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FURLONGS, PASSES THAW

Air Force Lists Own 32 Discharge Centers

To handle the backlog of personnel eligible for separation, the Air Force has instituted 32 temporary separation centers from which discharge eligible AF personnel.

These 32 separation centers opened either on the 17th or will open on the 24th of this month. Army Air Forces personnel will be discharged from the AAF center nearest their home.

Centers are located at the following fields: Mitchell, New York; Dover, Mass.; Rome, New York; Newark, N. J.; Grenier, N. H.; Wilington, Del.; Andrews-Bolling, Washington, D. C.; Baer, Ind.; Sioux City, Ia.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Lincoln, Nebr.; Scott, Ill.; Chanute, Mo.; Patterson, Ohio; Romulus, Mich.; Ellington, Texas; Randolph, Texas; Truax, Wisc.; Amarillo, Texas; Sheppard, Texas; Maxwell, Ala.; Seymour-Johnson, N. C.; Eglin, Fla.; Barksdale, La.; Davis-Monthan, Ariz.; Lowry, Colo.; Roswell, N. M.; San Bernardino, Calif.; Mullan, Calif.; Portland, Ore.; Boise, Idaho; and Great Falls, Mont.

Female personnel will be discharged only from appropriate Air Force separation centers not from the above AAF centers. Daily discharge rates will be between 50 and 300 persons per day at each station.

32 AF STATIONS SET HANDLE DISCHARGES

Major General Robert B. Williams, commanding general of the Second Air Force announced that 32 Second Air Force bases have been designated as Separation Centers for Air Force personnel, according to a report received Saturday. Sioux City (Iowa) Army Air Field: Capacity, 5,320; maximum discharge rate, 50 to 300 daily; expected operating date, Sept. 17. Sioux Falls (S. Dak.) Army Air Field: Capacity, 16,500; maximum discharge rate, 50 to 300 daily; ex-

W. D. Indicates Age and Pt. Score Will be Dropped

In a Camp Newspaper Service story of last week, indications in Washington are that a further drop in the critical point score and age level for discharge will be forthcoming as soon as men now eligible for separation are released. That's according to the War Department.

Hundreds of thousands of men became eligible on V-J Day when the critical point score dropped from 85 to 80 and men from 35 to 38 years old, with two years of honorable service, were put on the "out" list. WACs with 41 points were made available for discharge, and points achieved since the fall of Germany will be computed.

Readjustment of points gives four points to men in the states, eight to those overseas, and points for battle participation stars and decorations to veterans of the Okinawa and Philippines fighting and the final aerial battering of Japan.

Expected operating date, Sept. 17. Davis-Monthan Army Air Field, Tucson, Ariz.: Capacity, 10,000; maximum discharge rate, 300 daily; expected operating date, Sept. 24.



GETS LOZENGE



Cataldo T. Cimarusti received his promotion to First Sergeant and the task of guiding the destinies of the underslung GIs who call Squadron A "home". Cimarusti has long been on hand at the Sq. A orderly room where he held down the job of Sergeant-Major. He replaces 1/Sgt. Stanley Schmidt who has been transferred to another group. Cimarusti was in charge of a wholesale soft drink supply shop prior to his enlistment in the Army, and trusts the day is not too far away when he and family can return to LA and settle down to the nice quiet job of handling beverages.

Separations To Be In High Gear Soon, Says Personnel Off.

The Military Personnel Office announced last week that all possible measures are being taken to expedite the separation of personnel eligible for, and desirous of, discharge.

In the past, separation centers have experienced difficulty in processing personnel because of lack of sufficient personnel and facilities.

In the near future, after clearing the present back-log, separation may be expected as rapidly as eligibility is established.

Furloughs Revert To Prewar Style: 30 Days Per Year

Furloughs at Pyote have reverted to peacetime status, Maj. Neils C. Christensen, Station Adjutant, announced Monday.

From now on, military personnel are entitled to 30 days furlough time per fiscal year, which they can take at one time or split it to suit their own desires. However, any furloughs already granted in the fiscal year (since July 1, 1945) will be subtracted from the total 30 days.

Thirty days plus travel time is now open and all personnel are eligible for the remainder of their furlough time except those eligible for discharge or for overseas assignment. These men will be granted pre-embarkation furloughs of 7 days.

Naturally all furloughs must be cleared through the various department heads and all personnel must wait their turn.

Three-day passes are unfrozen, too, Major Christensen stated. Furloughs and three-day passes had been chilled since August 10th, when Jap surrender was imminent.

Officers who wish to remain in the service may take accrued leave due them up to 120 days at one time, it was also announced.

Officers will not be granted travel time; enlisted personnel will.

No leaves or furloughs will be granted to those eligible for separation and no delay en route to separation centers will be granted.

PROPER UNIFORM MUST BE WORN

A warning of disciplinary action was given to all military personnel who do not wear the proper military uniform at all times. Numerous persons, it was stated, are reporting to Headquarters out of uniform.

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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First In - First Out

Everyone who's old enough to get drafted has given some thought to demobilization—including a GI named Adams who suggested that men be discharged strictly according to the alphabet. One of the things is more serious and sweaty, according to how easily the thinker is involved.

We understand that the present point system was arranged in response to the wishes of the men most directly involved—soldiers of the Army. The War Department passed out a lot of little blanks and let the men ballot for the system they believed fairest and best. And according to Yank, the Army Weekly, the men voted overwhelmingly to let out combat men first.

We missed our ballot, back in '43, or whenever it was. And now, at the risk of offending those who may have different ideas, we give our thoughts on how best to handle this terrific task.

