

# THE RATTTLER

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## 38 YEARS OR 85 POINTS BRING FAST DISCHARGE

### 5 Million Out In 12 Months— War Dept. Hopes

(The Number 1 question of the moment, "When am I going home" will receive the fullest attention of *The Rattler* which will attempt to bring you latest dope on Army demobilization as the news occurs—The Editors.)

V-J Day brought the following  
(See WAR DEPT. on Page 10)

### IG Rates Pyote "Excellent"; 3 Departments Adjudged Superior

At the annual IG inspection completed August 7, Pyote Army Air Field received an over-all rating of excellent. Both morale and military courtesy on this field were also rated excellent.

All three departments—Administrative and Services, Maintenance and Supply, and Training received over-all ratings of excellent. Three organizations received a superior rating: Staff Combat Intelligence, Statistical Control, and Sq. B Mess.

Two individuals won personal commendations for their work on the field. M/Sgt. Edward G. Vasse was commended for his "continual and concentrated effort in establishing and conducting the

See INSPECTION on Page 10

### High Pt. Officers May Be Released If Not Essential

Two recent TWXs, covering provisions under which personnel may be separated from the service, were received at this headquarters yesterday.

The first TWX from 2AF Headquarters states that all enlisted men with 85 or more points and all WAC with 44 points or more (except those classified or qualified as orthopedic mechanics, transmitter attendant—fixed station, acoustical technician, and electroencephalographic specialist) who desire discharge, may now be reported available for separation to respective separation centers. Military Personal Officer is completing rosters which will be turned over to the Squadron orderly rooms. Personnel who elect to remain in the service may do so by signing a certificate to that effect.

Officers with high scores in grade according to their Adjusted  
(See DISCHARGE on Page 10)

### FIELD GATHERS TO HEAR VICTORY SPEECHES



The above shot shows a portion of the formation at the drill field last Wednesday to hear victory speeches and announcements. Col. A. E. Key (with back to camera) emphasizes the share the Air Force had in total victory in the Pacific.

### Base Regulation Explains Curfew

Base regulations 35-33 is the latest official information on curfew regulations for Pyote personnel. The following regulation governs all enlisted men and women visiting a radius of fifty miles of this station, including Odessa:

Enlisted personnel will leave the towns not later than 1:00 a.m. and proceed to this station or to their homes when authorized to live off the station.

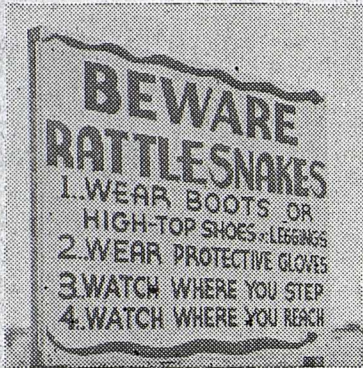
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PYOTE, TEXAS

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## What Happens Now?

What happens now? That's the question. Rumors buzzed around the field over the week-end like a fly on a sugar ration stamp.

We don't know the answer—yet. But you can rest assured that as news of demobilization, training, and other War Dept. plans develop, The Rattler shall pass on to you that news—as accurate as possible and as fast as we can dish it out.

In the meantime, here's a bit of advice. The war is over—but you're not out of the Army—not yet. This is no time to go berserk. Maybe you think you've been treated unjustly, maybe you're convinced it is all unfair—but don't talk yourself into any foolish moves.

From one GI to another—this advice comes. Don't blot your record with AWOLs. Don't start goofing off.

Perhaps you'll find time hanging heavy on your hands in the future. Put that time to good use; start preparing yourself for civilian life. Take advantage of the USAFI correspondence courses, the off-duty education program, the library's packed shelves of books, magazines, and daily newspapers.

We hope a large volunteer sports program gets underway in the future. We hope there will be an increase of entertainment on the field.

But most of all we hope you GIs will stick out the remaining 12 or 18 months of Army without too much whimpering or griping.

If you think it over—you'll see that's the smart way to play it.

## Thank You

The Rattler's V-J Day extra was accomplished not without ink, sweat, and tears. The task of turning out a 4-page extra edition for a 2-man staff is no simple one. In fact, the whole job would have been completely impossible if it had not been for the various individuals and departments which co-operated so fully to do the job. Therefore, The Rattler takes this space to give its inadequate thanks to the following:

The Station Motor Pool, Special Services Office, the Station Library, 1st Sgt. Stanley Schmidt, Sgt. John R. Scofield, Cpl. Phil Luft, Cpl. William Berkeley, S/Sgt. Clint Chittock, Capt. S. B. Ked-dington, Sgt. Phil Murphy, M/Sgt. Charles S. Rudolph and Cpl. Orin Franks.

And most of all to The Monahans News for their courtesy in allowing us the red headline, and their aid and help in publishing the extra. Our gratitude to the Monahans newspaper for this and many, many past services can never be repaid.

To all these departments and individuals The Rattler extends its deep and sincere thanks.

## Congratulations

The following message was received from Headquarters, Continental Air Forces, after the surrender of Japan was announced:

"Please extend congratulations and appreciation to all military and civilian personnel of the Continental Air Forces for their contribution to the victory for which our nation has so long fought, worked, and prayed. Let our job be tempered by humility and the determination that we not lose the peace after having won the war. May God help us gather strength and courage to carry forward in peace the ideals for which so many of our comrades have made the supreme sacrifice."

## The Deadliest Art

The atomic bomb, newest and most fearsome weapon ever devised, is the result of a million years of progress in the deadly art of making arms.

The history of armaments dates back into pre-historic times—to that date when some caveman first threw a stone at a beast and discovered that the stone could kill. Ages passed before some other pre-historic man devised the stone axe, the arrow, and the catapult, which hurled boulders at the foe.

The famed Greek historian, Thucydides, recalls the first use of poison gas in comparatively modern times, in the Battle of Plataea in 428 BC. Catapults, hurling rocks and flames, antedated gas by many centuries.

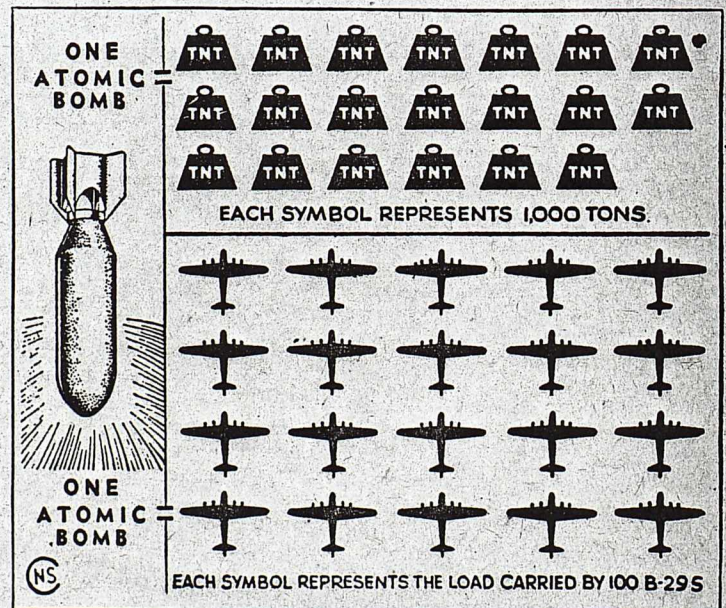
Gun powder was developed by the Chinese in 1232 AD and put into practical use by Francis Bacon, the Briton, somewhat later. The torpedo began as an explosive charge set by the patriots against the sides of the British ships in 1777. In 1863 came the torpedo driven by compressed air and the first iron-sided warship—Ericsson's famed "cheese-box on a raft", the Monitor.

The rocket, outgrowth of the catapult, was used first by the British against a French ship at Boulogne in 1806. The rocket fell into disuse until World War II when it was redeveloped by the Germans whose V-1 and V-2 fire laid destruction over England.

The American bazooka, the Jap Baka bomb, and the airborne rockets of American and British bombers and fighters are other forms of rocket fire used in this war.

The atomic bomb is the latest discovery in the deadly history of armaments. It is reported to weigh but 400 pounds, but has an explosive force equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT which would require 2000 B-29s to transport.

The atomic bomb offers the final, ultimate, unequivocal argument that war has to cease. If World War II is not the final war, the world may build a Frankenstein of arms which will destroy its creators.



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# Ole 19th Swan Song: 89 Head for Homes

The word finis was written on the records for the famous 19th Bombardment Group, the most decorated group in the history of the Army Air Forces, when the last of its former members left Pyote this week and headed for separation centers throughout the nation to shortly return to civilian life.

