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'YANK' LEVY COMING MONDAY

Ace Guerrilla Warrior To Give Orientation Talk

The Allies' ace commando instructor, Bert "Yank" Levy, will appear all next week at Orientation classes at the Post Theaters.

This fascinating talk by the author of "Guerrilla Warfare" is a "must" for all men of the field. "Yank" will appear at all Orientation classes next week, Monday through Friday, 9 AM, at Theater No. 1, 5:45 PM at Theater No. 2.

Levy will discuss the art of hand-to-hand combat, guerrilla warfare, commando tactics, and all the tricks of keeping alive and getting the drop on the enemy that spell the difference between your life and his. The finer points of guerrilla warfare are something that only men with the experiences of "Yank" Levy can give you.

"Yank's" book on "Guerrilla Warfare" is into its half-millionth issue; he has been hailed as the greatest instructor on defensive fighting; his articles have appeared in Life, Coronet and Liberty magazines.

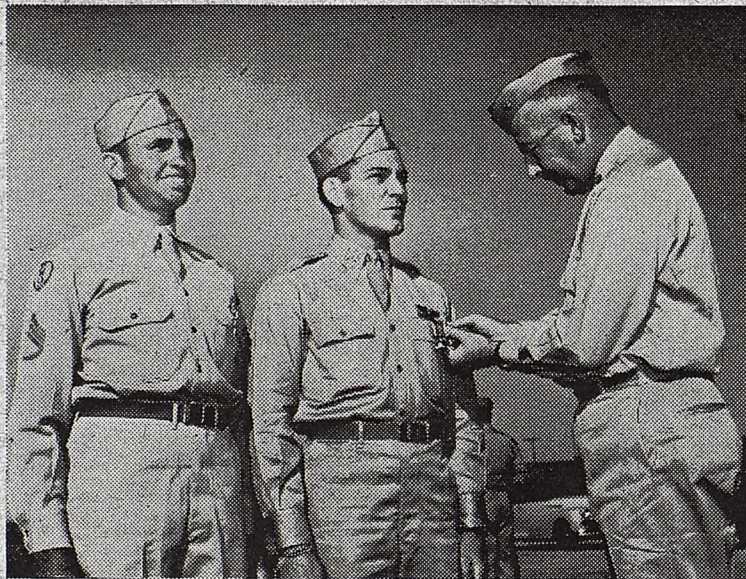
A veteran of five wars, an outstanding exponent of commando tactics, "Yank" will offer all Pyoters a chance to learn the tricks of the trade in hand-to-hand combat against the tricky Jap.

"Yank" is Canada's famed soldier of fortune who was England's ace commando instructor at Osteria Park, Britain's main home guard training school. He is unquestionably the foremost authority on commando tactics, hand-to-hand combat, and "how to protect yourself and get the other guy first".

Besides the lectures, he will also give actual demonstrations and instructions on hand-to-

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TWO AWARDED DECORATIONS



Receiving the DFC from Colonel A. E. Key is Captain Paul E. Crosier. S/Sgt. Ralph R. Reiswig (left) has just been presented the Silver Star.

DFC, Silver Star Awarded To Two Pyote Personnel

Two veteran airmen of this war, one a B-24 gunner and another a "pea shooter" pilot received awards here Saturday based on their combat records in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

The Silver Star, the Army's third highest decoration for valor, went to S/Sgt. Ralph R. Reiswig of Beaver, Okla. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to Capt. Paul E. Crosier, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Both awards were presented by Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, at a special ceremony and review.

Sgt. Reiswig's medal was for gallantry in action over Benghazi Harbor on October 9, 1942. He was flying as assistant engineer-gunner on a B-24 taking part in a mass air attack when his plane was hit and severely damaged by bursts of

"Sergeant Reiswig remained at

his machine gun," stated his citation, "and through the coordinated fire of all the gunners protected his damaged airplane from enemy pursuit. He then skillfully made such repairs as were possible. By his actions he directly contributed to the preservation of his crew and airplane."

Sgt. Reiswig served with the 9th Air Force, then headquartered at Cairo, Egypt, for eight months

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Presstime Bulletins!

K.P.--T.S.

The Rattler was informed Wednesday morning that a new group of PWs are expected in the next few days to again take over the chores of KP. The original group of Prisoners of War who had handled this detail were shipped out yesterday, but replacements are expected "any day", according to Major Ernest A. Swingle. Until the new group does arrive, GIs will find themselves back on the china clipper. Their stay, it is mutually hoped, will be short.

Redeployment

According to the Army-Navy Journal, unofficial Service newspaper, enlisted men who participated in combat in the European Theater will not be used in the war against the Jap. All GIs who fought in Europe will be ineligible for duty in the Pacific unless they volunteer. Officers, concludes the statement in the Journal, are not affected by this ruling. The newspaper credits the story to SH-AEF, but makes no comment concerning troops from Europe already shifted to the Pacific theatre.

Denny Coming

Jack Denny, long a favorite among sophisticated swing devotees, brings his orchestra to the field for a two-night stop next week.

Wednesday night, June 13, Jack Denny and his orchestra will offer three hours of music for dancing for all enlisted personnel, from 9

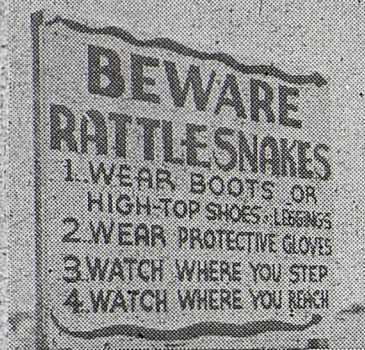
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Eavesdropping Again!

The other day we were riding the bus into Monahans preparatory to turning out last week's Rattler. A couple behind us (who didn't know us from the Colonel) were discussing a rumor that was going the rounds to the effect that GIs were to be permitted to wear sun-tan shorts on and off the field. Finally the guy remarked, "Well I heard that story too, but there's nothing to it. It wasn't in The Rattler."

To us that was highly commendable praise. And we hope it's so. In the past few weeks we have had some hard luck on stories—last minute changes and cancellations have made The Rattler erroneous. In the main, though, we hope we can deserve the accolade every newspaper strives for—"if you see it in The Rattler, it's so!"

The floodgate has opened on the rumors, and our advice to you is: "if you see it in The Rattler, it's so". When the news breaks, we will print it. And until then, stories of moving the field, de-activating Pyote, discharging all men with green eyes, or all GIs with pyorhea are strictly rumors.

The Rattler is primarily a news-organ. Our aim is to bring you as much news as possible that concerns you and your Army... and as far as a Pfc. can manage, without fear or favor.

Leave Us Not Be Chi-Chi

When we arrived at Pyote Army Air Field, kiddies, it was considered very chi-chi and clever to smear Pyote. If you could think of enough things to belly-ache about, why you were the pride of your tent. Pyote was a hell-hole and the thing to do was gripe and gripe some more.

In the past two years, the feeling, we believe has changed. Beefing about the field is pretty out of fashion.

Crowds line up for blocks to see the USO show, brought to the field for the benefit of GIs. GIs get in first.

The Personal Affairs Office has co-ordinated with the OPA to bring rents in Monahans, Wink and Kermit into line.

The Service Club Cafeteria is the most popular spot on the field with its beer, french fries, hard-boiled eggs, and salami sandwiches. The prices are reasonable.

There's a swimming pool full of clear, clean water from 10 AM to 11 PM.

There's a telephone exchange to speed your long-distance phone calls. There are tennis courts and air-conditioned theaters.

There are a good many things at Rattlesnake Army Air Field that there were not two years ago. And those additions are here because GIs, officers, and civilians co-operated to make 'em come true.

That spirit of co-operation—of more pitch-in and less bitchin' have made Pyote what it is.

We don't claim it's perfect. We realize there are many legiti-

mate gripes, the solution of which would make the field better. But calling Pyote a hell-hole is out-of-date, pal. You shoulda been here two years ago.

Once upon a time a group of soldiers were griping about the sons of politicians in the Army. Suddenly a voice spoke up and said: "I'm a politician's son and I'm in the Army just like you boys." And they replied: "Yes, Major."

Strange as it seems, the man who can "drink or let it alone", never does.

A Dog's Life

By S/SGT. ROBERT H. NASH

Nobody with good sense would beat a dog to death in order to kill the fleas on it.

But a lot of people today are doing something much more foolish and potentially disastrous for ourselves.

They are doing their best to kill the hope of a permanent world peace by continual harping on the differences between the United States and the other United Nations.

This group has no harder, and no more reprehensible, member than the wise boy who calmly and flatly predicts that one we'll have to take up the cudgels with our great ally, Soviet Russia.

We remember distinctly that just before this war got started, the same people were crying and moaning that the Russians were going to join the Germans and divide Europe between them. Also, we remember from our history books that the old Weimar Republic, Germany's interim government between the first World War and her period of open preparation for World War II, got some loud verbal support from the jokers who wanted a "buffer state" to protect us from the horrible Soviet Union.

Well, Germany got to be a good big buffer state—and look what happened.

