

THE RATTLER

B-29s -- FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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2-YEAR, 50 POINTS NEXT

Colonel R. C. Orth New Commandant

Col. Robert C. Orth has been named Station Commandant at Pyote Army Air Field.

"I think I'm going to like Pyote," the Colonel remarked, "It's the kind of place that grows on you."

A native of Los Angeles, Colonel Orth comes to Pyote AAF with 14 years Army experience behind him. Prior to his appointment as Station Commandant, Colonel Orth was Air Inspector for the 17th Wing of the 2nd Air Force at Grand Island, Nebraska.

He has also served at Brooks and Scott Fields, Puerto Rico, Ft. Sill, Ellington and Barksdale Fields, and March Field. He was also on the list of instructors at the Command General Staff school at Leavenworth, Kansas.

A veteran of the Aleutians campaign, Colonel Orth served with the 40th Bomb Group, a B-24 outfit in the Aleutian islands.

The Colonel's wife and 3 year old son have joined him at the field.

PX Cafeteria Adds Features As EM Club Closes

The Service Club cafeteria closed its doors Saturday night, and Post Exchange officials moved the facilities of the EM Club to the PX cafeteria.

The PX cafeteria now remains open until 9 PM and from 5 till 9 each evening sells hamburgers and french fries. The PX tap room now closes at 10:45. The restriction on beer drinking after 5 PM in the PX cafeteria has been discontinued.

PX cafeteria hours are now: Breakfast 7 to 10 AM; Lunch 11 to

3 Year Enlstees May Choose Initial Station In States

Effective last Monday, initial assignments of enlisted men enlisting or re-enlisting for three years were to stations of their own choice in so far as practicable.

Headquarters announced that—when an enlisted man indicates his desire to enlist or re-enlist, he will be immediately transferred to the station of his choice.

After transferring there, he will be discharged and reenlisted and assigned to that station, according to authority in CAF Itr 342, 16, October, 1945. No indication will be given that such assignment will be permanent since assignments will be initial assignments only.

Such procedure will not apply, it was announced, to personnel enroute or in overseas replacement depots.

New Pyote-Kermit Bus Schedule Set

A new bus schedule between Pyote AAF and Kermit went into effect last Friday.

Busses leave the PX bus station at 5:45, 8:00 AM, 2:45, 5:10, and 7:30 PM, and 12:15 AM. Return busses leave Kermit at 6:45, 9:00 AM, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30 PM, and 1:15 AM.

2 PM; and Dinner from 5 to 9 PM. The Ice Cream Bar is open from 9 AM to 9:45 PM and the Sandwich bar from 10 AM to 9 PM.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

Half of Wartime Army In Civvies By January 1st

Half of the Army's wartime strength—4,750,000—will be civilians by Jan. 1 if present discharge rates continue. That's the good word from Camp Newspaper Service, according to unofficial news sources close to the War Dept.

Though no official news has been received at this headquarters regarding these



new steps in the demobilization program, CNS announces that demobilization is proceeding so rapidly that the 60-point basic discharge score—effective Nov. 1—will be lowered again by Dec. 1 to approximately 50 points, according to Brig. Gen.

(See BERRY on Page 3.)

2 Years Service And Fifty Points Discharge Factors

Enlisted male personnel who have 50 points or more and who have served a minimum of two years active duty since Sept. 16, 1940, will be discharged almost immediately, it was announced today by the Military Personnel Office.

Wacs who have between 25 and 33 points and who have served one year of active duty will also be discharged.

The Military Personnel Office stressed one important point which will govern all releases: That is, that those conditions apply to all AAF personnel except those actually needed to fulfill the current mission of the Air Forces and for whom no lower point replacements are available.

(See 50 POINTS on Page 3.)

Colonel Key Thanks Field Personnel in Farewell Note

"Now that the training mission of this field has been successfully completed, I am being transferred to a new command.

"It is with deep regret that I leave Pyote. Despite its isolated location, its dust and heat, it will still remain in my memory as one of the finest fields at which I have had the opportunity of being stationed.

