

# THE RATTTLER

B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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## FLYING MARK TOPPLED

### Teagarden In Concert Today At Rec. Hall

Jack Teagarden, the famed trumpeteer, and his orchestra are on the field today.

Teagarden will play an hour-long concert for swing fans beginning at 12:30 at the Rec. Hall. All field personnel are invited to hear him.

There will be no dancing.

### PX Cafeteria Is Open To EM For Breakfast

The Post Exchange Cafeteria, which was closed to enlisted men last week due to a food shortage, is now open to them for breakfast, the PX office announced.

During the hours from 0700 to 1000, enlisted men are allowed to eat anything that is being served by the cafeteria to other patrons.

The food shortage continues to force the PX to operate on short rations; for this reason until the shortage is alleviated, enlisted men will not be served meals other than breakfast.

#### PROMOTED

Four privates in Sqdn. D were promoted last week to private first class. They were: DeLane W. Hein, Clarence H. Sage, Eugene K. Holden and Charles R. Stannard.

**Hollywood (CNS)**—This is nice work if you can get it: the movie script called for "kiss-smearing lipstick," but makeup artists couldn't produce the proper effect. Actor Zachary Scott offered to produce the real thing upon the lady in question, and he did.

### CREW OF THE WEEK



Here is the Crew of the Week, honored this week for its steady performance in keeping the B-29s in the air. Crew 626, standing in front of ship No. 359, had the following men present: Standing, left to right—Pvt. Calvin M. Zeilsdorf and S/Sgt. Warren E. Taro; kneeling—Sgt. Blaine Walters and Pvt. Ralph Strosnieder. Other members of the crew who were absent when this picture was taken, are: S/Sgt. Wade M. Jenkins, Sgt. Edward G. Moholick, Pvt. Fred Pierson and Pvt. Vernon K. Alitzer.

### Vehicle Accidents Bring Death To 7

During the first half of 1945, motor vehicle accidents were responsible for the deaths of seven persons at this station, according to an announcement from the Ground Safety Section.

Speeding was involved as a fac-

tor in five of the seven deaths. All accidents could have been prevented by using judgment. Safety rules are made to protect the individual; and while driving or riding in motor vehicles is a good time to practice "safety first".

**Brooklyn (CNS)**—A library asked doodlers who fill in O's in books with pen or pencil to cut it out.

### Pyote Breaks Own Record 3rd Time; Ahead For Month

After twice before setting a record for the most hours ever flown in a single day by any B-29 field, Pyote smashed through Monday to pile up a total of 318 hours, surpassing the previous mark of 307 hours established by this field on July 8.

This makes the third time within the last three weeks that Pyote has set a record and broken it. The first mark was made on June 24 when the field's Superforts accounted for 304 hours.

The new record of 318 hours not only topped all the previous daily marks, but it also put Pyote on top of all B-29 bases in the total flying hours during the month.

The record-breaking day boosted Pyote's total to 3496 hours for the month up to midnight of July 16. The nearest base fell 23 hours short of this field's total.

Capt. Sidney Sterinbach, Statistical Control Officer, who has charge of compiling facts and figures relating to the flying time at this field, stated that the lines on the charts in his office are going so high that the charts will have to be lengthened accordingly, in order to record these high trends.

Pyote is the first and only B-29 field to top the 300 flying hours more than once, reported Capt. Sterinbach.

This concerted drive which accounted for such an outstanding record is the result of the months of steady and continuous work by all personnel at the field. With all previous records now on the scrap-heap, everyone is eagerly watching the flying hours each day in anticipation of new and higher marks.

**Carson City, Nev. (CNS)**—A local resident wears this sign on his back, while walking the streets of Carson City: "Kick me. I love it." He collects 25 cents a boot. Makes a nice living, too.

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## General Ike's Way

If you're the serious type of soldier who has pondered the possibility of keeping world-wide peace, we refer you to the words of a great soldier, Gen. Eisenhower:

"I feel that if the brains and the intelligence, the genius of the American are placed on this problem (of preserving peace), if we can forget self, if we can forget politics, if we can forget personal ambition, we can solve this problem or all will be lost. No man can tell me that America with its glorious mixture of races, of creeds, its Jews, its Catholics, its Protestants, can lose, and we can't lose this one.

"We must face those problems of peace with the same resolution that America showed in 1941 and '42 when not the greatest optimist could believe that within 11 months after landing in Normandy, the American arms and Allied arms would stand triumphant at the Elbe.

"I believe that we should be strong, that we should be tolerant, we should be ready to defend our rights, but we should be considerate and recognize the rights of the other man."

## One Man's Success Story

Here's something you can tuck away for the day, whether it be near or far, when you turn in your ODs to the supply sergeant and draw a suit of blue serge from the nearest haberdashery.

Many ex-soldiers plan to go in business after the war. Not everybody, but a sizable group. They do this in spite of the high mortality rate of new businesses (in retailing, for example, one out of three new concerns folds up during the first year, two out of three go boom in six years) because they want the feeling of independence that goes with it.

It's to these men we address this message. A. P. Giannini, who pioneered and operated the world's second largest bank, gives these three rules for personal success:

- (1) Pick a business you love.
- (2) Save \$1,000 and invest it in that business.
- (3) Own your own home.

The Japs are getting panicky over an impending invasion—and with good cause. Our Pacific correspondent reports that it's just a matter of days, hours and Nimitz.

Takes a real sharpie to interpret some of the Tokyo war bulletins. Such as:

"Some of our cities will no longer be bothered by B-29s." (Naturally not; Gen. Le May checked them off his list).

"The peace will be dictated in the White House." (Hmm. Could be. At any rate there probably won't be a building left in Japan large enough to house a peace delegation.)

## You Don't Have To Like It

We don't know who wrote this, nor where it was first published. We do know that it has been around. It has seen considerable action. Our own copy of it is yellowed, dog-eared, and torn. We think quite a bit of it, and want to share it with you. It goes like this:

"Do your darndest to be a good soldier. But don't let soldiering make you forget that you are a gentleman and a Christian. It may be necessary to kill, but never necessary to like it. You will live in tough company and see suffering, cruelty, coarseness of every kind. Don't let it get the better of you. War is hell, but a soldier does not need to be a devil. The world is going to need a lot of men with ideals and decency and morals, after the war is over. Pray God that you may be one of those men to build up what war has torn down. God Bless You."

The fellow who passed it along to us added, "It's worth carrying in your pocket for a year and a half, and worth carrying in your heart forever."

From Pyote to Tokyo . . . the Japs know all about "ashes to ashes" and Pyoters know all about "dust to dust".

The German frauleins, it says here, are trying to break down the Allied non-fraternization order by wearing fewer clothes. This has meant many a clothes call for Allied soldiers, we'll bet.

Matrimony—that's where you marry an armful and wind up with a roomful.

A hotel, wartime style, is a place where people give up good dollars for bad quarters.

According to the best informants, the Japs continue to bolster their battle courage with heavy doses of narcotics. No matter what you say, those boys are first-class dopes.

After long meditation, we've concluded that life isn't fair to men. When we're born our mothers get the compliments and the flowers. When we're married our brides get the presents. And when we die, our wives get the insurance.

## MR. BIGGOTT



"I'm sorry, Mr. Eaglefeather, but our company's policy is to employ 100% Americans only."

# Hollywood Show Coming Tuesday

## Arthur Lake, Jean Rogers Head Cast

The biggest aggregation of Hollywood movie stars to visit this field since Larry Crosby was here last fall is booked for Tuesday, July 24.

On that date a cast of 40 Hollywood stars and starlets, headed by Arthur Lake and Jean Rogers, will come to Pyote to spread around a little joy and cheer.

Two shows are booked for Theater No. 1; one at 6:30, and one two hours later.