And after the madman Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, it spent five years, priceless riches, and ten million casualties to bring about Germany's defeat. Today the Soviet Union is working with the United States and other United Nations to fashion a working organization for world peace.

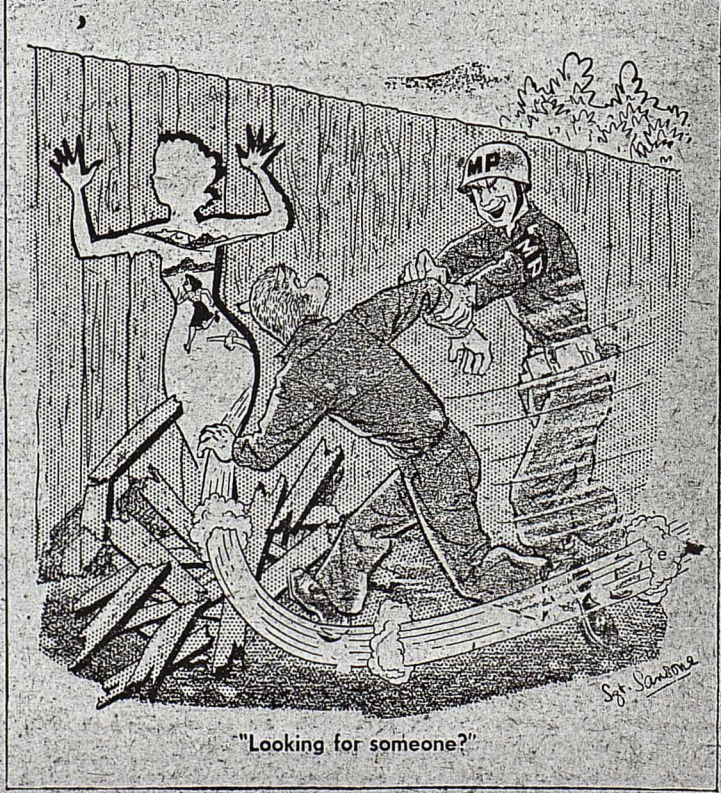
Let's give them credit for helping us in two big jobs—war and peace.

Let's curb the loose talk. If we don't quit using ball bats for flea powder we'll have a dead dog on our hands.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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WRERE'S GUY THAT BROKE THE BANK?



One of the largest crowds to attend a field function packed the PX patio last week for "Monte Carlo Night". With phoney money, "Rattlesnake Rubles", GIs and their guests played games of chance for slick prizes, swilled pop and beer, jammed the "kissing booth", and enjoyed top-notch floor show and dancing. The above shot shows a typical crowd placing their "bets". Field reaction was summed up simply as: "Encore, encore!"

Third Well Fails; Entire Water Supply Threatened

With two wells shut down because of cave-ins, the Pyote water supply took another beating. The No. 3 well has been closed down due to operational fatigue and the entire field is now limping along on one well.

Pyote's normal water usage ran to approximately a million gallons a day, maximum output from four wells. Now with only one well in use, further reductions in water usage are requested.

Major Ocie L. Conger, Post Engineer, announced that all personnel should "be extremely careful in their use of water. Only by preventing any waste of the precious liquid can the field maintain its water supply."

The ban on water-evaporation air conditioners and irrigation in the civilian area still held. No restrictions are contemplated on showers and water fountains as yet, as field officials hope that voluntary discipline by all personnel may relieve the water shortage.

Major Conger announced though that "every effort is being made to keep the EM swimming pool and Officers' swimming pool open. We shall make every attempt to keep the pools open and full despite the water shortage, even if it means cutting down on other water supply."

All field personnel are urged to maintain a strict vigilance on water usage. Shut off taps and faucets tight. Don't let water run when not in use. Don't waste water!

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Pyote Named Stop For Air Transport

The Air Transport Command, military air transport station, air-freight terminal, which was formerly located at the Midland (Tex.) Army Air Field, has been moved to Pyote Army Air Field.

Operations began on Friday, June 1, with the arrival and departure of the first ATC planes at this field. The change connects Pyote with the world-wide facilities of the Air Transport Command,

which operates all Army Air Forces freight and passenger routes throughout the world. The Pyote station will handle only high-priority freight and passenger traffic. Four flights East and four flights West are operated daily. Information may be secured at the ATC office next to Hangar No. 1 on the line.

Talent Needed For Pyote GI Minstrel Show

A call for all GI talent—enlisted men and WACs—to participate in a Pyote GI Minstrel show, has been extended by the Special Services Office. Pyote's first minstrel show is due to trod the boards next month in the real "dixieland" fashion.

Talent of every size, shape, type, and description are needed to put the show over. So, if you sing, dance, act, emcee, or would like to help out with the stage crew, settings, scenery, costumes, properties, etc., stop by the Special Services Office. Contact Cpl. Art Hammel, or phone 27.

Pyote's Poor Perspiring Privates Fired from Mess Halls; Off KP

Last Saturday, June 2nd, was a red-letter day for the hundreds and hundreds of kitchen police. Privates, Privates First Class, Corporals, and Sergeants heaved a sigh of relief. Their KP days were (it looks) over.

Prisoners of War were installed on the china clipper, the chow-line, ration run, and potato peeler. And the longest, loudest, and healthiest gripe of the underslung lower-grader was abolished.

Though not officially announced, sources indicate that the Service Club cafeteria was packed to capacity Friday night by the under-striped lads celebrating their release from under the baleful eye of KP pushers, cooks, and Mess Sergeants.

"It's still too good to be true", stated one Private. "I'm gonna be on KP before the week is out."

Others took it more philosophically: "What's a week without KP?" moaned one Corporal. "I just ain't gonna feel myself without washing trays at least one night."

But, on the whole, the boys took

it like good little soldiers. The President of the Michigan Welsh Choral Society remarked: "We will not rebel at losing our jobs. The lock-out imposed upon the lower four-graders by the Mess Hall will not stir us into action. We will abide by the rules."

Only actual gripe recorded on the "no-more-KP-deal" was aired by Pfc. Phil Luft: "To think", he moaned, "I had to be on KP the last day GIs got it. Ain't that my luck?"

Prisoners of War are pulling the mess detail in the five enlisted men's mess halls, working a 12-hour shift daily, in accordance with the pact drawn up at the

Pyote EM Who Qualify May Apply For West Point

Enlisted men at Pyote AAF who can meet qualifications are eligible for selection to compete for admission to the West Point Military Academy on July 1, 1946.

To qualify you must be a citizen of the U.S., must be over 19 but less than 22 on July 1, 1946, must be single and never have been married, must have an AGCT of 135 or more, must have graduated from high school or achieved equivalent education, must be of excellent character and capacity for leadership. Physical requirements for entrance are listed in AR 40-105.

Applications should be made before July 15 to the Classification Office in base Headquarters.

Geneva Convention regarding the treatment of enemy PW's.

The bulletin boards were bare and beautiful Saturday morning—minus, for the first time in two-and-a-half years, the ever-lovin' KP roster. Perhaps now a duty Sergeant can fear no man.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate"

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

"SON OF LASSIE" with Donald Crisp and Peter Langford. (A sequel to Lassie Comes Home, all about a kid and his dog and technicolor.) Shorts: Popeye cartoon, Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"THE FIGHTING GUARDSMAN" with Willard Parker and Anita Louise. (A Robin Hood nobleman throws in with the poor people during the French revolution. All kinds of duels and hold-ups.) Shorts: Musical Parade, Sports Parade.

SATURDAY

"UP IN ARMS" with Danny Kaye and Dinah Shore. (Revival of the technicolor comedy with Danny Kaye a hypochondriac in the Army. Fun.) Shorts: Cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS" with Robert Young and Lorraine Day. (A Lieutenant Wolf falls in love with the gal at the perfume counter.) Shorts: Grantland Rice Sportslight and cartoon.

TUESDAY

(Double Feature) "SWING OUT, SISTER" with Rod Cameron, Arthur Treacher, and Billie Burke. (A long-hair guy meets a jive gal.) "THE CHICAGO KID" with Don Barry and Lynne Roberts. (Kid who thinks his Dad was framed on a rap goes into crime, discovers it doesn't pay.)

WEDNESDAY

"SEE MY LAWYER" with Olson and Johnson. (The Yucks run a nite-club and insult the guests in order that they'll sue and give the business to an enterprising young lawyer.) Shorts: Donald Duck cartoon, 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.

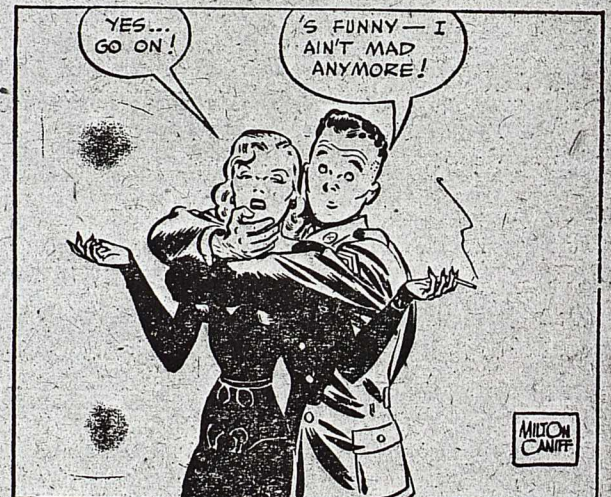
JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

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

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by
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BOOBY TRAP



—Reprinted by request.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

MODEL PLANE CLUB: Pyote Prop Pushers, field's model plane club, has quarters in Sq. D area; invites all model-plane enthusiasts to join. Details can be acquired from Sq. D orderly room.

