are located, the airplane landed upside down in the water.

The power lines were found broken. The pilot was rescued from the lake. The body of an enlisted man, passenger in the plane, was recovered the next day.

In the second case, the accused was alleged in October to have flown a B-17 bomber over a city of more than six thousand population at a height less than one thousand feet, and variously estimated from 20 feet above buildings to 500 feet above the ground.

The city was the home of the pilot.

## His First Furlough In 14 Years Starts '45 For Sutterland

After 14 years M-Sgt. Frank E. Sutterland decided to do something about it.

Sgt. Sutterland, who is a communications technician in Section E, is on the last lap going toward his fifth fogley. During all this time he has never been on a furlough.

That is, until now. He left Tuesday to spend 15 days in Chicago.

There's no particular reason for it, he said. "I just decided it was about time to take one."

## Master Sergeant Pulls KP First Time In 25 Years

Elgin Field, Fla.—When M-Sgt. John a Dolan of the Ordnance Property Office at the AAF Proving Ground Command here had to pull kitchen police one day recently, every buck private on the base ate dinner with a satisfied gleam in his eye and knew the day of "judgement" had finally come.

It was O.K. with M-Sgt. Dolan, however, since it was the first time in twenty-five years that he had drawn K.P. as a detail and that's a pretty good batting average in any league.

The Top-kick explained:

"The first four years of my 29 years in the Army I pulled K.P. on the average of once each week and I believe I banked up enough time with the pots and pans to last me up till now."

## Hold Your Pen, Soldier! Overseas Requests Pile Up

Initiation of requests for overseas service will be discontinued immediately, the War Department has announced.

Floods of requests for boat rides to the other side, pouring in from all points, have added an unnecessary load to already overburdened channels of communication, the WD announcement said.

It's WD Cir. 645, Sec. IV, rescinds Sec. II of Cir. 91, and is good until 9 June 1946.



The first sight to greet disembarking GIs at Pyote is the large white stucco building back of the filling station! In loud blue letters it says: "The Aztec Cafe—The Only One Of It's Kind". The Aztec is the Number 1 night spot for entertainment-bound GIs, the site of numerous birthday or farewell parties for celebrating personnel . . .

## SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

(Twelfth in a series of picture-stories concerning the field and town. GIs of Pyote have been clipping this weekly feature and sending it home to give the folks some idea of what is behind the address—"Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas".)

Shortly after the field was activated, The San Antonio Light sent a reporter, Eudora Garrett, to Pyote to get a story. She did.

"I have been to Pyote.

"Friends ask, 'Did you have a nice time?'

"And look at me quite askance when I reply, 'If I had to give up a year of my life for the past two days, I'd do it.'

"Because you can't understand Pyote unless you've been there.

"Pyote, to you, might be a spot on the landscape of the most desolate part of Texas. It is that. Just a spot. But it now as much meaning in this war we're waging as any spot I can imagine."



. . . One of the newest additions to the entertainment program on the field is the Non-Com Mess. A snack bar, lounge, tap room, and other deluxe conveniences make the NCO building GHQ for the upper-three-graders. Members and non-members refer to it as "the Nub Club".

## 2AF Digest Pays Tribute To GI's Map-Making Art

Tribute to the ingenuity and creative genius of a Pyote soldier, Pvt. Jack Nolting, is paid in the December issue of "Trouble Shooter", the 2nd Air Force Inspector's Office monthly publication.

Pvt. Nolting, a Combat Intelligence clerk, is the builder of several large scale relief maps which are used by Intelligence extensively in its war news presentation. "Trouble Shooter" described the maps as an "outstanding example of the results that may be obtained through creative initiative," and went on to say:

"These excellent terrain models of the Netherlands East Indies, Japan, the Philippines, and Italy are on display at the Base PX, AAF, Pyote, Texas. They were constructed by Pvt. Nolting from inexpensive, non-critical materials on the base. These models are made to scale both as to distance and elevation."

## Pay-Dates



THIS Russell Patterson gal is giving her own idea of a Personal Transfer, and it's not bad. The Army's system for transferring a few smackers is a good deal too. You can send money anywhere back home without paying a fee for the service. And there's no danger of loss or destruction en route. Your Personnel Officer gives you a receipt and sends instructions for payment. About ten days later the check is mailed out in the U. S. Smallest amount that can be sent by PTA is ten bucks. See your neighborhood First Sergeant for further details about Personal Transfer Accounts.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



There is nothing harem-scarum about Barbara Bates, who makes a well-developed debut in the movie "Salome—Where She Danced". Barbara, a Denver dream if ever there was one, is responsible for the rapidly-increasing number of Colorado wolves.

### THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

## Gunner's Girl Is Georgia Peach

(This is the first in a series of photo-stories on a Pyote GI's "flame in the frame". Whether wife, sweetheart, or friend—the gal back home sums up all that the fellows fight for and want to go back to.)

Lovely Elizabeth Truitt of Atlanta, Georgia, pictured here is engaged to Cpl. James C. Dudley of Sec. 1, Combat Crew Detachment. Dudley is an RCT Gunner and he met his fiancée at a party in his home town which is also Atlanta, Georgia.

While Cpl. Dudley is learning to get B-29s to and from their targets Elizabeth is attending Wesleyan College at Macon, Georgia, where she is majoring in Home Economics. They're keeping in touch with each other through the mails and have no definite plans for the immediate future. "When the war ends we'll work things out," says Dudley.

An inclination toward sports is a mutual field of interest and basketball is their favorite winter spectacle.



## Slickers Soak GI Souvenir Hunters

A quick survey of war junk and a little mathematics on the thumbs and fingers reveals that American soldiers are giving themselves an awful beating on the souvenir front.

The small-arms toll is heavy, with slickers charging anywhere from too-much to all-the-traffic-will-bear, and never cracking, a smile. When a Luger brings 50 or 100 bucks, the buyer is getting a variety of clip that is not described in the manuals on automatics. Some of the sales of enemy arms suggest that the gun must have been sticking in the purchaser's ribs at the time he paid for it.

But the real high is reached in jewelry and bric-a-brac where the victim has the idea that he is getting into a pretty snazzy field. There is generally more fine art in the selling than there is in the article sold, and the unwary GI often gets into the upper bracket figures for objets d'art that the girl friend could have picked up at a modest price in a shop back home. In extreme cases of suckeritis victims have been known to pay 2000% above actual value—and more.

In Italy the cameo market got so far out of hand that some Post Exchanges began stocking them to give the men a better idea of what these items were worth.

The souvenir black-and-blue market isn't restricted to any theater of war, many gullible boys in the Pacific gladly committing financial hari-kari for mementoes of the Far East. There is also variety in the sellers, some of them being natives and some GIs ready to take advantage of their more inexperienced playmates. The only thing that's universal is the sucker type, which is universal.

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**Q.** I returned from a 12-day furlough 36 hours late. That's admitted. However, because I was AWOL, my CO tells me I can't collect any subsistence money for any of the time I was on furlough. That doesn't seem fair. I can see where they might have some right to deduct for the two days I was AWOL, but I think I ought to collect for the other 12 days. Is there any regulation on this?

**A.** There is, and you're out of luck. AR 35-4520 Par (d) states that a man who overstays his furlough may be deprived of the furlough allowance, unless, of course, the CO wants to excuse the AWOL or there are extenuating circumstances.

**Q.** I've been overseas for a long time, and I've saved a good part of my pay. One of the men in my company told me there is a Treasury Department regulation which prohibits anyone from bringing more than \$50 into the U. S. Is that right?

**A.** The Treasury Department does have such a war-time restriction on bringing in money from certain parts of Europe, but don't worry about it. It doesn't apply to GIs.

**Q.** What is the number of the Circular I keep hearing about which permits the discharge of men who are below the minimum standards for induction? I am below the minimum standards and have been unassigned for the past 6 months.

**A.** WD Circular No. 370 provides for the discharge of men who are below the present minimum standards for induction and for whom no suitable assignment exists. However, your CO must certify that there is no suitable assignment for you.

### REMEMBER?

Jan. 4, 1944—The Monahans USO opened a darkroom for shuttbugs. The Civilian Personnel center instituted a dressmaking shop for wives of military personnel and civilian workers. Franchot Tone and wife, Jean Wallace, put in a guest appearance at the Vac detachment, hospital, mess halls, theater, and Service Club. Pyote football fans attended the New Year Victory bowl game at Odessa, saw Fort Bliss wallop Abilene, 19-0. The N. M. College of Mines tripped the Pyote basketballers, 42-31. The field got its name changed—from Pyote AAB to Pyote AAF.

## Do Your Post-War Plans Require Cash? Here's How To Get It!

Do you know how many opportunities await you when you return to civilian life?

