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FIELD OPENS RECRUITING DRIVE

RECRUITING LETTER NUMBER 7

1. TWX FROM WASHINGTON
DATED 5 OCTOBER 1945.

"An act cited as the "Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945" has been passed.

"Pending publication of changes now in process to current regulations, the following advantages of the law are furnished in order that immediate emphasis may be placed on them in the recruiting effort: Original enlistments and reenlistments may be made in the Regular Army for periods of eighteen months or two or three years from male persons not less than seventeen years of age, provided no person under eighteen years of age may be enlisted without consent of his parents or guardians, and further, any qualified and acceptable member of the AUS, or component thereof, who has performed active service therein of not less than six months shall, upon his own application, be accepted for an enlistment period of one year plus the period of any furlough granted at the beginning of such enlistment. No person who is serving under an enlistment contracted on or after 1 June 1945 shall be entitled, before the expiration of the period of such enlistment, to enlist for an enlistment period which expires before the expiration of the enlistment period he is so serving. Any person who enlists or reenlists in grade seven, upon the completion of six months active service, shall, unless sooner promoted, be promoted to the sixth grade provided he is otherwise qualified. Any enlisted man of the Regular Army who had completed not less than twenty or more than twenty-nine years of active service may, upon his own request, be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps (to remain a member thereof until his active service plus the period of his membership in ERC equals thirty years) and at the same time be retired from the Regular Army with annual enlisted pay, including longevity pay he was receiving for the six months immediately preceding his retirement, multiplied by a sum equal to the sum

PYOTE'S FIRST RE-ENLISTEES TAKE OATH



The first soldiers at this field to re-enlist are shown taking the oath of enlistment, being administered by Lt. Col. Howard A. Davis, Deputy Station Commandant (left). Left to right: Cpl. Walter J. Hynes, Norwalk, Conn.; Sgt. Frank Green, Detroit; T/Sgt. Oustin P. Hughes, Wick, W. Va.; T/Sgt. Wilfred Tepp, Stevens Point, Wis.; Pvt. Joe Brown, Cleveland; M/Sgt. H. H. Miller, Dallas, Texas; T/Sgt. Walter Jackson, Bartlett, Texas; and M/Sgt. Frank Sutterland, Chicago, Ill.

of the number of years of active service not in excess of twenty-nine years. All active federal military service performed in the Army of the United States, the Navy, the Marine Corps, or the Coast Guard or any component thereof, counts toward retirement. Fractional part of a year amounting to six months or more counts as a complete year. Men honorably discharged and enlisted within twenty days of discharge will be enlisted in the highest grade, permanent or temporary, held by him at time of such discharge, provided reenlistment is made prior to 1 February 1946. Men discharged under RR 1-1, since 12 May 1945, and prior to receipt of this radio, will also be reenlisted in the highest permanent or temporary grade held by him at time of discharge provided they reenlist within twenty days of the date of this radio. Men who have enlisted or reenlisted in the Regular Army on or after 1 June 1945, in grades lower than those provided for in

this radio will be immediately promoted to the higher grade held at time of discharge. Reenlistment furloughs will be granted to those with not less than six months of service, provided they reenlist within twenty days of discharge and the length of furlough will be computed on the basis of thirty days for each completed year's service not to exceed a total of ninety days furlough. Every person granted a reenlistment furlough will be paid in advance at his option and at the time such furlough becomes effective a furlough travel allowance at the rate of five cents a mile for the distance from the place he is stationed when furlough becomes effective, to his home or such other place where members of his immediate family are residing and back to the place he is ordered to report for duty. In computing this travel pay, the distance travelled by sea and amount of any travel allowance previously paid to the individual upon discharge will be

excluded. Mustering out payments are now authorized for all enlisted men discharged for immediate reenlistment. Reenlistment allowance payable for persons enlisted or reenlisted within ninety days of discharge on or after 1 June 1945, is fifty dollars for each year of completed service and in computing the service, all continuous active federal service in the AUS or component thereof, whether in enlisted, commission, or warrant grades will, if honorably performed subsequent to the payment at the last previous enlistment allowance, be credited. Service will be considered continuous when not interrupted at any one time for over ninety days. The dependent or dependents of any enlisted man may receive a monthly family allowance during the existence of any war declared by Congress plus six months and also during a period of enlistment or reenlistment contracted by such enlist-

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BEWARE RATTLESNAKES
 1. WEAR BOOTS OR HIGH-TOP SHOES & LEGGINGS
 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.

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Shame of a Nation

The white robes of the Ku Klux Klan are riding the nights again. The flaming torch of intolerance is burning brightly across the land, and the rule of "Love Thy Neighbor" has been changed into "Burn their homes and turn 'em out".

In last Thursdays El Paso Times, an article stated that "farmers and businessmen of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, held a mass meeting to prevent Japanese from colonizing in Dona Ana county. Resolutions were adopted urging Congress to enact laws which would enable New Mexico communities to protect themselves against Japanese infiltration. Petitioned were circulated pledging signers not to sell property to Japanese."

The article doesn't refer to any particular type of Japanese. The petitions that were signed drew no line concerning the individual Japanese. It drew a line against blood—against race. It said that "We don't want Japanese"—much as the Nazi party said "We don't want Jews".

Nisei soldiers—American-born Japanese—have an enviable battle-record in this war. They fought, bled, and died for America—an America that includes Dona Ana county.

