

# THE RATTTLER

B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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## FIELD OFFERS HOUSING IN PECOS

### 200 Apartments Available To Pyote Personnel

Pyote AAF personnel may now reside at Pecos Army Air Field quarters, officials of the two fields announced early this week. Some 200 apartments on the recently-inactivated Pecos field are ready for occupancy.

The apartments are of varied sizes, most of them boasting from one to three bedrooms, and furnished similar to apartments on the local field. The buildings are of hollow-brick design.

Wives of personnel residing at the Pecos field do not necessarily have to be employed at either field.

To obtain an apartment, you must first obtain permission from the Base Adjutant to ration separately and reside off the base. The Civilian Personnel office will then issue you an apartment at Pecos Army Air Field. The Civilian Personnel Housing Officer at Pecos will assign an apartment to you.

The apartments are located on the Pecos field, approximately three miles from the town of Pecos. Buses run from Pecos to the Pecos field every half hour, costing ten cents per trip.

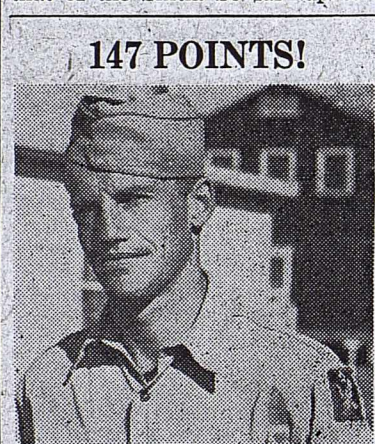
Officers will forfeit their quarters allowance and EM of the first three grades will either forfeit their quarters allowance or have 90 cents a day deducted from their pay.

According to latest information reaching The Rattler, EM of the lower four grades will also pay 90 cents a day, from their pay, for these apartments.

Facilities on the Pecos field include swimming pool and theater. The Pecos PX is closed however, but there is a possibility that Pyote officials may re-open the Post

### Field Reaches Two-Fifths Of Quota For Seventh War Loan

Two fifths of the way toward its goal, this station is in the middle of a drive for a record quota in the Seventh War Loan Drive. The goal for this station is \$240,830—which is nearly double that of the Sixth. So far (up to May 15th) a total of \$98,792.71 has



147 POINTS!

T/Sgt. Lloyd D. Whipp will probably be one of Pyote's first GIs to be discharged on the point system. He is the proud possessor of 147 points, no less, and holds top honors among the enlisted personnel in points, numerically.

T/Sgt. Whipp is assigned to Sqdn. F, Section II and is 28 years of age. He accumulated this large amount of points on the following factors: Enlisted November 1940, spent 14 months overseas with the old 19th Bomb Group, as a radio-gunner on a B-17. Wears the D. F. C., with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with cluster among other ribbons including battle stars for the Philippines, Australia and Java. His three children help add to that grand total of 147.

Exchange, under Pyote supervision. Further information on the Pecos Housing plan may be obtained by contacting the Rattler office.

been raised toward this amount. A concerted drive is being made all over the station in an effort to reach the goal and to attain 100 per cent participation of all station personnel. In the standings of Second Air Force stations, Pyote is away down toward the bottom of the list. It is hoped that this situation can be rectified in the "Mighty Seventh", and that Pyote will blaze the way for Second Air Force fields toward the record goal.

Bonds can be bought on this field at the following places:

Finance Office, Personal Affairs Office, Squadron Orderly Rooms, and the War Bond booths at the Officers Club and Post Exchange.

### Tommy Tucker's Orchestra Due Here June 4th

Tommy Tucker's orchestra, whose famed recordings of "I Don't Wanna Set the World on Fire", "The Man That Comes Around", and "Ain't We Got Fun" ranked among disk best-sellers, is scheduled for an appearance at Pyote on June 4th, the Special Services Office announced today.

Tucker will play a dance and show at the field, though location and time have not yet been announced. Further information on the scheduled appearance will be published in next week's Rattler.

Also due for an early play-date at Pyote is Les Brown's orchestra, recently named hottest dance band in the business.

### Pyote Places 2nd In Flying Hours; Trails Alamogordo

Pyote was in second place in flying training hours last week among stations of the 16th Wing.

When the week ending at midnight Friday, May 18, was over Alamogordo, N. M. Army Air Field had won first place honors with a grand total of 1303 hours, out-distancing Pyote by 34 hours.

Pyote piled up a total of 1269 hours and the rest of the stations were arranged in this order: Clovis, third with 1191; Tucson, fourth with 1061; Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, fifth with 1056; and Biggs Field, El Paso, sixth with 911.

Alamogordo also leads in total flying time for the month with 3370 hours. This is a bare four hours ahead of Clovis, with 3366. Pyote holds down third spot with 2993 hours, followed by Biggs with 2602, Kirtland with 2490 and Tucson with 2201.

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.

**GIVE YOURSELF THE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE: WAR BONDS**

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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## Be a Good Sport? Oh No!

How deeply the American people feel about the war against Germany has no better illustration than the reaction to the treatment accorded Herman Goering, the fat, clever boss of the Luftwaffe.

Sportsmanship is an ingrained principle of Americanism. Our citizen soldiers practiced it before putting on khaki suits and did not quit it when they became part of an army. There is a time for sportsmanship; but there can be a time also when the virtue becomes costly, if not downright foolish.

Which brings us up to the incident which prompts this little dissertation. When Goering, along with his family and personal property, fell into American hands there was considerable bowing and tipping of hats to the man who first ordered the indiscriminate bombing of civilians as a terror weapon of warfare. He was served lunch of chicken and peas, while the soldiers who captured him ate their K rations. Before his picture was taken, he was allowed to wash up and don a few of his more imposing medals.

When this news reached the British people—the same people who furnished targets back in 1941 and '42 for Goering's high-flying airmen—they immediately voiced their displeasure. Because Goering has a high rank, they asked, do we have to treat him as a celebrity? The American people, judging from the newspaper editorials and statements from public officials, felt essentially the same way. No quotes are available from France and Russia regarding this subject, but we expect our allies have the same thoughts.

Part of the deference paid to Goering by high-ranking American officers can be laid directly to this sense of sportsmanship. It is the same principle which prompts two football teams to maul each other for two hours on Saturday afternoon, then throw a big party and talk over their strategy together. It is a hard thing for a soldier to quit. It is a good thing to take back to civilian life.

Sportsmanship is something that can be carried too far—in either direction. General Eisenhower cracked down on those who would extend a "friendly foe" handshake to the knocked-down Nazis. "Any such incident has been in direct violation of my express and long-standing orders," he said.

This should relieve our minds of the fear of too much fraternization and condescension between Americans and Germans, no matter what rank.

The Germans, who have never missed a propaganda trick yet, can be expected to play on this American characteristic. The Nazi generals will want to "re-play the game" a thousand times with their victorious opponents. They will want to brush aside the fact that this has been a death-struggle between two basic concepts of life, and place it on a "friendly enemy" basis. Only in this way can they lure us into the state of semi-watchfulness which is necessary for the survival of their still-nurtured plan of world conquest.

Because of our excessive American zeal for sportsmanship, we are more likely targets for this activity than any of the other United Nations. We went overboard on this sportsmanship thing after the first World War—and the Germans are prone to repeat successful strategy.

They will try it again.

Let's not let a bunch of smooth-talking Herman Goerings outsmart us. Throw the big fat slob in the can and show him who he is.



"I said, 'Happy third anniversary of the WAC,' dear."

## Women In the Army

May, 1945, marks the third anniversary of the Women's Army Corps—but this isn't one of those flowery, "We Salute You, Sister" editorials.

Like the women soldiers of Britain and Russia, and like U. S. Army Nurses (who weren't given an official status till after the turn of the century) the Wac is no longer a curiosity.

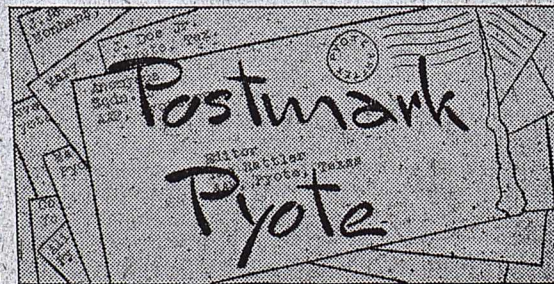
In 1942 the Wac and the war were both new to us; and there were plenty of amateur warriors, "veterans" of training camps, who asserted their ruggedness by scoffing at the idea of women in the service.

Both the men and the women of the Army have come a long way since then. Millions of GIs have seen what total war is actually like. And the Wac, which began as an auxiliary, has become a real part of the Army, serving in all theaters of war including the outposts of the Pacific.

Better than any elaborate prose that could be whipped up about these volunteers is the simple fact that the Wacs have served well enough that they are now taken for granted. Work of the Wac no longer evokes the kind of attention and speculation that is focused on child actors and dancing bears.

