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VICTORY LOAN TO OPEN

Pyote AF Hospital Awarded Meritorious Service Plaque

High professional standards and conscientious performance of duty paid off last week for the Regional Station Hospital in the form of a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque awarded by a general order from Headquarters 2AF.

The award was made specifically for:

"... superior performance of duty and outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, and for the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline, January-June 1945, as evidenced by

commendable service rendered to the personnel of Pyote Army Air Field and satellite hospitals, thorough utilization of facilities, an effective program of preventative medicine, and high professional standards."

The plaque itself has not been received, but the order authorizing its award has been posted at the hospital for all to see. It is another in a considerable chain of awards which have been received by the local hospital in its tenure of service at this installation.

War Department Circular No. 345, dated 23 Aug. 44, which authorizes award of the plaques, outlines the following qualifications:

"The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is established for award to service units which meet the following qualifications:

a. Superior performance of du-

ty, or outstanding devotion to duty, in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks.

b. Achievement and maintenance of a high standard of discipline based on: Superior Military courtesy, appearance of personnel, installations, and equipment; enthusiastic execution of orders, venereal disease rate, number of men AWOL, convictions by court-martial or punishment by AW 107."

All medical and administrative personnel assigned or attached to the Pyote hospital during the stipulated period now are entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Unit insignia, a golden wreath on olive drab, on the right sleeve.

The order citing the hospital was made by Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, 2AF commander.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS SWEAT-LINE



Being processed for shipment to separation centers, this line is typical of the rush hour business Personal Affairs is having these days.

Final Loan Drive Opens Oct. 29

The war is over; the Allied Nations have scored a complete victory. But to finish the job and make victory complete the Treasury Department must meet the enormous expenses involved in achieving victory.

To do this a final Bond Drive, known as the "Victory Loan" has been planned for the period of October 29 to December 31. The national quota is set at 11 billion dollars, three billion less than the Seventh War Loan Drive.

Pyote Army Air Field's campaign will be under the direction of Lt. John N. Chaney, Bond Officer, and will open on Monday, October 29 and continue until December 31.

"This final campaign comes at a very opportune time for many of us," Lt. Chaney stated. "Now that many men and women are being released from the service they will want to set aside something to help them get started in civilian life again. U. S. Savings Bonds provide the ideal method."

The national quota for the Victory Loan is 11 billion dollars. Pyote's quota has been set at \$200,000. Although the quota is high, and personnel are being released every day, the Bond Officer is confident that the quota can be reached within the next two months.

The campaign at the field will be built around the continuation of Class B allotments, the initiating of New allotments, and cash purchases.

Cash purchases may be made at the finance office, the bank, the orderly rooms, and at the pay tables. A group of WACs have volunteered to handle the sales of bonds and to make out the necessary forms for allotments at the pay tables in each squadron.

Feature of this Victory Loan is a new Bond, the "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bond". It is a class E bond that sells for \$150 and has a maturity value of \$200 10 years from the purchase date.

A Message

HEADQUARTERS

PYOTE ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of Station Commandant
Pyote, Texas

SUBJECT: Victory Loan

TO: All Personnel to Pyote Army Air Field

1. The war is over, but our job is not finished. The big job of demobilization, caring for wounded, occupying Germany and Japan, providing for benefits of eight million or more men, and keeping the lid on inflation, still remains.

2. The Victory Loan has been set up to finish this job. The campaign opens on October 29 and continues until December 31.

finish our job, and to prepare 3. This is our opportunity to for financial security for post-war activities. Now that we all are looking forward to a better and richer life, this Victory Loan provides a ready method of a systematic saving for future use.

4. I urge everyone, military and civilian personnel alike, to make full use of this Victory Loan campaign to insure their future peace and happiness. Let's help carry this Victory Loan to a final victory here at Pyote Army Air Field.

ALGENE E. KEY,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Station Commandant

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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Do You Need Money?

Well, you can borrow it under the GI Bill of Rights. The experience that you have had and your ability will work hand and hand in the type of venture upon which you have decided. The government wants to protect you from making a bad investment, so there must be a fair chance of success in the business for which you propose to borrow money. And they will stand by you in seeing that the price you are going to pay is fair.

