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NCO CLUB ADMITS CORPORALS

USO Show, 'Right About Rhythm', Coming Friday

Scheduled to play at Pyote AAF on the 19th of Oct. is the USO Show "Right About Rhythm". This show is alive from start to finish with gags, novelty acts and dancing. Most of these entertainers have appeared on the stages of big-name clubs and theaters. The show is free to military personnel and their guests and will be held at Theatre No. 1. Two performances for the convenience of everyone, at 7 and 9 p.m.

H'wood Brevities Next Sunday PM

Ray Brent's Hollywood Brevities is the newest attraction booked for the rattlesnake circuit, according to Capt. Archie H. Low, Special Services Officer.

Although no cast has been announced for the brevities bill, the show does include sixteen scrumptious sunkist pretties from California.

Hollywood Brevities will play one show, and one show only, Sunday, October 21 at Theatre No. 1 at 8:00 PM.

Seats will be awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.

The show includes a lot of legs, laughs, and lyrics and lovelies. Reviewers have called it "a fast-moving, funny show with a definite accent on young and beautiful girls". All that makes for a large evening. One show—and one show only—next Sunday at 8 PM at Theatre No. 1.

Movies will be shown at Theatre No. 2 only on Sunday evening.

MORE PYOTE VETERANS

In last week's Rattler story concerning the Pyote AAF 3rd anniversary, the Rattler omitted the following persons: Jane Blackburn,

Recruiting Drive Zoom As Enlistees Pass 100 Mark

Sixty-one GIs have been recruited for the post-war Army and 150 have signed up in the Army Recruiting drive, which got underway last Wednesday. Lt. J. H. Sehon, Post Recruiting Officer, announced the above figures as of last Monday.

Further information regarding Recruiting was made available by the War Dept. in Circular 310 which concerns enlistments and re-enlistments in the Regular Army.

Some of the highlights of the circular include:

Periods of enlistment range from three years to eighteen months, except for those GIs who have served not less than six months—these may enlist for a 1 year period. Individuals who enlist for a three year period may choose 1) their present organization, or 2) any arm or service of their choice and 3) any of the theatres—ETO, Pacific, China, Caribbean, or Alaska. These who enlist or re-enlist for less than 3 years will be marked "unassigned".

Financial Reward

GIs who re-enlist will be paid their mustering-out pay, a furlough travel allowance of 5c a mile. \$50 for each year served prior to enlistment, and dependents qualified for family allowance will receive it during the existence of any war declared by Congress or during the period of re-enlistment contracted by the EM prior to July 1, 1946.

Re-enlistment furloughs will be given up to 90 days at a rate of 30 days for each year served. All recruits will be allowed free mail privileges and all veterans benefits declared by Congress under the GI Bill of Rights.

Further information concerning the newest Recruiting circular can be had from Lt. Sehon at the Station Recruiting office in Base Headquarters.

V. R. Neblett, Mary Ruth Deem, and Iris Bishop—all workers at Air Corps Supply since Nov. '42.

Three Revisions Announced For Army Recruiting Program

A few changes have been announced in the Army Recruiting program, according to Lt. J. H. Sehon, Station Recruiting officer.

1. Enlisted men of the Regular Army who have completed not less than 20 or more than 29 years of active service may, upon their 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 30 years) and at the same time be retired from the regular Army with 2½% of annual enlisted pay, plus other allowances.

2. Men enlisting for one year, 18 months or two years will not be allowed to choose their branch of service or theatre.

3. Men enlisting will be paid their furlough pay and rations prior to the furlough, if they so desire.

The Field Recruiting office is located in Station Headquarters.

85 Army Air Fields To Be Retained In US

An Associated Press release announced that 85 flying fields would be retained by the Army Air Forces. Included were Biggs Field, Roswell and Clovis Air Fields.

According to the War Dept. the list includes only stations housing tactical units and major depots, hospitals and establishments of supporting services. It does not include flying fields and subsidiary and auxiliary establishments of lesser magnitude.

Corporals Up Eligible For Membership

The NCO Club will be open to Corporals and up, effective today, M/Sgt. Pete Dalton, NCO prexy, announced to the Rattler this morning.

All GIs, holding the rank of Corporal or Buck Sergeant, are now eligible for membership in the NCO Club. Membership fee is \$2.

Many big name bands and acts are booked for the club in the near future, and Dalton stated that there will be many parties set for the fall roster.

Charlie Agnew's orchestra, famed on the night club circuit for many years and a big favorite on the west coast, will play a dance at the NCO Club next Wednesday, October 24.

Those interested in applying for membership should contact the NCO Club, which is Mess Hall No. 2, back of the Service Club.

Congress Told 2-Yr. Men Will Be Out Around March 20th

Washington (CIS) — Effective March 20, or thereabouts, EM with two years of service will be eligible for discharge without regard to their point total. Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry told the House Military Committee.

The Military Personnel Officer, when informed of the Camp Newspaper Service story, stated that headquarters here had received no information regarding Brig. Gen. Berry's statement. He requested that personnel concerned should not contact the Military Personnel Office for further information concerning the discharge of 2 year servicemen. When information is received it will be announced immediately.