Our program is a simple, three-point affair. Like this:

1. Discharge the high point combat men as fast as possible.
2. Determine occupation army needs.
3. Whittle the army to this figure on a first in—first out basis, meanwhile continuing the draft for replacements.

Let's examine this a little closer. Point No. 1—Letting out combat veterans serves the ends of simple justice, as all agree that those who were in combat made a greater contribution and greater sacrifice, and are entitled to greater consideration.

Point No. 2—Determining the size of the occupational force needed for Germany and Japan is the focal point around which the whole poignant question revolves. Let's determine a figure, sufficiently large of course, and go on from there.

Point No. 3—First in, first out. Maybe it's because the shoe fits us, but we think the point system and the present outlook works to the disadvantage of the Stateside soldier of long service. How can a man get credit? Mainly for two things—combat and parenthood. Sometimes it is the will of God that a man doesn't have children, and it is certainly the business of the War Department that many men have not gone overseas. The men involved had nothing to say about where they went or how they served. Consequently, today we have a considerable number of men who have put in two, three or four years of service in the States and now face another year or two in Japan or Germany. We believe a first in, first out program would take care of these men fairly without working to the disadvantage of any other group.

Continuing the draft is hardly worth arguing, as long as the present emergency exists. That's the only way to relieve soldiers of long service, both combat and non-combatant, who have done all they were called upon to do. It is the only way to assure that the present small force of American soldiers in Japan will get ample reinforcements—without working undue and inequitable hardship on these men who have served faithfully and well during wartime.

This Week

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

"KISS AND TELL" with Shirley Temple and Walter Abel. (Our gal Shirley and friend sell kisses at a USO bazaar. Sales are a success. Such troubles develop.) Shorts: "Orders from Tokyo", Technicolor featurette, Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"SWINGING ON A RAINBOW" with Jane Frazee, Brad Taylor, and Harry Langdon. (Girl submits a song to a bandleaders contest. No prize awarded. Hears song played over the air. Rushes to New York to investigate. Meets a lyric writer. People all fall in love, and finally the show ends.) Shorts: "Wine, Women, and Song", Duck Pimples.

SATURDAY

"BARBARY COAST" with Edward G. Robinson, Brian Donlevy, Joel McCrea, Miriam Hopkins and all star cast. (Revival) (Hopkins rules as dance hall queen on the Barbary Coast. Robinson runs a gambling hall. McCrea enters, romance develops. Robinson resents the whole thing; rough but good.) Shorts: Film Vodvil (Milt Britton Band); Mouse in Manhattan.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"CAPTAIN KIDD" with Charles Laughton, Randolph Scott, and Barbara Britton. (Film version of the life of Captain Kidd. Piracy on the South Seas. Laughton at his meanest. The romantic interest finally hangs the old boy.) Shorts: Old Glory, Cartoon, and Paramount News.

TUESDAY

(Double Feature) "EASY TO LOOK AT" with Gloria Jean, Kirby Grant, and Eric Blore. "THE SHANGHAI COBRA" with Sidney Toler, Mantan Moreland, and Benson Fong. (Charlie Chan thriller. Murders, robot bombs, television, and Radium all in the same movie. Winchell says of this one, "Chan solves everything but who murdered the scenario.")

WEDNESDAY

"THREE STRANGERS" with Peter Lorre, Sidney Greenstreet. (The horror boys are in the spy racket. Eventually they scare each other to death.) Shorts: "The Legend of Coyote Rock." Cartoon and Paramount News.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BEWARE
RATTLESNAKES
1. WEAR BOOTS OR
HIGH TOP SHOES ALBONGS
2. WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES
3. WATCH WHERE YOU STEP
4. WATCH WHERE YOU REACH

Twice selected by Camp Newspaper Service as one of the best GI newspapers in the world, 1944, 1945.

Army Starts Drive For Reserve Corps

In two circulars, dated August 24th, the War Department indicates its plan for an organized Reserve Corps to help maintain a post-war Army.

President Truman in a letter to servicemen stated: "Our country, which you have served so well, needs your continued patriotic support in the Organized Reserve Corps. When you leave the service, I am personally interested that, as an enlisted man, you enlist in the Reserves, or that, as an officer, you accept a new commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps. In so doing you will contribute to the future security of our country immeasurably." The letter was signed "Harry S. Truman, Colonel, Field Artillery Reserve."

Officers

The memorandum for officers explains that the Organized Reserve Corps is one of the three components of the Army of the United States. Officers who enlist will have a military status and definite place in the post-war Army and will receive an initial 5-year appointment in the highest field grade at the time of relief

from active duty. Such officers will have full opportunity, with their consent, to acquire additional practical experience through temporary active service and to receive promotions to any rank for which they can definitely qualify.

Other advantages stressed for officers enlisting in the Reserves are: opportunities to accept tours of active duty with full pay and allowances and in the event of active duty or of another emergency, continuity of commissioned service for longevity pay as well as for any authorized retirement benefits.

Obligations such officers will meet are listed as an expectation that they will meet the minimum training requirements, which will not be burdensome. "It is assumed," the WD pamphlet states, "That Congress will provide the means for active-duty training on a broader basis than in pre-war days."

All male officers who meet the requirements of the final-type physical exam at separation centers are eligible for either general or limited military service, and who are separated from active duty under honorable conditions. The opportunity to join will be extended at separation centers or other installations where officers will be relieved from active duty.

Enlisted Men

Advantages for enlisted men, according to the War Dept., are that in the event of a future emergency position will be assured, the opportunity to become a commissioned officer if so qualified, and as an enlisted man (not a member of the National Guard) a 3-year enlistment in the Reserve will be offered in the rating or grade held at time of discharge.