The United States has long been a pillar of tolerance in an intolerant world, despite the white-sheeted shriekers that whispered and screamed against the Jew, the Catholic and the Negro.

If we are to ignore the Dona Ana County action—tolerance has taken a blow and is rocking on its foundations. To bar any American—because of his color or church or the slant of his eyes—it to strike a death blow at the heart of what has made America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The action of the Dona Ana citizens has offset all that these Japanese-Americans fought and died for. It is a sad, cruel and heart-breaking reflection and a smear on the conscience of every American.

"We Don't Want Japs". Can we condemn any race on the face of the earth? Can we say that all Japanese are blood-thirsty animals? If we do, then we must refuse to recognize the hundreds of Japanese who rotted in prisons during the war because they did not want their country to fight America. If we do, then we must wipe out all Japanese on the face of the earth—because they are an inferior race.

Oh, shades of the Third Reich! To be in accordance with that theory we must applaud the efforts to exterminate the Jews of Europe; we must applaud intolerance throughout the globe. We must then say that the American is a member of a super-race, designed by some supreme power to decide what races, religions, and colors my live and what may not.

As long as there are Dona Ana Counties, the United States can never claim to be tolerant, nor reverent, nor above reproach.

Bilious Bumpsey, the sage of the Service Club, wants to get a post-war job that'll drive him to drink . . . at a brewery near a bus line.

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

"LOVE LETTERS" with Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten. (Young war-widow consoles herself with love-letters from her late husband written at the battle-front. She meets her hubby's best friend and discovers it was he who wrote the letters for hubby. Shades of Cyrano deBergerac.) Shorts: Paramount News.

FRIDAY

"LOVE, HONOR AND GOOD-BY" with Virginia Bruce and Victor McLaughlin. (Comedy—Man marries eager actress—backs a play for her hoping it will fail. Actor sways her affections, leaves friend husband, finally reconciles herself in an unusual manner.) Shorts: Spade Cooleys Band, Looney Tunes.

SATURDAY

"TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT" with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. (The Look and Mr. Bogart in a revival of one of the best of last year.) Shorts: Isle of Romans, Movietone Adventure, Fox and Crow Cartoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"MILDRED PIERCE" with Joan Crawford and Jack Carson. (James M. Cain's vivid portrayal of a mother and selfish daughter caught in the whirls of romance, hate and excitement.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"ISLE OF THE DEAD" with Boris Karloff and Ellen Drew. (One of the best of the current lot of chillers, with a decidedly different slant.) Shorts: Barber Shop Ballads, Screen Snapshots.

WEDNESDAY

"WEEKEND AT THE WALTERDORF" with Ginger Rogers, Walter Pidgeon, Lana Turner and Van Johnson. (A war correspondent, film star, stenographer and war veteran search for spy. Romance ensues in a lively comedy set off by buxom Lana.) Shorts: Paramount News.

Around the Field

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

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.

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

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

CARLSBAD CAVERNS: Trips to the Caverns each Saturday and Sunday; two busses leave from Sq. A orderly room at 6:30 AM both days. Trips are open to GIs and wives. 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 Service Office, next door to Service Club, phone 27.

SCHOOL: USAFI Correspondence courses—details from I&E Dept., Special Services office, next door to Service Club. Off-duty education program—details at Special Services office. Phone 27.

At the Officers' Club

Mon.—Junior hostess meeting 7 p.m.

Tues.—Informal activities, Pinochle club.

Wed.—Weiner roast and picnic, 7 p.m., sponsored by Monahans Rotary Club. Dance instructions, 7:30 p.m., beginners; 8:30 advanced.

Thu.—Sing-song, 7:30 p.m. Quiz Bee, 8:15 p.m. Bingo, 8:45 p.m.

Fri.—Classical music, ping pong, cards.

Sat.—Dance, 8:30 p.m.

Sun.—Buffet supper, 5:30 p.m. Feature movie, "Brigham Young, Frontiersman", 8:30 p.m.

(All GI's interested in joining an informal choral group please report either Friday evening at 7:30 or Sunday afternoon at 2:30.)

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: Hesp. 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.

HOW YA GONNA JEEP EM?



With an eye to the post-war agriculture world, Cpl. Thomas L. McNermy investigates the jeep with a heavy-duty cultivator.

Travelin' Salesmen Are Just One Farm Hurdle

With the "post-war world" practically upon the underslung GI who is almost ready to trade in his can of dubbin for a pork-pie hat, the Rattler institutes a series of articles on job prospects in the cruel, cruel world.—The Editors.

Thinking of buying a farm? Proceed with caution is the advice from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Prices for farm land, according to the Farm Credit Ass'n. are high right now—up because of soaring prices for farm products. When buying a farm, the purchaser should determine whether his income from his produce in "normal" times will cover the cost of the invest-
ment—particularly if buying on credit. Between wars, most farm foreclosures resulted from purchases of property at inflated prices, on credit.

According to a GI survey, some 800,000 men in the Army plan to go back to the farm. Of this number, many will go to farms they or their families had prior to the war. Others, however, plan to buy—and farming is a tricky business.

For instance from 1913 to 1930 prices of farm products rose 107% and land prices went up 70%. Then in the early twenties farm products dropped to 52%, and those who purchased farms on credit hoping for a continuance of wartime income were up the familiar creek.

