

7th WAR LOAN QUOTA TOPPED

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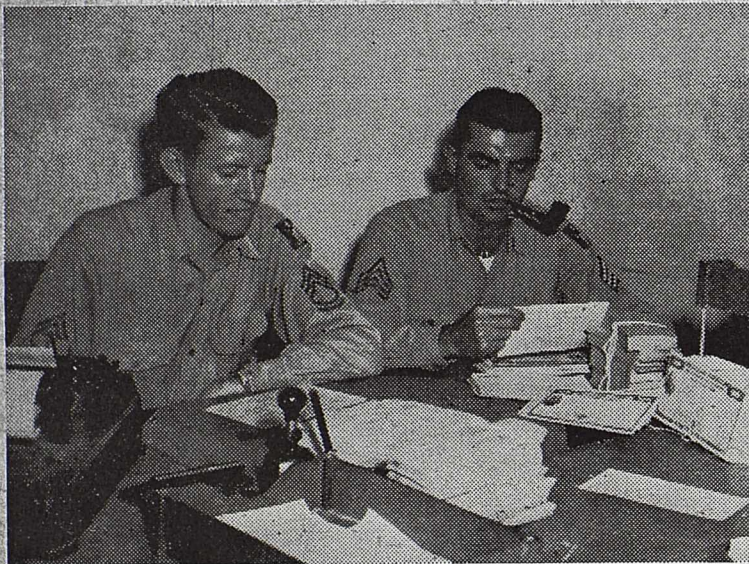
B-29s -- FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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WAR BOND CALCULATORS



Sgt. James G. Rosson, Jr., and T/Sgt. Walter H. Bagley are busy calculating the sales of war bonds, of which there are approximately \$1100.00 sold for cash in this office daily. In addition, these men make up the pay roll deductions of \$55,000 monthly for the purchase of war bonds. Nine hundred bonds are sold each month to enlisted personnel on the payroll deduction plan and 600 are sold to civilians. Mrs. Elizabeth Bever types the names of owners on the bonds.

34 EM, 8 Officers Win Discharges During Week

Thirty-four enlisted men and 8 officers will be sent to separation centers for discharge this week under the point system. This is the second quota of men to be discharged from this field. All men are returnees.

The 8 officers are: Captains Kenneth M. Dahl, George F. Schlagel, and Paul E. Crosier; First Lieutenants Vilas D. Balk, Leonard V. McGee, Donald E. Larson, Howard C. Melson, and Robert Brown.

The thirty-four enlisted men comprise 5 Master Sergeants, 8 Tech Sergeants, 10 Staff Sergeants, 9 Sergeants, one Pfc. and one Pri-

vate.

The Master Sergeants are Horace Harmon, Leo W. McCann, Edward C. Oakes, Patsy Dattis, and Robert A. Shirey.

Tech Sergeants: Charles E. Doyle, George A. Burke, Paul Eberst, Clayton Broyles, William I. Hamilton, Thomas W. McLeod, John A. Straight, Jr., and Charles V. Ward.

Staff Sergeants: Deane M. Warrick, Robert T. Toothaker, George G. Draper, Jr., Harry S. Poole, Willard H. Jackson, John F. Fra-

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Field Breaks Record: Fly 307 Hrs. in Day

A new record of 307 hours flown in a single day by any B-29 training field, was established by Pyote Army Air Field on Sunday, July 8, it was announced today by the Statistical Control Office.

The new record topped by three hours a previous high mark, also set by Pyote, which was chalked up on June 24, when the field's B-29's flew 304 hours in a single day.

No other B-29 field even came close to the high mark of 307 hours during the past week, nor at any time in the past months.

Consistent work by both maintenance and flying personnel at the field during the last few weeks has resulted in setting this new record. Despite shortage of personnel the crews have continued to get the planes in the air and keep them there.

All personnel of the field are to be commended for this recent record-breaking total. It is encouraging to set a record once, but it is even, more encouraging to shatter that original mark again within two weeks time.

Pyote Reaches 110% Of 7th War Loan Quota

The 7th War Loan drive at the field went over the Station quota by the huge sum of \$37,000, when it ended last Saturday, the War Bond Officer announced.

Maturity value of bond sales through Saturday, reached \$277,300 to pass the Station bond quota of \$240,820—50% higher than the quota for the 6th War Loan.

Field sales registered 110.09% of the field quota.

A 2AF bond objective, setting a cost value of \$252,000 was not reached, however. Total sales in cost values did not quite reach that amount.

Sales to civilians, officers, and enlisted men, broken down accord-

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BULLETIN!

A TWX has just been received by the Personal Affairs Office from Second Air Force which announced that Public Law 118 was approved by the President on July 2, 1945.

This new law extends the five-year level premium term of National Life Insurance policies issued on or before December 31, 1945, for a period of three years. Since the premium remains unchanged, no change in allotments is necessary.

Food Shortage Closes PX Cafe

A nation-wide food shortage hit Pyote this month, resulting in the closing of the Civilian Personnel Cafeteria and restricting the PX Cafeteria to civilian customers only. The sandwich window at the PX has also been closed for the past week.

A critical shortage of food to maintain all restaurants necessitated the closing of the CP restaurant. It will be closed until further notice, Major James F. Searles announced.

The Post Exchange restaurant will serve only civilian customers until further notice. GIs, on separate rations are advised to take their meals at their squadron

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Keep Off the Grass

Brother, this isn't an oasis. That we don't maintain—but we do have a few struggling blades of grass which give the base a little more respectable appearance.

And now that prisoners of war have been made available for policing up duties, it is going to be possible to keep the grassed areas of the field in much better condition than in the past. As soon as the water well now under construction is completed, water for irrigational purposes will be furnished.

Then the base should take on a greener, better appearance. It should, but it won't if some persons continue to walk on the grass. In the past it didn't make too much difference, but now that we have the labor and water necessary to cultivate a few lawns around the base, this walking on the grass will constitute a big handicap for the appearance of the field.

Remember, when tempted to cut across a grassy area—particularly coming to and going from the theaters—that it's not your potential lawn you're destroying, but it also belongs to your neighbor. Try using the walks.—R.N.

No Bed of Roses

Reprinted from the Camp Lee Traveller

Many veterans in their first few weeks out of service have suffered many bitter disappointments. In the Army, they had heard so much about high wages and hilarity in the civilian world that they had expected to step back into a virtual Utopia.

Instead of high wages they found high taxes. Instead of milk and honey they found rationing. Instead of hilarity they found victory gardeners. Instead of a social whirl they found themselves wildly searching for living quarters.

It is tough. Many employment agencies report that veterans won't believe that wages are as low as those offered. But after collecting splinters in personnel offices and rapping on doors they accepted the inevitable and went to work with an eye toward getting ahead through hard work and initiative.

Actually the situation isn't as bad as some would have you believe, nor is it as good as others would picture it. There are jobs, but few that will net as much debt-free cash as the old fifty in the Army.

All in all, the guys that are suffering are the "world-owes-me-a-living" type. Americans are willing to go a long way to help a veteran, but gold-brickers are as unpopular in tweeds as they were in khaki.

A rude and vulgar man is one of those guys who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it.

Then there's the story of the two bees that got married and had a bumble from heaven.

New Cars and Highballs

Our copy of the Mud Flat Daily Bugle, which drifts into this office occasionally, has been carrying stories to the effect that sometime this year, production of new cars will begin.

We like to sit and dream about the kind of a new car we will have—when the war is over.

They'll have some pretty sharp looking buggies available, for the guys who have the necessary mazuma. Nice looking cars. Plenty of tin and trimmings . . . wearing the label of their manufacturer proudly.

And then we got to thinking about the contrast between military and civilian life. The manufacturer dresses his car up so it will look good. He does this without detracting in any way from the mechanical perfection of his product. The army, too, must dress its members up so that they wear the title of soldiers proudly and will serve with distinction wherever called upon.

The "military system" is a part of that dress. Call it military courtesy, call it discipline, call it whatever you will, it is the army's way of looking good and increasing its efficiency.

Because it is in such sharp contrast to the freedom we enjoyed in civilian life, because of the increase in regimentation and the loss of democracy necessary to the operation of an army, many soldiers—including some mighty good ones—build up a terrific resistance to the system of conduct known as military courtesy.