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The Big Bad Bear

When our grandchildren crawl on our lap, slap our vest-pockets for lemon drops and ask us: "Granddaddy, what made you such a cynical old fossil?" we shall tell them "Russia". There was a time when we used to argue heatedly with the folks who looked under their beds for the Red Menace. Now we smile a weary, cynical smile. It doesn't do much good to talk to them.

These gentle people picture every single one of the 200,000,000 Russians as bearded chaps with a soap box under one arm and a time bomb under the other. They screamed from V-E day until August 8th: "Why isn't Russia fighting the Japs?". When Russia did declare war on the Japs, they immediately shouted: "What does Russia want to fight the Japs for?".

These Russophobes (and we have meatier names for them) are convinced that we will be fighting Russia in a matter of weeks, days, or even hours. If you ask them "Why?" they haven't much of an answer, except to murmur that Josef Stalin is the Anti-Christ or Lucifer or a man who eats chopped up kiddies on his Wheaties every morning.

They insist vociferously that "Russia wants to rule the world!" and if you reply by asking that—if that was Russia's intention—why did she turn Manchuria over to the Chinese?, why all you get is a smart retort that if you like Russia why don't you move over there?

There really isn't a reply to the Russophobes who wake up screaming in the night in fear of the big bad bear. They can't be answered by logic, facts or reasoning.

Currently they are screaming that Russia has war intentions because they want the Jap-base of Paramashiro. Yet they applaud our efforts to hold on to Jap-won bases as a measure to "keep the peace".

Another pet-yarn of theirs is that Russia is worse than Italy or Germany was. They seem to forget that Russia—and Russia alone—held out against allowing Argentina into the United Nations, because of its Fascist tendencies.

Or—when all else fails, they enter into a tirade that Russia is a dictatorship. Unfortunately, anyone with a smattering of historical knowledge can tell them that "dictatorships" are not good or bad of themselves. It depends on the policy "dictated". If we are to wage war against a country merely because it is a "dictatorship", we had better start checking on the Portugese coast line. Portugal has been under dictatorship rule for many years. And the Portugese like it. China is a dictatorship, incidentally. Their elections boast but one political party.

Unfortunately, the man who hates the Reds has had a rough time of it these past few years. Remember him when he said that the Russians would revolt against Stalin in case of war? Remember him when he said Finland was a peace-loving country (Finland was an Axis satellite in the war)? Remember him when he said Germany would whip Russia in 6 weeks?

If we could get the Red-fearing yucks to shut up, the biggest incitement to a war with Russia would be successfully avoided.

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.

"WEEKEND AT THE WALDORF" 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.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"ABBOT AND COSTELLO IN HOLLYWOOD" (Comedy. Gegeroutine as usual. Telephone bit, studio-stage routine and a roller-coaster sequence are the funnest). Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Looney Tunes.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"HOUSE ON NINETYSECOND STREET" with William Eythe and Lloyd Nolan. (Spy Drama, based on fact. Story of war-time activities of the FBI and the trapping of Nazi spy ring and saboteurs.) Shorts: You Hit The Spot and Paramount News.

TUESDAY

(DOUBLE FEATURE) "CRIME DOCTOR'S WARNING" with Warner Baxter and John Littel. (Melodrama. Several models are killed. Artist who suffers from frequent lapses of memory is accused.) "RIVER GANG" with Gloria Jean and Keefe Brassel. (Mystery-comedy. Gloria Jean portrays a sweet young innocent still believing in fairy stories. Her gang organize a swing-band with instruments lent by a pawn-broker. Crooks, confederates of broker, become involved with the police and the young innocent discovers the identity of the murderer.)

WEDNESDAY

"THE DOLLY SISTERS" with Betty Grable, John Payne and June Haver. Technicolor. (Musical comedy. Success story of two famous Ziegfield Follies stars. One sister is torn between love for her fiance and a career . . . but both are a success, however.) Shorts: 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; Prayer Meeting 6:15; Section C Evening 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 7:00.

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.

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.

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.

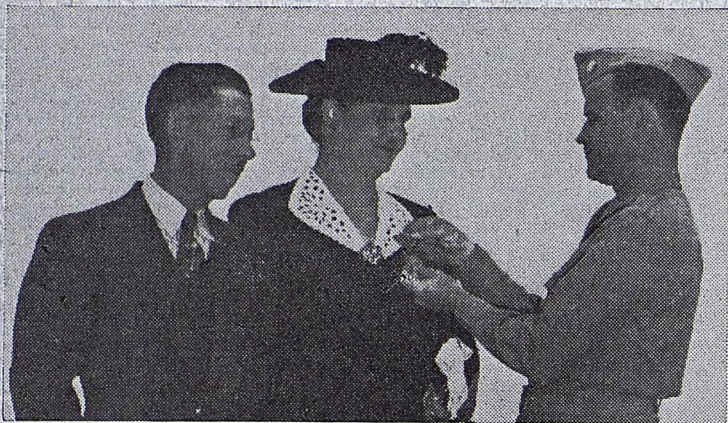
SCHOOL: USAFI Correspondence courses—details from I&E Dept., Special Services office, next door to Service Club. Off-duty education program—details at Special Services office. Phone 27.