Although the renowned group was officially disbanded as a unit at Pyote Army Air Field on February 12, 1943, many of the officers and men were retained at this field to instruct future combat crews.

Now that the war has ended, these men have been given an opportunity of leaving the service under orders from the War Department which allows men who had served on Wake, Guam, Dutch East Indies, and the Philippines prior to May 1942, and who were captured, or escaped capture by the Japanese, to be discharged.

Eight officers and 76 enlisted men of the original 19th, comprised the group to be released under this new policy. They were the ones who fought during those dark days of the Pacific warfare, and evaded capture by the Japanese during the campaigns of Java and the Dutch East Indies from January 1 to March 1, 1942.

Heading the list of officers was Major Edward R. Yerrington, of Glendale, Cal., staff navigator at this B-29 field since January, 1943. A navigator with the 19th, he wears the Silver Star with one oak-leaf cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Distinguished Unit Citation with three clusters, and the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with 3 battle stars.

Other officers are: Capt. Norman R. Appleton, Freeport, N. Y.; Capt. Glenn C. Osbourne, Perry, N. Y.; Capt. Adrian J. Sampeck, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Capt. Merle C. Woods, Harrisburg, Pa.; 1st Lt. Robert G. McIntyre, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1st Lt. Stanley C. Jackola, Portland, Ore.; and 1st Lt. William Sage, New Albany, Ind.

The enlisted members are:  
ARKANSAS: S/Sgt. Ernest E. Brown, Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA: M/Sgt. Edward R. Olsen, Huntington Beach; M/Sgt. Warren E. Brewer, Compton; T/Sgt. Delbert M. Clair, San Carlos; T/Sgt. Harry A. Nagel, Martinez; S/Sgt. Edward L. Kimmerer, Yuba City; S/Sgt. Francis R. Duclos, San Francisco; T/Sgt. John R. Mackley, Sacramento; T/Sgt. Clifford T. Weiss, Livermore.

CONNECTICUT: M/Sgt. Edward F. Sheehan, Waterbury.

IDAHO: S/Sgt. Lodell H. Barnard, American Falls; T/Sgt. Earl C. Brown, Payette.

ILLINOIS: S/Sgt. Frank S. Safranski, Downers Grove; M/Sgt. Albert McGurty, Mazon; T/Sgt.

John W. Kunkel, Zearing.  
INDIANA: T/Sgt. Thomas J. Stewart, Williamsport.

IOWA: T/Sgt. James B. Seiler, Boone; S/Sgt. Florenz R. Muelot, Fort Madison.

KANSAS: T/Sgt. Dale E. Crabtree, Arcadia; T/Sgt. Francis J. McGee, Independence; T/Sgt. Dale V. Drake, Leona.

KENTUCKY: T/Sgt. Robert P. Settle, Rumsey.

MARYLAND: T/Sgt. Harold M. Hoke, Emmitsburg.

MICHIGAN: S/Sgt. Sharol L. Ayers, Detroit.

MINNESOTA: M/Sgt. Elmer A. Riba, Morris.

MISSOURI: Sgt. Urban Smith and M/Sgt. Leo P. Scarpinato, St. Louis; M/Sgt. Glenn W. Phillips, and S/Sgt. Elmer J. Crenshaw, Kansas City; S/Sgt. Shelby E. Wickham, Edgerton; T/Sgt. Halbert E. Moser, Fortuna.

MONTANA: T/Sgt. Leonard M. Secor, Bozeman; S/Sgt. Claton D. Berry, Billings; S/Sgt. Peter G. Tabish, Missoula; S/Sgt. Clifford G. Wolf, Savage.

NEBRASKA: T/Sgt. Carl E. Spring, Hubbell; S/Sgt. Gerald K. Peterson, Curtis.

NEW MEXICO: M/Sgt. Walter H. Daugherty, Alamogordo.

NORTH CAROLINA: Pvt. Harvey D. Joyner, Grifton.

OHIO: M/Sgt. Edmund J. Horstman, Middleport.

OREGON: S/Sgt. Ray D. Holcomb, Eugene; S/Sgt. Thomas A. Williams, LaGrande; S/Sgt. Chas. N. Mix, Albany; Sgt. William M. Johnson, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA: S/Sgt. Robert T. Camarca, Scranton; T/Sgt. Thomas J. Rice, Moosic; M/Sgt. Carl B. Bohn, Millheim.

TENNESSEE: T/Sgt. Symie L. Glenn, Memphis.

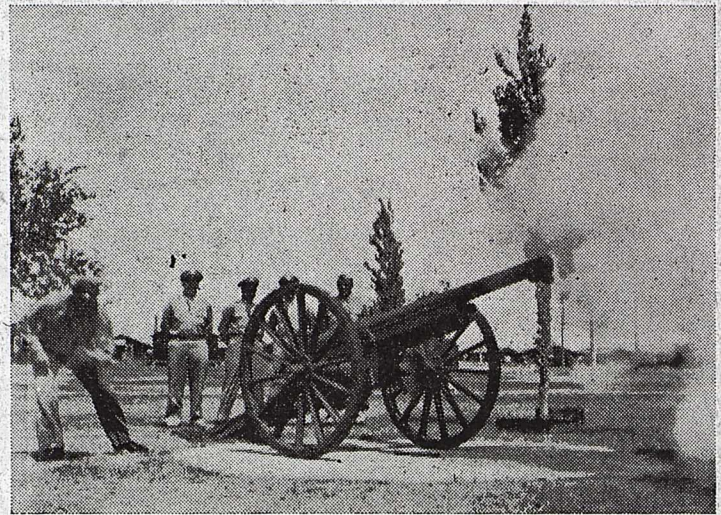
TEXAS: T/Sgt. Wilbert Voshelle, Jr., Baird; 1st/Sgt. Jack A. Blackburn, Dennison; S/Sgt. Adrian Connally, Plainview; T/Sgt. Andrew G. Hlavaty, West; S/Sgt. Horace T. Salmon, Troup; T/Sgt. Sterling O. Thompson, Ft. Worth.

UTAH: T/Sgt. Jack R. Miller, T/Sgt. John R. Wood, S/Sgt. Royce J. Hansen, all of Salt Lake City; S/Sgt. Robert H. Stewart, North Salt Lake.

VIRGINIA: S/Sgt. Robert H. Alderson, Bristol; M/Sgt. Lewis C. Anderson, South Boston.

WASHINGTON: T/Sgt. Howard A. Heusser, Tenton; T/Sgt. Harold E. Guse, Dayton; S/Sgt.

BOOM!



Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, fires the first burst of cannon for the year, at noon, August 15th, signifying the victory in the Pacific.

## Colonel Key Makes With Cannon to Salute Victory

Pyote Army Air Field officially observed Victory Day on Wednesday, when the opening ceremonies began with an eleven round salute from the field cannon in front of headquarters.

Col. Algene E. Key, station commandant, fired the first of the eleven rounds promptly at 12 o'clock noon. The other ten rounds were fired by enlisted men under the supervision of Captain Howard J. Shelby, ordnance officer.

The reverberation broke the stillness of the day as shouts and cheers went up from personnel on the field. It was the first time the old cannon had been fired in 1945. Previously it had been fired each night at retreat.

At one o'clock all of the squadrons marched to the drill field and massed in front of the platform to hear Col. Key's message. Major Swingle, commandant of troops, took charge of the meeting. Lt. Col. Goodloe, director of administration and services, introduced the speakers. They included Chaplains Norton and Kuhns, Lt. Col. Persons, and Col. Key.

After the affair, all personnel, with the exception of a limited number necessary to keep the base operating, were excused from duty until Friday morning.

George M. Moran, Olympia; M/Sgt. Mark F. Davis, Walla Walla; T/Sgt. Robert F. Smith, Tacoma; S/Sgt. Henry E. Huebner, Vancouver; and S/Sgt. Harvey Beaver, M/Sgt. Robert B. Hawkins, and S/Sgt. Phil G. Spencer, all of Seattle.

WISCONSIN: T/Sgt. Paul P. Lavelle, Milwaukee; S/Sgt. Lloyd G. Black, Bloomer; T/Sgt. George H. Smith, Readstown; S/Sgt. Fred A. Swertfeger, LaCrosse.

WYOMING: S/Sgt. Raymond L. Habenicht, Casper.

Send The Rattler Home!