These are the guys you see ducking around corners and into shops to keep from throwing a highball. They're the boys who can't seem to grasp the importance of keeping on a clean uniform.

They are NOT the continual SNAFU, or goof-up, type. They usually do their job and don't mind turning out good work for 50 bucks a month. They just don't intend to become "GI". Maybe they have suffered personal injustice which they feel warrants their don't-give-a-damn attitude. Maybe they just don't believe in the military system.

That is okay, except it doesn't excuse the attitude or warrant such actions.

Despite the popular belief to the contrary, the American army has been carrying on a good many years now under this same system, with surprisingly good results. Peacetime or wartime, it's a good army. Nothing proves this like the present war.

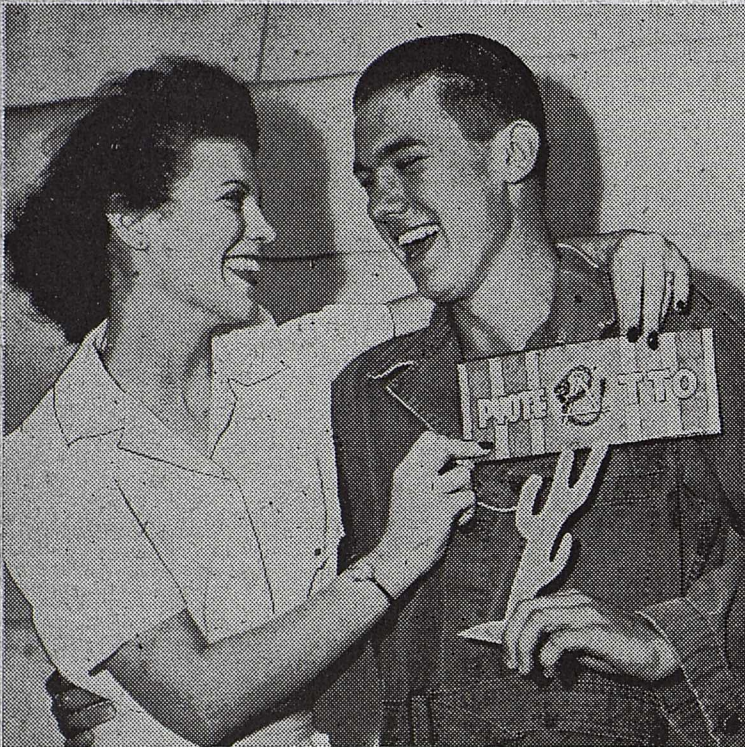
The better you look, the better soldier you will be. And the same rule holds good with an army. Let's brush up on our appearance, and military courtesy . . . It pays good dividends.—R. N.

The Wolf

by Sansone



GETS CACTUS CLUSTER



Cpl. Carl Moser, GI assigned to Biggs Field, gets decorated with the "Cactus Cluster" by Phil Laswell of Biggs' Air Corps Supply Office. In a recent issue of Biggstuff, Biggs Field newspaper, Moser stated his favorite air base was Pyote. Pyote's famed Fang and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society promptly decorated Moser with the Cactus Cluster, designed by Cpl. Luft. S/Sgt. Kearney Egerton of the Biggstuff Staff handled the presentation, selecting Miss Laswell as Pyote's representative. Photo courtesy Biggstuff. The "T.T.O." stands for "Texas Theater of Operations".

"You Can't Kill An Old Soldier", and Hap Knows

Sgt. Clarence J. "Hap" Habeger, of Sqdn. E, has been in the Army 26 years—counting Air Corps time—and is having a tough time staying in long enough for a pension.

There are three ways that the grizzled, short-spoken sergeant can get out—and he wants no part of them. First, he has 115 points. Second, he's over-age (49). And thirdly, he's in line for a medical discharge. This may force him out.

He's making a tough sweat now, over in the Convalescent barracks where he is in charge of the recuperating patients. "If I get out now," to use Habeger's own words, "all I'll be able to afford is a jeep and pup tent—and I have visions of a two-tone Packard with a house trailer in the back."

Sgt. Habeger was a master sergeant during the African campaign, when he ran into what he euphemistically calls "looeey trouble" and dropped his stripes. In this, his second war, he served in Italy, North Africa and England and picked up the ETO ribbon with five stars, the Air Medal and a Presidential citation.

In the first World War he earned the Victory ribbon and the occupation army ribbon.

"This CTP is okay," says Habeger. "It shows how much better the army is taking care of its men."

"There is just enough freedom so that the patients can do what they want," says the well-tanned ex-infantry platoon sergeant and evidently this system suits him right down to the ground.

Sgt. Habeger, who about six weeks ago was in such bad physical shape that he practically had one foot in the grave, entered the hospital for an emergency operation. As he lapsed into unconsciousness under the ether, he kept murmuring, "They can't kill an old soldier"—and as it turned out, they couldn't. He recovered rapidly from the operation, and today is a fine picture of health—which he attributes to a planned system of long hikes in the desert, proper food and plenty of rest.

For a while he took long strolls both in the morning and afternoon. Wearing his customary at-

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Silver Star, Two DFCs Awarded to 3 at Parade

Two returned veterans and the widow of an Army flyer were presented with awards for heroism in combat at a special review and ceremony last Saturday.

The Silver Star and Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster was awarded S/Sgt. Franklin P. Hohmann, Squadron A, of Trenton, N. J.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Mrs. Peggy J. Wilson of Wink, Texas, on behalf of her husband, Lt. Woodrow Wilson, AAF pilot who died in Europe.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded T/Sgt. Joseph Reposh, Sq. E, of Johnson City, N. Y.

The awards were presented by Col. A. E. Key, Commanding Officer. After the ceremony the honored persons joined him in reviewing the troops.

Sgt. Hohmann received the Silver Star for "gallantry in action over Rabaul, New Britain, on February 10, 1943."

The Air Medal was presented for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific from December 8, 1941 to November 11, 1942." The oak-leaf cluster was added "for exceptionally meritorious achievement while on a bombing mission on November 13, 1942, when his plane scored a direct hit on an enemy cruiser off the coast of Shortland Island, sinking the vessel."

Hohmann also wears the Distinguished Unit Badge with two oak-leaf clusters and the Pacific Theater campaign ribbon with 3 battle stars. His crew has been credited with sinking 9 Jap ships.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded posthumously to Lt.

Woodrow Wilson for "extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Mediterranean Theater, Lt. Wilson distinguished himself throughout many long and hazardous combat missions against the enemy, despite severe and adverse weather and enemy opposition by fighter aircraft and heavy anti-aircraft fire." He was a resident of Wink and died in an Army hospital overseas on Oct. 7, 1944.

Sgt. Joseph Reposh received the Distinguished Flying Cross "for extraordinary achievement while serving as an engineer and top turret gunner of a B-17 on 25 bombardment missions over enemy-occupied continental Europe.

Reposh also wears the Air Medal with three oak-leaf clusters, the Army Distinguished Unit Badge, and the European campaign ribbon with one battle star.

SILVERWARE SHORTAGE GROWN ACUTE HERE

An intense shortage of silverware in all EM Mess Halls is affecting prompt and efficient serving. Any stray silverware should be returned to the Mess Halls, or to the large bins placed throughout the field for deposit of silverware.

THREE DECORATED SATURDAY



Col. A. E. Key presents the Silver Star and Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster to S/Sgt. Franklin P. Hohmann, Sq. A. Also decorated were (left) T/Sgt. Joseph Reposh of Sq. E who received the DFC, and Mrs. Peggy Wilson of Wink, Texas, who was presented the DFC on behalf of her late husband, Lt. Woodrow Wilson, killed in action in the ETO.

This Week--

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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



"OUT OF THIS WORLD" with Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake and Diana Lynn. (Eddie is a Crosby-Sinatra with dame trouble. Very funny. Music, too.) Shorts: Merrie Melodies and Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"The CHEATERS" with Billie Burke and Joseph Schildkraut. (Originally titled "The Amazing Mr. M", this Republic movie boasts a pretty good cast.) Shorts: Puppetoon and Popular Science.