Pyote Air Field Personal Affairs Sections, under the direction of Capt. R. A. Diedrich stands ready to help you make your post-war plans come true.

There's the matter of money.

There's very little that can be planned that doesn't require cash. The Rattler took that "hard" problem to Capt. Diedrich and here, for your information, is the Captain's answer:

"The government has made three types of loans available to all veterans who served on or after September 16, 1940, and before the end of the present war, and who are discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

"First of all, you must have served in the armed forces at least 90 days or more, unless you received a service-incurred injury or disability.

"Second, you must make application for this loan within two years after you discharge, or two years after the war (whichever is later), but you cannot wait longer

than five years after the war.

"Loans are made through the Veterans' Administration and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs will guarantee up to 50% of any such loan, provided the amount guaranteed does not exceed \$2,000.

"All loans bear interest of not more than 4% per year and you must pay up within 20 years. The administrator will pay the interest on the guaranteed amount for the first year.

"Conditions vary on every loan, however the general requirements are that the loan must be used for the purpose specified, that the terms of payment bear proper relationship to your anticipated income and expense.

"If the loan is for a farm or a business, you must have such ability and experience as to provide a

### THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

**Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff of World War I:** "I don't say the war will be over in 1945. The Germans will have to lose sometime. But the Japs will be even tougher to beat!"

reasonable assurance you will be successful.

"If you are interested in farming and want to know more about it, write for a booklet "Shall I Be A Farmer?" from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington (25), D. C., which will tell you all about the opportunities of farming, including kinds of farms, cost of farms, sound farming methods and the sources of credit which can be obtained."

The Captain continued: "You can get a loan to reestablish your business through the small-business loan program of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation."

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"DADDY, WOULD THEY BUY A MARINE FOR THIS?"



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# KOOPS' KORNERS

## RATTLER TATTLER

We don't know how far this week's grade-A rumor circulated but it reached these bent-ears. The way we heard it was: "Hey, didja know that they're gonna put everyone from M-Sgts. down to Pvt on KP?" We checked, checked, and checked, and so far, gents—we haven't found an iota of truth to it.

The Personal Affairs Office (located in back of the library) is making a rental survey. All men living OFF the base should stop by and fill out a form if they haven't done so. Getting the facts is the first step toward keeping OPA ceilings in line.

At the New Years' Eve formal someone offered a pretty good suggestion. Why, he asks, do they have so many jam tunes at a formal dance? The girls have difficulty in doing any jive-steps in evening gowns; and a majority of the couples leave the floor when the music gets too tepid. We don't know who is in charge of this department, but we pass the idea along to him for what it's worth.

The Rattler office is planning a new method of distribution for the paper that will give the sheet a fairer circulation than previous. Hope that makes you happy.

A point arose a week or so ago that might help you guys. What happens, a guy asks, if you miss the 11:30 bus to the field because it's over-crowded? In other words, if you are on the corner in time for the bus, but due to the mob you can't get on? Well, the answer is, if you stay on that corner, STAY THERE, mind you, you can catch the 12:10 bus and will not be bothered by the MPs—IF you couldn't get on the 11:30 bus for strictly legitimate reasons.



The boys in one barracks on the field have demonstrated their feelings toward the joes that were shipped to the Infantry. The bunks of the guys that were shipped out are decorated with service star flags.

The PX has no Brigadier General stars, so if any of you dog-faces make the BG rating, you gotta buy 'em some place else.

In true Texas tradition, the holiday greetings in the Service Club read: "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Yo'-All!"

A BOQ, according to somebody, is a YMCA with brass. It is considered undesirable but preferable to marriage.

When you gripe about a calling down from an officer, remember that an enlisted man has the last word—Yes, Sir.

The Pampa (Tex.) Flyer gives the acme of all Christmas wishes in its holiday edition. Sez the Flyer:

"May you have under your Christmas tree, Everything but the Infantry."



## MAY WE HUMBLY SUGGEST—

That you read the editorial on Page 2. We think it's worth while.

That maybe the mess halls could post the menu for the meal being served outside. Then, the guys that might not care for pork or be allergic to fish, wouldn't crowd the line, only to discover that they don't care for the particular meal being served. It would save a lot of wasted food, and wouldn't take more than a minute to tack up the menu.

That the air-conditioner doesn't blow your toupees off at Theater No. 1. For fifteen cents you can get two features, Mickey Mouse, and pneumonia.