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

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



AIR MEDAL AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY



Lt. Col. John H. Goodloe awards the Air Medal with six clusters in a posthumous presentation for Lt. Otto D. Jenkins, to the parents of the Kermit hero—Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Jenkins. Col. Goodloe took part in his last review at Pyote, having reported to a Separation Center the following Monday.

Headquarters Gives Dope On Eligibility for Furlough

The latest and straightest poop on leaves and furlos as announced by Station Headquarters replaces all previous info as to who is and who isn't eligible.

OFFICERS

Officers in priorities 4 and 5, as determined by their eligibility for shipment overseas, are okayed for leaves at this time. That includes Non-Regular Army officers, non-returnees who did not sign a statement of election to remain on active duty for the duration plus six, and whose ASRS is 44 or below; Non-regular Army, returnees, who did sign a statement of election to remain on active duty for the duration plus six but who didn't volunteer for further overseas service. All other officers (priorities 1, 2 and 3) are considered ineligible for leaves at this time.

ENLISTED MEN

Men with over 35 points as of Sept. 2, and all EM permanently disqualified for overseas service are eligible for furlough. Men who are up for separation November 1, 1945 with a total of between 60 and 69 points are also ineligible for furloughs.

In accordance with instructions received from Headquarters 2AF, EM with over two years' service are no longer considered ineligible for shipment overseas. All instructions that conflict with that have been rescinded. Men with over 2 years' service but less than 35 points as of Sept. 2 and who are qualified for overseas service may be transferred overseas.

Men who will be eligible for furloughs will be granted furloughs of 45 days plus travel time, providing military necessity permits. The appropriate department head will determine military necessity. Military necessity will govern percentage of men on furlough.

Bronze Star, Air Medal Awarded To Next of Kin

Highlighting the formal dress review at Pyote Army Air Field Saturday was the awarding of two medals of valor for the outstanding duty and service, to two Texas war heroes.

Both presentations were made posthumously to the next of kin. The first award was that of the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, made to PFC Bernardino D. Mora, formerly of Pecos, Texas. The medal was received by Mrs. Helena A. Mora, of Pecos, Texas, wife of PFC Mora.

In a citation made by the United States Army, Infantry, PFC Mora was cited "for heroic achievement in action on 13 December 1944, in and on 15 Jan. 45, in Belgium."

The second award was that of the Air Medal to First Lieutenant Roy E. Hurd, 403 Lang Ave., Monahans, Texas. The award was received by Mr. James R. Hurd, father of the Air Forces flyer.

Lieutenant Hurd was awarded the Medal in an Army Air Forces citation which read. "For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions from 26 Dec. 44 to 13 April 45 in the Southwest Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of bombing attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of com-

Want Candidates For Foreign Service

Additional information regarding the State Department's need for additional Foreign Service officers was disclosed last week by the War Dept.

Members of the armed forces and honorably discharged veterans are being given the first chance to join this service as commissioned Foreign Service officers. Eligible are all commissioned officers, war-

Latin-American Assignments Open To Officers, GIs

Further information regarding the "South American deal" has been made available to the Rattler. GIs and officers, interested in serving in Latin American, may sign up for such service.

Those serving in Brazil will be under the US Army while personnel electing other countries will be attached to the army of that particular nation, according to a recent 2AF letter.

There are US military air missions in the following countries: Argentine, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, and Venezuela. It is expected that missions will be established in Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay.

The function of the missions is to assist the Latin-American countries in setting up an air force along the same lines as the AAF. Letter governing assignments in this field is 2AF Ltr 35-10, dd 24 Sept. 45.

13,650 AAF Men Separated In 20 Days

Here is the latest summary of information available from 2AF Headquarters regarding the number of military personnel ordered to separation bases in the period of 18 Sept. to 2400 7th Oct. '45.

A total of 13,650 military personnel have been ordered to separation bases as directed by CAF Headquarters. These figures are broken down into 3,495 officers and 10,155 enlisted men. In addition, 6,028 military personnel are eligible for separation according to the latest survey. There are 6,329 from 2AF bases alone. Lowering of points effective Oct. 1st to 70 or above for EM and as of 1st of November '45 to 60 points or above, excluding the WACs who can be separated with 35 points or above as of 1st October and 34 points or above, effective 1st November '45 and 75 points for officers excluding WAC officers who can be released for separation.

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rant officers, all enlisted personnel, including the WAC.

Foreign Service officers comprise counselors of embassy or legation, diplomatic secretaries, consuls general, consuls, and vice-consuls.

Applicants must have received a bachelor's or equivalent degree from a college or university accredited by national agencies, or—if schooling was interrupted by induction—finished three-fourths of the required course. They must be able to read with reasonable facility either French, German, or Spanish. Applicants must have been born between July 1, 1915 and July 1, 1924 and had a minimum of one year service by January 1, 1945.

Men who meet the above qualifications should fill out and submit to his commanding officer an application blank prepared by the State Dept. and distributed by the War Dept.

Blanks may be obtained by request from the Adjutant General, Washington DC. Attention: Appointment and Induction Branch, SPXPR-E.