## Mercury Froths at 106 Last Monday

The mercury bounced around the hundred mark most of the past week and gave the "sweatin' out" GI a little heat to sweat out, besides. The typical Pyote summer continued unabated by rain. Temperatures for the past week, compared with those of a year ago, are courtesy of the Base Weather Office—who minds the heat as much as you and I.

	1945	1944
Wednesday	92	103
Thursday	93	102
Friday	103	96
Saturday	103	87
Sunday	104	94
Monday	106	98
Tuesday	95	98

## CP SODA FOUNTAIN CLOSED SATURDAY

Civilian Personnel's Blue Room, soda fountain de-luxe, closed Saturday due to a shortage of food-stuffs. A lack of syrups, ice cream, milk, and other soda fountain necessities dictated the closing, Civilian Personnel announced.

Bernarr Macfadden, the 76-year-old spinach-eating strong man, has filed for divorce. He charged that his wife let her figure get out of hand "when I wanted her to be an example of my work and a credit to me."

# This Week--

## 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** 8:00; **Bible Quiz hour,** Station Chapel, 8:00.

**JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service,** 7:30.

The Jewish High Holy Days are approaching. The New Year starts at sundown on Friday, 7 September, and the Day of Atonement starts Sunday evening, 16 September. Plans are being made for Services. Anyone with cantorial experience is asked to contact Chaplain Norton at the Station Chapel, extension 112.

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

Services for Latter Day Saints (Mormon) will be held at the Station Chapel each Sunday at 3 p.m.

## At The Theatres

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

### TODAY AND TOMORROW

"OVER 21" with Irene Dunne, Alexander Knox, and Charles Coburn. (Concerning the amusing sophisticated perils of a married man at OCS.) **Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and **Paramount News.**

(Note: no movies tonight at Theatre No. 1 due to a stage show "Golden Gate Gaities" which shows at 6:15 and 8:15. Movies at regular time at Theatre No. 2.)

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"GEORGE WHITE'S SCANDALS" with Jack Haley and Joan Davis. (Gal can't appear in show because her old man is a big shot. She finally goes on. Krupa's band is reet, however.) **Shorts: Merrie Melody "Wagon Wheels"** and **Grantland Rice spotlight.**

**NO MOVIE SCHEDULE WAS AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME FOR FILMS APPEARING AT FIELD WEEK OF AUGUST 26.**

## 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.

**SWIMMING POOL:** Noon to 11:00 p.m.

**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

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## At Monahans USO

Wed.—Arts and Crafts program.

Thu.—Moonlight picnic and swimming party sponsored by Monahans Lions Club.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Dance, 9 to midnight.

Sun.—Classical recordings, buffet supper, community sing, and movie—"Cat and the Canary" featuring Paulette Goddard and Bob Hope. (Here's a chance to re-enjoy one of your favorite films from a few years back.)

Mon.—Game night.

Tue.—Convalescent night.

## MOONLIGHT PICNIC, SWIM SET FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

The Monahans Lions' Club will be hosts to Pyote personnel at a moonlight picnic and swimming party at the Municipal Park swimming pool tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 8:00 PM. Tickets admitting guests to the pool will be distributed at the Monahans USO club tomorrow evening starting at 7 o'clock.

to 11 PM.

**MODEL PLANE CLUB:** Pyote Prop Pushers, field's model plane club, has quarters in Sq. D area; to join. Details can be acquired from club tent near Mess Hall 5.

**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.

**BOWLING:** Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

**SCHOOL:** USAFI Correspondence courses—details from Lt. W. C. Gruben, Special Services office, next door to Service Club. Off-duty education program—details at Special Services office. Phone 27.

## At the Officers' Club

Thursday, Bingo; Saturday, dance; Sunday, band plays at the Club at 1700 in the Mess Hall. Tuesday, Bridge.

## Reading Menu: Library Adds List Of New Books

A covey of new books have arrived at the station library, some of them still fresh from best-seller lists. Miss Emily Hutson, librarian, announced that the new books should be in circulation by the end of the week.

Some of the more popular titles include: "Speak of the Devil", an anthology of short stories concerning Stan; "Marta of Muscovy" by Phil Stong, a best-seller item about Peter the Great's mistress; "Crazy Like a Fox", some of the wackiest essays ever put to paper by S. J. Perelman; "Elizabeth Is Missing", a strange factual yarn of the inexplicable disappearance of a 17th century English girl; "Skin and Bones" and "Thorne Smith's Triple Decker", two of the ribald Thorne's better creations; "Bedelia", by Vera Caspary—author of "Laura", is a study of a kittenish gal who marries for money and practically ruins folks' lives; "A Lion in the Streets" is a yarn presumably based on Huey P. Long—concerning a politician who gets tripped up by his own love for power; "Cimarron" by Edna Ferber is the old blood-n-thunder with rattlers, Indians, six-shooters and bad men; "The Fear Makers" is a hard-hitting 'it could happen here' yarn of plotters and schemers; "So Well Remembered", the newest James Hilton book to skyrocket to best-seller lists has all the warmth of "Goodbye Mister Chips".

Then there's "The Story of Alaska", a complete history of Alaska which makes good reading for future homesteaders; "Rockets" by Willy Ley, who discusses the future of travel beyond the stratosphere; "Korea" is the latest interpretation of the international status of the island currently over run by the Soviet; "Japanese Militarism" is a study of the ideas we have fought in the war against Japan.

These are just a handful of many new books just arrived at the library. Moral: get acquainted.

### AAF SETS NEW SPEED RECORDS

A jet-propelled P-80 flew 544 miles from Wright Field, Ohio, to LaGuardia Field in 62 minutes, an average of 526 MPH. A 4-engined Constellation hopped 3600 miles from LaGuardia Field to Paris in 14 hours, 12 minutes, averaging 290 MPH.

## WELL DUNNE



Irene Dunne plays the lead in the OCS comedy "Over 21" showing tonight and tomorrow at Theatres 1 and 2.

## Patio Opens Friday Night

The Service Club patio will open Friday night, Miss Martha Gould, Service Club hostess, announced today. The dance will be held in the patio, weather permitting, from 9 to midnight.

An attractive display of colored lights will lend added charm to dancing under the stars.

Though many dances were held last summer in the patio, the fire of last February has halted any such doings this year until now.

Girls from surrounding towns will be guests at the dance Friday and class A uniform is required in the patio.

### McGRAW HEADS USO AT MONAHANS

Mr. John V. McGraw, former head of the USO club at Brownwood, Texas, has been appointed director of the Monahans USO-NCCS club.



**HOPKINS**—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Hopkins at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 15th, a girl, Charlotte Eileen, weight 7 lbs. 3 ounces. Sgt. Hopkins is assigned to Sq. A.

**DAVIS**—Born to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Howard Davis at the Pyote Regional Hospital on August 16th, a girl, Victoria Lee, weight 7 lbs. 5 ounces. Lt. Col. Davis is assigned to Sq. F.

**PUYFER**—Born to Cpl. and Mrs. John Puyfer at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on August 19th, a boy, John Wesley Jr., weight 7 lbs. 3/4 ounce. Cpl. Puyfer is assigned to Sq. F.

# Show, Dance Due At Field Tonight

"Golden Gate Gaities", a streamlined west-coast show spangling with vodvil, voluptuous gals, and very funny entertainers comes to Pyote tonight for two shows at Theater No. 1, at 6:15 and 8:15 p.m. The show is free to all military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians. Seats: first come, first served.

Following the second show, a dance will be held at the Rec. Hall, featuring the music of Buddy Palmer his orchestra, who are featured in the cast of "Golden Gate Gaities".

## Plane Geometry, Psychology Added To Off-Duty Class

Off-duty classes were begun last week in Algebra, Spanish, and Creative Writing with fairly large enrollments in each class.

This week, two new courses were added to the curriculum of the free, off-duty education program of the field: Plane Geometry and Psychology.

The Geometry class meets Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 to 10. Psychology meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8.

Additional classes will soon start, according to the Information and Education Office, including courses in Small Business Operation and Public Speaking.

Anyone considering themselves qualified to teach either of these courses are asked to contact the Special Services Office next door to the Service Club, or phone 27. Instructors will be paid.

Textbooks are issued free to all students, and all interested personnel are advised to choose one or more classes for training.

If prospective students are interested in other subjects, requests for new classes should be made to the Information and Education officer at the Special Services office.

The I and E officers reminds prospective students that request

The fast-moving 90-minute show comes from San Francisco, booked by one of the biggest theatrical syndicates in the country. The cast includes nine girls and 14 men—featuring some knock-out acts with songs, music, comedy and dancing.

