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FIELD WARS ON GAS CHISELERS

Maj, Gen, Williams Commends Field's Accomplishments

Major General Robert B. Williams, Commanding General of the Second Air Force, has commended Pyote Army Air Field for the recent improvement in combat crew training.

In a letter just received by Col. Key, General Williams stated, "Records indicate that the combat crew training at Pyote has improved in a commendable fashion during the past two to three weeks."

"Pyote Army Air Field has shown that a difficult and heavy work-load can be accomplished by intelligent effort and close coordination among all activities concerned."

"Your station is therefore to be commended and it is desired that all personnel be so advised."

The letter of commendation was forwarded here from the 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, and Brigadier General Newton Longfellow, Wing Commanding General, added his personal word of commendation.

After receiving the letter, Col. Key stated, "It gives me much pride to accept this letter of commendation on behalf of all members of the field. It is through the untiring efforts of every man and woman here that such training is possible. With the continued co-operation of all personnel Pyote can continue to do an outstanding training job, and set the pace for all other B-29 fields."

150 HOURS "ROUTINE"

Crew chiefs and crews have gained sufficient experience with B-29s that to fly 150 hours per plane per month is now considered routine, according to Major Sponable.



TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:

Your sons, husbands and brothers who are standing today upon the battlefronts are fighting for more than victory in war. They are fighting for a new world of freedom and peace.

We, upon whom has been placed the responsibility of leading the American forces, appeal to you with all possible earnestness to invest in War Bonds to the fullest extent of your capacity.

Give us not only the needed implements of war, but the assurance and backing of a united people so necessary to hasten the victory and speed the return of your fighting men.

By Authority
William D. Leahy
Donald Douglas
Ernest King
Wright Patterson
Carl Spaatz
Arthur H. Sponable

Swimming Pool Opens Tomorrow

The enlisted men's swimming pool will open tomorrow morning at 10:00.

The pool was filled Tuesday, but the opening was delayed until the water could be put through the chlorination process.

The pool will be open to enlisted men, their wives, and their guests, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Two More Pyoters Head For Medic OCS

Two more enlisted men left the field last week to embark on a course of instruction leading to those gold bars. Sgt. David E. Frieze of Maintenance Section A, and Cpl. Ernest O. Jones of the hospital laboratory, left to attend Medical Administrative Officer Candidate School, at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Ration Board Warns Drivers Of Unfilled Cars

The field gas and tire ration board is starting to crack down on chiselers, Capt. R. A. Diedrich, ration board member, announced Saturday.

"Due to critical shortages of gasoline and tires, a concerted effort will be made by the ration board to see that all automobiles will carry a full load of passengers", Captain Diedrich stated.

Periodic check-ups will be made to see that all cars are carrying a full load of passengers. Cars that are not, will be stopped, the drivers questioned, and a complete check made of their records at the ration office.

The moral is: Don't Drive A Car With Empty Seats!

The ration board is having considerable difficulty in receiving gasoline and tire rations. Cut-backs and reduced rations will be necessitated. Any violation of the "full load of passengers" ruling will result in definite action by the ration board.

Hq. Nixes Officers' Summer Wool Jackets

A recent TWX from Army Air Forces Headquarters has been received here stating that a number of officers with the AAF have been wearing field jackets of wool, made in summer shades and of summer material.

The wearing of such a garment is unauthorized, and AAF Headquarters has sent out a notice that all officers are to be informed that such a jacket is not a part of the authorized uniform, and the wearing of it will be discontinued.

"Darling, if the mattress feels lumpy, it's because of those extra War Bonds tucked under there."

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RATTLESNAKE ARMY AIR FIELD

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A Good Soldier

On April 12, 1945, a corporal with the Engineers was shot on Okinawa; a Signal Corps private was killed in Germany; and their Commander-In-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt, died at Warm Springs, Georgia.

All died like good soldiers, "in the line of duty."

The President had been often told that if he stayed in office he risked dying there. During his fourth presidential campaign he said that "everything within him" cried out for a return to Hyde Park. But he stayed.

It was not his first, but his last great sacrifice for the nation which he loved so well. His passing in line of duty outlines boldly and clearly for all the world to see his great faith in America, the land he symbolized for all people who struggle upward to a better way of life.

His courage in the face of disaster was one of the greatest assets which the U.S.A. threw into the battle against the axis after Pearl Harbor. This courage, this possession of a man who learned to rule himself before he came to rule a nation, he gained by his triumphant battle against personal physical tragedy.

The doctors gave him the news in 1921 that he would be a lifetime cripple—and Mr. Roosevelt went on to lead a most active and strenuous life.

The economists and the nation in 1932 were struggling in the pit of our country's greatest depression—and President Roosevelt instituted daringly conceived reforms which paved the way to recovery.

In 1941 we were attacked by the gangster nations who had prepared for years for their great gamble. The first blow was hard and the country mentally unprepared—and the Commander-in-Chief led the nation through the frantic early days of war, to unequalled military achievements on the broadest scale imaginable, and today to the brink of total victory.

These three superhuman achievements are the basis of Franklin D. Roosevelt's claim to immortality. A great man is lost—not only to America but to the world.

Like a good soldier, Franklin D. Roosevelt would want his comrades to carry on after him. That is our task. The job, if huge, is clear-cut—to win the war and keep the peace.

With our new Commander-In-Chief, Harry Truman, let us pray we are able to do this. Thus we can best honor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Chaff

The distance between a spinning prop and the ground is just enough space for a headless man to walk through.

Folks who walk with their head up may never find nickels, but they'll see the beauty of the universe.

REMEMBER?

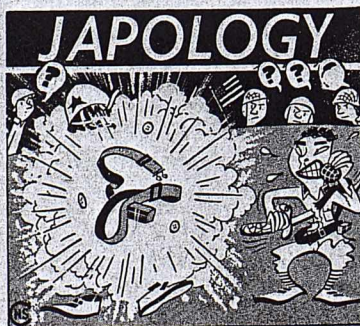
Headlines of a year ago, culled from the files of The Rattler:

April 18, 1944—Pyote entered the baseball loop organized among 2nd Air Force stations. New furlough regulations gave the soldiers 15 days plus traveling time during a fiscal year. The wide open race to name "Queen of Pyote" neared the finals with photo entries still pouring into Public Relations. T/Sgt. Edward Christensen directed the Jive Band Concert at the Service Club, highlighting a new arrangement of "Holiday for Strings". Twelve teams had entered the Rattlesnake Softball League. "Bombs A' Burstin'", featuring GI talent, was slated for broadcast from the Service Club over KIUN, Pecos. Coordination and compliance section was established to supervise inspections. World headlines: US, Russian Air Forces Join Blows at Balkans. Allied Defenders Take Offensive in Kohima.



Q. I have been a private for 39 months. Recently I read that privates could be upped to Pfc under a new WD regulation. However, my CO refuses to give me the promotion because he says I haven't "been on the ball." Does he have to give me that precious one stripe?

A. No. Promotions to Pfc are not automatic. Change 5 of AR 615-5 states specifically that men who are eligible for such promotion will not be upped in grade automatically. The promotion is reserved for those qualified and deserving but denied advancement because of lack of vacancies in the TO.



Another popular fallacy concerning the Japs is that they are stolid and phlegmatic. The truth is that the Japs are very emotional, trained in repression all their lives. When they get into tight spots, they are much more likely to "blow up" than are other persons.

The MEAT AND POTATOES Boy--



Always leaves the vegetables on his plate—wastes tons of good food—while lack of vitamins makes him tired and tired.