"Pyote Army Air Field is more than just another air field. It is a community in itself, composed of a group of people whose united efforts and spirit of friendship have made it so.

"The success of this field—which reached such a peak that Pyote leads all B-29 combat crew training fields in the Continental United States for a single month, with a record of 7,396 flying hours in July—has been due wholly to this spirit of loyalty, devotion to duty,

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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COL. ROBERT C. ORTH, STATION COMMANDANT

RATTLER STARR: Cpl. Ed Koops, Sgt. Marie A. Rados and Sgt. Mayo Fidler

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 & TOMORROW

Then There Were None; Barry Fitzgerald & Louis Hayward. (Good, good, good, that's this, that's this.) Shorts: Army-Navy Scen Magazine; News.

FRIDAY

SING YOUR WAY HOME; with Jack Haley and Anne Jeffreys. (You probably won't want to on your way to your barracks, but there is something pathetic, comic, sad and homely in Mr. Haley's face that will tickle your rib; and something soft, sensuous and shapely about Miss Jeffreys that will tickle your spine.) Shorts: Melody Bands and Color Cartoon.

SATURDAY

STRANGE CONFESSION; with Lon Chaney and Brfenda Joyce. (The only strange confession about this is the producers. They insist upon calling it a movie.) Shorts: World of Sports; Puppetoon.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

THE LOST WEEKEND; with Ray Milland and Jane Wyman. (An honest, engrossing epic viewed through the eyes of a hypochondriac in a straight from the shoulder drama of what happens to a man when he drinks 12 bottles of beer three successive nights in a row.) Shorts: Popeye cartoon and News.

TUESDAY

SONG OF OLD WYOMING; with Eddie Dean and Al La Rue.

(This is a mighty fine day to catch up on your correspondence. The stars say that anyone caught in the theatre during this showing is an old stick-in-the-mud.) Shorts: Tommy Tucker's orch., and Little Lulu.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

FALLEN ANGEL; with Alice Faye, Dana Andrews and Linda Darnell. (If it hasn't got a murder in it and you can't spell it backwards then it isn't a movie. This has been a wonderful season for a corpse. The one in this cinema is stacked better than most of the others. Both in body and entertainment.) Shorts: You Can't See 'Em But There's A Looney Tune.

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 7:00. 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

Crystal Ball Unmasked

One of the dirtiest tricks we know of is to sit down and clip out all sort of predictions on the outcome of the war, save them religiously, and then print them all and show who was right and who was wrong. We have done just that, being a Grade-A stinker.

About a year ago, the Rattler ran a weekly feature called "The Crystal Ball" which printed statements by some ranking men and women on the duration of the war.

Naturally the closer the prediction was made to the actual dates (May 8th and August 14th) the less difficult the crystal-gazing became; so in this check-up we are recording the date the prediction appeared in the Rattler.

Most of the predictions said "A long war!" In fact some earlier pre-Rattler predictions went like this: President Roosevelt on Sept. 16, 1942 guessed the war would last 3 1/2 years, and Herbert Hoover on Feb. 3, 1942 said "Including defeat of Japan, we must envisage at least 3 more years of war and possibly 5". General H. H. Arnold said on Feb. 15, 1943: "Victory over Germany in a year and Japan six months later". Admiral Horne (July 20, 1943) gave out that the Navy was preparing for a war lasting until 1949.

But to the Rattler's Crystal Ball. Credit General DeGaulle with a smoothie: in the October 5, '44 issue: "The Germans will be defeated by spring of '45". And Chiang-Kai Shek (Oct. 19, '44) gave a pretty good one "Japan will be beaten in the coming year!" The War Production Board (Jan. 18) figured we'd still be fighting Germany in 1946, and Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, CO of the 21st Bomber Command (Jan. 11) said "Japan will still be on her feet and fighting in 1946".