The dance, at the Rec. Hall, is also free to all enlisted personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians. Dancing will start promptly at nine and continue to 12, climaxing a big night of "Golden Gate Gaities".

## Fraternization Goes With Or Without Lunch

When the Allies invaded and defeated the Nazis, the brass laid down some rigid rules about non-fraternization, but they overlooked one statistical joker, according to an article in Yank, the Army Weekly. Many of the Germans were girls and almost all the Allied soldiers were boys. And since boys like girls and Allied soldiers liked all girls, regardless of nationality, the American and British Armies had to accept human nature and recently modified the rules.

Now, three months after V-E Day, GIs may walk arm in arm along the streets of German cities with German girls. They may go to the beach with German girls. With lunch baskets under their arms, GIs and German girls may go into the field together on picnics. Sometimes they go into the fields without lunch baskets, Yank reports.

Yank's complete story on changes in the non-fraternization laws appear in the August 31st issue which goes on sale Friday, August 24th.

for high school credit for any of these courses will be made upon the student's desire. Students will receive certificates of completion upon finishing the course satisfactorily.

Classes meet in the Technical Gunnery school. (See schedule in adjoining column).

## OFF-DUTY CLASSES

The following off-duty classes are being held, free of charge, to field personnel at the Gunnery Training school. You are invited to attend.

### PLANE GEOMETRY

Monday, 6 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 to 10 p.m.

### CREATIVE WRITING

Monday and Thursday, 8 to 10 p.m.

### SPANISH

Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

### ALGEBRA

Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

### PSYCHOLOGY

Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m.

# Pandemonium Enwraps Nation at War's Ending; Bedlam Reigns Supreme

By ED C. KOOPS

Yes, we know, you were at Pyote Army Air Field when the news of the Jap surrender reached you last Tuesday, August 14th. Were you wishing you were down on Michigan Avenue or in Times Square or on the corner of Hollywood and Vine when the news came through?

If you would have been there, this is what you would have seen—the maddest, wildest pandemonium and bedlam the U.S. has ever seen—like a million New Years' Eves rolled into one.

Here's what it was like.

## DETROIT

You probably would have greeted victory twice in Detroit. There was an informal celebration at dawn Tuesday, and another full-blown one Tuesday night. It rained all day Tuesday but the sun comes out about 7 p.m. and people spring up like mushrooms. River boats blow their whistles, shriller whistles of war plants scream out. They blow automobile horns, and people shout meaningless words at one another.

Street hawkers are selling confetti, noisemakers. Girls kiss soldiers. They hug them and blot them with lipstick. Pretty girls grab sailors—perhaps a dozen girls to a sailor and kiss the daylight out of him. Girls kiss marines. Bottles litter the streets. One old man sits unmindfully reading a newspaper under the street lamp in Grand Circus Park. Soldiers and servicemen grab girls and kiss them. People buy paper-hats and streamers. A tall blonde grabs the traffic cop at Lafayette and Griswold and kisses him. "I don't know who she is", he says, "and brother, I don't care." An Army lieutenant grabs the girl and swirls her away. A self-styled Indian man pops up in war paint and starts teaching a half dozen gals a war dance. They do it with boogie-woogie flourishes. They start picking up wet confetti from the gutters and throwing it at each other. Everybody's smiling and slapping each other on the back. A soldier yells: "Everybody's my brother. Let's have a drink!"

## LOS ANGELES

You're in Los Angeles. Bedlam! People pour into the streets blasted from their offices by whistles and sirens, led in the din by the huge siren atop the Times. Somebody starts a snake dance snarling traffic, but who cares? Servicemen are kissing every pretty girl, strangers are slapping one another on the back. People are throwing their hats into the air and screaming. Here and there some of them have slipped to their knees on the thoroughfare and are saying a prayer. Wedged beside a group of beribboned sailors brazenly brandishing a bottle on Broadway, a middle-aged woman is bowing her head in prayer. The throng shrieks down the street, but huddled in a store doorway is an attractive young woman, a service pin on her lapel; she is weeping.

On the elevator a bellboy asks: "What do you think about the end of the war?" Says a passenger indifferently, "I don't know. Is it true? Fourth floor, please." You probably would have joined in the singing on famed Hollywood Blvd., where servicemen and women sang "Hail, Hail, the Job's All Done" and start a snake dance clogging the streets from Western to LaBrea Avenue. Servicemen start rushing up to civilians and trading neckties with them. One sailor—wearing a purple heart and carrying a cane—is kissing all the women in stalled autos on Hollywood Blvd. He hits the jackpot when he encounters a stalled bus. The gongs that were to be used as a gong warning are being torn down by kids and beat on incessantly. Theaters have emptied with the news but a few people are buying tickets now and going inside—to get away from the noise. Pine Avenue is in complete bedlam with police cars equipped with loudspeakers attempting to clear the crowd making more noise than anything.

## WASHINGTON

You're in the Capital. People are dancing in the streets and in the doorways of stores. But they stop and kiss so much they don't get much dancing done. The cops are having a terrific time. They're trying to take in a couple drunks. The street looks like snow, there's so much paper down there. Nobody's riding the street cars, and folks are playing crack the whip. Automobiles are loaded down with at least a dozen people on the running board. If you try to cross the street you get carried away with the mob. There isn't a sane person left in all Washington.

## NEW ORLEANS

In New Orleans, you're making the third stab at victory celebrating. A hail of paper is being pelted down from buildings, and firecrackers are being exploded in the streets. They've closed the bars. A woman stands at a bus stop crying. "Whatsamatter, honey?" asks a passing GI. "Oh God, I'm so happy!" she answers. Phone books, paper cups, magazines, newspapers, ticker tape are floating down from every building.

## BATON ROUGE

The downtown section of the capital of Louisiana is a bedlam of noise from hundreds of jammed, horn-blowing cars, thousands of shouting, cheering pedestrians and whistles and bells. Civilians, servicemen, politicians, policemen, war workers, gamblers, and old ladies are crowding into the bars, and herded right out when the bars are closed immediately. One war widow says "I won't celebrate till my husband comes home." A car goes by with a dog riding majestically on the roof. Two cops go by with blackjacks and one says, "I'll wear one of these out by morning". A gob walks by in a panama hat. With the bars closed, and soda fountains jammed, there was never so much water drunk in Louisiana in one evening. Fathers and mothers drag small kids through the bedlam reminding them to remember this scene as long as they lived. The kids look bewildered and sleepy.

## DALLAS

The anti-noise ordinance is kicked out the window and you're in Dallas. Paper cascades from office windows, street sweepers look at the mess, laugh, and join in the fun. From Commerce to Main on Akard a mammoth snake-dance with GIs, WACs and civilians begins, and is joined by an old man in a three-wheeled electric push-cart. A mild-mannered man is ringing a cowbell outside the Adolphus hotel when a sailor grabs it and tears through the Century room ringing it. White-uniformed sailors at SMU, enrolled in the V-12 program, rush toward the two girls' dormitories and drag out squealing co-eds by the arms.

## ST. LOUIS

Pistol shots and torpedoes, paper is being thrown all over the streets. The Army band from Jefferson Barracks tromps up and down the streets playing marches—but you can't hear them. Everywhere people are shouting, "Now the boys will be coming home!" Paper bags filled with water are jettisoned from windows. A bundle of cloth labeled "Tojo" is hanging from a street lamp at Edwards and Elizabeth Avenue. Rugerri's restaurant and bar closed at 1:30 but re-opens again and everybody has drinks on the house. Bars'll stay open as long as the folks are orderly.

## NEW YORK

Ticker tape is flying and people are screaming. Horns are tooting and you can't hear yourself think. GIs and gobs are one huge blot of smeared lipstick from forehead to chin. GIs have ripped off their blouses and throwing them into the street. Some of them have stripped to the waist. Girls are kissing and being kissed. Traffic is blocked for a mile around Times Square.

## SAN FRANCISCO

The top bit of excitement at San Francisco takes place at the Servicemen's Center when a taxi pulls up, two nude young ladies get out and dive into the lily pond. A huge crowd of servicemen crowd around and offer them towels. The gals accept. After ten deaths, looting, and 73 serious injuries due to mob violence, SF is declared out of bounds to all Navy personnel.