The prime advantage the GI Bill of Rights provides is the backing of the U. S. Government, and the payment of interest by the government for the first year, at not more than four per cent. The government will guarantee up to half the amount borrowed. However, the bank or loan agency from where it is tapped must not charge more than four per cent a year interest. And the loan must be payable in full within 20 years.

All you need to do is convince the lender that you are a good risk and the business is a sound one.

Anything We Can Do?

Of late, the Rattler has been doing a rushing business in settling some of those barracks arguments that always seem to pop up. The phone calls and letters to the Rattler asking "Who played shortstop for the '29 Athletics?" or "How many casualties were there in the Civil War?" are questions we are delighted to answer.

We are pleased, naturally, when we can arbitrate such an argument and hope that Pyote-settled GIs continue to use the Pyote Postmark corner to settle matters.

The World News sheet, distributed daily around the field, is another Rattler effort to keep you informed on latest happenings at home and abroad. This World News is designed to give you a quick glimpse of all the major news of the day, plus latest official info on demobilization, and the headlines in sports.

We trust that Pyote GIs will remember that the phone number 206 will give them football scores over the week-end and we'll even read "Terry and the Pirates" to you, if you didn't get to see it that day.

After listening to the women converse in the department stores, we guess the main reason we fought this war was to get nylons back.

According to the scientists, who have been explaining things to the Senate, the world started with Adam and probably will end with Atom.

This week's life magazine has a picture of how Chicago looks through Radar. We're much more interested in how it looks through civvies.

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.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

THE DOLLY SISTERS with Betty Grable, John Payne and June Haver. Musical comedy in Technicolor. Success story of two famous Zeigfield Follies stars. One sister is torn between love for her fiancé and a career... but both are a success, however. Shorts: Paramount News.

FRIDAY

MAN ALIVE with Pat O'Brien, Ellen Drew, Ruby Vallee, and Adolph Menjou. Domestic comedy. Neglected wife is believed by her husband to have become infatuated with his best friend. After an accident where the husband is declared legally dead, he appears at seances that wife attends. All is sunshine and roses as wife reveals she knew all the time he was not dead. Shorts: March of Time; Community Sing; Terrytoon.

SATURDAY

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS with Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien and Mary Astor. Revival. Comedy with Music. Story of family love affairs that are entangled when father gets better job. Love affairs get straightened out and everyone is happy with the St. Louis Fair. Shorts: Daffy Ditty.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

PARIS UNDERGROUND with Constance Bennett, Gracie Fields. War Drama. Two wealthy women, Bennett and Fields, trapped in Paris after fall of France, devote time to smuggling wounded RAF flyers out of the country. They are caught and put in a concentration camp to be rescued some years later by Allied Forces. Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine, News.

TUESDAY

DOUBLE FEATURE

SCOTLAND YARD INVESTIGATOR with Erich Von Stroheim, Stephanie Bachelor, Sir Aubrey Smith. Art collector commits two murders in an attempt to steal the Mona Lisa. Scotland Yard comes to the rescue and captures the bad man.

SUNSET IN EL DORADO with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. Western with music. Office girl visits ghost town of El Dorado. Falls asleep and dreams the story. She meets and falls in love with a cowboy and finds adventure.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

THE SPANISH MAIN with Maureen O'Hara and Paul Henreid. Technicolor. Same old pirate story with different characters. Shorts: 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.

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.

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

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

HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

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

War Dept. Lists Air Fields To Remain for Post War Command

In a recent War Dept. announcement, the proposed plan of the Air Forces in keeping air fields, depots, hospitals and establishments of supporting services open had narrowed down to 85 bases. These do not imply that the final War Dept. action has been taken but that these were the stations recommended. It also does not imply that the other stations will be abandoned immediately but will continue to demobilize gradually.

The recommended list of stations, by type, follows.

