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PYOTE SMASHES B-29 FLYING TIME RECORD

Three Directors Thank Personnel For Performance

When the directors of the three major divisions of the field learned of the records set by B-29's at Pyote Army Air Field last week, they took time out to let a bit of a smile issue forth, and then made the following statements:

Lt. Col. Richard D. Stepp, director of training: "Our job at Pyote Army Air Field is to train the crews who are going to bomb Japan. The flying records set here during the past week are positive indications that these crews are getting the best training possible in order to prepare them for their future missions against Japan.

"When such records are set it proves that all of the various types of training conducted at this field are being put into practice by our combat crews when they fly their missions. The final results will be shown in future air operations over Japan.

"It is with a feeling of pride that I take this opportunity to congratulate everyone connected with training at this field for the fine records they helped to establish."

Lt. Col. Howard A. Davis, director of maintenance and supply: "It certainly should be a proud privilege for all of us to review these outstanding records and to know that in order to accomplish these, it required each person to do his very utmost.

"When we can set the records that we have with less aircraft
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HEADQUARTERS PYOTE ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Station Commandant
Pyote, Texas

SUBJECT: Flying Hours Records

TO: All Personnel of Pyote Army Air Field

1. During the week just past, this field established four new flying records:

a. Pyote broke the weekly flying hours mark with 1873 hours.

b. Pyote broke the daily record with 318 hours on 16 July.

c. Pyote broke the daily record again the following day with 321 hours.

d. Pyote broke the record of average hours per available aircraft by flying 6.26 hours per day.

2. These exceptionally high marks were set at this field despite shifting personnel due to recent transfers, and with less aircraft available than at other B-29 fields.

3. Such records have been made possible, not merely by the personnel flying the planes, but by the united efforts of every single person, military and civilian, on duty at this field.

4. All of the departments under the Director of Training, the Director of Maintenance and Supply, and the Director of Administration and Services were equally responsible for this excellent showing. No matter how small or remote a particular individual's job may seem, the successful and efficient completion of each job combined, results in the fulfillment of our mission here—the training of B-29 combat crews.

5. I wish to command each and every individual, both military and civilian, for the part you have taken in aiding to set these outstanding records. The continued and united efforts of every person assigned to this field will not only speed our training program, but will hasten the eventual victory over Japan.

ALGENE E. KEY,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Station Commandant.

Gen. Williams Sends His Congratulations

A TWX just received from Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, Commanding General of the Second Air Force, states: "This

headquarters notes that during the week ending 20 July your station flew each B-29 airplane available for training a maximum of 6.3 daily average hours per airplane and that you obtained 1.8 hours per combat crew in training. Well done."

Daily Record, Twice Broken, Stands At 321

Not content with breaking a record a week ago, Pyote Army Air Field came back and smashed four records, and then went on to go way ahead of all other B-29 stations in total flying time for the month.

After the Statistical Control Office finished adding up figures the following records were chalked up on the charts for the week just passed:

Weekly Flying Record—1873 hours. This record, set during the week ending midnight Friday, was the greatest number of hours ever flown in any one week by any B-29 station. To make the record even greater, it was accomplished with less planes available here than at the other fields.

Daily Flying Record—321 hours. The daily record has been consistently held by Pyote for the past several weeks. On July 16, the record of 307 hours previously set on July 8, by this field, was topped by 11 hours for a total of 318 hours.

Then just to make it doubly sure, the field's high-flying Superforts went up the next day, July 17, and piled up another record-breaking total of 321 hours, the highest yet established by any field. This was the fourth time that Pyote passed the 300 hour mark in daily flying time during July.

Then, to round out the week, the planes shattered another mark by flying a record-breaking 6.26 hours
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Ernie Pyle's Forbears

The world is continually amazed at the feats of the American press, which has followed its country's soldiers into battle and has written of their exploits for the people at home. The tie between Saipan and Sioux City, between Burma and Baltimore, is often nothing more than a faded clipping from the home town sheet.

In this vein the recent moving picture, "The Story of GI Joe," told the story of one of these men—Ernie Pyle. Pyle's greatness is now recognized to lie in his sincerity, his humble awe at the soldier's life, which he reflected for the folks at home.

If you think this is something new under the sun, or something new in America, banish the thought. Back in 1777, when Gen. Washington was struggling to keep his army together, he wrote to a committee of Congress urging the establishment of a regular printing service connected with the army. He said:

"A small traveling Press to follow Headquarters would be productive of many eminent advantages. It would enable us to give speedy and exact information of any military transactions that take place with the proper comments and thereby frustrate the pernicious tendency of falsehood and misrepresentation, which, in my opinion, of whatever complexion they may be, are detrimental to our cause. If the People had a channel of intelligence that from its usual authenticity they could look up to with confidence, they might often be preserved from that despondency, which they are apt to fall into from the exaggerated pictures our enemies and their Emissaries among us commonly draw of any misfortunes we meet with and from that diffidence of truths favorable to us which they must naturally feel from the frequent deception they are exposed to, by the extravagant colorings our friends often give to our success. . . . An ingenious man to accompany this Press and be employed wholly in writing for it might render its singularly beneficial."

Unfortunately, Congress failed to respond to Washington's valuable suggestion. But Washington dipped into a secret war fund (they had them in those days, too) and brought out \$800 a year with which he commissioned that early firebrand, Tom Paine, to write pamphlets for the army. These pamphlets, including "The Crisis" series and "Common Sense" are today recognized by historians to have played a fundamental part in the freeing of America. Payne's famous phrase, "the summer soldier and sunshine patriot" was contained in "The Crisis," which he wrote while seated by a campfire, holding a drum between his knees and scribbling away furiously on sheets spread on the drumhead.

A few minutes before Washington's men left camp on Christmas Eve, 1776, for their surprise attack against the Hessians at Trenton, a formation was called and the great document read to the men:

"These are times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the services of his country; but he that stands it Now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we

have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'Tis dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to set a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. . . ."

In this tradition the American press, and men like Ernie Pyle, today are carrying the story of the war back to the home town papers, to the big dailies and the small weeklies, to everyone who has an interest in the war. Their service is great, and should have its reward in the heartfelt thanks of every citizen, whether in the Army or out.

Famous last words: "Let's hurry into the patrol wagon, dear, or we'll never get a seat."

One of the Wacs we know was telling us recently that she joined to take the place of a man. Now she wants to join a man who'll take her places.

Two bats were watching another flutter through some odd maneuvers. Finally one shook his head. "Gohr, he must have people in his belfry!"

Aeronautical scientists are puzzled over the amount of clothing a stripper can take off on such a short runway.

Sign in a latrine:
"Rumors emanating from here are not necessarily the opinions of the latrine orderly."