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.

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.

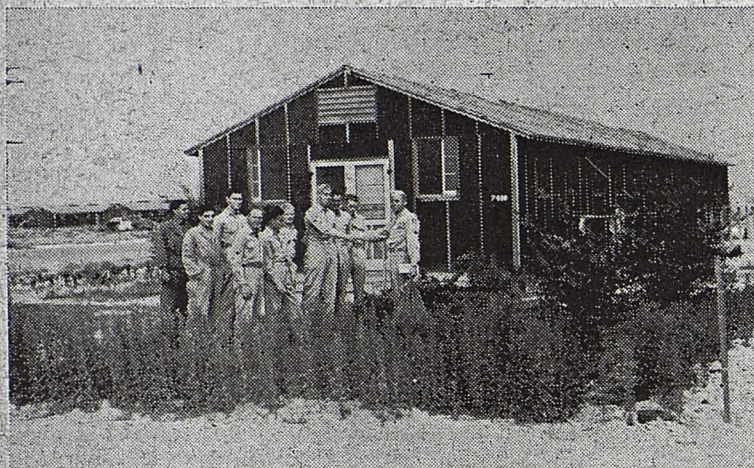
OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB: Meets each Thursday afternoon; bridge luncheon the 1st and 3rd Thursday; dessert bridge the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Information concerning the club can be had by contacting Mrs. G. B. Mothersead at the Officers' Club.

At Monahans USO

Thur.—8:00 p.m., Bingo!
Fri.—8:00 p.m., informal activity.
Sat.—B:00 p.m., dancel
Sun.—11:00 p.m., Brunch; 6:00 p.m., buffet supper; 8:30 p.m., movie, "Sweet Rosie O'Grady"; 8:00 p.m., song fest.
Tues.—6:30 p.m., Convalescent Picnic in sand hills.
Wed.—12:30 p.m., Better Halves Picnic in park; 8:00 p.m., arts and crafts.

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LANDSCAPER GOES HOME



S/Sgt. Jack France says a not-too-reluctant goodbye to some of his barracks buddies as he heads for Fort Sam Houston, Texas, separation center.

France was one of the "over-40" boys who headed for home when the War Dept. relaxed the discharge age. His home is at Houston, Texas.

France was a true "first citizen" of Pyote. His barracks, 537, was the garden spot of the field due to France's landscaping hobby. He kept plants, bushes, and flowers blooming in profusion around the barracks. He even got grass to grow. This year, France added a victory garden to the area, and grew some onions for the boys to garnish their mess hall meals.

Pyote's 2AF Ring Champs Head for Meet at Denver

Two Privates First Class who are also Leather-Pushers First Class, Dick Smith and Ike Robinson of Section C, are entered in the "Champ of Champs" boxing meet at Denver on June 13-14.

The Champ of Champs spectacle, which is drawing top-ranking contestants from every field in the Second Air Force, is being held for the benefit of the Seventh War Loan Drive in Denver. The winning ring artists, incidentally, are in line for some handsome individual prizes, it is reported.

Smith and Robinson are the two lads who almost single-handedly—or double-handedly, maybe it is—stole the 2AF championship tourney last April at Topeka, Kan. Competing against larger squads from other bases, they won the lightweight and lightheavyweight championships and captured second place in the tournament.

Smith, at 135, and Robinson, 175, are in top shape for the Denver event. They will be accompanied to the meet by their trainer, S/Sgt. Fred Root of the PT Department.

Enlisted personnel who would like to enter swimming classes should apply to the Special Services Office, naming the hours they can attend such a program.

Fourteen Pyoters who are Red Cross Lifesaving instructors will coach the classes. The fourteen are: Sgt. Rita Burke, Cpl. John Cerio, Cpl. Charles Driscoll, Cpl. Garson Greenbaum, Cpl. Argel Hale, Pvt. Frank Jerman, Cpl. Pete Nicklau, Sgt. Edward Opperman, Sgt. Mary Roman, Sgt. La Mar K. Smith, Cpl. Richard Stonebraker, Pvt. John Weidman, Sgt. George Willich, and Pvt. George Zink.

One class will be held daily at 7 PM starting next Monday, June 11th. Additional classes will be held at other hours, as ascertained by the free time instructees can attend. Classes will be attended only in the off-duty time of the GI. The pool will not be closed

while such classes are held, it was further announced.

STARLIGHT CONCERT WELL RECEIVED

A "Concert Under the Stars" was presented by the 728th AAF Band at terrace adjacent to the officers swimming pool Tuesday evening. "Rhapsody In Blue," "The New World Symphony" and other well known compositions were featured. The band was under the direction of W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman, bandmaster.

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Pyote-trained GIs Now Bomb Tokyo

The slogan, "B-29s From Pyote to Tokyo" which was adopted by The Rattler when this field became a B-29 combat crew training station, is daily being borne out by recent raids on the Jap capital.

And these bombing raids that are laying waste to Japan's homeland are being made by "alumni" members of PAAF. On one of the big B-29 raids on Tokyo announced by the War Department May 26, three flyers, who were training here with the old Section III just a little more than a month ago, told of their part in a press interview.

Captain Alex Salm of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., airplane commander, Flight Officer Steve E. Bodolay of Cleveland, Ohio, a pilot, and Pfc. Billy Spencer of Gilmer, Texas, a tail gunner, all took part in the historic raid on Tokyo in which the city was listed in reports as "practically destroyed".

The Ginza district, Tokyo's counterpart of Washington's famed Pennsylvania Avenue, which borders the Imperial Palace grounds, was destroyed by fire. Flames spread toward the palace area, causing Pfc. Spencer to exclaim, "I wouldn't be surprised if we sined the emperor's hair a little."

"The whole target area, including many small industries, piers, wharves, and warehouses, looked like one big conflagration," said Capt. Salm. "The fires really were burning nicely . . . the palace was only 1000 yards away."

The Tokyo radio station admitted in a broadcast that the raid "practically laid waste what once was the world's third largest metropolis."

Returning B-29 pilots said little about fighter interception, but reported running into intense anti-aircraft fire. Flight Officer Bodolay, in discussing the ack-ack, said, "It sounded like hail on a tin roof."

Both F/O Bodolay and Pfc.



F/O STEVE BODOLAY

Spencer were on the same crew while in training at PAAF. They completed their training and left here the latter part of April, and press dispatches indicate how quickly they have started to fulfill the slogan, "B-29s from Pyote to Tokyo".

Other members of the same crew were not indicated in press releases of the 20th Air Force, so it is not known whether their crew remained intact or whether the two men may have been placed in another crew after reaching their South Pacific base.

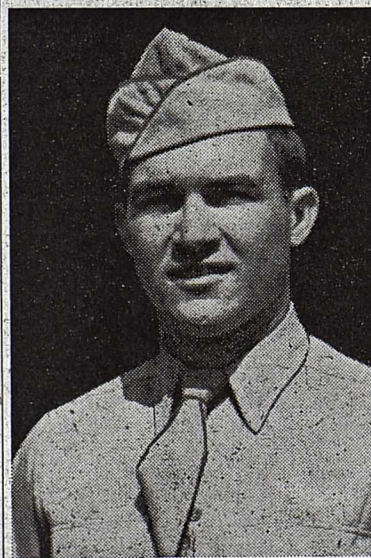
F/O Bodolay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bodolay of 2774 East 125th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. A graduate of East Tech High School, class of 1936, he entered the Army Air Forces in April 1943.

Pfc. Spencer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spencer, Route 3, Gilmer, Texas, and is a graduate of Gladewater High School, class of 1942. He entered the Air Forces in December, 1943.

Points For Service Outside U.S. Borders

The War Dept. announced this week that soldiers who are residents of the U. S. will be given overseas credit toward discharge under the point system for any service outside the 48 states and the District of Columbia.

GIs who are not residents of the U. S. will not be given overseas credit for any service in the area of their residence but will be credited for any service in the United States.



PFC. BILLY SPENCER

ALTITUDE TRAINING AIN'T HAY



Taking a practice leap at the Altitude Training lot is Lt. Edward J. Gorry. Two other members of the same crew (far left) S/Sgt. Harold Dunn and Captain Richard Freyberg wait their turns. Altitude Training personnel are (left to right) Pvt. Robert G. Crabbe, Lt. Ralph R. Burrelle, Lt. Richard W. Boughten, Lt. Norman M. Fuller and S/Sgt. Sydeney Blumenthal, instructor.

