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## 80 Points Gets You Out!

### September Heat Scorches Pyoters With 97 High

Though September means "autumn" in the tall pine country, Pyote continued on its way through a week of blistering heat punctuated in the high nineties. No let-up in the current heat spell is indicated, unfortunately, and autumn in Pyote is in the far, vague future.

Monday marked the high for the past seven days with a temperature of 98. Temperatures for the past week are recorded through the courtesy of the Base Weather office.

Wednesday: 93; Thursday: 92; Friday: 91; Saturday: 93; Sunday: 97; Monday: 98; and Tuesday: 97.

### 44-Hour Work Week For All CAF Stations

A 44-hour work week is in effect for military and civilian personnel at this station, according to a 2AF TWX quoted recently in the Daily Bulletin.

Directors and "users of personnel" will determine those who are to work under these instructions. The TWX stated:

"Effective immediately all installations of the CAF will operate on a five and one-half day week basis. Installations will be closed for business Sundays, Saturday afternoons, and on legal holidays except that the minimum personnel necessary to conduct emergency business and perpetual 24-hour functions will be maintained."

First time off under this plan was taken last week-end, as two

### Demobilization Will Speed Up If Occupation Easy

The top brass in Washington is just waiting for word to come from General MacArthur that the occupation of Japan is going forward successfully—and peacefully.

When that word comes, according to Rep. Ewing Thomason of the 88th Congressional District who visited in Monahans and Pecos last week, the demobilization process will be speeded up just as much as possible.

This is one of the biggest problems which faces Congress as it reconvenes today on Capitol Hill with a lap-full of reconversion business. But to any khaki-bound GI whether in Pyote, overseas or anywhere else, it is THE biggest without question.

"We're just awaiting word from General MacArthur's headquarters that everything is proceeding smoothly in Japan," said the Congressman. "Then we expect the men will be coming home in rapid order."

Rep. Thomason, who is the ranking member of the House Military Affairs Committee, spoke to the Lions Club in Monahans last Thursday, and later addressed a gathering in the district courthouse.

The intense interest that this question holds for the public is evidenced by the fact that during Rep. Thomason's recent visit in his home town of El Paso, he got an average of 100 calls a day from persons inquiring as to when some member of the armed forces might be expected home. "Thy really kept me hopping," he said, "al-

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and a half days off were given for some personnel, beginning Saturday afternoon and running to Tuesday morning.

### Vets to Lose Job Rights Unless Congress Acts

The 15 million veterans of World War II will be entirely without legal job rights with the official end of the war unless Congress acts on pending legislation to grant statutory seniority credit for all time spent in the Armed Forces.

Due to an oversight in the Selective Service law, veterans will lose the re-employment rights guaranteed in the present law the moment "termination of hostilities" is proclaimed officially.

Veterans seeking new jobs have never had any job rights.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars have taken directly to the President the entire problem of statutory seniority for veterans and asked his support of a broad program to obtain a break for vets in the postwar reconversion period.

That part of the Selective Service Act which guarantees servicemen their old jobs back expires at the end of the war though draftees are liable to service for the duration plus six months.

#### Knutson Bill

The belated knowledge of an — (See JOBS on Page 6)

### COMBAT CREDIT FOR SERVICE UNITS OK'D

Authority contained in a recent TWX from 2AF clarifies combat credit for Service Units in the following battles or campaigns: Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Ploesti, Libya, French Morocco, and Rumania. Enlisted men who obtain a certificate from an officer certifying he was with a Service Unit which was attached to a technical unit listed in WDGO 59, 1945, may secure credit for one or more campaigns by bringing a signed certificate to the Military Personnel Section at Station Headquarters.

### 35 Year Olds In Two Years Can Now Get Out

The Army has ordered cuts in age and discharge points to speed release of enlisted men and women, press associations in Washington have announced.

Effective last Sunday, all enlisted personnel of 35 years or over, who have served a minimum of two years of honorable service in the Army, will be released upon their own application. This cuts the age limit from 38 to the new figure.

The War Dept. also announced that the critical score for discharge of enlisted personnel was cut from 85 to 80 and for WAC from 44 to 41. Points of all Army personnel, except those already eligible for discharge, will be recomputed to include all points earned since the defeat of Germany.

### New Draft Story: To Be Continued

A poll of the House Military Committee by Associated Press showed that a campaign for the immediate end of the draft has lost its steam. Selective Service, according to AP advices, is likely to continue at least for a few months. Likewise, it probably will be necessary to continue inducting 18 and 19 year olds.

The draft, in all probability, will be continued, because of a need for replacements for fighting men and to insure an adequate number of occupation troops, says Associated Press.

Representatives of the committee, however, said they hoped that by May 15th (official date for expiration of the Selective Service Act) the military situation will be improved enough to allow a halt to forced inductions.

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## Letter to the Boss

Dear Boss:

Well, it's finally over. The war I mean. I'll be home soon, boss, and I wanted to get a few things off my chest. When I say soon I mean it may be six months—of course every day will seem like a month itself but compared to what has gone before the next few weeks are going to be easy. From here in we coast.

I remember your last letter, and I think it is dog-gonned nice of you to take time to write all of the boys. You mentioned something about coming around and talking over the job situation. I don't expect to get another furlough until I am discharged so I am taking the liberty now of stating my views on the job situation. I believe the same views are shared by most of the other men who are now in the army awaiting demobilization.

To begin with, I do not expect and do not want anything on a silver platter for my time in the service. I've had just three years in the army. Some others have had more and some less, but in any case it will add up to a sizable chunk out of a man's life.

There is some talk about a big bonus, yes, but I believe that most of the men in the army are convinced that such a plan will do little good toward re-establishing each veteran in the life which he left. We would much rather see a little more flexibility in the loan clause of the GI Bill of Rights. Too many boys have become discouraged and given up on the matter of building a home with a government loan, when building such a home might have been all that was needed to establish them as responsible, participating citizens of this country.

We hear some talk about some veterans going to court to establish their job rights. This shouldn't be necessary. Surely in a country as busy and prosperous as this, there shouldn't be any need for the courts to insure returning veterans their minimum job rights.

However, boss, I realize that most of the men who are going to be discharged will not have any so-called "job rights" because they were too young when they entered the service, or were still in school, or didn't have a steady job, or for some other reason. What is there for these men? I think the educational clause of the GI Bill is good, but many of these men also have families and do not want to return to school.

What they do want is a chance to return and take their places in the free country that is America—the country which they learned to truly appreciate while in uniform. I saw some parts of other countries boss, during my three years in the army—and I'm here to tell you that none compares with this land of America.

That means having a job and a chance to advance and insure your family a decent standard of living. I don't know the theories of economics, boss, so I don't know how this is to be done. I know that I'll have this chance, working for you, and I'd like to see every man with whom I've served have the same opportunity.

There's one thing, too, that you'll find nowhere except in the hearts and minds of the folks back home. This Johnny Doughfoot doesn't want to be treated like a Man from Mars when he gets home. Too many people have the idea that army service leaves a peculiar unfathomable stamp on a man that forever removes him from the understanding of his more ordinary neighbors.

Believe me, there's nothing I want, and nothing anybody else in this army wants, any more than I want to become just an ordinary John Doe again. I can't do this if everybody at home takes me for a circus freak just because I wore a uniform for a while.

That's the ticket, boss. That's all I want—and I think the same thing would satisfy every last one of the boys in the army I hope to be seeing you soon, and until I do, please accept my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Johnny.