SATURDAY

"TWO O'CLOCK COURAGE" with Tom Conway and Ann Rutherford. (Ann is a taxi-driver who helps Tom solve a moister mystery, which explains why cabs are so hard to get these days.) Shorts: Coney Island Honeymoon, Sportscope, and Little Lulu Cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"GI JOE" with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. (This is the film version of Ernie Pyle's book "Here Is Your War". Meredith portrays the late Ernie Pyle.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY

(Double feature) **"SCARED STIFF"** with Jack Haley and Ann Savage. (Comedy with blondes, mystery and laughs. **"BLONDE RANSOM"** with Donald Cook and Virginia Grey. (Underworld drama about a nightclub owner that loses ta poker.)

WEDNESDAY

"ALONG CAME JONES" with Gary Cooper and Loretta Young. (Cowboy is mistaken for notorious killer; falls in love with killer's sweetheart. All very western.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

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At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Mass: 5:15. Evening Devotions: 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays and before all Masses.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp.

MALE CALL

by

Milton Caniff

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY



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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.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 2:15 PM.

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Around the Field

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.

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

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.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, yond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

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.

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

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At Monahans USO

Wed.—Arts and Crafts.
Thu.—Bingo. Cigarette prizes.
Fri.—Informal activities.
Sat.—Dance.
Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 1:30 p.m., Classic concert; 6:00, Buffet supper; 7:00, Song fest; 8:00, Movie, "Major and Minor"; Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland.
Mon.—Game night.
Tue.—Hospital night.

REC. HALL DANCE FOAMING SUCCESS



Last week's Independence Day dance at the Rec. Hall was acclaimed one of the best events of the year. Free beer and coke added to the festivities for the Fourth. An immense crowd was on hand, a portion of which was caught by the photographer.

Plan Novelty Night For Field on July 27

A gala novelty night has been planned for Friday, July 27th, by the Special Services Office, with twelve assorted contests in which GIs may compete for worthwhile prizes, and culminating in a big dance at the Rec. Hall.

EVENTS

The events in which field personnel may enter are: A bowling contest in which the winner will rate on the highest three individual scores for one game; a pie-eating contest, the speediest eater getting the prize; a fungo contest

where the prize goes to the man who hits a ball the greatest distance; basketball free throws, the winner being the man who scores the most baskets out of ten tries; horse shoe pitching contest; a 50-yard free style swim meet; a 25-yard backstroke meet; a beer drinking contest, the winner being the guy who inhales one quart the quickest; a 25-yard breast stroke meet; a pool shooting contest, winner based on break shot and high run; a soft ball throwing contest, prize going to the man who throws the ball the greatest distance; and a waltz or fox trot dance contest.

Prizes will be awarded at the dance at the Rec. Hall, which will carry a gay night club motif with chairs and tables and refreshments on hand for patrons outside the Rec. Hall.

The various events will be programmed throughout the field from 6 until 9 PM, with the dance beginning at the Rec. Hall at nine and lasting till midnight.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter one or more of these events, you merely fill out a blank which will be distributed throughout the field this week-end. This blank will carry a list of all events. You merely check one or more of the events in which you would like to participate, fill in your name, rank, and Squadron, and return this blank to the Special Services Office before July 23rd.

When you turn in the blank you will receive a disk that assures you of entry in the event selected.

The various events will be held at various places on the field—bowling alley, swimming pool, athletic field, Rec. Hall, etc.

Novelty Night shapes up as one of the biggest attractions in the history of the field. Readers are advised to review the list of events and plan to participate in at least one.

Importance of war dogs in smelling out the enemy was emphasized by the War Dept. which stated: "No patrol with which scout dogs functioned has ever been ambushed."

First Wac in Southwest Pacific theater to become a warrant officer is Dorothy Green, Salt Lake City. Question is: Do they call her Mister?

Pyote Minstrel Show Needs Specialty Acts

Plans are speeding along for the coming presentation of Pyote Minstrels. The show is set for the post theatres, produced by Special Services' and climaxing a year of local stage hits, "Off Limits", "Easy Does It", "What A Life", and "Victories of '45".

Specialty acts, singers, comedians, dancers, etc., are urgently needed to participate in the minstrel review. All persons having such talents or desirous of working in the show are asked to contact Cpl. Art Hammell at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club; phone 27.

FROM THE OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY:

"Know Your Weapon" Is Life Insurance Advice For Crews

With the AAF attack on Japan being accelerated, all the power of the air arm of the Army is assembling itself for the crushing blow which will make the invasion of Japan quicker and less costly.

The Air Force has placed the greatest weapons available in the hands of picked men. These men are being trained extensively here at Pyote. Their training is based on the combat experience of the AAF; they are taught everything they all need to know when they are in the sky over Japan.

But the important thing is not the training; it is the learning. The Combat Crews in training here must know many things when they leave. All the training they have been given is aimed at combat effectiveness. And in combat, to be effective, they must know their weapon.

"Know your weapon" is not just a catch phrase. It is insurance. The more the combat crews know about their weapon, the safer their training will be, and the better prepared they'll be for combat.

Allied and neutral nations lost 4770 merchant ships since 1939. Five hundred and seventy were American vessels sunk by direct war causes.

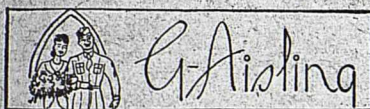
Between D-Day and V-E Day, American ground forces lost men at the rate of 1527 a day in the war against Germany.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".

CAME ALONG



Gary Cooper plays another western lead in the picture, "Along Came Jones", that plays next Wednesday and Thursday at the post Theaters.



COLEMAN - AUTREY

Mildred Ruth Autrey, 17, of Weslaco, Texas, was married July 5 to Pvt. Robert A. Coleman, 19, of Jersey City, N. J. Pvt. Coleman is assigned to Sq. F. The couple were attended by M/Sgt. Charles Rudolph and Miss Jean Mahnke. The rites were performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

WADKINS - DEBOER

Elaine DeBoer, 22, of Hickman, Nebr., was married July 6th to Lt. Thurston Wadkins, Jr., 22, of Shreveport, La. Lt. Wadkins is assigned to Sec. III. Attending the couple were Lt. Allen Zimmerman and Mrs. Lola G. Ozenbaugh. Rites were performed by Chaplain P. F. Anderson.

MCWHORTER - COWLING

Ann Muriel Cowling, 21, of Elmore, Okla., was married to Lt. James P. McWhorter, 22, of Athens, Ga., June 30th, at the Station Chapel. Lt. McWhorter is in training with Sec. I. Attendants were Lt. Lesley W. Wallace and Ruth K. North. Rites were performed by Rev. Samuel Wallace of Merville, Iowa, father of the best man.

VAN DYKEN - GRAHAM

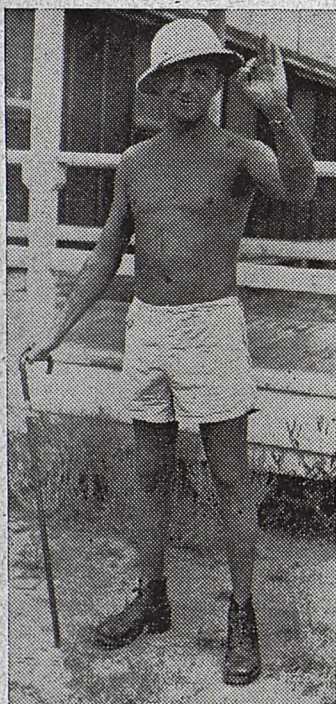
Lorene Lucille Graham, 20, of Henderson, Texas, was married to Pvt. Harold Van Dyken, 21, of Grand Rapids, Mich., July 3, at the Station Chapel. Pvt. Van Dyken is assigned to Sq. F. Attendants were Pfc. John McCormick, Sq. F., and Miss Iris E. Simmons. Ceremony was performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

CREW OF THE WEEK



The above crew, which services Ship No. 280, was designated this week as the "Crew of the Week" for its consistently outstanding work in B-29 maintenance. Left to right: S/Sgt. Marion A. McIntosh, Sgt. Frank D'Avango, Cpl. William E. Gehres, Pfc. Wayne E. Munsey, and Pvt. Daniel G. Mahoney.