That you pass along The Rattler when you're through with it. There just aren't sufficient copies to go around, and maybe the guy in the next bunk hasn't got a copy. So, pass it along, huh?

That the columns of The Rattler are open to you if you have anything you want to buy, sell, swap, borrow, or trade.



Then there was the girl who stood about as much of a character's company as she could on a blind date. Then she reached for her coat, and turned to her girl-friend and said: "Pardon me, but is this drip necessary?"

## Philippine Islands Declared Suitable For Basing Of B-29s

Possibility of using the Philippine Islands for B-29 bases was brought into the spotlight this week.

The areas now being liberated by the advances of ground units under the command of Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur have been known to figure in the planning of the next blows against the Japanese.

The question of basing the giant B-29 heavy bombers in the

isles came to a focus with the announcement in Washington by an Army Air Forces spokesman that "in spite of unfavorable conditions of terrain in Mindoro, there are suitable locations in the southwest and northeast portions of the island for constructing air strips that could be used by the very heaviest of bombing planes."

This announcement also noted that B-29 operations had come up to expectations in every way and that if military plans called for B-29s to be based in the Philippines there was no doubt as to the practicability of such a project.

## General Lauds Expanding Work Of CTP Program

Lauding the Convalescent Training Program on the advent of its second anniversary, Brigadier General Albert F. Hegenberger pointed out that CTP in its brief two years of existence has taught men lessons which they have later used successfully on the widespread battlefields of this war.

Continuing his acclaim of the activity, the General praised the fact that patients have been taught to use limbs that had been idle for long periods due to injuries or illness. The General said that CTP work can honestly claim that it has increased the soldier's military knowledge during hours that would otherwise have been wasted.

The CTP program, it was noted, can lay honest claim to having accomplished the aims set for it two years ago, in that it is continually returning men to duty in the best physical condition in the shortest possible time.

CTP programming and activity has progressed a long way from the time two years ago when, acting on the suggestion of the Chief of Medical Service, a young ward master at Jefferson Barracks fearfully called his patients together for a five minute session of calisthenics.

## Classified Ads

**MISSING**—English Bulldog named "Daisy Mae". Ten months old, black (white streaks on forehead and neck). Reward offered. Notify Cpl. George Wood, Sec. II, CCD; Flight A, Crew 0105 (Bks. 607). Dog is a mascot of Crew 1101 now on furlough.

**IRONS REPAIRED**—If your electric iron is ailing you can have it repaired by contacting Pfc. Donald L. Widman at the Sec. D Orderly Room. Pfc. Widman stays around the orderly room between 1800 and 2000 each day, or you can leave the iron there and he will fix it for you. Phone 143.

**LOST**—Diamond engagement ring, in platinum setting. Lost about three weeks ago near Theater No. 2 or Officers Mess. Reward \$100. Also a pearl sorority pin, made in form of anchor. Reward \$100. Lt. R. W. Nelson, Sec. 1, Combat Crew Detachment.

**RIDE WANTED**—From Monahans to Base, for person working 8-5 shift. Call Elizabeth Fore at Civilian Personnel Office (Phone 18).

## THEATER BOOKS SAY 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' FOR SECTION A MEN

A War Department Theater book for every man in the outfit—that's the Christmas gift in Section A.

As the section had a few extra dollars on hand at Christmas time, it was decided to give each man an individual gift instead of spending the money for a party.

So, each man was presented a book of ten theater tickets for the Station Theater.



Japan has had a system of compulsory military training since 1873. The Jap soldier receives 10 yen (about \$2.36) per month. Of this amount, 8 yen go to his family and 16 yen goes to compulsory savings. The rest, amounting to about 15 cents in our currency, he keeps as "spending money."

# Pyote's 4-Man Clout Team Drills For Golden Gloves

## Sgt. Weiss, Near-Winner In '44 Has Eye On Midland Welter Crown

It's tough all over.

That's about the only consolation left for S-Sgt. Fred Root of the PT department, who's trying to get up a team of boxers to enter in the district Golden Gloves tournament at Midland AAF this year.

A couple of months ago Sgt. Root had high hopes of carrying a winning team through the district meet and on into the state tourney at Fort Worth in February. But things started happening, as they can only in the Army, and today Sgt. Root barely has enough fight-for-fun boys left to fill in a bridge game.

A four-man team, which includes two entrants in the novice class, will probably seek titles at Midland AAF this year. And in only one department is Root anything but hopeful.