The members of this outfit, along with all the other non-professional soldiers who make up the great bulk of our Army, are doing a good job in unfamiliar environments, working to get this war cleaned up as soon as possible.

"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!

### DEPENDENCY ALLOTMENT

Editor, The Rattler:

This is from a Wac. My mother receives a pension as the widow of a World War I veteran. However, it isn't enough and she has

no other income. Can I get a dependency allotment for her?

Ellen.

● The fact that your mother  
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# KOOPS' KORNER

(Being a confidential memo from Koops' girl Friday, Sugar.)

## SUGAR REPORT

Dear Koops: Be sure to print a thank-you to the Post Exchange officials that operate the Service Club cafeteria. The price on hard-boiled eggs is now 5 cents. . . . This week's Marfa AAF Marfacts announces the official inactivation of that field as of May 25th. The May 10th Rattler said the field

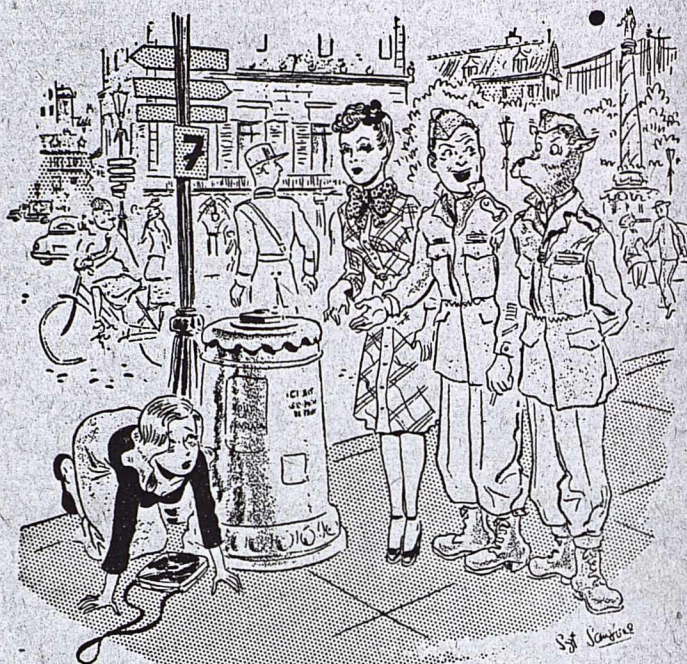
would go on stand-by the end of the month. Marfa is one of a number of training fields in the Western Flying Training Command which have been closed down. . . . Speaking of scoops, Koops, the Korner of January 11th says "High sources indicate that all U.S. Army Camps will soon issue cigarette ration books. This will cut down GI hoarding of the valuable weed". The El Paso Times had a Page One story last Friday announcing, of all things, cigarette rationing at all Army camps. . . . Here's the way it will work, according to our inside in-

formant: Effective June 3rd (a week from Sunday) cards will be issued to military personnel and their dependents and civilian personnel and their dependents. One point permits card holder to purchase either 3 packs of cigarettes a week, or 12 cigars, or two ounces of smoking tobacco. Each eligible person will be allowed two points a week—in other words, 6 packs a week. No sales to PWs. Overseas GIs will be allotted 25 cigarettes daily. . . . Incidentally, here's the latest dope on a possible soldier bonus. They've really been going to town on this matter up

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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and here's your date. I—er—told her all about you!"

on Capitol Hill. There are a number of bills up for the attention of the solons. They are: (1) \$20 a week for 52 weeks for every member of the Armed Forces with 90 days services since Sept. 16, 1940. (2) \$3 a day for home service, \$4 for each day overseas, an additional \$500 for men wounded in action. Maximums would be \$3500 for those with home service and \$4500 for those with overseas service. . . . The Army Times of May 12th credits Camp Crowder Missouri with the "No love, no nuthin'" gag which appeared in your colyum of February 22nd. Hmf. . . . Bill Mauldin, whose interview with General Patton you printed last week, won Pulitzer prize for cartooning. . . . A new book, by Colonel Frank Kurtz' wife is titled "My Rival, the Sky". If memory serves me right, the Colonel was in the old 19th Group. The book is the story of an Air Force wife—one of the millions who has had to wait. They were both prominently mentioned in W. L. White's "Queens Die Proudly". . . . Hey Ed, isn't it high time you started on your annual squawk to air-condition the library? Or are plans already underway? It is certainly a pleasure to read a book or magazine in cool comfort and it is one place where air-conditioning would benefit one of the greatest numbers of men. . . . Oh—postscript to that item on Col. Kurtz. He is now CO at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M. . . . The theater announces that paging will be done only in cases of emergency. The person wanting someone paged must submit,

also, their own name, rank, and serial number. . . . Speaking of the theater, when is something going to be done about the crying babies? At the 7:15 show at Theater No. 2 Sunday night the feature was spoiled by a baby that kept wailing throughout the show. I know that its rough to find someone to sit home with baby while Mama goes to the movies, but—why not take the kid on "good behavior" and when it starts disturbing a theaterful of people, get up and walk out? . . . Seems to me, Ed, that the theater ushers should be allowed to request such disturbances to kindly leave, if they haven't enough courtesy to do so of their own volition. . . . When are they going to repair the lavatories in the Service Club? Right now seems to me the best time. They could use the extra space (in what used to be the check-room) for a few extra tables. That would be some help in the case of overcrowded evenings in the cafe. Inasmuch, too, as the PX cafeteria closes at three pee-em, there should be small excuse for not having plenty of sandwiches on hand at the Club. If you arrive after eight, the supply is pretty well depleted. . . . And the last word on the Service Club for this colyum, Ed, is a big thank-you to the boys behind the counter who do such an efficient job of keeping the line moving and waiting on everyone with top-notch courtesy. . . . Among the new books at the library is "Trio" by Dorothy Baker. The stage version of the novel was banned by the New

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GILL FOX - FRANCE  
BLOOD and FIRE - 63 R. 7 INE DIV

# This Week--

## At The Theatres

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

### THURSDAY

"SALOME — WHERE SHE DANCED" with Yvonne deCarlo and David Bruce. Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

### FRIDAY

"MURDER, HE SAYS" with Fred MacMurray and Helen Walker. Shorts: Rockaye Rhythm and Alaskan Grandeur.

### SATURDAY

"COUNTER - ATTACK" with Paul Muni and Margeurite Chapman. Shorts: Grantland Rice Sportlight and Noveltoon.

### SUNDAY & MONDAY

"PILLOW TO POST" with Ida Lupino and Sydney Greenstreet. Shorts: Bugs Bunny and Paramount News.

### TUESDAY

"HOLLYWOOD AND VINE" with James Ellison and Wanda McKay. "THE SCARLET CLUE" with Sidney Toler and Manton Moreland.

### WEDNESDAY

"THE VALLEY OF DECISION" with Greer Garson and Lionel Barrymore. Shorts: Paramount News.

## 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 evening 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 2:15 PM.

## Around the Field

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

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

**TALENT CLUB:** Meets every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.

### And He Used To Welcome Cover

# MALE CALL

by  
Milton Caniff

WE BROUGHT YOU FROM THE CANTEEN TO THIS FASHION SHOW TO OBTAIN A SOLDIER'S REACTION ON CURRENT MODES! A STENOGRAPHER WILL TAKE DOWN YOUR REMARKS...



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HE KEEPS REPEATING...! AND IN ITALY I USED TO COMPLAIN THAT IT WAS JUST ONE MOUNTAIN AND ONE VALLEY AFTER ANOTHER!



**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.

**PHONE EXCHANGE:** Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

**TENNIS COURTS:** EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

**CARLSBAD CAVERNS** — Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Special Services Office at 6:30 AM second and fourth Sundays for GIs; first and third Sundays for EM and wives (or WACs and husbands). Trips are for Enlisted personnel only. Only expense to GIs is cost of noonday meal (50c). Wives must pay regular admission fee to Caverns. (\$1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Services Office, phone 27.

## At Monahans USO

Thur.—8:30, moonlight swim and weinie roast.  
 Fri.—Informal activity; 8:00, USO Council meeting.  
 Sat.—DANCE! Orchestra!  
 Sun.—11:00, coffee and donuts; 2:30, hour of classics; 4:45, KRLH radio broadcast; 6:00, buffet supper; 8:30, Movie, "Stanley and Livingston", Spencer Tracy, Nancy Kelly, Richard Greene.  
 Mon.—7:30, song fest.  
 Tue.—7:30, Arts and Crafts.  
 Wed.—Dance; Memorial Day.

American soldiers, liberated from German prison camps, will be assigned to enemy prisoner of war camps in the 2nd Service Command.