This Week-- At The Theatres

Unless otherwise noted, Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theatre No. 2 shows at 7 and 9, with matinee, Sunday only, 2:15.

THURSDAY
Thu.—"ROYAL SCANDAL" with Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Coburn, Ann Baxter. Shorts: MARCH OF TIME and Paramount News. (119 minutes).

FRIDAY
Fri.—"DELIGHTFULLY DANGEROUS" with Jane Powell, Ralph Bellamy, Constance Moore. Shorts: Sportscope and Color Cartoon. (108 minutes).

SATURDAY
Sat.—"TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR" with Jimmy Durante, Van Johnson, Gloria De Haven (revival). Short: BUGS BUNNY. (120 minutes).

SUNDAY AND MONDAY
Sun. & Mon.—"SALTY O'ROURKE" with Alan Ladd, Gail Russel. Shorts: Merrie Melodies and Paramount News. (118 minutes).

TUESDAY
Tue.—"THE POWER OF THE WHISTLER" with Richard Dix, Janis Carter. (One feature only). Shorts: Passing Parade, Are Animals Actors and Goffy News Views. (100 minutes).

WEDNESDAY
Wed.—"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS" with Dennis O'Keefe, June Havoc, Rochester. Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News. (117 minutes).

"HELLO JOE" PLAYS TUESDAY PM

STORK CLUB

MASTERS—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. E. C. Masters at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 9, a boy, Nevario Brown, weight 7 lbs. 1 oz. Sgt. Masters is assigned to Sq. A.

GRAY—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Robert F. Gray at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 9, a boy, Stephen Robert, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. Lt. Gray is assigned to Sq. F.

KELLER—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Allen Keller at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 11, a boy, Harvey, weight 9 lbs. Sgt. Keller is assigned to Sq. A.

TRIBBLE—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Warren Tribble at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 10, a boy, Robert James, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. S/Sgt. Tribble is assigned to Sq. A.

HETHERINGTON—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Robert Hetherington at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 12, a boy, Stephen Robert, weight 11 lbs. Sgt. Hetherington is assigned to Sq. F.

EILAND—Born to Pfc. D. W. Eiland at Camps and Camps Hospital, Pecos, Texas, on April 2, a boy, Glenn Doy, weight 8 lbs. Pfc. Eiland is assigned to Sq. F.

ROGER, ROGERS!



June Rogers

USO Acts To Play 2 Shows: 7 And 9 PM

The latest USO extravaganza plays Theater No. 1 next Tuesday night at 7 and 9 PM. "Hello Joe" is the name under which the acts travel, and from all indications, it looks to be a corker.

Top act billed is **Kenny Brenna and Company**, top comics. Brenna recently returned from a tour of North Africa. In the old days, he played just about every city and hamlet in the U.S.A.

Other acts include: **Jack Buckley**, singing emcee, a midwestern favorite in clubs, theaters, and radio; **Smith, Rogers, and Eddy**, who call themselves the "international nit-wits" handle a distinct comedy and pantomine dance routine; **Dean and Brown**, acrobats; the **Fisher Sisters**, of Dallas, Texas, who are two attractive young chirpers; and the **Six Elaine Girls**, chorus line—three blondes and three brunettes.

The shows are free to military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians.

Movie Memo:

"**Delightfully Dangerous**" has the sweet young sister save the elder from the perils of burlesque. Tunes aren't too bad.

"**Two Girls And A Sailor**" brings back the gay musical comedy with pretty gals, cute story, and the Schnozzola. Fun—even the 2nd time through.

"**Salty O'Rourke**" is a grim turf-yarn, with a couple of dead bodies, photo finishes, and gazelle-eyed girls.

"**The Power of the Whistler**" is another in this mystery series. The mystery being why it's a series.

"**Brewster's Millions**" is a joyful yarn of a discharged GI that has to spend a million mazuma in 6 months. And wotta time he has, 'cause he can't tell why.

"Victories Of '45" Is Hectic And Hilarious Pyote Revue

"Victories of '45", latest Pyote extravaganza, was a big, burly, two-hour show, raucous, noisy and a heck of a lot of fun.

From the Hellzapoppin' opening (that packed the aisles with stooges) to the finale (that had the cast applauding the audience), "Victories of '45" was a breathless, heady show.

Probable show-stealer was the bit where **Dave Goodman**, **Buddy Lewis**, and **Chuck Rudolph** kidded the pants off **Crosby**, **Sinatra**, and **Downey**.

Highlighting the "Victories of '45" taffy-pull was the appearance of **Miss Dorothy Boles** as **Miss Victory**—a title awarded her at the beauty contest of last February.

Cpl. Art Hammell and **Cpl. Buddy Lewis** did a neat bit of directing. The chorus line was smooth enough, and the show moved fast. **Cpl. Gene Elston**, stage manager, deserved a bow for the sets, along with **Lt. Armand Zuckerman** who designed them.

"Victories of '45" was probably the best costumed show to come out of Pyote.

Marcelles Billingsley, Squadron C, put in a terrific evening as a

vocalist.

All in all, "Victories" is a well-rounded show in the right places. Though at times it left us feeling like two hours in a jolly cement-mixer, the entire show was hectic and hilarious.

"Victories of '45" played Monday and Tuesday nights at Theater No. 1, now plans to hit the road to perform for other fields and bases.

Your War Bond purchases are one assurance you'll get him home sooner. The only War Bond you'll ever regret is the one you didn't buy!

G-AISLING

BLECHMAN - WEITZMAN

Married at Station Chapel, on April 11, **Ruth Weitzman**, of Easton, Pa., to **F/O Marcus Blechman** of Far Rockaway, New York. Best man was **F/O Ralph J. Caso**. Rites performed by **Chaplain Gilbert H. Curry**.

JONES - MCGILL

Married at Station Chapel, on April 15, **Doris McGill**, of Tifton, Georgia, to **Capt. Garrett J. Jones** of Dublin, Georgia. **Capt. Charles W. Crisler** was the best man. Rites performed by **Chaplain Edwin W. Norton**.

BURTON - PALMER

Married at Station Chapel, on April 15, **S/Sgt. Mary V. Palmer**, of Claymount, Del., to **Lt. Edward C. Burton** of Wachapreague, Va. **Capt. Benton C. Tolley** was best man. Rites performed by **Chaplain Edwin W. Norton**.

STILWELL SAYS IRTC BUILDS "GOOD SOLDIER"

Although more training for Infantry replacements would probably lower the casualty rates, **Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell**, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, pointed out a longer program would result in greater loss of life in the final count. Replacements must keep pace with the war in Europe and the "good soldiers" turned out by the IRTC are bringing about a "quicker end".

Qualified GIs Over 30 May Apply For Discharge to UNRRR

GIs 30 years of age or older who would like to work as civilians in Europe, may, if properly qualified be discharged from service to take jobs with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

UNRRA has an urgent need, according to WD Memo 620-45, for men and women to handle displaced persons in Europe. Selected groups will be organized into

teams to administer refugee centers in Germany. These centers, groups of billets, or camps will be able to house from 3,000 to 7,000 persons liberated in Germany, where they have served as deported laborers, PWs, or in internment camps.

Salaries range from \$3,000 to \$8,000 annually. Employment will be for a "period of one year or longer if required."

UNRRA wants men and women between 30 and 40, with college graduation preferred but not required. Applicants should have had responsible administrative or professional experience. The international relief agency stresses that they seek people of tough fibre, with energy, flexibility, and willingness to work long hours under difficult conditions.