Those applicants found desirable will be notified through War Dept. channels and will be ordered to report for written exams. If they attain a grade of 70 or higher they will then take an oral examination.

Candidates with an average grade of 80 or higher on the two tests will be placed on an eligibility list, which will be valid for two years.

World News Daily Ups Circulation To Cover Field

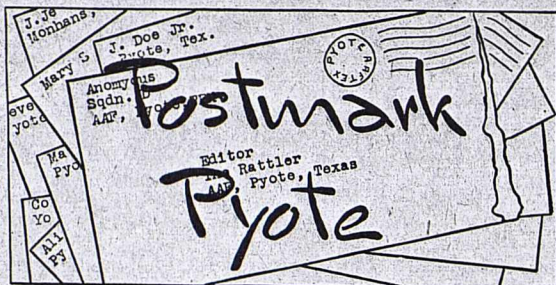
The World News bulletin, a compilation of the latest national, international and sporting news, is now available in greater quantities on this field.

The World News sheet is distributed at all mess halls each noon. Additional copies are on hand at the Rattler office where GIs may get a copy.

The World News bulletin carries all major news stories each 24 hours, plus latest sports scores and official demobilization news.

Prepared by the Information-Education office and compiled by the Rattler staff, the World News sheet is reaching more men.

"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!

STARTING DATE

Editor, the Rattler:
Does an enlisted man's service, for the purpose of calculating longevity, date from the time he was sworn in or from the time he commenced active duty?

Cpl. M. L. H.

• From the date he was sworn in. Reserve status counts toward longevity. See AR 35-2360 1 a (1).

PENSION QUESTION

Editor, the Rattler:
My brother was killed in action, and my mother is receiving his insurance and pension. I have just been inducted. If I take out a family allowance, will that cut off the insurance and pension my mother is getting?

Pvt. H. G. W.

• Both Family Allowance and the pension are paid on the basis of dependency. If your mother is still dependent on you, despite payment of insurance and pension, she could get a family allowance. The Office of Dependency Benefits would have to decide. On the other hand, the Veterans' Administration would have to decide whether payment of the Family Allowance would necessitate withdrawal of the pension. In any event, the insurance would continue, as it is not based on dependency.

SENTENCE FOR GUARD

Editor, the Rattler:
We've been arguing about the statement that if a guard lets his prisoner escape, he must serve the remainder of the prisoner's sentence. Is this true?

Pvt. H. G. O'L

Cpl. M. F. C.

• If the guard is guilty of negligence, or of wilfully permitting the prisoner to escape, he will be sentenced accordingly, but the sentence will have no relation to the prisoner's term. If the guard were not at fault, he wouldn't be punished at all.

NORMANDIE

Editor, the Rattler:
Whatever happened to the Normandie? Are they still using it as troop transport? I haven't heard about it lately.

• The Normandie, restored at a cost of sixteen million, has been declared surplus property by the

Navy. It would cost about \$20,000,000, one-third of the ship's original cost, to restore the Normandie. There's a good chance the vessel will be sold for scrap.

HELICOPTER TRAINING

Editor, the Rattler:
Do you know the proper procedure for applying for helicopter training? Would really appreciate an answer to this.

Lt. R. McCormack

• According to the Base Classification Officer, a letter should be addressed to the Commanding General, 2AF, expressing a desire for such training and list qualifications held. Assignment to such a school would come a 2AF quota.

SAGE OF FT. DIX

Editor, the Rattler:
I'm stationed now at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and it's heaven after 29 months of Pyote. I miss the old bunch at Pyote, but this is a deal. New York City one hour away, Philadelphia 35 minutes, and just over the way is Atlantic City with its many interesting sights, such as bathing beauties, bars, board walk, bathing beauties, cocktail lounges, bathing beauties, etc.

Here at Ft. Dix we don't salute, don't do PT, don't have orientation lectures, don't pull KP or guard duty, don't have bed check, regular hours, or chicken. We do have a NCO club for all non-commissioned officers, and a day off per week, a 3-day pass every 2 months, and a class A pass good for anytime during off-duty hours, on which you can visit the above places. There's good chow and plenty of it, clean white sheets for the beds, and life is easy.

Give my regards to the "snakes" that are still on the field.

Sgt. Bob Sage
(ex-Squadron A)

CIVIL WAR CASUALTIES

Editor, the Rattler:
Settle this barracks argument. How many casualties were there in the civil war?