## MOVIE MEMO:

**Briefing the films with Sugar:**  
**"Salome—Where She Danced"** is the name of a town in Western Arizona where a gal does a dance with seven veils. She later becomes the toast of San Francisco, after causing a few wars, newspaper scoops, and thousands of yawns from the film-goers.  
**"Murder, He Says"** involves Fred MacMurray with a cut-throat gang in the hills, operated by a pistol-packing Mama. Ho-hum.  
**"Counter-Attack"** is a thrilling war yarn of a Russian paratrooper who stops some Nazi espionage. Your spine will tingle.  
**"Pillow to Post"** is one we don't know too much about, but the cast alone makes it worth a trial.  
**"Hollywood and Vine"** is an icky quicky about a couple hunting stardom in Hollywood, only to have their dog make the movies.  
**"The Scarlet Clue"** involves the inscrutable Charlie Chan in another mystery—the mystery being why anyone would stay for the finish.  
**"The Valley of Decision"**, from the book of the same name, tells the story of the servant girl who falls in love with her master, all done in the grand manner by MGM.

LAST CHANCE



Karen Randle of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, is one of the numerous beauties in "Salome, Where She Danced" which plays last times tonight at Theaters 1 and 2.

Stripes

This week, again, our over-worked, under-paid, Supply Sergeants were pestered for stripes. The more fortunate Pyoters were:

SERGEANTS

Sq. F: Cecil E. Elsmore, William S. Graham, Jess M. Drawford, Jr., Harry P. Berg, Claude E. Murphy, Paul A. Cosgro, Eugene Ernest, Frank L. Cole, Stanley Litizzette, John M. Casper, Lewis E. Scott, Benjamin F. Dudley.

Sq. E: Harlan G. Brooks, Franklin Glaus, Eugene Prusik, William Wnek, William Smoots, Robert Quimby, Thomas Lynch, Robert L. Williams, John Palvisin, Augustine Scerri, Frank Tekavec, Keith Lindsey, Eugene Lavergne, George O'Leary, Robert Pitman, Milton Shore, George Yiongst, Victor Poulsen, Horace Aylor, William C. Markel, Leighton Welda, Lloyd Reece, Peter Cento.

CORPORALS

Sq. E: Martin Felps, Jr., Richard Entz, Herman Gelband, Kenneth Mohler, Robert Moyer, James Fenwick, William G. Johnson, Robert Maccini, George Clapafitis, Ralph Nieland, Arlie, Jackson, Lawrence Williams, Robert Kildoo, Joe Slagle, Pete Garcia, Lawrence Carlson, Roy Wikander, Pawquale Furno, John Drolet, William Mack, Thomas Allen, Gene Stratton, Henry Budd, Donald Dunn, Lewis Myhill, Melvin Bansemer, Edwin Daniel, Bernard Ison, Homer Fikes, Carl T. Harmon, James McAleer, James Conrad, Cleburne

14 Win Honors In Red Cross Swimming Class

Fourteen enlisted personnel of the field are due to receive senior life-saving honors from the Red Cross, following classes conducted here by Ray Strain, Red Cross swimming instructor.

Classes will soon be conducted by these fourteen for other field personnel who would like to attain this rating. The fourteen are: Sgt. Rita Burke, Cpl. John Cerio, Cpl. Charles Driscoll, Cpl. Garson Greenbaum, Cpl. Argel Hale, Pvt. Frank Jerman, Cpl. Pete G. Nicklau, Sgt. Edward Oppermann, Sgt. Mary Roman, Sgt. LeMar K. Smith, Cpl. Richard Stonebraker, Pvt. John Weidman, Sgt. George Willich, and Pvt. George Zink. Cpl. Peter Kaminskis will be given a senior life-saving certificate.

Interested personnel who would like to attend life-saving classes are urged to enroll at either the pool or at the Special Services Office (phone 27).

SWIMMING POOL RE-OPENED SUNDAY

The EM swimming pool, closed for repair, re-opened last Sunday afternoon to the enjoyment of a near-capacity crowd. The pool, officials state, should be open for the rest of the season—providing the filter system doesn't act up again. Users are urged to keep the pool area neat, in order that the pool won't be closed because of the lack of sanitation in the area.

Farr, Joseph Dallaire, Frank Bazis, Walter Cich, Louis Delpezzo, Robert Schoot, Charles Morse, Robert Topping, Wilbur McFarland, Jr., James W. Smith, Ernest Ranney, Jack R. Clark, Raye M. Groom, Peter Hofman, Homer Peveto, Kenneth Dains, Frank Kapinos, Frank Barczyk, Robert Nowinski, Jesse Brittain, Farnk Haberle, Arnold Ilowite, Haraln Bahr, Thomas Doyle, Marvin Krogh, Floyd Lundeen, Emery Baldwin, Herbert Graham, James F. Bliss, Leon Samuels, Alex Robkin, Henry Bowden, Jr., Joseph Repske, Joseph Thomas, Alphonsus Matalavage, Willard Ray, George McLaughlin, William J. Hechler, Edwin Mitchell, Millard Ryker, James Reynolds, Monheim Mannassa, Kenneth Sifers, Maurice McCrary, Jacob Johnston, Daniel Goodfellow, Edward G. Buksa, Wilson Drouyer, William Ables, Domenic Fossile, Joseph Bensman, Floyd Whaley, William Brier, Edward Karpinski, John Pyfer, Robert Theiman.

THE GI SPECIAL: A \$10 WAR BOND FOR ONLY \$7.50

Monte Carlo At P-X Patio Tuesday Evening

Monte Carlo night is all set for next Tuesday, May 29, at the PX Patio; and plans indicate that it will be one of the biggest evenings in the history of Pyote.

PILLOW TO POST



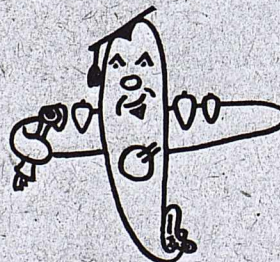
Ida Lupino co-stars with Sidney Greenstreet in "Pillow to Post" which plays Sunday and Monday at the Post Theaters.



GLASS—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Glass at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 16, a girl, Sandra Lee, weight 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Pfc. Glass is assigned to Sq. D. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

SMITH—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. George T. Smith at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 17, a boy, Grady Thomas, weight 5 lbs. 15 ozs. S/Sgt. Smith is assigned to Sq. D. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

Flying Short Snorts



THE CREWS THAT ALWAYS PASS THE TEST ARE THOSE WHO PRACTICE AIR DISCIPLINE BEST!

A full round of fun has been planned for all those attending. The calendar for the night's enjoyment includes dancing, entertainment, floor show, "gambling" concessions, and many other items.

"Rattlesnake Rubles" will be issued to all those that attend. These phoney dollars can be spent on pitch booths, black jack, bird cage, fortune telling, kissing booths, and many others. Prizes will be awarded the lucky guys and gals who end up with the most moolah.

Besides that, there'll be a door prize of war bonds, and soft drink booths (where the Rattlesnake Rubles will buy a soothing bit of vitae).

Monte Carlo night shapes up as one of the biggest items at the field. It will be held at the Post Exchange Patio next Tuesday night. The fun should commence about 8.

Pyote To Open Radio Workshop Classes Shortly

Formation of a radio-drama group for the Talent Club is now "in the works", the Special Services Office indicated this week.

Plans call for a weekly presentation of an original drama each week by members of the study group over KIUN in Pecos.

The radio workshop will teach club members the techniques of radio "broadcast, including continuity writing, acting, directing, announcing, sound effects, under the guidance of experienced broadcasters.

Those interested in taking this radio course are requested to sign up for the Radio Workshop, either at the Special Services Office or at The Rattler Office.

HIGH WIND CANCELS MODEL PLANE MEET

The first model plane meet of the season, scheduled for last Sunday by the Pyote Prop Pushers, was cancelled due to the high winds. When a fancy job with a 5-foot wingspread (we're talking about planes, Chaplain) cracked up, the boys decided to forego the rest of the meet. The meet will be re-held at a later date at the Athletic Field here on the base.

GIVE YOURSELF THE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE: WAR BONDS

## Bombsight Scoring Boys Keep Bombardier 'Groovy'

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.

We used to think the scorekeeper at the baseball games had one of the most intricate and easily-fouled jobs of anyone. His troubles with temperamental ball players could be, and usually were, legion.

But this station has a job which makes the task of the much-maligned scorekeeper look as easy as picking ripe plums. It's that of the Bomb Scoring Department, which keeps tab on every bomb that is dropped by a bombardier in training. This department must figure out how accurate, or inaccurate, each bombardier is. The figures on his bomb-dropping are furnished for the bombardier's edification and future reference within a day or two after each bombing mission.

The bombardier is, after all, man with the highest travel priority in the world. When he lays the bombs in there right on the target the rest of the crew can give thanks they had along a fellow who knows his business. Teaching him that business is a long and complicated task, part of which takes place here at Pyote.

And the Bomb Scoring Department is an integral part of the teaching system. It is run under the Staff Bombardier, Capt. Dean W. Bohlen.