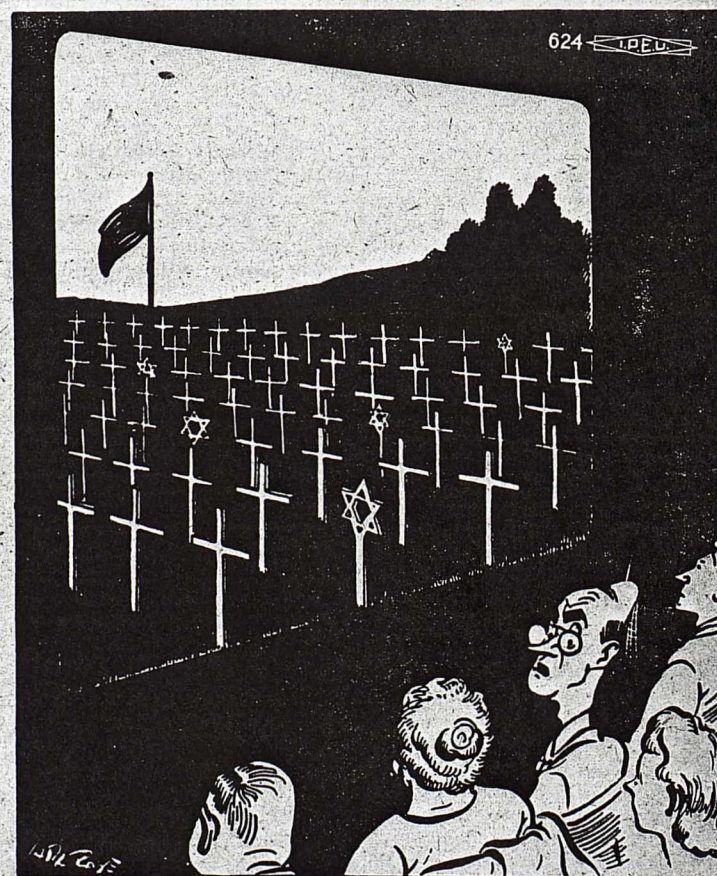
Some girls will scream at the sight of a mouse and then climb right into a convertible with a wolf.

No matter how many dresses some girls have nowadays, they always seem to be about out of them.

Famous last words: "They can't ship me—I'm indispensable!"

Every time he said: "Gee, you have a lovely figure," she wanted to know: "Now are we going all over that again?"

MR. BIGGOTT



"Good heavens! It's not restricted!"

Directors---

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assigned than at other bases which fell far short of Pyote, there is actually only one thing left for us to do—when we get more airplanes, and they are now being assigned daily, we should be able with the same teamwork that everyone has shown recently, to surpass our previous records.

"Likewise, it should be the desire of all of us to again set about establishing new goals for other bases to TRY to achieve. It is my desire to take this means to personally commend every one for his or her part."

Lt. Col. John H. Goodloe, director of administration and services: "It doesn't surprise me one bit to learn of these unusual records set by our field. Pyote always has been doing the job here with just one aim in view—to carry out the most efficient training program possible.

"The mission of our field is to train combat crew members, however, the work of personnel assigned to duty in the field of administration and services, is a vital part of the complete job. The wholehearted cooperation of everyone under this department has been directly responsible for aiding in this fine showing.

"I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and congratulations to the officers, enlisted personnel and civilians for their untiring efforts and full cooperation."

Wing CG Praises 'Untiring Efforts'

A TWX was received Tuesday afternoon by the Station Commandant from Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, Commanding General of the 16th Wing. It stated:

"Congratulations to you as Station Commandant and to all the men of Pyote AAF whose untiring efforts have resulted in the establishment of a new flying time record for B-29 aircraft. During the past week your station flew 1,873 hours, 71 hours greater than the previous total, a record week's flying for B-29 stations with 2AF."

Copies of the TWX were sent to CG, 2AF, and to Station Commanders in the 16th Wing.

Flying Time---

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per day per available aircraft during the week ending midnight Friday.

These records put Pyote more than 300 hours ahead of the nearest B-29 field in total flying hours for the month of July.

CREW OF THE WEEK



Here is the Crew of the Week, selected for its consistently effective work in keeping planes in the air. Left to right: Cpl. John Eisenring, Sgt. Jack McGraw, Pvt. Ray O'Brien, Pvt. Edgard Long, Pfc. E. J. Gilbert, Jr., and Cpl. Charles Wyatt. At the time this picture was made these men were crewing Ship No. 279.

Here's The Dope For You Aerial 'Hitch-Hikers'

So you've got a furlough or pass? And you want to know the chances of getting an airplane hop out of here to other and greener pastures?

Here's the dope, as put out this week by Station Operations, which is glad to assist all military personnel in getting rides. Frequent requests from well-meaning but misinformed parties have given Operations a lot of bother in the past few weeks, and the following tips are published so you may know the approximate chances of getting a ride, and how to go about it.

There is a fairly heavy amount of traffic through this field of transient aircraft, most of it going to other bases in Texas and Oklahoma such as Dallas (Love Field), San Antonio (Kelly Field) and Oklahoma City (Tinker Field). Sometimes, though, transient aircraft stops here on the way to bases in California, or Chicago, and other distant points. These longer hops are in the minority, however. The best bet is to get a short hop out to San Antonio, Dallas, or some other fairly close base and then hitch hike it from there.

Operations has no way of know-

ing an airplane's destination before it lands here. When the pilot lands, he is asked his destination and if he has room for any passengers.

A register is kept in Station Operations, where all the "sweaters" sign their John Henry's, destination, and date and time they will be ready to leave.

If you know you have a pass or furlough coming up, you can sign this register ahead of time. Aerial hitch-hikers are asked not to question the pilots as they come into Operations, but leave this to the Operations clerks who will get all the necessary data and inform those persons who are to get rides.

Of course it goes without saying that you must first have an authorized leave of absence before you are eligible for a ride.

Wacs are advised of two additional regulations which apply to them only. All Wacs must have signed permission of the Station Commandant before they can ride. In addition, a 2AF regulation requires that all Wacs must wear slacks while flying.

ALL BUT THE DEAD

Washington (CNS)—"Ninety per cent of us would love to fight Japan," Lt. Albert Torres, one of 20 Brazilian fliers who fought the Krauts in Italy said in an interview here.

"What about the other 10 per cent?" Torres was asked.

"They were killed in Italy," he replied.

Medal Is Given Posthumously To Lt. Pipkin

The Bronze Star Medal, awarded posthumously to First Lieutenant Fred P. Pipkin, Jr., of Iraan, Tex., was presented to his father, Mr. Fred P. Pipkin, at a special ceremony on Saturday, by Col. Algene E. Key, Station Commandant.

Lt. Pipkin, a Coast Artillery officer, was killed in action last April while serving with the Infantry in Germany. The citation accompanying the award reads: "First Lieutenant Fred P. Pipkin, Jr., distinguished himself by heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy as platoon leader of Company 'M', 354th Infantry, on April 11, 1945.

"Upon entry into the town of Wullersleben, Germany, Lt. Pipkin's platoon was temporarily checked by heavy mortar and self-propelled fire. During the bombardment, he worked his unit into town, obtained cover for his vehicles, reorganized, and continued the attack. As the shell fire slackened, and enemy sniper fire began, he formed a group to search out the snipers. When the rocket launcher ammunition of this group was almost exhausted, without regard for his personal safety, he left his protected position and proceeded through the sniper area in order to effect resupply.

"As he emerged into the open from the supply point, an artillery shell exploded a short distance from him and killed him instantly. His unselfish devotion to duty and courageous actions were an inspiration to his men and were in keeping with the best traditions of the armed forces of the United States."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Pipkin of Iraan, Tex., he was born at Sweetwater, Tex., October 7, 1924. He attended Midland High School and was graduated from Odessa High School in 1940. He was a senior at Texas A & M when called into service on March 1, 1943.

He received training at Ft. Benning, Ga., and Camp Butler, S. C., and went overseas in January, 1945. He was promoted to first lieutenant on March 1, 1945.

Lt. Pipkin's father, who has been employed by the Gulf Pipeline Co., at Penwell for the past 18 years, is now at their Iraan plant. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hamlet, reside at 204 S. Big Spring St., Midland.

Assam (CNS)—Pfc. James Wright, AAF, is no fellow to be stumped by lack of supplies. When he ran out of issue intensifier for processing photo prints, he tried atabrine. It works.