Anyone interested in applying for UNRRA posts has been asked to write to Director of Personnel, UNRRA Headquarters, Dupont Circle Bldg., Washington, D. C., giving name, age, education, principal experience, including names of employers, dates of employment, salaries received, present assignment and name of organization.

Relief of officers and warrant officers from active duty will be considered under Section III, Circ. 485, WD 1944. Discharges for GIs to accept UNRRA jobs will be considered under AP 615-365.

Last Minute Call By Captain Taylor 'Kills' T.R. Scoop

The Rattler's latest news concerning T.R.'s accusations as regards a Pyote soldier's "honorable intentions" was censored, at press time, by Capt. D. M. Taylor, of the investigating board.

Earlier in the week Captain Taylor issued a written statement for publication concerning the case. Whether later developments altered the truth of the statement, or whether Captain Taylor had a change of mind about the publicizing, isn't known.

He merely phoned and told The Rattler to kill the story, which was done.

With or without Captain Tay-

Sixty-Five Add Stripes During Past Week As Promotions Roll

Sixty-five promotions were handed out in the past week, ranging from four stripes down to one. The lucky people were:

STAFF SERGEANTS

Squadron E: Stephen A. Kamin-ski.

SERGEANTS

Squadron E: LeRoy M. Nelson. Squadron C: Joe B. Thompson. Squadron D: Jacob J. Iback. Section III: Carlos L. Wastel, Ray E. Whitney, Robert L. Nefzger, Robert M. Coats, Frank Lemmons, Harold V. Clark, Byron L. Dalkert, William W. Benjamin, Ira L. Barnett, Guy L. Williams, William C. Haller, Reba D. Earhart, Fred L. Koch, Francis A. Boulay, Roland E. Goode, Ernest D. Bergeron, Fred Freeman, Howard Niyah, Bryl I. Kenyon.

CORPORALS

Section III: Norman L. Mills, Mitchell B. Schulich, Roy V. Elliott, Samuel J. Schreiber, Alton J. Wesley, Robert C. Christiansen, Bernard J. McGillan.

Squadron E: John R. Kemmer, James L. Barron, Gordon V. Brown, Charles M. Davis, James A. Dornshuld, John E. Guy, Peter Kreavy, Cornelius F. Lane, Walter F. Miller, John F. Patt, William B. Sabas, Walter W. Seavy, Guy H. Smith, Edgar A. Sohl, Edward T. Zanat, Reuben O. Barton, Arlen D. Burrows, Vernon E. Dickerson, Earl A. Grabow, Joseph E. Kinney, Walter E. Ladwig, Mitchell M. Mackiewicz, John Nikon, Willis Quick, Mauritz C. Scholin, Mervin A. Shaw, Roy W. Smith, Robert L. Vining and Harold Carles.

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Squadron B: Helen B. McMachen, Agnes I. Steadman and Viola S. Swope.

Squadron A: Richard G. Chat-ham, Willard M. Harris and Charlie G. Smith.

lor's consent, this paper will, next issue, inform its readers as to the status of the entire case. Feeling that The Rattler's reputation has been damaged by the "on-again, off-again" attitude of the board, this paper will give a complete expose of the charges and the accusations brought by the lady.

Senator Asks 'Over 38s' Be Discharged

Release from military service of married men 38 and over was proposed last Friday in a bill by Senator William Langer, Republican, of North Dakota, if they prove that they will enter war work.

"We believe here that the war in Germany will be over shortly," Senator Langer told the Senate.

"These married men ought to be allowed to come home and take care of their families."

Fast-breaking military and diplomatic successes also started talk in Congress of restrictions on use of youth under 19 for combat and abandonment of nurse-draft legislation.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, Democrat, of Colorado, more optimistic than some of his colleagues, said it is not outside the realm of possibility that the whole Selective Service act may be allowed to expire May 15.

On the other hand, Senator Lister Hill, Democrat, of Alabama, said, "we cannot afford to relax our efforts for either the Selective Service act extension or the induction of vitally-needed nurses at any point short of peace on both the European and Pacific fronts."

HER BROTHER'S AT PYOTE!



Hollywood pin-ups are nothing new in Army barracks; but when a Pyote GI has a pin-up girl for a sister, that's news.

Cpl. Fred Secord, Squadron D, is the enviable lad who boasts Jane Randolph, 20th-Century Fox starlet, as a sister. Jane, who was Jane Secord back in Kokomo, Indiana, before her break in the films, is a glamour gal for whom the movie moguls have big things planned.

Fred has quite a collection of studio portraits of his sister, most of them autographed with sisterly affection.

The leggy lass above is Jane—from Kokomo to Hollywood, with a private fan club, all her own, at Pyote.

PYOTE WINS 2 IN BOXING MEET

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

Distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

You could have knocked South Chicago over with a blow from a stockyard hambone when the Cubs shipped Lou Novikoff the borsch-eating outfielder, back to the minors. But to the boys who have seen them come and go for years, it wasn't surprising at all.

Colorful and likeable, Lou Novikoff was one of the best hitters the minor leagues ever developed. He led every league he ever played in—except the National. He was a killer—in the minors. But like Buzz Arlett, Count Puccinelli, Jimmy O'Connell, Ike Boone, Smead Jolley and Ox Eckhardt—killers, all—he couldn't make good in the big time.



Bert Shepard

In the first place, Lou couldn't field his position. In the 2d place, he couldn't hit a high, outside curve. Feed them low and keep them inside and Lou would murder you. But they don't make it a point to pitch to your strength in the majors.

One-legged Bert Shepard, AAF lieutenant who lost his right leg when his plane was shot down over Germany, has been signed to a

coach's contract by the Washington Senators. Shepard, and ex-minor league pitcher, threw two innings for the Senators recently in an exhibition game at Ft. Story, and fanned the side in the 9th.

A patient at Walter Reed Hospital, Shepard impressed Clark Griffith and Larry MacPhail with his stuff. Griffith immediately signed him as coach and batting practice pitcher, but announced after the Ft. Story game that Bert may be a starting pitcher yet.



Pete Gray

One-armed Pete Gray hit 3 for 3 his first day at bat for the St. Louis Browns. The next time out he sacrificed in the winning run in the 9th. Want to know who will play centerfield for the Browns this season? His name is Gray.

Coast Guard Exams Open To Soldiers

Washington (CNS)—The annual competitive examinations for appointments to cadetship in the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., will be held May 9 and 10, 1945. Enlisted men in the Army are eligible to compete in the examinations if they are: not less than 17 years of age and not more than 22 on May 1, 1945; at least a high school graduate, unmarried; over 5 feet 6 inches in height; with 20/20 vision uncorrected in each eye and otherwise in good physical condition. They also must have the following credits, either in high school or college: Algebra, 2; Plane geometry, 1; Trigonometry, ½; English, 3; Physics, 1; Chemistry, 1; other optional units, 6½. Candidates who are successful in obtaining an appointment to the Coast Guard Academy may be discharged from the Army to accept the appointment (WD Memorandum No. 350-44). Successful completion of the 4-year course at the Academy leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and a commission in the Coast Guard.

Dick Smith Wins Via 2 KOs; Robinson Garner 2 Decisions

Pyote's two boxing champs swung a little leather at the 2AF boxing championship meet at Topeka, and brought home the bacon.

It was just as simple as that. Ike Robinson and Dick Smith, two Squadron C leather-pushers, won their weight championships at the champ-of-champ meet last week-end.