Agriculture Profit to Drop

Experts say that the return on agriculture products will drop after this war, too. The Army is cutting its orders and high-wage bracketed civilians will have to struggle on reduced income. Then too, foreign agriculture markets will start producing before long.

So, says the Farm Credit Ass'n., "it would be a different story if you could buy a farm and agree to pay for it with about 40 200-lb. hogs a year. If pork was worth \$6.82 a hundred and you had a \$10,000 4% Federal Land Bank loan for 34½ years, that's what it would come to."

But you don't borrow hogs to pay for a farm. It takes some of Morgenthau's lettuce and it is

therefore important to dope out what hogs are likely to bring so you can pay for that farm. The Farm Credit boys say it's a good idea to figure sales on the basis of prices from '33 to '40 rather than these war-profit-fat recent times. Prices were just about double over that 7-year period.

How It's Done

So—the happy new farmer will shop for property. He'll check water supply, drainage, roads electricity, telephone, flood danger, school bus, soil productivity, rainfall and such. Then he'll figure out the normal expectation for his kind of farming on both good and bad years, making allowances for bad breaks. He'll check on local conditions with the county agent and well-informed farmers nearby. He'll figure out family expenses; total expenses for labor, fertilizer, seed, machinery, fuel, repairs, improvements, taxes, depreciation, etc. Then he checks to see if the assets (lovely things) outbalance those nasty old liabilities.

13 AF OFFICER READY TO CERTIFY

Former members of the 13th AF still seeking certification for battles engaged in between December 7, 1941 and May 23, 1943 should contact Lt. M. B. Riherd, building T-266, phone 225. Lt. Riherd suggests that interested GIs drop in soon since his Pyote stay may not be long.

Hollywood Parade Here Friday Night

A top cast of twenty-four people barrel-stocked with a variety of routines from tap dancing to rollicking comedy pull into the Pyote AAF for one show at the Parade Grounds starting at 8 PM, Friday, Oct. 12.

Air Medal With 6 Clusters Awarded To Hero's Parents

The Air Medal with one silver and one bronze oak-leaf cluster, representing six additional awards of the medal, was awarded posthumously to Lt. Otto D. Jenkins of Kermit Texas, and presented to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Jenkins of Kermit, at a special ceremony and review last Saturday.

Lieutenant Jenkins had completed one tour of duty and was returning from the last mission of his second tour last March when he was killed. His plane had been badly damaged during the combat mission and crashed on his home field. He flew P-51 Mustang fighter planes and had been credited with 18 enemy aircraft destroyed.

Other awards made to Lt. Jenkins were the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and five other clusters for the Air Medal.

The award Saturday was made by Lt. Col. John H. Goodloe, director of Administration and Services. The medal was awarded "for meritorious achievement as a fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat, and for the destruction of one enemy aircraft while on a fighter combat operation over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by Lieutenant Jenkins reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States".

The deceased hero attended Perasall (Tex) high school and was graduated from John Reagan High School, Houston, in 1939. During his school days he took part in football, baseball, basketball and track.

He worked as a civil engineer in Houston for two years and then entered the service with the National Guard when it was federalized. Released from the Guard a short time later, because he was underage, he worked for the Amerada Petroleum Corporation at Fairbanks, Texas.

He enlisted in the Air Corps Aug. 20, 1942 and received his pilot wings at Foster Field, Tex, on January 7, 1943. Before going overseas he was stationed at Tallahassee and Mariana, Florida. He was assigned to the 8AF in July, 1943.

One of the best lines of the season, the Hollywood Studio Girls, handle the chorus revue with intricate steps and precision in wide-eyed costumes; with the Garri Trio stepping out of the chorus to do some slick dancing and in the groove singing. Darby and Ardelle come in with a masterful hand-to-hand and high-perch number; while Phyllis Ayres warbles melodious sophisticated songs and special comedy arrangements from a telephone book in a roaring style of a Bert Wheeler type comedienne; and Buddy Heller, the animated drummer, rolls out rhythm from his drums, a chair, the floor and most anyplace.

From Spitalny, there are the Clawson Triplets, three young ladies well known in the entertainment world; a sending trio. For fast comedy on the ballroom floor, Gifford and Fearr wax over this lightly with smoothness, doing a take-off on Charlie McCarthy and Veloz and Yolanda.

Mickey Gifford steps out and emcees the show which goes into a finis of an audience participation stunt.

The show is free to military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians. Seats are first come, first served.

On Tap Friday



The above chick is Leona White, specialty dancer with the Hollywood Troupe which plays at Pyote Friday, Oct. 12th.

Pyote Gets Hashmark This

Only 4 Officers Remain From Original Vanguard

Only four remain of the original group of 28 officers who arrived at Pyote in the fall of 1942. The remnants of the vanguard who started Pyote three years ago offered the following anniversary statements to the representative of the Rattler.

Major Ocie L. Conger, Post Engineer stated, "Things looked dark in 1942 when it was imperative that the heavy bombardment program be implemented in the shortest possible time. August 1942 saw the Area Engineers surveying the site and January 1943 witnessed the inception of the B-17 training program.

The snakes and weather at Pyote have been overworked. Local snakes are few and respectable. In the last two years the field has averaged being closed less than four full days per year, Pyote was well chosen as a bomber base since utilities are adequate, weather ideal, and space is ample.

As far as the Engineers are concerned they can keep flying at Pyote."