Combat Units

Clovis Army Air Field, Clovis, New Mexico, Fort Worth Army Air Field, Fort Worth, Texas, Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire, MacDill Field, Tampa, Florida, Merced Army Air Field, Merced California, Pocatello Army Air Field, Pocatello, Idaho, Rapid City Army Air Base, Rapid City, South Dakota, Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico, Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas, Walla Walla Army Air Field, Walla Walla, Washington, Gasper Army Air Field, Gasper, Wyoming, Dow Field, Bangor, Maine, Kearney Army Air Field, Kearney, Nebraska, Seymour-Johnson Field, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Dover Army Air Field, Dover, Delaware, March Field, California, McChord Field, Tacoma, Washington, Portland Army Air Base, Portland, Oregon, Westover Field, Chocopee Falls, Massachusetts, Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, Las Vegas Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nevada, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina.

Air Transport And Troop Carrier

Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, Pope Field, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Sedalia Army Air Field, Knobnoster, Missouri, Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Field, Fairfield, Calif., Ft. Dix Army Air Base, Wrightstown, New Jersey, Great Falls Army Air Field, Great Falls, Montana, Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, Topeka Army Air Field, Topeka, Kansas.

Convalescent Hospitals

Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Washington, Maimi District Convalescent Hospital, Miami Beach, Florida, Pawling Convalescent Hospital, Pawling, New York, San Antonio District Convalescent Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Flying Training

Columbus Army Air Field, Columbus, Mississippi, Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, Moody Field, Valdosta, Texas, Randolph

Field, San Antonio, Texas, Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas, Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Oklahoma, Turner Field, Albany, Georgia, Barksdaye Field, Shreveport, Louisiana, Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona, Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia, Mather Field, Sacramento, California.

Technical Schools

Scott Field, Belleville, Illinois, Boca Raton, Army Air Field, Boca Raton, Florida, Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois, Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi, Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

Tactical Schools

Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., Craig Field, Selma, Alabama.

AAF Centers

Elgin Field, Valparaiso, Florida, Army Air Center, Orlando, Fla.

MATERIEL CENTER: Wright and Patterson Fields, Dayton Ohio.

MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY DEPOTS: Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, Olmsted Field, Middleton, Pennsylvania, McClellan Field, Sacramento, Calif., Spokane Army Air Field, Spokane, Washington, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., Robins Field, Macon, Georgia.

SATELITE DEPOTS: Brookley Field, Mobile, Ala., Hill Field, Og-

den, Utah, Rome Army Air Field, Rome, New York.

SPECIALIZED WAREHOUSE INSTALLATIONS: Buffalo Specialized Depot, Buffalo, New York, Dayton Specialized Depot, Dayton, Ohio, Gadsden Specialized Depot, Gadsden, Alabama, Maywood Specialized Depot, Maywood, California, Memphis Specialized Depot, Memphis, Tennessee, Miami Army Air Field, Miami, Florida, Shelby Specialized Depot, Shelby, Ohio, Topeka Specialized Depot, Topeka Kansas.

SPECIAL AIR CORPS INSTALLATIONS: Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio, Muroc Army Air Field, Muroc, California, Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., Andrews Field, Camp Springs, Mr., Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif., Mitchell Field, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y., Stewart Field, Newburgh, N. Y.

GENERAL RANGES, TESTING AREAS: Alamogordo Army Air Field, Alamogordo, New Mexico, Avon Park Army Air Field, Avon Park, Florida, Myrtle Beach Army Air Field, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Tonopah Army Air Field, Tonopah, Nevada, Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

CORRECTION STATED ON TRANSPORTATION

According to Capt. Raymond Lytle, Transportation Officer, the

Basketball Team Jumps Off Season Against Abilene

F/O Mathew Hamilton, All Southern Conference forward in 1941, and high scorer with an average of 20 points per game at Victorville, AAF last year, looms as the prolific spark in this year's schedule for the Pyote Rattlers.

Lt. Alvin Shulman, coach of the squad has scheduled the stiffest competition within 1,000 miles. So grueling is the schedule, that five nights a week practice sessions have been getting the players in shape for the past two weeks.