Thus Pyote's two-man squad, under the able tutelage of S/Sgt. Fred Root, batted a thousand per cent, and gave Pyote the honor of being the only 2AF field with two boxing champs.

Smith, 165-pound mauler, won both the semi-final and final in that bracket, by the kayo route. In five matches in the 2AF tourney, Smith knocked out five men, each time the wind-up came in the second round. Gettleman, of Smoky Hill Air Base, was the opponent in the finals, and heavily favored, but after 1:34 of the 2nd, Gettleman was on the canvas for keeps. Smith has fought 18 bouts in the Army, lost one, and won 8 by a knockout.

Robinson met Cpl. Cliff Olm-

stead of Rapid City, S. Dak., and his shifty style won him the decision. Robinson's peculiar crouch, weaving in, around, and under his opponent confused more than one man in the tourney.

Due to a peculiar method of scoring, Rapid City AAB won the championship—having four men in the 2AF meet; Pyote with only two men, both champs, was named second, and Winfield, Kans., third. But the honor of having two 2AF champs from Pyote—two entries, two winners—is an honor and distinction that no other Second Air Force installation can duplicate.

CREW OF THE WEEK



Crew of the week, honored for their efficiency at keeping "their" plane in the air for the most flying hours, stands for their picture. They are, left to right: (standing) Pfc. Roy M. French, Pfc. James L. Isenhour, Sgt. Joseph J. Sheehan. (Kneeling): Pfc. Fred M. Copperrider, Cpl. Wm. C. Ridley.

Flying Short Snorts



CREWMEN SLEEPETH
JAPANESE REAPETH

Flight Test Section Gives Flying Okay That Counts

They don't have any ships assigned and don't do any maintenance chores—but the boys at Flight Test are familiar with practically every ship on the field.

The reason—they pull test flights on training ships coming back from engine changes or other major repairs. Routine flight checks must be made following each 75-hour and 150-hour inspection.

Three complete crews are stationed at Flight Test, which operates out of Flight Line Maintenance. It's one of the "flyin'est" outfits on the field, as each Flight Test man usually accumulates from 50 to 60 hours in the air each month.

1st Lt. G. E. Cameron, a pilot, is in charge of Flight Test.

About half its personnel, both officer and enlisted, is composed of overseas returnees.

Their okay must be given on each ship turned out after an inspection, engine change or any major repair or one which alters the control surface of a ship. The flight test which follows an engine change is referred to as "slow time" because the newly installed engine is held down to a certain power output.

Assigned to Flight Test today are:

Pilots—Capt. G. J. Jones, Capt. J. L. Russell, Capt. G. N. Payne, Lt. Cameron, Lt. P. J. McLaughlin, and Lt. B. J. Hooker.

Navigators—Capt. P. R. McDaniel, Lt. A. Perline and Lt. R. E. Webb.

All Able-Bodied Soldiers To Get Overseas Tour

An Associated Press report from Washington states that every able-bodied soldier in the United States who has not seen service overseas is earmarked to go abroad as fast as he can be replaced by a returning veteran.

Secretary of War Stimson set this forth in a communique made public Tuesday by Rep. Mahon (D-Tex.) member of the House Appropriations Committee.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB CHANGES BOWLING DATE

The Officers' Wives Club announcement, in last week's Rattler, was erroneous. The item should read: "the date for the club's bowling league has been changed from Friday to Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m."

Bombardiers—Lt. L. N. Bertin, Lt. W. H. Carroll, F/O W. J. McDonald, and Lt. M. W. Lovel.

Engineers—S/Sgt. E. E. Alford, Sgt. E. Y. Albright and Sgt. B. C. Dysart.

Radio Operators—Sgt. Bedard, Sgt. C. W. Taeschler and Pfc. E. C. Zawacki.

Gunners—T/Sgt. Hilliard, Sgt. J. E. McCulley, T/Sgt. P. P. La Valle, Sgt. A. T. Shagula, Cpl. B. F. Byrtek, and Pfc. E. L. Collins.



Front row, left to right: Sgt. C. W. Taeschler, Sgt. E. Y. Albright, and Pfc. E. L. Collins; T/Sgt. Hilliard, and Capt. Jones; back row: Lt. A. Perline, Lt. W. H. Carroll, and Lt. Cameron.



Front row, left to right: Sgt. A. T. Shagula, Sgt. Bedard, T/Sgt. P. P. La Valle, and Sgt. B. C. Dysart; back row: Capt. G. J. Jones, F/O W. J. McDonald, and 1st Lt. G. E. Cameron.



Front row, left to right: Sgt. J. E. McCulley, Pfc. E. Z. Zawacki, and S/Sgt. E. E. Alford; back row: Lt. M. W. Lovel, Capt. Jones, and Capt. J. L. Russell.

Art Club Welcomes GIs, Civilians To Hobby House

Capt. James McIver, a member of the Combat Crew Detachment, was presented with a charcoal sketch from life at the Monday night meeting of the art workshop.

Capt. McIver, who posed for the group, was a photographer's model in civilian life. The sketch was made by Cpl. Bill Berkeley, who instructs beginners and other members of the club who want information about art techniques. Cpl. Berkeley studied at the Kansas City Art Institute and the Nelson Atkin Gallery of Art, and is a former professional artist.

Miss Bonnie Potter, who modeled for the group at one of the meetings last week, was also given a Berkeley sketch.

New members of the group are

still coming in, and Pfc. Phil Luft, Special Services staff artist, said that there was still room for more. Wives and civilian employees will be welcomed; and enthusiasm, not experience, will be the only requirement for membership, he explained.

Materials and drawing boards are available, and more equipment for work with crayons, charcoal, and watercolors has been ordered. Individual lockers for personal equipment are being installed as rapidly as materials can be obtained.

Models will be available for sketching from life on Monday and Thursday nights. The workshop will be open at all times for still-life sketching. The Monday and Thursday night meetings will begin at 7:30 in the art workshop, which is located in the camouflage training Nissen hut just south of the Wac area.

Additional information about art activities may be obtained by phoning Pfc. Phil Luft at 27.

Administration and Services Is "City Hall" for Pyote AAF

This is another in a series of articles by a committee whose purpose is to explain to all personnel, both military and civilian, how the mission of the field is accomplished.

An air field is quite like a city, in that the various departments must be properly administered. Expenditures must be controlled, personnel assigned, and records of all activities kept.

Director of Administration and Services

The Director of Administration and Services acts as an advisor to the Commanding Officer on all matters of policy relating to personnel, administration, and station services.

Under the director is the Commander of Troops, who is responsible for military courtesy, discipline, and appearance of all personnel on the field. He also supervises the mess halls and is responsible for cleanliness of the field and work details.

Personnel

The Personnel Officer, known as S-1, has the important duty of the processing and assignment of all military personnel. He works in close coordination with the Classification Officer, whose job is to properly classify military personnel.

When a man is sent to the field he is processed, classified, and assigned to a job. His job is one for which he is qualified and one which fits into the B-29 training program. Classification also handles OCS applications, arranges for Army tests, and for re-classification or reassignment based on "on the job" training or other factors.

Intelligence

The Intelligence Officer, known as S-2 in Army terminology, is charged with the responsibility of safeguarding all military information, and the detection and prevention of subversion, espionage, sabotage or treason. He also collects and disseminates all domestic intelligence, such as warnings of escaped prisoners.

Provost Marshal

Just as a city must have a police force, so must an air field. The Provost Marshal is the "Chief of Police" of the field. He is charged with the enforcement of Army security regulations and all base regulations. The security of military prisoners is also his job.

