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B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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POW CADRE DUE HERE TODAY

War Bond Rally Planned for Ramp Monday Morning

A mammoth war bond rally and raffle will officially touch off the 7th War Loan at the field Monday at 8 AM on the ramp.

Almost \$2500 in war bonds will be awarded to lucky ticket holders in the drawings for the 7th War Loan lottery. Tickets have been on sale throughout the field, and will be sold until Sunday night, Lt. E. R. Goldberg, War Loan Officer, announced.

Top prize will be a \$500 war bond; followed by two \$100 war bonds, and there will be fifty awards of \$50 and \$25 war bonds.

Entertainment, music, and short speeches will climax the rally Monday morning. All civilians and military personnel are invited to attend the hour program. Department heads are asked to allow personnel leave from work in order to attend.

Schedule Altered For PM Movies

Here's an announcement of concern to Pyote movie-goers, as who isn't? Lt. Earle Y. Cherkosly, Ass't. Special Services Officer, announced that starting Saturday the evening movie times will be changed.

Effective Saturday, Theater No. 1 will show its first evening performance at 6:30; Theater No. 2 will show its first evening performance at 7:15.

Second shows at both theaters will begin approximately two hours later. Theater No. 1: 8:30; Theater No. 2: 9:15.

The change in movie times was effected, Lt. Cherkosly said, in order to give cinemaddicts more time to gulp down their supper and also to occupy a little more

PLEDGE TO VICTORY

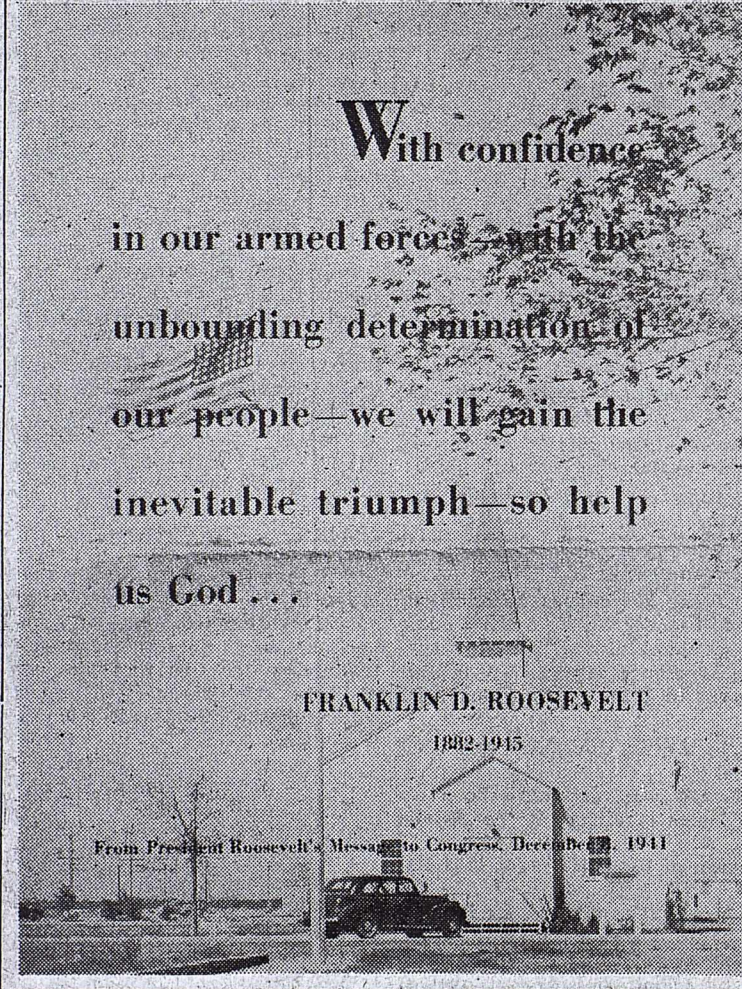
With confidence

in our armed forces—with the
unbounding determination of
our people—we will gain the
inevitable triumph—so help
us God...

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

1882-1945

From President Roosevelt's Message to Congress, December 8, 1941



evening time now that the days are getting longer.

Matinees are not affected by the change. Just in case you don't quite follow, starting Saturday movie times are this way: Theater No. 1: 1:30, 6:30, 8:30; Theater No. 2: 7:15 and 9:15. Sundays only Theater No. 2 shows a matinee at 2:15 PM.

Meanwhile, tonight and tomorrow night the old schedule will be in effect.

POOL TO REOPEN END OF THIS WEEK

The Enlisted Men's swimming pool was closed Monday because of a breakdown in the filter system. Officials announced that the repairs should be finished this week in time for the week-end's capacity throng of swimmers. Last Sunday attracted the largest attendance in the pool's brief history as summer heat drove hundreds to the pool.

Prisoners Will Erect Compound

The first cadre of German prisoners of war was expected to arrive on the field last night. This group will be put to work constructing a compound where additional PWs will be sheltered on the field.

Capt. Neal H. Sawyers has been appointed Works Project Officer.

The group of PWs will be given jobs on the base that release semi-skilled and skilled GIs for more vital duties. It is believed, though not officially confirmed that many PWs will be assigned to KP.

German prisoners of war are required to salute U.S. commissioned officers. The officers should return the salute with the U.S. Army regulation "side-arm". At numerous camps the old-time Nazi stiff-arm salute has been placed on the verboten list and replaced with the regulation salute. Inasmuch as Nazi enlisted men salute Sergeants of the German Army, U.S. Sergeants can expect a few salutes tossed their way from the PWs. They should return such with the regulation salute.

The flight line, WAC area, and places containing classified material will be restricted to prisoners of war. They will be marched to and from their cantonment, but while at work shall be under the charge of the department supervisor.

The PWs can be put to work for either 3 8-hour shifts, or two 12-hour shifts, in line with the articles of war according to the Geneva convention. They are allowed a ten-minute break each hour and not more than one hour for meals.

They are paid for their work the equivalent of 80 cents a day. Such salary is not paid in currency, but in coupons good for that amount at the prisoner's own Post Exchange, built and operated within their cantonment.

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Next: V-J Day

This is an editorial we don't care to write. It's quite unnecessary—or should be.

But for the benefit of the blind few, let's recite a few simple facts. And to get the story straight we go back to 1941—December.

December 7th, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, declared war on the United States, Great Britain. December 8th, the United States declared war on Japan. December 11th, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. And after that declaration, Congress declared a state of war existed between the United States and Germany and Italy. December 12th, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Slovakia declared war on the U.S. and Great Britain. December 13th, the United States declared a state of war existed with those four countries.

That made seven major countries the United States was at war with—seven countries that declared war against the U.S. first!

As of May 10, 1945, six of those countries have gone under. Rumania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy have sued for peace. And you know where Germany stands—or where she used to stand.

That leaves the big J—J for Japan.

When Japan is defeated, when Japan surrenders unconditionally, the war is over. We can throw our hats in the air and let out a few yells. We can breathe a prayer of thankfulness that that surrender has spared some lives. We can breathe a prayer of thankfulness for the boys whose lives were spent in bringing that surrender about.

That day Japan surrenders will be a great day. But, until that day, there can be no rest and no respite.

We of Pyote are fighting the Pacific war, and have been for almost a year. The B-29 training at Pyote is aimed at the Asiatic enemy.

More than many, the prime concern of Pyote has been that Pacific war.

We can't afford to slacken. We have got to give all we have to knock out Japan, and the sooner the better.

Because not until that day will there be "Victory". It's a rugged war, brother, and it isn't over by a long shot. It isn't over as long as a Japanese soldier takes a sight on an American soldier.

And Yanks are dying today. Let's not let another one die because of our negligence.

The saddest news of the war, to Goldbrick Gus, is the fact that there will be post-war jobs for everybody.

Nature is pretty kind, at that. When a man gets along in years where he no longer attracts the ladies, nature dims his eyes so he can't see what he's missing.

The way the Nazi higher-ups have been dying, maybe they are going to have an underground after all. Way, way, way under ground.

"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!



THE LEGS OF TEXAS:

Editor, The Rattler:

Arkansas salutes Ed Pooley of the El Paso Herald-Post. Ed must have at one time sojourned in the state of Missouri. Every single, solitary word he spoke about the gals' legs of Missouri is the solemn truth.

And mark you, Mr. Rattler Editor, Ed didn't let one chirp out concerning the under-pinning of the angels in Arkansas, because Ed knows, yes, Ed knows, and we in Arkansas know that he knows that the limbs of the Arkansas maidens are without parallel in the realm of grace—beauty, and symmetry. Any Texan in his right mind who wants to be fair will concur in the above statement without quibbling.

We would not offend the sovereign state of Texas. Here and there one will occasionally find 110 pounds of delicious pulchritude tripping down a Main Street in the Lone Star State, but they are as rare as polar bears in New Mexico or Republicans in Mississippi.