## Time's A-Wastin'

There's a new fight in the making, chums, and it revolves around "job rights". And the \$64 question, as it now stands, is: "Are you entitled to your old job or are you not?"

Section 8 of the Selective Service Act which guarantees servicemen their old job back will be invalidated with the official end of the war due to an "oversight" on the part of Congress. Thus your sole legal right to a job will collapse.

Unless Congress takes immediate action to guarantee GIs the right to their old job, under fair and equitable circumstances, with fair and equitable seniority, the past three or four years you have spent in the army have lost you the old job, or at least the seniority you would have attained had you stayed out.

Congress has passed no act giving veterans' seniority credit. Several instances have already occurred where the vet has had to take his fight for a job to the U.S. courts, and his entire case has been based on Section 8 of the Selective Service Act.

Now the GI no longer has that to fall back on.

We hope that Congress takes immediate action on this matter and assures the GI the right to his old job and the seniority that goes with the time spent in the army.

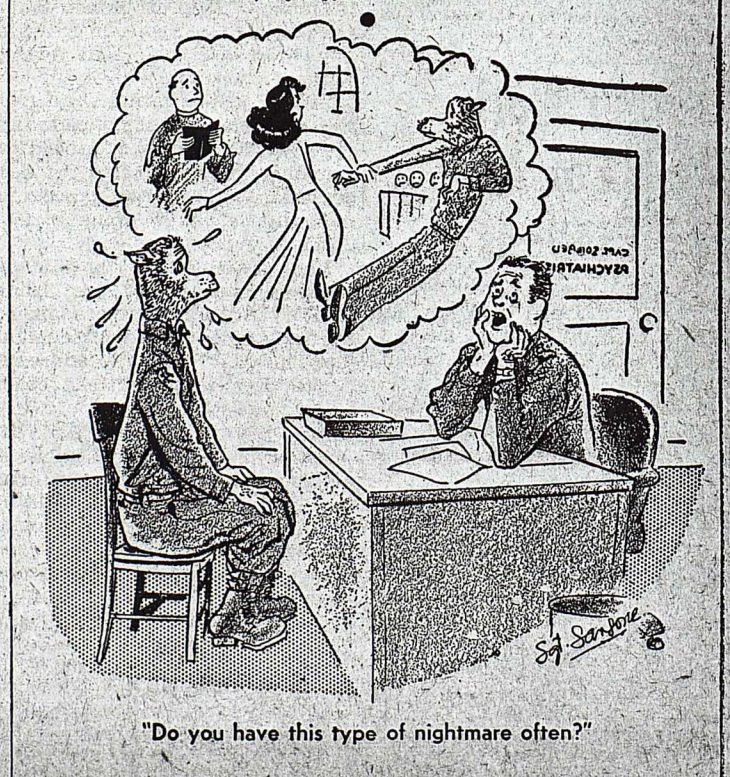
It is a matter for your representative's serious consideration. And it is a personal issue for you to call it to his attention for immediate action.

Time's a-wastin'!

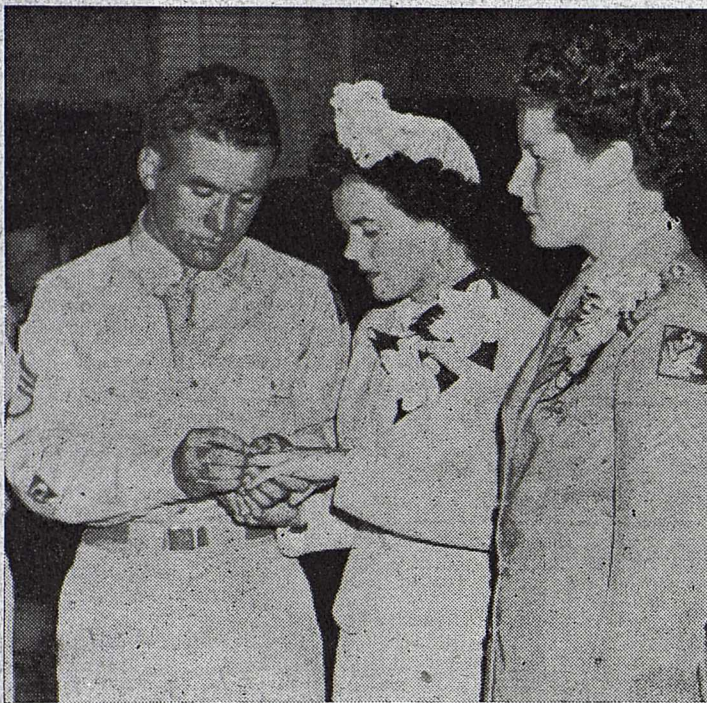
## The Wolf

by Sansone

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GI WEDDING



At the Station Chapel Saturday evening, Pyote observed another GI wedding when Cpl. Edna Smith, Sq. B, became the bride of S/Sgt. James W. Adams, of Sq. D. Maid-of-honor was Sgt. Roberta Zenitz, acting First Sergeant of Sq. B.

# Truman Favors Draft of All 18 to 25 Year Olds

President Truman has gone on record as recommending a 2-year service limit on continued induction of men 18 to 25 with inducements to voluntary enlistment of others, but cautioned against termination of Selective Service or a formal end of hostilities at this time.

In letters to House and Senate military chairmen, he warned that occupation forces must be kept at "safe levels" and said "tragic consequences" might follow expiration of the period of military service while large numbers of men are overseas.

Presaging what press associations call "a draft row with Congress", the President's letter arrived as the House Military Committee was weighing a galaxy of proposals to end the draft of 'teen agers and to suspend induction for a "trial period" of from three to six months.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D.-Ky.) has stated he wants a postponement of the draft through September, October, and November while the Army tries out voluntary recruiting.

**Knotty Problem**

Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D.-Tex.) remarked: "Demobilization is going to be tougher than the draft." Congressmen report being deluged with letters from war veterans long in service and wanting out, and from families of draft eligibles opposing post-war induction.

The President's note emphasized the need for "decent considera-

tion" of men long in service. In order to raise the maximum number of volunteers from Army ranks, Truman asked Congress to lift the present ceiling of 280,000 on the number of volunteers that can be accepted, remove all legal impediments to the maximum procurement of volunteers, consider what more can be done in the way of furnishing inducements for voluntary enlistments.

Truman said indications were that 300,000 appears to be the maximum number of men attainable through volunteer methods by next July 1. Inductions would raise the number by 500,000 if continued at the present rate.

**CORRECTION**

Last week's Rattler carried a story concerning GIs busted without prejudice who may regain their old rank. The story, accredited to the Army-Navy Journal, was corrected by that magazine. The circular effects only men who have been reduced in grade, without prejudice, since November, 1944, and not prior to 1944 as erroneously stated by the magazine.

# Low Point Men To Go Overseas: 2AF

The 2AF CG this week gave a clear indication of what will happen to the Stateside soldier. He's occupation army-bound under present plans.

Major Gen. Robert B. Williams, in an official memorandum dated Aug. 24th, stated that the occupational army needed to insure proper policing of Japan and necessary mopping-up operations would

## VFW Pushing Release of Vets With 2 Yr. Service

The Veterans of Foreign Wars endorsed a continuation of the Selective Service Act and urged President Truman to give his support to a program for the speedy release from service of men "with at least two years service".

Jean A. Brunner, commander-in-chief of the VFW, and Omar B. Ketchum, its national legislative representative, said that the VFW had pledged 100 per cent support in his insistence that a modified form of the Selective Service draft—50,000 men a month instead of 80,000—be continued.