Captain Emmet L. Lane, of the Engineers who arrived in August of '42 when construction started was the first soldier of Pyote, carried on with, "The results of the effort that has been put forth toward the accomplishment of this station mission has proven successful. It is gratifying to see these efforts combine and amalgamate into the progress made and the end reached in the better than three years I have been stationed at Pyote. It makes one feel that however small, his effort has been worthwhile."

When the Medical detachment was formed for the desert pioneers Captain Charles P. Ripley was at the inception. Captain Ripley mused, "History seems to be repeating itself. The '42 days were rough and now the problems of demobilization are upon us. Three years at

Pyote has been a long time, but the people whom I have met and worked with, have made it enjoyable. My answer on how to survive at Pyote is to find a hobby and to make up your mind that you can enjoy your stay here and simply enjoy it."

The all important Finance Department produced a founder in the person of Captain Eugene D. Taber. Captain Taber, who recalled when payrolls were met in a windblown tent, mused, "I've enjoyed Pyote on the whole. We've suffered hardships in the old days when we literally roughed it here. Since then we've enjoyed good days and had the pleasure of making fine friends. I've found Pyote pretty square. The first hundred days were sure the hardest."



CAPTAIN EUGENE D. TABER

Greyhound Busses Run New Schedule Both East and West

A new Greyhound Bus schedule has been announced for busses going through Pyote; effective October 1st.

This revision, for arrival and departure at the Pyote Bus Station, will expedite a faster service for the benefit of all personnel.

Lv. Eastbound

A. M. 1:49, 4:49, 9:29 P. M. 1:19, 4:53, 8:04

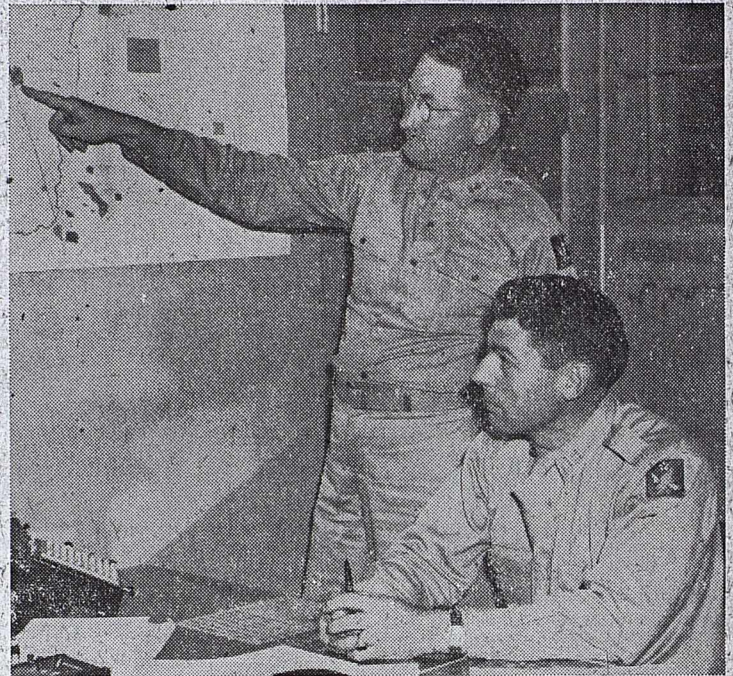
Lv. Westbound

A. M. 4:11, 7:05 P. M. 12:24, 3:32, 7:20, 11:50

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CAPTAIN CHARLES P. RIPLEY



MAJOR OCIE L. CONGER AND CAPTAIN EMMET L. LANE.

This Wacky World

This week's collection of daffy doings across the country as contributed by the country's quota of yucks and screwballs. . . . A Philadelphia mailman was arrested for the 19th time for looting mailboxes. Said a postal inspector: "He just likes to read other people's mail, I guess." . . . In an Ottawa court, Billy Reaney was dismissed from a charge of following in his automobile two girls riding on a street car. The judge couldn't find a law against it. . . . A Knoxville Tennessee couple got divorced because wifey would waken hubby every morning at two by pounding his head with her fists. Quoted hubby: "It made me very nervous". . . . A petition has been sent to Congress by 45 Arkansans cuties to keep GIs in uni-



form for a year after discharge. This period, the gals claim, would give them time to get accustomed to fewer uniforms on the streets. . . . When a Charlotte, N. C. landlady ran an ad offering a room for rent she asked for a male roomer

School Credit May Be Had For GI Training

All personnel getting out of the Army will have a chance to get civilian-school credit for their army experience and training, under a policy announced by the I-E Officer.

An opportunity for executing USAFI Form No. 47, "Application for Credit for Educational Achievement during Military Service," will be extended to all those undergoing pre-separation processing. The opportunity will be extended prior to departure for separation center or separation processing, and Form 47 will not be included in processing functions of separation centers.

This form is to be accomplished for all personnel of school age who do not have the high school diploma or college degree they desire. Particular attention will be paid to applications of persons who contemplate further schooling under educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

that "doesn't drink". The ad was answered by a truthful man who, when queried by the landlady, admitted "I get drunk every night" and then walked sadly away. . . . Wotta wacky world!

Week On Its 3rd Birthday

Only 2 Remain Of the Original Pyote AF Cadre

The Pyote veterans ranks, using November 26, 1942 as the "veteran day", are getting as sparse and thin as the GAR. The Rattler could find but two of the original GIs, who were still sweating it out here at Pyote.