Brother Ed uses the word "tantalize" in connection with the Texas girls. In Arkansas "hypnotize" would apply and it might be added that the entire male population of the Wonder State is under a continuous spree of hypnotic heavenly dreams because of the undisputed fact that the legs of Arkansas gals are the most beautiful, the most perfect in the republic.

J. A. Marrable,
El Dorado, Ark.

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm a good Missourian. I hail from good old Kansas City. All I can say for Texas legs and Ed Pooley is that he, like most Texans, have viewed Texas cattle so much that their ideas of pretty legs are slightly warped. Texas legs are either too thin below a broad beam or too stout under narrow beams. . . . We have wolves in Missouri but I've yet to see the wolf that is vicious enough to go around biting legs to test their deliciousness. I must say Ed Pooley must look at the legs of adolescents. The only reason Texas legs aren't hairy is because they wear out Dad's razor every day keeping them shaved. If they didn't, they'd be like the old man's

beard.

Missourians aren't ashamed of the downy fuzz.

I'll grant some curve in and out—either out at the knees or in at the knees. They soothe the eyes because one look and you don't care to strain your eyes with a second glance. They can't come close to the good curvacious variety of limbs Missouri grows. It comforts the heart to know they won't bother you enough to forget the beauties left behind in Missouri. You know, that corn-fed variety. And as for the other .56% being descendants of Missourians (as Pooley remarked) why no good, self-respecting Missourian would stay in Texas long enough to leave descendants.

A Missourian.

Editor, The Rattler:

During the past 15 months, through continuous study, I have determined the following nomenclature of the gams of the Texas gals. Bucking the Texas wind either makes them or breaks them. Makes them like the legs of a Texas U. fullback or breaks them so that they look something like those of a canary. They get the dull, rough color from the sand-blasting effect of dust storms. Just as the El Paso editor said: "they are hair-less", but I ask him to observe more closely. The stubs are still there, this also being a result of dust storms. I agree with Mr. Missouri. Where do the Texas gals get that 'core-plowing stride?

Cpl. R. J. G.

Editor, The Rattler:

Pass this on to Pooley. I have not paid too much attention to the argument on legs in The Rattler, but I notice that you are under the impression that the women from Missouri have legs "knotty, bent, and not a little hairy". Well sir, I have been in Missouri many, many times and as yet have never seen the kind of legs that you describe.

You say the women in Texas who do have knotty, bent legs, must be descendants of Missourians. I also disagree on that. Missourians have very beautiful and shapely legs as any man with a good pair of eyes can see. Texans brag so much about the beautiful legs of Texas girls that they have

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Talent Club Still Seeking New Members

The new Talent Club, organized by Special Services, for the benefit of stage enthusiasts of Pyote, has been moving right along.

First member to join the club is S/Sgt. Jack Cannon, who participated in the technical department for such shows as "Victories of '45" and "What A Life".

Cannon is in charge of the QM Supply Office and has given much of his spare time to work with entertainment at the field. He is a good example of the typical GI, utilizing his spare time to help entertain other base personnel.

Membership in the Talent Club is still open. Interested parties are invited to join now to help promote the tremendous amount of entertainment to be presented in the next few months.

Membership in the Talent Club can be gained by calling at the Special Services Office.

MOVIE MEMO:

Briefing the films with Sugar:

"The Picture of Dorian Gray" is a dramatic yarn of a rake whose painting ages while he makes hay.

"Escape In the Desert" is a good movie to escape in the desert from.

"It's In the Bag" has Fred Allen as a flea-circus owner who inherits a fortune. Screamingly funny.

"Three's A Crowd" is a fairly dramatic class B yarn, while the other half of the twin bill has Laurel and Hardy throwing the bull in "The Bullfighters".

"Patrick the Great" has Donald O'Connor (the poor man's Mickey Rooney) portraying the perils of adolescence in show business. Has its moments.

ESCAPE ARTIST



Very much out of place in the skiing costume, is Andrea King, who plays the feminine lead in "Escape In the Desert". The movie shows at Theaters 1 and 2 next Saturday, which looks like a dull day from here.

Monte Carlo Evening Planned for Rec Hall

A gala night of dancing, dining, entertainment, and "gambling" is being planned for the latter part of the month for the EM of the field, at the Rec. Hall.

The Monte Carlo night is sponsored by the Special Services Office and all Squadrons are donating funds to defray the cost.

There will be, according to Lt. E. Y. Cherkosly, Assistant Special Services Officer, a mammoth outdoor show, dancing, singing, kissing booths, gambling, fortune tellers, roulette, black jack, b'rd cage, dice games, dart pitching, penny pitching, and on and on into the night.

Door prizes of war bonds will be given to lucky ticket holders and hundreds of prizes will be offered to the lucky attendants.

A chorus line of gals will be presented in the show, as well as comics, vocalists, and some nifty skits.

Next week's Rattler will announce the date and time for Monte Carlo night.

Civilians Set Committee For 7th War Loan

A civilian war bond committee has been organized to meet the Civilian Personnel quota of \$63,375 for the 7th War Loan, Lt. Bradus G. Robbins, announced.

This committee will solicit contributions from all civilians on the field. Every civilian is listed with one of the following committees:

Quartermaster: Rachel Covington; Purchasing and Contracting: Mildred Johns; AAF Supply: Jane Blackburn, Wanda Gladden, Shirley Myers, V. R. Neblett; Civ. Pers.: Lucille Erdie, Maxine Con-

Phone Exchange Opens In Post Office Building

An attended phone exchange has been opened at the field, Lt. Gordanair announced Monday. The exchange opened in the northeast wing of the Post Office building, and will be in operation twenty-four hours a day.

An operator will be on hand from 5 to 10 each evening to facilitate the placing of long-distance calls and to make change. The pay-booths will be the best spot on the field to place long distance calls. Besides the phones, the exchange boasts tables, easy chairs, and magazines that you may while away your waiting intervals in complete comfort.

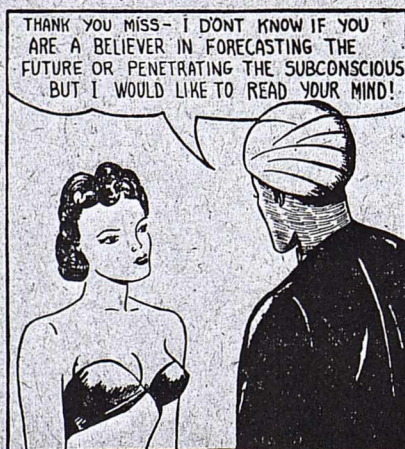
THE PFC'S LOOT

Discovering a heavy iron safe in a pile of rubble in western Germany, two 8th Division Pfc's attacked the door with hammers, axes, and crowbars. After an hour's work, the treasure was brought to light—12 packages of K rations.

ley; Line Personnel: Mary Underwood; Maint. Squadron C: Frank Williams; Hospital: Claretta Callan, Amy Jernigan; Headquarters: Wilma Wilson; Motor Pool: Graydon Hicks, Edna Lulloff; Rail Transportation: Rita Haas; Post Engineers: Ralph Walker; Special Services: Martha Gould.

FLAME

by Julius Zimmelman and Ed Koops



This Week--

At Monahans USO

Thurs.—Bingo, refreshments.
 Fri.—Informal activity.
 Sat.—Dance; orchestra.
 Sun.—11:00, Coffee and donuts;
 1:30, Recorded Classics; 6:00,
 Buffet Supper; 8:30, Movie,
 "Story of Alexander Graham
 Bell" with Don Ameche, Henry
 Fonda, Loretta Young.
 Mon.—7:30, Song Fest.
 Tues.—Informal Dancing.
 Wed.—2:00, Dessert Bridge (EM
 wives); 7:30, Arts & Crafts.

At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses:
 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. **Daily Mass:**
 5:15 except Thursday; Thursday at
 Hospital Red Cross Bldg., at 9:30
 AM. **Evening devotions:** 5:45 PM,
 Tuesday and Friday. **Confessions:**
 Saturday, 4:30 to 5:15, 7:30 to 9:00,
 and before all Masses.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath even-
 ing service, 7:30.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp.
 Service, Red Cross auditorium,
 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at
 Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel
 service at 10:00; Station Chapel
 Service 10:30; Section C Vesper
 Service at 7:30; Station Vesper
 Service at 8:00. **Wednesday:** Section
 C Bible Study 7:30; Bible
 Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly
 service Sunday at 4:15 PM.

At The Theatres

Unless otherwise noted, The-
 atre 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

"FLAME OF BARBARY
 COAST" with John Wayne and
 Ann Dvorak. Shorts: Army-Navy
 Screen Magazine and Paramount
 News.

FRIDAY

THE PICTURE OF DORIAN
 GRAY with George Sanders and
 Irid Hatfield. Shorts: "Behind
 the Meatball" cartoon.