"We feel the draft should be continued to obtain necessary replacements to release long-service veterans, particularly the overseas veterans," Ketchum said. He added that he thought men with "at least two years service" should be released and not used as occupation troops.

## More Pay, Short Terms Boomed for Occupation Army

Plans for a huge volunteer program to keep Army occupation forces at the necessary levels were reported by Washington correspondents, to be up for consideration by Congress.

Senator Thomas (D.-Utah) and Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, told reporters that an improved system of securing volunteers to fill the needs of the armed forces, using more pay and shorter terms of service as added inducements, might be put into effect.

Thomas expressed general agreement with President Truman's selective service recommendations, made in letters to him and Chairman May (D.-Ky.), of the House Military Committee. However, Thomas said he thought 18 and 19 year olds should be exempted from the draft, and married men, too, if a stepped up enlistment program made it possible.

"In my opinion there will be

be "large" and that it would include every AAF enlisted man who has not previously served overseas and who is not eligible for separation under current regulations.

**Memorandum Released**

The memorandum, directed to all enlisted men of the 2nd Air Force, read:

1. The cessation of hostilities with Japan has resulted in separation from the service of many enlisted men who have served overseas, and will probably result in the return from overseas of many enlisted men who have participated in the Pacific war.

2. A large occupational force must be provided to insure proper policing of Japan and necessary mop-up operations. This Command has been directed to organize and furnish a great share of this force. For this reason it is necessary that every AAF enlisted man who has not previously served overseas, and who is not eligible for separation under the current regulations, be included in this force. Further, because of shortages of qualified personnel in certain categories, a limited number of enlisted men who have previously served overseas may be required in the accomplishment of this mission. The organization and training of some units has advanced to the extent that it is necessary to require that these enlisted men serve and additional tour of overseas duty.

3. The plan outlined herein, although inconvenient to a number of enlisted men desiring immediate return to civilian life, has been found to be the most impartial and expeditious in accomplishment of the important overall mission of the Army Air Forces. I therefore request your utmost cooperation and devotion to duty in the fulfillment of this mission.

**5-STAR RANK PERMANENT?**

The seven five-star generals of the Army and Admirals of the Navy would not have to go back to reduced rank, but would retain that rank permanently in "recognition of their outstanding services" in a bill introduced by Chairman Elbert D. Thomas of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

few men conscripted", Thomas said, "Voluntary enlistment for occupational duties easily could provide for a large part of our holding forces."

# 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.

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

## 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**  
**"RHAPSODY IN BLUE"** with Robert Alda, Alexis Smith and Paul Whiteman. (The life story and romance of George Gershwin.)  
 Shorts: Paramount News.

### FRIDAY

**"DANGEROUS PARTNERS"** with James Craig and Signe Hasso. (Mystery yarn of guy who gets bumped off in plane wreck.)  
 Shorts: "Policing Germany", This Is America, and cartoon.

### SATURDAY

**"JIMMY STEPS OUT"** (re-issue) with Jimmy Stewart and Paulette Goddard. (You might remember this under the name "Pot O' Gold" all about the radio show that gives away dough to lucky telephone numbers.)  
 Shorts: Mexican Playground and cartoon.



### SUNDAY & MONDAY

**"LADY ON A TRAIL"** with Deanna Durbin and David Bruce. (A young gal who loves mystery stories sees a murder committed while looking out a train window. Cops don't believe her so she solves it alone.)  
 Shorts: Bugs Bunny cartoon and Paramount News.

### TUESDAY

(Double Feature) **"TELL IT TO**

# M A L E C A L L

by  
Milton  
Caniff

## AY, THERE'S THE RUB



**A STAR** with Robert Livingston and Ruth Terry. (Elderly uncle tries to get his niece a job on a radio show. Everybody but the projectionist lives happily ever after.)  
**"THE BEAUTIFUL CHEAT"** with Noan Beery, Jr. and Bonita Granville. (A sociology prof takes a wayward girl into his house. Naturally the girl isn't wayward at all and causes confusion no end.)

### WEDNESDAY

**"DUFFY'S TAVERN"** with Archie Gardner and a bushel of guest stars. (The inimitable Duffy "where the elite meet to eat" has a stack of guest stars in the floor show—fun and music.)  
 Shorts: 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.

**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 EM Club Patio.

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

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

**SERVICE CLUB:** Cafeteria open from 8 to 10, 11 to 2, and 3 till 11. No beer before 5, and Class A after 5 PM.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## At the Officers' Club

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

## NAVY CANCELS FAG RATIONING

Rationing of cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco for Naval personnel stationed within the continental U.S. has been cancelled, effective immediately. Ration cards are no longer necessary at ship's stores or other Naval installations.

## GI Playwrights Aim at \$1500 Pot In '45 Contest

The 1945 Playwright contest for personnel of the U.S. Army is now open, sponsored by the National Theater Conference.

There are two classes of competition announced: one for plays with a playing time of more than 90 minutes, and the other for plays running between 20 and 40 minutes—in other words: a three-act or a one-act.

Prizes in the 3-act competition will be \$500, \$300, and \$200. Ten \$50 prizes will be given for the best short plays, making the prize money total \$1500.

This is the third annual contest sponsored for Army personnel by the National Theater Conference. As in the past, there's no restriction on subject matter, content, or form of the plays; however, all material must be original, unpublished (except by military agencies) and owned exclusively by the contestant.

There is no limit to the number of manuscripts any person can submit. Manuscripts must be typed or written in legible hand and on one side of paper only. Sheets should be bound and numbered, with first page giving title of play and home and Army addresses of author. Two copies of each play must be submitted and unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope, will not be returned.

### Rights Remain Authors

The rights to the play remain with the author, and he is free, after results are known, to dispose of those rights as he sees fit.

The contest is now open and will run until January 1, 1946. To be eligible for consideration, a manuscript must be postmarked not later than that date; no manuscript that reaches contest headquarters after February 1 will be accepted.

Manuscripts submitted prior to honorable discharge of author will be considered for the competition. Announcement of the winners will be made March 1, 1946.

Address all plays to: Contest Headquarters, Army Playwright Contest, National Theater Conference, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

### NAVY TO COMMISSION 30,000 FOR POST-WAR RESERVE

Although no legislation has been enacted defining the size of the post-war Naval Reserve, the Navy is planning to commission up to 30,000 Reserves in the Regular establishment and the Marine Corps up to 5,000 Reserve officers for regular service.

## G-Aisling

### BADGER - MERITHEW

Helen Merithew, 19, of Reading, Mass., was married to Cpl. Paul L. Badger, 26, of Hudson, Mass., on August 25 at the Station Chapel. The groom is assigned to Sq. III, CCD. Attending the couple were Mrs. Isabel Coleman of Standish, Mich., and Cpl. Leo J. Coleman, Sq. III, CCD. Rites were performed by Chaplain Philip Anderson.

### JARVIS - WHITE

Mildred R. White, 17, of Austin, Texas, was married to Lt. Hubert Jarvis, 22, of Sq. III, of North Carolina, on August 14 at the Station Chapel. The groom is assigned to Sq. III. Attending the couple were Mrs. Kathleen Renfro of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Lt. Vincent R. Batcheler, Sq. III. The rites were performed by Chaplain Philip Anderson.