## CHICAGO

It's a wild carnival and you're in the Loop in Chi. and it goes on all night. The last of the stragglers head for home by dawn, weary, punchdrunk, and happy. It's as noisy as the 1918 Armistice but a lot more orderly. State and Madison and a 4-block surrounding area has a million people poking each other with elbows and shouting in each other's ears. Nobody apologizes and nobody wants an apology. Kisses are a dime a dozen—only you don't need the dime. Girls kiss servicemen. Servicemen kiss girls. Everybody enjoys the experience. Two women are striding down State street beating bass drums and trying to be heard. There are paper hats, dishpans, spoons. The bars are closed but there's plenty of bottles around. If you want a drink you can get one from the guy next to you. Maybe he even has a supply of paper cups. A false alarm was turned in from Mc-Vickers Theater. When the fire truck pulls away, its loaded down with spectators. People are fainting, overcome with excitement and fatigue. Kids can't find their parents. Parents can't find their kids. The street cars quit running—what the hell. People pick up confetti and ticker tape and throw it again. More kisses. A car threads through the near north side with its occupants, all negroes, singing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" Bonfires are blazing on Maxwell street. More false alarms.

## PYOTE, TEXAS

But you are at Pyote, probably. When the news breaks at 6 p.m., it takes a while to get started. After so many false alarms

## 'Hot' Reporter Gives You 6 Tips On Keeping Cool

The Rattler wipes away the perspiration to offer you six ideas on how to beat the heat. If thou wouldst avoid sunstroke, heat exhaustion, Pyote fatigue, and August artery arson—take as directed:

1. Drink plenty of water. That's the clear crystal stuff that comes out of drinking fountains. Avoid ice water and soft drinks. Stick to a neat shot of cool water and let it go down easy.

2. Don't spare the salt. Put plenty of the stuff on your food at each meal. Incidentally, take your big meal in the evening—if you can, and a small rest period after each meal—if you can.

3. Get plenty of rest at night. Go to bed with the chickens, and we refer to the feathered variety.

4. All uniforms should be loose to allow the air to circulate about the body, and sunglasses should be worn to avoid exposure to the sun.

5. Salt tablets should be dissolved in water, if taking them straight causes nip-ups in the digestive tracts.

6. Cut out the alcohol. It does things to the blood pressure and leaves you open for a bottled in bond case of heat exhaustion.

## Coffee-Addicts Can Start Looking For The Date On The Bag

Roasting dates will be printed on all packages of Army coffee the Office of the Quartermaster General announced. They figure that by dating the coffee the depots, commissaries and kitchens will rotate the supplies so that there will never be stale coffee served in the mess halls.

The old army song about coffee being good for cuts and bruises and tasting like iodine won't hold true any more, for trained coffee making teams are traveling from camp to camp testing and checking the quality of the old army beverage.

nobody believes it. "You're kidding!" Finally, about 7:30 things start to happen. The Service Club cafeteria jams with people. They're shouting and drinking beer and singing. The smoke hangs heavy and the noise and confusion is terrific. At the Officers' Club the bedlam is immense. They're singing and shouting and planning to go home. The chapel has some visitors earlier in the evening, but by 10 p. m. it's empty.

The PX is jammed with celebrants, drinking beer and wanting to go home. The war's over, they keep telling each other, and start to cheer all over again. There's no sleep in the barracks, except for those who celebrated too much and hit the sack. Mess Hall 4 is packed with GIs trying to get a cup of coffee. The NCO club is one mammoth din. Noise, confusion, yells, cheers, beer—when a girl tries to distribute Rattler extras in the NCO club she finds the only way to cross the dance floor is to dance with GIs till she gets across. One tired and beer-laden GI sees a girl and says, tiredly: "Hey, the war's over. How about a kiss?" But he doesn't even wait for an answer. He goes back to his barracks.

## Superforts Now Get Black Bottom To Halt Reflection

Latest Superforts to roll from the assembly line are given a two-tone paint job. The fuselage, wings, and tail carry the usual aluminum coloring, but the super-bomber's bottom section, including lower wing surfaces get a black paint camouflage job, rendering them immune to anti-aircraft searchlight rays during low-level night raids.

This camouflage is the first given to the B-29s since the first of 1943 when the Army ordered the aluminum finish.

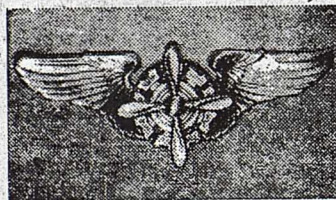
## Non-K Excused From Chemical Warfare Talks

All combat returnees and men physically disqualified for overseas (Non-K) are henceforth excused from Chemical Warfare lectures, according to Lt. William T. Carney, Chemical Warfare Officer.

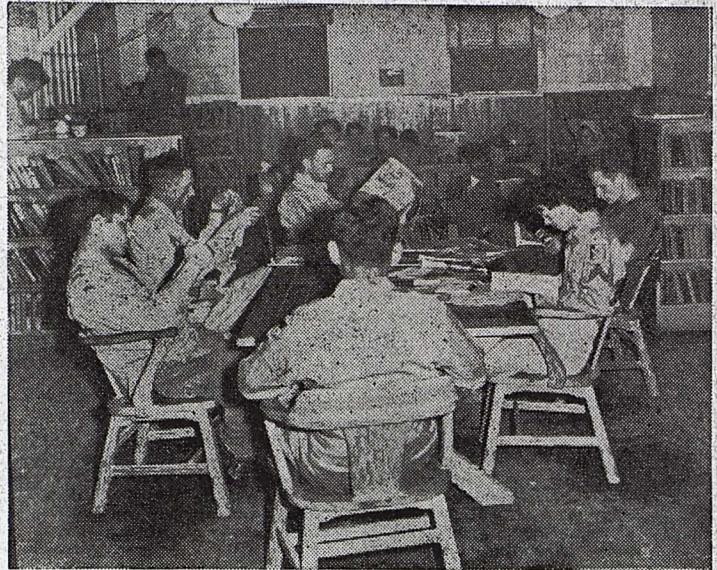
Members of the WAC will continue to be excused from such classes. However, all men in Column K—physically qualified for overseas duty, must attend the Chemical Warfare training each month.

## New Wings Okayed For B-29 Flight Engineers' Wear

New wings for the B-29 Flight Engineer have been okayed by the AAF Training Command headquarters.



## LIBRARY ATTENDANCE BOOMS



During the two-day holiday last week, library attendance spurted, and since the Jap surrender the library has been packed from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., with GIs catching up on their books, magazines, and papers.

## Army Survey Shows Only 64% Have Post-war Plans

A recent War Dept. survey disclosed several revealing facts concerning post-war plans of GIs. The plans of vets after demobilization are not very definite. Of 23,000 soldiers polled by the War Dept. only 64% had definite plans. Another 18% had tentative plans, depending on the date of discharge and business possibilities at the time.

## Field Bank Facility Clarifies Cashing Of War Bonds

Due to some misunderstanding relative to the cashing of bonds by the Station Bank, it is deemed advisable that a statement be made as to the facility of the bank to handle such transactions:

In the first place, this bank is listed as, and is, a limited facility; as to time, equipment and personnel. Many people do not understand the many technicalities in connection with the cashing of bonds, which involves, first to last, about ten different steps in the "processing" of these bonds for local payment, and this carries the bank's responsibility to the amount of each bond cashed. It is, therefore, necessary that the bank be furnished a local address on the bonds cashed in case some question arises at a later date regarding the cashability of such bonds.

The bank for this reason has limited its facility in this matter to cashing bonds for persons either living or working on this base or military personnel based here.

Bonds will not be cashed for personnel about to leave this station.

However, such bonds may be certified by us and sent in to the

One out of 12 definitely plans to attend school full-time. Almost all of these are under 25 and single.

Five out of eight (including those with tentative plans) intend to work for an employer. Only three per cent plan to stay in the Army.

Eighty per cent of the white EMs polled expect to return to the same states they lived in prior to draft. Among those who do plan to move, the western states rank first in popularity.

There won't be many new farmers. Virtually every soldier who plans to be a farmer says he will go back to land owned or operated by himself or his parents. But where the vets will make themselves felt, is in the small business field. More than half a million men in the Army alone intend to set up shop after the war.

Five out of ten expect to invest no more than \$4,000 in such an enterprise, and only one out of five has all the happy cabbage to start it.

The 23,000 soldiers questioned were polled scientifically, that is—broken down according to previous civilian experience, ages, educational levels, geographical distribution, and other factors.

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# All-American Frank Sinkwich With 2AF

Pvt. Sinkwich of Youngstown, Ohio—twice All-American and two-time National League all-star, will try to add service honors to his football laurels this fall when he lines-up with the 2AF Super-bomber eleven.