SATURDAY

"ESCAPE IN THE DESERT"
 with Philip Dorn and Andrea
 King. Shorts: Film vodvil and
 Flicker Flashbacks.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"IT'S IN THE BAG" with Fred
 Allen, Binnie Barnes, and Bob
 Benchley. Shorts: Traveltalk and
 Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"THREE'S A CROWD" with
 Certrude Michael and Charles
 Gordon. "THE BULLFIGHTER"
 with Laurel and Hardy.

WEDNESDAY

"PATRICK THE GREAT" with
 Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan.
 Shorts: Pete Smith's Track and

M A L E C A L L

by
 Milton
 Caniff

Permanent Party With Temporary Advantage



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Field Quiz and Paramount News.

Around the Field

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

SWIMMING POOL: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

SERVICE CLUB: Cafeteria open from 8 to 10, 11 to 2, and 3 till 11. No beer before 5, and Class A after 5 PM.

SEWING: Free sewing work at Red Cross Office. **Thursday** from 10 AM to 5 PM. Office located across street from library.

REC. HALL: Open from 8 AM to 11 PM.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

DANCING: EM dance **Friday** evenings, 9 to midnight, at Rec. Hall.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, at the Hobby Shop, half-block beyond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Chaplain Suggests Special Decoration For All Mothers

By Chaplain Gilbert H. Curry

Last year I asked a mother whose one son was a prisoner of the Japs and whose other son was somewhere in the Pacific, whether she did not think that the mothers of the world suffered more than did their sons on the battlefields? She thought for a long time before she answered: "I believe the mothers suffer the most." We do not doubt it.

We read daily a long list of decorations being given to our fighting men for heroism in action. They well deserve it and can never be repaid by the society for whom they fought. But how about decorations for our mothers? No one has suffered more nor paid a greater price in this war. Soldier if anyone merits a medal it is your mother!

Most mothers, we believe, would be eligible for the Purple Heart. If any one knows the agony of heart break it is she. Heartache is the most severe pain that the human knows. To be sure her

heart break is often camouflaged by a cheerful smile or a courageous spirit but it is there hidden beneath the surface as well.

How about the mother as a morale builder? A letter from her can cause the sun to shine and a box fresh from her oven hath powers to whet the appetites of even the most disconsolate soldier. A trip to the old home where mother waits to give her son or daughter every blessing can send them back with spirits greatly revived.

The bravest person in the world is the average mother. From the time she brought us forth until her dying hour she stands by her post of duty to raise us right and to make us strong both in body and in soul. Joaquin Miller in his immortal poem, "The Bravest Battle", has well said it:

The bravest battle that ever was fought,

Shall I tell who, where or when?

On the maps of the world you will find it not;

'Twas fought by the mothers of me.

Why not a decoration for our mother's bravery?

Okay Pal, Pick Out the Texas Legs

The Legs of Texas story has grown by leaps and bounds since an anonymous GI, from Missouri, first cast aspersions on the Texas gal's underpinnings, in the April 5th Rattler.

So, last Friday afternoon The Rattler sent one of its "leg-men" out to check on the Pyote underpinnings. Gals from the 48 states are employed on the field, and it was thought that some photographic evidence, taken purely at random, would reveal some—well some interesting conclusions.

The evidence—six legs—are printed on this page; for the sake of impartial surveying, the names and faces of these Pyote gals are deleted. The interest is purely in the legs.

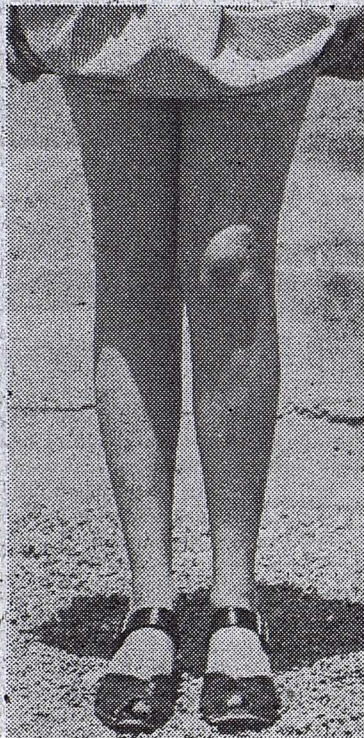
The point is, gentlemen—two of these gals are from Texas, and one each from Minnesota, Ohio, Hawaii, and Louisiana. Can you

identify the gals' states by the state of the gams?

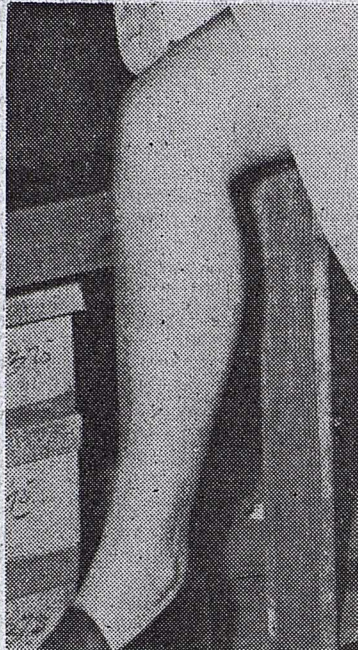
The survey was strictly impartial. The pictures were snapped before we found out the state. You'll find the answers on Page 10 and our reporter in Ward 5.



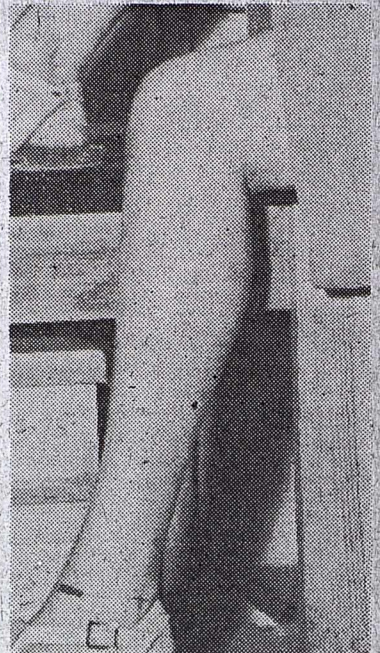
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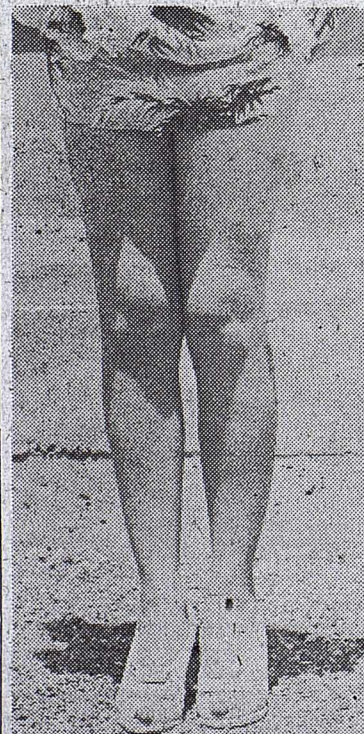
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No. 6.



No. 2.



No. 4.



PRIVETT—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Privett at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 27, a boy, Lawrence Martin, weight 6 lbs. Sgt. Privett is assigned to Sqdn. D.

CASRELLA—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Michael Casrella at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 3, a girl, Theresa Annette, weight 8 lbs. 12 ozs. S/Sgt. Casrella is Supply Sergeant of Sqdn. A.

REYNOLDS—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. John J. Reynolds at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 3, a girl, Constance Lorraine, S/Sgt. Reynolds is assigned to Sqdn. D.

SEKEREWITZ—Born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Herbert Sekerewitz, nee Miss Nancy Monohans, at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 2, twins, a boy and a girl, Denis Edward and Jo Ann, weight 5 lbs., 12 ozs. and 5 lbs., 7 ozs. Lt. Sekerewitz is assigned to Pecos Army Air Field.

STOKES—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Peter Stokes at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 27, a boy, Peter Raipor, weight 8 lbs. 13 ozs. T/Sgt. Stokes is assigned to Sq. E.

War Dept. Will Release 'Over-42s' On Own Request

Approximately 50,000 men now in Service, over 42 years of age, will be eligible for discharge, according to the new War Department directive. The complete text of the new regulation is as follows:

"Every enlisted man 42 years of age or over whose service is honorable and who voluntarily applies in writing to his immediate Commanding Officer for a discharge will be sent to a separation center, as provided in current instructions for discharge under the provisions of AR 615-365 (Convenience of the Government) and this circular. Such applicants overseas will be returned to the appropriate separation center in the United States in excess of rotation quotas. Military necessities or other requirements of limitations will not be a bar to discharge; however, this authority will not be used in lieu of disciplinary action, nor when discharge under other Army regulations is appropriate, nor when the individual concerned is under medical or surgical treatment. The provisions of this circular do not apply to enlisted women of the WAC."