The training grind has each man shooting 50 free shots with at least 42 going through the hoop or the alternative of looping them in until the wee hours of the morning.

Although the team averages about 5/10, the general all-around speed and the sharp passing game displayed by the Rattlers seem sure to make it one of the fastest teams in the country.

The starting lineup for the opening game at Abilene, Tex., Oct. 30, is:

Hamilton, f; Frick, f; Starcke, c; Nolan, g; and Smith, g.

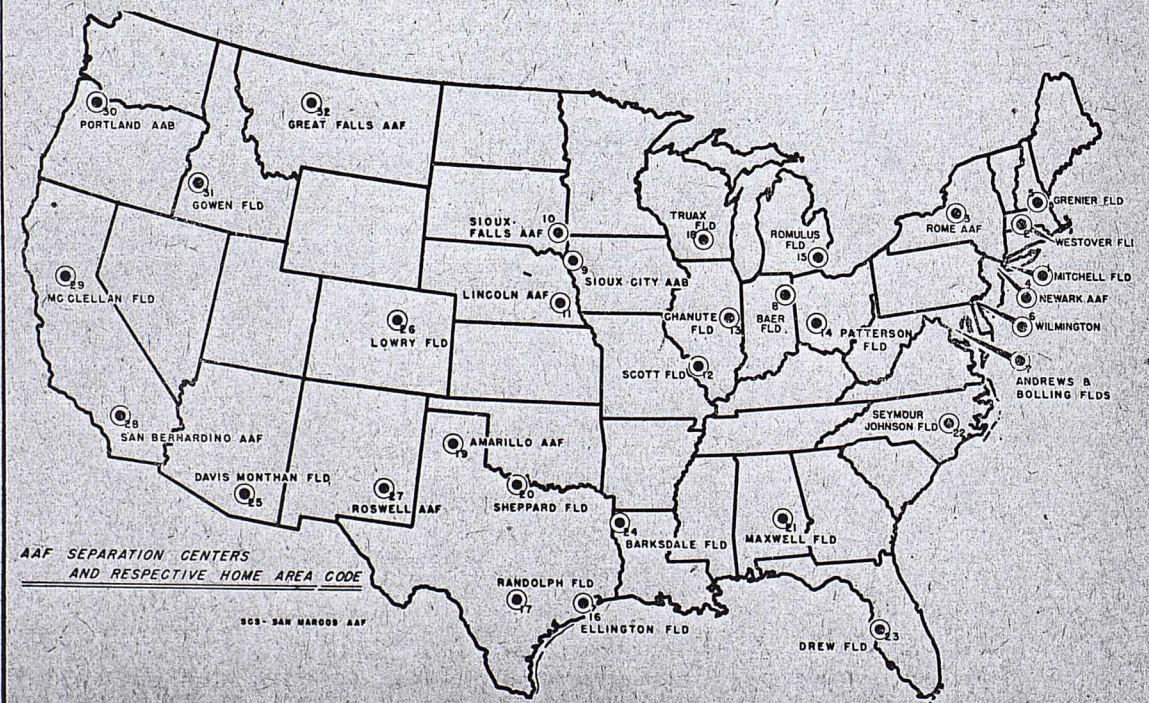
Capable Subs:

Berman, Harris, Barr, Hertz, Eades, Torgan, Crites, Butterfield.

article on separation in last week's Rattler was erroneous.

Transportation is for Staff Sergeants and above while transportation for household goods is for Sergeants and up.

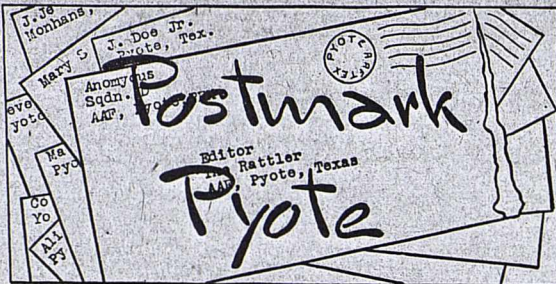
HERE'S AAF SEPARATION CENTERS



AAF SEPARATION CENTERS AND RESPECTIVE HOME AREA CODE

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"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!