In a manner of recognition, here are their pictures and story. Picture Pyote as these hardy pioneers arrived: The entire base was in one building. The first weeks the troops were quartered in the Turney Hospital, Monahans—no curfew, no MPs. One happy day the entire group, 20 men, moved to Pyote and their new "little home".

Rattlesnake Army Air Base was pleasant; building and improvements were going on all over. The construction and excavating loosened up the sand and the gentle Texas desert wind kept a steady dust storm blowing all the time. The troops were able to keep clean however by heating water in GI cans in the lone mess hall. The mess provided washroom as there were no cumbersome machines the cook and baker . . . he did it all by hand. The mess hall had no windows in it so the kitchen couldn't overheat. The barracks had no heat at all so they had no worry on that score. The latrines were the "Chic Sales" variety with a ten-man capacity. Physical Training department hadn't taken the PT fields from the Rattlesnakes, lizards and cactus; the men conditioned themselves breaking trails through the wilderness.

Now the station has grown from a desolate spot in the desert to a thriving airbase with one of the proudest records in AAF for re-



S/Sgt. WAYNE GURNEY

S-SGT. WALTER BORESKI WATCHES THREE YEARS ROLL BY



sults and combat crews produced.

S/Sgt. Wayne J. Gurney of the Finance office arrived November 26, 1942. Gurney, whose home is New York City, found no trouble accustoming himself to the wide open spaces. S/Sgt. Gurney says, "These years at Pyote haven't been too bad. It's been an experience watching the base grow. I know we're all looking forward to that white paper and pinstripe suit, but I've enjoyed my Pyote associations and shall retain many recollections, both happy and otherwise."

S/Sgt. Walter A. Boreski, Meat and Dairy Inspector from Eylria, Ohio, arrived November 30, 1942. "We did our inspecting at station headquarters in those days. Sure has grown up here since. Most of the old fellows I knew have gone home. Sure never expect to spend the next anniversary of the base here. Seems to me I said that two years ago."

Field Fire Dept. Recognizes Fire Prevention Week

A Presidential Proclamation throughout the nation, designates the week of October 7-13, as fire prevention week.

Thomas J. Gregg, Fire Chief of the Pyote Army Air Field stresses the vigilance of being careful along these lines.

Carelessness in the disposing of cigarette butts has long been a common factor in the outbreak of fires. To this, Fire Chief Gregg says, "Chaperon your cigarettes. Don't let them go out by themselves."

"Extreme caution should also be exercised in the use of gasoline trailers, for the susceptibility of these vehicles in gasoline trailer fires, has been great indeed. The ardent cooperation of all base per-

Two Civilians Merit 'Pyote Hashmark' for Three Years at Field

Among the ranks of base personnel who pioneered the Pyote Air Base in the fall of 1942 were two civilians.

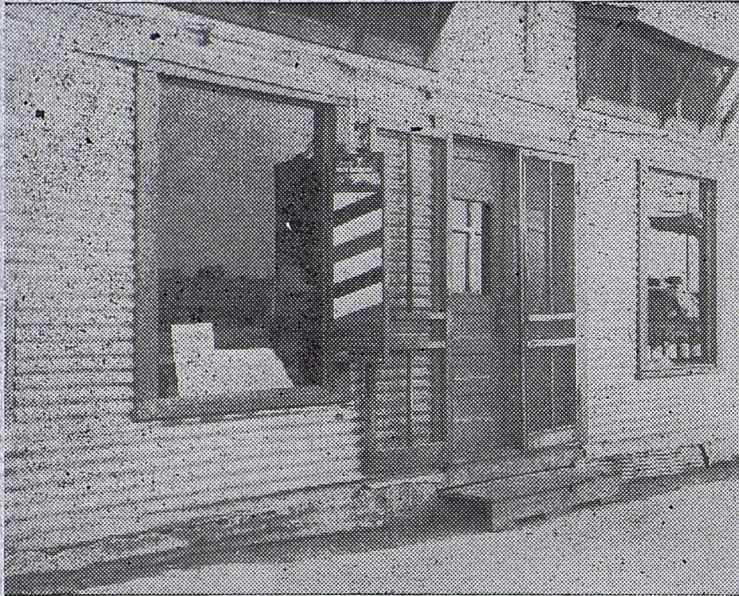
These two, all that remains of the original civilian personnel staff, have marked the third year of contribution to the success of the bomber base.

Edna McLeod of the QM office, who has recently been awarded recognition and a cash prize for her suggestion on work improvement by the AAF Suggestion Committee, arrived November 9, 1942.

Vestal T. Murphy of the Ration board joined the personnel two days later, November 11.

sonnel in making this preventive measure a success," says Chief Gregg, "will be appreciated by this department."