HENSEL—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. James Hensel at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 30, a boy, John Morey, weight 6 lbs. 11 ozs. Pfc. Hensel is assigned to Sqdn. F.

HLAVATY—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew Hlavaty at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 29, a boy, Andrew Joseph, weight 7 lbs. 3 ozs. T/Sgt. Hlavaty is assigned to Sqdn. D.

Forty-Two EM Win Promotions During Past Week

Forty-two enlisted personnel made busy with needle and thread sewing new stripes on their respective sleeves this week. The fortunate ones were:

SERGEANTS

Sqdn. A: Cecil D. Jessen, Lloyd A. Linebarger and Samuel Kaplan.

Section I: William J. Marzolf.

CORPORALS

Section I: Arnold Greenbaum, Edward Heyden, Jr., Bruce L. Babcock, William Fulenwider and Hersel T. Meadow.

Sqdn. A: Herman Ruppman, Charles B. Fox, John Quigley and Julius Weeks, and Wm. P. Moylan.

Sqdn. B: Sharon L. Castle.

Sqdn. F: Carl Davis.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sqdn. D: Charles G. Pavlish, Robert E. Carey, Norman L. Keepers, Thomas Matthews, Dean Dooley, Richard Young, Joseph Keddie, Eugene Action, Ralph Martinez and Joseph Aaron.

Sqdn. E: Calvin H. Lynn, Harley Beachamp, Avery Vowell, Richard Noll and Oscar Allen.

Sqdn. C: Richard Smith, Archie Johnson, Nathaniel Ellis, Fred Scott, Ernest Thomas, Harrison J. Richards, Harry Snead, Homer Edwards, Percy Mays, Thomas Scott, and Willie Andrews.

Deputy Air Chief Asks For Hearty Response To Drive

"The response of the AAF to former campaigns has always been gratifying, and it is hoped that every effort will be put forth in order that the support of the 7th War Loan may surpass our previous achievements". So stated Brig. Gen. Ray Owens, Deputy Chief of Air Staff in a letter to Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, 2AF Commanding General.

General Owens stressed the point that the support of the war loan through payroll savings and also by cash purchases of bonds would give each individual the satisfaction of knowing that he is doing his utmost in the financing of the war effort, and in addition, assure him of a personal benefit from the guaranteed future returns of sound investment.

FLA PLEDGES AID TO GI JOB SEEKERS

A peacetime goal of opening 60,000,000 jobs has been set by the Federal Loan Administration, according to Fred M. Vinson. "The resources of our lending agencies will be made available to American business in order that full post-war employment will be provided," Vinson promises.

Those Little Red Buildings Are "Home" to Ordnance

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 this field is accomplished.

To those who have wondered what those red buildings due west of the field and adjacent to Highway 80 are, it may come as a bit of surprise to learn they are not a part of a ranch or farm, but an important part of Pyote Army Air Field.

It is the Ordnance Section, a highly skilled organization which is a part of the Army Air Forces and directly under General Supply. Recently it became part of the Air Force when many other arms and services ceased to be independent departments and were annexed in line with a policy announced by General H. H. Arnold.

Because "live" ammunition and 100-lb. practice bombs are stored in those little red buildings, it has long been a rigid policy of the Army to place such depots far from other military buildings and personnel. That factor alone explains the position of these buildings.

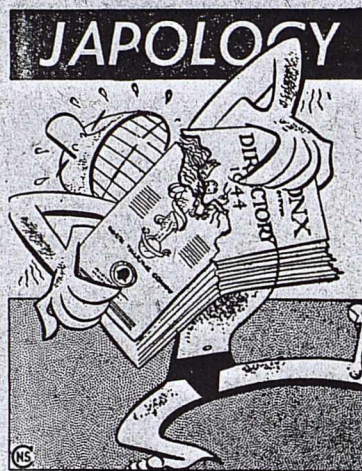
Under the training program for combat crews at this field, bombardiers must be actually trained in their important job of bombing the enemy. To make his work as realistic as possible, 100-lb. practice bombs with detonators are dropped by B-29s on the Pyote bombing ranges.

Filled with a five-pound black spotting charge of powder, the bombs are hand filled with ninety-five pounds of screened sand. A grayish smoke registers the hit, and a crew member is thus able to snap a picture as the flash appears to verify the bombing score.

The Ordnance section further aids in the training of combat crew members by supplying the five twin gun stations with live calibre .50 ammunition before they are scheduled to go on an air-to-air or air-to-ground mission. Armor-piercing ammunition is used and, according to actual ballistics, a .50 calibre bullet will travel 2900 feet per second and penetrate sixteen inches of white pine at 600 yards. Extreme caution is therefore exercised at all times by Ordnance personnel when loading or unloading the deadly ammunition from vehicles to aircraft parked on the ramp.

The bombing ranges are maintained by the Ordnance section and periodically details are sent out to police them of remaining fragments of exploded bombs. The gunnery range near Pyote is also supplied with all types of small arms, clay pigeons and ammunition.

At a recent I. G. inspection, this section received a Superior rating. One of the main contributing factors that enabled Ordnance to receive this high



SOME Jap soldiers wear stomach bands, called "domakis," made of ribbed wool. The Japs believe the warmth of this belly-band gives them greater strength. Many of them also wear a yellow band with a thousand red stitches in it. This is supposed to protect them from harm.

rating was the self-improvised sand-loader, designed and constructed by Sgt. Karl Hosack. Heretofore each bomb had to be sand-loaded by hand but with, Sgt. Hosack's invention, six can be filled in a few minutes. Because labor and valuable time is thus saved, plans of the sand-loader have been submitted to Headquarters, Second Air Force for acceptance and future use by all Ordnance units.

The special refined sand is shipped regularly to this field from Grandfalls, Texas. Because of the large number of bombardiers in training at this field in the three training sections, hundreds of these practice bombs are used monthly.

The Ordnance section is under the command of Capt. Robert E. Friou, assisted by Lts. John J. Regan and Gerald L. McAvoy. Section Chief is M/Sgt. John W. Murphy.

The line is serviced on a 24-hour basis in three 8-hour shifts.

TENNIS PLAYERS WANTED FOR TEAM

Officers and enlisted men desiring to try out for the field's tennis team are asked to contact Cpl. Carroll Steele at the Rec. Hall as soon as possible. A double-match with Carlsbad's cave-men has already been carded for the latter part of the month.

Pyote Drops To Third In Total Flying Hours

Pyote fell to third place in flying training hours last week after leading all other B-29 bases during the past two weeks.

When the week ending midnight Friday, May 4, was over, Alamogordo had won first place honors with a grand total of 1338 hours, out distancing Clovis by a mere 16 hours and Pyote by 248.

A breakdown, however, for the first four days of May gives Pyote a current total of 671 flying hours, surpassed only by Alamogordo with 745. Clovis rates third in this four-day tabulation with 640 hours.

The flying training hours are constantly recorded by the Statistical Control Office, under the direction of Capt. Sidney Sterinbach, and these statistics are furnished The Rattler each week.

Keen interest is being shown by all personnel in keeping up the flying hours. Records of standings are kept in a number of different places on the field, and daily hours are published in the daily bulletin.

Pyote is still out to be the top B-29 training field in the Second Air Force, and with this steady improvement of maintenance and flying records it is only a matter of time.

Catholic Mission To Open Sunday

The first Catholic mission this year will open at the Pyote Chapel next Sunday, May 13th and continue through the following Sunday.

The mission will be conducted by the Rev. Gabriel J. Brenkus, of the Society of the Precious Blood. He has recently held missions at Carlsbad and Hobbs Army Air Fields.

The mission will open at the three Masses on Sunday and will continue during the week. Two Masses will be celebrated daily during the mission, at 7 AM and 5:15 PM.

All Catholics are urged to attend.

MARFA AIR FIELD TO GO ON STAND-BY BASIS

Marfa Army Air Field will revert to "stand-by basis" the end of this month, according to the Big Bend Sentinel, Marfa, Texas. The statement was made in a letter from R. E. Thomason, Congressional representative from the 16th District, to Marfa's mayor. Neither Marfa Army Air Field nor Fort Russell (also to be inactivated, according to the Congressman) had any official information on the matter.

Field Observes V-E Day With Subdued Emotions

The reaction of Pyote Army Air Field to the news of Germany's surrender was marked by subdued comment, in the larger part.

The news flash, from Staff Combat Intelligence, was aired over the field's public address system from the Special Services Office at 8:49 AM Monday morning. The flash carried the Associated Press announcement of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the Allied forces. Shortly after noon, the loudspeakers informed GIs that V-E Day would be proclaimed officially on Tuesday.

During the morning, following the original announcement, the immediate reaction was the rumor that the field's personnel would be restricted. The rumor was unfounded.

In Monahans, the news came first by a loud blast on the fire department siren at 9:48 AM Monday morning. Stores almost immediately pasted "V-E Day" signs in the window, and closed for the day.