Another cozy advantage stressed by the War Dept. is pointed out as follows: "Not only will you have the opportunities to accept tours of active duty with full pay and allowances, but you will also be able to maintain and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow soldiers of this war."

Enlisted men eligible are those who are physically qualified for general service or limited assignment, are not members of the National Guard, and who have been separated from active duty under honorable conditions. The opportunity to enlist will be extended at time of discharge.

Senate to Consider New Benefits of GI Bill of Rights

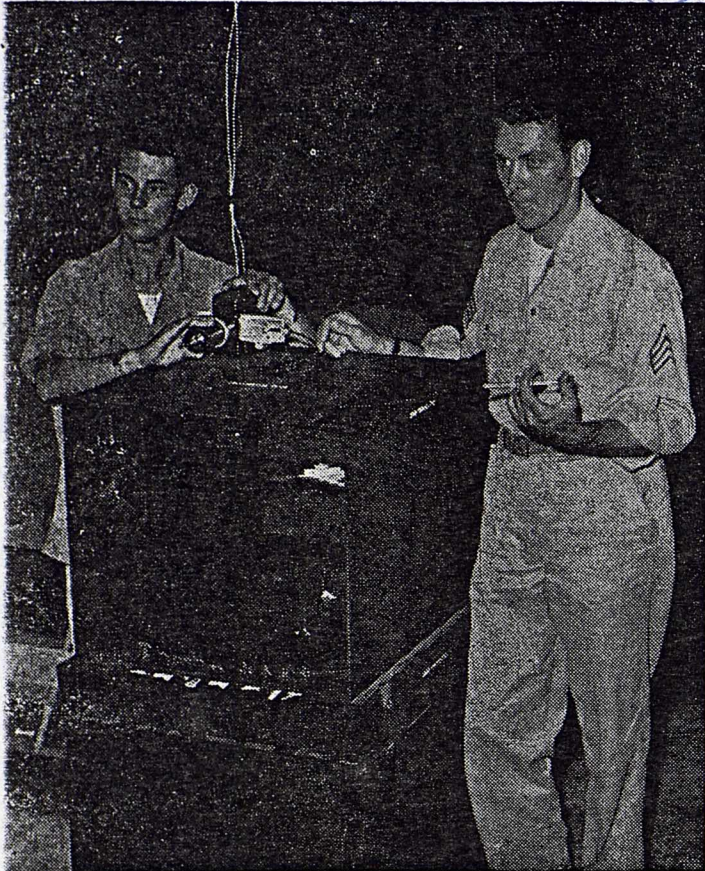
The Senate, due to consider the House-approved liberalized educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, will find the Veterans' Administration favoring broader educational plans.

Although the VA has not set up a program, it is reported to be in agreement with the features suggested by the VFW, American Legion, the DAV, American Bar Ass'n., National Education Ass'n., American Institute of Accounting, and American Institute of Banking.

The terms of the act, already approved by the House and okayed by the above groups, would raise from two to four years after termination of war the time limit in which a vet could apply for training; would extend from seven to nine years after war-time to complete education; would okay correspondence schools; would raise subsistence allowance from \$50 to \$60 a month for vets with no dependents, and from \$70 to \$85 for vets with; would provide for short courses of less than 30 weeks at "fair and reasonable pay".

ARMY-NAVY "E" AWARD PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

The termination of the Army-Navy "E" award has been made public. Army-Navy "E" awards were instituted in July, 1942, to honor war efforts of outstanding industries.



Sgt. Robert S. Natusch and Cpl. Thomas F. Beinbrech, two of the night vision instructors, are shown with the new night vision trainer being used with the aircrew training program.

New Night Vision Trainer Aids Field Training Crews

Eyes like a cat at night are nothing new to the Pyote air crewmen with a new night vision course inaugurated by Lt. John R. Preer of the altitude training department. The course tends to reduce the same hazards of night flying by teaching the crews to see at night. The course was worked out as a scientific project by the University of Pennsylvania.

Air crews receive lectures on the effects of lights on the eyes, the use of red eyeglasses in cornea treatment, and how fallible the eyes are at night.

The practical training takes place in a completely darkened room. Horizon outlines are projected on a screen, vague outlines of fighter ships cross through the line of vision; the class learns to identify these various outlines literally sees at night.

The classes are instructed by Lt. John R. Preer, Sgt. Robert Natusch, Cpl. Thomas Beinbrech, Cpl. Benjamin R. Kesselman, and Pfc. Gene Hoffman.

POST OFFICE, MAIL SERVICES SHUT SATURDAYS

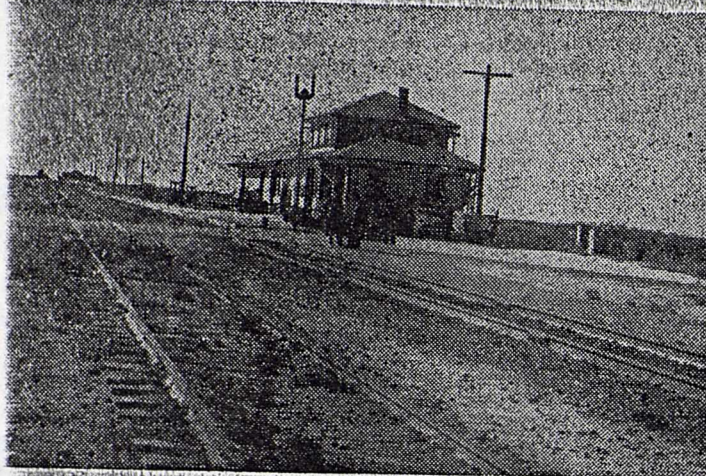
The Post Office and all mail services will close every Saturday after 2 noon. There will be no mail deliveries on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. All postal activities, including money orders, stamps,

OJT Continues At Maintenance

On the job training of Maintenance and Supply personnel will continue unabated, according to a message to this headquarters from 2AF, dated Sept. 8th. This message directed personnel to disregard any rumors which may concern curtailment of maintenance and supply on-the-job training, and remarked, "on the contrary, this Headquarters expects a noticeable increase of on-the-job training hours at your station. Inexperienced personnel on B-29 aircraft are continually being assigned to all stations of 2AF."

etc., will close at noon Saturdays and reopen on Monday mornings. Mail will be picked up, however,

So This Is Pyote!