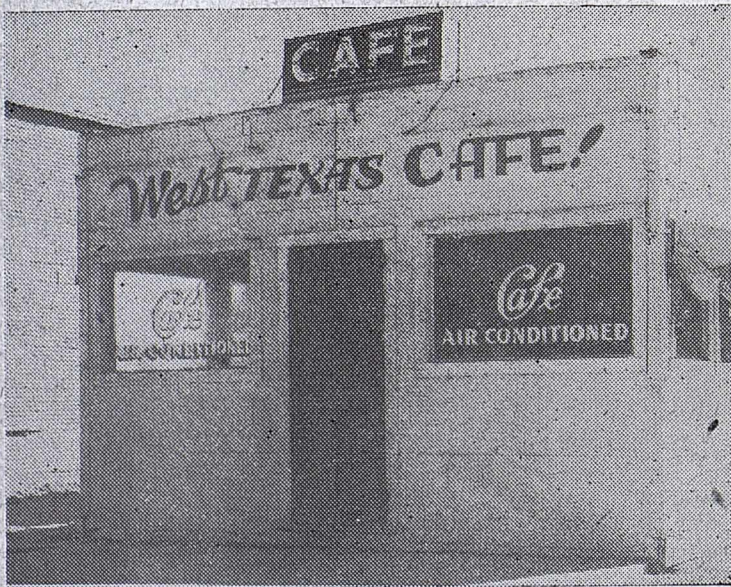
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THE PYOTE BARBER SHOP

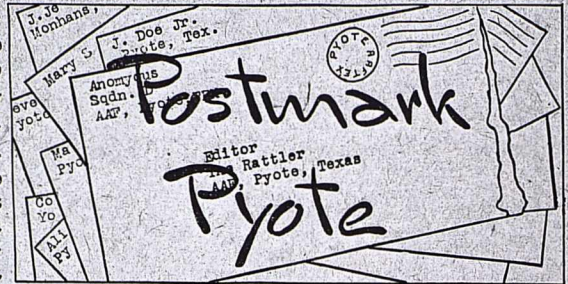


A PYOTE FILLING STATION AND CAFE



AND THE WEST TEXAS CAFE

"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!



WAC FIANCEE

Editor, the Rattler:

I am a Wac engaged to a soldier who was just discharged. If we get married, will I then be eligible for discharge?

(Name withheld.)

• As we said two weeks ago, a Wac can obtain a discharge if she married a veteran of the Armed Forces who served anytime since Sept. 16, 1940. You may apply for release as soon as you are married, but not, of course, while you are engaged. (See R R I-I, Sec. 3, Par 12-13; WD Circular 46, 1945.)

MONKEYS?

Editor, the Rattler:

Someone said to me: "If you don't believe Darwin's theory, watch a Texas woman make a monkey out of a GI." Can a GI be made a monkey out of so easily?

Sgt. R. J. G.

• The Rattler feels incapable of answering that question, and trusts the vocal Pyoters shall rise to comment.

35mm FILM

Editor, the Rattler:

Some of the photo enthusiasts on the field have gotten together and tried to find out why the PX never has 35mm film. Upon checking up, we find that many of us possess cameras that require that size film. Our cameras are registered. What's the answer?

(Name withheld.)

• Answer: Lt. Easter, PX officer, states that an effort will be made to obtain 35mm film and is sure that larger releases of film in the near future will make it an item at the PX.

50 POINTS

Editor, the Rattler:

The item in last week's paper, titled "Whaja say, Gen'l?" has hit home to many of the fellows here who have been wondering about the point system going down to 50. Many of us have served a year, or more overseas but have not been able to reach the 60 point level. If the point system isn't lowered to 50, it means we'll be stuck here for many more months while fellows with three and more years get out who never have been over. If you have any further informa-

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tion on this topic, please print it soon and not keep us in the dark. Thank you.

• A fuller story on the General's statement to Congress is on page 8. Marshall's statement did not say that the points would NOT be dropped below 60.



REPOSH—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Reposh at the Pyote Regional Hospital on the 22nd of Sept., a Boy, Ronald Joseph, weight 6 lb. 14 oz. T/Sgt. Reposh is assigned to Sq. E.

DALTON—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Ross F. Dalton at the Pyote Regional Hospital on the 23rd of Sept. a boy, Jeffrey Dennis, weight 6 lb. 14 oz. Lt. Dalton is assigned to Sqn. F.

McDANIEL—Born to Capt. and Mrs. Paul McDaniel at Pyote Regional Hospital on Sept. 27, a girl Margaret Kathleen, weight 6 lbs, 14 oz. Capt. McDaniel is assigned to Sqd. D.

PHARIS—John Ray, a son, weight 6 lbs, 9½ oz., was born to Sgt. and Mrs. James A. Pharis at Pyote Regional Hospital Sept. 28. Sgt. Pharis is assigned to Sqn. D.

ENGER—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Hans Enger at Pyote Regional Hospital on Sept. 29, a boy, Ronald Dean, weight 7 lbs, 12 oz. S/Sgt. Enger is assigned to Sqd. D.

MANSUETO—Born in Chicago, Illinois on Oct. 1, to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Mike Mansueto, a daughter, Marie, weight 6 lbs, 14 ozs. T/Sgt. Mansueto is assigned to the physical training department.

BOSSTICK—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Bosstick at the Pyote Regional Hospital on Oct. 3, a girl, Sheri Lee, weight 7 lbs, 6 oz. S-Sgt. Bosstick is assigned to Sqd. D.

IKE NEEDS 400,000 TO OCCUPY GERMANY

An Army of 400,000 men will be needed to occupy Germany, according to General Eisenhower, but in time this force may be reduced.

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FOUND

FANCY HAND tooled leather wallet which contains nothing but a bottle-opener. If owner is tired of using his teeth on those bottle-caps, he can claim wallet and bottle-opener at the Rattler office.

ONE VERY nice check-book on the Pyote bank. Account opened June 13th and last stub is dated in July. A very tidy balance, too. The owner can stop in for his check-book at the Rattler office anytime. We're always glad to meet the rich.