Field Scores 5073 Hours of Flying During Past Month

Pyote piled up a tremendous amount of flying hours in the last two weeks to total 5703 hours for the month of May, according to figures released by the Statistical Control Office. The spurt in fly-

ing May brought up the time considerably, but was not quite enough to forge ahead of the other B-29 combat crew training fields. Pyote was 234 hours short of the top base for the month.

During the first week of this month, however, Pyote topped all B-29 fields by totaling 1430 hours for the week ending Friday, June 1. This was 12 hours more than the nearest other B-29 field.

With such a head start of the other fields, Pyote now has the advantage. If the present rate of flying time can be equalled or even bettered, it should be comparatively certain to set the monthly record for June. With everyone doing their utmost, the record should be made right here at Pyote.

NAVIGATION CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING FRIDAY

A Navigation Club for all officers interested in discussing practical navigation problems is being formed. The first meeting will be held tomorrow night, 7 P.M. at the old Officers' Club mess. All interested are invited to attend.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".

PYOTE HEAT BOX SCORE

The Rattler gives its readers a briefing on temperatures for the past week, to give proof to the folks back home that Pyote, Texas, is the blankety-blank hottest place in creation.

The high for the days in the past week were:

THURSDAY	95
FRIDAY	92
SATURDAY	97
SUNDAY	99
MONDAY	102
TUESDAY	101
WEDNESDAY	100

Altitude Training Knows Last Word in Plane: Jump

This is another in a series of articles intended to explain to all personnel, military and civilian, how this field accomplishes its mission.

Although the primary purpose of combat is to destroy the enemy, there is another important element that enters into the training of all combat personnel. That is, how to survive under combat conditions.

There is more to training than teaching men how to fly, bomb, handle guns, etc. Men must be taught to survive. Saying it fast, it doesn't mean much—but there's a vast difference between survival in the Bronx and survival in Burma.

A guy who gets along great in Podunk is going to be up the proverbial salt creek if he doesn't know the ground rules in New Guinea.

The costly equipment used by the Army Air Forces has, of course, the primary objective of destroying the enemy, but a large part of it is designed, built and used for the express purpose of saving lives. And that is the point where the Altitude Training and Personal Equipment Department, a comparatively new department at this field, enters the picture.

The department is in charge of Capt. Albert P. Blair, who has five veteran enlisted instructors helping him. Headed by S/Sgt. Sydney Blumenthal, the group includes Sgt. R. Natusch, Cpl. T. Beinbrech, Sgt. I. Moskowitz and Pvt. H. Smith. All of these men brought some personal experience into the department, plus a good deal of schooling which they received before taking up the task of teaching men survival.

Constant drills in various phases of the work, are carried on in order to attain the high degree of skill necessary. These include bailing out, crash landing drill, ditching drill and general land and water survival.

The new layout for AT&PE, located in the recently constructed Technical Training Building, is a pretty busy place. Combat crewmen have a personal interest in each class—it's not hard to visualize some survival trick learned here saving a man's life a little later on down his army road.

Tumbling pits have been built for use of airmen in learning the technique of landing falls. Coming down to earth in a parachute is hardly an enjoyable experience at best. A little time spent in learning the safest way to land has paid off big dividends in the past in elimination of landing injuries. Airmen shot down over enemy territory have a much greater chance of survival and return to friendly territory if they are not injured

while landing.

A landing trainer has been built to simulate an actual jump. Parachute harness are suspended so that men can be taught how to turn in the air while descending, thus minimizing their chances of injuries.

A Class 26 airplane (one worn beyond salvageable point) is used to give the men positions for crash landings, and also how to sit and how to get their survival equipment out of the plane in case of a ditching.

Trainees are taught to use oxygen, including what to expect at high altitudes and how to face each known situation. All men while training get a run in the low pressure chamber to demonstrate to each man exactly what happens when the oxygen supply fails.

In addition to these phases, the department has a museum in one of the school's classrooms, where combat crew personnel are shown all of the equipment which they may use. Different theaters of operation require different survival training and equipment; and giving the men a preview of what they will use is a part of their training. This show is, incidentally, restricted to combat crew personnel for security reasons.

Methods of instruction are constantly changing, in tune with changing lessons in survival brought back from battle areas. The Altitude Training and Personal Equipment staff stays in touch with new methods and revises its instructional plans accordingly. Thus every new crew turned out here has a maximum chance for survival after it gets to a combat area.

100% INCREASE FOR QM OCS

A 100 percent increase in quotas for Quartermaster Officer Candidates at the Quartermaster School, Camp Lee, Va., has been announced. The doubled quotas affect classes up to class 56 which opens on August 27.

Quotas will be filled by soldiers returned from overseas, experienced NCO's, and more recent inductees whose civilian work and qualities fit them for officer training.

Shoe rationing will be tighter, suits and overcoats scarcer, Fred M. Vinson, War Mobilization Director, announced recently.

Yank Levy---

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hand combat at the Rec. Hall daily beginning at 7 PM. Though these classes are not compulsory, one hour's PT will be given all who attend.

A veterans of five wars—World War I, World War II, wars in Nicaragua, Mexico, and Spain—a famed soldier of fortune, "Yank" Levy is unquestionably the man best qualified to talk on commando warfare.

"Yank" Levy's appearance at Pyote is another in a series of special shows designed by the Information and Education Office. In the past weeks, the Orientation classes have presented an American prisoner of war who was rescued from Billbid prison, "Two Down, One To Go", "On To Tokyo", last week's quiz program. Now the appearance of "Yank" Levy, foremost commando instructor and guerrilla warrior, tops all these features.

Life magazine devoted its cover and many pages to the fine art of commando warfare as taught by Levy, in its August 17, 1942 issue. His book, "Guerrilla Warfare" is one of the three standard American military books co-published by the Infantry Journal and the Penguin Books, Inc.

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during which he participated in 30 missions.

He has been stationed here since December, 1944, where he is an instructor in the Ground Engineering Technical School.

Capt. Crosier, a veteran fighter pilot who flew with the 10th, 12th and 14th Air Forces, received Army aviation's highest award for "extraordinary achievement during 50 combat missions from April 28 to December 27, 1943.

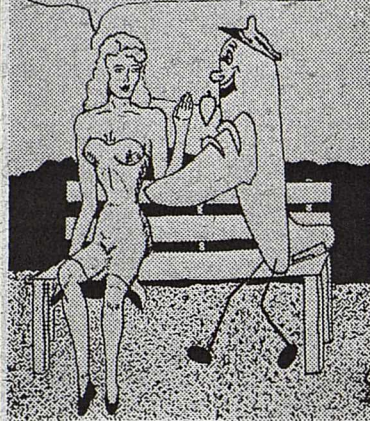
"Flying from bases in Africa and Italy," his citation reads, "heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy in material and personnel. Although fire from enemy ground installations and hostile aircraft was encountered on many flights, and frequent long over-water flights were required, he exhibited cool determination in carrying out his missions."

He went overseas in December, 1942, and was assigned to the 12th Air Force. After 15 months he was sent to the China-Burma-India theater where he operated with the 14th and 10th Air Forces. A veteran of 85 combat missions totaling 202 hours, he has previously been awarded the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and he has battle stars for the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

Capt. Crosier's duties at this B-29 crew training base consist of flying fighter missions against the Superfortresses used in training

Flying Short Snorts

LISTEN BOY I'M TOO PRACTICAL FOR SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TACTICAL



Bulletins---

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to midnight, at the Rec Hall.

The Rec Hall will carry a gala night-club motif with a "sidewalk cafe", complete with tables and refreshments for those who might like to listen and drink.

A week from tonight, June 14, Denny will play at the Officers' Club for their dance from nine to twelve.

Service Club

Construction of the new EM Service Club is expected to start not later than July 1, officials announced Wednesday.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed within 60 days.

District Engineers took measurements Tuesday at the Service Club preparatory to letting a contract for reconstruction of the damaged part of the building, which was damaged by fire in February.

Need Counselors

A survey of all military personnel qualified for duty as personnel consultants for soldiers leaving the service has been requested by 2nd Air Force from the Station Classification Office.

Qualifications include successful experience in personnel or industrial relations, vocation and educational counseling, public relations, education, law, life insurance, or advertising. Returnees and college graduates are preferred.

Personal attributes desired are: mature judgment and outlook, ability to make friends quickly and evaluate people intelligently, facility to win cooperation. Personnel selected will be working with Army Service Forces.

Interested personnel are advised to get in touch with the Station Classification Officer as soon as possible and not later than June 12th.

Softball League Opens '45 Season This Week

Eight teams are entered in first round play of the PAAF Softball League which opened Monday, June 4.

The following clubs have jumped into the pennant race:

Link Trainers, Medics, Section A, Section C, Stargazers, Section 3, Bombsight Dept., and Ground Station.

The following first round schedule has been posted:

Monday, June 4—Link Trainers vs. Ground Station and Medics vs. Bombsight Dept.

Tuesday, June 5—Sec. A vs. Sec. 3 and Sec. C vs. Stargazers.