### ADAMS - SMITH

Cpl. Edna Smith, Squadron B, of Glendora, Calif., was married to S/Sgt. James W. Adams, Squadron D, of Klamath Falls, Ore., on August 31st at the Station Chapel. Attending the couple were Sgt. Roberta Zentz, Sq. B, and S/Sgt. Ralph B. Smith, 301st Bomb Gp. Rites were performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

### FORMER EMs COMMISSIONED IN WAR TO BE CONSIDERED

Equitable treatment of former enlisted men who have served in the war as commissioned or warrant officers will be sought by the War Dept., it was announced last week. Under existing regulations these men will return to enlisted grade, without mustering out pay or re-enlistment allowance. The War Dept. hopes to effect a change in this ruling.

## SHE CHEATS



Bonita Granville plays the role of the "Beautiful Cheat" in the picture of the same name which plays next Tuesday at the Base Theaters.

# Carlos Molina Due Here for Fri. Dance

"Music of the Americas", featuring Carlos Molina and his orchestra, plays Pyote Army Air Field Friday, September 7th, with dancing under the stars in the Service Club Patio. The dance, another in a series of stands by big-name orchestras, is free to all enlisted personnel and their guests.

## MAKES MUSIC



CARLOS MOLINA

Molina, a smooth-looking Senor, has been featured in films prior to his fronting the dance band. The orchestra accents the South American style, so dancers are advised to be lubricated for rumba, samba and conga.

Dancing is from 8 to midnight at the Patio, unless inclement weather forces the dance to be moved elsewhere. Carlos Molina's orchestra appears through the courtesy of the Special Services Office.

## Army Handicrafts Contest Open to Pyote Personnel

With the nation-wide Army Crafts contest underway at Pyote the Special Service Office is being swamped with inquiries. All military personnel within the continental limits of the United States are eligible to compete for the \$600 in valuable prizes.

The prizes will be divided into four classes: originality of design; best craft technique; inventive use of improvised materials (odd and discarded); and functional value (utilitarian and decorative). Each of the classes of entries will have four prizes awarded at a national exhibit in New York. The first prize winners of each class will receive certificates valued at \$75. Second prizes are certificates for \$50, and third prizes \$25. These certificates will enable winners to purchase materials and craft tools through the army exchange system.

Because all materials and craft works will be eligible for entry, applicants may let their minds run rampant through media of wood, soap, plastics, ceramics, braiding, knotting, shells, and a hundred other things. Originality of design and material will be of prime importance. No restrictions will be placed on the type of handicraft submitted except that it cannot be sculpture, prints, drawings, renderings, or photography. The soldier may submit as many entries as desired.

Every army post in the country will select representative works and forward them to Service Command Headquarters. The contest headquarters will select entries for the regional exhibit and then forward them to the national show in

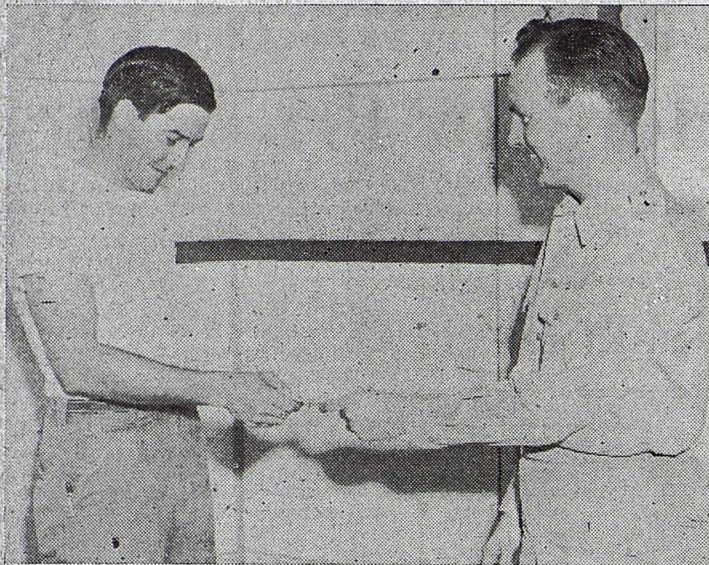
## Military Training Is Accredited By Schools, Colleges

Plenty of Pyote GIs, whose schooling was interrupted by the war, are taking advantage of the USAFI plan to gain high school or college credit for GI training and experience.

Lt. W. C. Gruben, I and E officer, explains the deal this way: "Academic credit can be gained, while in service, not only for the courses offered by the United States Armed Forces Institute, but also for a wide variety of military training and experience. Even your basic training has an educational value, in the opinion of educators, as have various courses offered by Army schools and specialized training programs, not to mention actual experience handling a service job.

"USAFI has worked out a plan whereby GIs may get credit for this training to complete high school or college courses. A credit application form, listing the training and experience of the GI, is completed and forwarded to the school or college of his choice. Officials at the school determine the amount of credit decided."

Those credit application forms are available at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.



James R. Wafford is shown receiving a check for \$50 from Lt. Col. H. A. Davis in reward for his suggestion in the perfection of a microphone cord checker for the bombsight department.



James W. Horton of the maintenance department received a \$75 check from the suggestion committee for his design of a tool to set sparkplug gaps.



Etta G. Ferguson of the machine shop is shown with her \$75 check awarded by the suggestion committee for her design of a milling jig to machine rocker box covers.

## Job Righis---

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oversight may spur Congress to take early action on the VFW-sponsored Knutson bill to provide statutory seniority for all members of the Armed Forces.

This VFW-Knutson bill provides that every employer "for the purpose of hiring, laying off, rehiring, promoting or retiring employees" would be required to recognize the full seniority credit of any veteran, providing that within 90 days the veteran demonstrates he is qualified for the position to which the seniority credit is applied.

### Certificate of Credit

Each serviceman, upon discharge, would be issued a certificate of seniority credit for the time

he spent in military service since Sept. 16, 1940, except that every 6th day would count a day and a half and every holiday would count as two days.

The VFW pointed out that unless full employment is created and statutory seniority granted "the burden of unemployment is going to be carried by the veterans".

### USA ACCIDENT RATE MAKES CIVILIAN LIFE DANGEROUS

The war may be over and the home front may seem safe to combat returnees, but an accident rate of over 97,000 accidental deaths shows the USA is still a dangerous place to live. The Ground Safety Section reminds GIs that "a soldier or a civilian who is

# Armament Shop Merits IG Salvo For Invention

By T/SGT. DON O'ROURKE

The commendation by the Inspector General of, "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", culminated two months research and experimentation by Capt. Francis J. Donahue's Base Armament section.

## Monahans Citizens Send Spurs To Admiral Halsey

When Admiral William F. Halsey rides through the streets of Tokyo on the Japanese Emperor's white horse in the fine saddle which has been presented to him, he will also be wearing some equally fine West Texas spurs if the pair forwarded to him by air mail from the citizens of Monahans reach him in time.

Tuesday morning Mayor Ed Duffey, on behalf of the 10,000 citizens of this thriving city where white face cattle seek the flimsy shade of giant oil derricks, sent a pair of hand made, solid stainless steel spurs to the Admiral. The spurs have gold applied eagles on the outside of each and the solid leather straps are hand-tooled to bear the inscription "Adm. H.", and are ornamented with scroll work and four leaf clovers.

A cablegram sent him Monday night read, "From the citizens of this thriving West Texas town we today are sending you via air mail one pair of Texas spurs. Use them when you ride that white horse. Signed, Ed Duffey, Mayor of Monahans".