First sight to greet the new arrivals to Pyote Army Air Field is the yellow wooden railroad station of the Texas and Pacific railroad in Pyote. That station and Sitton's garage are the sum total of buildings on the north side of the street at Pyote—which boasts one street. It is these trains that carry the mail to the outside world.



This wooden shack used to be Pyote's only grocery store until the Army camp brought boom times to the sleepy town of Pyote (340 population; 201). Pyote's once desolate streets now clatter to the sound of GI brogans.



Most famous of all Pyote landmarks to GI claimsitters is Jimmy's Cafe. Once a popular joint for oil-well diggers, it was gutted by fire and its skeleton frame—charred and ugly—stood for many a year. Last autumn, however, the remnants were torn down and now a sandy spot marks the place where Jimmy's Cafe stood as some faded memorial to the Pyote that was.

Rattlesnake Tale (Part 1)—

Don't Let 'Em Tell You There's Nothing Good About This Place

(Editor's Note—Pyote Army Air Field is, we believe, something unique among military training installations. In the next few issues we're attempting to tell the story of how it got that way. Today's installment attempts to answer the question: Why Pyote?)

By S/SGT. ROBERT NASH

There's a burning question which usually hits the incoming Pyote denizen just as he swings a leg off the T & P and looks over the set-up.

"Why?" he asks himself. "Oh why did they send me here?"

And no matter how long he stays here—he will probably ask himself that same question at least once a day during his stay.

There IS a reason, a good one, for this so-called horrible miscarriage of justice. It's this:

The weatherman was uncommonly kind to this area.

Now before you let go with that brickbat you're clutching in your grimy paw, let me get in a few hundred words of explanation. Maybe I should have said: The weatherman was overly generous to fliers in this area.

If you want a technical explanation of the whole thing, you can go down to the Weather Office some day and ask one of the meteorologists to give you an explanation of general weather conditions in this particular area of the country. We guarantee that in four minutes he'll have you tied in knots with his story, but what it all boils down to is this:

There are less than two weeks of weather each year out here which is considered bad for flying. That is, only about ten or 12 days a year of weather bad enough to keep planes grounded.

Now let's go back to the year 1942, the year Pyote was started. The war was new and we weren't winning it in any noticeable hurry. The best brains of the Army were then tied up with the tremendous task of training the expanding forces. The thing we needed most of was: Time. Every day that could be crammed into training was a day that could be cut off of the D-Day date, then not even fixed. Because D-Day, not V-Day, was the thing we were sweating out back in 1942.

Time was needed, and time was bought when the Air force picked this site for a training establishment. Time to train the bomber crews that were needed to deliver the pre-invasion blows to Germany. Over 350 days out of the year when the crews could train—that was what the USAAF bought when it plunked down the money and the men with which this base was started.

From the very first days of its operation, Pyote Army Air Field has been marked by high achievement in practically all fields of training endeavor. The field has been lucky in having some excellent personnel. It was started by a group of officers and men out of the 19th Bomb Group who got their experience in the harrowing early days of the war.

When you consider all the factors, those are the two most responsible for the training marks which have long since become commonplace here: The weather, and the men who were in charge of the training program.

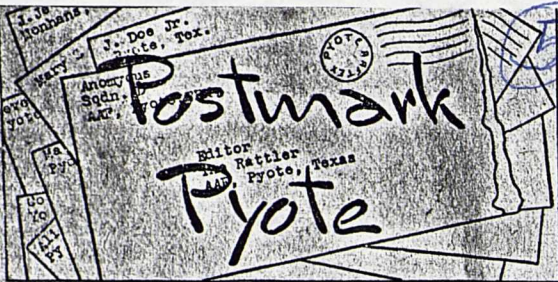
The wisdom of that selection, however, abhorrent it might have been to the average airman who's sweated it out here for any length of time, has been proven over and over again. Not once but many times, overseas commanders have expressed their appreciation for the training given here.

That training was made possible of course only by the efforts of the men who have been stationed here. But even had they worked as hard, the accomplishments would not have been so great if they had not had the flying weather.

So next time someone asks you "Why, oh why?" you can tell him: The weatherman was good to fliers in this section.

(There were a number of elements that made this an unique installation, not the least of which was: the personnel which has been stationed here. Next week we'll try to give a few highlights on some of these.)

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which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your
acks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

BUTTON YOUR SHIRT

or, the Rattler:
buddy of mine at another
p was ordered to button his
by a lieutenant. He didn't do
st enough to suit the officer.
punishment my buddy was ord-
d to go on a hike. He was just
the Articles of War and red-
d to comply. Was he within his
ts?