Wednesday, June 6—Ground Station vs. Bombsight Dept. and Link Trainers vs. Sec. 3.

Thursday, June 7—Medics vs. Stargazers and Sec. A vs. Sec. C.

Monday, June 11—Bombsight Dept. vs. Sec. 3 and Ground Station vs. Stargazers.

Tuesday, June 12—Link Trainers vs. Sec. C and Medics vs. Sec. C.

Wednesday, June 13—Sec. 3 vs. Stargazers and Bombsight Dept. vs. Sec. C.

Thursday, June 14—Ground Station vs. Sec. A and Link Trainers vs. Medics.

Monday, June 18—Sec. C vs. Sec. A and Stargazers vs. Medics.

Tuesday, June 19—Sec. 3 vs. Link Trainers and Bombsight Dept. vs. Ground Station.

Wednesday, June 20—Sec. A vs. Medics and Sec. C vs. Link Trainers.

Thursday, June 21—Stargazers vs. Ground Station and Sec. 3 vs. Bombsight Dept.

Monday, June 25—Medics vs.

STOUT MEDICS WHALE BOMBSIGHT BOYS 18-4

The high-geared Medics look like the ball club to beat in the unfolding PAAF Softball League.

They gave the Bombsight Dept. an 18-4 shelling in the opening game of the first round Monday night. Their potent combine of formidable platoonwork and well-balanced defense appears to put the Medics out in front in their race for a second straight pennant.

Batteries Monday night were: Medics—Boreski and Bankers; Bombsight Dept.—Ratachie and Brown.

Food Prices And Home Furnishings Make Biggest Jump

If any soldier needed an additional reason for laying aside a little extra cash, he might find it in a recent report issued by the Bureau of Labor statistics. General living costs in the U. S. the report shows, are still on the rise.

The two items which have shown the greatest price increases during the war may not be of much concern to the average serviceman now, but they will be something to think about when he joins the civilians. During the past four years, food prices have gone up 40.4% and home furnishings have jumped 43.5%.

Link Trainers and Sec. A vs. Ground Station.

Tuesday, June 26—Sec. C vs. Bombsight Dept. and Stargazers vs. Sec. 3.

CREW OF THE WEEK



The Crew that won honors for keeping their ship fit for flying the greatest percentage of the time last week pose for their picture. They are: left to right, Cpl. W. W. Baggett, Pfc. Ed Spilman, Pvt. R. C. O'Brien, S/Sgt. J. G. Markott, crew chief, and Sgt. Edward Mason.

STRIPES

The thread it will take to sew on all these promotions will, if layed end to end, measure miles and miles and miles. This week there were 3 new Staff Sergeants, 150 Sergeants, 185 Corporals, and 6 Privates First Class.

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sq. D: Frederick A. Millman.

Sq. E: David Sturat and Clifford Bradley.

TO SERGEANT

Sq. D: George F. Brady, Nichols Pfeifer, John Redman, Patrick Sheldon, John Tench, Joseph J. Ryan, Donald Martens, Charles Gafnea, Anthony Christiano, Alexander Chimock, Michael Gregory, Eargle Anderson, Sidney Moses, Willard E. Tucker, Robert P. Smith, Mandle Adreon, Francis J. Doran, Elford Sundquist, Wilburn Horton, Walter Balcerzak, John Hefferman, Jack G. Moore, John Laurenzano, William Terwall, Ralph Axelson, James D. Glover, Lester F. Davis, Elmer C. Berglund, Roger J. Greene, Chalmer DuBois, Nicholas Kefaliotis, Bernard Skolsky, Dale Hesse, Chester Nowak, James L. Robinson, Samuel Johnson, James A. Woods, Russell D. Homaker, Bruno Urbanas, Russell Collins, Ray L. Harris.

Sq. PY-6-24: Richard Benjamin, Arthur Longcore, Phillip Connor, Robert McDonald, Ray Hawkins, William Thomas, Richard Schlosser, David Dinsmore, Paul Lanigan, Leo Bourdon Jr., Donald Prouty, Bernard Mathieson, Richard McArdle, Charles Moxey, Edward Petrie, George Glawe, Leslie Mounsey, Gordon Bruce, William McArthur, Elmer Lake, Cleo Johnson, Knox, Thomas Shearman, Thomas Cloud, Curtis Melvin, Robert Middleton, Richard Miller, Raymond Rajek, Franklin Mon, Alphonse Miano, Melvin Knight, John Marmaras, James Redmond, Edward Stubbs, Keith Nelson, Ralph Loomis, Herbert Bush, Talmadge Patrick, Jr., George Casso, Stanley Ruhmann, Robert Parsons, Edward Thompson, Lawrence McClure, Gordon Clark, John Gasquet, Herbert Katzen, Russell Gabrish, Carl Cappelen, Jr., James Hayes, Frederick Lower, Wayne Gilbert, Lewis Sherwood, Theodore Supinski, Wesley Small, Ewart Jones, James Whalen, Thomas Wiznerowicz, Francis Wilking, Ralph Lee, Max McAfee, Claire Benson, Donald Sontag, Glen Weekly, George Stanley, Jr., Richard Crackel, William Smoot, Robert Cleghorn, Joe Nusbaum, Thomas Geiger, Lester Strickland, Frederick Heiss, Jr., Hayward Shartzer, Ellsworth Henn, Harry Shogren, Frank Cowherd, Clyde Shreve, Floyd South, Warren Lindsey, Leonard Spetter, David White, Jr., Ebon Coffman, James Gardner, Edmond Burris, Henry Kelly, Jr., Harold Carpenter, Joseph Hooper, Stephen Curry, Vito Fratello, Richard Jacoby, Domi-

nick DePealo, Jerald Swan, Vincent Yanuchi, Floyd Eckman, Rosario Militello, Robert Wintermute, Edwin Coulbourn, Ralph Kobitter, Vincent VanVelzer, Arthur Greene.

TO CORPORAL

Sq. D: James A. Dean, William W. Baggett, Merlin Hulbert, Hanira Ellison, William A. Cox, Arnold Olson, William Anderson, Howard Martin, John Erbacher, Victor Knudsen, Harvey Fowler, Wilford Grimes, Ernest K. Evans, Frank Lombardi, Olo L. Orsen, Henry Capper, Charles L. Munn, William Baba, Richard Holm, Joe Bullock, Donald Hanson, George Nichols, Anthony Cukyne, Frank Muniec, Donald Alumbaugh, Edgar Dupire, Edward Perichak, Edward Palmer, Edward Zawacki, Thomas Kister, Stanley Madrak, Eugene Stens, Leo J. Patenaude, Lewis P. Scott, Charles Wyatt, Paul Abruzzo, Austin Adams, Carroll Williams, Francis Grassey, Thomas Hamilton, Arthur Schiavi, Roy French, Arthur Marta, Robert Ives, Leonard Fromson, Donald Messenger, Richard Young, Robert Gahan, Louis Madrigal, Robert Swettenam, Melvin Miller, Fred A. Johnson, Roland Bertrand, Ralph Powell, Carl Hamilton, Philip Caliguire, Donald Rhoades, Kenny Roewe, William Handy Jr., Joseph Marina, Clarence Esbenshade, William Gatzulis, John Hermann, Milton Kramer, William Armstrong, John Shimke, Cyril Sword, Martin Eckart, Jr., Frank Lepak, Thomas Dudkovich, Ernest Lorenz, Allen McNeal, Edison Miller, Robert Woodward, Willard Spencer, Percy Bolding, Richard Borchert, Vernell Thomas, Carl Till, Philip Schmitt, John Peterson, Donald Drumheller, Allen Burnett, William Humbert, Melvin Ensey, Joseph Coyne, Leonard McLelland, Louis Daniels, Lowell Philip, Fred Cooperrider, Murray Davenport, Peter Kesellicka, Russell VanMetter, Walter Kasprzyk, Clarence Guardiano, Paul Phillips, Donald O'Brien, Joseph Saunders, Pantile

So This Is Pyote!



This is the Highway Hotel, Pyote's only hostelry. Two years ago it looked like a haunted house, but now with its face lifted, a new coat of paint and green trim—the Highway Hotel looks right cozy. Next door is the Ice House.

Pyote used to have two modern hotels (with indoor plumbing 'n' everything; one of them was a 35-room job and the other a 90-room affair. Both of them were pretty fancy jobs, with brick exteriors and handsome furnishings.

However, a few years ago (turning one of Pyote's lean years) the hotels were dismantled and moved—one to Hobbs, N. M., and the other to Houston, Texas.

A few years ago, when the field first opened, Pyote was deluged with wires from arriving officers addressed to "the Mayor of Pyote", asking him to reserve a hotel room for the officer.

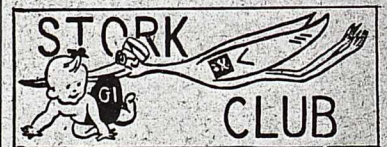
Pyote had no hotel, and no mayor.