WALKING STICK



Hap Habeger spends his free time going for walks in the desert. It gives Hap a chance to concentrate, he says, and at the same time, gives him an opportunity to scrutinize the scenery. Hap (above) shows his apparel for such strolls—even to the cane.

Hap Habeger---

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tire of a pith helmet, shorts, shoes, and a walking cane, he spent long hours under the broiling desert sun and found his way back to health.

Cafeteria Closes---

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mess halls at a cost of 25c per meal.

The Service Club continues in operation serving sandwiches, toast, etc., to both civilians and GIs, at the snack bar.

The restricting of the PX Cafeteria will remain as long as the food shortage exists. (See Postmark Pyote).

Discharge---

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zee, Franklin Hohmann, Earle W. Curtis, Earl F. Beeman, and Henry A. Lis.

Sergeants: James Wade, Eddie R. Oliver, Leonard W. Smeenk, Samuel Haber, Nicola Mainelli, Russell L. Taylor, Percy E. Moses, Eldon D. Sharpe, and John T. Hodgett.

Pfc. Harvey Amunden and Pvt. Donald Deckler complete the total.

A Jap propagandist promises the USA will be attacked soon by "bomb-carrying stratosphere balloons manned by death-defying Japanese pilots".

Now he goes around asking, "Is everybody healthy?" and he sounds like Ted Lewis when he asks the question. He is NCOIC of a barracks of around 35 men who are convalescing.

Classified today as an ammunition technician, Sgt. Habeger served in North Africa in the early days of the war as a chief of a bomb service section in a bomb squadron.

His home is Lamar, Mo., which is, incidentally, the birthplace of President Truman.

Local Nine Man Crew Sets Record for Engine Change

A new record for engine change time was set here last week when a nine-man crew yanked one, replaced it, performed necessary oiling and inspection and had the ship ready to take the air in 5 hours and 5 minutes.

The normal time for such jobs is between 7 and 8 hours.

T/Sgt. Robert H. Stewart's crew pulled the trick, while working on ship No. 24565. Members of the crew are:

7th War Loan---

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ing to cost price were tallied as follows:

Officers	\$80,767.50
Enlisted Men	68,175.00
Civilians	59,032.50

Tot. Cost Price \$207,975.00

The War Bond office wishes to thank all personnel who participated in the drive and helped meet Pyote's fifth consecutive war loan quota. The untiring work of the various members who assisted in carrying out the drive plans, and the loyalty of all members who purchased bonds marked the keynote of success.

ing on ship No. 24565. Members of the crew are:

Sgt. Thomas A. Matthews, Sgt. Thomas B. Welch, Sgt. Shorsback, Sgt. Basil M. Horne, Cpl. Herbert E. Graham, Cpl. Carl T. Harmon, Cpl. John M. Noska, and Cpl. Thomas B. Doyle.

This engine change time includes removing the engine, and making all inspections. The engine was removed and replaced in 3 hours and 45 minutes. The pre-oil crew took over then and used an hour and 20 minutes for pre-oiling, ground timing and placing the plane in commission.

The final inspection revealed only two minor discrepancies.

The crew works under Lt. Ronald Elliott in the Engine Change department, Hangar 1.

QUICK-CHANGE CHAMPIONS



Here's the engine change crew which set a new record last week for complete engine change, pre-oil, and inspection: Kneeling (left to right): T/Sgt. Robert H. Stewart, Salt Lake City (crew chief); Sgt. Thomas B. Welch, Louisburg, N. C.; Sgt. Adolf P. Shosboek, Seattle, Wash.; standing (left to right): Sgt. Basil M. Horne, Aucilla, Fla.; Cpl. Carl T. Harmon, Louisville, Ky.; Sgt. Isadore H. Milstein, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Cpl. Herbert E. Graham, Radford, Va.; seated atop the engine is Sgt. Thomas A. Matthews, Stratford, N. J. The men are assigned to Squadron E.

Leonard Wins For Pyote's Lone Triumph

Carlsbad Army Air Field's potent tennis team swept five out of six matches against Pyote here last Saturday.

Lone winner for the local squad was Sgt. Elliott Leonard, former Panama champ, who turned back Cpl. Holback of Carlsbad 6-3 and 6-0.

Only one doubles match was completed. In it Lt. Ruehl and Lt. Lusch of Carlsbad defeated Cpl. Buell Warner and Sgt. George Van Heusen of Pyote, 6-1 and 6-0.

A second doubles match was called off due to rain, with the third set deadlocked at 3-3. Cpl. Carroll Steele and Sgt. Leonard took the second set, 6-3, after dropping the opener to Cadet Brink and Cpl. Holback, 8-6.

Lt. Ruehl defeated Cpl. Steele, 6-2 and 6-1.

Lt. Lusch trimmed Cpl. Warner, 6-1, and 6-4.

Cadet Brink managed to turn back Sgt. George Van Heusen, 6-4 and 7-5.

Pvt. Hartman took Lt. Bert Crepps, 6-1 and 6-0.

Kuck Tabs High Mark Of 723 In Match With Fox

Shipping orders last week cancelled the hottest hardwood rivalry this base has ever seen, as Pvt. Clyde Kuckenberger got his orders while engaged in a series of bowling matches with Cpl. Charles Fox.

Kuck, as the Seattle sharpshooter calls himself, led Fox by two pins with a total of 1972 pins in three games, to Fox's 1970. Both were carrying an average of 219 when orders intervened and the dueling ceased.

Kuck also had the high three-game record for the field, as he posted a red-hot 723 to topple the old mark of 721.

Sec. C Thunderbolts Defeat Odessa 8-7

Hatchell's 10th-inning triple and subsequent steal of home base gave the Section C Thunderbolts their 12th win of the season Sunday, July 8, over the Odessa club, 8-7.

The Thunderbolts erased a four-run lead to pass Odessa, 7-6, when the Odessans in the last half of the 9th made the tying run.

The Thunderbolts have a season record of 12 wins and 2 losses.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".

Carlsbad Wins 3-2 In Big 10th Inning

Carlsbad AAF's slugging softball team crammed three hits into an eventful tenth inning last Thursday to defeat the Pyote Rattlers, 4 to 2, in an overtime struggle.

Chuck Finnell, the Rattlers' leading moundsman, held the burly Carlsbad boys to four hits until the final frame. It was touch-and-go all the way through the ninth, as the clubs had garnered four hits and one run each at that stage of the game.

TOP MANAGER



S/Sgt. Joe Ganon wears a victory smile after his Sq. A Aces romped undefeated to the first-half championship in base league play.

Sgt. Ganon played independent baseball back in Rochester, N. Y., before his entrance into the service. Stationed at Ardmore, Okla., AAF a year, he developed a team that won the Oklahoma state championship and the Southwest regional championship in a territory of five states. He took the Ardmore Bombers to the National softball tournament last year but was knocked out early, 1-0, and 3-2.

STRIPES

The following enlisted personnel received promotions last week:

TO SERGEANT

Sq. PY-8-7: Vane Lang, Thomas Stack, Wallace Dypka, Farrell Benefiel, John J. DiCarlo, Allen Williams, William Conway, John Yuhas, Jacques Shipp, Norris Winzler, Ernest Cain, William Webb, Vincent Weisenberg, Carmen Lunge, Morris Amici, Harold Smart, Richard Stobbe, Howard Davis, Dale Fackenthal, Robert Brown, David Wroten, McClellan Best.

Sq. A: Stanley Smith, George Brighton, Jack Datz, Robert Nave, Oscar Whiten.

Sq. C: James Williams.

Sq. D: Patsy Mucia.

Sq. PY-7-13: Lensey Loyd.

Pyote's first tally came in the sixth when Jim Barry walked, went to third on Finnell's blow to short field. Cut off by the throw home, he scored when Atherton, the Carlsbad catcher, tried to cut off Finnell at second and Horne mislaid the ball.

Jack Cannon, Pyote catcher, tabbed the second run in the tenth but the three-run lead piled up by the visitors was too much.

It was the first inter-base struggle for the Rattlers, composed of the best players from the Pyote base league.