This Week--

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At The Theatres

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
"CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT" with Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan and Sidney Greenstreet. (What happens when a recent shipwreck victim visits in the home of a sophisticated writer. Makes a confusing, romantic merry holiday and at least will take you mind off the weather). Shorts: Paramount News.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
"JUNIOR MISS" with Peggy Ann Garner and Allyn Joslyn. (The youngster embroils two entire families in ticklish situations which provide the pegs for laughs). Shorts: Flivver Flying (Sports Parade) and Puppetoons.

SUNDAY & MONDAY
"BLOOD ON THE SUN," with James Cagney and Sylvia Sydney. (The well-known Cagney profile is shown bouncing Tokyo before the war. His work as a newspaperman puts him on the inside of a secret Japanese plan for world conquest, and he manages to smuggle the plan out in an effort to arouse the American people to their danger). Shorts: Tales of Two Mice (Looney Tune) and Paramount News.

TUESDAY
"WEST OF THE PECOS," with Robert Mitchum and Barbara Hale. (A gal of wealth and beauty runs around the cowboy country dressed like a man, which complicates her falling in love with the cowboy who has troubles of his own.) Also **"SUSPICION,"** with John Loder and Jane Randolph. (A nervous melodrama concerning a European doctor whose murder is blamed on his wife.)

WEDNESDAY
"THE NAUGHTY NINETIES," with Abbott and Costello. (What happens when a gambler buys into a prosperous showboat, 1895 model. With Lou and Bud adding to the general confusion, things are straightened out just in time.) **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and 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.

All Together They Spell "Musher"

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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. Motherhead at the Officers' Club.

At Monahans USO

Wed.—Hospital night; Arts & Crafts.

Thur.—Watermelon feast.

Fri.—Informal activities.

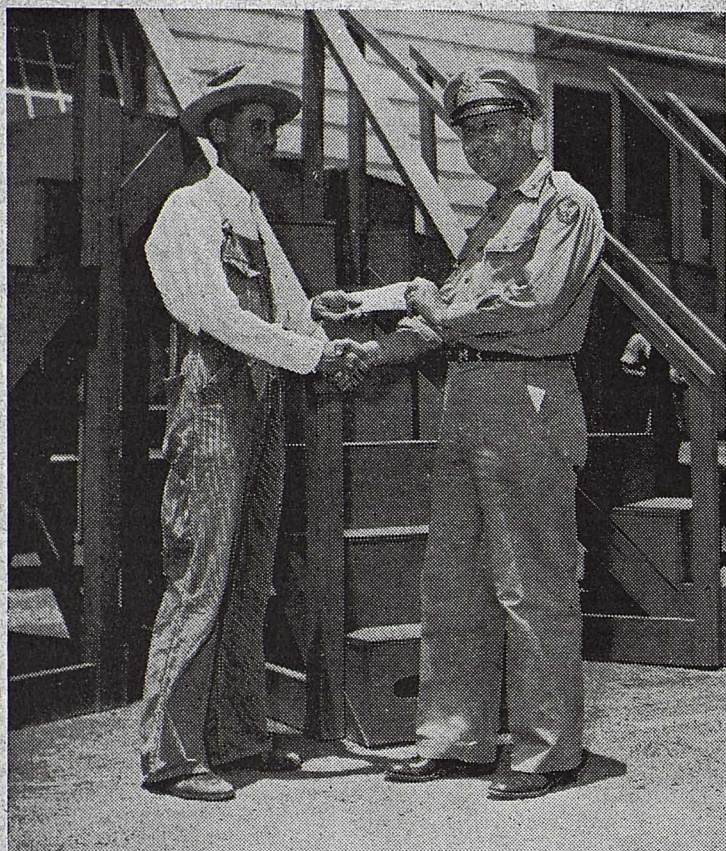
Sat.—DANCE! AAB Band.

Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 1:30, Classical recordings; 6:00, buffet supper; 7:00, song fest; 8:30, movie, "So Proudly We Hail".

Mon.—Game night!

Tue.—Convalescent night.

GETS CASH FOR SUGGESTION



Major James F. Sewares presents a check for \$100 to Thomas A. Beddingfield, civilian employee, as reward for Mr. Beddingfield's suggestion on construction of portable stairways for B-29s. Some of the stairways which he devised can be seen in the background.

Two Civilian Workers Receive Awards For Win-The-War Ideas

Two civilians at this station have received cash awards for their time- and money-saving suggestions which went into the AAF suggestion pool to help speed the end of the war.

Thomas A. Beddingfield has been presented with a \$100 cash award for the portable stairways for B-29s which he devised for use here. The stairways are now in use at this station. Mr. Beddingfield also has been given a second award

of \$18 cash for a suggestion which he turned in while employed at Majors Field, Greenville, Texas.

He built an alligator clamp which was accepted by the AAF Suggestion Committee there. Under the AAF policy of forwarding prize money for suggestions to the submitters, the papers on this suggestion reached Pyote Army Air Field recently. Similarly, any soldier who turns in a winning suggestion will have the papers forwarded in event of a change of station, and his award (furlough, promotion, etc.) will be made at the latter station.

John W. Williams, another Pyote civilian employee, was awarded \$80 for his development of an efficient time- and labor-saving method of taping and doping the wooden "cuffs" on B-29 propellers.

Both awards were presented last week by Major James F. Sewares, Civilian Personnel Officer.

Pyote Ranks First In Ground Safety

Pyote Army Air Field, standing 17th in the Second Air Force, topped all stations of the 16th Wing in competition for the Second Air Force Ground Safety plaque. The plaque went to Harvard, Neb. AAF and will be awarded at the next station commander's meeting at 2AF Headquarters.

Pyote averaged 12 lost-time injuries per month for the three-month period ending June 30. Pyote topped all stations of the 16th Wing with 36 lost-time injuries for combined military and civilian personnel, working 615,077 man-days during the period.

The meanest blind man in Cleveland is Willie Johnson, 43, who slugged and robbed a 79-year-old deaf man in front of a saloon.

Novelty Night Is Set For Friday

Hollywood Show Is Postponed To Later Date

The big Hollywood show which was ticketed for this field Tuesday night has been postponed until a later date. Arrangements were cancelled too late to make last week's edition of The Rattler after the event was announced.

Tentative date for the show to be held here will be on Monday, August 6, according to the Special Services Office. This date, however, is not definite due to studio commitments of various personnel of the star-studded cast.

The show was postponed because some of the actors and actresses could not break away from picture-making commitments which had already been made. As soon as arrangements can be made to get the whole show together, Pyote will be treated to what is expected to be the biggest entertainment extravaganza in its history.

PYOTE HEAT

Hottest day of the past week was Monday, when the mercury climbed to 96.4 degrees under Old Sol's impetus. The daily maximums were:

Wednesday, July 18	91.3
Thursday, July 19	92.1
Friday, July 20	92.1
Saturday, July 21	92.7
Sunday, July 22	94.4
Monday, July 23	96.4
Tuesday, July 24	96.0

VICKSBURG IN THE FOLD

On July 4, 1863, after 47 days of siege, the city of Vicksburg, Miss., fell to the forces of General Grant in one of the momentous victories of the War Between the States. Since that date Vicksburg has been the only city in the USA which refused to observe Independence Day.

This year, however, Vicksburg let the bars down and had a whopping celebration on July 4. The principal orator was a Yankee from New England, Major Gen. Edward Brooks, just back from the ETO.