The shows will be of mixed acts, including singing, dancing and novelty skits. Complete information was not available about the remainder of the cast at the time of this writing (Tuesday afternoon) because arrangements were then in the process of completion—but the Special Services Office hailed this as one of the big shows of the year for Pyote. Forty actors, musicians, singers, dancers and comedians—and they're putting on their best acts for the B-29 boys of Pyote.

## Pyote Third In Flying Safety In Fifth Week

With over a million miles of air travel accomplished with one accident, Pyote stands in third place in the fifth week of the 2AF Sixth Flying Safety Program, it was announced by the Pyote Office of Flying Safety.

Pyote has flown, during these five weeks, a total of 6,863 hours with one accident which slightly damaged one aircraft with no injury to personnel. This is the equivalent of about 1,350,000 miles of travel with one aircraft accident and no loss of life.

From the time Pyote first began flying the B-29 until July 1, approximately 38,000 hours have been flown with one accident and two fatalities. This is the equivalent of 3,800,000 air miles per fatality, compares favorably with airline travel which is acknowledged to be the safest travel in the world.

## Officers Get Break On USAFI: Two-Dollar Fee Pays The Bill

Army officers may now take USAFI courses for the same fees which enlisted men pay, Lt. W. C. Gruben, Information-Education officer, said this week.

Officers formerly paid the full cost of the course, while EM's got as many courses as they wanted for a single two-dollar fee when they signed up for the first course.

"For example," the I-E officer explained, "it costs an enlisted man two dollars to enroll for the series of college math courses usually required for an engineering degree. The same courses formerly cost an army officer \$143.00 . . . now it's only two dollars for officers, too."

Officers in the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps have always been permitted to participate in USAFI on the same financial basis as enlisted personnel. Since the Army share of the cost of the United States Armed Forces Institute was formerly paid out of Enlisted Men's Welfare Funds, however, officers were not allowed benefits.

Under the new regulations, the two-dollar registration fee entitles both officers and enlisted men to take as many courses as they want, as long as a satisfactory standard of work is maintained. They still may register for only one course at a time. Officers may also take correspondence courses from Universities cooperating with USAFI. USAFI will pay one-half the cost of the course or \$20.00, whichever is less. Formerly, officers paid the total cost of the course.

## 5000 AAF Men To Remain In Italy

About 5,000 Air Force men will be stationed in Italy after all troops have redeployed, it was indicated recently by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Commander of American forces in MTO.

"I think two B-17 and one fighter group will remain", he stated.

The bomber group, he said, would come from the 15th Air Force, the fighter group probably from the 12th Air Force. These three groups will be transferred to the 9th Air Force which will remain in Europe. The 15th will be redeployed, he said.

## MERCURY HITS 100 ON FRIDAY 13TH

High weather mark for the past week was Friday the 13th, when old Sol pushed the mercury up to a flat 100 degrees. Here are the maximum daily temperatures.

Wed., July 11—88.

Thurs., July 12—88.

Fri., July 13—100.

Sat., July 14—94.

Sun., July 15—92.

Mon., July 16—93.

Tues., July 17—93.

## Pilot Suspended For Showing Off

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 18. Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force commander, has approved a recommendation of the Central Flying Evaluation Board that Lt. Dayne Kahle, returnee fighter pilot, be suspended indefinitely from flying status and his aviation badge withdrawn. This sentence was imposed for committing a serious and willful violation of flying regulations.

A Second Air Force general court martial has sentenced the 25-year old pilot, now stationed at Fort Sumner (N. M.) Army Air Field, to a forfeit of \$100 a month for 12 months and an official reprimand.

He was found guilty of flying at an altitude below minimum AAF regulations in a fighter airplane on or about April 12, 1945, near Santa Rosa and Cuervo, N. M. At the latter place, his airplane hit an obstruction causing a piece to strike and injure severely a civilian standing some 300 yards away.

## THE SAD CASE OF THE "THREE SHY" SOLDIER

He couldn't do anything else about it, so a 37-year old soldier has written a stanza mourning his "three shy" status. Here it is as it was carried in the Army Times:

"I like to march for Uncle Sammy

In my khakis I sure look sporty. But I wish my pappy and mammy

Met three years sooner, then I'd be forty."

## 1½ Million GIs Will Leave ETO In Six Months

PARIS—More than 310,000 United States troops already have arrived or are on their way to America; 265,000 more soldiers are expected to be shipped home during July, and schedules call for an additional total of 1,500,000 to leave within six months.

This was the statement of headquarters of Communications Zone in announcing that shipments are running ahead of schedule because of the policy of jamming transports beyond their normal accommodations.

Col. Thomas J. Wood, port commander at Le Havre, announced that of the 250,000 embarking at Le Havre since VE-Day, 32,075 were men with enough overseas points for discharge, and "practically all" the 91,000 Americans who had been prisoners of war.

Clearing this month will be the 28th and 30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Divisions which have been designated by Supreme Headquarters to leave Germany for redeployment to the Pacific. The 13th (Black Cat) Armored Division is now going through Camp Atlanta in the redeployment assembly area on its way toward Japan.

The 104th (Timberwolf) Division has cleared Le Havre; the 8th Division now is loading, and the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 44th are making ready.

Two-thirds of the July shipments will be redeployed troop units, of which 40,000 will be air force units, 102,000 ground force troops, and 34,000 in the service forces.

The remainder will include 43,000 soldiers with points enough for a discharge and 13,000 sick and wounded being evacuated to U. S. hospitals.

## Incendiary Output Doubled For Aerial War Against Japan

WASHINGTON—Chemical Warfare Service is scheduled to supply approximately 150,000,000 incendiary bombs during the ensuing 12 months for use against Japanese industrial centers, the War Department has announced.

This means that CWS, which furnished nearly 160,000 tons of fire bombs for all theatres in the last six months, will double that production in the next six months, and almost triple it for the first half of 1946.

In tonnage, the number of incendiary booked for Japan next year amounts to nearly 850,000 tons. This is about 80 per cent of the tonnage of all kinds of air bombs (high explosive included) used by the AAF in all theaters.

# This Week--

## At The Theatres

**THURSDAY**  
**"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.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**"CALL OF THE WILD"** with Clark Gable and Loretta Young. (A re-issue of Jack London's famous story of the cold, cold North and the love of a man for his dog.) Shorts: Three Stooges comedy and Mighty Mouse cartoon.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**  
**"A BELL FOR ADANO"** with John Hodiak and Gene Tierney. (This Pulitzer Prize Play of an American officer who brings democracy to an Italian village is rich in incident and characterization.) Shorts: Paramount News.

**TUESDAY**  
**"BEWITCHED"** with Phyllis Thaxter and Edmund Gwenn.  
**"PENTHOUSE RHYTHM"** with Lois Collier and Edward Norris. (Arch Oboler's distinct novelty about a girl with a dual personality in "Bewitched". "Penthouse Rhythm" has a penthouse but very little rhythm.)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**"CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT"** with Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan. (A recent shipwreck victim visits the home of a sophisticated feature-writer and a quiet Christmas turns into a confusing, romantic, merry holiday.) Shorts: Paramount News.

## 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.

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

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

**CARLSBAD CAVERNS**—Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Sqdn. A Orderly Room 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.

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.

**Rochester, N. Y. (CNS)**—A prospective bridegroom sent this plea to his ration board: "I'm getting married. So I need a new pair of work shoes." The board marked his request "urgent."

## 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. 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.

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

**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.

**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.

## U S O Schedule

Wed.—Arts and Crafts  
 Thurs.—Bingo.

Fri.—Informal Activities.

Sat.—Dance, Pyote AAF Band, 9:00 P. M.

Sun.—Brunch, 11:00 a. m.; Classics on record, 1:00 p. m.; buffet supper, 6:00; songfest, 7:00; movie, "How Green Was My Valley", 8:30.