The box score:

Carlsbad			
	AB	R	H
Atherton, c	3	2	1
Thulin, lf	5	0	1
Hoban, rf	3	0	0
Wenzel, p	5	0	2
Horne, 2b	3	0	0
Egner, 1b	5	0	0
Scott, 3b	3	0	0
Hubbard, cf	3	1	1
Quincey, sf	4	1	2
	37	4	7
Pyote			
	AB	R	H
Smith, sf	4	0	0
Cannon, c	4	1	1
Ganon, 1b	4	0	2
Ward, cf	4	0	0
Eckel, ss	4	0	0
Crepps, 3b	4	0	0
Bentley, 2b	3	0	0
Moskowitz, rf	3	0	0
Jim Barry, lf	2	1	1
Finnell, p	3	0	1
	35	2	5
Carlsbad	100 000 000	3-4	7 1
Pyote	000 001 000	1-2	5 1

TO CORPORAL

Sq. PY-8-7: Donald Byerly.

Sq. A: John Parrish, Louis Landers, Philip Luft, Alfred Kovach, Richard Kennedy, Blake Martin, Arthur Fecht, Angelo Urtatelli.

Sq. B: Bertha Vogt, Sonya Pregezen, Margaret Link, Sally Donnelly, Margaret Shevlin.

Sq. C: Earnest McCapline, James Pride, Foster LeDay.

Sq. F: Robert Dickey.

Sq. E: Gerald Searle, Allen McKean, Hughes Noble.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sq. A: George Kuodelka, Sam Gilstrap, Peter DiPasquale.

Sq. C: Herbert Middleton, O. D. Bailey, Nathan Roberts.

Sq. E: Benny Bensen.

AAF Fields 7 Major 11's In '45 Race

The U.S. Army Air Forces will field seven major grid teams for the fall football carnival this year, to vie for honors as the Nation's Number One Eleven.

Seven major squads will play 12-game schedules against University, college, and other service teams, with all gate receipts going to Army relief funds.

Second Air Force promises to have a good squad of Superbombers, coached this year by Major Ed Walker, former Ole Miss head coach and Princeton assistant.

The Training Command, with headquarters at Ft. Worth, will have the Randolph Field Ramblers, last year's champs and probably the "team to beat" in '45. The Ramblers will be coached by Maj. Douglas Fessenden, University of Montana head coach since 1935.

The 3AF's eleven will be mentored by Capt. Wuinn Decker, former head coach at Centre College, Ky. Fourth Air Force has assigned Lt. John Baker, former Southern Cal. star, and ex-coach of Sacramento Junior College, to the coaching spot.

The ATC team will be coached by Capt. R. H. Emerson, Washington State half-back star in 1939. Personnel distribution Command, with headquarters in Louisville, Ky., has Capt. Ted Shipkey in the coaching berth. Shipkey was end coach at the University of New Mexico.

The seventh and remaining team will be fielded by First Air Force, which has not yet named a head coach for the coming season.

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

PYOTE HEAT

Further rains over the weekend kept Pyote temperatures at a surprising cool mark for mid-July. Three-hundredths of an inch of rain fell at the field Sunday, adding up to the wettest July in years. One native remarked it was the wettest season in West Texas in the past eleven years. Temperatures for the past week are recorded below, compared with temperatures of a year ago:

	1945	1944
Wednesday	87	91
Thursday	93	98
Friday	86	100
Saturday	84	98
Sunday	87	102
Monday	98	98
Tuesday	89	105

"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!



PX CAFETERIA

Editor, The Rattler:
Isn't the PX for GIs? Or is it solely for civilians? I refer to the recent closing of the PX Cafeteria to all but civilians.

(Name Withheld)

• Here's the situation on the PX Cafeteria. With the CP restaurant closed, the civilians have no place to eat other than the PX Cafeteria. The PX has been buying food through the QM Commissary. Recent circulars forbade the purchase for PX use of any food at the QM Commissary other than milk, potatoes, fruits and vegetables. Naturally, the PX has not the food available to serve all of its customers. The GIs have the mess halls available for dining, but the civilians have no place other than the PX. That's the reason for the temporary closing. The restriction is temporary, it is hoped.

ARMY MAN'S WIFE

Editor, The Rattler:
In a recent editorial in The Rattler an article was written regarding the civilians on the field. That article stated that 80% of office positions were held by soldiers' wives. That's true, of course, but what about the reason behind her being here? She doesn't have to be here. She wants to be here. Why? Because she wants to be with her husband. A civilian's wife doesn't have to worry about housing, like an Army man's wife does. The civilian wife doesn't have such problems.

(An Army Wife)

• Maybe this will clarify the situation. The civilian housing construction on this field was erected by law—through the Lanahan act. This act specifically states that housing is for civilians only. A civilian may rent a room for himself and wife. He is an employed civilian, so is eligible for housing. A GI's wife may rent a room for herself and husband. She is the employed civilian in this case, and hence is eligible for housing. The buildings are a civilian housing area, established by law. That's the way it works. The wives are doing a great job, here and elsewhere. Their work not

only places them near to their husband, but helps bring hubby home sooner and get this thing over with. Their work is needed.

GLEN GRAY

Editor, The Rattler:
What was the deal about Glen Gray not playing for the enlisted personnel of this field, Sunday July 1, as announced by your paper? Does the Officers' Club pay some of the bill when these other bands come here to play for us? After all, they do play an hour or so, then go to the Officers' Club and play for three hours or more.

(Name Withheld)

• Dance orchestras that play the field are hired either by the Officers' Club to play there, or by the Special Services Office (through the Central post funds) to play for the enlisted personnel. Bands that play the Officers' Club are hired by the Officers' Club and paid for by them. Whenever possible bands are scheduled for two nights. Central Post Funds pay for an enlisted personnel dance on one night and the Officers' Club pays for a dance at the Officers' Club on the second night. Most of these orchestras play a benefit concert for the EM. That's the reason for the misunderstanding.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

Editor, The Rattler:
Seems to me it's high time you mentioned something about the military training bill now before Congress, which should give compulsory training to all male citizens of the U.S.

An adequately trained force to meet any military emergency is necessary to the U.S. And I want echo General Patton's remark that "you don't stop fires by shutting down the fire department".

A lot of panty-waists have the idea that a year's training in the Army will ruin the next generation. Nuts to that. If every kid, upon graduation from high school, were to serve a year in the Army he'd be better for it. It would be a lot better than grabbing him (as we have been grabbed) after he has started in a trade or profession in which he is earning his livelihood.

ALL THAT MEAT AND—



A sight to make a civilian's mouth water is this stack of steaks. The Pyote butcher shop presented this succulent display of steak, with a sign in the background that reads: "We pledge: Only the best for the soldiers of Pyote regardless of the demands on our time and effort."

An adequately trained force of younger men will prevent the "old man's Army" we have had to fight with all too often.

Sgt. Thomas Meighan

• Any further Pyote opinion on compulsory training?

CLOSER HOME

Editor, The Rattler:
My brother is in a general hospital in Illinois. Our home is in Alabama. Isn't it Army policy to treat you closer to home?

Sgt. V. F. N.

• The Army thinks it most important to send you to a hospital equipped and staffed especially to handle certain type cases. It will send a GI to the nearest such hospital to his home, provided it has room to accommodate him.

FIANCES OVERSEAS

Editor, The Rattler:
I'm getting out on points, but my fiancée is in the WAC overseas. Will she be able to get a discharge after we are married?

T/Sgt. N. G. W.

• If your girl returns to the States and you are married before your discharge comes through, your wife will then be eligible for discharge. If you are discharged before she gets back, she will not be able to get out under existing regulations.

SHOULDER PATCHES

Editor, The Rattler:
I notice the PX is stocking some overseas shoulder-patches, but not of the Air Force I served in. Will they stock them soon? Where can I get them?

Lt. G. C. W.

• The PX is attempting to

stock such overseas patches as possible. If the PX hasn't got them, write Sales Officer, Philadelphia QM Depot, giving ASN, organization with which you served, length of such service, and stating that insignia is for your use only, on your uniform. Enclose certified check, bank draft, or postal money order, payable to Treasurer of the U.S. See AR 30-3000 for prices.

LOVE LETTER

Editor, The Rattler:
I am a former Pyoteer at this place so far from that desert. I've run into almost as many Pyoteers here as I did in that "great big Army base" in glorious Texas.

My wife sends me my copy of The Rattler, and believe me, I appreciate it. The fellows hang by their toenails to be in line for next. They read the print right off the page. I've found that I also have ample customers from fellows who never had to experience Pyote to get acquainted with The Rattler.