Gen. Peyton C. March in the Jan. 4 issue said "I don't say the war will be over in '45" and Walker Mason, regional director of the WPB, "Five more years of fighting in the Pacific" appeared in the Dec. 28 issue of 1944. Drew Pearson's comment was in the Dec. 21, '44 Rattler and hit the nail on the head: "World War II will end in 1945". Maj. Gen. Albert Wedermeyer (Dec. 7, 1944) predicted Japan's defeat within a year after Germany's fall. And Churchill, November 16, 1944 issue, said "It's not too rash to hope for victory in Europe in the first six months of 1945". Rear Admiral Munroe, November 9th issue, said it would be years before we beat Japan.

OWI announced officially, November 2 issue '44, a prediction that it would take 2 years after Germany's fall to beat Japan. Chester Bowles, OPA director prophesied in the October 26, 1944 issue that Germany would fall in the "next 90 days". February 1st issue had Ilye Ehrenberg (Russian war commentator) saying "Germany this year".

Admiral Mitscher said this January "In another year we should have their (Japan's) Navy pretty well cleaned up". Admiral King in March saw a "long tough road ahead" even after Germany's defeat. General Stilwell in June predicted at least 2 more years. Gen MacArthur was quoted on July 9th as expecting the finish "toward the end of 1946". Associated Press editors said January '45 that "it will be a miracle if the Allies achieve victory short of 1946".

Our favorite guesses are two nice ones we think we will have framed and then forget the whole thing. One Gabriel Heatter who sells shampoo on the radio stated in 1943 that the war would be over and the boys home by Christmas 1943. The other guess was the result of a Gallup poll survey which showed that on Dec. 14th, 54% of the American people figured Germany had six months left in them. Darned smart, these American people.

Talk around Washington is that Gen. H. H. Arnold may retire soon. His successor may make the Air Force into a lot of Eaker Beavers.

weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

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

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 11:00 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

INSURE your future -
Save WITH WAR BONDS

PRINCESS OF TRUMPET



JOY CAYLOR

Joy Caylor's All-Gal Band to Play 3 Dates

Newest musical treat in store for Pyote personnel is Joy Caylor, Princess of the Trumpet, and her orchestra, who plays for an enlisted men's dance at the Rec Hall next Friday night, and at the NCO Club Saturday night.

Joy is a treat for the eyes as well as the ears, not to mention her all-star girl aggregation. Joy plays a smooth trumpet, herself, and her glamorous gals put on a smooth pee-em of dancing.

The Enlisted Men's Dance starts at 8 PM and lasts till midnight Friday night. A good bevy of girls will be on hand as dancing partners.

The NCO Club dance, T/Sgt. Larry Shipp announced, will begin at Saturday night and run till midnight.

Discharges Since V-J Day Reach 2,250,000 Mark

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In 2 recent announcements, the War Department has revealed that 3,700,000 Army troops now overseas will have returned or be on the way back to the U.S. by next July, and the estimated discharges from VJ Day to Nov 1 reached the 2,250,000 mark.

Of the overseas garrison and occupation forces of 870,000 remaining after next July, 400,000 will be in the Pacific area, 370,000 in European and Mediterranean areas, and 100,000 in the Canal Zone, Alaska, and other areas.

With demobilization progressing far ahead of schedule, the WD stated that the estimated number of soldier releases for October would reach a total of 1,200,000. Lowering of the point score to 60 on Nov 1 has made over 900,000 more soldiers eligible for release, of which 250,000 are in the U.S.; 335,000 in Europe and the Mediterranean; 280,000 in the Pacific, and 80,000 in scattered areas or enroute to this country.

A slash in Marine Corps point scores from 60 to 50 on Nov 1 added 62,688 more enlisted marines to the eligible-for-discharge list. The Marine Corps Women's Reserve will be completely demobilized by Sept 1, 1946. Present point score for women marines is 25.

The Army Air Forces, returning to its own formula for releasing pilots, navigators and bombardiers, has declared all officers in the continental limits—with certain exemptions—eligible for release who have 44 points or more than two years of service. If their services are no longer needed, other commissioned aircrew personnel with the same qualifications and officers with less than 44 points but with 2 years of active service are also eligible for discharge.