Military police who are on duty at posts on the field and in nearby towns are under the supervision of the Provost Marshal. The MP's have a difficult job, yet, like city policemen, they are on duty to serve their fellow soldiers and to prevent them from getting into difficulties.

Budget and Fiscal

The Budget and Fiscal Officer is an advisor on all financial matters except pay and allowances of military personnel. The control of expenditures and the keeping of fiscal records is his duty. He also

must prepare budgetary estimates, internal monthly audits, and analyze all accounts and sub-allotments.

Civilian Personnel

This department is responsible for the important job of handling all activities concerning civilian employees of the government at this field. All matters relating to hiring, replacement, separation, classification, transfer, promotions, wages, employee relations, and training, is the job of Civilian Personnel. The department also supervises civilian housing and recreation facilities.

Since civilian employees are a vital part of the job of fulfilling the training mission of the field, this department is an important one.

Post Exchange

The Post Exchange operates the PX, the various coffee shops on the field, the Service Club cafeteria, and the concessions such as the Tailor, Photo, Beauty and Barber shops.

All the needs of personnel of the field are cared for by the many services under the supervision of the Post Exchange.

Courts and Boards

This department handles investigations of claims, accidents, or other activities of a legal nature. Legal assistance in the making of income tax returns, wills, and other documents is also given to personnel of the field.

Courts and Boards also tries all Courts-martial cases, and acts as legal adviser to the Station Commandant.

Rationing

The Ration Officer must handle all applications for gasoline, tires, food ration books, shoe stamps, and new car requests. The Ration Board approves all requests for such rationed items.

Signal

The Signal Officer has charge of installation, maintenance, and operation of administrative telephone system on the field. He also handles all TWX's and telegrams on the post and is responsible for the operation of cryptographic and code section. The field telephone directory is published by this office.

Chaplain

The Chaplain provides religious worship services, conducts wedding ceremonies, and promotes moral, spiritual and morale development. He also aids in developing goodwill between all personnel on the field.

WING MESS SGTS. CONVENE HERE



These Army Mess Sergeants who stopped off at Pyote on a recent trip have a total of 95 years of Army mess service. The men are from various bases of the 16th Wing and are shown here as they examined the food service program at Pyote.

After trips to other 16th Wing bases they will return to their respective fields, carrying back all the good features gained during their trip. The men considered the Squadron C Mess to be the best one in the entire Wing.

Left to right: Lt. Augustus March, rations distribution officer, M/Sgt. Kostick, M/Sgt. R. C. Gilbert, M/Sgt. Jackson, M/Sgt. H. R. Gilbert, M/Sgt. A. Perhala, S/Sgt. Duclos, and S/Sgt. T. B. Harman.

Post Office

The Post Office handles all mail for personnel and organizations on the field. Since mail is a big morale factor, its prompt delivery is not only a necessity for the efficiency of the departments, but it is also an aid in keeping people posted of news from home and friends.

Mess Supervisor

The supervision of all Mess Halls is handled by the Mess Supervisor. The preparation of food, inspections, salvage, planning, issue, delivery, and records of the various messes is his responsibility.

Special Services

Special Services handles recreation, shows movie, theaters, entertainments, squadron day rooms and similar morale activities. Under the Information and Education section, the orientation programs and the base newspaper is produced. Educational and off-duty programs are also conducted. In addition the Library and Service Club also are operated by Special Services.

Public Relations

All information regarding the field or its activities released to the press or radio is prepared by the Public Relations Office. Pictures and stories on all combat crews, promotions, awards, and other outstanding events are sent to newspapers and radio stations by this office.

Squadrons and other Departments

In addition to the many departments, the squadrons, Finance and Medical departments also are under the jurisdiction of Administration and Services for all administrative matters.

Radar Maintenance Section Commended

The Radar maintenance section, one of the newest organizations on the field, has been commended for establishing high records of maintenance during the past several months.

Major Edson J. Sponable, Supervisor of Maintenance, stated that despite a shortage of personnel, more radar missions were flown at Pyote than at any other base.

The department is under the supervision of Lts. Charles G. Connell, Thomas E. Radford, and Albert J. Baranoff. Sgt. Aaron A. Karp is section chief, and Staff Sgts. William Chase, Joseph Chapel, and Richard N. Erickson.

Other members of the department are: T/Sgt. Thomas G. Harben, S/Sgts. Edward C. Anderson, William H. Handloser, Clifford V. Gandsey; Sgts. Francis S. O'Hara, John J. Starowicz, Louis Lopez, Francis W. Jefferson, Benjamin L. Davis, James W. Damron, Charles L. Evans, Dan C. Hoge, Fernando A. Campillo, John L. Morrill, Chester C. Yoakum, Jess K. Curry, Roy D. Yoho, Francis J. Stumpff, Wayne E. Christie, Leon J. Cissell, James A. Huston, Andrew V. Furlong, Alpha O. Johnston, Walter J. Patterson; Cpls. Willburn A. Horton, Louis V. Pileggi, Raymond L. Stephens, Robert J. Robinson, Russell W. Collins, Sidney J. Moses, J. Howard Clayton, William F. Cage, Bernard M. Skolsky, Herman Jensen; Pfc. George P. Nichols, Carl D. Smith, and Mrs. Juliette M. Gift and Mr. John R. Hutson.



KOOPS' KORNER

DIRTY WORD DEPT.

For two doggone good reasons, we rise to caution GIs about foul-language. Nobby told us to write this. It's strictly our own idea. Item 1: A GI, a bit potted, made a busload of passengers uncomfortable by yelling dirty language. There were women present—and gentlemen. Fellas, if you don't know any words that aren't foul—shut your mouth.

Item 2: GIs on the line have used so much foul language, the PX has trouble in hiring girls to work at that counter. There are just enough boors who think they're funny to spoil the PX-on-the-line for those who enjoy it.

So, next time some joker starts beating his gums in the dirty-word department, tell him to pipe down. Agreed?

WHAT PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT

That the news Pyote has been agog over may be announced shortly. So far, field officials have kept mum.

Jimmy Lunceford's coming appearance here, for Squardon C, next month.

The Service Club patio, destined to be the gayest spot on the field this summer. Beer, french fries, eggs, sandwiches, and all within splashing distance of the pool.

Chuck Rudolph's chuckles in "Victories of '45".

Barney Baruch's statement in the current Time magazine that "After the war, there will be at least five to seven years of prosperity".

The number of rent reductions since the OPA Rent Control Division started shaking its fist.

The ration board's demands that all autos leaving the field carry a full complement of passengers. Means a break for the ride-hopeful GI.

The Hollywood wrangle over Greer Garson's legs. Someone accused MGM of padding the gams with horse hair in the film "Random Harvest". (See right)

The Hobby club's bang-up start, with art and photo departments offering everything — including live models, and such pretty ones.

The ping-pong tourney with Major Conde favored to win again this year.

The legs of Texas feud in Postmark: Pyote, which is beginning to get repercussions throughout the State.

The original Pyote slogan "B-29s . . . From Pyote To Tokyo!" which has been mimicked at Clovis as "B-29s . . . From Clovis AAF to Japan". Hmf.

Camp Barkeley, Texas—one of the state's earlier camps—which went on a stand-by basis a week ago.

Last Saturday's wild-fire rumors about V-E Day, all of which were groundless.