Mon.—Informal Activities.

Tues.—Entertainment of convalescent patients at Pyote AAF Hospital.

# Need Men For Novelty Night

About ten men are needed to help run off events in the gala Novelty Night program which is planned for Friday, July 27.

Twelve assorted contests will be staged simultaneously at different points on the field, and the Novelty Night program will culminate in a big dance at the Rec. Hall.

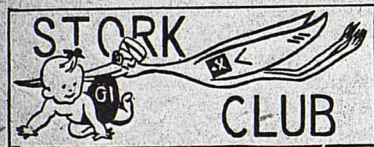
The assistants will be paid regular wages for their help in managing the events.

There will be over 40 fine prizes to be given away to the winners of the various events, which include swimming, bowling, pie eating, beer drinking, basketball, horse shoes and other athletic events.

Prizes will be awarded at the dance following completion of the events. For this occasion the Rec. Hall will be decorated with a night club motif and chairs and refreshments will be on hand for patrons desiring to sit outside.

The events start at 1800, and the dance begins at 2100 and runs until midnight.

In answer to some questions, Wacs ARE eligible to enter all events. However, archery is being reserved for them alone.



**BROYLES**—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Clayton Broyles at the Pyote Regional Hospital on July 4, a girl, Gail Diana, weight 8 lbs. 4 ozs. Sgt. Broyles is assigned to Sqdn. F.

**DENNETT**—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Layton A. Dennett at the Pyote Regional Hospital on July 6, a boy, Eric Lawrence, weight 8 lbs. 3 ozs. Lt. Dennett is assigned to the Combat Crew Section at Clovis Army Air Field, New Mexico.

**HOHMANN**—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Franklin P. Hohmann at the Pyote Regional Hospital on July 12, a boy, Frank Lynn, weight 7 lbs. 12 ozs. Sgt. Hohmann is assigned to Sqdn. A.

**MULFORD**—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ralph V. Mulford at the Pyote Regional Hospital on July 14, a girl, Ralena Jeanette, weight 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Sgt. Mulford is assigned to Sqdn. F.

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## Wounds, Capture Will Not Prevent Man's Promotion

WASHINGTON—The promotion recommendation of an enlisted man who becomes a prisoner of war, missing in action or is hospitalized for combat wounds after date the recommendation is initiated will be processed in the usual manner and, if approved, the man will be promoted without regard to position vacancies, the War Department has ordered.

The order is contained in a new paragraph 11.1 to AR 615-5.

## Carlsbad Parties Leave From Sq. A Orderly Room

All parties leaving for Carlsbad Caverns will depart each Sunday from the Sqdn. A orderly room instead of the Special Services Office, it was announced today.

Cavern visitors have previously been leaving from the Special Services Office at 6:30 a.m. The hour remains unchanged—6:30 a.m.—but the groups hereafter will depart from the Sqdn. A orderly room, across the street north of the Service Club.

**Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS)**—A tall stranger walked into a local package store and ordered a pint of rye. "Shall I wrap it?" queried the clerk. "No, thanks," said the stranger. "I'll drink it here." He did, in half a dozen swallows, then walked majestically out.

## BRONZE STAR WEARER LEADS WACS IN POINTS

Rome (CNS)—Top Wac in points in the 5th Army is Lt. Cora M. Foster, State College, Pa. She enlisted when the WAAC started, landed in Casablanca in July, 1943, wears 4 battle stars and the Bronze Star for commanding the first Wac platoon to serve with a field army. Total: 80 points. Is she getting out? "There's still Japan," she says.

## OPENINGS FOR COMING GI MINSTREL SHOW

The Special Service Office desires to get in touch with anyone desiring to help in the big minstrel show which is ticketed for sometime in September. If you can lend a hand with the arrangements or in making an appearance in the show, please get in touch with Special Services.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



Barbara Stanwyck, it says here, does a lot of swimming. Here she wears a bathing suit which proves something but not her aquatic ability. This is how she will not look next Wednesday when she appears at the Station Theaters in "Christmas In Connecticut."



**PROCESSING . . .** Pfc. George A. Manzi (center) goes through the processing line at Shipping and Receiving in preparation for departure from this station. Cpl. Paul Lloyd (left) and Cpl. Russell Diener (right) handle Manzi's papers. Faintly visible in background is M/Sgt. Evans, former NCOIC of Shipping and Receiving. Lt. Wilbur X. Derus, the Shipping and Receiving Officer, is seated behind Sgt. Evans but the flash bulb didn't reach that far.

## Shipping And Receiving Handles Papers On All Static Transfers

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

"Processing"—one of those catch-all army words which can mean just about anything—is the job of the Shipping and Receiving Department, a Station Military Personnel Department.

Through Shipping and Receiving pass all the static personnel who are being transferred either to or from this field. Their records are checked and brought up-to-date.

This involves quite a number of tedious steps which must be performed accurately if a man's records are to be kept right. For instance, the check list on the service record, an enlisted man's most important single record, has 71 items which must be checked before the service record is deemed okay and the shipping soldier is declared ready to go.

Then there is a data sheet which is filled out on every man who leaves or joins this station. On it is listed the information which is changed most often in the service record and then these are carefully double-checked against the record.

The "enlisted clearance sheet" issued to departing soldiers lists 12 places on the field which must be visited by the clearing soldier. These are: Red Cross, Library, Station Intelligence, Personal Affairs, Dental Clinic, P. T. Office, Director of Training, Station Operations, CCD Supply, Tech Supply, Commissary, and Flyer's Dispensary.

Lt. Wilbur X. Derus, Station Military Personnel Officer, is the

officer in charge of Shipping and Receiving. The non-com in charge is T/Sgt. John P. Osborn, who recently relieved M/Sgt. Edwards.

The department has the following personnel on duty:

Cpl. Paul Lloyd, Cpl. Russell Diener, Cpl. Muriel Shetler, Cpl. Arthur J. Fecht, Pvt. Oscar McDonald, Pvt. Eugene Nix, and Sgt. Ralph Bass.

## It's No Stunt— Woman Wilts When Bracken Croons

T/Sgt. W. C. Johnson, theater manager, says he has seen just about everything.

The other night at "Out of This World," the show in which Eddie Bracken stars as a crooner who makes little girls swoon, Sgt. Johnson was watching the screen which showed the girls keeling over, when an usher tugged at his sleeve and led him to the front of the theater.

A girl had fainted.

## 10,500,000 EFM's

New York, (CNS)—Western Union has handled 10,500,000 Expeditionary Force Messages since June, 1942. Servicemen overseas sent 2.6 more of these than the folks at home. There are now 237 stock messages from which to choose.

## 101st Airborne Has Job Of Crushing "Werewolves"

The 101st Airborne Division, which saw some of the toughest fighting of the war against Germany, has been assigned another tough mission—that of curbing the vicious "Werwolf" activities in Germany.

So far at least two American soldiers, separated from their units, have been killed by garroting. Tons of food, clothing, tents, guns, ammunition and other supplies have been uncached by the 101st.

The rapid crumbling of the third Reich probably prevented any large-scale Werwolf plans from being realized, but there have been sporadic attempts at sabotage.

Copying from the dime novels of the Middle Ages, which ran many a blood-and-thunder tale about human beings changing themselves at will into ravenous wolves, the Werwolves jumped on the radio in the final stages of the war and broadcast their blood-curdling threats at Allied soldiers. In May a long-range Werwolf station screamed:

"We werwolves consider it our supreme duty and right to kill and to Kill and to KILL, by employing every list and cunning in the darkness and night, crawling, groping through towns and villages like wolves—noiselessly, mysteriously."

This seems to be an old German habit. After World War I some die-hards formed the "Free Corps" along the same lines of terrorism. One German statesman for the Republic, Stresemann, assured Briand, "The Wehrkommandos (as the Free Corps was known) only consist of a number of young sportsmen whom we don't wish to deprive of their enjoyment of HARMLESS military games."