In the department are T/Sgt. Howard Heusser, of Preston, Idaho, S/Sgt. Floyd Barbour, of Lexington, Va., and Pfc. Edwin Brady, of Chicago. Sgt. Barbour is in Bomb Spotting, and Sgt. Heusser and Pfc. Brady are in Camera Bombing. The work of the two departments combines to furnish a score sheet on all bombardiers' work.

There's no MOS for the high specialized job of poring over the gun camera negatives, finding the small white puff that marks a bomb explosion and marking the accuracy into the records. Sgt. Heusser and Pfc. Brady are former Intelligence clerks and Sgt. Barbour carried a 405 before he started in his present work. Both Sgt. Heusser and Sgt. Barbour are veterans of aerial operations in the South Pacific.

Each practice bomb that is dropped by each bombardier must be scored. Sometimes cameras aren't available, or weather conditions cause fogged negatives in this case the crew performs "visual scoring" although theoretically every bomb that is released is followed to the ground by the camera. The marks are written into the bombardier's Bombing Flight Record after each mission.

Camera bombing has been used up to now, but hereafter a new sonic scoring system will be used. The new system just doesn't make

mistakes, provides an amazingly accurate tabulation on the effectiveness of every practice bomb.

A little sonic scoring machine is placed at each target and four microphones are arranged at the cardinal points of the compass, at the target. A strip of sensitized paper feeding through the machine is divided into sections of 1-100ths of a second each. Four separated lines running lengthwise with the strip of paper record the impact of the bombs as picked up by each mike. The distance separating the little "blips", as they are called—the little humps on the line by which the sonic scoring machine records the bombs' impact—is the key to the sonic scoring system. By figuring the time in fractions of seconds the scorer estimates the accuracy of the bomb.

Thus the margin of error is reduced to practically nothing. This automatic scorekeeper provides a very accurate basis for judging the effectiveness of every bombing run.

### Some Details Of XB-19A Revealed

The XB-19A, said to be the world's largest bomber, is still in the experimental stage, but some details of the super-super were revealed by General Motors Corporation.

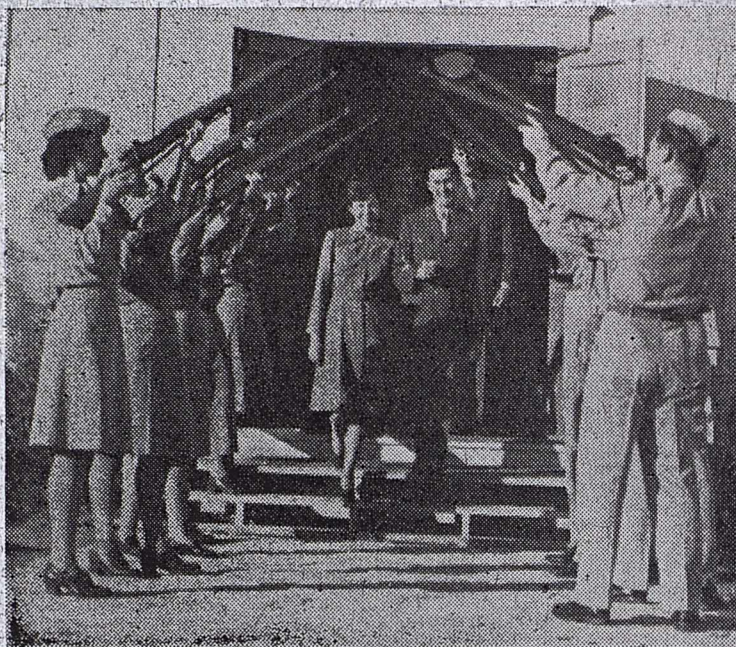
Considerably larger than the B-29, the new plane has a 212 foot wingspread and is built to carry an 18-ton bomb load, or 124 fully armed men. The B-29 has a 141-foot wingspread.

New engines of the B-19 give it a 30% increase in power. Its power plant is four Allison liquid-cooled engines rated at 2600 horsepower which not only increases range, speed, and capacity, but will also make high altitude operation possible.

The new nacelle design provides for the use of reversible pitch propellers, thus providing additional braking power for shorter landings. New turbo-superchargers with new intercoolers provide for high altitude operation. Each engine nacelle is equipped with an automatic fire extinguishing system.

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## MILITARY WEDDING DE LUXE



A military wedding in traditional Army style graced the field chapel a few weeks ago. WACs and GIs formed the cordon of honor as the newlyweds left the church.

### Jap Homeland Due For Greater Ruin Than Germany

Unless the Japanese government surrenders unconditionally, the Jap homeland will experience heavier bombing than that which reduced Germany to rubble and ruin. That warning came from Lt. Gen. Barney Giles, Commander of the AAF in the Pacific.

Japanese industries are concentrated in 149,000 square miles, compared with Germany's dispersed 225,000 square miles. Invasion of the Jap homeland will be preceded by an intensive "softening up" and through aerial bombardment and strafing.

### "UNTITLED" PRESENTED AT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

"Untitled", a drama study by Norman Corwin, famed radio writer, is being presented this week at the Orientation lecture. GIs who missed this absorbing play may still see it, last time, Friday morning.

### CUT DRAFT AGE LIMIT TO THIRTY

Men over thirty years of age can breathe easy again. The draft board's hot breath is no longer puffing at their neck. The National Selective Service Board has informed all local draft boards that the induction of men over thirty years of age shall cease immediately.

### FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO WITH WAR BONDS

### Absolutely the Last Word About "Legs"

With letters regarding the pros and cons, the curves and sinews of Texas legs, still pouring into The Rattler office, the argument still seemed to be as far from solution as ever, until—until Wednesday morning when The Rattler received the following communique from the GI who signs his letters "I'm-From-Missouri".

**"Editor, The Rattler:**

"The argument I have started as regards the beauty (or lack of beauty) in the legs of Texas women certainly has gone far enough. In fact, I think it's gone way, way too far, and hope that this will be the end of it.

"Since writing the original letter to you, and with considerable sincerity and honesty it was written, I humbly request that you print this apology and retraction for the benefit of all concerned.

"Since that fateful letter was composed I have become engaged. Yes, the girl finally said "Yes", or will when this appears in your publication. You see, she won't marry me until I make a public apology for the row I started. I hope you will understand and print this.

"She says she wouldn't marry any one who has acquired the wolfish reputation I have since starting this dispute. I trust, Mr. editor, that you will find room in The Rattler for this apology, so that the girl will forgive me and I can marry her. Thanks again."

Sgt. Frank Crowden

# Pyoters Planning For That Big 'V-Me' Day

The majority of GIs at home and abroad are anxiously awaiting for a V-Me day. Rumors are rampant on supposed alterations in discharge plans, and many are the boys who are furiously hoping that the War Department plans to discharge all blonde men with brown eyes, or all men who are over six foot who don't weigh 217 pounds.

With Germany's fall, the hopes of every GI have risen with the knowledge that the day of his dreams is nearer realization. Yes, there's still Japan—and the GI knows, far better than the folks at home, that the little Nip is no push-over. But the one-front, one-enemy war made the end seem a little closer, a little surer.

With that idea in mind, many GIs are beginning to give thought to their post-war world. Earlier, say 1943 or even '44, most of the boys' plans for civilian life were "a month of just fishing and loafing", or "two months of taking life easy". Their plans went no further than that. Now with V-day closer, their thoughts are turning—not to the immediate end of the war and the month vacation and such, but beyond that month—to the task of becoming a cog in the wheels of business again.

Many GIs are planning on returning to school, some are going back to their old jobs, many plan to go into business for themselves.

But the plans are shaping up.

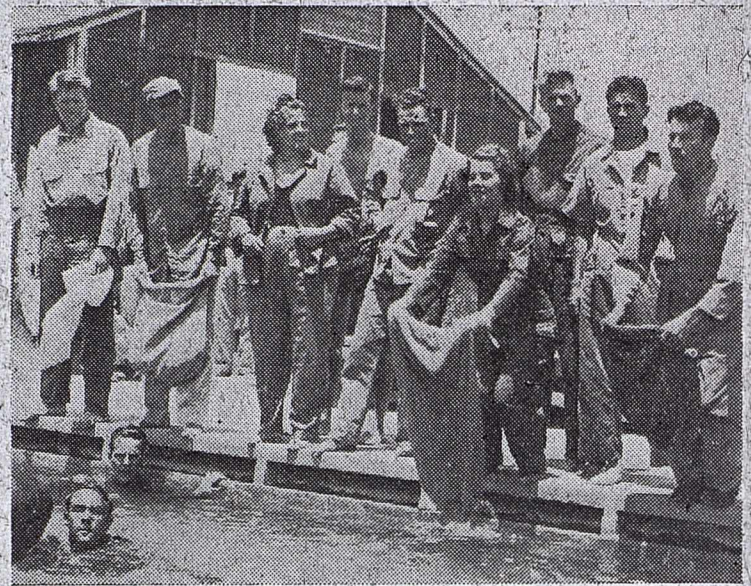
Cpl. Ted Robison, Sq. D, expressed the feelings of many when he remarked: "Somehow I don't feel like going back to the old job. Oh, I liked it all right. The pay was okay, and the fellas were nice to work with and for . . . but somehow—after three years of the Army, I don't want to be just exactly where I was back in 1942. If I could get a better job, improve myself some way, I'd feel that those three years hadn't been such a void."