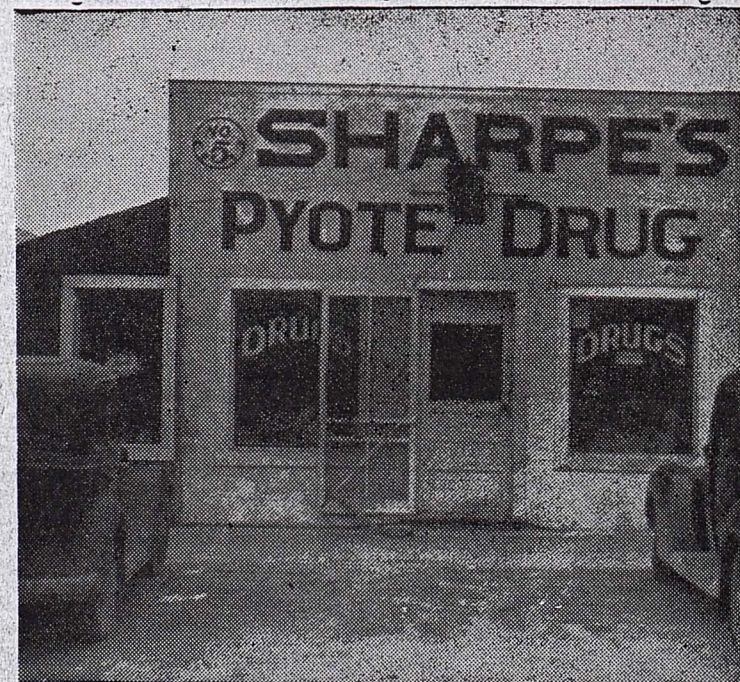
(Name withheld.)

• The North suffered 359,528 deaths and the South 134,451—or a total of 493,979. The North's deaths were 42,012 died of wounds, 67,058 killed in action, and 224,586 dead from disease. The South:

So This Is Pyote!



THE HI-WAY HOTEL IN 1943



AND THE PYOTE DRUG STORE

74,524 killed in action or died of wounds, and 59,927 dead from disease. Ask us anytime. There's nothing we don't know.

HI-SCHOOL FOOTBALL

The Monahans Loboes take on the Wink Wildcats Friday night at 8 at Monahans.

A POST-WAR LINE THAT'S BUSY



Cpl. Merle M. Collins, Sq. F, considers telephone and communications the "right-number" to a post-war job.

70,000 Jobs to Open in Telephone Expansions

The second in a series of articles on post-war job prospects for the blue-serge hungry GIs.

A two million dollar expansion program that will provide seventy thousand new jobs is on the books by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. It's due to start as soon as materials are available, according to AT&T's Bell Telephone magazine.

The program seems to provide an especially good opportunity for Air Force veterans with experience in the repair and maintenance of communications equipment, for most of the new positions are of a mechanical nature.

A considerable hunk of the new jobs will be with Western Electric, which is a subsidiary of the AT&T, and manufactures nearly all telephone and telephone equipment used by the Bell system. Western Electric factories are located in Kearny, N. J. (near Newark); Hawthorne, Ill., (near Chicago); and Points Breeze, Md., (near Baltimore).

Types of Jobs Available

Many other men will be required in the 20-odd operating companies which actually provide phone service, due to the war-detained projects that AT&T has long had in mind.

First off, they plan to provide phone service to some two million applicants who haven't been able to get phones installed due to the war. Then they've got a backlog

of 400,000 extensions requested. Requests for service have been coming in at the rate of 75,000 per month. Not all these requests will stand, of course, but plenty will remain.

Then too, dial service will be installed more widely and new long distance lines erected. Dial-operated private exchange boards will supplant manually operated PBXs. They plan on extending rural service. Methods of dialing toll calls by operators, and in some cases, subscribers, have been worked out. Equipment for this must be installed.

Auto Telephones

Not only that, but the Bell boys have a fancy plan for putting phone service in trucks, buses and autos, so that the manager of a taxi fleet can dispatch a cab on the road, or so that Mr. Sack can tell his wife he'll be late for dinner. More equipment to be manufactured and installed. More jobs.

Most of the industries' opportunities are in the Bell companies, including the Bell Laboratories, where research work is done, there is likely to be some expansion in the independent outfits.

Next Week: Insurance is good post-war job bet.

245 AAF Personnel Have Lost Lives In Accidents Since May

The war against Germany and Japan has finished but the war against accidents must continue, says a statement from the Ground Safety Section.

"Since V-E day, 245 AAF military personnel have met their deaths in the United States due to accidents. These 245 fatalities were caused by motor vehicle accidents, drownings, and other similar off-duty accidents. Alertness to danger, and the use of ordinary common sense would have prevented most of these fatalities. Every individual must accept their responsibility for their safety and well-being to avoid being involved in accidents."

PECOS-KERMIT MEET THIS WEEK-END

Kermit travels to Pecos to meet the once-beaten Eagles Friday night at 8.



BOSSTICK—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Bosstick at the Pyote Regional Hospital on the 4th of Oct., a girl, Sherri Lee, weight, 7 lbs. 6 oz. S/Sgt. Bosstick is assigned to Sqn. D.

GRIMES—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Wilfred Grimes at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on the 6th of Oct. a girl, Trudy Dian, weight 8 lbs. 8 oz. Pfc. Grimes is assigned to Sqn. D.

BOONE—Born to Pfc. and Mrs. Nathaniel Boone at the Pyote Regional Hospital on the 7th of Oct., a girl, Mary Lee Pfc. Boone is assigned to Sqn. C.

WHITFELL—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. William Whitfell at the Pyote Regional Hospital on the 9th of Oct. a boy, William Daniel, weight 7 lbs. and 3/4 oz. S/Sgt. Whitfell is assigned to Sqn. F.

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



The be-sweatered, be-bereted young filly giving you the glimmers on the bias is one Nina Foch. She is in the movies, giving sweaters the old one-two punch for all she's worth.