## Thomason---

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though I couldn't do anyone any good. In fact I can't even do myself any good."

Rep. Thomason referred by this to his son who has been in the Southwest Pacific the last three years.

He commended the people of this section for their support of the war effort. "Without the untiring efforts which were made on the home front, we would never have gained this overwhelming victory so soon," he said.

fatally injured as a result of a preventable accident is just as dead as a soldier killed on the fighting front. Self preservation demands continual alertness and common sense, to avoid the hazard of accidental death, particularly during the period of redeployment and demobilization."

A directive from the 2nd Air Force that B-29 combat crews would fire blank ammunition in simulated fighter attacks presented a dangerous situation. The lower turrets expelling spent brass and linkage into the slipstream damaged the valuable Radome and endangered the ground area below the bomber formation. It became necessary for the fighter ships to attack formation only over the gunnery range. This situation, because of additional fuel consumption, limited the fighter attacks and lengthened the man hours necessary for training. The spent brass casings were also a critical item and needed for salvage.

Base Armament set out on designing a brass and linkage catcher for the lower turrets. The casing had to be designed to permit flexibility of the turrets and still streamline into the fuselage of the ship. Captain Donahue and Pfc. Charles Stannard incorporated ideas with practical skill and perfected a casing and link attachment for the lower turret to catch the spent brass and linkage. The new attachment protects the Radome resulting in a savings of \$200 damage per dome, plus 6 to 8 man-hours for removal and replacement, also saves critically needed brass casings, and enables the fighter attacks to begin directly over the field resulting in an extreme reduction of fuel consumption. The design by Capt. Donahue was submitted to the civilian sheet metal experience of Pfc. Stannard and the results have been utilized throughout the entire 2AF.



Here is the link and brass catcher designed and perfected for use with gun turrets by Capt. Francis J. Donahue and Pfc. Charles R. Stannard. The link and brass catcher is now being used here.

# Going into Business? Here's Good Advice

(This is the first in a series on post-war job opportunities for veterans as compiled by The Rattler and CNS.)

Thousands of servicemen are thinking of going into business for themselves when they get out. Since some 500,000 small businesses have closed up during the war, there would appear to be, on the surface, plenty of opportunity.

There are such opportunities, though not necessarily as many as that figure would indicate. Half a million boarded up retail shops, filling station, dry cleaners and whatnot do not add up to half a million enterprises in which ex-GIs will be able to engage.

These establishments closed for a variety of reasons. The owners of some entered the service; others moved to more desirable locations. Commodity shortages put some fellows out of business which others took war-connected positions and jobs. Some of these small businessmen will return to their old lines.

### Know Your Market

According to Dun and Bradstreet, there are four important elements to be considered in entering the retail trade: (1) Personal aptitude, (2) Selection of location, (3) Knowledge of the line you select, (4) Working capital.

First of all, a small merchant should be friendly, neighborly and able to get along well with people. He must have courage and stamina, for things may not go well at first. He should know instinctively the attitude to take toward his

customers.

Selection of a location is all-important. People living in the soft coal community of Uniontown, Pa., have different wants and needs from those in the farmlands of Minnesota. Stock which moves quickly in a shop on New York's lower east side will gather dust on Park Avenue. The prospective merchant must decide where he is going to operate. What are the post-war prospects of industry nearby? Will there be seasonal slumps for any reason? Will the store be located on a highway, side street, or alley?

### Know Your Stock Room

An ex-servicemen going into business should understand the line he proposes to enter. That means he should know how to buy, sell, and manage. If he is inexperienced, he might do well to find an experienced partner. He will have to know what types of merchandise to stock, prices, source of supply, seasonal factors, how to keep an inventory, sizes. For example, men are bigger in New Mexico than New Jersey; larger sizes would have to be

# Civilian Personnel Win Commendation from IG

By CPL. MARIE A. RADOS

"Civilian Personnel Officer and staff have been especially commended for their high quality of leadership, organization and executive ability in handling materials pertinent to civilian personnel. The display of great zeal and initiative in establishment and continuance of the program for civilian personnel not required at most stations, has inspired greater effort from all employees and is a contributing factor to the success of this station."

stocked.

How much money would a man need to set up his own business? A Dun and Bradstreet analyst says: "Capital should be sufficient to acquire enough inventory to obtain enough volume to provide enough profit to carry on the business successfully and maintain a satisfactory financial position."

### Amount of Capital

Specifically, this financial house suggests these amounts of capital in a medium size town: millinery \$2500, grocery \$3000, family shoe store \$3500, meat market \$4000, delicatessen, grocery and meat, haberdashery, hardware, women's dress shop, \$4500 each; drug store (including fountain) \$6500, furniture and house furnishings \$7500, men's clothing \$10,000, small department store \$25,000.

### OFFICERS' MESS CHANGES HOURS

New mess schedule for the Officers' Mess has been released. Breakfast is served from 1 to 3 a.m. and from 6 to 9 a.m.; Dinner from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Supper from 5 to 8 p.m.

Such was the message from Lt. Col. Joseph E. Fix, of the Administrative Inspector's Office, after the IG inspection last month.

The CP department controls 710 employees at the base. In the area there are 220 children which have been formed into two Boy Scout troops and a teen-age girls' club. Major James F. Sewares, Civilian Personnel Officer, sponsors the club and acts as Scoutmaster for the two troops.

"Our superior rating by the IG came about as a result of a hell of a lot of hard work," said Major Sewares. "We have a \$16,000 Civilian Welfare Fund for recreational and educational purposes. The employees may also use this fund to borrow up to their monthly earnings without interest being charged."

Major Sewares' position as Civilian Personnel Officer includes the duties of making appointments and replacements, granting promotions and taking care of all employee relations.

Previous to the army, Major Sewares held a top position in the Great Northern Finance Company, taking charge of government contracts and finances on the eastern coast for that company. Since joining the Army in 1943, Major Sewares was stationed at Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, as Military Intelligence Officer, before being transferred to Pyote in the position he now holds.

## CIVILIANS COMMENDED



The Civilian Personnel staff, commended by the IG during the recent inspection, pose for their picture. They are standing, left to right: Maj. James F. Sewares, Mary Wilkerson, Ilva Kinnel, Sadie Holland, Clare Crowell, Oliva Bailey, Goldie Tilcher, Betty Huycke, and Frances Boyd. Seated, left to right, are: Elvin Gamble, Duella Murray, Corinne Odom, Lucille Erdei, Roy Worley, Mary Jane Youngholm and Frances Singer.

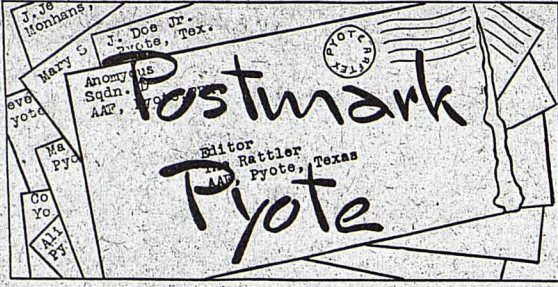
## Now It Can Be Told; 3rd And 5th Fleets Really The Same

The 3rd fleet and the 5th fleet were really the same, according to Washington Navy Department, as were Task Force 38 and 58. The only difference was: the fleet was designated as the 3rd when Admiral Halsey was in command, and designated the 5th when Admiral Spruance took charge. Likewise, Task Force 38 was headed by Admiral Mitscher but was called Task Force 58 when Admiral McCain took over.