The "harmless" Free Corps boasted of having killed 15,000 men and women. Some were killed because they accidentally stumbled onto knowledge of the cloak-and-dagger activities of the Free Corps (a maid servant, Maria Sandmeyer, was strangled by a Lt. Hans Schweikhart because she intended to inform the disarmament commissary of a secret arms depot). Others were killed just for the hell of it, or to inspire terror.

The Werwolf movement today is bent along the same lines. They acknowledge no considerations (Hague or Geneva Conventions, etc.) that are observed by regular armies. They made long-term plans.

Back in September, 1944, a trusted Nazi, General Von dem Bache, was appointed Commander-in-Chief of this underground army. For years the Nazi-dominated schools have injected large doses of "werwolf" literature in the children. A poem by Herman Loens, "The Werwolf", has been recommended for years as "good literature for the young" by a patriotic author.

The nucleus of the Werwolf movement consists of Hitler Youth elite, trained by SS leaders— young ones, talented in languages,

versed in every kind of sabotage and terror, who are trained poisoners and expert forgers of papers and passports, similar to their predecessors in the Free Corps.

The controlling this element is the job that lies ahead of the 101st Airborne Division. It is certainly no after-dinner chore. Neither are the Werwolves the supermen they claim to be. As stated before, the 101st has adequately handled some tough assignments in the past.

## Medal, Promotion Or Furlough Awaits Suggestion Winners

The Legion of Merit, a promotion, extra furlough, or three-day pass—those are the prizes for suggestions submitted by the military and adopted for use by the Pyote AAF Suggestion Committee.

Civilian employees will be rewarded with a tidy check on the U.S. Treasury.

Suggestions may be on any of the following items: Conservation of manpower, material, time, or space; elimination of unnecessary processes or improvement of existing methods; increase productivity; elimination of excess, or improvement of existing toolings and equipment; invention of mechanical devices, which when adopted, prove to be of value; conservation of critical material and the utilization of material previously scrapped; improvement of conditions affecting safety and health; improvement of quality.

The term "suggestion" means gadgets, inventions, or other ideas. If the suggestion requires sketches or photographs, three of each view must be submitted. Suggestion blanks are available at the Civilian Personnel Office and the Ground Safety Office.

## 'Basic Japanese' Is Taught Combat Men

KIRTLAND FIELD, Albuquerque, N. M.—Combat crew members at this station are learning basic Japanese, which might turn out to be a life saver.

Reports from overseas indicate that a vocabulary of 200 words has greatly aided men who came into contact with Japs or Japanese-speaking natives.

The language is taught here by mimicry, using a record of a native's speech and allowing the students to repeat the words.

# WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

## Cinderella Man

The resignation of Freddy Fitzsimmons, the old stylish stout, as manager of Philadelphia's forlorn Phillies has made Ben Chapman, the ancient Alabama Arrow, the Cinderella Man of the year.

Chapman, who succeeds Fitz as the Phillies pilot, was running the Piedmont Club in a coffee-and-crumb bun league just a year ago today, a lower depth to which he had descended after 11 stormy years in the majors. Then the erudite Branch Rickey, who was trying to think our Bums out of the second division, bought Ben's contract and installed the former outfielder and base-stealing specialist in Flatbush as a pitcher.

There Ben remained until June of this year when Rickey traded him to the Phillies for a bag of meal and a catcher. Chapman didn't exactly throw his hat into the air and clap his feet together at this deal, which removed him from the roster of a first place club and placed him on that of a hopelessly mired cellar-dwelling outfit, but he did turn up at Shibe Park and ask for a uniform, which turned out to be one of the smartest moves of his life. For within a week he was the manager.

There are better spots in baseball, of course, than manager of the Phillies. But manager of the Piedmont Club in the Cracker Barrel League isn't one of them. You're a lucky fellow, Mr. Ben.

## 10-in-One Ration

They trotted out old Primo Carnera in Groizia, Italy, the other day, encased his hams in boxing pillows and matched him with S/Sgt. Homer Blevins, of Butte, Mont., in a 4-round exhibition bout for the edification and enjoyment of an audience of GIs. Big Satch was no worse than when he was heavyweight champion of the world—and no better. Blevins landed the only blow of the fight—in the 4th, but old Preem shook it off and displayed his big grin. . . . Dolph Camilli, once the toast of all Brooklyn, is out as manager of the Oakland Club in the PCL. "I was fired," says Dolph. "He quit," says the general manager of the Oaks. . . . Charles Hoff, Norwegian pole vaulter, has admitted that he collaborated with Vidkun Quisling and the Germans. P.S.: He said he was 'sorry.' . . . Lou Boudreau, classy shortstop-manager of the Cleveland Indians, was rejected for the second time for Army service. Bum ankles.

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

## Softball Schedule

The following games are scheduled during the remainder of play in the second half of the Pyote AAF Softball League, which opened July 9:

- July 19—Sec. 3 vs. Bombsight.
- July 20—Stargazers vs. Ground Station.
- July 23—Medics vs. Sec. A.
- July 24—Link Trainers vs. Sec. C.
- July 25—Sec. C vs. Bombsight.
- July 26—Sec. A. vs. Sec. 3.
- July 27—Medics vs. Stargazers.
- July 30—Link Trainers vs. Ground Station.
- July 31—Sqdn. C vs. Sec. 3.
- Aug. 1—Sqdn. A vs. Stargazers.
- Aug. 2—Medics vs. Ground Station.
- Aug. 3—Link Trainers vs. Bombsight.
- Aug. 6—Sqdn. C vs. Stargazers.
- Aug. 7—Sqdn. A vs. Ground Station.
- Aug. 8—Medics vs. Bombsight.
- Aug. 9—Link Trainers vs. Sec. 3.
- Aug. 10—Sqdn. C vs. Ground Station.
- Aug. 13—Sqdn. A vs. Bombsight.
- Aug. 14—Medics vs. Sec. 3.
- Aug. 15—Link Trainers vs. Stargazers.

**Omaha, Neb. (CNS)**—An Omaha surgeon was called upon recently to remove from the head of a small boy a chamber pot which had become wedged over the lad's ears when he was struck over the head by a playmate while playing a realistic war game. Both child and pot were salvaged.

## SQ. A SLUGGER



S/Sgt. Jack Cannon, shown taking a practice swing, is one of the big reasons for the success of the Squadron A softball team. Cannon has been belting the ball consistently all season, in addition to playing a fine all-around game behind the plate.

## SERVICE AT THE FRONT

**ETO (CNS)**—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Bishop from the New York area, had breakfasted with an Army unit just after the latter had finished an engagement. A mess sergeant handed him a towel with a flourish, saying, "How will that do?" Woven into its fabric were the words, "Waldorf Astoria."

## Ten Men Back On 2AF Team; Dobbs Missing

Only ten members of the 1944 Superbomber football team, which cut a colorful high-scoring swath throughout the country last year, remain with the team this year due to normal military transfers and overseas assignments.

Among the missing is Lt. Glenn Dobbs, former Tulsa All-American halfback, who is now serving overseas.

With this nucleus, Major Ed Walker started summer practice with a squad of 25 khaki-clad grid-ders on hand.

"Although we face the task of rebuilding our squad, we hope to make a good showing against the other six command teams which will participate in the Army Air Forces league this season," declared Major Walker.

The new head coach's staff includes Capt. Paul Hug of Tennessee and Lt. Billy Sewell of Washington State, backfield coaches, and Lt. Dan Stavely, line coach.

Among the newcomers reporting were Pvt. Bill Paschal, ex-New York Giants halfback; Lt. Fred Davis, Alabama tackle; and Pvt. Dick Barwegan, Purdue guard.