In another of the series of WD directives concerning discharges, it was announced that the Army Specialized Training Program is gradually being liquidated. As of Oct 1, the program included approximately 17,000 students.

Meanwhile voluntary enlistments in the peacetime Regular Army reached 44,799 as of Oct 19.

Key--

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and united efforts.

"In leaving I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every person here for the fine job you have done during the critical period we have just completed. I wish you all the success and happiness in your future ventures, military or civilian."

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

50 Points--

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However at the present time, all enlisted personnel who fall in the above categories are now being screened and it is expected that releases will start in the near future.

The men and women eligible for separation will be given the signal to start civilian life on the basis of their point scores with the highest point predecessors being given precedence.

B/Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, Army director of the recruiting campaign, announced.

Berry--

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Robert W. Berry, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel in a statement to the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

"Other news on the demobilization front," according to WD sources:

"All 2-year men in the Army will be eligible for discharge March 20, 1946, regardless of point scores.

"Point scores for WAC officers will drop from 39 to 37 effective tomorrow (Nov. 1) and scores for WAC enlisted personnel will be reduced from 36 to 34 one day later (Nov. 2).

Navy Score Drops

"November 1, point scores for enlisted personnel in the Navy will be cut from 44 to 41, and for officers from 49 to 46, with further reductions predicted. Scores for Wave officers will be reduced from 39 to 32 and for Wave enlisted personnel from 29 to 26 on the same date.

"On the other side of the picture General Berry revealed that the Army is gaining 1000 volunteers daily. His figures disclosed that 64% of those to re-enlist were corporals and sergeants. Privates made up 26.4% of the total, and Pfc's only 9.7%."

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

Stateside Soldiers Get American Theatre Ribbon

If you've been wondering how you can impress the home folks, you can now legitimately pick up at least one more ribbon, providing you are able to purchase them.

According to a recent authorization from the Army Service Forces and confirmed by this headquarters, all personnel who served honorably on active duty in the continental United States for an accumulative period of one year including permanent and temporary duty since Sept. 7, 1941, may now wear the American Theatre Ribbon.

In addition, all members of the Armed Forces of the United States and of the Philippine Islands who have served on active duty since Dec. 7, 1941 are eligible to wear the World War II Medal or Ribbon. At the present time, priority is being given on issuance to all military now being separated from the service it was announced.

THE WORLD'S *Safest* INVESTMENT
WAR BONDS

Discharge Box Score

The following total of officers and enlisted personnel of Pyote Army Air Field were ordered to separation bases in the week ending November 3rd, according to figures released by the Statistical Control Office.

OFFICERS: 72
ENLISTED: 162

Bringing the total orders to separation bases since October 1 to:

OFFICERS: 448
ENLISTED: 1608

RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



The lass in the lastex suit happens to be Linda Van Loon. Sez the press agent: "Linda was signed to a term contract after making the most impressive screen test studio talent experts have ever viewed". Ah yes, but can she act, fellas? And does it matter, does it matter?

This Wacky World

The following daffy doings made news in the yuck circuit the past week: A **Chicago** cop found a wooden leg, standing in a shoe, waiting for a bus at a downtown intersection. . . . The fire-chief at **New London, Conn.** was arrested as a fire-bug. He turned in three false alarms "to keep the boys busy". . . . Meredith Stiles, 23, a discharged GI, is studying at **Smith College**—for 75 years an exclusive girl's school—under the GI Bill of Rights. . . . A **Portland, Maine** housewife is suing for divorce. While hubby slept in the bedroom, he made her sleep in the chicken coop. . . . A **Yonkers** character got mad when the trolley door slammed in his face, so he punched his fist through the door, climbed aboard, and attempted to throttle the motorman. The court pardoned him. . . . Somebody in a skyscraper on 51st and 5th Avenue in **New York** showers noontime passers-by with pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and even half-dol-



WESTON—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. John Weston, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, a boy, Michael Edward, weight 8 lbs. 3 oz.