You should be able to spot your favorite movie star by the sound of his kisses, a Warner Brothers press agent advises the palpitating femmes.

Final plans are being whipped into shape this week for the gala Novelty Night set for Friday, July 27.

On that date assorted contests will be run off at various places on the field, with the entire program culminating in a dance at the Rec. Hall. Special Services, which is planning the event, has a collection of 40 prizes which will be awarded to winners of the various events.

The events include swimming, bowling, basketball, horse shoes and other athletic events. For those whose talents run more in the gastronomic field of endeavor, arrangements call for a beer-drinking contest and a pie-eating contest (not the same one). Prizes will be awarded to the GI who can dispose of the most pies in the shortest time, etc.

The events start at 1800, and the dance begins at 2100 and lasts until midnight. The Rec. Hall is being decorated with a night club motif and chairs and refreshments will be on hand.

More Men Needed

A few more men are needed, SSO announced today, to officiate and run off the various events. This is not a free-will endeavor but regular wages that prevail for spare-time work will be paid to those helping. If you've had any experience at emceeing or running events similar to this, please call at the Special Services Office and offer your services.

CHAIRS ADDED AT POOL

Beach chairs have been furnished for the enlisted men's swimming pool in an effort to make off-hours more comfortable. Now the sun-worshippers can get their bodies browned in canvas comfort.

MUST REGISTER DOGS

The Provost Marshal's Office has announced that all owners of dogs on the field must register their animals at the Provost Marshal's Office before July 31.

All dogs not registered at that time will be picked up by the Military Police and turned over to the station veterinarian to be exterminated.

ANY ROOM ON THE T/O?

Germany (CNS)—If this incident is typical, the Krauts are mightily impressed with American arms. A recently discharged German soldier approached Lt. Wilmer H. Renken, 56th Armored Infantry Bn., and asked directions to the recruiting office. He explained: "I want to join up."



Here is the Clothing and Equipment Repair Shop, where GI clothes and shoes are repaired. Left to right: Mrs. Maria Garcia, senior inspector; Mrs. Edna Huffman, clothing and equipment inspector; Mrs. Ora Belle Wilson, seamstress; Mrs. Nancy Sandel, seamstress; and Mrs. Mary E. Pruett, seamstress.



Cpl. Wayne B. Conyers, of Huntington, Tenn., issues a stack of clothing in the Clothing Issue warehouse.



General Supply Is One Of Most Widespread Departments On Base

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

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The Quartermaster lads, dispensers of all that is good to the GI and the favorite butt of "pencil pusher" jokes in the Army, have an outfit that is something like a set of teeth when compared to the entire army.

When Quartermaster is functioning perfectly, it is the most unnoticed, un-spectacular outfit in the army. It is only when somebody falls down on the job that the QM boys fall in the limelight. Then they usually get hell.

The purpose of this story is not to call attention to any shortcoming of Quartermaster—rather, to try to call attention to a few of the manifold functions of this widespread organization.

Today's article deals with General Supply, which handles on this field every item that is peculiar to two or more branches of the service. This means any gadget or piece of clothing which is used by any other branch of the service except the Air Corps is distributed through General Supply. Articles which are used only in the Air Corps are obtained through Air Corps Supply.

To begin with, then, all your food and all your clothing—except flying clothes—are handled through General Supply. This office, under the direction of Capt. Donald D. Hansen, has charge of the warehouse where clothing is stored and repaired, has the Commissary where food is kept and issued, has charge of ordnance, overseas salvage operations on this field—just to mention the outstanding departments. It operates under the Supply and Transportation Office, Major Joe Brady, who is in turn under the Director of Administration and Services, Lt. Col. Howard A. Davis.

The commissary has food storage vaults in which all food is kept at the proper temperature before being issued to the mess halls. Contrary to popular beliefs, the eggs you get for breakfast are real honest-to-gosh hen fruit, and not the powdered specimens. Eggs for this field come from the farms of East and South Texas, usually coming to this field from food distributors in Dallas and San Antonio. Every shipment of eggs which comes here is spot checked by the Veterinarian's Office before they are distributed. The same is true for all perishable

goods—they are inspected before being used.

One of the busiest departments of General Supply is the Clothing and Shoe Repair Shop, which was set up about six weeks ago and is now functioning smoothly. It is under the direction of Cpl. Elie W. Rameré.

The shoe repair shop, under the technical supervision of Cpl. Wilbert Harris, is one of the many departments on this field which make use of prisoner of war labor. Four PWs work in this shop repairing the heavy duty brogans. With modern equipment being used, present capacity of the shop is 85 pairs per day.

Clothing Repair, under Cpl. Stefanie L. Sitarz, consists of classification and repair. Clothing is classified as to serviceability into Class A, B, C, CS, D or X. Classes A and B are shipped to the Property Section for re-issue; Classes C and CS (Combat Serviceable) are repaired by seamstresses until in suitable condition for issue; Class X clothing is repaired to the extent that they can be utilized for its original intended purpose; and Class D is cut for use as rags. The shop, although not set up to handle the repair of excess clothing, can care for the reclamation and renovation of all salvage clothing received.

If you think your supply sergeant has troubles, think of the General Supply department, which has to be supply sergeant for the entire base. Every time you turn in a pair of socks for salvage, it causes some paper work down at General Supply. But it makes the supply wheels turn, and you get new socks. That's the important thing.

IT'S ABOUT TIME, TOO!

Washington (CNS)—A New York congressman received a burning letter from a man in his district, complaining that his corporal shouted too loud in his efforts to arouse the squad room in the morning.

"Sir," the letter concluded. "I would like to have someone do something about him."

"Tex" Berg, warehouse foreman, counts the supply of eggs in a cold storage room where the temperature remains constantly at 38-40 degrees. Eggs arrive here in shipments of nine to 16 thousand-dozen; they are spot-checked by the Veterinarian's Office before being distributed. Mr. Berg has been employed at Pyote since the field first began operations.

SUPERS' '45 SCHEDULE LISTS II SERVICE FOES

A Heck of a Thing to Happen!— Peace Comes To Brooklyn As Lippy Leo Lays Down The Law

By SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS
"The Ferocious Gentlemen"

Things have come to a pretty pass in Brooklyn. Branch Rickey won't let the fans insult our Bums anymore. And to quote Hilda Chester, the number one fan in our town, "it's the raw-rest deal they ever done in Flatbush."

Right now we are up around the top of the league, which is as it should be, and there is mirth again at Flynn's saloon where crepe was hung last year. But some of the fire has died out of the ball yard, some of the life has gone from the game. Branch Rickey just won't let the fans insult our Bums.

This change in front office policy was inaugurated a while back after Lippy Leo Durocher, our dandy little manager, was arrested on the complaint of a Dodger fan who charged that the dandy one and another guy fed him some knuckles under

the stands, having objected, it seems, to some of his remarks from the bleachers.

"Players," said Rickey, rushing to the Lip's defense, "have sensibilities and we must protect them from abuse.

Warming up, the Mahatma went further—several thousand well-chosen words further. His players, said he, were "fine gentlemen." They would become known in the baseball world as "a team of ferocious gentlemen." They were out to win the flag.

Fan reaction to the Rickey pronouncement was withheld until our Bums—as promised—began to win the pennant. We took 12 straight, lost a couple, then won 8 in a row. We passed the Cards, Pittsburgh and then them lousy Giants. We moved into the lead. We fell out. We climbed back in. We stuck there for a while.