Here's Step-By-Step Tour For GIs Heading For Big Discharge

By SGT. MAYO FIDLER

When the good time comes and the time now is when its your time to rally round the separation base; when this happens to you, just what is the procedure that goes on behind the gates of the long awaited mustering out call?

This is the one last stop in your army career, and as you make your way to your final resting you perhaps wonder what the maze of pounding typewriters have in store for you.

Ah, chosen ones; ah, gifted members of society; this is what cooks.

The Initial Reception

When a soldier arrives at a Separation center from his old organization, he reports to the Receiving Clerk. The clerk picks up and forwards his service records and allied papers to the incoming section for checking. All the necessary forms are prepared without the soldiers presence being required. He then is assigned to the receiving company for housing. After that there is a physical inspection. He then goes to his company Orderly Room and is issued bedding and assigned to quarters. During this time a roster has been prepared for the individual to begin his processing.

General Orientation

In the Orientation room for a brief talk of twenty minutes is given to acquaint the separtee with the rights, duties and benefits that he will have coming to him; and with the mission of the Center. Such as: The completed medical examination. Counselling. Property disposal. Final allotments. Regular pay. Mustering out pay. Travel pay and transportation. And also the responsibilities during the processing such as discipline and cooperation.

The rights, benefits and duties in registering with the Selective Service Board, and the wearing of the uniform is explained, along with advice on the reduced mail rates and filing an application for a pension. He may ask any question he wishes during his personal interview.

Medical Processing

Here a complete fact finding physical examination is given, and the recording of all physical defects, diagnosis, extent of incapacitation, degree, such as mild, moderate or severe, is made in order to protect the soldier and the Government in the event of future claims. The separtee may be put into one of three categories. Discharged without further. Those needing treatment for a major illness (These are delayed for their own protection.). Those who have defects which necessitate action by a disposition board and, or, a retiring board as in the case of of-

ficers.

In no case will an individual be delayed because of minor treatment if he desires such treatment at his own expense as a civilian. In the event of having an acute or infectious disease apt to endanger his life or welfare, he will not be separated until such treatment has been given that will render him safe as well as to others.

Members of the WAC components are separated at Army Service Forces centers only. Although Nurses may separate through AAF Bases.

Preparation Of Records

When the receiving clerk forwards the service record and applied papers of the separtee to the incoming records section, processing of these is begun at once. His papers are checked and a record is made of his permanent address. The forms are made in readiness while the individual is being billeted. Then his name is placed on a roster and he is ready to assume his line in processing without delay. Meanwhile, the pay and allotment section checks all of his pay and allotments, prepares the mileage pay forms and pay records for the final execution. The certificate section is also preparing all the necessary separation papers. And the records for issue, file or transmittal to civilian agencies are prepared by the outgoing records section. In the event that any papers are lost or he is delayed because of necessary medical attention, his papers are placed in a suspense file. As soon as he has been cleared by the Medics, or when his new papers are ready, he is placed back on the active list and resumes his processing.

Counselling Of Separtee

This is to guide and aid the individual in making the transition from military to civilian life. Each separtee is furnished a separation qualification record which is a summary of his military experience and pre-service education and civilian occupation. This record may be used in seeking employment and further training and so forth. There is a staff of highly qualified vocational and academic counsellors for those who desire it.

A referral is made to representatives of civil agencies such as civil service, veterans administration or Red Cross operating within the Separation Center. Then the separtee is shown three films: "So You Are Going To Be Discharged.

You Can Take It With You, and, GI Bill Of Rights." These films will help orientate him to ways of a civilian.

The counsellor then will help the separtee in determining any vocational plans, training, education or insurance problems that he cares to discuss. As much time can be spent for this service as he wishes. The counsellors are highly qualified and have been selected because of their background and experience for this job.

Supply Of Clothing

The commanding officer at the point of discharge is responsible for the enlisted separtee returning to civilian life in a uniform which is clean, pressed, well fitting and in serviceable condition. Prior to his departure a commissioned officer will inspect each separtee to assure that his appearance and his clothing comply with this provision. Enlisted personnel are allowed to keep: one barracks bag, one web belt, one pair of leather shoes or boots, one garrison, wool or OD cap, one insignia—collar set and sleeve, one O.D serge or wool coat, one mackinaw or overcoat if required for warmth, one raincoat or poncho, two shirts; one of which may be wool if it is in his possession; one pair of trousers or breeches, cotton-khaki; all gloves, handkerchiefs, identification tags, neckties, socks, toilet articles, towels and underwear. These garments are to have the honorable discharge emblem sewed on during processing and prior to actual separation from the service.

Comes The Discharge

Here is probably the most important step. And the final one. His discharge pay and the transportation home.

All officers and first three graders of the enlisted rank are authorized shipment of their dependents and their household goods from their last permanent station to their home; prior to their coming to the separation base; regardless of their having used the one move authorized on or after September 1st, 1942. Sergeants are also included in this group.