Services were held at First Baptist Church in town and a few Pyote GIs attended. Civilians thronged to this special Thanksgiving service.

The climax to five and a half years of war was not ostentatious. The final news had been so long awaited that there was no surprise in the announcement; only a feeling of relief that at long last it was a one-front, one-enemy war.

A complete "V-E Day" extra was prepared by The Rattler on Monday, and then junked in favor of the official proclamation published Tuesday morning.

After the President's proclamation (aired at 8 AM on Tuesday) The Rattler staff, in conjunction with The Monahans News, went to work; had the 8-page extra on the press by 8:30 AM, and had the Rattlers out on the field in time for 11 AM Mess.

To Pyoters, V-E Day meant many different things. Many GIs have relatives or buddies serving in the ETO, and some have served there themselves.

S/Sgt. Paul Morgan, Sq. D, of Vincennes, Indiana, was out horse-back riding at the time. A car pulled up to him and the driver was blowing his horn and shouting the news. Says Morgan, "I didn't believe it until the guy offered me a drink!"

And V-E day set a wedding date nearer for Cpl. Harvey Schwartz, CCD Pool, of Bismark, North Dakota. Schwartz is engaged to a Lieutenant in the Nurses' Corps, now stationed in Hereford, England. He plans to be married as soon as she ships home and set up house-keeping in Pyote.

Pvt. Paul Johns, Sq. D, of Fort

Wayne, Indiana, did his celebrating a little early. He was passing through Chicago on a delay-en route on April 28th when the false Armistice was proclaimed. He heard the news over Marshall Field's loudspeaker and bought an extra on North Clark Street.

Cpl. Larry Preston, CCD Pool, of Brooklyn, N. Y., started looking for world maps to plan a global cruise, when he heard the news. Preston plans to travel round-the-world as a deck-hand on a steamer.

Sgt. Karl M. Jordon, CCD, of Columbus, Ga., is keeping his fingers crossed that there'll be a V-J Day extra by August. He's expecting a little sister for Karl Junior then.

The V-E news started Sgt. Richard Roberts, CCD Pool, of Minneapolis, Minn., thinking about USA FI courses. He plans to go back to Minnesota University when this is over.

S/Sgt. Ed Bowen, in charge of In-Flight Kitchen, was happy for the youngsters who will be heading home soon. Bowen has had 18½ years of Army life, and plans to stick it out for a year and a half more before getting back to civies.

And Cpl. Ed Craig, Sq. F, of Boston, Mass., was latrine orderly Tuesday. He got the news while slushing water out the front door.

Celebrating was subdued, and though the Service Club Cafeteria did a good business Monday and Tuesday night, it didn't have the crowds of Sunday night.

The Provost Marshal's office reported a quiet night, with no cases of undue celebration.

Possible best reaction was an unidentified GI in front of a Monahans package store. "Too many guys have died to make today come true for me to get drunk about it."

Training Staff Maintains Lead

Two teams were out for the skeet meet last Sunday and the Training Staff topped CCD, 69.9 to 64.

Individual marks were:

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| Col. Stepp | 88 |
| Maj. Barneson | 82 |
| Capt. Osborne | 46 |
| Capt. McRoberts | 30 |
| Lt. Hargrove | 63 |
| CCD | |
| Major Pitts | 66 |
| Capt. Carmichael | 53 |
| Lt. Crepps | 59 |
| Lt. Glore | 73 |

Training Staff tops the standings with 69.1, followed by Section III, 65.4; CCD, 62.3; and Section II, 60.7.

CLOTHES FOR EUROPE'S NEEDY



Above is a portion of the discarded clothing collected by the Civilian Personnel dance held last week. Admission of the dance was one item of clothing for use by Europe's needy. The clothing was turned over to the United Nations Clothing Drive committee in Monahans.

Air Discipline Is Strictly Your Baby

Even the most soured of us will admit in the end that we like to watch a good parade, that we even enjoy being a part of one. A well disciplined body of men going past the reviewing stand with backs straight and lines firm is a singular thrill.

Discipline is the backbone of those parades—and of success in the air. Not unreasonable rules of conduct but common sense standardized into efficient and effective actions and practices—that is discipline. Air discipline means doing the right thing at the right time in the right way.

B-29 flights are successful only by the combined efforts of all the crew. Air discipline integrates the individual efforts of the crew members into one big push.

You are training with a powerful weapon, but that weapon is only as effective in combat as is the ultimate strength you put into it. Air discipline makes you a team, allows you to use that weapon to its utmost. Get on the team! Discipline yourself! Be a crewman and be alive!

IT'S UP TO YOU!

Classes In Water Safety To Start Monday At Field

Ray Strain, Medicine Lodge, Kansas, will be at Pyote to conduct the water safety course starting next Monday, May 14th. The class will conclude Friday. Pyote personnel wishing to take part in the course are invited to call Special Services (phone 27) for assignment to a class.

Strain has been an avid sports star in many fields, but his Number 1 love is swimming. In Chicago, he was in charge of life-guard training for city park district, and instructor training for the Chicago police. In his present assignment, he is responsible for the training of volunteer leadership in first aid, water safety and accident prevention.

Hal Hibbard, chief engineer of Lockheed Aircraft Corp., says a rocket plane flying 100,000 miles an hour 100 miles above the earth is entirely possible.

Let's finish the job! Buy that extra War Bond today!

Postmark Pyote—

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actually convinced themselves. I doubt that they will convince the thousands of GIs stationed in Texas.

You can brag, sir, all you wish about Texas women and their legs, but I have as yet to see a Texas woman whose legs can come close to being as beautiful as my wife's. (Also a Missourian.)

Pfc. Gayle E. Young.

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Editor, The Rattler:

There being a meat shortage in St. Louis and being even satisfied to read about it, and without noticing the title of Editor Pooley's subject, I read it and felt certain he was either a connoisseur of meats, a chef, or maybe just a meat inspector praising that long horn beef that roams the plains of Texas! Reading along I found to my amazement he was just admiring the feminine legs of Texas.

Being a duly qualified St. Louis girl, I suggest Mr. Pooley continue his poll northward to St. Louis where the grass is greener if he wants to see some really fine specimens of prime legs. We also boast soft shoulders and tender hearts, etc. Sorry I can't deliver this in person to Mr. Pooley. Whew! I'm still fuming!

Brown Eyes,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Editor, The Rattler:

Although I don't claim Missouri as my home state, I did marry a Missourian and I very much resent Cpl. Clyde Melton's remark about Stephens College girls—from Texas.

I attended Stephens College and I know that Cpl. Melton was not very observing. I would like to know how he could observe these Texas girls' legs as they seldom got out of their slacks and when they did, they didn't know what high heels are for. The way to tell a Texas girl at Stephens was common knowledge—if she had slacks on and walked like she got off a horse; or without slacks, she was wearing a bit skirt to cover her big legs with no ankles.

Of the multitude of girls with good-looking legs that he must have seen from Stephens College were girls from any other state in the union than from Texas. Believe me, I know.

(Name withheld).

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Editor, The Rattler:

I have been an innocent bystander, reading about the battle subject: Texas Legs. As to there being the best looking legs in the USA, well, I have taken about all I can stand and still remain silent.

It appears to me that your friend, the El Paso editor and others have known about the other 47 states. I guess they have never been at Palm Beach, Fla. Palm

Beach is a wonderful place for legs.

I have been in ten different states since being in this man's Army (not to mention Africa and Italy) and out of ten states, Texas is the only one that thinks their girl's legs are good looking. Well, pa, I'm like "Missouri". Ya gotta show me. I'm not from Missouri, but I agree with the guy, and am on his side of this thing. I'm a Vermonter.

Show me a good looking pair of legs in Texas.

S/Sgt. F. L. Predom.
Squadron D.

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Editor, The Rattler:

I want to get one thing straight—is this a camp newspaper or is it a slander sheet directed at the Texas girls? We are helpless. There is nothing we can do about the shape and size of our legs and there is nothing we can do to keep from getting slandered. Why all the fuss over something no one can help?

Doris Bryant.

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SHAME! SHAME!

Editor, The Rattler:

For nigh onto six weeks I've been following the comment on Texas legs, weather, etc., in your odiferous column. Seems to me like a lot of print, material, and labor wasted in lieu of really constructive comment.

I have been lucky enough in the past few months to have visited other bases in and out of the 2AF. What I've seen would really put "beloved olde Pyote" to shame. For one thing I noticed NCO clubs which catered clear down the line to the poor two-strippers. I guess I'm not the first to scream about the maltreatment we non-upper three graders are getting here at Pyote, but if the boys that make the noise are proud of themselves and that mess they call an "NCO Mess", well he who laughs last undoubtedly laughs best.

Anonymous.

● The Rattler editor, once a civilian in a free and equal world can't see how you can scream it's unfair to draw a line between S/Sgt. and Sgt. and then draw a line between Cpl. and Pfc., but knows everybody is not a Pfc.