MASTERS—Born at the Pyote Regional Hospital to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Philip Masters on Oct. 28th, a girl, Janice Marie, weight 6 lbs. 12 oz. T/Sgt. Masters is assigned to Sqn. M.

BURNETT—Born at the Pyote Regional Hospital to Cpl. and Mrs. Edward B. Burnett on Oct. 30, a girl, Kellie Lou, weight 8 lbs., 3 oz. Cpl. Burnett is assigned to the 410th Engineering Group at Ft. Balfour, Virginia.

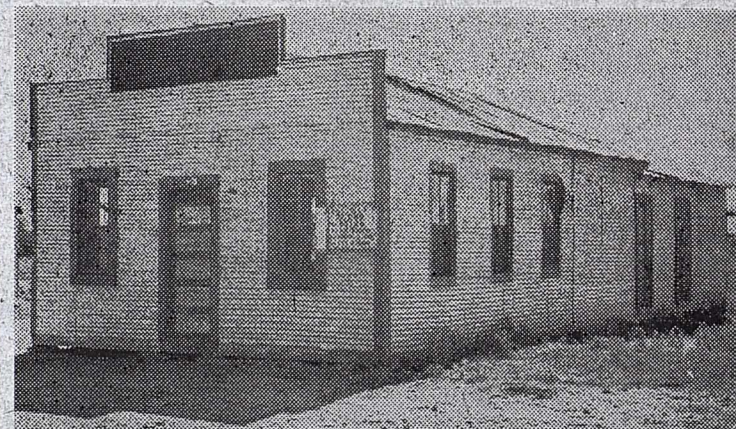
KUNEY—Born at the Pyote Regional Hospital to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Ronald F. Kuney on Nov. 1, a boy, Gary Edward, weight 7 lbs. S/Sgt. Kuney is assigned to Sqn. F.

lars. The kitty amounts to \$10 a day. . . . Wotta world!

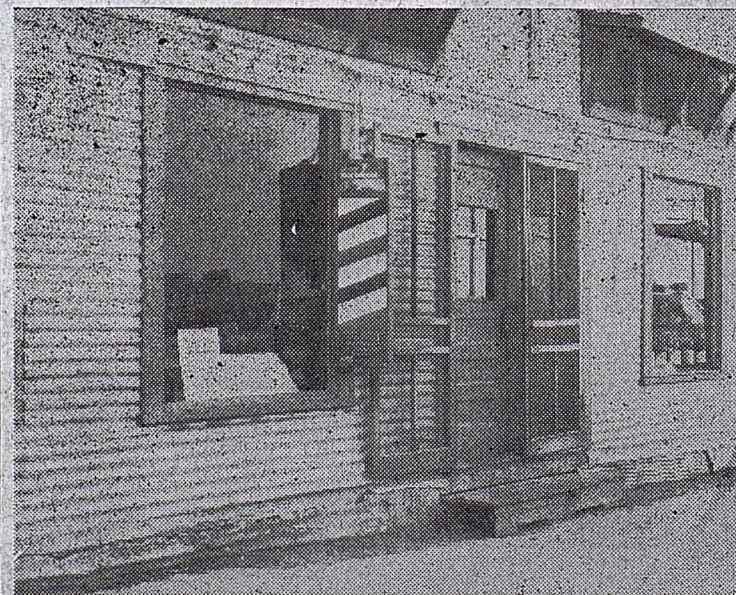
So This Is Pyote!



AZTEC CAFE



PYOTE CHURCH



PYOTE BARBER SHOP

Survey Shows How U.S. Cities Reconvert

NEW YORK (CNS)—How speedily reconversion is being accomplished is reflected by a survey of the Committee for Economic Development, a research organization of major industrialists. Walter D. Fuller, of CED, says that this study is indicative of the future rather than a positive forecast. Here are the findings:

The 25 cities which have either completed reconversion, or have no major unemployment problems are: New Haven, Conn.; Boston and Lawrence, Mass.; Utica, NY; Wilmington, Del.; Trenton and Newark, NJ; Harrisburg and Philadelphia, Pa.; Canton, Ohio; Charlotte, NC; Richmond, Va; Tampa, Fla; Grand Rapids and Saginaw, Mich; Des Moines, Iowa; Rockford, Ill; Indianapolis, Ind; San Antonio, Fort Wayne, El Paso, and Austin, Tex; Sacramento, Oakland and Long Beach, Cal.