To Robison, and many many others, Uncle Sam has already provided the answer. USAFI courses can aid every GI to learn new trades and crafts, or familiarize with old ones—while in the Army. The \$2 for the course is all it takes, and credits received for studies may be used toward college or high school.

The range of subjects in this spare-time school-room are complete and too lengthy to list here. Experienced counselors will aid you in planning the course of courses in which you would like to enroll and explain USAFI to you.

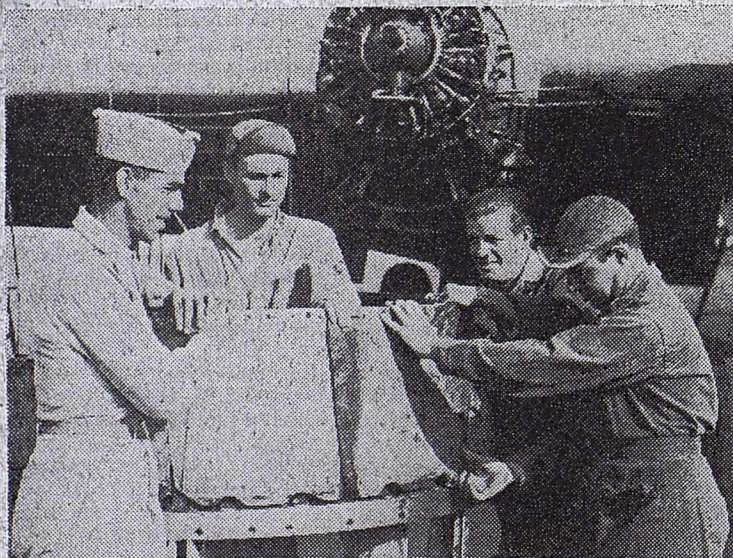
For Pyoters, USAFI is an excellent deal. The utilization of spare-time in the land of dust and cactus can't be accomplished with better purpose than a course in the United States Armed Forces Institute.

# FOURTEEN PYOTERS GET IN THE SWIM



Fourteen Pyoters won Red Cross Life Saving Instructor honors during the week's classes, conducted by Ray Strain. Watching the instructor fake a GI through the paces are (left to right): Cpl. J. C. Weidman, Sgt. C. J. Willich, Sgt. Rita Burke, (unidentified GI is next) followed by Cpl. A. T. Hale, 1/Sgt. Mary F. Roman, Cpl. C. E. Driscoll, Cpl. R. P. Stonebraker, and Pvt. F. H. Jerman.

# CREW OF THE WEEK



Here is the Crew of the Week, picked for its ability to keep a B-29 in the air on training flights. Left to right: Pfc. Stanley T. Stockton, Detroit; M/Sgt. Herman J. Aels, Kimball, Neb.; Pvt. John McKenzie, Florence, C. C.; and Sgt. George Weisberg, New York City. Sgt. Adels is the crew chief. Members of the crew unable to be present for this picture were: Pfc. W. Lutzon and Sgt. George Wynne.

# President Osmena Predicts Japs Will Be Hard To Beat

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Sergio Osmena of the Philippines, now in process of complete reconquering from the Japanese and from which General Douglas MacArthur's land forces under Admiral Chester Nimitz will swing into final action against the enemy, today issued a statement in behalf of the Mighty Seventh War Loan.



OSMENA

President Osmena's statement was released by Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines to the United States, at the Philippine offices here. President Osmena said: "Needless to say, we Filipinos are very pleased with the signal successes achieved by the United States and her allies during recent months. After a long and hard struggle, the Germans have been pushed to the brink of overwhelming defeat and the end of the war in Europe is now clearly in sight.

"In the Pacific, our gains have

been no less impressive. Under the inspiring leadership of such men as General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz, the Japanese have been dislodged from one position after another in their ill-gotten empire. In this connection, my people and I are extremely grateful that the Philippines are now being liberated from the tyrannical rule of the enemy.

"Happy as I am that my country will soon be able to live in peace again, much remains to be done before Japan is fully beaten. Aside from the additional campaigns which will be needed to obtain military victory in the Pacific, there is also the human factor to be considered in that other peoples of the Far East eagerly await to be freed from the enemy. We Filipinos know only too well from experience what it means to be under Japanese domination.

"One of the outstanding feats of the war has undoubtedly been the effective fashion in which the United States has overcome the formidable obstacles of distance in supplying the Pacific. Large quantities of supplies will be needed, however, to deliver the final crushing blows against a ruthless and fanatical enemy. All of us can make certain that these supplies are available for our armed forces by giving enthusiastic support to the Seventh War Loan Drive."

# V-E ISSUE OF YANK ON SALE TOMORROW

Yank, the Army Weekly, has prepared a special V-E edition which tells the story of the GI's

war in Europe from induction to victory. The special edition goes on sale tomorrow at the Post Exchange.

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receives a government pension does not make her ineligible for a dependency allotment. If you can show evidence that she is dependent upon you for substantial support she will, upon application by you, be granted an allotment.

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**MEDAL RATE HIGHBALL?**

Editor, The Rattler:

Settle this barracks argument. Do WD regulations specify that an enlisted man, who has won the Congressional Medal of Honor, rate a salute from commissioned officers?

Pvt. Cal Arthur.

● It does not, although officers sometimes salute a Medal of Honor winner. The only thing the Medal of Honor rates under regulations, aside from the prestige, is (1) extra pay for an enlisted man (officers receive only the medal) and (2) the right to request discharge.

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**RUBAIYAT**

Editor, The Rattler:

I have just read the Chaplain's Chat in the May 10th Rattler. I notice he resorts to poetry to help put across his idea. Poetry is often used for this purpose, the only difficulty being the difference in interpretation. I wonder if the Chaplain would favor me with his interpretation of verses 83-88 of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. Being a student of Omar, I am rather curious as to the interpretation of these verses by a clergyman.

A Student.

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**HATS OFF**

Editor, The Rattler:

Hats off to the guy who made the statement in last week's Rattler: "... too many guys have died to make today come true for me to get drunk about it ..." Who doesn't appreciate someone who will consider his fellowman? I'm glad to know there is someone that can think of celebrating some event, without getting drunk. I say "Hats Off" to the GI that made this remark. You have my pat on the back with lots of others.

(Name withheld.)

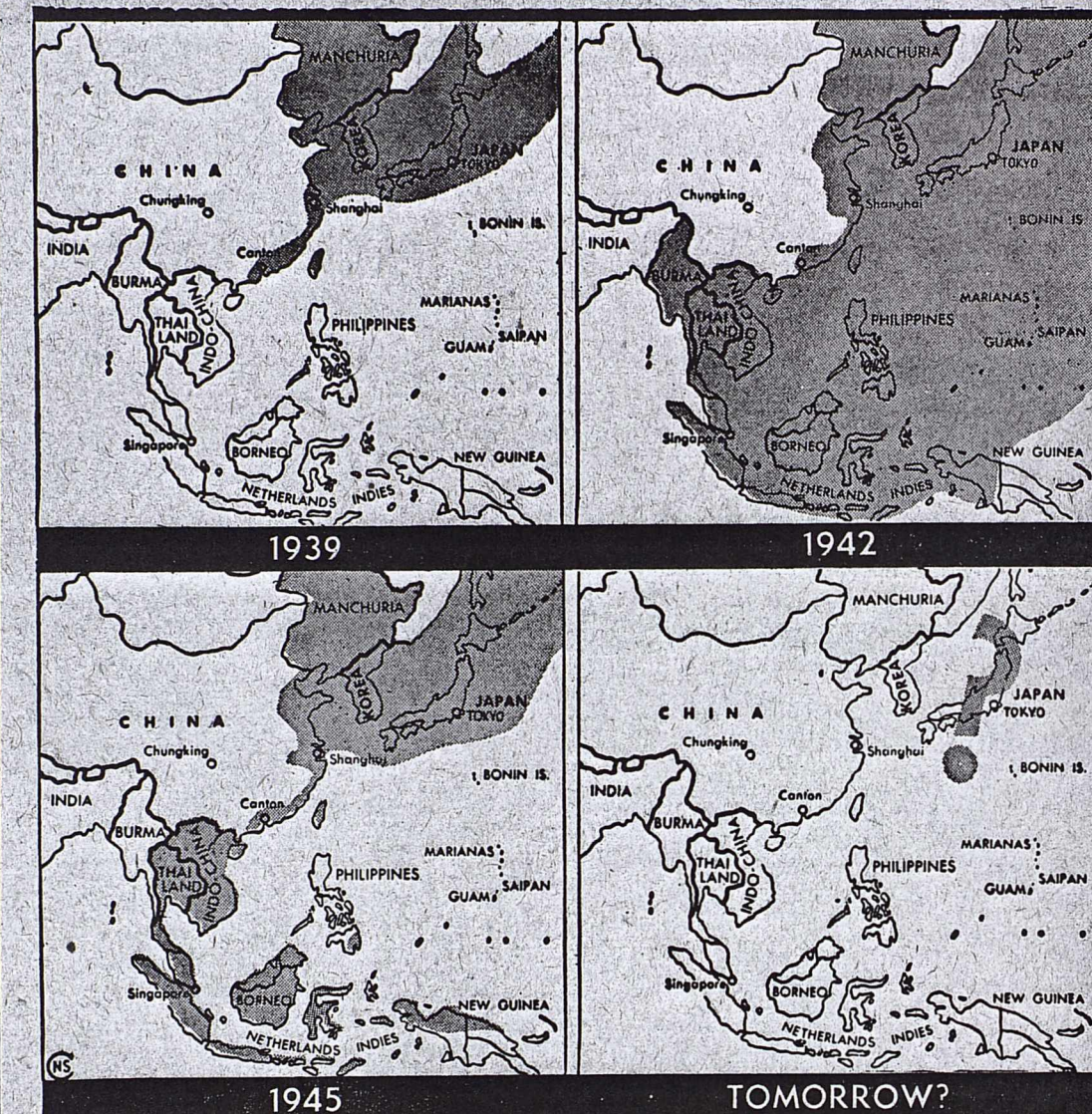
● The GI who made this remark prefers to remain anonymous, but is appreciative of the comment.