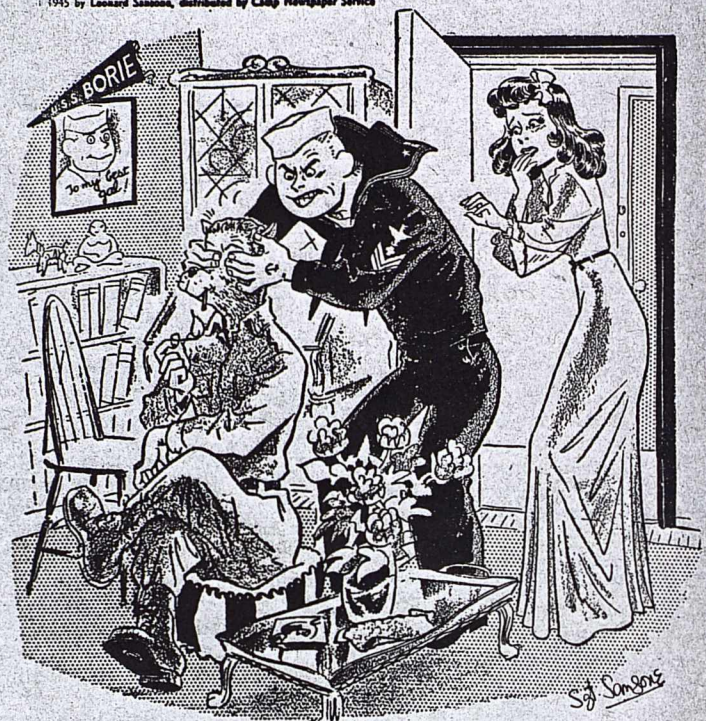
The local one-time popular brunette who's been crossed off many a datable list. Barracks sessions proved she's been hop-



The Wolf

1945 by Leonard Sansone, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

by Sansone



"No! This is not Lambie-Pie!"

scotching from one shift to another and crams more than a quota of dates into a pee-em.

The bonfire outside the CCD barracks at the corner of 5th and C streets. Lit by an unhappy gunner, those "SWAK" on the sugar reports put romantic thoughts in his head until she wrote him about her scottie "Kippy" on whose nose she wet the stickun.

The library's request that frequenters suggest books that the library can purchase. All ya do is stop at the desk and ask if they'll order the book you wanna read.

Dolly Mitchell, vocalist with Kay Kyser's band, who writes ardent pash notes to a Pyote S/Sgt. He won't give his name, and won't let us read the tomes, but we hear they crackle.

The serious attempt to beat out Clovis on flying hours. April should be the month we dood it.

The orientation program (where M/Sgt. Joe Collier, one-time prisoner of the Japs spoke) that lasted 30 extra minutes, at the request of the audience. Thrilling.

THE GAG BAG

Chuck Rudolph passes on this Pyote Quote: Overheard at the Service Club cafeteria: "This is a lot better place since it burned down!"

Imagine you've heard about the two little rabbits who went out into the woods and had a hare-raising experience.

Did they tell you about the girl they called "Bacon"? Someone was always trying to bring her home.

The average country cottage, according to one chap, is five rooms and a path.

Knees are a luxury these days. If you don't think so, just try to get ahold of one.

Some girls take you for what you are; others, for what you have.

On the other hand, some men deserve what they get—others remain single.

Then there was the guy who thought his wife was scared to death someone would steal her clothes. She must be, he figured, because she hired some guy to stay in the closet and watch 'em.



Dolly Mitchell

VE Discharges Are Left to Theatre Commanders Will

WASHINGTON—The final say in determining how many points a soldier will need to qualify for discharge under the Army's point system for partial demobilization after V-E Day will rest with theater commanders in each theater of war, but a high point rating will not always assure a man of release from service.

The minimum number of points to qualify for discharge will be set on the basis of how many men have earned a large number of points and how many a small number. If the demands in the Pacific are large, as expected, and the majority of the men have a large number of points, the minimum point-rating figure will be set high.

Under the Army's point system ratings will be based on dependent children, length of service, time of service overseas and number of combat medals. The relative value of each has not yet been announced by the War Department.

Uncertainty Remains

Even after the rating value of each factor has been announced individual soldiers will not know how they stand until the theater commander has been advised how many men and of what type are needed to continue the war against Japan. He will then set the rating figure and men whose Army careers have earned them enough points to be above that figure will be classified for discharge—unless they are specialists or key men who cannot be replaced.

Soldiers who are not specialists and are eligible for discharge, may not be discharged if immediate unit replacements are not available.

1 Out of 23 Eligible

Meanwhile, unless the war picture changes or the Army amends its plans some officials feel that not more than one out of every 23 soldiers will be in line for discharge on V-E Day. Due to the untainty of conditions both in Germany and Japan the entire problem of partial demobilization remains in the "iffy" stage.

A War Department spokesman said this week that a six months' interlude probably will elapse between the time a soldier, not eligible for discharge, fires his last shot on the European front and his first shot in the Pacific war.

He stressed that before any soldier leaves his present theater of war he will know his status and therefore will know whether he is coming home to be discharged or merely to rest and train for continuing the fight in the Pacific. He said the War Department will reorganize all ground force units before selections are made for the Pacific theater and that each unit will be surveyed to see which men have the highest rating for discharge.

The spokesman cited this specific case to clarify the point system problem:

Pyote Quota For 7th War Loan \$240,830.00

The 7th War Loan is now officially underway at Pyote Army Air Field. The quota for this station is \$240,830.00—less than two-hundredth of one percent of the total for the country.

Lt. E. R. Goldberg, War Bond Officer, pointed out that the 7th is actually two drives in one. "This year," said Lieutenant Goldberg, "there will be only two war loan drives, not three. This means bigger, extra war bonds. We can't buy victory in the bargain basement."

Broken down, the quota serves EM, Officers, and civilians. Civilians' quota is \$63,375.00; Officers, \$105,115.00; EM, by Squadrons—Squadron A: \$11,725.00; Squadron B: \$2,925.00; Squadron C: \$2,020.00; Squadron D: \$14,910.00; Squadron E: \$6,810.00; Squadron F: \$14,265.00; Squadron M: \$5,325.00; Band: \$445.00; and CCD: \$13,905.00.

Bonds may be purchased through your orderly room or the bank, by allotment or over-the-counter purchases. GIs buying bonds in their home-town should contact their Squadron Adjutant, listing amount.

Replacements Necessary

Assume that in a unit of 100 men, 10 had high enough ratings for discharge. Replacements would have to be found for those men. If only five replacements could be found, five men would be tagged for discharge and the other five might go with the unit to the Pacific. However, as soon as replacements could be found for them, they also would be sent home.

"Sooner or later the point system would catch up with them," the War Department spokesman said.

Most Air Force and service troops, it was explained, probably will go directly to the Pacific, while a large part of the ground troops will be withheld for rest and training in the technique of fighting the Japs.

Cards on which men will list their children and service records already have been sent out to the theaters and it was announced re-

NO BLUES IN CP'S BLUE ROOM



The Blue Room Ice Cream Parlor, located in the southwest end of the Civilian Personnel Building, has recently been opened. Decorated in Mexican motif, it has walls of sky blue.

The capacity of the new place is approximately 50 people. All civilian and military personnel of the field are invited to use the facilities provided, according to Lt. Christy Gilkerson, Assistant Civilian Personnel Officer.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily except Sunday, when the opening hour is at 12 noon. Sandwiches and fruit will be served after 8 o'clock each evening, and full fountain service is offered at all times.