Three cities where a 3-month reconversion period is required are Akron and Cincinnati, Ohio; and Bridgeport, Conn.

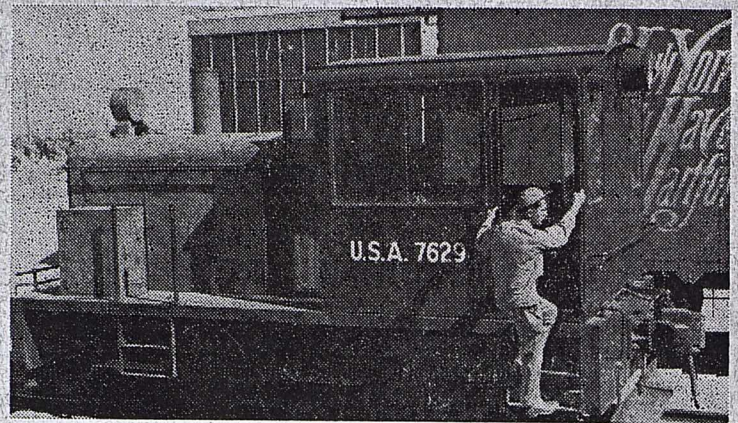
The 20 cities which require a 6-month period are: Waterbury, Conn; Albany NY; Buffalo, NY (6 to 8 months, its report said); Elizabeth and Jersey City, NJ; Youngstown, Toledo, Dayton, Ohio; Washington, DC; Birmingham, Ala; Flint, Pontiac and Detroit, Mich; Sioux City, Iowa; Mil-

waukee, Wis; Memphis, Tenn; Kansas City, Mo; Shreveport, La; Houston, Tex; San Francisco, Cal.

Those cities requiring a year for full reconversion include Providence, RI; Syracuse, NY; Erie, Pa; Columbus, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga (although 60% of the unemployed will be rehired within 6 months, if they want the jobs); Duluth, Minn; Seattle and Spokane, Wash; San Diego, Cal; South Bend, Ind (15-000 of the estimated unemployed will be rehired in 6 to 8 months and the balance shortly thereafter); Miami, Fla.

Ten communities which cannot now foresee the day when all the unemployed may be rehired are: Springfield and Worcester, Mass; Wilkes Barre, Pa; Chattanooga, Tenn (estimates 75% to be rehired in 6 months); Evansville, Ind; Louisville, Ky; Minneapolis, Minn; Denver, Col (although no grave unemployment problem is anticipated); Portland, Ore; Berkeley, Cal.

CASEY JONES



Climbing up the rungs to a successful railroad job as an engineer, Sgt. Royce Cook, of C.C.D., hangs on for the post war era.

Here Is Post-War Story On Railroad Positions

(Fifth in a series of post-war job outlooks in varied fields)

A few weeks ago, the Rattler received a letter inquiring as to job possibilities with the railroads. The situation, then, and now, is good. For, until demobilization is completed, the railroads will be handling traffic considerably above pre-war levels.

The first obligation of the railroads is to men who left their jobs to enter the services. NYC, for example, had more than 30,000 in the service, and Pennsylvania had 54,000. Of course, since 1941 a lot of workers passed the railroad retirement age (65) but stuck to their jobs. Now, their retirement opens new jobs for new people.

Experience Helps

Men with no pre-war railroad experience but who learned much about the business while assigned to units of the Military Railway Service may get a break with the roads, according to the Association of American Railroads.