Schuchart, Leon Lemoine, Walter Prus, Karl M. Nett, Theodore Roberts, Forrest Montgomery, David Welch, Pran Pack, Daniel Ray, William Reed, Albert Baleme, James Mortola, Ralph Coven, Frederick Currier, Russell Bottenhorn, Brian Mall, Samuel Spell, Edward Stadnik, Leonard Callis, Jr., William Torance, Robert Barrows, James Sudtelgate, Anthony Portuallo, Ronald Theriault, Kenneth Koschert, Elbert Hoffpauir, Stanley Jastrzebski, Elmer Johnson, Burnell Markle, Jimmie Sigers, Alfred Wolfe, Gene Lutzow, George Skurna, William Moberly, Alfred Cavanaugh, Joseph Bowley, Albert Mitchell.

Sq. B: Vivian Brown, Cecelia McNutt, Alia Johnson, Agnes Steadman, Melba Foster.

Sq. E: Arnold Bernstein.

Sq. PY-6-24: Leslie Hardtarfer, Bernard Dost, Jr., Grover Gross, Earl Clyne, Melvin Allen, Charles Stultz, Wallace Jelinek, Melvin Lain, Ivan White, Russell Badman, William Baronas, Francis Martin, Jr., Carroll Snyder, Leroy Muskopf, Dudley Moen, Joseph Lowe, Robert Spencer, Harold Fingeret, Marvin Inselman, Bobby Fowler, Wilmer Coppage, George McDonald, Jr., Irving Joseph, James Rose, Clyde Robuck, Victor Sipla, Wendell Rainbolt, Joseph Skelton, Roger Neilsen, Ira Parks, James Smith, Robert Morton, Robert Plofcher, Jack Parker, Delmar McLinn, Ralph Reese, Charles



GOODMAN—Born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Lester M. Goodman at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 28, a boy, Russell Briant, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. Lt. Goodman is assigned to Sq. F. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

BLAND—Born to F/O and Mrs. Arthur Bland at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 30, a girl, Lynda Rose, weight 5 lbs. 13 ozs. F/O Bland is assigned to Sq. F. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

TAYLOR—Born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Richard Taylor at the Pyote Regional Hospital on May 31, a boy, Richard William, weight 8 lbs. 12 ozs. Lt. Taylor is assigned to Section III. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

Matthews, Roderic Wilmers, Ted Roberts, Charlie Kirby, Clarence Hess, Frank Dalmas, Carl Livingston, Russell Harrold.

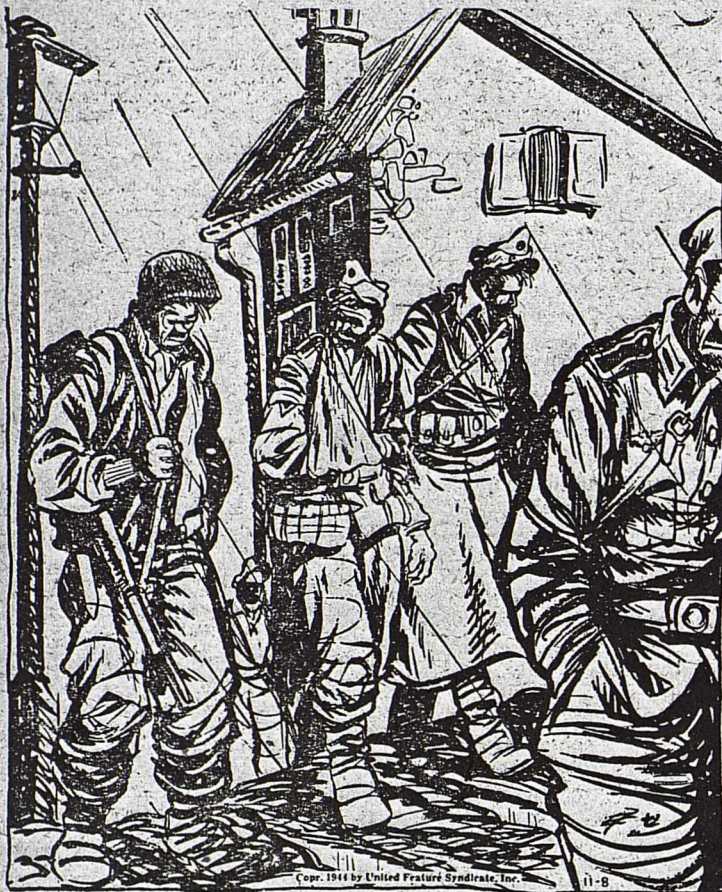
TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sq. D: Jessie Fry, Ralph Stro-
snider, Harold Crawford.

Sq. F: Carlos Page, Benjamin Steinberg.

Sq. E: Samuel Evans.

PULITZER PRIZE WINNER



"Fresh, spirited American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hungry, ragged, battle weary prisoners" (News item.)

This drawing won for Sgt. Bill Mauldin, Stars and Stripes' famed combat cartoonist, the 1944 Pulitzer Prize for cartoons. It is reprinted by permission of the United Features Syndicate.

Gets First Business Loan, Finds Out How It Works

Arlington, VA.—The first ex-serviceman to secure a business loan under the GI Bill is a 26-year-old veteran who is starting a meat distribution business.

He's Jack C. Breeden, who received a medical discharge last December after three years of service, during which he collected four campaign stars for action in the Pacific.

Interviewed for Army newspapers, Breeden gave a first-hand account of how an ex-GI goes about borrowing the money to set up shop. He went to work on the loan immediately upon discharge.

"But it really began before that," explains the young business man. "I started by saving money while in the service. It helped me to get started and it naturally came in handy while I was trading water waiting for the loan to go through. If you want to know, I used to bank \$40 a month besides carrying an allotment and full insurance."

Outlining the procedure for obtaining a GI loan, Breeden pointed out that as far as the banks and the government are concerned, the considerations are the same as those involved in any commercial loan.

"First," he said, "the bank discusses the proposition with you—and you want to have the whole thing planned so you can lay it before them. Then, after sending for your certificate of eligibility, they give you a form to fill out. On this you state your estimated volume of busi-

ness, income taxes and operating expenses for the coming year. You also estimate salaries to be deducted and what per cent can be classed as profit.

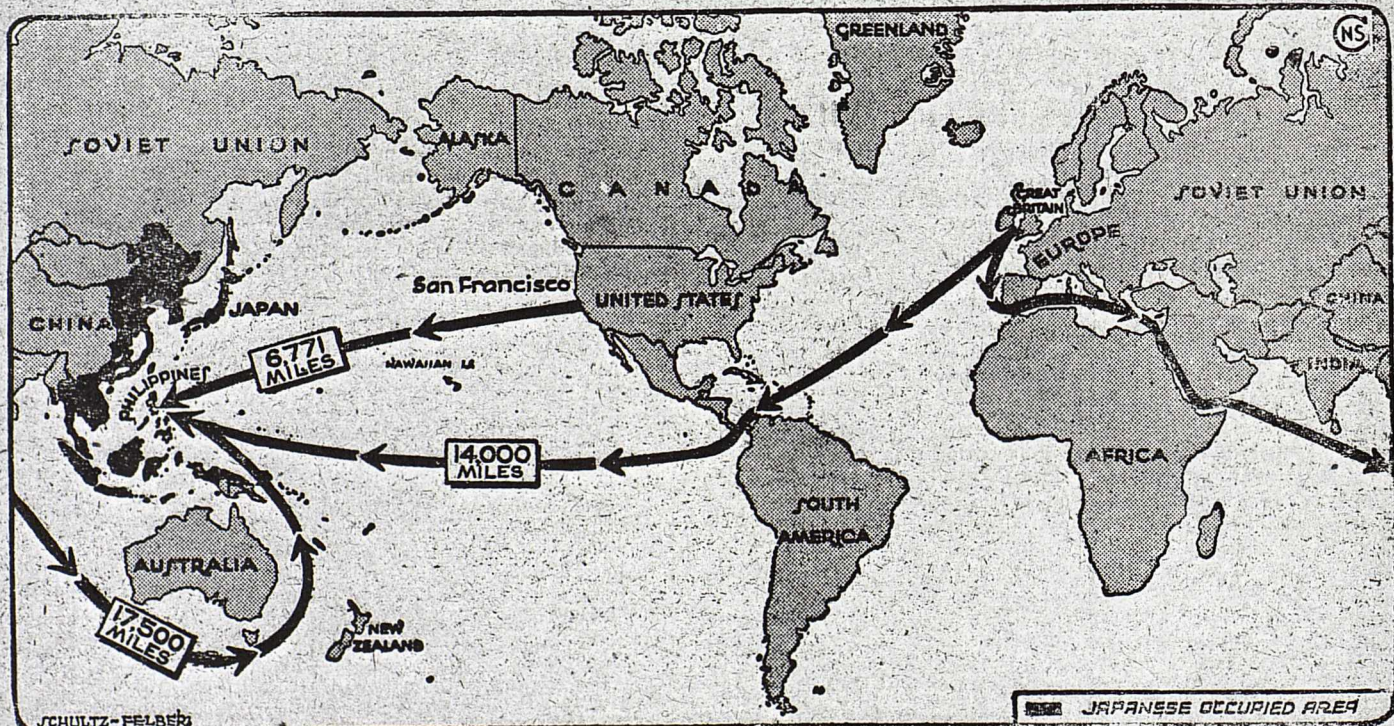
"The bank checks this and sends it to the RFC, which examines it thoroughly to see it's sound. It then goes to the Veterans Administration for final approval and 50% guarantee of the loan.