PRE-SMOKED pipe, manufactured by Dr. Grabow. For pipe connoisseurs, the pipe is a billiard-shape, has a nice cake in it and some interest teeth marks on the stem. Owner can smoke us out of it at the Rattler office.

DIDJA HAVE a pair of glasses made by George Fisher of St. Louis? There's a nice leather case a bit worn and some plastic rimmed spectacles just crying their lenses out for the right owner. If you can find your way to the Rattler office with the help of a seeing-eye dog, we will return glasses.

THREE RINGS. Listen closely to the descriptions. One ladies' wedding ring—we think—with diamond settings which is very pretty; one man's ring, silver with what looks to be a ruby setting; one ladies' ring with a pink stone. They don't fit our fingers so pick 'em up.

THE FOLLOWING dog tags are barking for their owners: Joseph Kise, Hubert Potter, and a little dog-tag that says "Well, so what?" Unleash 'em at the Rattler office.

LOST

SOMEBODY PICK up our puppies, male and female, two months old. White with brown

markings. May or may not answer to the names of "Pecos" and "Lois". Five dollars reward for return to BOQ 701.

GOLD RING with ruby stone is sadly missing from my favorite finger. If you find such a ring please return to Pfc. K. R. Williams, Bks. 625, Squadron E and keep his ring-finger from being a nudist.

THE WIFE of Sgt. Charles Keeton lost her Sterling silver Benrus wristwatch on Oct. 3 and will be very happy if the finder will return it to the PX office. Reward.

NICE REWARD for a silver ranson cigarette lighter lost Oct. 4. Return to Rattler office.

FIVE BUCKS reward to the person who finds and returns my black Parker fountain pen. S/-Sgt. W. B. Wood, Sq. D, Bks. 521.

PERSONALS

FORMER MEMBERS of the

13AF, especially members of the 11 or 15 Bomb Groups may get battle certificates for battles these units engaged in between Dec 7, 1941 and May 23, 1945 from Lt. M. B. Riherd, Bldg. T-266, phone 225.

WILL THE PERSON who picked up Carl Arliss Jarrett's shirt, by mistake, in the Red Cross please return it to Bks. 539, Sqd. F. Number inside collar: J1075.

FOR SALE

MAYBE YOU'RE not a Samson and you don't need a beard to give you strength. Maybe you haven't got strength to shave it. Then why not buy one of these electric razors in good as new condition? Two of them for sale, Remington triple head electric models. Priced below ceiling. Don't be caught with your beard down. Inquire of T/Sgt. O'Rourke at Rattler office.

HERE'S A DEAL! A 6 tube radio, broadcast band: 530-1650 kc,

shortwave band; 5.7 to 18 mc. Going for fifty bucks. See Sgt. Schmidt, Bks. 619.

GLADSTONE STYLE leather suitcase. Will sell for \$20. See Sgt. Luce at Bks. 529.

TRANSPORTATION

GOING ON FURLOUGH about the 14th and heading east. Would like to drive and share expenses with private party going in same direction. Sgt. Sheldon, 64.

RIDE WANTED to and from Pecos daily. Hours 8 AM to 5 PM. Will share expenses. Call Capt. Gordanier at 62.

OFFICER'S Or EM's wife wanted to accompany my wife from New Jersey to Pyote by automobile. Contact Lt. Nee at Officers' Club or BOQ 707, Room 2.

AN ALMOST new 6.50x16 general tire. If interested call 263 before 5 o'clock or come to Bks. 5, Sq. A. Pfc. Lowell G. Higgins.

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Recruiting—

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ed man prior to 1 July 1946, consequently the longer the term of enlistment, the longer the family allowance can be paid. The GI Bill of Rights is extended to anyone who enlists within one year after the passage of the act and is extended to cover the individual's first period of enlistment or reenlistment. Free mail privilege is extended to 31 December 1947."

II. The following paragraphs endeavor more thoroughly to explain in detail the provision of the ARMED FORCES VOLUNTARY RECRUITMENT ACT OF 1945:

1. PERIOD OF ENLISTMENTS

a. **1 YEAR ENLISTMENT.** Is open to any member of the AUS who had served therein for a period of not less than six months, such one-year period to begin upon the completion of any furlough granted for such reenlistment.

b. **18 MONTHS ENLISTMENTS.** Is open to any applicant whether he has previous service or not.

c. **2 YEAR ENLISTMENT.** Is open to any applicant whether he has previous service or not.

d. **EXCEPTION.** No one who has enlisted on or after 1 June 1945, may be discharged for the purpose of reenlisting for a shorter period.

2. **AGE.** Any male person between the ages of 17 and 34 may be enlisted, providing otherwise qualified, except that no person under eighteen years of age may be enlisted without the written consent of his parents or guardian.

3. **PROMOTION.** Any person who enlists or reenlists in GRADE 7 will, upon the expiration of six months service be promoted to GRADE 6, (if he has not already been promoted), providing he is otherwise qualified. Vacancy need not exist.

4. REENLISTMENT IN GRADE.

a. Men who have been honorably discharged and who enlist within 20 days of discharge, will be enlisted in the highest permanent or temporary grade held at the time of discharge; PROVIDED SUCH ENLISTMENT IS MADE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1, 1946.

b. Men discharged under the provisions of RR 1-1, since 12 May 1945 and prior to receipt of this radio, will also be enlisted in the highest permanent or temporary grade, held at the time of discharge providing they reenlist prior to 25 October 1945.