Then the fans reacted. They cheered Luis Olmo, the Puerto Rican beauty, every time he drove in a run. They whooped for Goody



Rosen, the new Colossus, every time he made a catch. They hollered like fiends for Hal Gregg, the fireball righthander; towering Howie Schultz, the first baseman;

Eddie Basinski, the kid shortstop, Augie Galan, the classy veteran, and all the rest of our heroes. And once when Dixie Walker, the pride and joy of all Flatbush, won a game in the 9th with a homer, a fan leaped the left field bleacher wall, ran all the way across the field and shook Dixie's hand at the plate.

There hasn't been an insult in Ebbets Field for weeks. The most abusive remark recorded since mid-May was one directed at Curt Davis after that worthy had walked two men, including the tying run, with one out in the ninth.

"Take it easy, Coit," a fan pleaded lovingly, "ya bum, ya."

It's peace. It's wonderful. But is it Brooklyn?

First Ford Since '42 Favors Pre-War Style



DETROIT (CNS)—The first Ford car to roll off the assembly line here since February, 1942, was a gray, two-door sedan which made its debut early in July.

Similar to pre-war Fords in many respects, the 1945 Ford has redesigned chromium plated bumpers and grille.

Discharged Officer Inducted As Private

Camp Blanding, Fla. (CNS)—Lt. William K. Dobson, twice wounded holder of the Bronze Star and veteran of 14 months overseas duty, is taking basic training at Camp Blanding now—as a private. Discharged, he was re-inducted as a private, his draft board said, because he had been "separated" from the service as an officer at his own option.

At The Library

Studies of various facets of the war, and some highly entertaining adventure autobiography, are included in a list of recent donations to the Station Library.

The following books have been placed on the shelves by the librarian, Miss Emily Hutson:

"China Takes Her Place," by Carl Crow—an absorbing view by one who lived in China 20 years.

"Maiden Voyage," by Denton Welch, an autobiography by a 16-year-old who went AWOL from school.

"Moment of Truth," by Charles Sweeney, a 1943 study of the dangers in America's position in the war.

"Flowering Dusk," by Ella Young, an autobiography of one of Ireland's great literary artists.

"German Philosophy and Politics," by John Dewey.

"The Machiavellians," by James Burnham, a study of the laws of politics.

"Men of Chaos," by Hermann T. Rauschning, concerning the men who put Hitler into power.

"Secret Mission Submarine," by Lt. N. L. A. Jewell, a story of the submarine which put Gen. Mark Clark ashore in Africa and further feats of danger and courage.

Other non-fiction:

"A Guide to Public Opinion Pools," by Dr. George Gallup.

"Future of Industrial Man," by Drucker.

"Jersey Genesis," by Beck.

"A Time Is Born," by Garrett.

"Double Ten," by Glick.

"Through Japanese Eyes," by Tolischus.

"Is Germany Incurable?" by Brichner.

The list of new novels includes: "Don't Look Behind You," by Rogers.

"Shape of Danger," by Kielland. "Captain from Castille," by Shellabaugh.

"Mrs. Heriot's Home," by Webster.

"While Still We Live," by MacInnes.

"East of Midnight," by Rosaire.

"Winds Blow Gently," by Kirkbride.

"Pine Tree and the Mole," by Tadde.

"Experiment Perilous," by Carpenter.

IT'S A LOT OF GAS

ETO (CNS) — Between D-Day and V-E Day, the Transportation Corps delivered 1,645,145,840 gallons of petroleum products to the continent. In 1941, this would have carried every car in the world from New York to Chicago.

SEASON OPENS AGAINST 4AF ON SEPT. 14

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 25.—Returning to the grid-iron for their third season of war-time service football, the Second Air Force Superbombers, nation's highest scoring eleven last fall, will play a schedule of 11 games in 1945, it was announced today by Major Claude F. McGrath, director of football at 2AF Headquarters here.

The Superbombers, coached by Major Ed Walker, former Stanford star and Mississippi and Princeton coach, have scheduled only service opponents. They will face six Army Air Force command teams, three other army elevens and two navy foes.

All of the Superbombers' home games will be played in cities adjacent to or near 2AF bases in order to provide football entertainment for soldiers stationed nearby.

Opening the schedule will be a game with Fourth Air Force at Los Angeles, Friday night, Sept. 14, under auspices of the Los Angeles Times, with proceeds going to charity funds. The Superbombers and Flyers last season played a scoreless deadlock.

Among the new teams appearing on the schedule is First Air Force, based at Mitchell Field, New York, one of the seven command teams which will play for the AAF championship. The First and Second Air Forces are booked to meet at New York, Nov. 18.

Besides the First, Third and Fourth Air Forces, the Superbombers will play three other command teams in the AAF series—Air Transport, Training and Personnel Distribution.

Here is the schedule:

Sept. 14—Fourth Air Force at Los Angeles.

Sept. 23—Shoemaker (Cal.) Navy at San Francisco.

Sept. 30—Ft. Warren, Wyo., at Denver.

Oct. 7—Keesler Field at Sioux City, Ia.

Oct. 14—Eastern Flying Training Command at Colorado Springs.

Oct. 21—Personnel Distribution Command at Albuquerque, N. M.

Oct. 28—Iowa Eeahawks at Lincoln, Neb.

Nov. 4—Third Air Force at Denver.

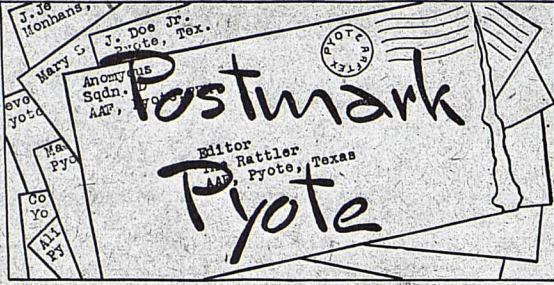
Nov. 10—Air Transport Command at El Paso, Tex.

Nov. 18—First Air Force at New York.

Dec. 2—AAF Training Command at Ft. Worth, Tex.

Major McGrath announced that practice would start about Aug. 15. At present, the coaching staff is screening candidates for the 35-man squad.

"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!

NEWSPAPERS

Editor, The Rattler:

Somewhere, it seems, I have heard that the American Army is supposed to be the best-equipped, best-trained, and the best-informed army in the world. In fact, I have heard this a number of times when they want us to attend orientation lectures.

Okay, so we go to orientation. And we get the general background of the war. Which is good—but it doesn't go far enough.

What I want to know is, how are we going to keep up with the daily progress of the war? Where can we buy newspapers that will tell us what is going on in the outside world. Don't tell me you can buy them at the PX—you can't. Seems to me that other bases get newspapers—why can't we? We ARE supposed to be the best-informed army in the world, aren't we?

Are 5,000 men supposed to get their knowledge of the war from the few copies of Time and Life that are in the library?

I have a radio, too, but reception around here is so bad that you can't depend on getting a daily broadcast.

I realize that this base is isolated, and you can't get all the comforts of home. That is not necessary, nor do we expect them—but I believe it is necessary for soldiers to be able to follow the course of the war if they maintain their interest in it.

I never get a daily newspaper. I never see a daily news sheet. I never hear a radio newscast.

How am I going to know when the war is over? And I know that practically all of the dog-faces on this field are in the same boat. Looks to me like something should be done about this. Is it possible for us to get some daily newspapers in the PX?

T/Sgt. Harlan Burch, Sq. E

• This newspaper situation, which has been getting steadily worse for some time, is just another wartime pinch which seems to be nobody's fault in particular but is brought about by circumstances.