FINAL PAY

At the separation base, officers receive their regular base pay, longevity, aviation, rental, subsistence and so forth to the date of entrance on terminal leave paid at the end of the current month. Travel pay and mileage to the home of record is paid at the date pay and allowances is paid monthly for the period of terminal leave and includes base pay, longevity, rental and subsistence. In addition a lump sum of \$500.00 a year is

Commissions To Be Opened Soon

The outlook for permanent commissions in the regular army is excellent for a number of outstanding officers who have proven their capabilities.

Officers who have served in the emergency, whether or not they are still on active duty, will be given the opportunity of indicating their interest in a Regular Army commission. An officer making a statement of interest may go off active duty or remain in the service without prejudice to his chances of being tendered a commission when the legislation to this end is enacted. It is the intention of the War Department, that the fact an officer does not remain in active service, will not affect the grade to be offered him, or the position he occupy on the promotion list.

However, until appropriate legislation is enacted, the War Department cannot announce the conditions which will govern the selection of these officers or the number required. The War Department will, however, recommend that those officers integrated into the Regular Army will be of such age and physical condition as will permit them to serve for a reasonably long period before being retired.

No officer will be appointed in a grade higher than that which he held in wartime.

paid to eligible Air Corps Reserve officers when approved by Washington D.C. Mustering out pay at the rate of \$100.00 per month, not to exceed \$300.00 total, is paid to eligible captains and below commencing with the date of expiration of terminal leave.

The enlisted man receives his regular base pay, longevity, aviation and other allowances to the date of his discharge. Travel pay at the rate of five cents a mile is paid to the enlisted man to his home or record of induction point. He also receives mustering out pay at the rate of \$100.00 a month not to exceed \$300.00 total paid commencing with the date of his discharge.

Arrangements for Pullman space should be made sufficiently in advance with the traffic officer at the separation center. Low rates are provided for separattees to their homes. However, these rates can be secured only by presenting a certificate issued at the separation center.

And now at long last a short address by the commanding officer of the separation base is made to the discharges. This is an occasion of ceremony and constitutes the farewell of the soldier to the army.

You're on your way now, so take it from there.

Lose Hope? Try the Rattler Classified Ad

CLASSIFIED ADS

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 ads printed. All ads for used cars, trucks or motorcycles must contain a price in accordance with OPA regulations. The price should be under or within OPA

ceilings and the ad must so state. The selling of railway or bus tickets, other than by the public conveyer, is prohibited by law. No ads for such tickets will be accepted.

FOR SALE

HERALD WATCH FOR SALE. This watch has 17 jewels, is water-proof, shock-proof, non-magnetic. Price \$35.00. Contact Sgt. A. C. Neilson in Barracks 634.

LOST

AT THE LIBRARY BUS STOP about October 6th, case with personal items including Schick razor set and sunglasses. If found please return to F/O W. P. Fox Jr., BOQ 722.

YELLOW AND BROWN AN-GORA cat has disappeared from 1345A in the civilian housing district. "Snicky" is about one year old. There is a reward if returned to Cpl. Thomas Brady at 1345A CPA.

FOUND

A CAR TAX STAMP WAS FOUND and turned in at the Rattler Office. Stamp was for Packard Sedan. Owner can have it upon identification.

KENNETH N. SANBORN CAN CLAIM his bracelet from Otto Sawallisch in Barracks 628.

A CATHOLIC ROSARY and two religious medals may be claimed at the Rattler office.

KEYS, KEYS, KEYS. Keys on chains, foot-locker keys, trunk keys. Come in and look 'em over. Bring your doors along and we will see if the keys fit.

A PERFECTLY GOOD RAIN COAT was left in an officer's car by a GI. The owner may claim it at the Rattler Office.

ALSO ON HAND: a row of ribbons (ATO, ETO (with battle star) and Good Conduct) lost in Monahans; a busted Bulova wrist watch; a gold anklet bracelet initialed DRB; one earring with gold flowers; and two perfectly good U. S. pennies.

PERSONALS

IF ANYBODY KNOWS the whereabouts of Douglas Maure, please contact the Rattler. We've got his identification bracelet. And Marvin Yeatts', too. Anybody know where he is?

MFR—LISTEN, Bright eyes, I'm not used to being stood up. I'm not interested in explanations or alibis. Pick up your marbles and go home. Petey.

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AFTER STUDYING THESE HATS, WE'RE PRETTY SURE THEY COULDN'T LOOK WORSE SIDEWAYS

Lid Kid

DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU TOO MUCH — there are plenty of chicks who believe it's better with your hat off!

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Male Call

IF YOU WERE WONDERING WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING WITH SURPLUS WAR EQUIPMENT — SOME OF IT HAS GONE INTO WOMEN'S HATS... (so it seems)





KOOPS' KORNER

BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

GIs in Europe are plenty steamed up about a Col. Edward L. Carmichael who shipped from Germany to the United States two horses. The GIs feel that the space taken up by the horses could well have been utilized to bring high point men home. Colonel Carmichael purchased the two horses in Europe for \$1. He feels they have good race-track potentialities. A supply officer under Carmichael was given the detail of obtaining oats, and to feed the horses. The officer said this job needed a six-man detail. The good Colonel, to make the necessary arrangements, took numerous plane rides between LeHarve and Paris. Asks the newspaper PM: "If this space could have been usable for horses, why didn't the Army insist that it be usable for humans?"