Of all the fields we've been to, The Rattler beats them for an interesting and enjoyable camp paper.

Grand Island is a good town, and we sure can use a good editor for our paper here. Does The Rattler have any way of sending several copies to such places as the Service Clubs at fields where your wandering boys have gone to? It'd be appreciated.

Pvt. Edward L. Michaels, Grand Island AAF.

• 'Tis hoped some deal can be worked out to provide 2AF libraries with copies of 2AF papers. As for G.I., the Grand Island newspaper, we think it's a very nice little sheet that tries hard.

Formosa, Possible Invasion Target, Has Quakes, Snakes; --Few Breaks

"Formosa offers the blasé traveler an unusual thrill—that of hob-nobbing with savage head-hunters who secretly covet the visitors' heads, but are prevented by Japanese law and watchfulness from taking it unless the traveler is willing."

So states "Terry's Guide to the Japanese Empire", a handy early 20th century guide book for the "blasé traveler". Formosa, according to Terry, is a dandy old place.

Listen to this: "The healthfulness of the island, the total lack of the discomforts which travelers sometimes have to endure in order to see strange and primitive people in their own homes, and the constant watchfulness and care on the part of the authorities to provide comfort and safety for strangers, add materially to the pleasure of a visit."

What Terry doesn't state about Formosa is that the island has an average of 330 earthquakes a year, some of them severe. One year 900 quakes were recorded. Nor does he mention the mosquitoes, including the anophyles, nor the August and September typhoons which turn streams into tidal waves wash out bridges and loose 100-mile-an-hour winds.

Formosa has snakes, including 13 poisonous types, and rain—Kirun, in northern Formosa, has 200 inches a year.

The word Formosa is Portuguese for "beautiful". It was taken over by the Japs in 1895, the Nips' first

colony. But it hasn't been all rice and sake for them. The 150,000 Malayan head-hunters occasionally stir up a little trouble by wiping out a village. The wily Jap has strung electrified barbed wire around the mountainous areas where the head-hunters reside. However, since the head-hunters make no distinction between Jap and Chinese skulls—both of which they value—they probably won't take to American visitors.

Formosa is about half the size of South Carolina, oval-shaped, and separated from the mainland by a 90-mile channel some 300 feet deep.

With a population of 5,000,000—95% Chinese—Formosa might already have an oriental underground that may help any Allied invasion. The eastern half of the island has many cliffs at the water's edge, but the west side is a flat coastal plain.

Formosa has plenty of oranges, persimmons, bananas, and mangoes, and among its other resources are gold, silver, copper, sulphur,

coal, oil, sugar, tobacco, opium, and orchids. Its biggest industry is camphor, distilled from the evergreen tree. It's in that area that the head-hunters lurk.

But as our Mr. Terry remarks, "slowly but surely, the intrepid and determined Japanese are reaching out to these sequestered places and are bringing the people into the pale of civilization."

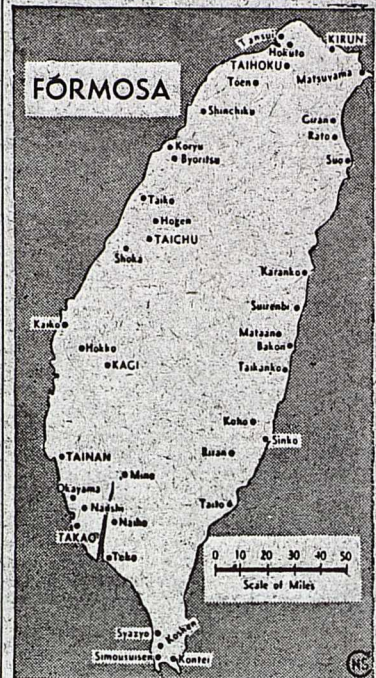
DALHART NEWEST B-29 BASE IN 16TH WING

Dalhart, Texas, Army Air Base has been designated a B-29 training station of the 16th Bombardment Wing, Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, commanding general, has announced. This makes the eighth field in the 16th Wing. Others are Kirtland Field at Albuquerque, Biggs Field at El Paso, Clovis, Pueblo, Alamogordo, Pyote, and Davis-Monthan Field at Tucson.

ARDMORE AAF NOW IN THIRD AIR FORCE

The Army Air Field at Ardmore, Okla., has been transferred from the 2AF to the 3AF, it was announced last week. Before being taken over by the Third Air Force, Ardmore was a Combat Crew Training School for B-17s.

ON THE SPOT?



Formosa, possible invasion target for Allies, is off southeast China coast, between Philippines and Japan. A little larger than the state of Maryland, with about three times as many people, it was ceded to Japan by China in 1895, after the Sino-Japanese war.

What Happens To Old Link-Trainers? Salvage Knows

The grateful look that comes into the eye of John Q. Taxpayer when you mention Pyote to him is understandable. Salvage operations at the field have returned \$6,512.16 to the taxpayers during the past four months, according to a report by the Conservation and Reclamation Office.

This saving is reckoned as of March 1, when the Air Force took over salvage operations, hitherto handled by the QM and ASF.

Salvaged material offered for sale to agencies and civilians is virtually limitless. It includes paper, broken glass, bottles, textiles, scrap rubber, kindling wood, kitchen waste, edible garbage, worn-out Link-trainers, and the million and one other items employed in the war effort.

The field's salvage operations are under the supervision of the San Antonio Air Technical Service Command at Kelly Field, Texas, which is responsible for disposition of salvage at 48 stations in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, and parts of Louisiana and Arizona. Sales at these stations for March, April, and May, totaled \$260,000.

Extensive salvage methods wring out every last bit of military use from materials before they are

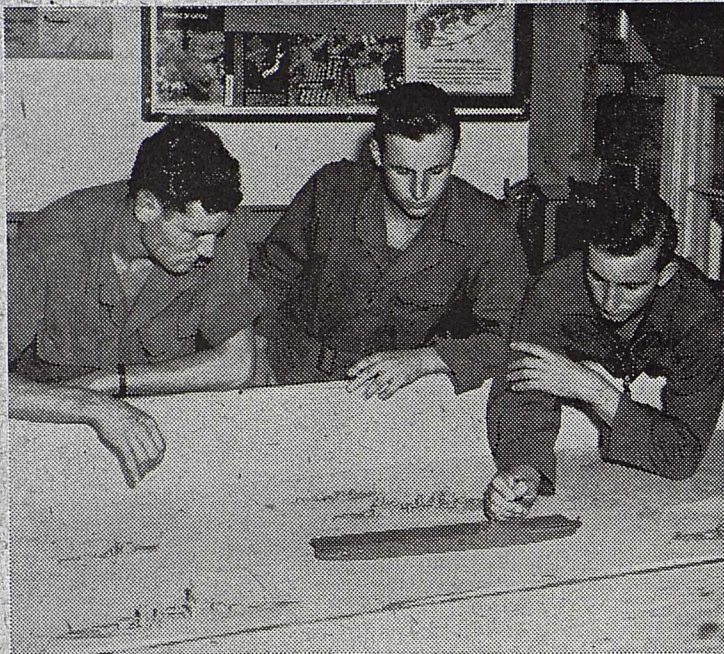
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Rattle Snake Charmer



Another example of wasted time and effort is this photograph of Kay Booth, film actress. In a sleazy effort to publicize the movie "Ziegfeld Follies" someone sent us this picture. We print it merely because we love pictures of telephones.

BATTLESHIP BRIEFING



Three crewmen who are training for their part in the aerial war against Japan as B-29 crew members study the ship models in Staff Combat Intelligence's new war room and library. Left to right: Cpl. G. J. Weseli, Milwaukee, Wis.; tail gunner; Sgt. Joseph Janasiewicz, Providence, R. I., RCT gunner; and Cpl. J. E. Witt, Chattanooga, Tenn., electrical gunner. The men are all members of Crew 808 in Section I. The gunners are discussing the gun turrets and defensive gunpower of the Japanese battleship to which pencil points.

Salvage---

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declared unserviceable. Trained inspectors make sure that materials are completely worn out, damaged beyond repair, or obsolete, before they are turned over to workers who carefully segregate every type of article to insure highest possible sale prices.