Last year T-Sgt. Clifford Weiss, a 150-pound California clouter went to the district finals before he was disqualified with a cut eye. This year Weiss, who is a terrific puncher with either hand, is expected to grab off the welter-weight crown for Pyote.

"Weiss will win the title if we run up against the same brand of competition we had last year," says Sgt. Root.

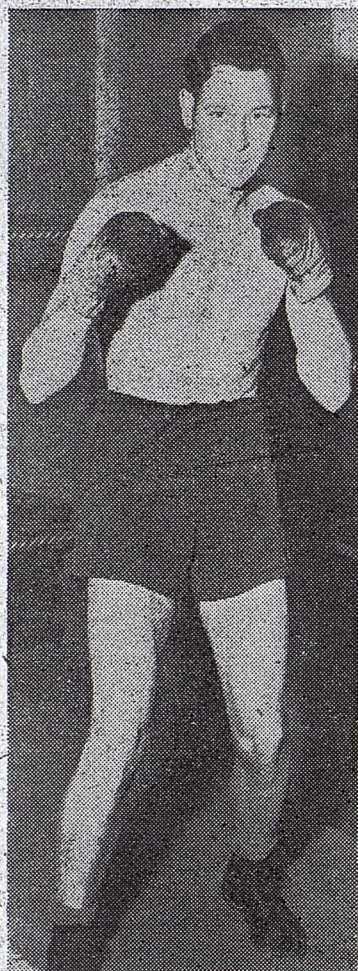
Generally speaking, the competition probably won't be as tough as it was a year ago. Many of the lads who were still training in the States a year ago are now overseas. Several of the boys who were expected this fall to strengthen Pyote's team have been shipped out. But, as we said before, things are tough all over and we can expect most of the other fields will have the same problem.

Pfc. Leroy Constantini of New York, a former Diamond Belt title holder in that state, is being entered in the lightweight division and is expected to make a strong showing. Constantini has appeared on several boxing cards on the

The two entrants from this field in the novice class are Pvt. Art Greco and Pvt. John Cavanaugh. Greco, the boy with the bulging biceps who hails from Dairyland, is being entered in the heavy-weight class. He rattles the Fairbanks at 190.

Cavanaugh has had only one fight under Root, and in his lone appearance uncorked a right-hand kayo on an Alamogordo Air Base boxer.

One hoped-for entrant whose participation isn't assured yet is Charley Bush, a young civilian lad who seems to be developing into a capable fisticuffer under Sgt. Root's tutelage. Bush, at 135, would be a strong contestant in the crowded lightweight division. He left the station a couple of weeks ago to visit in Alabama. If he returns in time he will be an entrant.



T-Sgt. Clifford Weiss, Pyote AAF's entrant in the district Golden Gloves meet, packs a potent punch in either glove. He'll be gunning for the welter-weight crown.

George Carbin, 150-pound CCD soldier, is another possible entrant in the welterweight class. Last time out, Carbin, decided Howard "Punchy" Meredith of Alamogordo.

### P.F.R. TEST COMING

The regular six weeks Physical Fitness Rating tests will be given for all station personnel during the week of Jan. 8-13, an announcement from the PT Department says. Personnel who anticipate being absent during this period are required to take the test before leaving.



Jumping Joe Savoldi, the dish-nosed wrestler, was a great full-back on Knute Rockne's last team at Notre Dame, but he never was the most brilliant thinker in the game. Consequently, when Joe's signal was called, Quarterback Frank Carideo would just hand him the ball and let him rattle through the line with it. When someone else carried, Joe was often a liability.

Once Carideo called for a particularly intricate play in the huddle. "What do I do on this one?" asked the puzzled Savoldi. "Nothing," said Frank. "Just keep out of my way."

**ROSE BOWL**—A green bunch of civilians from Tennessee lost to Southern California's thundering herd in the Rose Bowl, 25-0, but won the hearts of the 93,000 football fans on hand for the massacre. The valiant Vols fought, but were no match for the Trojans.

**SUGAR BOWL**—Mighty Duke roared back in the last half to overcome stubborn Alabama 29-26 before an overflow crowd of 72,000 Sugar Bowl fans.

**ORANGE BOWL**—Tulsa U's power-stuffed football machine ground over Georgia Tech 26-12 before 30,000 Orange Bowl spectators.

**COTTON BOWL**—The most lopsided victory in Cotton Bowl history occurred as Oklahoma A & M smashed Texas Christian 34-0 before 37,500 fans.