About three weeks ago the

local distributor of the El Paso papers, which had been sold here on the field prior to that time, got a letter from The Times Publishing Co. of El Paso saying that due to their limited supply of newsprint they could not make any more papers available for the air field. Now, the only papers available are weeklies carrying no war news and predated Sunday editions neither of which carry timely war news. A few copies of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram arrive in the afternoon but they are sold out promptly.

Efforts are being made to get distribution of daily newspapers on this field, by obtaining an extra allocation of newsprint for The Times Publishing Co.

This newspaper shortage is not peculiar to this region. Many newspapers have been forced to cut their circulation and their advertising lineage in order to conserve newsprint. As this sparsely settled area did not furnish a very large pre-war circulation to either Fort Worth or El Paso newspapers (340 miles from one and 250 from the other) it is understandable that they are spreading their rationed newsprint around closer. This seems to be a situation which will only be cured by (1) Either a nobly philanthropic publisher, or (2) The end of the war.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

Editor, The Rattler:

Although I am not stationed at Pyote, I would like to put in my two cents worth in answer to Sgt. Thomas Meigham's letter on compulsory training, which appeared in July 11, 1945 edition of The Rattler.

Sgt. Meigham quoted General Patton as saying, "You don't stop fires by shutting down the fire department." Any one can understand a simple fact as that. However, I personally am not concerned about "stopping" the next war. I am concerned about "preventing" the next war before it gets started so we won't have to stop it. Now, if Sgt. Meigham insists on comparing a war to a fire, let us consider the ways to prevent

CP PAYROLL SECTION 'ON THE BALL'



An audited inspection of civilian personnel payroll sections was recently made by Second Air Force Headquarters. Out of nine stations visited, Pyote was one of two that were acceptable, according to Maj. James F. Sewares, civilian personnel officer.

Five women are responsible for getting and keeping this department on the acceptable list. They are: Mrs. Frances Singer, payroll supervisor; and payroll clerks, Mrs. Claire Crowell, Mrs. Lucille M. Erdei, Mrs. Maxine Kildoo, and Mrs. Goldie Pilcher, shown in the above picture.

fire. Everyone knows that the best way to prevent fire is to find the cause and do away with it. The same thing applies to war and one of the outstanding causes of war is a great standing army at the disposal of some person in power, who cannot resist the temptation to use it for his own selfish interests. Incidentally, I don't consider the Army comparable to a fire department. The army is the tinder for the fire and the government itself is the fire department. A great standing army is the kindling wood of another great fire.

By the way, Thomas, I believe you mentioned something about "panty waists". I have never had the reputation of being a "panty waist" myself and I believe you would be wise to exercise a little more diplomacy when referring to persons whose opinions are different from your own.

Pfc. Cyrus R. Young, Sq. A, 231st CCTS, AAF, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

• For a summary of the nation-wide discussion of this vital question of the day, read the article on Page 9, this issue of The Rattler. The editor welcomes other letters from members of the armed forces concerning compulsory military training. This is a question which we must face, which will affect not only ourselves but also our children; therefore we would be wise to start considering it seriously.

DEMOBILIZATION DATE

Editor, The Rattler:

We're having a big argument. How long did it take to demobilize the draft army after the last war?

Sgt. T. V. W.

• World War I inductees were discharged by September, 1919, except those in hospitals or in the stockade.

BRINGING HOME THE BIRD

Editor, The Rattler:

My husband, who is overseas, has a pet parrot which he has had for more than a year. We both like birds and would like to keep this parrot for a pet. Can he bring the bird home?

Mrs. C. D. V.

• Nothing doing, Mrs. C. D. V. Health regulations prohibit it because these birds sometimes carry psitticosis, a serious disease. Nor can you import seeds, plants or earth deemed by the Department of Agriculture to carry plant diseases.

COURTS MARTIAL

Editor, The Rattler:

I notice that practically everybody who is court-martialed is convicted. Is a man presumed guilty until he proves his innocence, under military law.

Pvt. W. H. C.

• According to the Manual for Courts-Martial, he is presumed innocent until proved otherwise.

THE G.I. BILL

Editor, The Rattler:

I'd like to go to school under the GI Bill, but I'd also like to get my old job back after this schooling. If I went to school, would the law still guarantee me the job?

Lt. J. D. L.

• No. If you elect school, your employer is not required to re-hire you if you do not apply for your job within 90 days. You might work out a night school deal, though.

19 Critical Jobs Can Keep You In

Washington (CNS)—The policy of the War Department is to discharge all personnel with 85 points or more "as soon as enough qualified replacements are available to fill all essential jobs," it has been announced here.

There are some MOSSs, according to the department, in which there are temporary shortages, and these MOSSs change every month. Men with these specialties will be retained as long as necessary.

Nineteen categories exist in which there is a possible long-term shortage. Says the WD: "It is not likely that men in these 19 categories can be replaced and released from the Army in the next 12 months, the period necessary to complete the discharge of men in all parts of the world who are eligible for discharge under the point system." The scarce MOSSs, however, have been reduced from 23 to 19 since May. Efforts to train men in these specialties are being made.

The 19 critical jobs: Power-house engineer; marine engineer; telephone repeater man; translator, interpreter and voice interceptor, (Asiatic languages); orthopedic mechanic; radio intelligence control chief; radio traffic analyst; intercept operator; weather observer-teletype technician; transmitter attendant (fixed station); intercept operator (fixed station); cryptographic repairman (Class I and II); cryptanalysis technician; radar repairman for reporting equipment (instructor); acoustic technician; electroencephalographic specialist.

Patch, Brereton Get Home Assignments

Washington (CNS)—Two veteran commanders from the ETO have received domestic assignments.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr., CG, 7th Army, has been appointed chief of the 4th Army, Texas.

Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, after 3 years overseas as head of the 9th and 10th Air Forces, and the First Allied Airborne Army, has assumed command of the 3rd Air Force in Tampa, Fla.

Don't Touch GI Food Kraut Dogs Told

Germany (CNS)—This story came out of a German prison camp.

It seems that GI prisoners at the camp tamed Kraut guard dogs by slipping them food. When the guards discovered the dogs lying on the bunks with the GIs, they posted a notice forbidding the dogs to accept food from prisoners.

Flying Short Snorts

(From the Office of Flying Safety)

Despite constant briefing and instructions several combat crew members have been found wearing their B-8 type parachute with the belly-band strapped around the back of the pack. Now the B-8 chute has proven itself to be a very excellent means of saving your neck in a bail-out—but it is guaranteed to KILL YOU if you use it with the belly-band strapped around the silk. Be certain that you pre-flight your parachute before each flight.

Crew discipline saved the lives of Lt. Edward Szycher and his crew of ten. Told to bail out over the wilds of Northern Minnesota in pitch darkness the crew obeyed the order and bailed out with no confusion. As a result there are 11 men alive today who might not have been had their discipline not been excellent. (The complete story of this accident will be released as soon as the investigation is completed.)

As Capt. LAR (means Low Accident Rate), the old ATC bearded bard, says: "We usta have a bull back in Wet Sock, Texas, what was always bustin' down fences and tearin' up the gardens—cost more t' fix things after him than he was worth—so we sold 'im to the butcher!"

"The number of reports, true copies, teletypes, statements and letters that necessarily have to be prepared after an accident would furnish enough paper to keep a certain paperhanger (you know who) busy for eight and a half years! Lay off on the accidents, boys, will you? We've got other work to do!"

The week of July 23-29 is Sprint Week, the eighth and final week of the Sixth Second Air Force Flying Safety Contest. Pyote now stands in third place with a total of 45 points. Clovis leads with a total of 54 points. Biggs is second with 49 points.