Pvt. H. E. O'D
AW 104 provides for addition-
fatigue duty as punishment for
or offenses, but such punish-
t may be meted out only after
accused has been apprised of
right to demand trial by court-
tial, and of his right to appeal
e believes the punishment im-
d is unfair. The Judge Ad-
ie General has ruled that a
tice march is "clearly a mili-
duty and not in the nature of
a fatigue duty within the pur-
v of AW 104. Courts-martial
prohibited from degrading
tary duties such as drill by
osing them as punishment."

KEY JONES

or, the Rattler:
m awaiting my discharge on
ts. I read in the Rattler where
railroads are hard up for man-
er. What about the guys with
oad experience? Can they get
with the RR?

S/Sgt. J. F. V.
Probably. More than 24,000
are now filling vital jobs on
nation's railways, but not all
hem were in that line before
war. The War Dept. specific-
states that many skills acquir-
in the Army are needed by
ns and the roads also have
00 openings for unskilled
kmen. Applicants should get
ouch with the Railroad Retire-
t Board of the U. S. Employ-
t Service.

MOBILIZATION

or, the Rattler:
ast Friday's El Paso Times car-
the enclosed editorial for
ch, I think, editor Hooten
ld be strongly commended.
s opinion echoes my feelings
ctly. The editorial:
Some of our leaders in Wash-
on and military commanders
uld like it very much if the
erican people would say noth-
about demobilization, or con-

tinuing the draft after the war is
won. They would prefer to have
the people say, "Washington
knows best", and let it go at that.
Such is not the case.

"The 12,000,000 men in our
Armed Forces are not a Regular
Army or Navy. Overwhelming
majority are young men who were
taken from school or from jobs
and put in uniform. Their mothers
or fathers and wives want them
home. Those young men want to
come home, too, so they can re-
sume their school work, return to
jobs, find new ones, or go into
business for themselves. As more
time passes, Congress is going to
hear more and more from the
parents and wives of these young
men, and from those young men
themselves where they can find
means of expressing themselves.

"Our young men were drafted
for one purpose, in their eyes, and
that was to win the war. They
have won the war. Our country is
not yet ready for a military olig-
archy. That is exactly what we
will have if we permit men who
exercised practically unlimited
powers while we were at war to
continue those powers now that
we are at peace.

"The American people have a
right to demand that their young
men be returned to them, except
those in uniform who want to see
additional foreign service or those
who want to see foreign service for
the first time.

At any rate, let Congress assert
itself and take control away from
our generals and admirals. If we
do not have enough Regular Army
and Navy and other volunteers to
meet the situation, there is some-
thing wrong with the organization
of our military set-up."

(Name withheld.)

MODERN DANCING

Editor, the Rattler:

A few nights ago, I attended one
of the dances at the Officers' Club
and here are a few of the things I
learned from that experience—
typical of most modern dances.

On a low platform at one end of
the room sat ten men and three
girls. There were all sorts of mis-
shapen pieces of brass, wood, tin
and other materials (which are a
secret that the common layman
shall never know) all over the

person has his own instrument to
play, but in my opinion it is a
first come-first served proposition
with the last man to arrive getting
the drums.

The most of these people are as
decent and sane as anyone you
meet on the street, but let them
get on the bandstand with all those
instruments and they become dem-
ons. They have the nerve to call
the stuff which comes out "jive",
which is supposed to be some kind
of derivative of what our proud
forefathers called music. Now
when these manical demons start-
ed all the noise, people began to
pair off, two by two—generally a
man and a woman—and took to
the dance floor.

One intelligent looking couple
took the floor. I don't know what
they were quarreling about, but it
must have been pretty serious be-
cause he started to kick her teeth
down her throat and soon was try-
ing to pull her apart limb from
limb, pulling on one arm and
pushing on the other, throwing her

disregard for property and de-
cency. Why didn't he just take her
to the quiet of their home and
knock hell out of her. Why do it
in public with "jive" accompani-
ment? I guess the guy's name was
Jackson, as she kept saying "Hit
me with a hot lick, Jackson boy"

In each of us there is the desire
to show our courage. Being no ex-
ception, I asked my wife if she
had shin guards and shoulder pads
properly adjusted. She had, and
we moved out to the dance floor.
I spent the time getting kicked or
pushed around in a trail of blood
and debris. I kept readjusting my
helmet and crash goggles and giv-
ing all comers the straight arm
until caught by a neat hip-to-the-
kidney motion which nearly crip-
pled me for life.

And now I am sure that the
modern dance is going to replace
boxing and wrestling—if the AS-
PCA lets it continue.

Lt. B. E. Taylor

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



This buxom wench is named Lorraine Miller and she labors
in the vineyard of Goldwyn pictures. She is a very spiffy young
miss with an impudent chassis. We only wish we had an action
shot of her. That would be a motion we would be heartily in favor
of—if we can end a sentence with a proposition.

Static Chasers Snare Softball Loop Crown

The Static Chasers, Ground Station's crack softball team heavily smashed their way to a 4-2 victory over the Link Trainer department to clinch the post-season series and win the softball championship of Pyote this week.

The first half of the league tourney found Squadron A undefeated and untied to win the first round with Link Trainer in second place. Static Chasers went all the way through the second half undefeated and Link Trainer again followed in second. When Squadron A was forced to forfeit due to tentative transfers Link Trainer automatically was slated to face Static Chasers in the play-offs.

Static Chasers won the opening game of the series 5-1. Link Trainer came back in the second game and won 7-6 to stretch the ties on to the third game. In the final game of the series Pfc. Virgil pitched flawless ball and the bat of Sgt. Joe Carlson drove two runs with two hits and two outs to bat and the "Chasers" walked away 4-2 with the series and the field title.