LOCAL PIN-UP

Editor, the Rattler:

Every week the Rattler prints their Rattlesnake Charmer. The babes are always nifty, naturally. But how come you never use any local gals as some camp newspapers do? Seems to me there should be some pretty girls on the field—or are there?

T/Sgt. N. L. P.



• The answer to your request, Sarj is reclining above. She is a civilian employee on the field.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Editor, the Rattler:

I would like to know where in the world jazz and hill-billy tunes get their priority in the musical interlude before the show starts at the Post Theatres? There are many of us who prefer something more or less like music rather than music rather than noise.

Saturday seems to be revival day. Why not bring back some of the good movies such as "Lost Horizon", "Now Voyager", "Gunga Din", etc.?

These are just a few suggestions to improve movies, one of the best partimes on this base.

Anonymous (Sqn. D)

• The answer to your second question, my critic friend, is easier than the first one. The movie schedules on this and all other bases are arranged by USAMPS (U. S. Army Motion Picture Service) which has charge of booking all post theatres. If you want to see a revival of some ancient film, it is best you see the Post Theater Officer.

The music? Well, the platter situation is rough, as you can well imagine. SSO gets the best ones

they can find. They ask for hits and take what they can get. We understand that the disc situation is loosening somewhat—in fact, a shipment of better records is expected this week, and will be alternated at the two picture shows.

NO FRATERNIZATION

Editor, the Rattler:

Im bothered by this fraternization question in Japan—or rather the lack of it. I remember there was a big hullabaloo when we went into Germany regarding fraternization with the Germans. There hasn't been any such loud noise aroused in the newspapers regarding the Japs.

Now, what bothers me is this: Why are the Japs better than the Germans? If we can't mix with one of our enemies, seems we shouldn't be allowed to mix with another.

What about this?

Sgt. James B.

• Seems to us, James, you have the wrong slant on this situation. There HAVE been non-fraternization bans posted in Japan, and the GIs seem more than willing to obey them.

For instance, Frank Kluckhohn,

writing in the New York Times, states emphatically that our boys do not want to play with the Japs.

"Frankly," he reports, "this correspondent does not know all the explanations, but it is as if a screen were put up between the inhabitants of this island empire and the Yanks." He cites racial and language barriers, and Jap propaganda that all Americans are rapists as partial explanations.

Satisfied?

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FORT DAVIS' MISSION

Editor, the Rattler:

This may sound silly, but I'd like to know if they ever had any battles against the Indians at or near Fort Davis? What was the original mission of the fort?

(Cpl. N. F. N.)

• Ah, brother. Ask us another one. Expeditions from the Fort Davis were sent out as late as the 1870's to protect the settlers of this region from depredations of the Indians. But the original mission—there's the story! Ever hear of Uncle Sam's Camel Caravan?

In 1855 the US government sent representatives to Cairo (Egypt, not Missouri) and bought up 53 camels. These were used to start a camel route across the Western Desert. Remember, at that time only one other method was practical—by sailing ship.

And Fort Davis was an intermediate stop on this proposed route that extended from Camp Verde, Texas, and Camp Yuma, Calif.

Ask us another one.

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DSCHARGE FOR WAC

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 a discharge?

• Pvt. J. J.

• Yes. A Wac can obtain a discharge if she marries a veteran of the armed forces who served any time since Sept. 16, 1940. You may apply for release as soon as you are married, but not, of course, while you are engaged. (See RR 1-1, Sec. 3, Par. 12-13; WD Cir. 46, 1945).

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



One of the recent additions to the GI pin-up derby is one Lina Romay. Once a vocalist with Xavier Cugat's orchestra, she snared a film contract because she could quiver her hips in tempo with her tonsils. Until the day Miss Romay dislocates something by reaching for a high note, you'll be seeing her often.

Surplus Property Board Says: 'No Jeep or Autos'

If you caught a rumor last week, and had in mind the purchase of a slightly worn staff car, cheap . . .