Salvage operations have a two-fold objective, says Lt. Aldon M. Bebb, Conservation and Reclamation Officer of Pyote: 1. Saving money for the taxpayer. 2. Returning material to civilian production.

In addition to income from sales, Lt. Bebb stated, large quantities of scrap aluminum from salvaged aircraft are disposed to the Metal reserve Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION SET FOR THURSDAY NOONS

In order that married men might attend the Orientation program without inconvenience to their supper hour, a special noontime program is scheduled each Thursday at Theater No. 1. Anyone may attend this special Orientation, which is held in addition to programs Tuesday through Friday at Theater No. 1 at 9 AM and Monday through Thursday at Theater No. 2 at 5:45 PM.

SHOE REPAIR FOR OFFICERS READY

Officers may turn in their shoes for repair at QM Warehouse No. 1. The repair must be paid for in cash at the time of presenting the shoes.

Staff Combat Intelligence Keeps War Room Timely

In a move to present more "inside" information on the war, Staff Combat Intelligence has thrown open the door of its war library, notable for its completeness and interest.

Documents and periodicals in the room deal with all phases and aspects of the war with particular emphasis on the strategic character of Very Heavy Bombardment. Available are not only references on any major country of the world but also in great detail on the Japanese military machine. Their air force is evaluated and the latest tactics and defenses against our Superfortress raids are developed and explained. Therefore, the facilities of the room, are of prime value to combat crew members.

Secret reports processed into the Second Air Force and Pyote AAF by Washington directly from combat areas come out of safes and locked files for consumption by our Orient-bound airmen. Running the gamut of classified information they can scan to their hearts content such vital, vivid periodicals as "Impact", "Air Intelligence Weekly Digest", and "XXI Bomber Command Mission Reports".

To safeguard the information Combat Intelligence has established a register whereby each man identifies himself before gaining admittance. At all times when classified material is out of the files intelligence personnel are on hand.

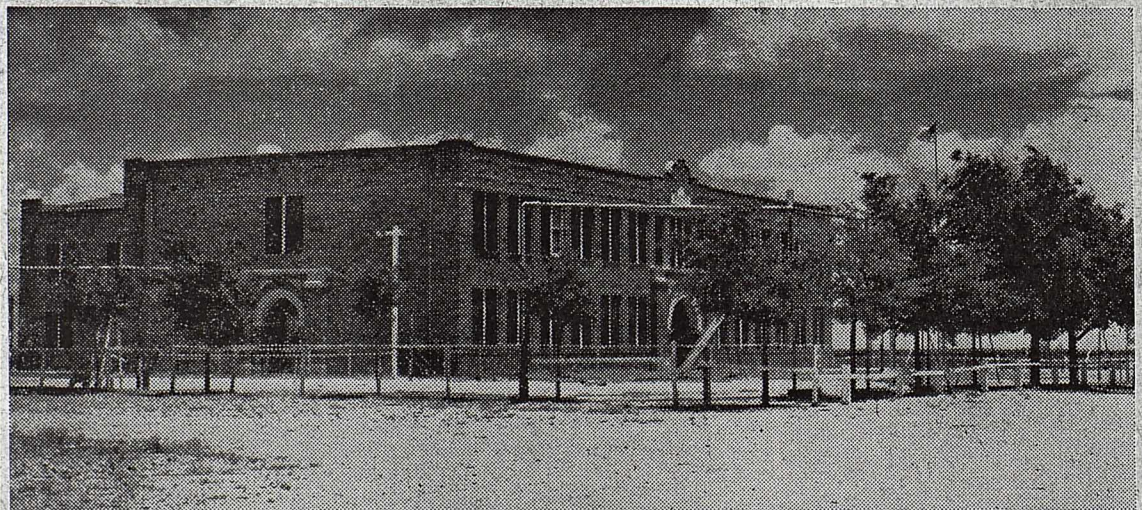
The Intelligence Library is not intended to replace the regular Intelligence classes and briefings, which are a part of the training of all crews, but rather it aims to supplement and integrate that Intelligence training. With this in

view every effort has been made to make the room conducive to study and available to all who want to use it. It boasts good lighting, air conditioned and reading hours from early morning to 8:30 P.M. in the evening. War situation maps, worthwhile displays, ships models, and informative charts add to its atmosphere. The entire military effort is depicted, explained and evaluated. Many crew members, recognizing the value of such knowledge, utilize all standby time possible in studying intelligence data. This is the purpose for which the library exists. It is recommended that all combat crewmen, instructors under the Director of Training, and all Commissioned, Warrant and Flight Officers take advantage of this readily available interesting, and complete data.

To some individuals, the acquisition of knowledge about Intelligence seems wearisome and unnecessary; to others it is interesting and most necessary. The fact that combat returnees without exception fall into the latter category is in itself fully convincing proof that air crews must know the Jap before they can defeat him.

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

So This Is Pyote!



One of the most surprising features of the town of Pyote is the school. This modern, attractive red brick building looms on the horizon in considerable contrast to the temporary shacks of Pyote's business district. The school's enrollment is now mostly children of Army personnel stationed at Pyote Army Air Field. For a town of 200 people, the school stands as a pretty big indication of their public spirit.

Rattler's 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.

FOUND

A LODGE WATCH fob in the shape of a maltese cross was turned into The Rattler Office by the Red Cross. Owner please call for and identify.

FOUND—Man's wrist watch, in Monahans by bus stop. Owner can claim by identification. Mrs. R. J. Milyard, 403 Rogers Street, Monahans.

THE RATTLER has a woman's kerchief—very fancy, too—with a large scale map of Texas, and the words "Lone Star State", all colored mostly red, yellow, and blue. Call for it at The Rattler Office, back of the library.

GOLD CROSS—If you lost one at the Gym see Cpl. Vince Guccione at Bks. 620 (next to Mess No. 3).

HUB CAP—Missing one from your Pontiac? Duke Fargher at Apt. T-1348-A has it.

EVERSHARP PENCIL found in CCD area. Owner may have it by calling at Hqs. CCD, Bldg. T-601.

LOST

IF ANYONE FINDS a small address book around the CCD area, please return to Rattler Office, back of library.

SGT. BOB FRAZIER lost three keys on a chain, also a miniature

Ohio license plate, No. V-375-E. You can locate Bob at Bks. 520, Sq. D.

REWARD for the return of sun glasses in case. I will identify. See Cpl. C. A. Trudell at Photo Lab, phone 31.

LOST—A white gold watch containing two small diamonds. Was lost during rainstorm. I value this watch greatly as it was a gift from my deceased mother. \$25 reward for its return. Mary Wilkinson, Civilian Personnel Office. Phone 18.

ONE PAIR OF sun-glasses with brown lens and tortoise shells, were lost by Mrs. Yerington. Finder please call 261.

LOST—Pair rimless glasses, in case, on base probably near flight line. Call Fred Gunther, Ext. 224.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET—Has Mary Lee engraved on it. Lost between the dorms and Theater No. 2. Please bring it to The Rattler Office.

REWARD FOR RETURN OF BILL FOLD—Lost in vicinity of Sub-Depot Hangar. Jim H. Graham, Ext. 122.

TAN HAT WITH RED FEATHER—Anybody find one? Name of Fargher inside. Please return to Duke Fargher at Apt. T-1348-A.

FIND A WALLET? I lost mine at Theater No. 1 and would appreciate its return. Finder please keep the dollar for his trouble. T/Sgt. Harold Tomkiel, Sqdn. F. Barracks No. 539.

WANTED

HAVE YOU A 35 MM. camera you want to sell? Cpl. Melvin Smith, Convalescent Bks., is in the market for one.

HAVE YOU had experience with

Carnivals? Have you worked with carnival shows or concessions? Special Services needs your experience. Call 27, ask for Art Hammell.

WANT TO BUY a motorcycle, any model. S/Sgt. Carr, Squadron D, phone 92.

FOR SALE

WANNA BUY a Iver Johnson revolver? 38 calibre. See Cpl. B. C. Joseph, Sec I, Bks. 328.

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—Gold wedding ring, brand new, never used. A bargain. See Cpl. C. S. Casavantes, Bks. 6, Sq. E.