Most of the country's roads have been using obsolete and worked-over equipment because no other existed, as every troop-train rider knows. The postwar period will see repairs and replacements aplenty; construction of new rolling stock, improved locomotives and coaches, better safety devices—and it all adds up to jobs in

• Send check or money order, payable to the Treasurer of the United States, to Collections Subdivision, Veterans' Administration, Washington 25, DC, regardless of whether a premium notice or receipt is received. Save cancelled check or money order stub as evidence of payment. If no receipt is received in 4 months, write VA. But bear in mind the VA has a prodigious job to do and can't do it overnight.

railroad shops.

On the other hand, railroads are not planning on extending their track mileage into new territory because it would not be economically justified. Improvement of service and equipment is the main item they plan to stress.

I. W. Horning, Vice-Prexy of the New York Central says: "Railroad men are not inclined to be pessimistic regarding the future of the industry. This means that we shall continue to be acutely conscious of the manpower situation for several years, and will need competent help."

To be realistic though, it would be a mistake to assume that railroads will continue at their peak wartime level. Employment should equal that of 1940 or '41 which shouldn't be too bad.

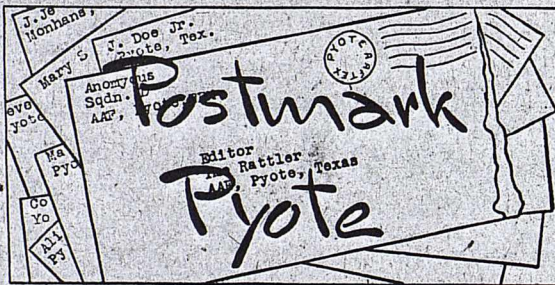
How's The Work

Employment is fairly stable with little seasonal fluctuation, and most railroad personnel make it a lifetime job. The industry is completely organized by the railroad brotherhoods, which are not members of either the CIO or the AFL. These brotherhoods have a national reputation for respectability. To a greater or lesser extent, working conditions and wages are controlled by the government.

Next week: How are chances in Civil Service?

Buy War Bonds
TODAY
For Future Needs.

"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!

MEDAL OF HONOR

Editor, the Rattler:
Settle this: If a guy wins the Medal of Honor, does he get an automatic promotion?

Sgt. H. D. P.

• Circular 209 authorizes 2-grade promotions of EM of the 7th through 3rd grade. Techs may be upped to M/Sgt. but "personnel of the first grade will not be appointed or commissioned in a higher grade solely by reason of possessing the Medal of Honor."

CALIFORNIA FARM

Editor, the Rattler:
When I get my discharge, I want to go to California. How are my chances of buying a farm there?

Sgt. W. H. R.

• According to Ralph W. Hollenberg, regional director of the Farm Security Administration of California, your chances aren't good. He says there are only 133,000 farms in California and only a few of these are for sale. When the Central Valley Farm projects have been completed, a few thousand more farms will be available, he says, but there won't be enough to meet the expected demand from veterans.

KEEPING INSURANCE

Editor, the Rattler:
Is it possible for someone to explain, simply, with one-syllable words, how I can keep my Army insurance and reconvert it to civilian use?

Pfc. R. S. H.



KOOPS' KORNERS

STRICTLY UNOFFICIAL

To avoid any confusion and keep GIs from pestering the bejabbers out of their orderly rooms and the Military Personnel office, let me go on record as saying this discharge info is strictly unofficial. It hasn't been TWX'd in by 2AF or been announced as official at all. It's supposed to be straight but it is not official.

Things look good for AF personnel. Better than they do for other units. According to Brig. Gen. Robert Berry, deputy to the assistant chief of staff for personnel who testified before the House Military Affairs Committee a couple of weeks ago.

He says by March the point system will have become inoperative. Critical scores will have dropped to the level which will make all two-year men eligible for release. This does not mean that all 2-year men will be eligible for release by late March, Berry emphasized, but that they will start to flow out of the Army on a first-in, first-out basis. The Army plans on discharging a million a month effective November. As to that "late winter" date, Brig. Gen. Berry said the "best estimate" on it was March 20th—the last day of winter.