You can forget all about it—at least for a while.

That's the word from the Office of Surplus Property headquarters in Fort Worth, which handles procurement of all surplus government goods and turns them over to the Smaller War Plants Commission for distribution to discharged veterans.

According to this office, it has approximately 50 million dollars worth of property which will go on the block—but not a single staff car. In a telephone conversation Monday with a Rattler representative, Mr. Rowden of the Fort Worth office said that no light vehicles—such as motorcycles, staff cars, and jeeps—had been made available by the government.

According to Mr. Rowden, practically the only automotive equipment which has been put up for sale has been some 1½ and 2-ton trucks, or the 4x4 and 6x4 variety.

If you're wondering about your eligibility to purchase a used government vehicle, here is the outlook:

Soldiers on active duty cannot buy the equipment at all, except through a dealer.

Only ones eligible to buy direct from a government agency are those who have been discharged. A discharged veteran must show that he intends to use the vehicle in pursuit of a business already established, or in establishing a new business. In other words, the vehicles aren't made available for personal use.

The vehicles may be purchased through the Smaller War Plants Corporation. The Regional office of the Smaller War Plants Corporation which serves this part of the country is located at 420 Caples Building, in El Paso.

Last week a sergeant from this base went to El Paso for the purpose of looking into this deal. After wading through the customary red tape he received considerable enlightenment—but no car. If you are thinking of trying to buy a government vehicle anyhow, better take along some cash. All sales are either by cash or by accredited check. And all sales are final.

Prices ranging from \$300 to \$800 for slightly used staff cars were rumored on this base last week, but these figures are just rumor. There has been no definite indication as to just how much the cars will cost. However, the price will not be in excess of the original cost to the government, and allowance will be made for depreciation and obsolescence.

So This Is Pyote!

ACCORDING TO OUR RATTLER REPORTER THIS IS A CAMERA-EYEVUE OF THE PYOTE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT . . .



. . . AT ITS BEST . . .



. . . AND AT ITS WORST

This Wacky World

This week's collection of dizzy doings was contributed to the national scene by the following yucks and screwballs . . . A Knoxville Tenn. cop stopped a small coupe on a local highway. Inside were a man, a woman and 432 pints of bootleg gin . . . A Dedham, Mass.

couple were granted a divorce because wifey sent hubby out to look for a job. He found one—for her! . . . Washington D.C. announced that 1,259 mail men were bit by dogs last year . . . Arthur Cunningham wants a divorce from his wife, Doris, 18. He came home one night and found her playing strip poker with four strange men. She wasn't winning, either. . . A Sanford, Maine resident is suing the state for \$157.48. She says she was bitten by a muskrat while leaving a state-operated store. . . A Minnesota farmer's daughter found \$5,-

000 buried in her potato patch. She hasn't convinced her dad yet. . . The ten most popular comic strips in America are: Joe Palooka, Blondie, Lil Abner, Little Orphan Annie, Terry and the Pirates, Dick Tracy, Moon Mullins, Gasoline Alley, Jiggs, and The Gumps. . . Californians drank 18 million gallons of liquor last year—that's 296 highballs for every man, woman and child in the state. . . And a Kansas City resident went to the movies, came out to find someone had broken into his automobile, stolen a dog-bone . . . Wotta world!

MAN WHO SELLS INSURANCE



S/Sgt. William Davis, Kansas City, Kansas, gets the info on schools where vets may take a course in insurance salesmanship, from the Information-Education Officer.

**Looking For Good Post-War Field?
Insurance Good Bet For Right Man**

Third in a series of post-war job stories, giving the once over to some full dinner-pail propositions for the underslung ex-GI.

Wanna be your own boss? No lay-offs nor slack seasons? Where age is no factor in success? Then consider the insurance business.

Most anything can be insured these days, from jewelry to rainfall, but the biggest thing in the market is life insurance. There's \$153,-000,000 worth of insurance in the country today.

There was a time not so long ago, when insurance sales was a field for failures in other lines. They became representatives of one of the big companies, sold to their friends, and managed to stay out of the bread line.