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THE HAIRY APE

Editor, The Rattler:

Please print this plea for a man with hair on his chest for poor Sugar. Each time I picks up ye olde Rattler, I dread seeing that mournful, heart-wrenching, sobbing plea: "I want a man with hair on his chest"

Hasn't anyone at Pyote any hair on his chest? Are they all like myself: one hair is all? Maybe Sugar's GI mattress is a little out of shape. So let's have one man step forward and say, "Sugar, here I am!"

One-Blonde-Hair.

Rattle Snake Charmer



H. L. Mencken, the sage of Baltimore, would call the above filly an ecdysiast—which means "something that sheds leaves, or peels". Miss Rene St. John was once one of the bumptious attractions at the Rialto Theater in Chicago, and the Chicago Times—which likes to keep abreast of new developments—snapped this shot of Rene backstage when the Rialto closed down. And we suggest you save it for a Rene day.

● Several furry lads have already responded. Sugar has their addresses.

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N.G. DOESN'T COUNT

Editor, The Rattler:

Does National Guard time count toward retirement pay. I am thinking of joining the National Guard after the war, and some of the men in my outfit say that I can drill one night a week for 30 years and at the end of that time retire on a federal pension. Is that right? Also, if I re-enlisted in the Army later, would my Na-

tional Guard time count toward (Name withheld).

● No, time served in the National Guard counts toward longevity pay but does not count toward retirement pay.

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PURPLE HEART

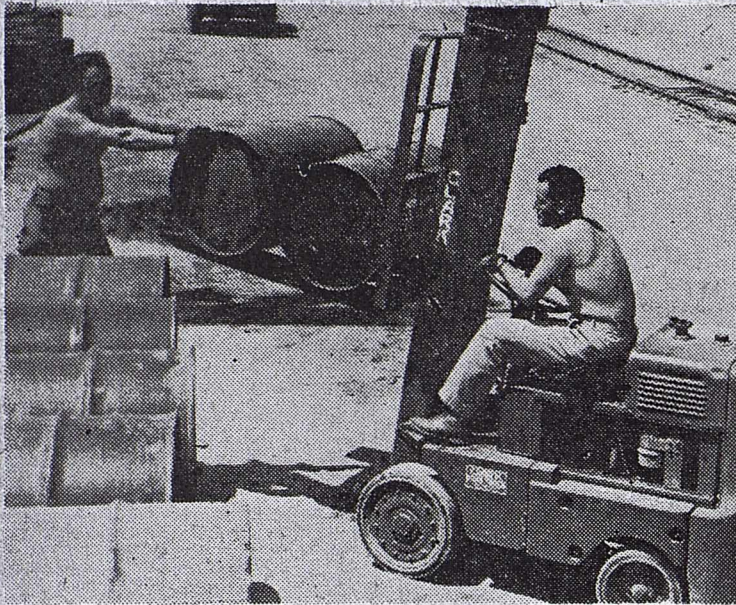
Editor, The Rattler:

Is it possible to receive the award of the Purple Heart for frostbitten feet in the absence of any wound.

Pvt. J.K.L.

● Yes, for severe frost bite but not for trenchfoot.

OIL FOR THE SHIPS AT PYOTE



The stack of oil drums at Pyote Army Air Field if laid end to end would reach for miles and miles. Each drum contains 54 gallons of precious aviation oil. The drums are unloaded from freight cars and stacked on the line. Sgt. Walter Malleck and S/Sgt. Nolen Eldridge (driving vehicle) are two of the men who maintain this FOB oil-well.

85 Men Needed To Keep Just One Superfort In Air

Pyote trains crews for the giant B-29s to fly over Japanese targets, and the magnitude of preparations for the program here suggests what a huge proposition it is to throw these sky queens against the enemy.

Facts are, however, we see only a small part of the actual organization which is necessary to keep the B-29s flying in combat. Reports from the Pacific show that it takes a total of 85 men (12 officers and 73 enlisted men) to keep a single B-29 flying.

First of all there is the air crew of 14. Eleven of these are ordinarily included in the crew that actually makes the flight, the others are spares. The rest of the personnel is accounted for by the 18 men in operations, 20 in maintenance, 12 housekeepers, 13 in administration and 8 transportation men.

While one's first reaction is that this is a lot of men to keep one Superfort in combat operations, actually it is the least that can be practically employed. The number has been cut to the bone because of the long-range supply problems.

Thus it can be seen that a fleet of these sky monsters requires virtually a self-contained city to maintain it. While a relatively few actually make the hazardous trip, a host of men back at the home

Watertown (Mass.) Has Twins On Crew Of Pyote B-29

The Fitzpatrick twins of Watertown, Mass., are now completing their final-stage training as combat crew members of a B-29 at this field.

The brothers, Paul F. and John K. Fitzpatrick, entered the military service together on January 17, 1944, and attended gunnery school at Buckingham Field, Fla. They received their gunner's wings last August and came to Pyote in January. They have been together since their entry into the army.

The 19-year-old twins are the sons of Mrs. James J. Fitzpatrick, of 41 Maplewood Street, Watertown, Mass. Born at Somerville, Mass., January 18, 1926, they are graduates of Watertown High School, class of 1943.

Paul is an electrical gunner and John a mechanical gunner on Crew 371. Their airplane commander is 1st Lt. Carlton J. Wolf of Sheboygan, Wisc.

After completing their training here they will be sent to a combat theater to do their part in the B-29 bombing missions against the enemy.

base fill equally important roles. Their only advantage is that they escape the risk which the crews themselves encounter.

A total of 15,546 WACs are currently serving overseas. Stenographers and typists comprise 40% of the total.

16th Bombardment Training Wing Acts As Liaison To 2AF Headquarters

Hundreds of B-29 crews are now in training for combat at the six B-29 stations of the 16th Bombardment Operational Training Wing, which is commanded by Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow with headquarters at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas.

Many of the B-29 crews now bombing Tokyo and Japan have been trained at these B-29 stations, which fan out from Wing headquarters through the sunshine and near-perfect climatic conditions of three Southwestern states.

The six Wing B-29 stations are located at Alamogordo, Albuquerque and Clovis in New Mexico; Biggs Field and Pyote in Texas; and Tucson in Arizona.

With a single B-29 crew and plane valued at well over a million dollars in equipment and cost of training, the gigantic scope of such a project, with hundreds of B-29 crews in daily operation, may be seen.

Although the 16th Wing has selected Biggs Field as the location for its headquarters, a dual control does not exist. Biggs Field is commanded by Col. K. K. Compton, and he is responsible to Gen. Longfellow just as he would be if the field were located away from Wing headquarters.

General Longfellow, in turn, is responsible to Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding general of the Second Air Force, with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo. Gen. Williams is responsible to General H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces.

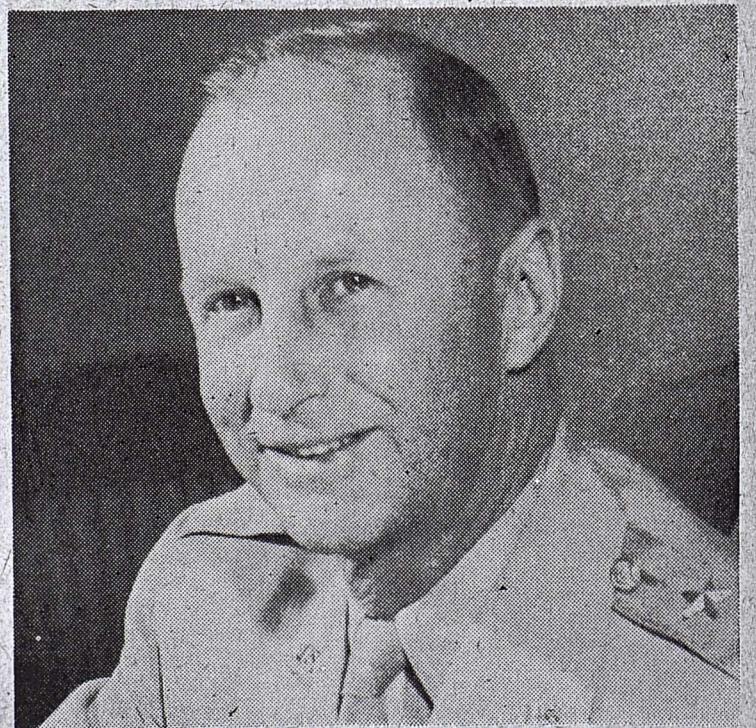
The complications of the constantly developing B-29 program require that General Longfellow and his staff exercise close command control over the B-29 station training programs. To assist him

Flying Short Snorts



in the accomplishment of this mission Gen. Longfellow has gathered key personnel of heavy bombardment training from wings and Air Forces all over the world in the recent expansion of 16th Wing operations.