"Experience also has a lot to do with the application. In my case I teamed up with a partner—an old friend who's been in the meat business all his life, and he also put up stock money."

"The thing the guys ought to realize," says Breeden, "is that this is serious business. You can't just walk down the street, pick out a business you like and tell a bank you want some money! You have to plan the whole thing and have something solid to offer."

"One thing more," he adds, "a proposition put up by a veteran with any possibilities is handled all the way through with fairness and efficiency. I don't think you could ask for a better deal."

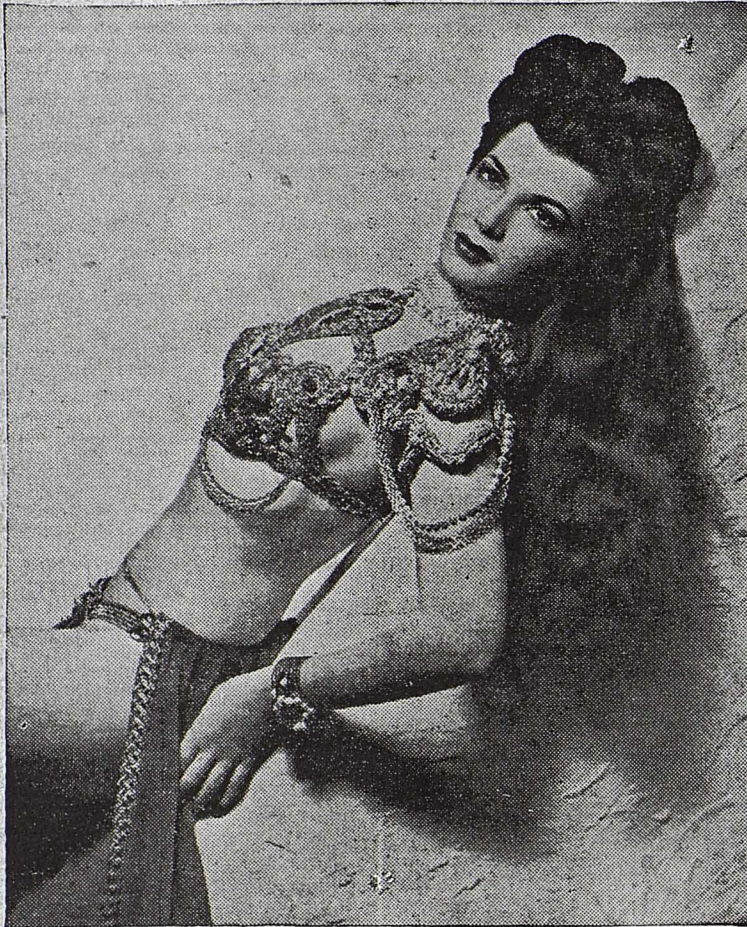
ARMY'S BIGGEST MOVING JOB IN HISTORY



The Army's biggest moving job has begun. When it ends we will be ready to strike at the Jap with all our strength. The transfer of troops from the ETO to the Philippines via the Panama Canal calls for a trip of 14,000 miles. It is 17,500 from the ETO to the

Philippines via the Suez Canal and 6,771 miles from San Francisco to the Philippines. Millions of troops must make one of these trips to the Pacific before the war in the east can be won.

Rattle Snake Charmer



For this week's Pyote Pin-up, the editors can't resist giving you another view of Sherry Britton, whose two previous appearances as the "Charmer" have provoked so much comment on the field. It also keeps our linotypist happy; and he's one guy we hafta please if we want to get this newspaper out.

"The Best from Yank", a compilation of stories, articles, cartoons, art, and photographs from Yank, the Army Weekly, is now on sale at civilian bookstores throughout the nation. It will soon be available for purchase at the Post Exchange.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY Pyote Ties With Clovis For 2nd In 2AF Safety Program

The final results of the Fifth 2AF Flying Safety Program have not been received, but as we go to press Pyote is tied with Clovis for second place. Alamogordo leads with no accidents during the entire eight weeks.

This week is Safe Landing Week and begins the Sixth 2AF Flying Safety Program.

It is to be remembered that poor landing technique is still the cause for many avoidable aircraft accidents.

The B-29 is not a stall landing type of aircraft. So—let's bring them in power controlled and safely.

Remember—
"There's an old, old adage
That's known from pole to pole:
A plane is never landed
Until it's ceased to roll!"

"B-29s . . . From Pyote to Tokyo."

Pin-up Ballot

How do you like your pin-ups? Army regulations permit pin-ups in GI newspapers "at discretion of editors". Our sole desire is to please our readers. Check one of the 3 boxes, place ballot in envelope and mail to RATTLER, in care of Public Relations Office; write free and place in mailbox. We don't care what your name is.

- Like pin-ups "as is".
- Like pin-ups, but like them more demure than in the past.
- Think they're a waste of space.

"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!

GRANDMA'S FURNITURE

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm in a funny position regarding the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights. I already own a home outright, and wouldn't want a loan to buy one. However, my furniture used to belong to my grandmother and it's getting pretty weak. Can I get a loan under the GI Bill to buy some new furniture?

Also, can I get a loan to fix the roof and have the walls and ceiling re-plastered?

Cpl. R. W.

Answer to your first question: No, housing loans under the GI Bill of Rights cannot be used to buy furniture. Answer to your 2nd question: A government-guaranteed loan under the Bill of Rights can be obtained to improve or repair a house which you already own, but the improvement must be a permanent improvement which becomes part of the real estate.

PRINTER'S DEVIL

Editor, The Rattler:

Can a veteran take advantage of both the educational and loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights? I plan to go to school for a while to learn how to operate a linotype, after which I plan to set up a printing business.

(Name Withheld)

There's nothing in the law which would prevent you from taking advantage of both the loan and educational benefits of the GI Bill of Rights.

UNDER AGE

Editor, The Rattler:

I am under age and have been informed that I cannot marry without consent of my parents. My parents refuse to give me permission to marry a girl by whom I have had a child. What I want to know is: if I acknowledge that I am the father of a child, will I be able to get a family allowance for my child's support?

(Name Withheld)

Yes. The child of a soldier is eligible for a family allowance if the soldier is willing to submit a certified statement of paternity.

CIVIL SERVICE

Editor, The Rattler:

Some of the guys claim that a

soldier will get extra credits on a Federal Civil Service exam if he has served overseas. Right?

Sgt. K.T.D.

Wrong. The fact that a soldier has served overseas will have no bearing on his preferences under the Federal Civil Service Regulations. All vets, whether they have had overseas time or not, will get an extra 5 point credit on Federal Civil Service exams. However, disabled vets—those who have service-connected disabilities, whether received overseas or within the continental US, will get a 10-point credit on the exams. That's maximum for any veteran.

OVERSEAS REPORT

Editor, The Rattler:

I just received a copy of The Rattler, published on its second anniversary. No need to tell you how much I appreciated it, for I was once stationed at Pyote. I was there when the first Rattler was published and was a regular reader until the time I was transferred to the Infantry.

I griped about Pyote the same as everyone else, but brother, what I wouldn't give to be back there now.

Pfc. Lloyd L. Gibson
Co. A, 330th Infantry
Somewhere in Germany

Ground Safety Has Backing Of Maj. Gen. Williams

An important factor in the success of the Safety Program of the Second Air Force has been the understanding and support of the program by Major General Uzal G. Ent, former Commanding General, and by Major General Robert B. Williams, present Commanding General at Second Air Force. "The conservation of men and material through the elimination of accidents," stated General Williams in a communication to all fields, "is a serious obligation and a necessity. It is desired that renewed emphasis be placed on the Ground Safety Program during the redeployment period."

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate"

Rattler Free Classified Ads!

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.

I'VE GOT A DISCHARGE and am trying to sell my radio. It's going cheap. See Mess Sgt. No. 3 Mess Hall.

SWEET MUSIC while you're driving. A Philco car radio for sale for only 25 simoleons. T/Sgt. Doyle, phone 156.

A ROLLS RAZOR with an additional blade is for sale. If your beard is covering your necktie contact S/Sgt. James McLoughlin, Ext. 47.

BABY CARRIAGE, in excellent condition, for sale cheap. See Mess Sgt. No. 3 Mess Hall.

MAN, OH MAN, what a deal this is. A 1937 Packard, four-door sedan at \$500. The OPA ceiling on this car is \$650; a saving to you of \$150. Contact J. C. Newsum, Sq. D, Bks. 521.

FOR SALE—Furniture to completely furnish a three-room house. See T/Sgt. A. M. Brown at Mess Hall No. 1 between 1200 and 1300.