Everybody seems to be climbing on the bandwagon to tell the folks back home what is wrong with demobilization. Commander Krum, big gun with the American Legion, went on the air last Saturday and blamed slowness at separation centers on limited servicemen, who, with 4 and 5 years service, are handling separations. Krum said they were burned that they weren't getting out, and just didn't care if the men being separated ever got out.

Tom O'Connor, of PM, says "the high brass in Washington has known since Sept. 21 that its separation machinery was inadequate to handle even the scheduled load of soldiers ticketed for discharge and would remain so at least until December 1. Its answer to that was not to revamp the discharge system so that the load could be handled. Its answer was to authorize commanding generals of each of the Service Commands to "refuse clearance for movement of personnel in the zone of the interior". That means to refuse to let soldiers in this country, eligible for discharge, proceed to the separation centers. This order did not affect men returning from overseas. It merely detained men—with sufficient points for discharge—who are now in the states. Ft. Dix has now established a minimum five-day wait before the GI starts the separative proceedings."

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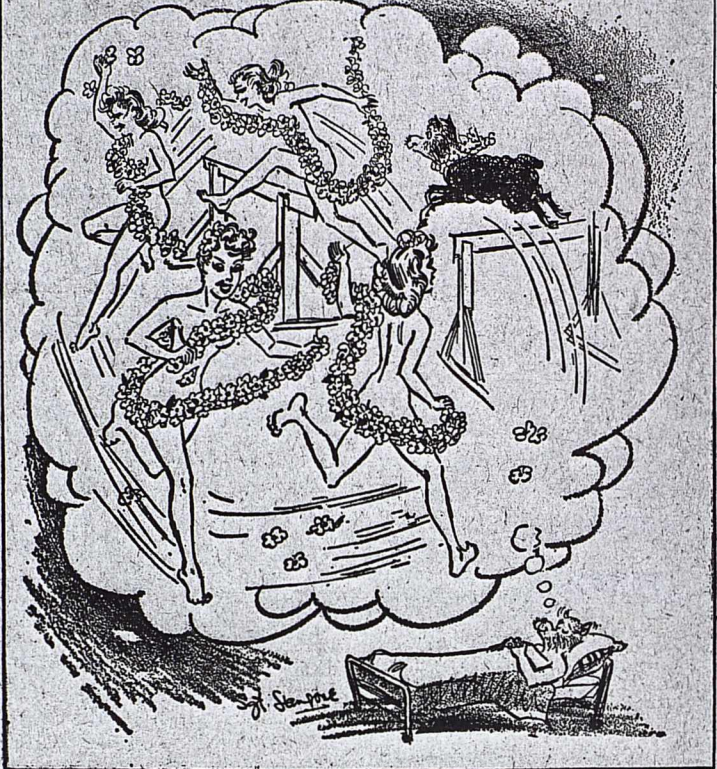
A recent Gallup poll survey found 75% of those polled favoring a bill that would cancel all income taxes owed by veterans on service pay; a majority also favored cancelling tax obligations for servicemen



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for the year prior to entering the Army.

The Army disclosed that September discharges were greater than they had hoped for. They feel optimistic about completing the demobilization, as per schedule, by next July 1.

The backlog built up at Ft. Dix separation center will be eased shortly when the new separation center at Ft. Monmouth gets underway, due to open Nov. 1.

The WD has announced six separation centers for WAC personnel—Fort Des Moines Iowa, Ft. Dix N. J., Ft. Sheridan Ill., Ft. Bragg N.C., Ft. Sam Houston Tex., and Camp Beale Calif.

Roll up the sleeves. The Army's newest shot is a vaccination against influenza and will be administered during October and November.

Sgt. Irving Strobing, 25, who, radioed the last message from Corregidor, wants to re-enlist—if his mother permits. Said Mom: "If that's what he wants, I want it too."

Discussing a volunteer enlistment bill, Rep. Barden (D-N.C.) proposed furloughing large numbers of soldiers for 30 or 40 days. "Many of them would get lonesome for the Army and go back," said Barden.

GIs in Paris no longer have to salute. Heretofore, MPs did a big business in Paree, treating some violators to a summary court-martial. The reason for the no-salute is because most GIs in Paris are furloughing.

Shirt-tails are back. WPB has okayed shirt-tails, double-pocket, french cuffs, and other frills.

VD rates are more than double the 1942 figure for the Army-Navy personnel. Forty percent of cases occur while servicemen are on furlough. This dope came out during a discussion in Congress—which is asked to appropriate \$450,000 to continue the Community War Services Offices.

CRY IN WHAT BEER?

The saddest note to these ears in many a moon is the news from the Club Cafeteria that sales of beer will be discontinued there. It seems that the sales don't justify keeping the beer on hand. I spent an hour or so last Thursday night at the Service Club. At no time was there more than seven people there. One time it dropped down to three—the party I was in. It's a strange thing to me that the place—once so popular—is so poorly attended now. The service has always been fine—there's a pretty good selection of sandwiches—and though the brands of beer have been better, these unknown brands aren't too bad.

The only reason for this item is: don't squawk when the beer is removed from the Club. The sole reason for taking it out is—nobody's buying.