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**HE LIKES US**

Editor, The Rattler:

Ever since arriving at Pyote in March of this year, I have taken particular enjoyment in reading The Rattler, not only from a news informative instrument but also the professional degree of journalism displayed throughout each issue. Also to all of us in Maintenance and Supply it has been



gratifying to note the many fine pictures of activities in M & S. If at any time our department can be of service to The Rattler, please feel free to call.

Lt. Col. H. A. Davis,

● The Rattler gives the Colonel its prettiest curtesy, promises as long as M & S keeps newsworthy it will be covered by The Rattler, hopes that it some day might be the paper Colonel Davis claims.

**RATTLER "UNFIT"?**

Editor, The Rattler:

Frankly, I can't see when the paper was too obscene; in fact, it was so unusual that, for the first time in my Army career, I've sent all the copies home. I can also say, from observing everyone else, that the reading interest was so much greater than that of any other field paper that it might be just the "so-called" Police Gazette material that made the difference.

A Lieutenant.

● Thank you, sir. We're always pleased to hear that someone likes it.

Editor, The Rattler:

When I finished reading the letter from the Pyote chaplains I began to wonder if they know the

difference between art and obscenity. I agree fully with them on their attack on Flame; I must disagree on their comment on the Rattle Snake Charmer, however. I believe that the reasons are quite obvious. Flame was not subtle or suggestive. It was, and I do not believe I am being rash, odious. The Charmer did not hint at anything below the level of good taste. Pictures of that sort will be found in almost every newspaper, magazine, and books throughout the country (even Boston). If the Chaplains are really concerned with such matters, as I am sure they are, they need only to walk throughout the camp to see things that practically scream out their meaning. I sincerely hope that this letter has not been offensive to anyone as this is not my intention. I am merely trying to say that, in not only my opinion but many, many others, there is a definite line between art and obscenity.

Bring back the Rattle Snake Charmer.

Albert J. Kaplan  
Squadron A.

Editor, The Rattler:

The Chaplains, I feel, have the right to any opinion they wish con-

cerning The Rattler. That I believe they are incorrect is my opinion.

For them to use their offices to try to suppress anything in the paper they officially don't like is something I don't like either. We are fighting to rid the world of people who force their opinions on others so the Chaplains' action seems to be incompatible with the war aims.

It would be interesting to know if the Chaplains have gone to the same length to protect mothers and wives by bringing "to task" editors of Life, Time and numerous other magazines for the things they print.

And how about protecting me from some of the horrible facts of life I read about in House Beautiful or the Atlantic Monthly?

Seriously, what really worries me is that, if the Chaplains succeed in suppressing pictures of girls in bathing suits in The Rattler, they will next start on the girls who swim at the pool and make them wear 1890 bathing suits to keep them from corrupting the GIs minds.

Concerned.

● Anyone else care to add any  
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## So This Is Pyote!



Pyote's "business" section is brief and to the point. In a slow-moving car, you would pass through it in the time it takes to light a match or sneeze a healthy sneeze. Highway 80 is Pyote's main stem, and the "business section" is all on one side of the street, and about the length of a city block. The above shot taken from in front of the railroad station shows just about the whole shebang.

From left to right, you see The Aztec Cafe, which boasts of being "the only one of its kind". Joe's Aztec Cafe serves the finest steaks in this part of the country, many GIs aver, and it is probably the Number 1 GI spot in Pyote. Next comes Sharpe's drug store justly famous for its nickle root beers, the Fair Department store, the barber shop (moved to town when the camp was built), Tom's Place, and then the Sunset Cafe. The latter two are restaurants.

That is the Pyote business district that merits the awe of every Pyote-arrival to the land of dust and cactus.



### Looking Backward

Cdr. Jack Dempsey says the hardest punchers he ever faced were Luis Firpo, Gunboat Smith, Georges Carpentier, Gene Tunney, Bill Brennan and Fred Fulton. Firpo could punch harder than Smith, says Jack, but Gunboat was the only fighter who ever put the old mauler on "Queer Street."

"He hit me so hard once that I didn't know what I was doing until 3 hours after the fight," Jack recalls.

Dempsey rates Tunney the best all-around man he ever fought, a rating that brought an instant scream of pain from Johnny Buckley, manager of Jack Sharkey, once flattened by Dempsey himself. Buckley's claim is that the lack-lustre Lith was a better boxer than either Dempsey or Tunney. "And what's more," Buckley beefs, "we're ready for a return engagement right now."

## Heat Is Heat Anywhere-- But Pyote Heat Beats All!

Well, the heat is on at Pyote. I'm saying that for the benefit of you Pyote-Come-Latelys. Because when we old-timers say "the heat is one" we're not talking about a mess-kit shake down or an inspection of fatigue pockets—we mean Heat—H-E-A-T. You mean you hain't never heard of Pyote heat, podnuh? Why one of the big industries down hyah (podnuh) is in canning that stuff and selling it at dime stores, Liggett's, and the Quincy bar in Chicago.

Just find yourself a Pyote vet and get him to tell you about the hot spells last summer.

It gets so warm in July that the Mess Halls rent out the iceboxes weeks in advance. Why, one week, I was fifth man, third hook from the door.

As for frying eggs on the ramp, that's old stuff in Pyote. They keep teams of 12 men working 3-hour shifts spraying those B-29s with unguentine. The black market in ice-cubes is terrific. Last August one Corporal cornered the entire ice-cube market (four cubes) and was mobbed.

They even lost a Lieutenant—who, in search of some surcease from the heat got his head jammed inside a coke machine. He could've gotten out alright but he refused to take off his 50-mission-crush hat.

Yessir, fellas—the heat is on. And they say this year will be hotter than ever. So take heed—and don't worry if you start hearing a crunching noise in the night.

That noise is made by salt tablets—taking salt tablets.

## AMs Can Get Commissions In B-29 Flight Engineer Course

The opportunity for B-29 flight engineer training is open to all enlisted personnel assigned to duty with the AAF who can satisfy the requirements outlined in AAF Letter 50-113. The course is an aviation cadet or aviation student course and leads to flight officer rating or commissioning as a second lieutenant.

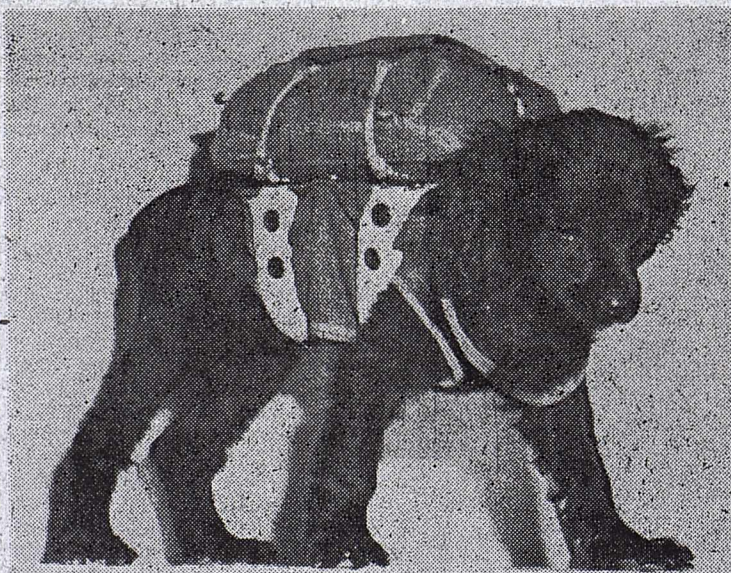
Requirements listed include these:

1. Having completed technical school course leading to SSN 747 or any advanced course for which SSN 747 is a pre-requisite, or equivalent in on-the-job training. Personnel who are currently classified, qualified for and awaiting air crew training, or who are air crew eliminees are not required to meet this requirement.
2. Qualify for aircrew training (pilot, bombardier or navigator) by examination (including mental and physical).
3. Be within 18 to 35 years of age, inclusive.