**SUN BOWL**—Southwestern University's Pirates outclassed the New Mexico University Pumas 35-0 in the tenth Sun Bowl event witnessed by 13,000.

**SPAGHETTI BOWL**—The 5th Army team, sparked by plunging Don Moody of Freeport, Ia., rolled over the 12th Air Force club 20-0. Italy's only bowl game was watched by 25,000 GIs.

**MARSEILLE**—The Railway Shop Battalion smothered the Army All-Stars 37-0 before 18,000 New Year's Day football fans. Last year's Arab Bowl, transplanted to France this year, produced a game star in James White of Wheeling, W. Va., who scored three touchdowns and the only extra point.

### Blue Plate Special

Two-ton Tony Galento, the cheerful little beerful from East Orange, N. J., has started another comeback in the ring. He recent-

# Rattlers Card Two Home Tilts

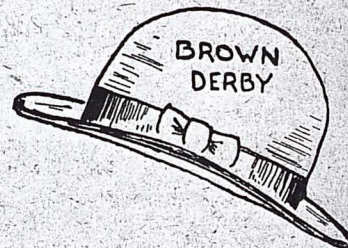
Two basketball games are slated for the field Rec. Hall this weekend, with the Rattlers in both cases meeting teams they have faced one this season.

On Friday night, Jan. 5, the Rattlers will be hosts to the Biggs Field Flyers, one of the powers of the 7th Area. In their earlier engagement the Flyers forged ahead in the fourth quarter to win, 47-37.

On Saturday night, Jan. 6, the 326th AAA SLT Bn. team will invade the Rec. Hall trying to even their season record. A couple of weeks ago the Rattlers journeyed to Fort Bliss and handed the Bliss quintet a 49-48 set back. Before this game the AA boys had won 27 of 28 games.

Both games are set for 8:15 p.m. and will be preceded by intramural play.

## PT AWARD



Section M still wears the Brown Derby. They won it during week of Dec. 17-23 for having a percentage mark in Physical Training of 89.28, lowest of any section. The score is based on percentage of section personnel participating.

ly flattened someone called Jack Suzek in the 3d round of a late bout on a smoker card in Wichita, Kan. Two-ton's last comeback came to a disagreeable end 2 years ago when an East Orange cop beat a tattoo on his head with a nightstick during a brawl in front of the Galento suds' shop on Day street, East Orange. . . . "Fat Ernie" Roerber, 82, who wrestled in the '90s, died recently in his home in New York. His chief claim to fame was that he threw the Terrible Turk in the only wrestling match ever held at the Metropolitan Opera House. . . . Eighty percent of the "Death Dealers," a squadron of pilots of the 2d Marine Air Wing based in the Pacific, were active in 14 different types of sports before they went to war, according to a dispatch from Sgt. Bill Goodrich, a Marine combat correspondent. Fifteen of the men were football and basketball players in both high school and college. . . .

## Chaplain's Chat

### CHAPLAIN EDWIN W. NORTON

Here we are, in another New Year. What will 1945 bring to us? Will it merely be a continuation of what has gone on before, or will there come new experiences and new adventures? It is that uncertainty that gives charm to starting another year.

Before the end of this year, many of us will be overseas. Others of us will be fighting the Battle of Pyote. There are some who will chafe and fret because they are not in the thick of the fighting. Others will worry over being separated from loved ones. Many of us will, no matter where we are, want to be elsewhere.

How much more contented and useful we would be, if we could just leave the future in the hands of God! In His wisdom He knows best for us. Let us determine, during the New Year facing us, that we will earnestly try to find His plan for us, and follow that plan. That will do more than anything else toward making us happy, useful and contented.

Let us be able to say with the poet:

I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.  
And so beside the Silent Sea  
I wait the muffled oar;  
No harm from Him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.  
I know not where His islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond His love and care.

## At The Chapel

**CATHOLIC**—Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**—Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

**PROTESTANT**: Sunday—9:15—Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 10:00—Section C Chapel Service; 10:30—Station Chapel Service; 7:30 p.m.—Section C Vesper Service; 8:00 p.m.—Station Vesper Service. Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Chapel Chorus Rehearsal; 8:00 p.m.—Bible Quiz.

**JEWISH**—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

### 359,247 PWs IN U. S.

**Washington (CNS)**—The Provost Marshal General's Office revealed that on Dec. 1, 1944, there were 359,247 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the U. S. They included: German, 305,648; Italian, 51,156; Japanese, 2,443.