Sinkwich—ex-Georgia and Detroit Lions star reported for practice last Wednesday when Major Ed L. Walker, head coach, recently returned from overseas duty, began preparations for the coming season.

Weighing 200 pounds, and 24 years old, Fullback Sinkwich has a string of honors for his gridiron blaze of glory—voted the most valuable player in the National Pro League last fall, awarded the Joe E. Carr Memorial trophy, the Nation's No. 1 collegiate ball carrier in 1941, led the 1941 Georgia team to an Orange Bowl victory, tied Sammy Baugh's putting average in '43, set a record of 2187 yards gained rushing and passing in 1942, named the player of the year in 1942.

Sinkwich was inducted into the Army last April and will be a mainstay for the '45 Superbombers. The 1945 schedule for the 2AF eleven is: Sept. 14—4AF at Los Angeles; Sept. 23—Shoemaker (Calif.) Navy at San Francisco; Sept. 30—Ft. Warren (Wyo.) at Denver; Oct. 7—Keesler Field

## Thunderbolts Whip Kermit Team, 8-6

The Pyote Thunderbolts, of Squadron C, tripped the Kermit team in a scrappy ball game, 8-6. The victory gave the Thunderbolts an .833 season average with 15 wins and 3 losses.

Mount pitched the win for Pyote allowing 14 hits—with Lynne and Peden of Kermit getting 4 and 3 respectively. Davis was the loser, allowing 14 hits to the Thunderbolts. Hatchell topped the Pyote line-up with three hits in five trips.

(Miss.) at Sioux City, Ia.; Oct. 14—Eastern Flying Training Command at Albuquerque; Oct. 28—Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln; Nov. 4—3AF at Denver; Nov. 10—ATC at El Paso; Nov. 18—1AF at New York; and Dec. 2—AAF Training Command at Ft. Worth.

## This Wacky World

The past week's news limelight fell on the following collection of yucks and screwballs whose daffy doings made the nations' front pages:

In **Beverly Hills, California**, Carol Tisher, who was sentenced to 15 days in the jug for drunken driving, didn't show up. He couldn't. He was serving 30 days in the Van Nuys cooler for disturbing the peace. An in **Chicago**, burglars broke into police headquarters, cracked a safe and made off with hundreds of envelopes containing evidence for pending cases. They didn't pick up an envelope containing \$200,000.

Men's shorts are so hard to get in **Detroit** that male customers are buying ladies' panties at department stores. And Joe Infield, a restless sleeper in **Kansas City**, got his head wedged between the bars of his bed. His wife, mother-in-law, a neighbor and two cops finally freed him with a hack saw.

And a **Knoxville, Tennessee**, man struck a bargain with his divorced wife. She could have \$700, all their furniture and \$80 a month if he could keep the telephone.

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## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

### Higher Power Is Responsible For All Victories

By Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

Our Generals, including MacArthur, Eisenhower, Marshall, Arnold, Patton and others; our Admirals, among whom we find Nimitz, King and Halsey, have led our forces to a great victory. We have forced Japan to a surrender such as she has not experienced in the 2600 years of her history. We rejoice with the rest of the world at the end of the war—the most terrible that the race of man has ever seen.

Great bombers, tanks, flame-throwers and atomic bombs have wrought havoc throughout the world. Whole cities lie in waste. Millions of homes have been plunged into grief at the loss of loved ones, military and civilian, who have given their lives in this great struggle. This fact causes us to realize that now is no time for great jubilation. Rather should we pause to give thanks to God that the slaughter is over.

Our military leaders realize that their efforts could not have been crowned with success were it not for a Higher Power. "Thanks be to God, Who giveth us the victory." That is the keynote of the reaction of thinking men and women everywhere. We know that God is the real Ruler of the universe. Oftentimes men rebel against Him, and try to take over the ruling of the world's destiny without Him, with such tragic results as we have seen in the past several years.

People started praying after Pearl Harbor. During the dark days of Bataan and Corregidor many were on their knees in supplication to Almighty God. Men have ever called upon God in times of trouble. Then, when the victory has been won, they say, "Look at what our generals, our admirals, our armies and our navies have done." Such an attitude is inexcusable.

Moses, in an address to the Children of Israel, when they were on the threshold of the Promised Land, said, "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day." May those words burn deep into our hearts. May God help us in this hour, that we may be willing to be led of Him in the years that lie ahead.

### 38 PLANES DESTROYED IN 105 MINUTES

Two destroyers shot down 38 Jap suicide planes in 105 minutes off Okinawa, establishing a record for ships of their size, the Navy announced. Both vessels were damaged in the action.

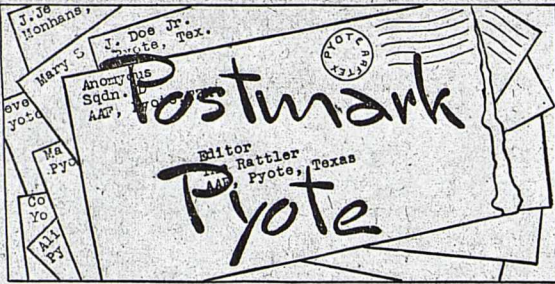
## So This Is Pyote!



Yes, believe it or not, men, but this IS Pyote. The first snow-fall in years hit the field on the 14th of January, 1944. Details were put to work clearing the B-17s and the ramp of the snow. It is the last snow-Pyote has seen, but this picture might cool you off during these hot August days. Snow, snow, bee-oo-tiful snow!



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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!

**PECOS BUS**

Editor, The Rattler:

A short time ago something was said about lowering bus fares between Pecos and Pyote AAF. Then the subject was dropped. The fare from Pecos to Pyote is 35 cents each way—round trip, 70 cents. That \$4.20 a week really adds up.

We don't begrudge the bus company making enough money to keep their buses running. But when they are receiving more than sufficient money to keep them running and the buses are not kept in running condition, we passengers have a gripe.

How many times has a Pecos transit bus broken down in the middle of a run? How many times has a bus started or arrived behind or ahead of schedule? How many times have we been reamed by broken seat springs? How come, huh?

Cpl. Bob Dickey, Sq. F.

• The Rattler received the following reply to the above letter from J. H. Arthur, manager of the Pecos-Pyote bus line:

Editor, The Rattler:

Regarding our rates between Pecos and Pyote: The railroad rate from Pecos to Pyote is sixty cents one way and they do not drive two miles through the air base to pick up their passengers. The Greyhound bus line rate is fifty-five cents each way. Both the railroad and Greyhound run five schedules a day, while we make 17 round trips daily at approximately half-the-price.

There is the struggle of obtaining new tires and parts which add to the handicap of operating during wartime. Although we keep new tires and tubes on our buses at all times, there are blowouts, for the new tires we get are inferior. Costs of operation are increased by amounts we put out regularly for insurance, Railroad Commission tax, unemployment tax, social security, eat tax, state, county, and school tax—all above the actual operating cost.

It is true we have had a few breakdowns between Pecos and Pyote, but 90% of these mishaps have been due to faulty, new tires. As to seats in the buses being uncomfortable—we have put three new sets of seats in each bus at a total cost of \$1560, since we started operation. Most of these dis-

carded seats were cut up with knives as a pastime for passengers.

J. H. Arthur, Manager.

• Captain Merriam, until recently the Supervisor of Transportation and Captain Stewart, representing the Hq. AAF Traffic Division, District No. 4, Dallas, have both gone into the present rate problem on the Pecos-Pyote line and have initiated a request for subsidation of the Pecos Transit Company. If this request is approved by the Chief of Transportation, the present rate will be lowered.

**MONA**

Editor, The Rattler:

Whatever happened to that saazoo pin-up named Mona that you used to run?

Sgt. M. K. Phillips.

• Here's her latest pose, Sarj.



**WHERE'S POP?**

Editor, The Rattler:

Why is it we can't get a cold drink in the PX anymore? Been two days now and no soda. If they haven't any, why not sell beer?

(Name withheld.)

• They can't sell what they haven't got, joe. ARs forbid sale of beer prior to 5 p.m. on Army reservation. Rationing of soft

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drinks doesn't allow the PX to have as large a supply as they and you would wish. Rough.

beneficiary named by the soldier. The widow should get in touch with the nearest VA office and make inquiry.

**CASH FOR QUADS**

Editor, The Rattler:

Can that soldier who had illegitimate quadruplets in England draw family allowance for them?

S/Sgt. I. F. P.

• Yes, illegitimate children are eligible for Family Allowance provided their father acknowledges paternity.

**MATERNITY CARE**

Editor, The Rattler:

Is my wife, who lives in Canada, entitled to maternity care?