## Sgt. Leonard Gives 27 Books To Library

The Station Library this week received 27 recently published books as a gift from Sgt. Elliott Leonard, of Station S-1.

Sgt. Leonard, an employee of a publishing concern in Boston before the war, intends to go in the book-selling business when he is discharged.

His gift to the library, including many books on current favorite lists, has received many remarks of appreciation from library patrons.

## HERE'S A GOOD WAY TO GET MORE POINTS

**Germany (CNS)**—With the fighting over in the ETO, members of the 84th Div. have taken to writing poetry to pass the time. Like this:

I wish I were a porcupine  
For just a week or two,  
For then I would have points  
enough  
To come back home to you.

## IT'S A RECORD

**Iceland (CNS)**—The first German plane to be bagged by an American in World War II was a recon shot down over Iceland by Lt. Joseph B. Shaffer, Aug. 14, 1942, according to the White Falcon, base paper.



"I'll get the hang of these Jet jobs yet!"

## Army Manpower Policy Set Out In New Circular

WASHINGTON—New instructions designed to effect maximum use of the manpower available to the Army have been issued by the War Department.

The new order, WD Circular No. 196, for the first time places procedures designed to make most effective use of both officers and enlisted men in a single document. It rescinds two basic orders—one governing officers' assignments and the other prescribing rules for most effective use of enlisted personnel—and four amendments to those orders.

"It is the policy of the War Department," the new order states, "to fill all operating jobs in zone of interior installations with returnees, civilian personnel, personnel physically disqualified for overseas service, female personnel, and those specifically exempt, thereby releasing qualified personnel for overseas service."

The circular repeats the former basic policy that to discharge individuals "who can render effective service is prohibited" but "retention of individuals unable to perform a reasonable day's work for the Army is wasteful."

Each of the three forces. Air, Ground and Service, is instructed to make best use of its own physically handicapped personnel. However, enlisted men of the Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces who cannot be used in any unit or installation of such force by reason of physical condition, but who are considered capable of serving elsewhere, will be reported to the Adjutant General for reassignment.

## No Place Like Home Town, Say ETO Men

With the 100th Division of Seventh Army in Germany—You just can't beat the old home town.

That's what men of the 100th said in response to a casual sampling on their post-war tastes. Nearly 85 per cent said they intended to go back.

The 15 per cent who had no home town were all either young men contemplating further education or professional nomads.

### CLASSIFIED AD

**WANTED TO BUY**—Used car: have \$1,000 cash that goes for the best one offered. Write the Rattler.

## Railroading Soldiers Furloughed To Jobs

WASHINGTON—In response to an urgent appeal from the nation's railroads, the War Department has authorized the furloughing of 4,000 soldiers with railroad experience for a 30 day period for work on the railroads.

The authorization was given to prevent a breakdown of rail transportation due to labor shortages under the mounting pressure of troop and freight movements from Europe to the Pacific. Personnel furloughed will be employed as brakemen, locomotive firemen, boilermakers, electricians, car repairmen, mechanics, machinists and helpers.

## Mauldin Discharged

New York (CNS)—It's ex-Sgt. Bill Mauldin now. The Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist was discharged on points recently, and will devote his full time to bringing his characters, Joe and Willie, back to civilian life too.

## Procedure Set For Appointing Dischargees In Army Reserves

WASHINGTON—Procedures by which officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States, other than Regular Army Officers, can be offered commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps or enlistments in the Enlisted Reserve Corps in highest war rank have been published in W.D. Circular No. 194.

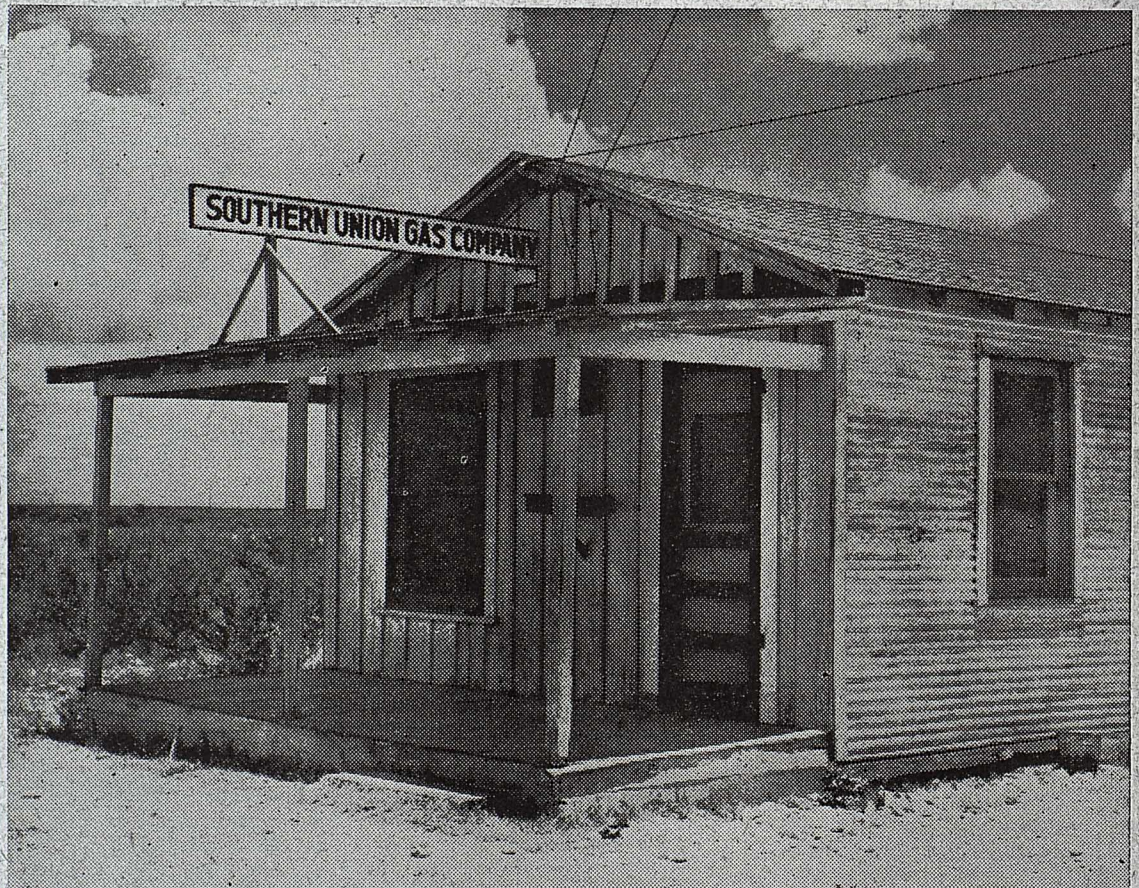
The circular points out that there is now no authority to include female personnel, flight officers or warrant officers in the Organized Reserves. However, the mission of the reserves approved by the Secretary of War calls for organization of units at full war strength, including warrant and flight officers, and legislation probably will be asked to permit appointment of warrant and flight officers. Women's reserves, including both Wacs and nurses, may also be included.

Four new sections of the Officers' Reserve Corps are created by the order. They are staff and administrative reserve and transportation reserve, armor reserve, pharmacy corps reserve and transportation corps reserve. These bring the number of ORC sections to 20, all of which, except chaplain and judge advocate general's department sections, are open to enlisted men as well as officers.

Generally, officers and men will be appointed in the section in which they served, but exceptions are outlined by the circular. Tank destroyer personnel may choose either armor or field artillery reserve.

Officers will be given five-year appointments, offered at time orders for relief from active duty are issued.