Pyote Still 2nd In Flying Hours; Trails Clovis

Pyote is still in second place in flying hours for the month of April, according to figures released by the Statistical Control Office. For the month up to midnight Friday, Pyote had accounted for 2560 flying training hours. This is slightly more than 300 hours from the top mark held by Clovis.

During the past week a number of days with less than 100 per cent flying weather were recorded which lowered the number of hours. Pyote planes flew 1381 hours for the week ending Friday. For the past few days, however, flying weather has been ideal and Pyote planes have been piling up hours.

With the month slightly more than half over a concerted last half drive will have to be made in order to boost the flying hours, and reach the goal of top base for April.

cently that theater commanders soon will be sent detailed information on the operation of the point system so that they can set up their organizations.

Extra Help

Last Friday's Rattler extra, headlining the news of the death of President Roosevelt, marked the first "extra" in two years of publication.

The editor extends sincere thanks to the following for their help and cooperation, without which the extra could not have been published:

Cpl. John R. Scofield, for forsaking his beer, to set type.

The Monahans News, for the countless favors they gave us that night.

The Radar School, for they-know-what.

The Mess Halls, for their cooperation in distributing the paper.

To Capt. S. R. Keddington and Maj. Ernest A. Swingle for giving the "Go" signal on publishing the "wuxtry".

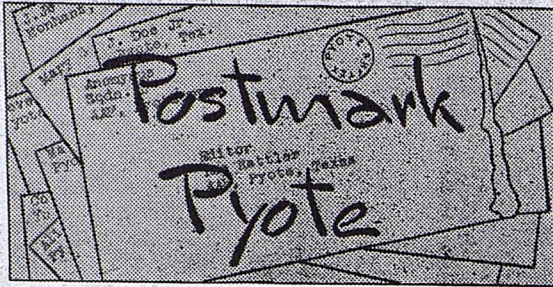
The Motor Pool, for their ready assistance in providing transportation.

Capt. Sidney Sterinbach, Staff OD of April 12, for giving us the assistance we needed.

The Special Services office and Public Relations office for their extra-curricular service.

And lastly, to the boys who complimented The Rattler and made us think the job was adequate.

"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

LOVE PYOTE

Dear Editor, Rattler:

Flash! Pyote has been selected as the field we'd like most to merge with. This is Texas State College for Women, enrollment 2300. Realizing that the woman shortage in Pyote is the same as the man shortage here, I suggest that T.S.C.W. (Texas' sweetest collection of women) and Pyote get together. In case any of you boys have nothing to do on a pass, just come to Denton and you may be assured of a date with three of the most charming girls on the campus. Just call for (The Rattler office will give room numbers to interested callers.—Ed.)

We'd like very much to have a souvenir from the Rattlesnake Bomber Base, preferably a B-29 with flying crew, ground crew, and static personnel included. You might also include a subscription of The Rattler.

We beg of you, do not disappoint three of your ardent admirers as we are truly loyal to the Air Force. This conclusion was drawn by influences from different sources, including the superb April 5th edition of The Rattler.

With admiration and devotion, we are—

A blonde, a red head, and a brunette.

● What time are trains for Denton? (The Rattler will gladly allow Pyote GIs to read the letter and note certain numbers therein that might be of interest.)

APPRECIATION

Editor, The Rattler:

Kindly print the following: "To the officers and enlisted men and civilians of Pyote Army Air Field; Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated that any word of thanks can express."

Jerry and Jack Rouf
Murray, Utah.

OVERSEAS REPORT

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm very happy to hear that you located my bracelet. Yes, I left Pyote the day after being in your office. Went to Herrington, Kans., then Topeka, Kans., finally POE, and now here assigned (the Marianas) to a (VIH) bomb group. To date I have taken part in four missions in eight days over Japan.

Hope you can figure this letter out because we returned from our

last mission at noon and I'm plenty tired. I'll give you an idea of the missions here. They are all as long or longer than the flight made from Pyote to Cuba, and over water all the way. They throw everything but the kitchen sink at you when you do get there. It is definitely no gravy train and men that have flown over Europe say it is rougher over Japan.

Thanking you for all you've done, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Eldo H. Platt, Lt., AC.
Somewhere in the Marianas.
APO 237, % Postmaster,
San Francisco, Calif.

POETRY

Editor, The Rattler:

Thought you might publish the following poem:

When the long last flight is over
And the happy landing's past,
And the altimeter tells you
The crack-up's come at last,
You'll point her nose to the ceiling

And give the crate the gun,
You point her nose, and head for
The airport of the sun.
There you'll be meeting pilots,
No longer flying low;
You'll see familiar crews,
The ones you used to know.
You'll fly the skyways forever
With the Almighty Boss—
All of heaven's airways
From Orion to the Cross.
Pfc. Sid Blumenthal.

LEG TROUBLE

Editor, The Rattler:

You are a _____! You think I'm kidding? Look, everything was going nicely until you printed that letter from "I'm-From-Missouri" knocking the Texas girls' legs. Last Sunday I was over to my girl's house for a date. The first thing she says to me, as soon as I arrived, is: "Don't you think I've got nice legs?" What the hell am I supposed to say? All afternoon that kept up—she thought, because I was stationed at Pyote, and she read that letter in the paper, that I didn't like Texas girl's legs, and she's from Texas! "Why don't you think I ain't got nice legs?" she says. Finally I blew my top, told her that she and her legs could go to h—! Now, what I wanna know is—how are you gonna fix things up with my girl? Yes, sir, you

Rattle Snake Charmer



Long a favorite pin-up with GIs is one Sherry Britton—who, like her namesake, is sweet and heady. We should say something about "Bundles for Britton", but in Sherry's case, the matter of Bundles is too obvious to mention.

are a _____!
A Burned Up GI.
● Well, has she got nice legs?
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Editor, The Rattler:
Didn't know I was going to start such a brawl with my letter about
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Wanna Be A Bandsman? Read Classifieds!

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Ads must reach The Rattler or Public Relations Office before 5 p.m. Monday. The Rattler will act solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One-way ticket from Pyote thru St. Louis to Champagne, Ill. Will sell cheap. Pvt. Leszczynski. Sq. E., Bks. 802.

TIRED OF pressing suntans by sleeping on them? S/Sgt. Lewis W. Orr, Mess Hall 5, has an electric iron and cord for sale.

WRITE RIGHT with a brand-new, gold-top, guaranteed forever, almost-impossible-to-get, pen and pencil set. Call S/Sgt. Fruchtmann at 116.

WIDE BEDS are the most comfortable thing in the world. A 39" bed with springs and mattress is yours if you see S/Sgt. Lewis Orr at No. 5 Mess Hall.

Price is cheap, he says.

IS JUNIOR SHORT on household furnishings? Here's a new baby crib with sliding panel, crib with sliding panel, and baby miniature chair for sale. Contact by calling Sq. III Tactical Officer and leave message for Lt. J. A. Johnson.

LET'S finish this fight in the 7th. The 7th War Loan is yours to get in on. Buy bonds.

BABY CRIB and high chair going at only \$15 for the both of them. Contact CCD Section III, Bks. 615. Sgt. W. C. Haller.

DON'T BE daffy. Go USAFI. Get on the beam now and catch up on school work for high school or college. Latch on to the details from Pfc. Bernie Steinberg at the Special Service Office.

OH JOY! Here's just the thing to stitch up a dress. A pedal type Singer Sewing Machine. Contact S/Sgt. Lewis W. Orr, Mess Hall 5.