The B-29 flight engineer training course will consist of four phases: preflight, not to exceed 10 weeks, at San Antonio Aviation Cadet center; B-29 maintenance and inspection training, not to exceed 19 weeks, at Amarillo AAF; B-29 flight engineer training, not to exceed 10 weeks, at Lowry Field, Colo.; and flight engineer transition training (officer status), not to exceed eight weeks, at Maxwell Field, Ala., Randolph Field, Texas, or Roswell AAF, N. M.

Graduates of the Lowry Field phase of training will be granted the aeronautical rating of aircraft observer (flight engineer).

## DAMIT, WHERE'S MY SANDWICH?



"Damit," the airborne mascot of a B-29 crew training here, prepares for a parachute jump. "Damit," who wears her custom-made parachute like a veteran, has duty of carrying messages and sandwiches between crew members of the '29 through the tunnel which connects compartments of the big ship.

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thing about the GI's newspaper?

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### SWIMMING POOL

Editor, The Rattler:

Please find out what gives with the swimming pool. We work on the night shift and would sure enjoy using the pool during the daytime, but everytime this past week we go there we find it's being used for a life saving class. Why does this class have to have the pool every day, all day?

The boys on the graveyard shift.

● The class is now over. The only thing that will keep the pool closed, from now on, is an unsanitary condition. And it's up to all of us to keep the pool clean and keep it open.

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### NAME BANDS

Editor, The Rattler:

I've just come back from hearing Lunceford play a few numbers. It was a big night for Sq. C and I don't begrudge that. It is something they've waited for a long time. Why can't the boys from the other Squadrons get a good top-name band to entertain them?

Sgt. R. P.

● There is no reason why we can't get big-name bands when schedules can be arranged. Plans are cooking for at least two name bands in the not-too-distant future.

FROM OFFICE OF  
FLYING SAFETY:

## Fly 'Em Tight And Win The Fight: Flying Safety Advice

Tactical Efficiency Week gives you a chance to check on how well you know your business. Tactical efficiency is a euphemism for "combat success".

And combat success is quite dependent on formation flying. Those tactical formations you are taught are designed to give the best protection against enemy aircraft, enemy flak, and the possibility of collisions with other aircraft in the formation. And once again we get back to those proper procedures. If you maintain the proper formation at all times there is little danger of collision. Prop wash will not be experienced if the proper position is maintained.

Maintaining your position, however, is not the whole story. You must know how to get into position, how to make change-overs, how to break away. When a formation is assembling, precision flying and accurate timing are of prime importance. Knowledge is power.

We know what you must know to fly good, tight formations—and we can give you that. But we can't give you the alertness you need. You must be keenly alert all the time to fly a good formation—you must know where the other aircraft are, and how they are moving.

So, now you know—it's up to you.

## FOUR ORIGINAL WACS REMAIN



Only four of the original Pyote WACs remain on the field. The quartet are all part of the Mess personnel. Enjoying a reminiscence get-together in the day room are (left to right): Sgt. Roberta E. Iselstein, Sgt. Dora Cunningham, Sgt. Rita Burke, and S/Sgt. Annabelle Ogden.

## Three Airmen Awarded DFCs At Last Week's Review Ceremony

Three airmen who distinguished themselves in aerial combat against the enemy were presented Distinguished Flying Crosses Saturday at Pyote Army Air Field.

Medals were presented to Capt. William B. Love of Cadiz, Ohio; First Lt. William C. Gruben of Spur, Texas; and Technical Sergeant Donald Kerns of Bethany, Missouri.

Capt. Love received the DFC for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight in the European and North African Theaters of Operation as navigator of a B-17.

From Oct. 9, 1942, to June 8, 1943, Capt. (then Lt.) Love participated in high altitude missions which resulted in great damage to enemy personnel, shipping and military installations. The order from Headquarters, North African Air Forces which authorized the award stated:

"His complete self-possession and his courageous example in combat have been of high inspiration to his fellow crew members. His precision as a navigator and his steadfast devotion to duty in the face of concentrated anti-aircraft fire and determined attacks by enemy fighters have reflected great credit upon himself and upon the Armed Forces of the United States."

The DFC was presented to Lt. Gruben for extraordinary achievement in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations as a member of the Fifteenth Air Force.

"Throughout many long and hazardous combat missions against vital strategic targets deep in enemy occupied territory," read his citation, "though confronted by heavy enemy opposition from highly aggressive enemy fighters and intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Lt. Gruben consist-

ently displayed outstanding courage, aggressiveness and intense devotion to duty throughout all engagements. The conspicuous and extraordinary achievements during these many missions against the enemy have been inestimable value to successful combat operations."

T/Sgt. Kerns, son of Mrs. Buna Kerns, Bethany, Mo., was awarded the DFC for extraordinary achievement while a member of the 19th Bombardment Group (5th Air Force) in the Pacific, from Dec. 8, 1941, to Nov. 7, 1942.

During this period T/Sgt. Kerns participated as radio operator and gunner in more than 200 hours of operational flight missions during which enemy contact was probable and expected. The flights included numerous long-range bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy naval forces and shipping, during which heavy anti-aircraft fire and hostile fighter interception was encountered.

### PHILADELPHIA VETS ARE DOING ALL RIGHT

Of 70 veterans placed in jobs with private industry in Philadelphia, 93% were placed in jobs paying 70c an hour or better; 26% paying 90c an hour or more.

## RALLY OPENS SEVENTH WAR LOAN



Lt. Earle Y. Cherkosly presented Sgt. R. O. Purrington with a \$500 bond, the first-prize winnings in the recent 7th War Loan contest. A large throng was on hand to see the opening gun in the 7th War Loan. The rally on the ramp featured entertainment and war loan drawings.

# Buy? Sell? Lose? Find? Use the 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

**ALL AUTO ADS** in Rattler must conform to OPA regulations. Ads must list make, body model, year, price, and that the price is in line with OPA ceiling.

**FOR SALE**—1934 Ford sedan, excellent tires and I have put plenty of time into motor getting it in fine shape. Price \$300.00, that's below OPA ceiling price. See F/O M. W. Schifman, BOQ 430.

**A PRE-WAR studio couch** for sale right now. Contact Sgt. E. B. Jones, Apt. Bldg. 1358-C.

**RUBBER-TIRED, LEATHER Covered**, and only slightly used baby carriage for sale. See Mrs. Margaret S. Stine, Apt. 1364-C, PAAF.

**UNDER OPA ceiling price**, and ready to sell now. OPA says \$1500 but Sgt. C. Marcy, Sq. A, Bks. 2, will settle for \$1450 for his Lincoln Zephyr, four-door sedan, good rubber, radio and South Wind heater.

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

**INTERESTED in a 1938 Buick Special 2-door sedan?** It's yours for OPA ceiling price—\$695. The tires need recapping but it's a good buy. See Sgt. E. B. Jones, Apt. Bldg. 1358-C.

### TRANSPORTATION

**GOING MY WAY?** Leaving about the 28th for Muskogee, Okla.,

and prefer feminine companion (one who can drive). Will drive through either Dallas or Oklahoma City. '41 Ford Coupe. Please phone Mrs. Servaas at 389-J in Monahans.

**DRIVING TO AMARILLO?** Will share expenses and driving. Would like ride for myself, wife and baby. Please contact Pfc. Eiland at Photo Lab. Ext. 31.

**I'D LIKE a ride to and from Monahans**, north side of town. Hours: 8 AM to 5 PM. Contact Mrs. Smith, phone 156, Parachute Dept.

**THREE RIDERS** wanted to and from Pecos daily. Leave Pecos 0715, leave field at 1700. Call M/Sgt. Murphy, ext. 257.

**SOLDIER'S WIFE** wants share-the-drive lady passenger for trip to Sacramento, California, via Los Angeles. Inquire at 307 South Pacific, Monahans. Plan trip around May 28th.

**GOING TO New York or Saint Louis?** One furlough ticket, one-way to New York, one furlough ticket, one-way to St. Louis. Contact Pfc. Scattergood in Sq. F orderly room.