Having led the first group of Flying Fortresses across the Atlantic to pioneer high altitude precision bombing, General Longfellow is fully cognizant of the problems involved in the development of new bombing techniques.



BRIG. GEN. NEWTON LONGFELLOW

So This Is Pyote!



Last Autumn, The Rattler inaugurated a picture-story series, graphically titled: "So This Is Pyote". After sixteen issues the possibilities of the feature were presumed to be exhausted. However, the unprecedented demand for copies of the anniversary issue, which carried some of those photos, has prompted The Rattler to resume the story of "So This Is Pyote".

Pyote is an unusual place. The novelty of the sparse locale lies in the fact that the Army Air Field is many, many times larger than the town it is in. Pyote, the town, is unincorporated, and its 1940 census boasted some 200 souls, though it is difficult to imagine where 200 people might have lived in the town in that year.

The Texas and Pacific railroad station (above) is known more briefly as the T. & P., more sarcastically as the Time and Patience. Two trains a day, each way, carry furloughing Pyoters and the precious mail cargo to the great big outside world. The yellow station, with its drinking water in an old wooden barrel, and a wood-burning stove in the waiting room, and an outside Chic Sale, is the first and last sight of Pyote for the GIs.

It is to this frame building the train glides to a brief pause and the GIs disembark from the train to the smiles of the porter and conductor. Their first remark is brief, simple, and all too-elucidating: "So THIS is PYOTE!" (To be continued.)

Pyote CO Tested Recently Announced Rocket Power Bomb

A new rocket-propelled "power bomb", which is faster than sound, was announced in London last week after it had been successfully utilized in an attack by Col. Key, Station Commandant.

The joint communique by the U. S. Strategic Air Forces and the British Admiralty stated that the rocket-propelled bombs, conceived by the admiralty, were used by B-17 Flying Fortresses of the U.S. Eighth Air Force in their attacks against U-boat pens at Ijmuiden, Holland, on February 10 and March 14.

The bombs were designed to penetrate thick layers of concrete and it is known that several hit and pierced the massive roofs of the pens and are believed to have

HOME STATES OF THE GALS ON PAGE THREE

No. 1 hails from New Orleans, La.; No. 2, Cleveland, Ohio; No. 3, Monahans, Texas; No. 4, Grandfalls, Texas; No. 5, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and No. 6, Honolulu, Hawaii.

caused considerable damage to facilities inside.

Rocket propulsion gives the bomb a much greater speed than would be attained by gravity alone. The speed of sound is 1100 feet per second at sea level. The bomb is set to explode after deep penetration.

Col. Benjamin Kelsey of Waterbury, Conn., headed a special section of engineering experts who tested the new bomb during Eighth Air Force operations, and Col. Key was the chief test pilot, and performed the first aerial mission for this type of bomb load.

Abilene Squadron Wins Meritorious Service Plaque

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The first Second Air Force award of a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque will be to an Abilene, Texas, Army Air Field squadron. It is for high standards of discipline, efficiency and conduct during the period, January to March 1945, while the organization of 142 officers and 736 enlisted men was preparing fighter pilot trainees for combat.

The order by Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force commander, which cited the squadron, stated that it was worthy of this special recognition because of its enthusiastic execution of orders, records of individual conduct, military courtesy, and appearance of personnel, installations and equipment while meeting all commitments.

All personnel in the unit, while assigned or attached to it, are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit Insignia, a golden yellow, embroidered or woven wreath on a two-inch square of olive drab background. It is displayed on the lower part of the outside half of the right sleeve.

The plaque is dark mahogany, with gold letters, "Service Award of Merit", and has a centered green wreath. In lieu of succeeding plaque awards, stars may be added for each succeeding six months' period sufficient to justify an award.

5-Year Vets May Be Released Soon, Says AP

The Associated Press carried a report, as yet unconfirmed by the War Department, that GIs with 4 to 5 years service will be the first considered for discharge this summer.

July 1, according to the report, will be the day that the Army will start releasing some men who have been in uniform from four to five years.

By next month, a considerable number of Uncle Sam's "emergency soldiers" will have spent five years in service. Vigorous recruiting started in May, 1940, and the National Selective Service Act started operation the following October.

The policy of discharging veterans of four and fiveyears service is expected to get underway around midsummer, even though German resistance continues.

Military sources, quoted by the Associated Press, added a cautionary note: "We'll try to declare four and five-year men out, but some are bound to be disappointed."

"Even a unit as small as a battery may have men who would be entitled to the release but could not be spared; some of the vets are almost certain to be held in service."

The discharge plan, as stated by AP, would be in some conformity with the Army's Point System, designed to designate order of discharges after V-E Day. Years of service is one of the primary considerations in the point system.

However, as yet, no official information has been received and no official announcement has been made.

2AF Pilot Is Court-Martialed For Low-Flying

Lieut. Col. William I. Marsalis, Colorado Springs, AAF, has been found guilty of violation of Army Air Force regulations on low flying, reprimanded and fined \$125 a month for 12 months by a Second Air Force general court martial. The court found that on or about February 9, 1945, the officer flew a B-24 airplane at less than 1000 feet over the Gowen Field, Idaho, cantonment area. The sentence has been reviewed and approved by Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force commander.

After two years overseas, Sgt. Jesse Combe, Ogden, Utah, returned home for furlough. First thing he did was capture two German POW escapees, in his home town.

Wanna Buy A Discharge? Read this Page!

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

MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday. Why not give Mom a sewing machine so she can stitch up a set of sun-tans for you some rainy day? See S/Sgt. Orr at Mess Hall 5.

WANNA BUY a discharge? Then simply invest in war bonds; the dough you plunk in them will bring that precious white paper around a heckuva lot sooner.

LOOKING FOR a place to stay? For sale, completely furnished house trailer, in excellent condition, for only \$750 smack-dab. See it at 417 North Pacific street in Monahans; or call Ext. 257 at the field for additional information. Immediate possession. Terms can be arranged.

DO YOU have a favorite picture of that girl? Would you like to see it enlarged and in color, hand-drawn? Well, we will turn out a beautiful job and at the right price. Drop around to see us at Bks. 514. Ask for Cpl. Richards.

HERE'S AN 8-tube Zenith radio for sale. Only \$35. Contact an officer of the Crew 568, or at Bks. 406.

TRAILER FOR SALE—Yup, a completely furnished trailer for only \$750.00. You can see it at 417 North Pacific Avenue in Monahans. Or call 237 on the field.

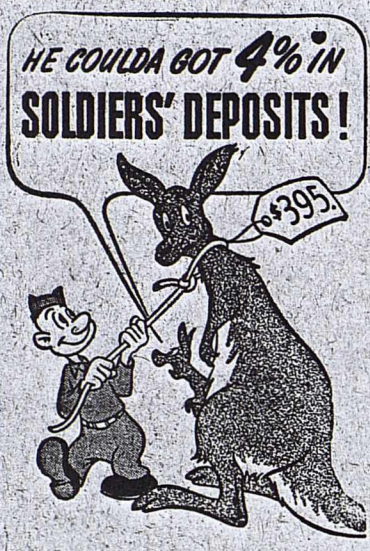
INTERESTED in purchasing a .38 calibre revolver? See S/Sgt. Orr at Mess Hall 5.

I'VE GOT A baby carriage with rubber tires, and you can have it at a reasonable price. I'm at Apartment B, Bldg. 1538.

LOST

"LOVE, AUDREY" it says and I want it back. It's an identification bracelet engraved Oadis G. Jenkins, 14103839; on the reverse side it says "Love, Audrey". Has a great sentimental value, and I'll pay a reward for its return. Cpl. O. G. Jenkins, Bks. 508.

I LOST a sterling silver rosary in vicinity of Flight Line. I have a great sentimental attachment for



it. Please return to Cpl. James Madden, CCD Sqdn. I, Bks. 630.

OTHO ROBINSON lost his silver identification bracelet. Has his name stamped on front and his ASN (14191331) on the back—sentimental value. \$5 reward if returned to Officers' BOQ 414, Bed 16.

SGT. F. R. Miclon lost a gold identification bracelet with his name on it. Please return it to him at Bks. 510, Sq. D. The Sarge has got a reward out for the thing.

LOST one wallet, containing official papers, personal effects, and money. Return to F/O Julius Weisberg, Bks. 428, Bed 6. Reward.

THE LIBRARY has lost some fine books, and they're somewhere on the field. Lucky guys who return them will get their names at the head of the list for any book they name. Missing books are: "Golden Horde", "Tilda", "Make Your Picture Sing", "Poker", "Best Story Poems", "Expectant Motherhood", "Orpheus' Myths of the World", "16 Famous American Plays". Return to Library.

ANYBODY see a crash bracelet? Name is Lt. Arthur Schaaf, 0-869024. If you find it, you can reach me at 220. Thanks.