## So This Is Pyote!



In this country of bleak landscapes and abundant natural resources, the search for gas and oil has played a primary role in development of the area around Pyote. Here is the office of the gas company which serves this community. American soldiers who've burned coal, oil, wood and a few other fuels all over the world found out when they came here that the vast stores of natural gas under the West Texas prairie, although unlocked for many years by the drilling rig, can't be tapped at will like a soda fountain. The gas, which is deadly poisonous in many areas, must be refined before it is used commercially. There is so much of this commodity that waste gas is burned in giant torches which flare into the air.



# U. S. ORDNANCE PROVES BETTER THAN JAPS'

## Copying Tactics Put Nips Behind In Weapons Race

By Camp Newspaper Service

American combat veterans, who learned to use the weapons and equipment of modern warfare skillfully and with deadly efficiency in the ETO, will have one large advantage when they move to the Pacific to help finish off the Japs.

The Japanese ordnance thus far encountered in our Pacific campaigns has been of inferior quality compared with either German ordnance or our own, our experts say. While these experts believe we will encounter newer and more efficient pieces of Jap ordnance when we land near Tokyo and on the China coast, they are confident the Japs will not be able to match us in firepower, maneuverability and other militarily useful characteristics.

At the request of Camp Newspaper Service, one of the Army's top Ordnance experts, Col. George G. Eddy, director of the Ordnance Research and Development Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., has made a general comparison of American and Jap ordnance. Here are some of his conclusions.

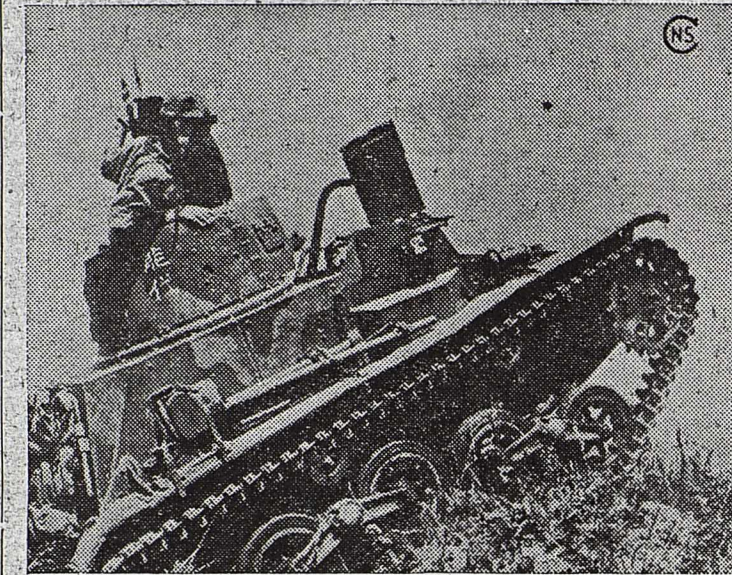
### Not Good—But Deadly

"The Japanese ordnance encountered during the island-hopping campaigns has been of inferior quality as compared to American ordnance. The deficiencies in Japanese material have more or less been obscured by the fact that no room was available for maneuver of American armies and equipment in these amphibious landings. You can kill a man just as dead with an 1897 piece of ordnance as you can with a 1945 gun. You can fight a very good war with old equipment, especially jungle warfare where ranges are very short.

"The American Army has encountered one or two new items of ordnance but, in the main, to date, Japanese equipment is far inferior to American ordnance. This would appear to reflect a national characteristic in that the Japanese people are not as technically inclined as the Germans and the Americans. They have been too busy catching up with the technological work of the highly industrialized countries of the world to be able to devote much time to original work on armament. As you will note in examining Japanese items of ordnance, they are in many cases exact duplicates of German, French, British or American ordnance, of obsolete design." The great sin in copying is that your design is obsolete before you start.

Taking up specific items, Col. Eddy has this to say:

**Small Arms:** "The Japs originally relied mainly on a 25 cali-



Here is a Jap light tank in action in the Pacific.

ber rifle and machine gun, but since the war started they have brought into use a 303 caliber rifle and machine gun. The Jap 25 has a long barrel and rather low power compared to the American M1. Its advantage is that it has no flash and not much smoke, which makes it excellent for sniper use. However, we have been able to suppress the flash and most of the smoke in our own shoulder weapons. This new accessory is now in combat use.

"The Japs have no comparable weapon to our M1 Garand. Their service rifles are actually inferior to our substitute standard Springfield rifle (30 caliber, 1906). Their service pistols are much smaller in caliber than ours, being 8 mm. This gives them far less shocking power. This comparison also applies to the sub-machine guns in use by both armies."

**Artillery:** "The Japanese artillery (thus far encountered) is largely of a pattern closely following World War I and reflects a slight improvement over current weapons of the 1914-1918 era. Firepower of most Jap artillery is less than similar calibers in our service. This is primarily due to less efficient ammunition, shorter tubes, older carriage design, etc.

"Many artillery weapons in use do not have split trails which further reduces their range and deflection. Their 4, 5 and 6-inch types all have exceedingly heavy mounts which reduce mobility very sharply. The more recent Japanese development in artillery has been improved with split trails but has not been improved along the line of American ordnance thinking. The American line of artillery possesses vastly superior firepower and is more comprehensive in all its military characteristics.

"Some of the major weapons

that the armed forces of the United States have encountered, such as the 8-inch guns on Tarawa and other places were moved from Singapore by the Japanese. The Japanese have also used some dual mount naval aircraft guns on the various islands but most of these weapons have usually been knocked out by air power and naval bombardment prior to the landing."

**Tanks:** "The Japanese tanks are decidedly inferior to American tanks and combat vehicles from all angles. It is interesting to note that their armor is so inferior and so light in weight that nearly all calibers of American high explosive ammunition will readily knock out and, in many cases, completely destroy the Japanese tanks. Our armor piercing ammunition will go completely through both sides of the Japanese tanks regardless of the angle of attack. The Japanese do not possess a line of tanks and tank weapons anywhere near comparable to those possessed by the American Army.

"The Japanese have a medium tank, Model 97, weighing 15 tons, which was originally equipped with a short barrel 57 mm. gun. This tank has been improved with the addition of a 47 mm. anti-tank gun. The armor is exceedingly poor. This same medium tank has recently been modified as a gun motor carriage and equipped with an old pattern 150 mm. howitzer, Model 1905, the range of which is exceedingly short. The shell for this howitzer weighs about 80 pounds.

"An amphibious tank exists which to the Jap mind is an armored boat. Its armor is surprisingly thin and easily defeated. Thus, while an amphibious tank, it has so little protection that it is easily disposed of. By making

## 'Fighting AAF' Has New Broadcast Time

"The Fighting AAF", official weekly Army Air Forces broadcast which has been aired on Saturday afternoons, will be heard on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:00 p.m. CWT over stations of the American Broadcasting Company.

The program consists of broadcasts from planes in actual combat as well as feature programs from Air Forces installations all over the globe. A recently developed wire recorder, small enough to be strapped in the cockpit of even a fighter plane, makes action reports possible. Specially trained radio operators and engineers are stationed with the AAF in every theater of war to secure on-the-spot pick-ups.

**Indianapolis (CNS)**—The meanest rat in Indianapolis is the one who nibbled through a cardboard box and ate all the meat ration stamps at Danny Kroger's grocery store.

## Four More EM Slated For Point Discharges

Four more enlisted men from the field will soon be proud possessors of discharge papers. The four men, who will be released under the point system, brought the total to 38 enlisted men and eight officers to be released under Pyote's second quota.

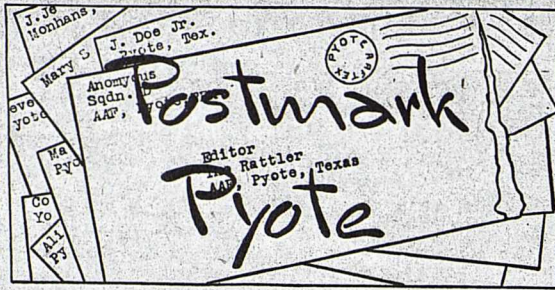
The men and their organizations are: M/Sgt. Harry C. Dunn, Sq. E; Sgt. Andrew T. Roberts, Sq. F; Cpl. Michael Goyda, Sq. E; and Pfc. Horace K. Golding, Sq. F.