PERSONALS

THANKS TO M/Sgt. Edward

FLAME



FOLLOW HER CURVESOME ADVENTURES EACH THURSDAY, EXCLUSIVE IN THE RATTLER, BEGINNING IN THE NEXT ISSUE

"I USED TO BE WEAK AND PUNY TILL I TOOK P.T.—

NOW I'VE A PHYSIQUE THAT FELLOWS ENVY AND GIRLS ADORE "I OWE IT ALL TO P.T.""

FELLOWS!

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*Statement by Sgt. Wesley T. Farraday, Sq. E.

Wait till the boys at the Y see you ... after you take P 7

Vasse for saving me from the horrible tongue of a nasty man. He gets so mad when I lose things. Sugar.

TOMMY: Ring is being sent to you by registered mail. It's turning green anyway. Jay.

DOLLY—Meet me tomorrow night, 9 PM, at the Service Club Cafeteria. Allen.

HAVE A favorite book you wanna read and the library no has got? Just tell the librarian at the desk the title of the book you want them to add to their well-stocked shelves. New books are being ordered and they're out to please.

TRANSPORTATION

GOING MY WAY? Let's share driving and expenses en route to Chicago via Kansas or Nebraska, leaving about April 23rd. Phone 238-W Pecos. Nonnie.

FOR SALE—One-way ticket to

Sioux City thru Fort Worth on the good old T&P. Call Pfc. Mandis at 258-R2.

LOST

MY WALLET, with identification papers, etc., is lost. Reward is offered. Please contact Pvt. Ruth Sahlin, Ex. 64.

GOLD CLASS bracelet, year 1942, initials "JM" on reverse. Please return to J. Melton at Sub-Depot Supply. Phone 128.

LOST—Woman's blue bill-fold, initialed MPK. Finder may keep money. Return bill-fold to Pfc. Smith, ext. 116.

F/O T. J. MANEY can't find his field jacket no place. He hates to think the poor thing is out starving on the streets. So if you see it (look for the name "Maney" on it) why not give the thing a shove back to BOQ 730.

LOST—Fountain pen. You can't miss it. It's a Lifetime Schaefer, green and black, engraved "E. Wessman". Finder please contact Sq. C, First Aid Office, ex. 254, ring 2.

FOUND

SGT. EDWARD BEAUDRY, Radio Maintenance Section, has found a sterling silver identification bracelet. Names "Irene and Wimpy" engraved on front. Contact Beaudry at 147.

FOUND—An honest man. Pfc. Noel DeVore, Sq. D, found wallet containing papers and \$15 cash. Called owner who was amazed. All the cash was there. He gave Noel a third. Honesty pays. So, does advertising.

WANTED

ARE YOU A guitarist, pianist, drummer, etc? Our band is short on competent musicians. (No remarks, please.) Apply at band practice hall anytime. They're not kidding. They're short on musicians.

GOT A record-player in good condition? Pfc. Robert L. Wood is just wild to get a hold of a grammy-phone. Contact him at ext. 84.

WILL anyone with a set of loaded, educated dice contact me? I've got thousands of bills that have to be paid. If Pluto won't, loaded dice will. T/Sgt. Ben Holt, Bks. 642.

CATCH THIS woe of mine, pal. I've got four rolls, four perfectly lovely, unused rolls of 120 film, but my camera is a 116. Now, if you've got some 116 film, I'll trade you my 120. Contact Cpl. Poppick at Wood Mill, ext. 156, Ring 2.

Field Opens Drive For Used Clothing For Europe's Needy

The drive for old clothing to be distributed to the war-needy of Europe goes into action today at the field, Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons announced.

The Officers' Wives Club is backing the drive for officers and their wives. Clothing donations should be turned in to Mrs. G. B. Motherhead at the Officers' Club by April 28th, the closing day of the drive.

The Civilian Personnel campaign is under the direction of Major James Sewares. He announces that a dance will be held next Thursday night at the CP hall, with an out-of-town orchestra playing the engagement. Admission price will be one article of wearing apparel for impoverished people of the ETO.

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the legs. But, frankly, I've been checking closely, and my latest survey affirms: Texas gals have horrible gams! Can I help it?

I'm-From-Missouri.

● The survey, at its height, must have been most interesting.

SHOPPERS GUIDE

Editor, The Rattler:

Why can't the Commissary have the variety of food that the grocery stores in town carry? For example, canned soup, baby food in cans, different fruits that our children like, such as bananas. We appreciate the stock the Commissary carries, but carrying just a few more items would really help those of us that are just too tied down on our jobs to go to town to shop.

An EM and his wife.

● Lt. Stanley J. Ewald, Commissary Officer, announced that in the past AAF regulations regulated the size, variety and brand of items sold at the Commissary. However, recent regulation, dated March 9, has lessened these restrictions, so that baby foods, and larger selection of foods can be sold. The Pyote Commissary has placed their order for this enlarged stock, and expects to have shipments by June 1. Which sounds like a swell deal all the way around.

LIKED EXTRA

Editor, The Rattler:

Envy you your extra on the death of FDR. Strictly on the ball, you are. Congratulations!

Cpl. Clyde Melton, Jr.
Editor, Pecos AAF Flying Times.

War Bonds bought today will buy education for tomorrow's citizens.

Off-Base GIs Must Sign OPA Form At Sqdn.

Officers and enlisted men residing off the field are required to fill out a registration form at their Squadron orderly room before the 27th of this month. This is in line with the OPA rental control inspection now being made, and whether or not you have received permission to live off the field has no bearing on this registration. and—instead of the threatened raise—got a substantial reduction in rent.

The whole deal works like this: You register your house with your

Results are already showing from the OPA drive. One GI collected a refund of over a hundred and fifty smackers. Another put in his beef about his trailer home, Squadron. Your landlord registers the place with the OPA. The OPA then sends you a Rental Registration Certificate.

Now don't get excited if the form lists the present price as the legal one. The OPA will be around

in a day or so to check the place. If they think you are paying more than you should, they'll say so. Pay their approved price and no more.

If your landlord has not registered your dwelling, ask him to do so at once. If he refuses, complain to the OPA (office at the Monahans USO) or the Personal Affairs Office here on the field (back of the library).

If you are wealthy enough to own your own home, or if you are paying for one, you must fill out the rental card at your Squadron regardless. This form must be filled in by the 27th. You are then given 7 days of grace before you must submit your OPA certificate.

This OPA Rent Control inspection is for your benefit. Take advantage of this attempt to adjust correct prices, and sign up now at your orderly room.

There are no such rental certificates for hotel dwellers. Hotel owners must publish ceiling prices on each room in the room. Pay no more than the listed ceiling price for the hotel room.

When in doubt on the matter, check with (a) the OPA Rent Control Division, Monahans USO; or (b) Personal Affairs Office, Bldg.

Conservation Stressed In M-S Schoolroom

The importance of conserving clothing and equipment is being stressed here at Pyote. The Maintenance and Supply Training Department, under Lt. A. M. Bebb, Conservation Officer, is currently conducting classes in conserving these vital GI needs. Pfc. Arthur Bernstein is instructor.

The critical need for clothing and equipment exists because of the ever-lengthening supply lines on all battle fronts.

GIs are advised to have clothing and equipment turned in for repair, before salvage is necessary; to turn in all excess issue; and to cooperate in all phases, by preventing unnecessary use, or careless waste of Government Issue.

COLORS AT HALF-MAST

The colors will be displayed at half-mast for a period of 30 days from last Friday honoring the late President and Commander-in-chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"No, honey, not tonight. I wanna buy an extra bond."

Snappy Story



MALE CALL

By
Milton
Caniff