The Static Chasers were coached by Lt. Bernard Wiseman and managed by T/Sgt. Bill Brophy. Joe Carlson caught the series of Pfc. Kane, Pvt. Harold VanDyken, and Pfc. Ben Steinberg. Cpl. Leo Hughes played first base, Major Joseph Vankovrtstop, M/Sgt. Ray Brown 2nd base, Pfc. Jack Fineman and Sgt. Sam Ehrlich alternated at shortfield, S/Sgt. Don Stein third base, Sgt. Lee Conway and Pfc.

Service Groups Not Authorized Same Battle Stars—WD

Members of Service Groups are not authorized the same battle participation credits as members of Combat groups, Station Headquarters announced last week.

Service Groups may be accorded battle participation credit as separate units by the Theater Commander under the provisions of paragraph 21, AR 260-10, dated October 25, 1944, but authority according battle participation credit to combat groups does not apply to service groups.

Further information may be obtained from paragraph 4, AAF letter 35-249, dated May 23, 1945, and from WDCO 59, 1945.

Bill Valdez alternated at right field, Pfc. George Hill center field, and Pfc. Gordon Hellekson patrolled the left field gardens. S/Sgt. Stein led the the season batting with a heavy .378 average.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

SOFTBALL CHAMPS



Static Chasers Softball Champs: Left to right, front row: Weisman, coach; Conway, rf; Ehrlich, sf; Fineman, sf; Hellekson, lf; Valdez, rf; Kane, p; back row, left to right: Vankovrtstop, ss; Brown, 2b; Hughes, 1b; Carlson, c; Brophy, mgr.; VanDyken, p; Hill, cf; Stein, 3b.

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TOMLINSON - MARSHALL
Arlene Marshall, 19, of Philadelphia, Pa., became the bride of Pfc. Albert E. Tomlinson, 26, of Sqdn. D, Sept. 10, 1945, at the Station Chapel. The couple were attended by Mrs. Bertha Marshall of Philadelphia, Pa., and Pfc. Robert Strosnider of Sqdn. D. The ceremony performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.

STRAIN - PRATT

Dorothy Pratt, of Tampa, Fla., became the bride of Sgt. Francis C. Strain, CCD Pool, on Sept. 8, 1945, at the Station Chapel. The couple were attended by Cpl. Margaret Link of Sqdn. B, and Sgt. Daniel Lapetina, CCD Pool. The ceremony performed by Chaplain Philip F. Anderson.

DEITSCH - SHAW

Miss Patricia Ann Shaw, 20, of Columbus, Ohio, was married to Lt. Herbert S. Deitsch, 22, assigned to CCD Pool, on Sept. 14, 1945. Attending the couple were Lt. Bertha Swanson of Sqdn. M and Lt. Cyril Alexander of the CCD Pool. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

WILSON - HOOVER

Miss Juanita Hoover, 20, of Roswell, New Mexico, was married to Lt. William Wilson, 25, of Sqdn. F in the Station Chapel, on Sept. 12, 1945. Attending the couple were Mrs. George Stephens of Roswell, N. M., and Lt. Fred W. Bailey of Sqdn. F. The ceremony was performed by Chaplain Edwin Norton.

Dist. High School Football League Gets Underway

Monahans Lobo grid team touched off the spark that set the 7A Texas scholastic conference on fire by defeating the Grandfall Cowboys 52-0 at Monahans Sealy Field Friday night. The Greenwave ran wild over the light but fast Cowboy squad and clinched a hold as the early league favorite. Pecos High School's Eagles, last year undefeated and untied in conference competition, went down in an upset before the onslaught of Crane's gridders 27-20 in an action-packed game at Rotary Field, Pecos. Wink High, usually holding the league power, showed promise in defeating Seagraves 18-2. Kermit High's Yellow Jackets, the fourth member of the 7A conference, went down before Colorado City's power 26-7 in a non-conference game.

In defeating Grandfalls, Coach Milton McClesky, of Monahans, used almost his entire reserve strength. The long run of the game was by Orin (Scat) Donaldson, Lobo second string back, who intercepted a Cowboy pass on his own 18-yard line and scampered 82 yards for the tally.

Friday night, September 21, Monahans will journey to McCamey to engage McCamey High's grid warriors on their home grounds. Fort Stockton invades Pecos with a high-class aggregation for the night game at Rotary Field and Jal brings its power into Wink.

Shipping, Mac? Don't Be Late!

The Daily Bulletin of Sept. 15th cautioned that all personnel who fail to appear for shipping at the appointed place and time, are subject to disciplinary action. If official permission has been obtained, the Shipping and Receiving Officer must be notified.

Civilian Personnel Pay Lag Postpones Checks Ten Days

In case some civilian is wondering what happened to his pay check, the explanation is here. Due to the change in tours of duty of Civil Service employees at this station, the pay-lag will be ten days effective immediately. That is, employees whose pay period ends on Sept. 8th will be paid on Sept. 18th, or if the pay period ends on Sept. 15th checks will be issued on Sept. 25th, etc.

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The Rattler accepts ads for publication, free of charge, from military personnel only. Ads must be at the Rattler Office by Saturday, 5 P.M., signed by military personnel. The Rattler acts solely as a media for publishing the ad and as such will not accept any responsibility for its printed. All ads for used cars, trucks or motorcycles must contain a price in accordance with OPA regulations. The price could be under or within OPA ceilings and the ad must state. The selling of railway bus tickets, other than by the public conveyor, is prohibited by law. No ads for such tickets will be accepted.

FOR SALE

SERVICE CAP, Size 7 1/8, with bill, \$7.50 value greatly reduced. Call 236 and ask for Sgt. Williamson of the 728th Band.