The big companies, however, didn't go for this routine and began selecting their personnel more carefully. They began looking for guys with the right qualities. And the insurance moxie is: a friendly interest in people and their problems; a faculty for meeting and getting along with folks; and a resistance to easy discouragement.

Salesmen Get Training

Nowadays, companies give salesmen training and do everything possible to put them on their feet. Salesmen start out with salary plus commissions, so they can get along before they begin to produce. The greatest opportunity for the veteran, according to the assistant vice president of New York Life, is in the selling field. But there are other positions, mainly in home offices, such as accountants, actuaries, statisticians, adjustment and claim work, etc.

According to the Institute of Life Insurance, sales have risen sharply during the five-year period after each war, as follows: 250% after the Civil War, 70% after the Spanish-American, 90% after World War I. Moreover, sales have

been going up steadily since the bottom of the depression . . . from 98 billion in force in 1933 to a present level in force of 148 billion. They expect it to keep on going up.

Toughest Part

Some 15,000,000 ex-servicemen will have held National Service Life Insurance when the war emergency and occupation period is over, and insurance executives regard them as good prospects. They say that it is an axiom of the trade that the toughest thing to sell a man is his first policy. Sales should be easier with so many men having learned the value of insurance, they believe.

Much insurance will also be sold to supplant social security. A man who would retire on social security benefits at 55 could not live on an income of, say \$100 a month, but if it were supplemented with a private annuity he could.

Insurance companies nowadays are badly depleted and many services have been temporarily curtailed. With the easing of the labor market, these activities will be resumed, and considerable expansion is anticipated.

A Good Deal

All these factors indicate that the outlook in the field is a bright one, though no one is prepared to say exactly how many employees will be hired.

And there's this to be said: insurance does not require a long preparation or any investment; your returns are commensurate



with the work you put into it; and old age will not destroy your earning power. Concretely, if a salesman can find one man a week who will put \$120 a year into life insurance, his first year earnings will average about \$250 a month, and there will be subsequently a potential earnings of about the same amount.

Men interested should write the agency director of one or more companies at their home offices, or visit the local branch office or general agent.

Next week: Where are the best job areas in the U. S.?

STEP-INS SOLD-OUT



The Post Exchange store was filled to overflowing last week when a shipment of black lace lingerie arrived. S/Sgt. Bill Ridgeley of Marlboro, Md., asks PX clerk Hazel Moore a few of the more intimate items regarding the ebony apparel. The PX sold out of the black lace thingamajigs in 2 days.

Take a Lookie at This Week's Classifieds!

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.

PERSONALS

WILL THE FELLOW WHO BORROWED my brown Parker pen in the Railway Express Station kindly mail it to the following address: Pfc. Eddie Ehundin,

13141100, Sqn. D, Box 133, PAF, Pyote, Texas.

IF A PRIVATE OR PFC WANTS A BABY PEN, call No. 116. It's yours for the asking.

HOUSING

HOUSE FOR RENT IN PECOS. House is furnished. Contact Pvt. J. H. Otto at T1345A in the Civilian Housing Area on this field.

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BLACK SHAEFFER LIFETIME FOUNTAIN PEN. Lost in Sqn. D area or on the ramp. See Sgt. Gerson Levy, Sqn. D, Barracks 520, bed No. 41. Reward.

A REWARD TO ANYONE FINDING MY Identification bracelet. Name is Robert S. Brown and you can find me at Shipping and Receiving.

RONSON CIGARETTE CASE & LIGHTER Combination. Lost near PX on Oct. 16. Had oak leaf emblem on face. Reward if re-

turned to Rattler office.

AN IDENTIFICATION BRACELET LOST Name Sumner Wright. Return to Rattler office.

LOST MY raincoat, probably at the PX. Please return to Sgt. George Heilman, Sg. B, phone 193 or leave at the Rattler office.

FOUND

LEFT IN THE BACK SEAT OF A STAFF CAR Thurs., Oct. 18th, one pair of khaki pants with 2 pkgs. of cigarettes and a ball cap. Owner may claim same by giving ASN at the Rattler office.