WANTED

I WANT to buy a '39 or '40 Chevrolet or Ford. Cash is ready. Where's the car? Call S/Sgt. Frazier, Station Motor Pool. Phone 245.

IF I DON'T get one, we're gonna go hungry! We just gotta have a small gas-cooker. Please contact me at Ext. 57. Pvt. E. L. Michaels.

PECOS TO PYOTE—Wanted riders for car pool. Leave Pecos at 7:15. Contact Cpl. Rohn, Ext. 229.

INTERESTED in a ride daily from the north side of Monahans to the field? Leave Monahans at 7:30 a.m. Leave field at 5 p.m. Contact 217, Radar School.

FOUND

SOME KIND gent has turned into The Rattler office a gold medalion on thin gold chain with gold clasp, belonging to some Catholic. Owner may have same by calling at Rattler office for it.

THE RATTLER has a silver cross on plexiglass cord that belongs to some Catholic on the field. Somebody found it and turned it in; owner may have same by calling at Rattler office for it.

IF YOUR name is Marvin Yeatts we've got a sterling silver identification bracelet that belongs to you. Special Services found it and it now reposes at The Rattler office awaiting the touch of a familiar wrist, homesick as can be.

THOSE DAINTY HANDS—Are they getting rough? I'll do your washing. Bring your own baskets. Building T-1369-D in Civilian area.

That ALL GONE Feeling--



When the tool you gotta have is missing... blame the jerk who never puts tools back in the kit where he found 'em. Or...could it be YOU?

BE American

SHARE Your CAR!

Save GAS CARS, TIRES!

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PERSONALS

VEE—What's the deal on that two-striper you were with at the theater Thursday night? I'm anxious. Ken.

GOT SOME spare-time? Why not join the Art and Photo Club? No experience necessary. Just enthusiasm. Contact Pfc. Phil Luft at Special Services.

GOT A YEN to face the footlights? Right now's the time to sign up for the Dramatics Club being formed by Cpl. Art Hammell. Call 27 for all the details.

OKAY RED-HEAD, I waited last Sunday to see those Texas legs at the Service Club cafe. Where were you? Where are they? Waiting on you. I'm-From-Missouri.

WANT A BOX OF TOLL HOUSE COOKIES? Any combat crew member, or any member of this field who leaves for overseas service can secure a box of home made Toll House cookies. Here is all you need to do. When you have reached your destination, send your request with your correct APO address to: Mom Weir, 1107 Robinson, El Paso, Texas. One box is mailed out each day.

WANA PLAY SOFT BALL? We challenge anyone any time any place. Call T/Sgt. Kuna at Ext. 88.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE—A "Help Yourself" Laundry is now in operation. Conveniently located in the Commissary building. Be-Wise-Economize. Use the help-yourself-laundry.

WE COULD make a guess at what's behind the little red schoolhouse, but we know for sure that millions of GIs are behind USAFI. Continue your high school or college education while in khaki. Only \$2. Contact USAFI at the Special Services Office. Phone 27.



KOOPS' KORNER

BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

If you're from Chicago and in the service, you're eligible to compete for \$25,000 in cash prizes, put up by the Chicago Herald-American. They're sponsoring an essay contest on best ideas for a "Better Chicago". Essays must be postmarked not later than midnight Monday, July 16.

Good news to tax-worried GIs came from Washington. Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D. Pa.) introduced a bill (it isn't a law yet, doggone it) which would exempt servicemen and ex-servicemen from income tax on all income credited as "earned" for their years in service, plus the year prior to service, and the year after they get out. The bill says any such taxes already paid would be refunded, and total exemptions would be given to permanently and totally disabled veterans from income taxes for life. Besides that, Flood's bill would give an additional \$200 deduction to veterans for five years after discharge, if rank was below Major. Remember, though, this isn't a law, yet—it's just a bill in Congress, so far.

Also from Washington, the Surplus Property Board finished some plans to give priority to World War II vets on purchases of excess military items. The way they have it doped, servicemen will get 20 days chance to buy before the stuff is marketed. Some personal items of surplus goods will be made available to veterans at the 17 Separation Centers.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned Admiral Standley's suggestion that a 30-day leave be given servicemen prior to discharge. The idea is now up before Congress. The way it would operate is like this: GIs would get transportation money to their home and a furlough with full pay for travel time plus 30 days "when it is determined he is eligible to be honorably discharged. After that, "if he so desires he shall be immediately discharged from such service at the place of residence".

The How-Long-Have-You-Been-A-Pfc? question goes on. Top honors in the Army, according to latest report, goes to Pfc. Paul Grubb of Camp Edwards, Mass. He won his one-stripe on March 5, 1941, and has been neither busted nor promoted since. 'Tis a long war, Paul.

Interested in living in Florida after the war? Starke and Key-

The Wolf

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"He's tryin' to forget a woman—me!"

stone Heights, two Florida towns, are offering free building sites to guys interested in building homes there.

Eagle Pass, Texas, flying field goes on temporary inactivation list the 15th of this month.

How are the B-29 raids doin'? Take a listen to this. Disaster victims as a result of Superforts: Tokyo, 2,100,000; Osaka, 510,000; Nagoya, 270,000; Kobe, 260,000.

Sgt. Enegren of the theater called up and wants me to put this in for the record. At all local shows at the theater, USO shows, etc., there will be two lines formed. GIs get first chance at the seats. When the GIs have been seated, the second line (consisting of officers, civilians, and guests of GIs) will fill up what seats remain. That's the straight dope and Enegren says it will be enforced.

The Army Service Command announced a nation-wide contest for an original full-length musical show, open to all military personnel. The contest closes August 31. A \$100 war bond goes to the best manuscript, \$50 to second best, and three \$25 war bonds for the next three. All manuscripts must be original. Musical scores will contain complete piano and vocal parts, and lyrics. Full details at Special Services; call 27.

Now that May is here and the dust is inches thick on our ODS, we hope that summer brings many attractions to Pyote. The pool would be an excellent spot to present a mammoth aquacade and swim meet. The Hobby House is adding a drama club to the classes, and we trust more "guilds" are formed along the lines of the model plane enthusiasts and the art-and-photo group. Capt. E. A. Stromfors, PX officer, promises that the patio of the Service Club will soon be open for lager-under-the-stars, and Special Services promises entertainment out there. An outdoor boxing card is an attraction we'd go to see, any evening. And any suggestions you might have as to entertainment of, by, and for Pyote will be discussed in these columns.

THE GAG BAG

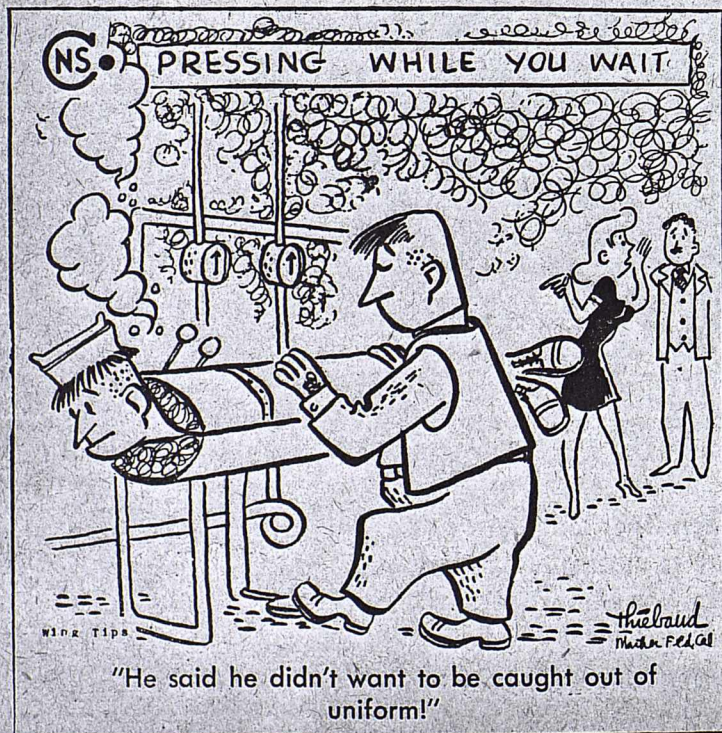
Our big town reporter tells us that most of the night clubs remind her of the Gay Nineties. Most of the gals are gay, and most of the men are 90.

Then there was the guy who wondered, if all the horses say "neigh", where in the world do little horses come from?

The old fashioned girl was sure different. She used to stay home when she had nothing to wear.

Sounds in the night: Girl's voice: You mustn't Bill. Remember, you're an officer and a gentleman. Man's voice: But honey, that's only a temporary appointment.

We like this one. A Red Cross worker on a remote Pacific island called the Army command to report a disease peculiar to the tropics. "We have a case of beri-beri here. What shall we do?" Came the answer: "Give it to the Seabees. They'll drink anything."



"He said he didn't want to be caught out of uniform!"