PYOFs (Pyote Office of Flying Safety) is now reproducing the Special Accident Reports of all accidents occurring in the 16th Wing, as well as Pyote accidents. These reports are indexed in the upper left hand corner to facilitate ready reference. Study these reports and make your own analysis.

Quote of the Week

"I had to revise my idea of generals. In contact with more than 20 of them in the European, Mediterranean and Africa-Middle East theaters, I did not find one who was a warmonger. Everyone of them deplored war and inwardly shrank from giving the orders that would mean death to some of their men." Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam.

U. S. Studies Pros and Cons Of Peacetime Draft Army

Needed For Security, Say Pros; Antis Say Would Encourage War

By Camp Newspaper Service

One big question nowadays in home-front forums of public opinion is: Shall we have compulsory peacetime military training?

It's a mighty important issue, too, for never in our history have we had conscription without war or the immediate threat of war. The proposal to have it, however, is not new. George Washington recommended it to the first Congress back in 1790, so did Woodrow Wilson, in 1917, and Franklin Roosevelt, shortly before his death. Various veterans organizations plugged conscription between the two world wars.

And now editorial writers and radio speakers are discussing all the angles. The House Committee on Post-War Military Policy has just concluded hearings on the controversy and backed universal training, 16 to 6.

Preparedness an Issue

The main argument has always been and still is that knowledge of the use of arms by the citizenry is required for the security of the nation. Opponents, however, say that peacetime training breeds a war mentality, is contrary to our historically peaceful way of life, and will encourage war rather than help prevent it.

There is also a 3rd position—that a decision should be postponed until after the duration, when we shall no longer be affected by "the

heat of wartime emotions", and after "the boys come home."

Heading the list of those favoring one year's peacetime training are Secretary Stimson, Admiral King, and Gens. Marshall, Eisen-

hower, and Bradley. Others on the same side of the fence are the American Legion; Col. Arnold Whitridge, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Military Training of Young Men; Dr. R. L. Johnson, president of Temple University; The New York Times; The New York Daily News; Rep. Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.); Joseph C. Grew, Under Secretary of State; Eleanor Roosevelt; Maury Maverick, chairman, Smaller War Plants Corp.; U. S. Chamber of Commerce; and the National Association of Women Lawyers.

Daniels Heads Opponents

Opponents include; Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy during World War I; National Woman's Christian Temperance Union; spokesman for the AFL, CIO, and railroad brotherhoods; Norman Thomas, Socialist leader; representatives the American Education Association, American Council

on Education, Association of American Colleges, the High School Teachers' Association of New York City, and other educators' groups; Dr. Robert Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago; Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.); The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and other Protestant organizations.

Favoring postponement of the decision until peace are the National Council of Parents and Teachers, with a membership of 3,500,000, and the Very Rev. Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, secretary, National Catholic Welfare Council.

In general the pro-conscription arguments are: (1) We must not be caught unprepared again as we were at the time of Pearl Harbor; (2) We must be able to use force if necessary to maintain peace, in accordance with the United Nations charter; (3) The draft will teach youth to care for its health, and would show the value of exercise, group teamwork, and fair play; (4) Serving in the Army is a "lesson in national democracy"; (5) There is no feasible substitute method of protecting the nation's security.

Military Caste Feared

Opponents of the peacetime draft say: (1) It would create a military frame of mind and a military caste which would promote instead of help prevent war; (2) It would interfere with the education and development of youth; (3) The benefits of health, fair play, and democracy could better be

obtained by a national health program, education, and elimination of racial and religious prejudice; (4) Training today would be forgotten or outmoded 10 years or so from now; (5) There would be undue emphasis on shining brass and the other elements of garrison life, instead of on the fundamentals of actual combat; (6) Military spokesmen for conscription are "special pleaders" and their viewpoint is naturally prejudiced.



Henry L. Stimson,



Josephus Daniels

So This Is Pyote!



The business houses in Pyote can just about be counted on one's fingers—but one of the most important is the feed store. Ranching was the main activity in this community before oil was discovered, and cattlemen still run their herds over land which does not appear to be able to support any living creature. But if you don't crowd the land—10 or 12 head per section, a square mile, is not an uncommon figure—cattle can be raised here. And when the dry spells are longer than usual, the feed store furnishes the feed that "carries" the herds until rain brings relief.

EM Urged To Look Into Chances Of Flight Engineer's Training

Qualified enlisted men are being urged to apply for aviation cadets leading to a commission or flight officership and assignment to duty as a B-29 flight engineer.

Qualifications are listed in AAF Letter 50-113.

The Station Classification Office is awaiting receipt of proper tests which are to be given candidates. Following successful completion of the tests, candidates appear before aviation cadet boards for selection to attend flight engineer's school.

After graduation from flight engineer's school, men who make the grade will be commissioned second lieutenants AUS, or appointed flight officers, AUS, and assigned to duty as B-29 flight engineers.

AAF ground crew men, particularly mechanics, who are physically qualified are urged to investigate this opportunity.

Corsair Hits 425 MPH

Washington (CNS)—The Navy's latest Corsair can hit 425 mph when you open her up, the Navy Department has announced. Marine pilots have been the first to fly the new ship.

Yanks Lousy Lovers, French Girls Say

Paris (CNS)—Are Yanks lousy lovers?

Some French girls think so, according to a poll conducted by the Parisian Weekly, 'Saturday Night.'

Many Yanks, according to the poll, are either "too loud," "too devil-may care" or "too unbearably drunk," French girls believe.

Another complaint is that GIs are "unable to distinguish respectable women from the other kind."

NEW YORK (CNS)—The glorious post-war world we've been hearing so much about will be complete with telephone service from your auto to the office, home or any place in the world.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. has a unit to be mounted on the dashboard which includes phone, receiver, antenna and 15-watt transmitter. A "central office" would handle calls just as it handles ordinary traffic.

Krauts Almost Devised Way To Destroy World

London (CNS)—At the end of the war, the Nazis had nearly devised a method of splitting the atom, and possibly of destroying the world in the process, according to Herbert Agar, special assistant to the American ambassador. "I sincerely believe," said Agar, "that in a very few years the human being will know how to destroy the human race."

Army Separations Total 1,800,000

Washington (CNS)—You may still be in, but somebody is getting out of the Army these days. Total separations, Dec. 7, 1941 through last March 31, according to WD, were more than 1,800,000, including nearly 100,000 officers. Of this total, 1,400,000 were honorable discharges, 219,000 were deaths, both in and out of battle, 132,000 were PWs or missing, and the rest were discharges other than honorable, retirement of Regular Army personnel, and miscellaneous separations.

Teagarden Appears



Jack Teagarden, one of the world's greatest trombone artists, as he appeared in a recent concert here.

GEE, THAT'S TOUGH

Hollywood (CNS)—Arthur Walsh, movie actor, reports the MGM publicity office, "can't get out of uniform for his screen roles." Seems he's had 7 straight parts as a soldier or a sailor.

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



Having at long last decided that soldiers get tired of looking at nothing but pin-ups, The Rattler this week presents this fine picture of a desert landscape, such as can be seen from the nose of any B-29 that gets as far as two ship's lengths away from the base. The shut-ins who never get to see West Texas sand except when it is in motion can clip this and send it home. The girl just happened to walk by while the cameraman was getting his equipment set up.

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

FOUND—Short Snorter bill (One-dollar Hawaiian bill), at PX. See Sgt. Roy J. Martin, at Hangar 1 or Bks. 631.