In its final engagement, the fleet consisted of 133 combat vessels, including 9 battleships, 20 big carriers, 1500 carrier-based planes, and 28 British warships.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

"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!

**DISCHARGE PLAN**

Editor, The Rattler:

I think all of us agree that those who have combat time should be the first out. Now what about those of us who have from two to four years with no overseas time? We were told while the war was in progress that we were doing a great job. We couldn't be spared for overseas duty.

Now with the war over it's a different story. We are told that those with no overseas time must go over as replacements. This is said to be the "fair" way. Is it fair for men who have already given two to four years in the Army to be sent over for an additional two years as occupation forces?

We were kept in the states because we had a job to do. Now that job is done and we also want to get out. Let the combat men out first, but remember the rest of us.

J. R. H.

**SEPARATION**

Editor, The Rattler:

Your article in last week's issue gave me the big ha-ha, and I am forced to tell you you fouled up in your otherwise excellent sheet. The picture of a separation center as a streamlined, efficient process is far from the truth.

A separation center takes you back to the early days when you were a rookie. You find the same confusion, the same kind of insensitive people trying to run things. You are one of the cattle again, herded here and there. You stand in formation and then, before one half the men in it are taken care of, you are dismissed.

Today we were called out to police the area. Yesterday we stood in a driving rain for an hour and then sent back to the barracks with nothing accomplished. One guy has been here two months because his records don't indicate the color of his eyes. Another guy has been here six weeks because his barracks bags were lost in shipment.

Personally, these separation centers are a lot of hooley and an expense. I don't see why a set-up at each post in the country couldn't handle discharges, saving transportation and a lot of other things. Any man would leave the

Army with a better taste in his mouth. That, in itself, is pretty important.

Embryonic Feather-Merchant.

**4-F IN SERVICE**

Editor, The Rattler:

The papers are full of news about discharges for men with 80 points or over but not a word is said about releasing any of the men in limited service who are physically disqualified for overseas duty. Are we to be the forgotten men in this war? I am one who is in limited service and have been throughout my army career. Am I to remain in service until the points drop to my level?

It is not any of my doing that I have been classified in that category. I have done as much, in my limited capacity, as those who have been across, and although I do not begrudge them their discharges (they most certainly have earned them) why must I and the thousands of others like me, be forced to remain in service when I know I never should have been taken into the Army? How about those classified 4-F in civilian life being taken in for a tour of duty? How do they rate the chance of staying civilians when we are in the service? It is not our fault that we have had to remain in the states and thereby unable to increase our score. Hope to learn the facts soon.

(Name withheld.)

**FACTS OF LIFE**

Editor, The Rattler:

Having attended my share of VD lectures and hearing the barracks lawyers discuss the facts of life, I am wondering if something can't be done for the unmarried GIs like myself—who would appreciate some authoritative information on the subject of sex and not the spew of filth from the barracks wiseguys. Can't something be done to provide lectures on this matter from some of the officers in Squadron M?

(Name withheld)

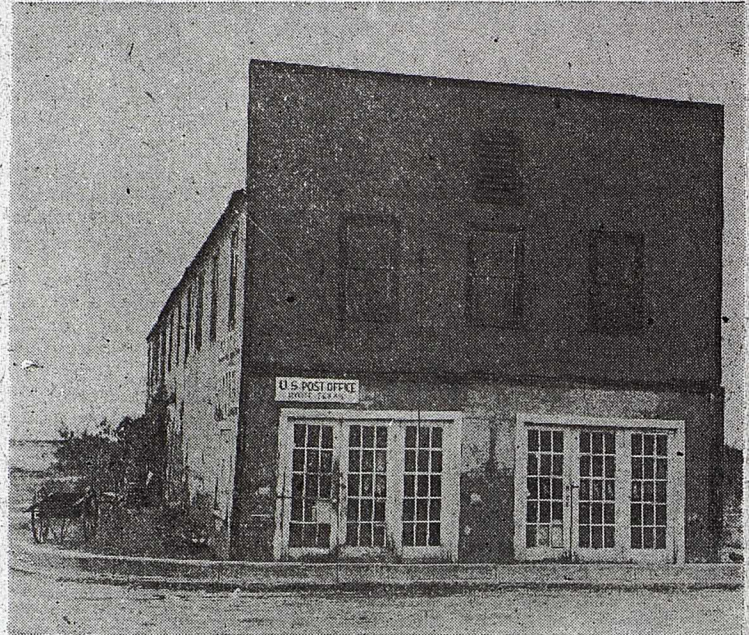
• The I and E office is attempting to make arrangements for such a course.

**THE BLOODY END**

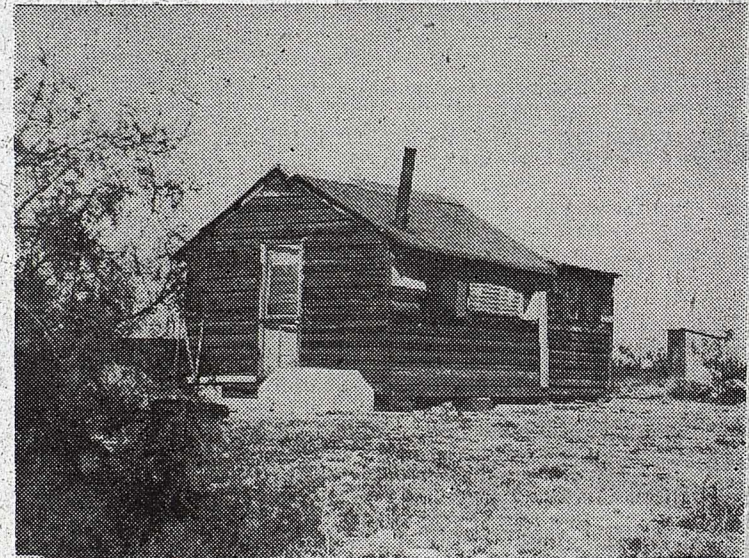
Editor, The Rattler:

The bloody end of the stick—

*So This Is Pyote!*



**PYOTE'S POST OFFICE**



**A HOUSE IN PYOTE**

and we are the guys that get it. Three and a half-years in the service and now to go overseas for another two years. Then home to find the old job gone, no protection for us, and we're selling shoes or razor blades until they bury us in a Potter's field.

I've got a dark-brown taste in my mouth. I fail to see the fairness of such a move. All I see is that someday five years hence—when I am a civilian, something can be done to make up for this action by ousting the person and persons responsible for this denial of my "pursuit of happiness".

Cpl. M. J. T.

**CIVIL COURTS**

Editor, The Rattler:

Does a soldier have recourse to civil courts if he is ordered by an officer to do something which he believes to be contrary to his constitutional rights?

Cpl. W. J. M.

• No. GIs are bound by the Articles of War.