FOR SALE—'37 Chrysler Sedan. Six tires, overdrive, radio, new paint job. Price \$450.00, (under ceiling). See Sgt. Rasmussen, Sub-Depot Instrument Shop.

TRANSPORTATION

AM DRIVING to Amarillo, Texas, Thursday, July 12. Leaving Thursday PM and will return Sunday night. Can accommodate two or three more passengers. See C. F. Mingenback, Hangar 3, Electrical, A shift, or at Bks. 828, Squadron E.

RIDE WANTED from Pecos AAF to Pyote AAF and return. Hours from 8 to 5. Call 18. Mary Garman.

RIDERS WANTED to and from Pecos. Am now on swing shift. Call Sgt. Bob Opitz, ext. 271, or 95 at Pecos.

GOT ROOM for another rider from Pecos AAF to Pyote AAF and return. Hours from 8 to 5. Contact S/Sgt. H. Hawling at Finance Office, Phone 20.

PERSONALS

GOING TO CHI? See Milton Arnold at Bks. 518, Sq. D area.

HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards Office located in Station Headquarters. Important problems such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Domestic Relations, Claims, and Naturalization, which involve the security of your personal and property rights, should be attended to at once. Neglect or failure to do so may prove very costly in many ways.

HFG—FORGET the whole thing. The deal washed out. Art.

ANYONE driving to San Francisco or Los Angeles around the 1st of August? Will gladly share driving and expenses. Call Sgt. Henneman, phone 117.

GOING TO CHICAGO or Memphis before September 3rd? Then see Martha Gould at the Special Services Office.

A MEETING OF the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is being held at the home of Dr. B. R. Miller, 303 South Rio Grande, Monahans. Time: Each Sunday at 11:00 AM. All members in the service are invited.

THINK YOU'RE going from Amarillo to Odessa one of these days? Check with Sgt. Adamick, Bks. 620, bed 20.

ANYONE knowing a sure way to make hair grow, please write me the details. I'm desperate. Address Box H-C, c/o Rattler Office.

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JAPOLOGY



So eager is the Jap soldier to die for the Emperor, that sometimes his wife commits suicide so that her husband's love for her will not weaken his desire for a glorious death.



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KOOPS' KORNER

BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

Gen'l Arnold told the Senate that we have facilities available to give Japan three times the aerial pasting we gave Germany. The B-29 is over 5 to 1 in ratio with the B-17 in bomb-load. In ton-miles carried it's 10 to 1. The current unit cost is \$210,000 for the B-17 and \$640,000 for the B-29.

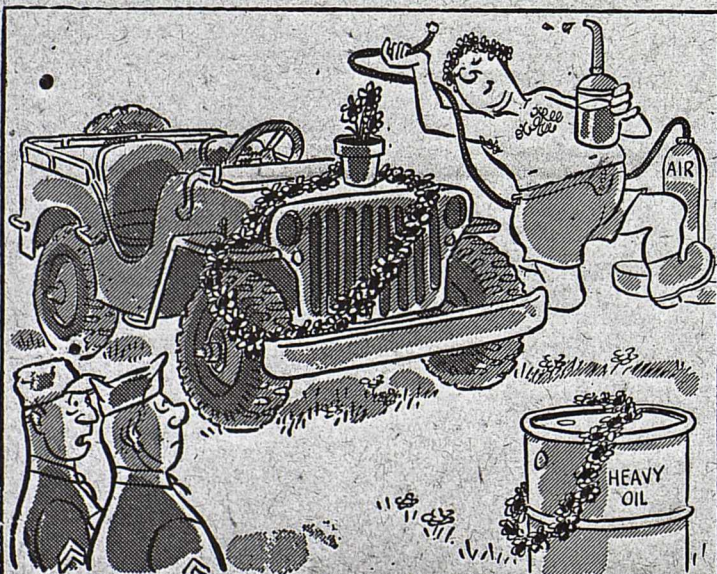
The past four issues of the New Yorker magazine carried articles by Clair McKellway on the 20th Bomber Command. Series ended in last week's issue. Library may have back copies on it. Don't miss reading it.

It will be necessary to retain a large number of medical officers in the service even after occupation "without their consent" unless sufficient replacements can be obtained from medical schools, announced Col. Francis Fitts, Military Training Section, Army Service Forces.

If the local band seems to have lost strength and volume and oomph, chalk it up to the fact that about 85% of the blow-hards have hit for the tall timber and nickel beers on furlough.

Plane manufacturers are only waiting for the government "go" signal to start turning out popular priced private planes. Various styles are on the drawing boards; prices range from \$1200 to \$5000. A sample \$1200 is a 65 hp. all-metal monoplane, designed for both training and private flying. For \$2500 you can get a roomier higher-powered job planned for cross-countries. And for \$4000 there's a 4-place high-wing monoplane, 125 hp., capable of carrying 100 pounds of baggage and cruising at 112 mph. Some of them feature sound-proof cabins, no foot-pedals and guaranteed spin-proof.

In Koops' Korner of two weeks ago we printed the following quote from the Army Times: "The AAF has put all enlisted men with a score from 40 to 43 points, inclusive in a reserve status, designed to prevent assignment overseas or to certain types of work." This week's issue of the Army Times gives the correct version. It should read: ". . . all enlisted men with a score from 80 to 84 points and Wacs with 40 to 43 points . . .". Thought something was wrong with the quote at the time but we printed it verbatim. Meanwhile, remember that's the Army Times, unofficial newspaper—nothing official from the AAF.



"Harrity makes quite a ceremony of changing over to summer servicing, doesn't he?"



The United Press reported last week that the points for discharge will be lowered from 85 to between 78 and 80 within the next few weeks. The House Military Affairs committee said that they did not anticipate a lowering of the automatic discharge age below 40, despite the "tremendous pressure". The Army insists the only fair method was to discharge the men who had the longest and toughest service and that no special hardship groups would get automatic discharge.

The House of Representatives last week killed a bill that would automatically discharge GIs with four or more children. Rep. Engel (R.-Mich.) who sponsored the defeated proposal said it would affect approximately 35,000 men, 15,000 of whom would be discharged anyway for other causes.

Good news is the quote from General Marshall that the current Army strength, pegged at 7,000,000 is including a reserve for contingencies and that "successive victories will enable us to reduce the size of our Army very soon." According to Marshall, this "reserve" composed of the last troops to return from Europe may not be needed in whole or in part, in which case an additional demobilization can be ordered. Our plans, Marshall declared, take into consideration help from the British and Chinese, and whether or not Russia will enter the war.

Marshall also stated "air strikes of constantly increasing power will devastate the Japanese war-making facilities and pave the way for invasion."

You've probably heard about the GI who had a railroad face. He's got a one track mind and it whistles at every curve.

Men returning from o'seas will no longer lose grades thereby, finance officials have informed Congress.

And Congress has been informed officially by the WD that Army women wear both pants and panties, but on motion of its own representative has been deprived the opportunity to know just what the War Dept. considers a "panty". QM Corps officials were quizzed by Congress on requests for \$423,657 to buy Wac's panties for the next year, and \$271,000 to buy women's trousers. "I assume of course that the Wac would use panties," said the Congressman, "but I did not know that they wear pants in the Army. What about that? Who can explain that?" So a Colonel from the QM stated, "They wear both of them. The panties, of course, as the name indicates—". But here the Congressman interrupted with "You need not explain it for the record."

ODDS AND ENDS: The Office of Defense Transportation has asked the WD to release, under the point system, 25,000 experienced railroadmen and to grant furloughs to 10,000 others to help in the critical transportation problem. . . . They've approved a medal for draft board volunteer workers to wear. . . . The Army intends to send 2000 more Wacs to the Far Pacific. . . . Jap industry will be knocked out by fall, says Gen. H. H. Arnold. . . . Russia's mustering-out pay will give a year's pay for each year served in the Army to enlisted men. . . . A Langley Field, Va., private walked into the Personal Affairs office and exclaimed to the Wac officer in charge, "Ma'am, I just got married. What do I do now?" The lieutenant told him. . . . A complete revue of what cooks in the outside world will be available in the August 8 issue of Koops' Korner.

Texas is a land of more cows, and less milk; more forests and less trees; more rivers, and less water; and you can look further and see less, than any other place in the world.