FOUND—A red and white striped bathing suit, also Turkish towel, was found in the women's dressing room at the EM swimming pool. Owner can have same by calling at The Rattler Office.

LOST

LOST—Two ration books in an envelope. Return to Cpl. John R. Winder at Sheet Metal department in Sub-Depot.

LOST—Parker 51 fountain pen, grey and gold with name WILIAM H. BOYD engraved on it. Reward offered. See Sgt. Boyd at Personal Affairs Office or call 168.

LOST—Cigarette lighter, small Thorens model, push button type, chromium. High sentimental value, will pay reward for return. Contact Rattler Office.

LOST—If the girl who took my purse will please return the personal things she may keep the rest. Thank you. Mary F. Smith.

LOST—Lifetime Schaeffer pen. High sentimental value. If found please return to Pfc. Metz, Bks. 529. Reward.

LOST—Black billfold, buckskin trimming. Lost Friday near enlisted men's swimming pool. Reward. Pfc. Victor Guercio, Bks. 515, Sq. D.

WANTED

WANTED—Men interested in setting up pins at Officers' Bowling Alley. Ten cents per line set any time between 1230 and 2400 daily. Those interested call Ext. 248 or call in person at the bowling alley.

WANTED—Riders from Barstow to Pecos. Leave Barstow 7 a.m. and leave base 5:10 p.m. See M/Sgt. Cooper, phone 257.

WANTED TO BUY—One photoelectric exposure meter is wanted by Cpl. Ray Wilcox. See

him in the sub-depot drafting room.

APARTMENT WANTED—If you are leaving a furnished apartment available in Pecos or Monahans any time soon, will you please let me know. Would especially like to contact someone in Section Two. I'm in Communications Ground School, radar area. The phone is No. 24. Cpl. Willard Steinberg.

FOR SALE

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

FOR SALE—1935 Ford Tudor. Price \$150 as is—and that means runnable and repairable. See at Apt. C-41-C at Pecos Army Air Field.

FOR SALE—'41 Studebaker Commander, black 4-door sedan with overdrive, radio and heater. Price \$1175 (ceiling). Cash or terms. See Cpl. Bill Ridley, Sec. D, Bks. 516.

FOR SALE—Registered Cocker spaniel pup, two months old, blond color. Pfc. Wood, Ext. 84.

FOR SALE—Two straight razors.

Cpl. Rapley at phone 45.

FOR SALE—Baby buggy, very good condition. Large, roomy size, folding frame. Reasonable. See Harvey in Trailer Camp, Pyote.

LOOKING FOR HOUSING?—I have one 20' by 40' house trailer, furnished, and one two-room apartment, furnished with bath. They're located in Barstow. If interested see Sgt. H. Hopkins at CCD mail room.

IS YOUR BEDROOM hot and stuffy? Do you lose sleep on account of the heat? Does your family roast during the day? What you need is an air conditioner. I have 3 for sale. All have 1/6 hp. motors, 16" or 18" inch fan blades, and inside water valves. All are well constructed and will cool up to four rooms. Price \$80 to \$100 cash. See Sgt. Irv Robertson, Apt. 4, Avon Apartments, Monahans.

FOR SALE—Motor Scooter, Cushman model, practically new. See F/O Sanders, BOQ 712.

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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JAPOLOGY



Never in history have the Jap home lands been successfully invaded!

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KOOPS' KORNER

(As Koops is on furlough, his girl Friday, Sugar, takes up the column's cudgels this week.)

SUGAR REPORT

It's a wacky world, fellas. If you don't believe, just listen. . . . In Los Angeles, three thin ladies made a clean break from prison by disrobing, soaping their bodies and slithering through the bars. . . . The Oklahoma College for Women donated \$275 toward a bronze statue of a sloppy-sweatered, bobby-soxed co-ed to preserve for posterity the college girl of '45. . . . In a St. Louis department store, one end of the counter boasts a basket of brassieres, and at the other end of the counter are a batch of pads of cotton batting, suitable for filling out the bras when nature fails to do so. Saves the girls about bothering whether the bras fit, and also insures them all a classic form. . . . In Seattle, a girl dreamed a man stole into her bedroom and kissed her. She awoke to find a man in her bedroom—kissing her. Then he helped himself to her jewelry and fled. . . . Panama City (Fla.) high school boys are protesting the girls wearing of dungarees. The boys are wearing skirts. . . . When a Hattiesburg, Miss. miss complained her malted milk wasn't sweet enough, the soda jerk threw the drink at her, and slugged her with the glass. . . . In Nek York City, hubby told his wife it was "undercover work" that kept him out so late at night. Wifey checked up and uncovered a redhead her hubby kept covered up in an apartment on 49th street. Wifey got a divorce. . . . And a Los Angeles woman got a divorce because her husband (1) locked their canned goods in his bedroom and kept it from her, (2) hid the radio tubes so she could not listen while he was away, (3) refused to make love to her and, (4) threatened to shoot her. . . . Thirty years ago in Battle Creek, Mich., a guy applied for a wedding license. He couldn't get it because he didn't have mama's



MOODY FIELD, GA

"It's gonna take time to get used to things, Mom"

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Oh yes! I've heard a lot about you!"

permission. The other day he returned to the bureau, bride on arm. "Mother finally gave in," he said. . . . Utah University recognizes the manpower shortage. They're permitting sorority members to compete in fraternity relay races. . . . Atlanta, Georgia, high school boys are dyeing their hair blonde. The gals like it better that way.

Two merchant seamen home on leave decided to show the town how tough they were. So, at Mt. Savage, Md., they took turns shooting holes in each other's legs. "It was just a gag", said one of them at court. Replied the judge, "Sixty days". . . . At Knoxville, Tenn., a man knocked at Mrs. Zelma Householder's door, and when she answered, slugged her with a blackjack. "Oops", says the character, "I thought you were my boss' wife. My mistake." . . . At Tacoma, Wash., a cop was patrolling his beat when a strange blonde rushed up and hugged him. Unimpressed, the cop arrested the blonde—for disorderly conduct. . . . A Richmond, Va., woman asked for a divorce from her 15th husband. The charge: he hit her on the head with his artificial leg. . . . Arrested for beating up a woman he mistook for his wife, a Lebanon, Tenn., resident was freed on bail supplied by a woman who really was his wife. Said she: "It proves that he loves me." . . . A bill has been presented to the Sacramento, Calif., assembly which would give any Californian found guilty of beating his wife a flogging at a whipping post. . . . At Atlanta, Ga., a 114-year-old man was arrested for over-imbibing. He says he has been all his life.

Asked whether she thought male wolves were fun and whether life would be as exciting without them, Margaret Van Deinse told the Daily News (N.Y.) photographer, "Wolves are much more fun than goody-goody boys. What good is a man if he isn't a wolf? I've never met a man who wasn't a wolf, not even the good-goody boys when they succeeded in getting a bit of courage from a few highballs. And I've never known a woman who wasn't a wolf." . . . Vilma Suberly, 26, was arrested in Eugene, Oregon. Seems she was married to seven GIs at the same time, plus one 4-F. Don't know how he got in there. She was arrested for using the mails to defraud, in connection with the allotment checks. . . . The Reverend Vivian Pomery, of the First Unitarian Church of Milton, Miss., has suggested that the marriage ceremony be changed to that the bridegroom's father gives the groom away, instead of the bride's dad giving away the bride. . . . A Racine, Wisconsin, tree-trimmer, aged 101, has just taken his third bride, a 62-year-old widowed waitress. The tree-trimmer attributes his longevity to "good women".

Love, Sugar.