(Name withheld.)

• Maternity care goes only to GI's wives living in the United States, providing that facilities for it exist.

**INSURANCE**

Editor, The Rattler:

My cousin was killed in action some months ago, but his widow hasn't received any insurance. How come?

S/Sgt. P. G. T.

• The Veterans' Administration is supposed to issue claim forms for National Service Life Insurance automatically to the

**ROCKER**

Editor, The Rattler:

Look, supposing I make Staff Sergeant. I was told that if I get the rocker I'll lose my family allowance. That'd be rough because I have five children. What can I do?

Sgt. R. L. M.

• You won't lose the allowance.

## Inspection—

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Communications ground school in absence of authorized officer personnel". Lt. Stephen P. Hamm was commended for his "outstanding initiative, effort, and tireless work with the Flying Safety program. He has worked with and taken much interest in crash plans and crash equipment in order to effect maximum efficiency. Although hampered by the table of authorization and a shortage of personnel, he has done a grand job."

Two departments were also separately commended by the IG. "Persons working" in Armament section who are responsible for the design of the power turret casing and link attachment are highly commended for their ingenuity and untiring effort in expediting the B-29 training program". The Civilian Personnel Officer and staff were also commended for their "organization and executive ability in handling matter pertinent to civilian personnel. This display of great zeal in establishment and continuance of programs for civilian personnel, not required most stations, has inspired greater effort from all employees and is a contributing factor to the success of this station".

Departments that received a rating of excellent are as follows:

### TRAINING

Director of Training, Secretary of Training, Training Records, Form Five Section, Standardization Board, Staff Navigation, Staff Bombing, Staff Radar, Personal Equipment, Base Operations, Field Lighting, Weather, Weights and Balances, Flying Safety, Chemical Warfare.

### FLYING TRAINING

Director of Flying Training, Flight Control, AACS, Operations and Administration, Navigation, Communications, Radar, and Intelligence.

### GROUND TRAINING

Director of Ground Training, Navigation, Engineering, Radar, Communications, Gunnery, Link Trainer, Bomb Training and Navigation Training.

### MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY

Director of Maintenance and Supply, Maintenance Control, Stock Control, Purchasing and Contracting, Post Engineers, Utilities, Flying Field, Roads and Housing, Utility Shops, Cost Accounting, Fire Department and Crash Crew, Rail Transportation, Motor Pool, Motor Maintenance, Aircraft Maintenance, Sections A, B, and C, Section C's Communications and Radar, Flight Test, Armament, General Supply, Quartermaster, Warehousing, Ordnance, Sales Commissary, Salvage, AAF Supply, AAF Supply Supervisor, AAF Tech Supply.

### ADMINISTRATION & SERVICES

Air Inspector, Administrative Inspector, Technical Inspector, Adjutant, Budget and Fiscal, Finance,

## WD Hopes—

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announcement from Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, "The Army will try to do just as fast and effective a job in getting men back from abroad and out of uniform as it had done in the other direction." The aim of the Army is to discharge five million of its approximately 8 million men within the next 12 months.

The needs of MacArthur's occupation forces must be met. For that reason, the War Dept. warns that if drafting under Selective Service act is cut—men who have already fought will have to do the occupying too.

The War Dept. hopes to be able to accept voluntary enlistments in large numbers. (The current law holds such enlistments to 280,000.) Present draftees who wish to enlist in the Regular Army for three years may keep their present ranks, get furloughs at home, and receive re-enlistment bonuses up to \$150.

Over 300,000 GIs over 38 may apply for discharge due to age. They must request such discharge within 90 days from August 14th to be eligible. Only exceptions: those undergoing disciplinary action or medical treatment.

Separation Centers will be speeded up to handle five hundred thousand men a month.

General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, gave the following order to all commanding generals: to carry out the demobilization plan as rapidly as possible and to "combat natural tendencies to continue activities, demand services and retain personnel, supplies, equipment or facilities which are not clearly necessary".

The present discharge score of 85 points for EM and 44 for WAC will continue temporarily. A lower critical score will be established later, allowing troops additional credit for service after May 12, and the score will be cut further as demobilization progresses.

The fact that 5 million will leave the Army in a year does not imply that a global occupation Army of 3 million will be needed, stated Maj. Gen. S. G. Henry, Assistant Chief of Staff. He said that the size of the occupation armies was a matter for future determination.

Director of Administration and Services, Personnel, Classification, Civilian Personnel, Ground Supply, Chaplains, Special Services, Information and Education, Post Office, Courts and Boards, Post Exchange and PX facilities, Combat Intelligence, Ground School, Provost Marshall, Guard House, Public Relations, Food Service Supervisor, Organizational messes, Sq. C Mess, Officers' Club, Officers' Club Barber Shop, Station Surgeon, Flight Feeding Kitchen, Central Butcher Shop, Med-

## Rattlesnake Charmer



Dolores Moran is the kind of girl who puts her personality into a sweater; and she's got the nicest personality we've seen in a long time. Now we see what they mean by a two-front war.

## Discharge—

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Service Rating card and who have stated thereon that they have "no desire for detention" may be separated, except those whose primary MOS is one of the following: 0140, 0145, 0224, 0410, 0500, 0503, 2210, 2235, 4402, 4415, 4600, 4805, 5401, 5754, 6201, 7970, and all officers qualified for, or assigned to, any phase of contract termination or renegotiation, regardless of MOS.

The second TWX states that all enlisted personnel 38 years or over, whose service is honorable and who voluntarily apply to his or her CO for discharge, be sent to separation center for discharge for convenience of the Government. Military necessity or other requirements will not bar discharge. However this authority may not be used in lieu of disciplinary action nor when discharge

ical Supply, Base Signal Office, Band, Commandant of Crews, and Squadrons A, B, C, D, E, F, and M.

under other ARs is appropriate.

Individuals under medical or surgical treatment will not be discharged under this authority.

COs will be permitted to retain for a period of 90 days any enlisted personnel who is 38 years of age or over and who has less than the minimum point score discharge, if a replacement is not available at the time he or she requests discharge.

All personnel, officers and enlisted personnel, to be separated under the above categories will be sent to the separation center in their respective localities.

A request has been made by the Military Personnel Officer that personnel desiring further information should contact their Sqdn. orderly rooms and not members of the Military Personnel section.

**Birmingham, Ala. (CNS)**—GIs returned from overseas have found these changes in local gals since they went away, according to a survey: (1) They're thinner, (2) they're blonder, (3) they seem more beautiful.

# Why Surrender? Use the 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

**STILL IN THE RATTLER** Office are the following articles. If you lost them or know of anyone who is missing something on this list we would appreciate it if you come and pick it up: Two identification bracelets, one with Marvin Yeatts and one with Douglas Maure on it; silver double-flower earring, amber stones; Nicholas A. Saquella's dogtags with key and high school insignia attached; keys on cord with Texas state insignia; silver Catholic medal on plexiglass cord; miraculous medal, no cord; Yale key on chain; one pair of black rosaries; Yale key with no cord; ladies wedding ring; pink birthstone ring; one pair of GI glasses (not sunglasses); one Texas hankie.

**A VERY TIDY STERLING SILVER RING** with a pinkish-red stone was found and turned in. It doesn't fit our finger so you can have it back. Call at The Rattler.

**MAN'S WATERPROOF WRIST WATCH** found in Hangar No. 1 about the 1st of August. Post Exchange officer will gladly give it to the owner upon identification.

**THE OWNER OF A WATCH** lost in the Ice House about the 6th of August can have it upon identification at The Rattler Office.

**THOSE BLACK GLOVES** (size M) are still in The Rattler Office.

**BROWN LEATHER WALLET** Found in B-29 on Aug. 13th. Ship No. 3366. Owner may have it upon identification. Contact Rattler Office.

**FOUND AT OFFICERS' CLUB**—All may be claimed at the cashier's booth in Officers' Club: Dogtags. Charles D. Allen. With two keys attached. Sterling silver ankle bracelet. Initials M. E. C. engraved. Two rings, one a high school ring with initials J.T.F. on it, the other a man's sterling ring with stone set.

**SOMEBODY BROUGHT** in a ring, fancy gold affair, man's ring, has a large R and "Roosevelt"

on it. Pick it up at the Rattler office or it goes to finder.

**ONE LARGE silver ring** with wings has been found at the swimming pool. Owner may call for it at the Rattler office.

### LOST

**LADIES GOLD CLASS RING** lost. Initials K.J.C. on inside of ring. Liberal reward offered to finder. Lt. F. Robinson, BOQ 424, Section 1, or Rattler Office.