USCH AND LOMB BINOCULARS for sale. Practically new. Going for \$50.00. Not G.I. See Sgt. B. McCabe, Bks. 520, next to Mess No. 5.

FOUND

OMAS J. TRAVIS—You may have your sun glasses by contacting Blimp in Bks. 817, Sec. II, C.C.D.

ALL THE EM who was hitchhiking from Odessa to Pyote Friday, Sept. 7, pick up his small satchel bag at The Rattler Office?

ELEGRAM TO Lt. Richard M. Robnett, CCD, Section 2. It's in the Rattler Office, come and get it.

RIDERS WANTED

WANTED, RIDERS TO AND FROM PECOS. Leave Pecos 6:45 A.M.—arrive Pyote 7:25 A.M. Contact Sgt. J. Cohen, Line Shop.

The American
SHARE
Your
CAR!
Save GAS
TIRES, TIRES!



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RIDERS TO AND FROM WINK. 8-5 shift. Contact Sgt. Dale Paisley at 233 or 27.

LOST

LOST OR STOLEN—My brown leather wallet initialed E.J.P., containing passes, license, pictures and wedding band. Wedding band engraved E.J.P. to M.D.J. 7-23-38. Reward. Return to Sgt. Emil J. Postupack, Sqdn. E, Bks. T-818.

LOST OR STOLEN—Suntan shirt with valuable papers in pocket. Return to Sqdn. D. Orderly Rm.

TAN PUPPY with studded collar lost. Answers to the name of "Ginger" Return to Signal Office. Reward. Pvt. Kenneth L. Willett.

WATCH MADE BY BOLAR lost in Officers' Latrine back of BOQ.

427. Reward. Lt. M. J. Harak. BOQ 427, Bed 14.

BABY BROWNIE CAMERA and three rolls of 127 film lost. Left in bus stop near Library Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 11. Reward if returned to Rattler Office.

HAMILTON WRISTWATCH lost. Finder please return it to M/Sgt. Billie Bell, Sqdn. D, Bks. 521 Reward.

SILVER Identification Bracelet lost on Flight Line. Reward of \$5 to person who delivers it to me or the Flight Line Office. S/Sgt. R. Friend.

IN EM SWIMMING POOL, gold-colored cross, Lost, Sept. 11th. Return to Pvt. Joseph Chrostek, PW Camp.

TWO KEYS IN DARK LEATHER CASE. Return to Base Message Center. Sgt. McGowen.

GOLD SWISS 17 JEWEL watch

in Sqn. F Latrine. Gift of extreme sentimental value. Reward. Pvt. Eugene Warner, Bks. 630.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET with name James Goodwin, US AAF on front. Reward of \$7 for finder. Would appreciate its return because of sentimental value.



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MISS LACE! YOU STILL AROUND?

WHY, SURE, GENERAL! ANY OBJECTIONS?



GEEZT, NO! BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS... PEOPLE AIN'T SO NUTS ABOUT SOLDIERS AFTER A WAR!

YOU MEAN, THEY DON'T LIKE THAT BIG RED ENGINE BLOCKING THEIR STREET WHEN THEY KNOW THE FIRES OUT?



YEAH—THAT'S IT, I GUESS... I'LL PROBABLY FEEL THE SAME WAY AFTER THEY'VE HANDED ME THE BLUE PIN STRIPE PURCHASE SLIP...



BUT—SINCE YOU HAVEN'T RUN OUT....

THAT'S BETTER—FOR A FEW MINUTES I WAS AFRAID YOU'D WON THE RACE, BUT LOST INTEREST IN THE CHASE!

by Milton Caniff

MILTON CANIFF



KORNER'S KORNER

BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

Washington eavesdroppers say Stimson, Marshall and Arnold soon be retired. Biggest candidates to replace them are Johnson s't. Secretary of War and once American Legion Nat'l. Com'er), Eisenhower, and either Eaker or Spaatz. The War Dept. d as of Sept. 21, 1944 (circular 381) the right for EM to have first at USO shows. That has almost always been followed at this and is in effect today. Last month the WD renewed that in-on, saying: "enlisted personnel will be given first priority in g admission to entertainment provided by USO Camp Shows,

Our ace confederate at the Capital gives the latest rumor mobilization—and this is a private source which has usually correct: "The Army has no plan to base discharges on total e or physical classification to benefit the limited-service groups." if. And we think H. V. Kaltenborn's comment of last week the bell. Says Hans Von: "If the Army doesn't do what is without our prodding, then we'll just have to keep prodding."

From Washington comes the unofficial inside dope that AF is scrapping 26,000 planes now overseas in Japan; this figure sent about 70% of all aircraft we had in Japan on V-J day.

Hooten's daily editorials in the El Paso Times continue to st the demobilization program. Hooten says, "it's odd that the has only 53,000 less men today than it had a year ago when ere fighting two powerful enemies."

Drew Pearson's open ents to various COs regards the hoarding of manpower are g big effects, I hear. As one GI remarked to me: "It's at a like this, when the chips are down that the GI finds out who iends are—and who will go to bat for him. Drew Pearson, n of the Times and others are putting up a fight. And some e Congressmen are doing a great job on our behalf. On the hand, Winchell has not mentioned one word of demobilization consecutive columns. Time magazine devoted a half-column to 's times like these that we see those fair-weather friends start ng for cover—and we'll remember."

TSK, TSK, GENTLEMEN

A few of the Korner's friends have passed on to me local com-s made by two officers on this field in addressing a group of men. wo statements, I believe, are false and the two officers in ques-had better check their statements.