5. REENLISTMENT FURLONGHS.

a. All men reenlisting within twenty days of discharge will be granted reenlistment furloughs on the basis of thirty days for each year of service. However, no furlough will exceed ninety days.

b. Their reenlistment furlough pay, plus five cents per mile to place where members of immedi-

ate family are residing and back to the reception center to which he is ordered to report for duty, will be paid IN ADVANCE, if desired. Any travel pay received at the time of discharge will be excluded from travel pay received at the reception center.

c. Orders will be issued by the recruiting officer on all men enlisted or recruited in the Regular Army who are entitled to furlough, directing them to proceed to a designated finance office to receive payment of their reenlistment allowance, furlough pay due in advance, travel pay due on the basis of five cents per mile from the enlisting station to the designated finance office, then to the place of furlough, thence to a designated War Department reception center. Such orders will also show the duration of furlough and date the soldier will report at the reception center.

6. **MUSTERING OUT PAY.** Any person immediately reenlisting upon discharge will be paid a mustering out pay.

7. **REENLISTMENT ALLOWANCE.** Any man discharged on or after 1 June 1945 who reenlists within ninety days, is entitled to reenlistment allowance on the basis of fifty dollars for each year of service completed subsequent to paying of any previous enlistment allowance. Completed service will be based upon continuous active federal service in the AUS or component thereof, whether in enlisted, commissioned, or warrant grade.

8. **DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE.** Any man enlisting or reenlisting prior to 1 July 1946, will receive a monthly family allowance for the period of that enlistment. (This provision is important to all enlisting or reenlisting at this time. If they enlist for only 18 months or two years, this allowance will continue for only that period of time but if they enlist for three years, it will continue for three years).

9. **G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS AND POSTAL PRIVILEGES.** All persons enlisting or reenlisting within the period of one year from the passage of the ARMED FORCES VOLUNTARY RECRUITMENT ACT OF 1945, are entitled to all privileges of the G. I. BILL OF RIGHTS and the free postal privilege is extended to 31 December 1947.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALKER:

/s, Robert L. Bacon
/t/ ROBERT L. BACON
Colonel, Inf.
Dir, Mil Pers Procurement

REQUESTS FOR COMMISSIONS TEMPORARILY HALTED

Requests for commissions in the Regular Army were halted, temporarily at Pyote this week due to lack of forms No. 461. Base Headquarters will reopen the applications with an announcement as soon as additional forms arrive.



KOOPS' KORNER

Last week's Korner referred to some disagreement in newspaper accounts as to exactly what Marshall had to say. I now have in front of me the stenographic text of General Marshall's statement

"We have a great many men in the United States of such limited service availability that they could not be sent overseas. They are employed in maintaining all of the home installations of which there are about 3,000. We can't walk off these installations and leave the tools on the ground. Until we can train men to take the places of those limited service men, we could not let them go. You cannot train men in a day to do many of the more complicated jobs. Also the routine work of these cantonments must be carried on. There is another pertinent factor: These men have a low point score. If they were released right now, they would block the separation of men of longer service also now in the US, awaiting discharge. This is because the capacity for discharging men has not yet reached full development as it will a little later, by November 1st. Until the demobilization capacity for discharge has reached the point where these limited service low score men can be processed and released, without blocking the demobilization of the men of longer service, the limited serviceman must wait their turn.

"We believe that in the near future we will have reached the point in the demobilization when we can release from the service every man for whom we cannot find useful employment. Just what this number will be, I don't recall, but we will not hold any man in the Service for whom there is not a useful job in connection with the maintenance of the Army and the process of demobilization. That will mean, incidentally, that some men will be released over here with less service, less credits, than men impatiently awaiting transportation home from the European Theatre and the Pacific. It will be done over the protests of Theatre commanders, who have the great problem of maintaining morale in their commands. However I think you will agree with me that in view of the situation in this country at the present time, the greater fury would be on the home front, if we held men without useful jobs. But it will not be a pleasing proposition to the Theatre commanders.

"Further as to the men of limited service: Specifically we hope that by the late winter we will have reached a stage in carrying out the point system which is now governing policy and which must not emasculate unless we want a morale situation almost chaotic to develop—when, in effect, the point system may be relaxed and two years of service will govern. That will mean that men of two years service will be eligible for demobilization. This would take care of all the limited service men problem.

"We have found from the mail that comes to us—and it is not all light reading, I might say—that what was needed was more certainty, a more definite schedule for the men as to their future. To meet that requirement I will now say that we are going down to a critical score for EM of 70 points on October 1 and to 60 points on November 1. That affects a large number of people—somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000,000.

"It is anticipated that during this month of September about 450,000 will be released, about 550,000 in October, and thereafter between 700,000 and 800,000 a month, with the facilities that will have been gotten well underway by that time. This rate will be maintained until we reach the point in the spring when we will be forced to determine what forces are to be required for occupation duties, and what men can be brought back for demobilization. Until then we are free to go ahead with the release of men from the Army as rapidly as possible."

Doing a little mathematical work on the above statement, if two million men will be eligible for discharge, holding between 80 and 60 points and the discharge rate is boosted to 800,000, as the General states—those two million men will be cleared in two and a half months. Taking into consideration a backlog, that boosts it to three months, we'll say. According to my calculations then—all men with 60 or more points should be demobilized by January 15th or before. Those are my calculations, and not the General's. But you take a pencil and figure it out for yourself.