**MAN'S BENRUS WRIST WATCH** lost in or near swimming pool or shower room. Finder please contact T/Sgt. James W. Dennis. Bks. 537. Reward offered.

**LADIES RED POCKETBOOK** lost in Theater No. 2. Large plain bag with identification and personal papers in it. No money. Send it to Mary Lindsay, 719 W. Lubbock, San Antonio, Texas, or bring it to Rattler Office.

**LOST OR STOLEN**—Black wallet containing important papers and money. Near Motor Pool. Reward. Contact Rattler Office.

**GOLD BAND DIAMOND RING.** Lost around Base Operation or Line 10-13. If found contact Lt. C. D. Zimmer, Sec. II, C.C.O. Reward.

**PAIR OF SUN GLASSES** left in PX or Mess Hall. Sentimental value. Reward. Contact Rattler Office.

**MAN'S WEDDING BAND** lost. Engraved A.I.E. to C.E.V. 6-45. Contact Sgt. C. Veltman, Bks. 619.

**MEXICAN BRACELET** lost between Guest House and Service Club. Return to Rattler Office.

**AN IDENTIFICATION BRACELET**, believed lost in swimming pool, belongs to A. L. Sager. Please return to Rattler Office.

**WILL THE PERSON** who found my isinglass case with pictures and a pass in it at the USO please turn it in to The Rattler Office? Cpl. Paul Bridges is anxious to have those pictures of his Mom and Dad.

**THERE'S A REWARD ATTACHED** to this lost watch. It is a Bulova: gold with black band. Finder please contact the hostess at Special Services.

### 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**—Pair of Bausch and

Lomb binoculars. 8x40 power. Practically new. Price: \$50.00. Contact Sgt. B. McCabe, Sq. D, Bks. 528 (across from PT field).

**FOR SALE**—1935 Tudor Ford Sedan. Motor overhauled, new brakes, new clutch, etc. Good tires. Under OPA prices, \$250. Contact Cpl. V. Franciosa or Pfc. N. Halvorsen at Bks. 539, Sq. F, or phone 218.

**FOR SALE**—Bus ticket to Dallas, Texas. See Pfc. M. Gotlinsky, Bks. 537, Sq. F.

**PRACTICALLY NEW** high chair. Good condition. Price \$5. Contact Pvt. Len Snipper at 229.

**MAKE YOUR RENT AN INVESTMENT.** T/Sgt. Howard A. Heusser, Barracks 533, has a 15-foot Travelodge trailer house with three good tires and an airconditioner for \$685.

### TRANSPORTATION

**COUPLE WANT RIDE** to Wichita Falls. Will share expenses and driving. Contact Cpl. Don R. Morris, Hangar No. 1 or phone 275.

**GOING TO FT. WORTH?** Then latch on to a Greyhound bus ticket by contacting Cpl. Frank A. Vizzini, Sq. E, Box 652. It'll save yuh a couple of bucks.

**WANT RIDE TO AND FROM PECOS.** 8 to 5 shift only. Contact Sgt. A. I. Pomerantz at Sq. E Orderly Room or phone Pecos 446-J.

### WANTED

**WANTED, A CAR.** 1937 or '38 Chevrolet or Pontiac Sedan. Must have good tires and be in good shape. Contact S/Sgt. A. E. Miller at phone 216.

**TABLE MODEL RADIO** wanted.

**PINEAPPLE JOE**

**POST NO. 7**

*Sylvester Pacific*

"Has the password been changed to "Hello, Handsome?"

Contact Capt. Louis Ginsberg at 132.

**TELEPHONE OPERATORS** needed. Experienced help desired. Apply at Signal office. Here's the job for the little woman who has the voice with the smile.

**WANTED TO BUY**—will pay cash for good used car, any model from 1937 to '41. Lt. Stancel, Convalescent Training Program, Phone 101.

**WANTED**—SMALL OR MEDIUM 2 wheel lightweight luggage trailer. Contact Sgt. H. W. Cooper by calling 257.

### PERSONALS

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST** of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) will hold services at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in Main chapel.

**THE RATTLER** has a stack of photographs taken from our files. No pin-ups, no airplanes, no Pyote or field shots. But all kinds of people. If your picture was taken for the paper between April '42 and August '43 we might have it. Stop in look 'em over before we salvage them.

An OPPORTUNITY like this may not knock again!



Pay day is a red-letter day for more reasons than the obvious one of getting paid. It will be your opportunity to sign up for a subscription to YANK, The Army Weekly, official GI magazine by and for enlisted men.

Your Company Clerk will enter your YANK subscription for you. And 10 cents out of every dollar received will go to your Company Fund.

REMEMBER—Sign up in the orderly room this pay day for

**YANK**

It's only 2 bucks for an entire year!



# KOOPS' KORNERS

## THE POST WAR JOB STORY

I am in receipt of a clipping from the Scripps-Howard news syndicate, which, frankly, peeves me. It announces that the War Manpower Commission has shown an inclination to give officers first crack at the best civilian jobs.

"John L. Craig, Ohio state director of the WMC", the story states, "said the commission is making a survey covering 'executive and supervisory jobs in business, industry and government' in Ohio as part of a national project."

The memorandum released by the War Manpower Commission observed that "many of these young officers have married since they were called into service. They and their families are accustomed to living on an officers' income, and understandably do not want to alter their standard of living."

As a GI, I would like to know just what gives. I'm afraid I can't approve of a post-war world where the commissioned officers of the war have all the gravy.

I'm an old-fashioned guy, and I believe that the test of a man's ability to produce in a civilian job is not dependent on the grade or rank he attained while serving in the Armed Forces.

I recall an exchange of letters in some recent issue of Yank between an enlisted man and an officer. The officer remarked that prior to his military service he had been an office-boy. I have nothing against office-boys—they're nice kids. But I fail utterly to see why such a man—regardless of rank—with a background of experience limited to being an office-boy should be entitled to first crack at the executive and supervisory jobs in business, industry, and government, while some 30-year-old Private who has given long, faithful, and excellent service in some particular capacity to some particular business concern takes the back seat.

I'm afraid that civilian life will be just the way it was before. The hallmark of success will depend on a man's ability—and not



## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Don't leave... There's a girl for everybody!"

on who he is or what he was.

All in all, this situation presents a very nice outlook for the EM who have definitely lowered their standard of living in order to serve their country in wartime. Many enlisted men held better positions before the war than their officers. Just because a man has advanced under the military system of promotion does not mean he would have necessarily enjoyed the same degree of success in a highly competitive civilian business world.

America has one great tradition. "That every mother's son may someday be president". Let's not permit any bureaucratic big-wigs break that down.

I said I was peeved. I'm a little sorry too. There is going to be such a rude awakening in the near future.

### RATTLER TATTLER

A new publication called "GI Joe", beamed to servicemen and women, is planned by the Volitant Publishing Company, which is seeking cartoons, photos and stories with GI slant. Material should be sent to Editor, GI Joe, Volitant Publishing Company, 103 Park Ave., NYC 17. Two cents per word will be paid for stories and \$10 per cartoon on acceptance. Photos will bring \$5 on publication. Material must first be submitted to the Public Relations Officer who will in turn submit it to the WD for approval prior to publication.

According to the Alamogordo Blockbuster's editor, Sgt. Homer F. Bennett, his paper and The Rattler shared honors as the best papers in the 16th Wing. Says Bennett: "The Rattler is an excellent paper." Say we: "Ditto the Blockbuster".

The library has now posted a list of all Senators from the 48 states for your information and convenience.

Pyote hepcats are enjoying the following tunes, as checked by number of playings at juke boxes around the field: (1) Atchison, Topeka, and Sante Fe, (2) June Comes Around Every Year and (3) It's Only a Paper Moon.

The 86th and 95th Divisions, early returnees from the ETO are heading for the Pacific. They caused quite a stir last week-end by writing to newspapers and radio stations throughout the country because they were headed overseas again. The War Dept. announced that all men 38 or over, and all men even close to the 85 point mark, had been taken out of the Division.

Top fiction at the Pyote library for the past week finds "Forever Amber" still in the No. 1 slot. Other "in-demands" are "Strange Woman" and "Thorne Smith's 3-decker". In the non-fiction dept., "How to Plan a House" by Townsend, "Low man on a Totem Pole" by H. Allen Smith, and "Up Front" by Mauldin rank tops.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. It is better for the jeweler, the florist, the newspaper boy—and sometimes for the lawyers.