## THEY HELP KEEP OUR AIR GIANTS IN THE BLUE



These are Pyote's "Bombsight Boys". They are right to left, 1st row: S-Sgt. Eugene Powers, S-Sgt. Robert L. Van Allen, Jr., Willis H. Draper, Capt. Alfred R. Willis, Lt. Elmer Glore, T-Sgt. Wayne E. Johnson, T-Sgt. Carl E. Jensen, S-Sgt. John C. Grigg; 2nd row: Pvt. Richard Van Yrren, Pvt. Harold A. Platowsky, Pvt. Cleburne L. Farr, Pvt. Howard D. Horton, Pfc. Virgil H. Burns, Pvt. Joseph T. Raffier, Pfc. Mortimer A. Spielberg, Pvt. Herman Gelband; 3rd row: Cpl. Graham I. Powell, Sgt. Victor R. Johnson, Cpl. Sylvan A. Hart, Pvt. Wayne C. Busby, Sgt. Jerome S. Tepper, Cpl. Ralph C. Sullivan, Cpl. George R. Heilman, Pvt. Richard P. Entz, Pvt. Arthur S. Lord; 4th row: Pvt. Leonard D. Brown, Pfc. Arl n D. Burrows, Pfc. Raymond F. Snyder, Pfc. Charles M. Davis, Pfc. William H. Geraghty.

## Pyote's 'Bombsight Boys' Keep Delicate Weapons A-1 To Win Rating Of 'Excellent' For Their Department

Pyote Army Air Field's Bombsight Maintenance division has become the model station for its particular brand of work in the Second Air Force.

Hardly a week goes by that does not bring a group of official visitors who come to see, learn and then depart to spread the methods and organization that has brought continuous excellent rating to the "Bombsight Boys" at this field.

Pyote's Bombsight department came into the limelight when the various echelons of the craft, which were spread out all over the field, were consolidated in their present quarters under the supervision of Capt. A. R. Willis and his assistant, Lt. Elmer Glore.

Today, besides the bombsight work, the skilled workers of this department take care of maintenance on bombing cameras, intervalometers, automatic pilots and the electronic controls for turbo-superchargers. The intervalometers, in case you didn't know, is the device that spaces the concentration of bombs dropped over the target area and the turbo-supercharger sees to it that sufficient oxygen enters plane motor cylinders to support the combustion of the fuel.

All of the devices handled by Capt. Willis' men are among the most complicated and confidential of war weapons. Several ingeni-

ous inventions have come out of Pyote's Bombsight shop. One of these is a device to keep bombing cameras from running when bomb-bays are closed, and another remarkable piece of work combines electronics and mechanics and hitches a camera to the bombsight and takes pictures of just what the bombardier will hit.

This invention is used in training and eliminates the need for using actual bombs in practice flights. Both of these developments are credited to the able mind and skill of Mr. Willis H. Drapper who is an electronics engineer employed at the shop.

In the Bombsight shop one is impressed by the air of quiet efficiency that pervades operations that range from work more delicate than that done by jewelers to the grossest of machine shop techniques. Capt. Willis credits the smooth cooperative operation of his vital work to such conscientious and able non-coms as T-Sgt. Wayne Johnson, S-Sgt. Melvin Ashby and Sgt. R. L. Allen and he gives credit on down the line to every one of his men.

Says the Captain: "We've got men here whose skill is unsurpassed and we've got men here who are just learning. All of them work together here and their objective is the clear and simple

slogan of the Army Air Force—'We Keep 'Em Flying.'"

A check with M-Sgt. Glenn W. Phillips at the Air Inspector's Office revealed that Bombsight Maintenance has a clear rating of excellent and that no Pyote plane has ever been grounded for a reason that could be laid at the door of Capt. Willis' department.

## Red Cross Council To Meet Jan. 19

Pyote Air Field Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council will hold a meeting at the Base Hospital on Friday, January 19, for the purpose of electing officers for 1945, it was announced by Clifford L. Gibbs, Pyote Red Cross Field Director.

**The Camp and Hospital Council is made up of civic organizations, church and school groups, and interested organizations from towns and communities in Ward, Winkler and Pecos counties.**

After the selection of officers the Council will begin to lay tentative plans for their work during the coming year and will survey the possibility of being of further service to the Red Cross in its hospital and other varied activities.