**CLASS E ALLOTMENT**

Editor, The Rattler:

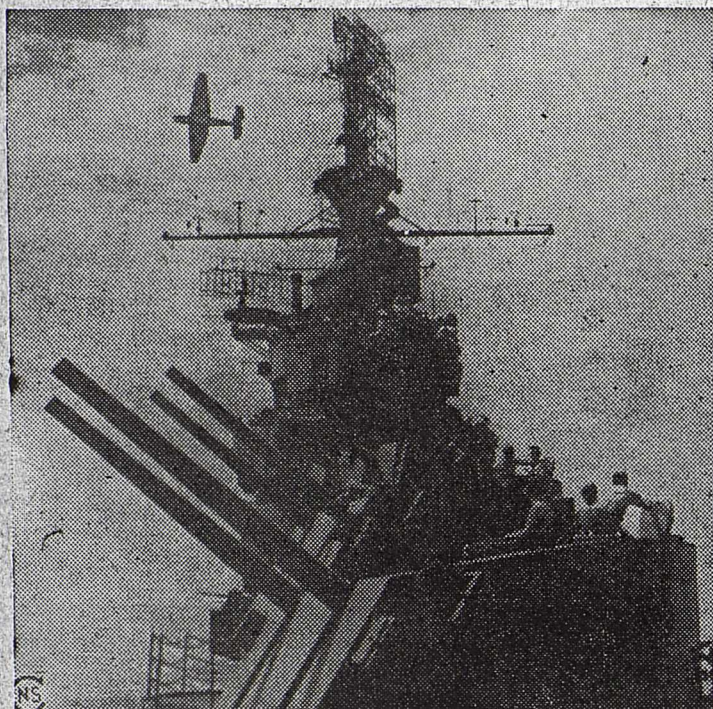
I'm depositing money by Class E allotment into a joint bank account with my girl friend. My folks don't think she should have access to the dough. I'm going to marry her when I get back, and want her to have the money. Can my folks stop the allotment.

Sgt. H. H. S.

• No. Nobody but you.



## ANYWAY YOU SPELL IT



Radar, silent weapon of the war, fought for the Allies on land, sea and air. This photo shows an Avenger plane and a flat-top, both supplied by radar, communicating at sea. The ship's radar antennae is outlined against the sky. Fire of guns in foreground is aided by radar.

## Radar Looks Like Bed-Spring--- Just As Useful

Radar looks like a bedspring, and it's even more useful. And the story behind those bedspring-like arrangements you have seen on land and sea has been revealed by the U.S. and British governments. And backwards, it still spells Radar.

It's capable of seeing in day or night, through rain or fog, it has, more than any single development since the airplane, changed the face of warfare. The concealment offered by darkness, cloud, fog, or artificial smoke, no longer exists in the world of radar.

### How It Works

Here's how it operates: Radar shoots out a burst of hi-frequency (ultra-short) waves, which can be directed like a searchlight beam, and catches them as they bounce back from an object they strike. Timing their trip out and back gives the distance of the object and noting their progress gives their direction and speed. Depicting of signals, called "pips", on a cathode-ray tube, called a "scope", gives the operator a movie map of what he is observing, just as television does.

So radar—on the defense—spots approaching planes, identifies them, directs fighters and anti-aircraft, moves searchlights into position, spots and directs fire against V weapons, enables convoy commodores to check on stragglers, and to spot enemy surface, sub-surface and aerial raiders.

On the offense, it drops bombs

automatically on invisible targets, enables ships to track enemy warships without a man seeing them, spots submarine periscopes 10 miles away, directs paratroopers and gliders for air-borne attack.

As a navigation aid, it draws a map of the territory over which the plane is flying even though the ground can't be seen, spots landmarks, icebergs, mountains and other obstacles, gives exact altitude above land masses, and makes possible blind landings.

### The Part It Played

Here are some specific radar victories:

Radar aimed the guns of the battleships South Dakota and Washington when they sunk three cruisers and two battleships off Santa Cruz, and enabled the cruiser Boise to fire a thousand rounds in 27 minutes at unseen targets, sinking three cruisers and three destroyers.

Of 106 V-bombs which crossed the channel one day last August, only three reached London, thanks

## Getting Government Loan Is Not All Milk & Honey

This office has received sufficient inquiries regarding GI loans to warrant this explanation.

The GI loan for veterans is not a "government hand-out" but a well investigated, carefully executed business proposition. The vet who starts a new business must know his facts before he sits down to talk to the US Government and a national bank.

### This Wacky World

The following daffy collection of yucks and screwballs added up to this dizzy week:

A Miles City, Montana, mother stepped daintily into the bath-tub and stepped right out again. Her son had put an 18-inch catfish in first. A Washington D.C. girl who stripped to the buff and exchanged her attire with a GI on a busy street corner when the Japs surrendered now is trying to find out the name of the guy she changed clothes with. Philadelphians have been asked by the cops to quit feeding the pigeons. Seems the birds have been carrying a nasty disease and the cops are out to oust



the pigeons. In Cambridge, Mass. a fellow applied for a marriage license but got stumped when he tried to remember the name of his bride-to-be, finally said "I must have a poor memory", and went home to find out. Oklahoma City police seized some contraband liquor and broke 158 pints while counting, which leaked through the floor to avid collectors in the jail below.

to radar-controlled ack-ack.

Radar bombing knocked out individually the big German coastal guns prior to the Normandy invasion.

It made possible innumerable bombing missions over Germany and Japan which would have been cancelled or hit-and-miss due to poor weather.

It enabled the RAF to repulse

Government loans for vets who have served as much as 90 days in active service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, can be obtained from a lending source. The Veterans' Administration will guarantee any part of an approved loan up to 50% of the money borrowed as long as the total does not go over two thousand dollars.

### Reasons for Borrowing

The money may be borrowed for only three purposes: to build, buy, repair or alter to improve a home; to buy a farm or farm equipment to be operated by the vet; to purchase a business, business property or equipment for use in operation of the business in which the vet himself is employed. The rate of interest may not be more than 4% and the money must be repaid within twenty years, or less.

A returned vet wanted to go into the meat business and needed the GI loan. He estimated exactly what the initial cost should be. He lined up seven customers who would buy from him. He obtained priorities for a truck and gasoline. Then back to the bank with clearance on everything but the loan. Now the bank wanted to know: how much business would he do a year, gross? How much of it would be profit? What would the operation of the truck cost, how much for rent, how much for gas, tires, oil, grease? They wanted an itemized list. After he rendered his detailed accounting the bank wanted his discharge papers. Meanwhile, his past was being investigated. Had he borrowed before? Did he owe anything? The bank contacted the Associated Retail Credit Men of Washington to investigate him.

### Ask More Questions

After his record was cleared, he had to present to the bank his priority for the truck and all data on its purchase and insurance. After more details were cleared all the papers were sent to the Reconstruction Finance Corp., where after "10 men asked more question than you ever answered before" the loan was finally put through.

If a vet sticks with it day after day doing exactly what he's told and doing it to the best of his ability, a GI loan should be gotten within a month and a half.

the blitz when Britain stood alone and virtually defenseless after Dunkirk.

## General Arnold Commends AAF Civilian Workers

General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, today paid tribute to the civilian employees of the Army Air Forces, who "have worked long and hard to bring to a successful conclusion the worst war the world has ever seen."

"Great credit is due you for your valuable contribution to the all-important mission of the Army Air Forces," General Arnold said in a message directed to civilian employees at all AAF installations. "Those of you who came from distant points have borne with many inconveniences in your way of living while performing your daily tasks. Many of you have endured long separation from those dear to you."

"To all I wish to say 'Thank You', and to urge your continued effort on behalf of the Army Air Forces."

**SEND THE RATTLER HOME!**

## Civil Service Gives Job Preference To All Veterans

Receipts of applications for Federal jobs from persons who are not or have not worked for the government before have been stopped in Washington.

This means that—from now on—ex-servicemen are going to get first call on all Civil Service jobs. "The Federal Government as an employer must set the example in providing the members of the armed forces with the maximum possible opportunities in employment", the Civil Service Commission has announced.