One of them was a comment that, "you fellows are now in the e-time Army and not the draft Army". That is, I believe, errone- With three enemies—Italy, Japan, and Germany—and peace- es with none—I fail to see how we can be in a peace-time Army. ress has not yet passed a law making a peace-time Army con- tion compulsory. The men being addressed had not volunteered hitch. This is NOT the peace-time Army, not yet, and if I'm g I wish someone would explain to me how come?

The other comment was the bald statement that "the War De- ent decides demobilization and not Congress." I'm afraid sir, ef re-reading of the Constitution will show you that the War is subservient to Congress and should Congress decide to de- lize the entire Army the War Dept. could do naught but fume. —correct me if I'm wrong.

THE TECHNIQUE OF KISSING

Sgt. Sid Benjamin, editor of the Lee Traveller, comes up with ollowing item: "We wouldn't pretend to be an authority on the ct, and as an ex-bachelor we can't even admit to more than an mic interest in it, but the GIs who have been testing feminine g ability seem to be pretty solidly convinced that the German ein really has something on the ball when it comes to enthusias- ooperation in uninhibited osculation. One GI, perhaps, carried by his subject, reports: 'The American girl, used to driving in with her boyfriend, turns her head to the left while the British urns her head to the right—but the German girl, she smiles and sideways like she means to say no, but she throws her head with her chin up and looks starry-eyed in the air. Then when ut your arm around her waist, she bends from the knees and

her back. Then she puts her arm around your shoulder and gets her balance, all of a sudden her head comes up and she step out of it. It's a regular Hollywood job. I don't know where they learned it. To all of which this somewhat envious but all too aged scribe can only add—Wow!"

JUST BEFORE DEADLINE

In the opinion of the Lee Traveller, camp newspaper in Virginia, the Army has a plan to demobilize between now and Sept. 1, 1946, all men who will have completed two years' service by that time. At least, says the Traveller, that is the dope from Rep. May (D.-Ky.), Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee. This unofficial story states that May's report, which accompanied the voluntary recruiting program act approved by his committee, stated: "Having regard for those millions in the armed forces who during war-time gave two, three and four years of their lives in their country's service, it seems fair during the transition from combat to a stable peace to ask those in the armed forces who have not served as long as two years to complete two years of service."

Also, unofficial dope from the Capital says that about 25% of the 800,000 Army officers be reported for separation within 60 days on the basis of Army-wide critical scores.

There's more plans in the Congress to discharge GIs than there are recipes for a good cocktail. To list them all would include every conceivable plan to let out the GIs.

A must-read item is Bill Hooten's editorial of Sunday, labeled "This Is America". He speaks of gagging Army camp newspapers.

Pity the plight of Cpl. Paul Kelly who ran into an embarrassing situation in Paris. He was standing on a corner when an attractive War strolled by. "Wooooooo" howled Cpl. Kelly. The War stopped, smiled and said "Hello sonny, where have you been these last three years?" Cpl. Kelly grinned, crestfallen, and replied, "Hello Mom."

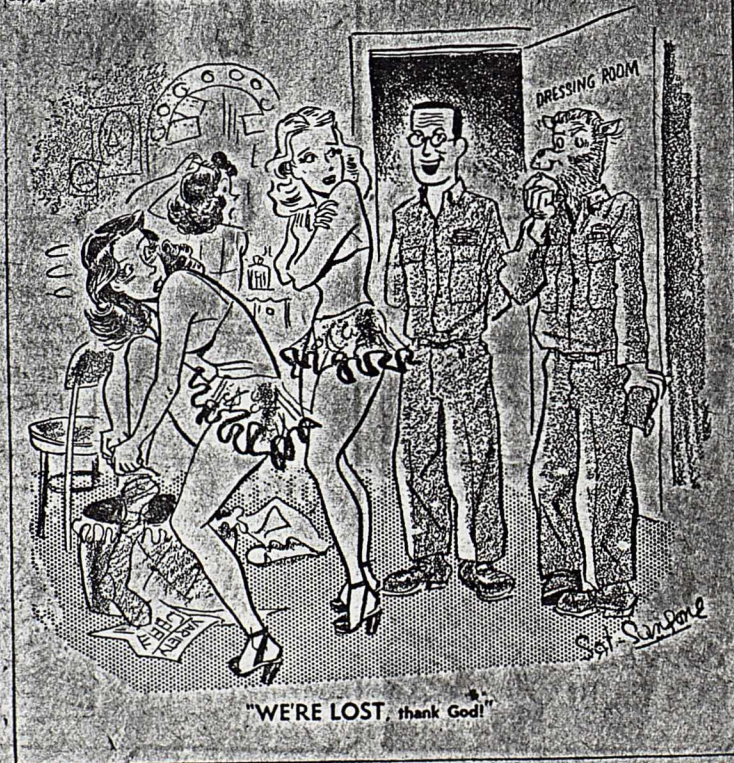
Alamogordo has a new wrinkle in awarding prizes to top ground crews. The two ground crews that led flying time for the month of August were awarded a touch of high life and bright lights with a week-end in the big city. One crew chose to spend the holiday in New York City, the other in Chicago. The two prize crews were loaded into reconverted B-17s, each crewman was given a \$10 bill to help defray his expenses. Said one crewman "This looks like the best deal the Army has—except for that white paper."

We understand that an amendment to the Army-Navy enlistment bill has been tentatively approved by the House of Representatives. According to informed, but unofficial sources, the amendment to the bill would permit new men in the Army draft to be discharged after 18 months service and men currently in the Army would be discharged, providing they had two years in. That's according to the bill that Rep. Kilday (D.-Tex.) has introduced and hopes to see passed.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"WERE LOST, thank God!"