FOUND: 1 barracks bag, khaki, near the POW compound. Owner may retrieve it by calling at the POW orderly room, or phoning 122.

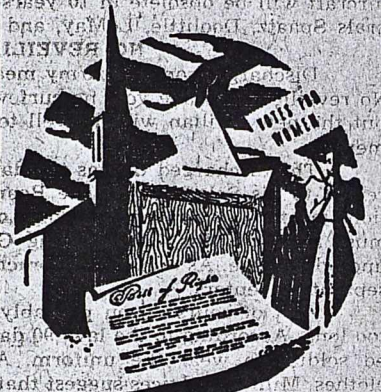
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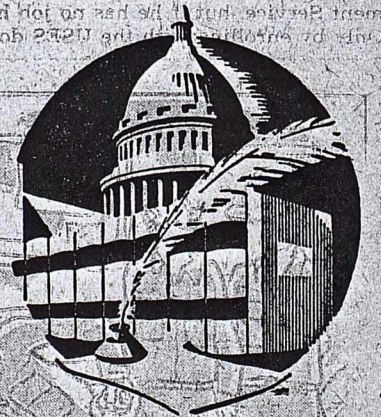
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KOOPS' KORNER

Enlistments to October 6th totaled 20,000, the War Dept. disclosed.

Military patrols in Germany found "Dogpatch"—a German town called Hundheim meaning "home of dogs". The GIs said there were plenty of pipe-smoking Mammy Yokums but no Daisy Mae.

Major deSeversky, aviation authority, says that all modern aircraft will be obsolete in 10 years. His opinion was echoed by Generals Spaatz, Doolittle, LeMay, and O'Donnell.

NO REVEILLE, BUT . . .

Discharge from the Army means the end of worries about time. No reveille will wake you, no curfew will bustle you off the streets—but the new civilian will do well to recall a few important time elements.

The discharged GI has ten days, after returning to his home, to report to his Selective Service Board. This is a "must". Only exceptions are those who were members of the Reserves. Reserv Corps men must report to the Commanding General of the Service Command upon discharge. As a matter of practice this is usually taken care of at separation centers.

And of course—you probably won't want to linger in uniform too long. According to the law, 90 days is the time limit for a discharged soldier to wear the uniform. After that he must wear civilian clothes. Military advices suggest that men separated from service wear civilian clothes as soon as possible.

Also emphasized is the advice not to apply for a job in uniform. The average employer may feel that the discharged soldier is trying to put him on the spot and resent the implied pressure. An ex-serviceman is a civilian, and should make his way in the world on that basis.

Another 90-day time limit applies to getting back to work on your old job. Under the law your employer is bound to re-employ you if you apply within this period, but is under no obligation if you wait too long.

The discharged soldier is not forced to report to the US Employment Service, but if he has no job he is advised to do so immediately. Only by enrolling with the USES does the ex-serviceman become elig-



GI WEDDING



Lt. Audrey F. Gaines, of the Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Pyote regional hospital, was married to Lt. Jack Gillard at the Station Chapel last Wednesday, Sept. 26th. Lt. Gillard is now stationed at Great Bend, Kansas. The bride wore a gray tweed dress, fuschia hat, and orchid corsage.

SERVICE CLUB SERVICE



Among the many features of the Pyote dances is the checking booth, operated by volunteer workers, who handle the checking of wraps for guests. T/Sgt. John Johnson and Cpl. Peter Kaminskas and other volunteers offered their services during the summer.

ible for his readjustment allowance, which amounts to \$20 a week for a maximum of 52 weeks.

Under the GI Bill of Rights ex-servicemen who return to school must complete their education within seven years after the end of the war to be eligible for monetary allowances.

In one instance soldiers expecting discharges must take action before separation to benefit by the special arrangements for servicemen. GIs of the lower four grades (through buck sergeant) whose wives are expecting babies, must apply for assistance under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care bill before they are discharged if they desire this assistance. If arrangements are not completed while they are still in service they lose their rights under the provisions of the bill.