**New York (CNS)**—The Maritime Commission placed some surplus bells on sale. Some, Marked USN, the commission announced, are "particularly desirable for citizens whose initials are USN."

the tank float they lost the protective qualities usually intended to be found in an armored tank. In summing up the tank situation it may be noted that in general the Japanese tanks encountered to date have been poorly designed and are vastly inferior in armor and armament to the American tank. In tank design, the Japanese, while using welded armor to some extent, have used mostly riveted construction on their tank."

**Mortars:** "In mortars the Japanese appear to have been conscious of the tremendous advantage of the mortar but apparently they have been very undecided as to caliber and ranges. An unbelievable number of mortars of 5 cm to 15 cm exists, firing all sizes and shapes of projectiles. Through many of their mortars run the early Brandt influence."

"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!

#### RETURNEES' FURLOUGHS

Editor, The Rattler:  
Quite a few of the fellows here have come from the 98th Bomb Group, recently returned from the ETO, and are interested in finding out how we stand on furloughs. We had 30 days before we came here, but it not counted as such—rather, a recuperation leave and is not supposed to be entered in service record.

We have heard that Gen. Arnold has put out an order that men who have returned from overseas are to receive furloughs upon reporting to their permanent station in the U.S.—and that these recuperation furloughs are not to be counted when they arrive. Could you tell us whether this is true and just where we stand as far as furloughs are concerned?

Former 98th members.

• The impression that all men returning from overseas are automatically going to get furloughs when they report to their permanent station is a misunderstanding.

You are ELIGIBLE for a furlough when you hit this base, yes—but the policy is still up to the base. At this station—and many others also—there is a 10 per cent limitation on the number of men who may be absent from duty due to furlough at one time.

Your department head must abide by this policy. In other words, if there are 20 men in your department, only two men can be gone on furlough simultaneously.

You are right about the recuperative furlough. It does not count in your service record against your time. So your prospects for a quick furlough are still pretty bright, if you have served overseas more than a year and didn't take a furlough during that time. In this case, going by the date of last furlough to determine eligibility, you would have prior claim over other personnel in your department who, in all probability, had their last furlough sometime during the fiscal year of 1944-45.

#### MERINGUE PIE

Editor, The Rattler:

Mrs. Carey and the writer are most appreciative of the results of

the lemon pie episode and wish in particular to thank Mess Sergeant Bill Bevers and Sgt. George Conracer. It was swell of them.

Aut sent us a copy of your July 4th issue, which we read from cover to cover, including the ads, and I think you are to be complimented on the whole set-up. Again, thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Carey,  
1000 Haws Lane,  
Erdenheim, Pa.

#### CROWDING 40

Editor, The Rattler:

I am 39 years old. Can I be sent overseas?

Cpl. N. F. P.

• Cir. 174, WD, 12 June 45, says that if you have reached your 39th birthday and will be eligible for discharge when you become 40, you will not be sent overseas unless you volunteer. In that case you'll have to stay over for a year.

#### FAG SHORTAGE

Editor, The Rattler:

What about this deal? I understand that the cigarette shortage is caused by the large shipment of fags to Britain and Russia under Lend-Lease? Is this right?

T/Sgt. J. K. L.

• No. You "understand" wrong. Our Lend-Lease exports of cigarettes in 1944 amounted to 1¼% of our production. For every cigarette Lend-Leased that year, we sent 20 to our armed forces abroad and the people at home smoked 60. None was Lend-Leased for civilian use.

#### JOBS IN V. A.

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm a lucky boy who's getting a discharge soon. What are the employment opportunities in the Veterans Administration?

M/Sgt. R. L. D.

• In the Central Office, the main VA needs are for clerical and stenographic personnel (\$1752 to \$1980), and typists (\$1752). Needs in the field service: mess attendant (KP to you, Mac) and hospital attendant (\$1500), mechanic's helper (\$1825), mechanics (\$2263), junior physiotherapy aide and ju-

nior occupational therapy aide (\$1971), medical officer (\$4428), and engineer (\$3828 and \$4428).

#### NEXT OF KIN

Editor, The Rattler:

Settle an argument for us, will you. Who is considered to be a serviceman's next of kin—his wife or his mother?

Cpl. C. D. L.

• The wife.

#### DEMOBILIZATION

Editor, The Rattler:

Here's something I can't understand. Why doesn't the demobilization plan, under the point system, include the men here in the States who have had no overseas service. Why is it just for the overseas man?

Mrs. A. M. D.

• Calm yourself, lady. The plan includes every individual in the Army. A poll taken among military personnel indicated definitely they favored letting the overseas men go first. This is what is being done. However, everybody has a point score.

Now, here's the rub. Obviously personnel without overseas time will have lower point scores, because they have not had a chance to get overseas or combat decoration points. If a guy has been in long enough, and has enough kids (up to three) it is mathematically possible for him to get on the waiting list.

#### OVERSEAS PAY

Editor, The Rattler:

My husband, an aerial gunner, has gone overseas and gets his added 20 per cent. My allowance is not enough for my expenses. Isn't there some way I can get my husband's overseas pay without him signing it over to me?

Mrs. R. H. D.

• No. Ma'am. Only the serviceman can allot to his family any part of the 20 per cent increase for overseas duty.

#### PURPLE HEART

Editor, The Rattler:

Is it possible for a civilian to get a Purple Heart?

D. K. G.

• Yes, the Purple Heart can be awarded to civilians who are citizens of the U.S., and who are serving with the Army, and are wounded in action against the enemy, or as a direct result of an act of the enemy, provided the wound necessitates treatment by a medical officer.

#### DISCHARGE

Editor, The Rattler:

I'm pretty burned up. I hear that all men who voluntarily enlisted in the Army are going to be held in until all those who were drafted have been discharged. What about this?

Pvt. J. K. M.

• You're a long way off the beam, son. Every man in the service gets a point score regardless of the way in which he entered the service. A man who voluntarily enlisted will be just as eligible as a man who was drafted.

## The Moral Is: Stay Out Of Prop Wash!

The entire VH training program has but one mission—bringing the combat crew level of tactical efficiency to the highest possible level.

Each combat mission completed is proof of that crew's skill and ability as a team. Pilots who cannot hold their formation, lose themselves and crew and endanger the whole mission by weakening the striking power and defensive power of the group. There is only one way to attain the degree of proficiency necessary, and that is by hard work and practice.

Formation flying is the greatest demonstration of tactical efficiency. There is no better yardstick by which to measure a pilot's skill than by his ability to fly good formation. More than that, there is no better life insurance for the crew.

A vital point to remember is: Stay out of prop wash. Second Air Force lost a B-29 and crew because the pilot slipped his aircraft behind the lead ship. He was caught in the prop wash and completely inverted. In the process of pulling out of the spin the ship lost 16 feet of the left wing tip and parts of both ailerons as well as the horizontal stabilizer tips. Even a B-29 can't take that punishment.

## 38-Billion Dollar Army Bill Receives Presidential Okay

WASHINGTON—Increased by \$120,618,630 to permit Army engineers to build new shipping, storage and training facilities incident to redeployment, the \$38,000,000,000 Army appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1946 was passed by the Senate late last week and signed by President Truman, July 3.

The Senate struck out a House amendment which would have barred soldiers and civilians from receiving additional pay for overseas service while serving in the territory or island of their residence.

WASHINGTON—A woman who had bought her 11-year-old daughter a war bond two years before sent the Treasury a snapshot of the girl, demanding the money that was promised on maturity. "You can see," she wrote, "that my daughter is very mature."