**WILL BUY bus or train tickets** from El Paso to Pyote. See Cpl. F. Tibuni, Bks. 537, Sq. F.

### HOUSING

**FOR RENT**—Nice room in Pecos to reliable couple. Phone 271 in Pecos.

### WANTED

**I'M HOT AND I CAN'T GET UP IN THE MORNING:** Please let me know if you have either a fan or an alarm clock for sale. Box 96 in Pyote or call The Rattler.

**THE UNITED NATIONS** are in the market for world peace. Lt. Shulman (ext. 22) is in the market for a used car that won't deplete his checking account more than 700 smackers.

### LOST

**LOST**—Parker 51 pen, yellow gold top, black body and jeweled cap crew holding the clip. It's a gift and I value it highly so if the guy or gal who finds it returns it I'll gladly pay \$10.00 reward. Please call Sgt. Albright at 259.

**CHUBS** is the name of the dog and he's lost. He's a white fluffy pup, pedigreed mongrel, and looks like a Saint Bernard. Please bring him back before we cry our eyes out. The WACs. Return Chubs to Sq. B.

**PHONE 66** if you've found Lt. J. G. Drew's brown wallet, containing AGO card and other papers.

**TRY IT** for green ink. If it's a Shaefer with wide gold band, collect your reward from Felma Lane, Ext. 122.

**REWARD OUT** for the person returning the Ronson lighter lost near Civilian Personnel. Return to Signal Office or Dormitory 1306, Room 3.

**LOST**—Man's 17-jewel Benrus wrist watch. Finder please call Lt. Medearis at Officer's Mess, ext. 104.

**A WALLET**, containing money and identification papers, was lost on the Monahans-Pyote bus Tuesday, May 8th. Finder please return wallet and keep money. Contact Pfc. C. J. Brutico, Sq. E or return to Rattler.

### FOUND

**FOUND**—Ring with pink stone, owner may have it by identifying at The Rattler Office.

**IDENTIFY** identification bracelet and it's yours. Check with S/Sgt. R. R. Roberts, Flight Line Maintenance, phone 65.

**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.

### PERSONALS

**WILLING TO RENT** sewing machine. Phone 143, Cpl. D. L. Widman, Sq. D, after 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

**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.

**WILL TRADE** Ronson lighter on camera range finder. Phone Sgt. Retterbush at 229.

**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.

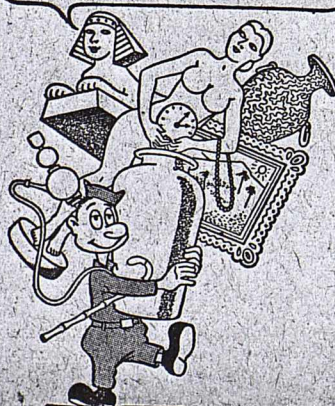
## JAPOLOGY



The Jap soldier loves to practice deception and is very adept at employing ruses. Japs sometimes conceal themselves near our lines and listen for the names of individuals. They then call out the name of some soldier and, when he shows himself, shoot him.

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**Save GAS CARS, TIRES!**

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**Koops' Korner—**

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York Morals Division. . . . Those Carlsbad Cavern trips sound swell, and I hope every GI interested takes advantage of them. . . . Bob Dickey of Sq. E passes on this one: The Rec. Hall dance was so crowded this week that several Pyoters found themselves occasionally dancing with their own wives. . . . And I suppose you've heard about the kids born on May 11th—most of the parents are calling them "Twelve-Point". . . . And the best gag of the week for my dough is the comment from one GI. "Must have got the wrong laundry this week. Got all my own clothes back." . . . Remind me to tell you about the boy scout who got discharged from his outfit. He had over 85 merit badges. . . . And speaking of bows, be sure to hand ribbons to Jimmy Lunceford's crew for not only the terrific performance but for their splendid cooperation in making the appearance such a success.

Love,  
Sugar.

**THIS IS THE LUCKY 7TH  
BUY WAR BONDS**

**WD Reduces  
Discharge Age  
From 42 to 40**

The War Department dropped the age requirement for discharge from 42 to 40 earlier this week. Under this plan, who have reached their fortieth birthday are eligible for immediate discharge upon application. Only men excluded are those who are not suited for honorable discharge, those requiring medical treatment, and those in disciplinary camps or barracks.

The Associated Press reveals that War Dept. officials claim the age limit may be further reduced in the future, but no official announcement is, as yet, forthcoming.

**RETRACTION**

Lt. Wilbur X. Derus, Assistant Adjutant, requests that the statement in last week's Rattler which announced that "the number of points needed to be considered for discharge has dropped from 85 to 80 for EM and Officers and from 44 to 40 for members of the WAC" be retracted. Officers, Lt. Derus stated, do not come under the critical rating score.

**ART FOR ART'S SAKE, SAY GIs**



The semi-weekly meetings of the Art Club are attracting more and more members, and small wonder—when you see this live-art class. Members (left to right) are S/Sgt. Annabelle Ogden, Pfc. Phil Luft, in charge of the club, Sgt. Sylvan Hart, Sgt. Vernie Dempsey, Cpl. Blanche Lightbourne, Cpl. Joe Gelz, Sgt. Bob Willems, and Miss Terry Tubbs—model.

**Col. Key Receives  
Invitation To Grand  
Island Film Premiere**

Col. John G. Eriksen, Commanding Officer of Grand Island, Neb., Army Air Field, has extended an invitation to Col. Algene E. Key, Pyote AAF Commanding Officer, attend the world premiere of "Target Tokyo".

The film story of the mighty B-29 Superfortress now spearheading our attack on Japan will be shown for the first time at Grand Island AAF on May 23, and will be released nationally the next day.

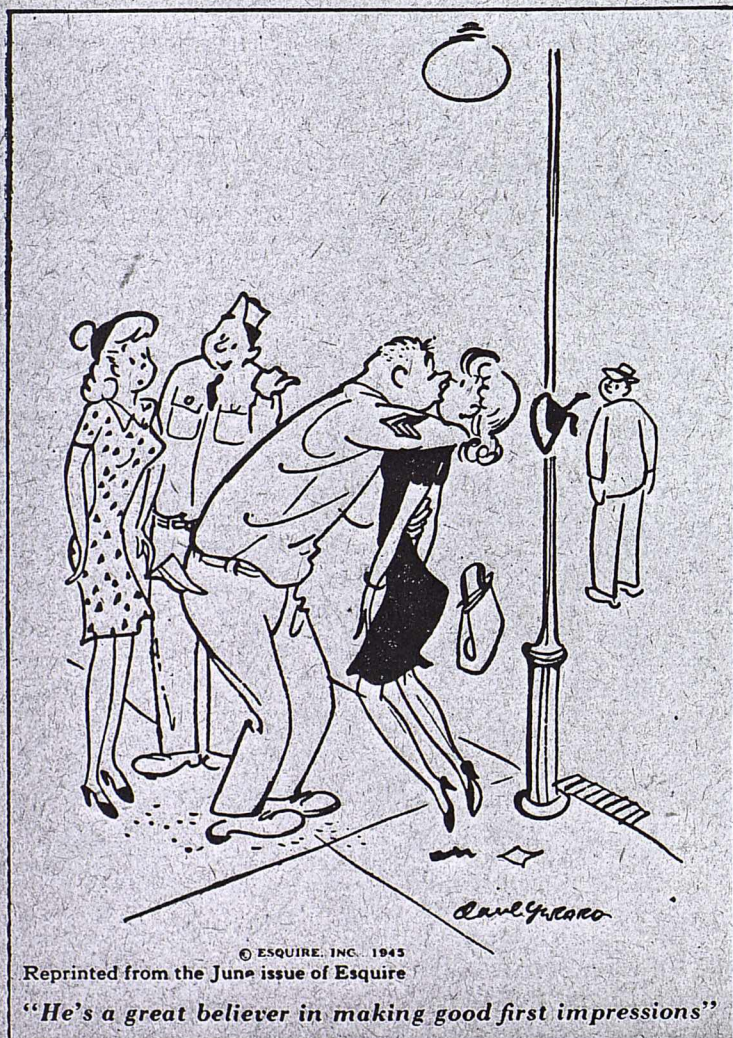
Originally prepared as a historical project on the orders of Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, "Target Tokyo" tells the story of one of the world's longest bombing missions—10,000 miles from Grand Island to Tokyo. This first Superfort attack on the heart of the Japanese empire was led by the "Dauntless Doty", piloted by Lt. Col. Robert Morgan, who also piloted the historic Flying Fortress, "Memphis Belle" on its first missions over Europe.

**THE GI SPECIAL: A \$10 WAR  
BOND FOR ONLY \$7.50**

**LUNCEFORD WAS REET**



Jimmy Lunceford's appearance at the Rec Hall last week gave Squadron C its finest dance in history. A full covey of girls were on hand to give added impetus to the GIs' evening.



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