### MARCH FIELD ADDED TO 16TH BOMB WING

March Field, California, and Mountain Home, Idaho, have been added to the 16th Wing, while Dalhart and Pueblo were transferred from the jurisdiction of the 16th to the 17th Wing. The 16th Wing (which includes Pyote) contains combat crew training stations, while the 17th stations are maintained for the training of bomb groups.

## Silver Star Winner Tells Of Early Skip Bombing

A combat veteran of both the European and Pacific wars, T/Sgt. Robert Oterpohl, recently assigned to the Pyote Military Detachment, adds more luster to the fame of Pyote's citizenry.

Wearer of the coveted Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with clusters, Oterpohl looks back on a varied air Force career as he awaits his discharge.



T/SGT. ROBERT OTERPOHL

## Volunteer Plan for Occupation Army Gets Keen Study

While Congress convenes today to start mulling over how it can demobilize speedily, discontinue the draft, and still occupy conquered lands, various committee proposals were in the works on what Washington believes to be the least painful method of keeping the army quota filled: volunteers.

House Military Committee has raised the following points as indicators on how volunteers might be kept from getting nervous in the voluntary service, and at the same time, induce many GIs now in service to sign up for a one-year hitch.

These suggestions include:

1. Increased pay for overseas duty, beginning with 20 per cent over base pay and increasing 5% yearly to a maximum of 35% above continental duty pay.
2. Increased number of non-commissioned grades and ratings.
3. Continuation of free postage.
4. Assurance of mustering out pay for men discharged for the purpose of re-enlistment.
5. An option for Army men regarding payment to them of money in lieu of quarters.
6. Transportation costs for re-enlistment furloughs.
7. A guarantee of most benefits now accorded to inductees.

These proposals were taken up at subcommittee meeting this week. The military committee also heard that the nation's shortage of doctors for civilians is to be alleviated soon.

Committee members of the

Veterans of the pioneer 380th Bomb Group in the Pacific will remember the famed Liberator "Sheasta". Oterpohl engineered this aircraft on the day it took a rightful place in the air forces hall of fame. Coming off a bomb run on New Britain the crew spied a 7,000-ton Japanese freighter in the harbor below. The Sheasta went down to a mast-top level skip-bombed and sunk the ship introducing a new phase of aerial warfare. Returning home alone the Sheasta was attacked by twelve Japanese aircraft. The courage and skill of the crewmen destroyed five, scored probables on three, damaged two before the attackers air battle ended. A sieve of bullet holes and with two engines completely out the Sheasta limped an arduous five hundred miles to a safe landing in Australia. For his part in the fray, Oterpohl received the Silver Star.

While in the Pacific his group was attached to the Third Naval Task Force. There targets ranged through the Dutch East Indies, Borneo, Java, and the Celebes. He also took part in the first bombing of the heavily defended Balikpapan oil fields.

Returning to the States Oterpohl was assigned as an instructor at the Walla Walla, Washington overseas training unit. A short seige of this and he applied for, and received overseas duty with the B-17s of the 457th Bomb Group in England. V-E day found Oterpohl with twenty-one missions and one hundred and ten discharge points.

Asked for a comparison of the two theaters, Oterpohl replied, "I don't believe it possible to offer a fair theater comparison because of circumstances. I will enter an age-old argument and say I prefer the Liberator bomber to the Fortress under any circumstances I have ever experienced."

With three years and nine months of army service, 22-year-old Oterpohl expects to return to the mining business in Denver, Colorado.

House Military Affairs Committee were quoted by Associated Press as being interested in hearing Mr. Truman speak, "not only on the draft but also on why men aren't being discharged from the services faster." States AP: "People back home are turning the heat on some of their Congressmen on those two questions."

## RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



The gal that is giving you the peepers is named Eleanor Cahill and she labors in the vineyard of Thornton Models. They call her Miss Stardust for reasons not quite clear. However, everything else about her is clear enough so who are we to complain?

# You Cant Go Wrong on a Classified Ad!

## 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

**IN THE SWIMMING POOL** was found a silver identification bracelet with Ira E. George, Jr. inscribed. You can pick it up at The Rattler Office.

**STILL UNCLAIMED** at Rattler Office: Pink shell-rimmed eyeglasses in leather case; GI glasses; man's silver ring with stone setting; one watch; man's khaki cap with miraculous medal and 2 pennies in it; 2 keys that look like trunk keys, on a ring; 2 more keys that fit suitcases or trunks.

### LOST

**A REWARD OF \$25** for return of watch with name and ASN engraved on the back. See S/Sgt. Robert W. Robinson, Sq. D. No questions asked.

**IDENTIFICATION** Bracelet with name, James Goodwin USAFF, on front. Reward for finder. Please return to Rattler Office or contact me in Bks. 735, bed 7.

**DOGTAGS AND CAR KEYS** belonging to Alden R. Parsons, CCD Sq. III. Reward for return.

**OMEGA WRIST WATCH** lost in Hangar 2; about Aug. 20. Reward if returned to Walter J. Henais, Sec. 2, Bks. 717.

**SHELL-RIMMED SUNGLASSES** with correction. Lost in Headquarters Rest Room. Return to

Cpl. Gersen at S-2 in Headquarters.

**MAROON WATERMAN** Fountain pen lost in area of NCO Club. Pocket clip missing. Please contact S/Sgt. D. Stuart, Ext. 34.

**STOLEN**—one each A-14 oxygen mask with throat mike. Helmet and headsets installed. Please return to The Rattler Office.

**NOW ANY SCHOOL BOY** can tell you that a car doesn't start without an ignition key and I've lost mine. It's a 1938 Ford ignition key and you can return it and win the undying gratitude of Sgt. A. Lucero, Sq. M.

**A BROWN WALLET** is lost strayed or stolen. Return to Pfc. L. E. Buettner, Sq. J.

**GOLD RING** with red garnet stone, navigator's class ring, lost in Officers' pool. Return to F/O R. J. Wokas, BOQ 720.

**A STERLING SILVER** Mexican hat lapel pin has sentimental value to owner. Finder please return it to S-2 officer, Station Headquarters.

### FOR SALE

ALL AUTO ADS in Rattler must

### HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

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

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

**A 1936 CHEVROLET** going for \$475. In good condition. Call 235, and ask for Sgt. Skinner. Price is equal or below OPA ceiling price.

**FOR SALE**—1937 Chevrolet Sedan \$375 cash. Lt. C. N. Keller, Ft. A, Sec. III, CCD.

**1942 HARLEY-DAVIDSON** ex-army motorcycle. Good condition. Good tires. \$350. See Cpl. L. MottoRos, Sq. D, Bks. 509.

### PERSONALS

**JUST A FEW** pictures left: Some pin-ups, some local pictures. Stop in and look 'em over. Ab-

solutely last chance. Rattler Office.

**WE'VE STILL** got a stack of back issue of The Rattler which include the "So This Is Pyote" series. If you want to complete your file or start one, this is the last chance before we salvage. At the Rattler office.

### HOUSING

**APARTMENT FOR RENT**—Bedroom and kitchen; share bath, in Barstow. \$25 per month plus utilities. (Available after Sept. 15). Call Sgt. Elfring, 247.

### TRANSPORTATION

**RIDE WANTED** from Pecos to Pyote, and return; 8 to 5 shift. Call Sgt. Kelly, phone 74.

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PLAYING FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND THEIR GUESTS AT THE EM CLUB PATIO FROM 8 TO MIDNIGHT