# 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 not solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

### FOUND

**ROSARY**—Did you lose one? Call at The Rattler Office.

**MARY LEE**—How about picking up that identification bracelet? The Rattler Office is holding it for you.

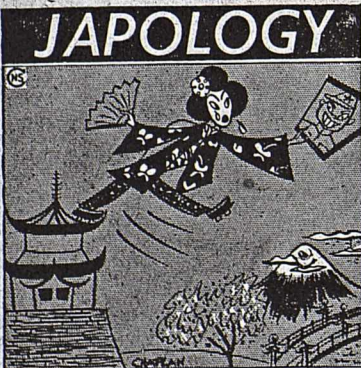
**DOUGLAS MAURE**—Is you is or is you ain't going to pick up your identification bracelet at The Rattler Office?

**NICK SAQUELLA**—We have dog tags and a key that you lost in a plane. At Ye Rattler Office.

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



NEXT TO SERVICE CLUB  
LT. W. C. GRUBEN  
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE



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.

### LOST

**LOST**—Black coin purse, envelope style, containing \$20. Lost between Pyote and Barstow Thursday night. Reward. Contact Miss Bonnie White, Post Engineers.

**BILL FOLD**—Contains identification papers, pass, etc. Reward. Please return to Cpl. R. W. Faber, Sqdn. E. Barracks 9.

**SNAP SHOTS** and two web belts Left on the last Monahans bus Thursday, July 12. Finder please return to Cpl. Wm. Polloch at Bks. 630 or The Rattler Office.

**LOST**—Two Catholic medals on a chain, in or near enlisted men's swimming pool. Return to Duke Fargher, Apt. T-1348A.

### WANTED

**CASH AVAILABLE** for purchase of any good 1937-1941 model car. Contact S/Sgt. H. Hawling at Finance Office or call Ext. 20.

### FOR SALE

**BABY CARRIAGE** for sale—Only two months old. Pvt. Alloco at the Machine Shop. Ext. 41.

### 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.

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**TRANSPORTATION WANTED**—Pyote to Ft. Worth on July 19. Contact Pvt. Alloco at Macine Shop. Phone 41.

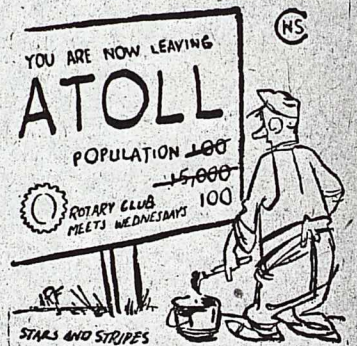
**HAVE YOU** had experience with Carnivals? Have you worked with carnival shows or concessions? Special Services needs your experience. Call 27, ask for Art Hammell.

**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.

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# KOOPS' KORNERS

## Take Your Problems To Your C.O., Is Advice From Guardhouse Guest

(While Koops is on furlough, his column is composed of some of his past stories and features, which have appeared in The Rattler.)

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I took off my cap, twisted it shyly in my pink little hand. "Sergeant, may I see the Commanding Officer?" I asked respectfully. He looked me over carefully, made sure my ears were clean, checked my shot record, and glanced at my Mess Pass, and finally barked his permission.

I knocked slightly on the door to the C.O.'s office.

A loud voice screamed out from behind the door, "Don't want any!"

I rapped again.

The door was flung open and there stood the C.O.—his dogtags, belt buckle, and one gold tooth gleaming in the bright noon-day sun.

"Now lissen," he yelled at me, waving his finger under my nose, "for the last time I don't want to subscribe to the Saturday Evening Post!" (This was as a result of my earlier meetings with him, prompted by the ads in that magazine, wherein they say I might win a hunting knife, a beebie gun, or a Gilbert Magic Set, by selling only five subscriptions.)

"This is something different, Sir," I said respectfully, giving him a low salaam from the waist and bouncing my forehead off the wastebasket. "You see, Sir, I have a problem."

"A problem, a problem!" And saying that he clasped his hands gleefully and skipped around his desk. I was in!

"You know, my boy, that's what I'm here for. My problems are your problems—or is it the other way around? Anyway, whenever you have a problem I want you to come to me with it. I love problems!"

And saying that, the door banged open and the Duty Sergeant, the Sergeant-Major, and two Typist-Clerks began singing in harmony, "We have a problem. Goody, goody, goody gumdrop. All God's chillun got problems!"

The Commanding Officer sat behind his desk, gathered me up onto his lap, reached into his desk drawer and fished out a huge lollipop. "Now, that's for you," he said, tickling me under the chin, "if you've been a good little boy." I said I had been. "And you haven't been annoying the First Sergeant, have you? You know, he's a busy little man all day long, and has so many of you youngsters to look after. And there he sits the whole day, sweating over a hot typewriter." I assured him I had not been bothering the First Sergeant, or as we call him, "Our little mother in the Service."

"Very well then," said the C.O., "and now, my son, just what is your problem?"

"Well, Sir, I've been stationed here almost a year, now, and I've been wondering, Sir, just exactly what, Sir, is the meaning, Sir, of the word Pyote, Sir. Do you, Sir, know, Sir?"

(We always call our Commanding Officer "Sir". I think it's his first name.)

"Well, now, is that all? Well, dry your big brown eyes, my son, because your old Commanding Officer will settle that problem for you in a jiffy. Won't we boys?"

And here the orderly room staff again came in, grouped around the desk in quartet-fashion, and hummed while the First Sergeant blew B flat on the pitch-pipe.

"We've got a problem! A problem! A problem!

But he'll solve it in a jiffy, that we know.

For he'll never get to Captain, if a problem he's

not wrapped in-nnn-nnnn . . . .

Oh, he'll solve it in a jiffy, our C.O."

(The last C.O. line was sung by the bass and sounded strangely like the foghorn on the Lifebouy radio ads.)

"What does Pyote mean, me lad?" and the C.O. used his best Lionel Barrymore voice. "It's an old Indian word meaning champagne. It was an old herb grown around these parts which the Indians used to concoct, to make into spirituous liquor."

I thanked him, and ran out of the orderly room in a flash. It wasn't long before my detail of two Tech Sgts. and three Staff Sgts. returned with their pockets full of every weed and shrub in West Texas. We took the weeds and shrubbery into the Mess Hall, and soon had cooking a big vat full of "Pyote". Somebody helped matters along by throwing in an old gas mask and two tennis shoes.

At last we were ready for the great experiment. I dipped a ladle into the vat and drank deeply of this time-honored potion.

"Ahhhhh," I said satisfyingly. Slowly my head began to rise, and bounced lazily along the ceiling like some giant balloon. My feet snapped in opposite directions, and though we captured the left foot under one of the tables in the dining room, old right foot wasn't located until it was picked up in Monahans for not saluting a commissioned officer.

The climax to the whole evening was when my teeth fell out, lined themselves up on the floor to spell "Portage High School, 1930." And everyone agreed that it was quite the nicest party ever attended. We intend to market the stuff as soon as we can find a bottle sturdy enough to hold it, or a man brave enough to sell it.

You see, fellas, just like it says in the Basic Field Manual, whenever you got a problem, just take it to the C.O.

**Our idea of a nice girl is the one who worked all her cross-words vertically so she wouldn't have to come across.**

**And a girde manufacturer is just a character who lives off the fat of the land.**

**Insubordination: A corporal who puts \$50 in war bonds before the sergeant can get a good crap game started.**

**There are three classes of women: The intellectual, the beautiful, and the majority.**

**It has been proved that opposites attract each other . . . tight men and loose women.**

**Has anybody thought of checking all the quiz programs where cigarettes are given away instead of cash as prizes? Maybe that's the reason for the shortage.**

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Why, yes! As a matter of fact I am rather busy!"