FOR SALE—Binoculars, Bausch-Lomb make, almost new, no case. Price \$85.00. Sgt. B. McCabe, Sq. D, Bks. 528.

MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE—'43 Indian, excellent condition, \$300. Pfc. Kramer, Bks. 512, Sq. D.



To die for the emperor is the Jap's idea of a noble exit. Some Jap soldiers conduct their own public funerals before leaving for the front. This practice sometimes leads them to die recklessly and unnecessarily, but it also makes them a dangerous enemy.

FOUND

WE'VE GOT a brown wallet, belonging to M/Sgt. Clifford Snyder. (No money in it, doggone it!) Pick up at Rattler Office.

A MONEY ORDER, good for five smackers, is at The Rattler Office, awaiting its owner—Cpl. Tom Naughton sent by Mary Naughton. Let's pick it up, Tom.

FOUR Sterling Silver identification bracelets! Thomas A. Geiger, E. R. Boyer, Jr., Marvin Yeatts, and Sgt. Alfred F. George. The Rattler Office has 'em.

WE'VE GOT an anklet that belongs on some sleek female limb. Initials say "DRB". It's at The Rattler Office awaiting the touch of a quiet hand and the smile of a little face.

A CATHOLIC cross attached to plexiglass cord is valuable to someone. Retrieve it at The Rattler Office.

A CATHOLIC oval medal of the Blessed Virgin is at The Rattler Office. Will the owner please call for it?

A 10-KARAT ring with pink stone is at The Rattler Office. We haint even asking a reward. All we're asking is for the owner call for it.

A SAINT CHRISTOPHER medal was found in an airplane on the ramp. Round medal (about the size of a silver dollar) and blessed by Father Cox. It's at The Rattler Office.

LOST

LOST—Bracelet, gold, my name is on it. Please return to J. W. Ntarelli, Bks. 515, Sq. D.

LOST—Sheepskin flying jacket.

Left on the line. Please save me that statement of charges and return to Pvt. Lyle Rosburg, Bks. 609, Sec. III.

LOST—Wallet containing identification papers and money. Finder please keep half of the dough as a reward and return the balance and wallet to Cpl. Paul Healund, Sq. D, Box 629 or Radar Maint. Shop, Ext. 119.

LOST—Fountain pen, black Parker. Reward if returned to T. N. Pyrcce, Bks. 603, CCD Pool.

TRANSPORTATION

RIDE FROM PECOS to field wanted. Call Mrs. Thomas at Ext. 156, Parachute Dept. Leave Pecos at 8 AM; return 5 PM.

RIDE FROM MONAHANS to field wanted. Leave town at 8 AM; return 5 PM. Call Mrs. Smith at Ext. 156, Parachute Dept.

DRIVING to Dallas between now and the 16th? Mrs. Dunham's brother will be glad to share expenses. Contact Mrs. Dunham at Hosp., Ward 2, anytime except Sunday.

TRANSPORTATION? Got train or bus tickets to sell? Or wanna buy some? Or maybe a ride to or from nearby towns? Use The Rattler columns.

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

The RATTLER CLASSIFIED ADS columns have recovered over 80% of all articles advertised as "lost". They have sold 65% of all articles advertised "for sale".



"In the Army they tell us to turn off lights wherever possible."

TURN OFF THE JUICE WHEN NOT IN USE SAVE ON ELECTRICITY

WANTED

WANTED—Two-wheel car trailer with side extensions. Call Rattler Office.

I'VE GOT \$500 for the best car possible for the dough. Contact me at Ext. 1, Ring 2; Pfc. Sterinmetz.

ALARM CLOCK WANTED—Either that or a guy to to throw stones at my window. Please call Pfc. Phil Luft at 27 Ext. 27.

NUMBER PLEASE! There's a reason if you have to wait for that voice. We need four telephone operators. Experience not necessary. See the Chief Operator at the Signal Office.

WANNA BUY a moose head? Or maybe a fez? Then advertise for it in The Rattler. Don't cost nuthin' to try, guy.

PERSONALS

MOVING? I'll move you bag and baggage. S/Sgt. Fred Root, Rec. Hall.

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.

INTERESTED in completing college or high school? Put your spare time into USAFI. For \$2 you can study any number of courses. Get details from Lt. Gruben at Special Services Office, or phone 27.

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Take all you want—but want all you take.

DAD'S OWN DAY!
JUNE 17th

YOUR PX Has An Assortment of Swell Gifts for DAD!

PIPES
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BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

Bonus talk from Capital Hill includes Senator Rankin's plan to pay \$20 a week for a year (\$1040) to any member of the Armed Forces who served 90 days or more since Sept. 16, 1940, and was not dishonorably discharged.

According to Dr. Lin Lin, representative of the Chinese Ministry of Information in Mexico, China recently received peace overtures from Japan but replied curtly: "Talk to the United Nations."

Prisoners of War in the continental United States did more than 44 million dollars worth of work during the first three months of 1945. None of the work done by PWs was in any competition with free civilian labor.

Bookmakers on Broadway are laying odds on Adolf Hitler's re-appearance. For \$1 you can get \$100 that Der Fuehrer turns up riding a burro in the Bronx.

Pvt. James D. Sheldon, 37, infantry rifleman who fought at Guam and Leyte had this to say about "re-adjustment to civilian life": "I've had hand grenades thrown in my foxhole, men killed all about me, and I've looked the enemy dead in the eye. I'm afraid that a little matter of returning to civilian life doesn't worry me."

Tens of thousand of wartime flyers who want to join commercial airlines after the war are doomed to disappointment. Don King, director of the eastern division of the Northwest Airlines says, "Commercial airlines have room for only 5,000 pilots and 50,000 ground crew members. Not more than 100,000 flyers can get jobs within 5 years after V-J Day. Many heroic war flyers could never fly a commercial plane anyhow. They'll have to re-learn flying methods. You can't zoom a civilian airport. You can't shake up paying passengers. You've got to be more humble."

The Surgeon General of the Army announces that there can be no immediate release of doctors or other Medical Corps personnel. They're needed, he says, to take care of Pacific casualties.

Army personnel who, early in this war, were awarded the Purple Heart for "extraordinary fidelity or essential service" may now request that the awards be converted to other appropriate decorations. Applications must be submitted to the Headquarters that made the original award.

B-17 and B-24 crews in the ETO are now training in B-29s and B-32s in Europe, the War Dept. announced.

Military personnel now working in war plants will return to the Army upon expiration of their present authorized periods of temporary inactive duty.

Legislation is proposed in the Senate to allow military personnel to reside in government housing residences without foregoing their quarters allowance.

Railroad workers have a good deal. GIs who formerly were with the railroads have had \$36,427,593 put into old age pension benefit funds for them by Congress. This is based on the assumption that the worker while in service is earning \$160 a month for pension purposes. Bills are up in Congress (but so far haven't passed) which would credit service personnel with an income of \$160 a month for Social Security purposes.

The Senate passed the Regular Army Enlistment bill which limits enlistments to 280,000. There may not be a great number of vacancies for those who entered the Army after 1940, quotes the Army Times.

Commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps in the highest temporary rank held on relief from active duty will be offered to all qualified officers holding commissions in the Army of the United States. The policy may be extended to all other grades—EM, Flight and Warrant Officers. Official surveys indicate that approximately 440,000 officers and 1,000,000 enlisted men desire to enroll in an organized reserve after the war, the War Dept. says.

Maternity and child care for wives and children of EM of the lower four grades will be provided even though the man dies or is

honorably discharged before application for benefits is made, if his wife became pregnant during his term in the service. Also, a single application for maternity care will also cover child care during the first year after birth, without parents having to make a second application.

Major Richard Bong, leading American ace, says that Jap flyers are getting worse all the time. "We have shot down the cream of their air force. I doubt if they have 25% of their original pilots left." The Jap fighter equipment is getting better, however.

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, whose cartoons of Joe and Willie are the most famous illustrations of the GI's war with Germany, has finally shaved his characters. Famed for their growth of beard and dirty unwashed faces, General George S. Patton tried to get Mauldin to shave the characters, but no sale. Now that the war in Europe has ended, Mauldin's Joe and Willie have taken time out to shave. With 127 points, Mauldin hopes that he, "Joe", and "Willie" are heading for home.



The DELAYED TRAIN Episode

"It was bad enough traveling all day on a cattle car, but to find myself in some hick town depot waiting indefinitely for the next train didn't put me in a pleasant frame of mind. I was so darn mad that I wanted to cuss. A fellow traveler, a girl I understood—and said those were her sentiments too. She suggested going for coffee, so bags and all, off we went. We walked and walked but no luck, the restaurants were all closed. I was tired, very tired. We passed a rooming house and I got the brilliant idea of checking in for the night. But what to do with the girl? Well, she was agreeable to keep me company as she too was tired of traipsing around. We spent the night together. It was quite an experience but the pay off came a month later. I found myself a patient at the base hospital. The disease—syphilis. When I was asked for details, by the medical officer, I squirmed. I was guilty of not remembering to remain continent. Then, too, I was guilty of having neglected to take all possible preventive measures."

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