Brig. Gen. W. T. Hall, of the personnel division, Air Staff, told Congress that AAF discharge rate will have reached better than 10,000 a day by now, and that the AAF would be down to 700,000 men by next July 1.

PIMENTO STUFFING FROM AN OLIVE DRAB SUIT

Last week's Rattler ran an item on civilian clothes. Here's some more poop on clothes, the result of a survey in a national magazine. GIs want suits costing from \$30 to \$40 with the accent on comfort and variety and emphasis on sports shirts and slacks. They like 4-inch hand ties, self-supporting socks, cotton shorts and T-shirts—for all seasons. They plan on spending \$9 a pair for 2 and 3/4 pairs of shoes, and have included sports shoes

among their preferences.

The Honorable Discharge buttons, from now on, will be metal instead of plastic—and gold plated. Veterans with the old model can get the new one by presenting their discharge papers to the nearest Army installation. No charge.

Passenger service between the US and England has been inaugurated by Pan-American Airways. \$275 one way and \$495 round-trip.

GEE-ITEMS

Probably the most familiar officer in the Army (outside the 4 and 5 star Generals) is Maj. General J. A. Ulio. He has been retired from active duty. Maj. Gen. Edward T. Witsell has been recommended by the President to succeed Ulio who is now on terminal leave. It was Ulio's name that went on all telegrams to next-of-kin after casualties in overseas theatres.

The ASTP—Army Specialized Training Program—is being liquidated. As of Oct. 1st there were approximately 17,000 soldiers enrolled. All students will be allowed to finish courses, however.

NOTHING CAN STOP THE

A few fast peeks at the Air Force news of the past week: . . . Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle set a new cross-country flight record, landing a B-29 at Bolling Field, Washington DC just 6 hours and 45 minutes after it took off from Los Angeles, beating the old record by 8 minutes. The plane reached a speed of 398 mph at one point when a good tail wind helped out. . . . Figures on the 15 AF were revealed for the first time, showing that that AF flew 250,000 combat sorties in 18 months, and dropped more than 300,000 tons of bombs. The 15 AF has now been ordered inactivated. . . . Military Pilot's Ass'n is getting a bill introduced in Congress that would give seniority rights to military pilots who want to fly for commercial airlines on their return to civilian life.

VFW CONVENTION NOTES

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their national encampment and one million strong—voted to shelve any alteration in their by-laws

which would permit women to join their ranks, also resolved (1) to back compulsory military training, (2) that job seniority for World War II veterans includes time spent in uniform, (3) that Congress pass a pending bill granting bonus pay to vets, at the rate of \$3 for home service and \$4 a day for overseas service, with \$3500 and \$4500 maximum respectively, and \$500 additional compensation for wounds.

Highlights Of A 3-Day Pass

Dallas and Ft. Worth are packed with GIs, all wearing the honorable discharge button. Eight out of ten GIs you see are wearing it.

Greyhound is giving priority to servicemen. Only GIs get first crack at the busses out of Dallas. The railroads seem to have discontinued that practice, and we are grateful to Greyhound.

Topper on the whole trip came from a visit to the latrine at American Airlines at Love Field, Dallas. On the latrine door, in large carved letters, is the statement, "May I never see Pyote Again!"

Stuff On A Shingle

The American Legion wants Congress to pass a bill which would give enlisted men the same terminal leave rights as officers. This would give GIs annual leave credit for time they haven't taken, up to 120 days. Under the bill, a soldier who has four years without a furlough would draw his regular pay for four months after discharge.

Secretary of War Patterson has announced that all enemy PWs will be cleared from the United States by early spring.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

IN PERSON



MCA presents

THE PRINCESS of the TRUMPET

JOY CAYLER

And Her ALL-GIRL Orchestra

AT THE OFFICERS CLUB NOV. 8

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See the most curvacious orchestra that ever played Pyote.

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.

LOST

TWO BOXES of stationery and 2 manila envelopes containing items of personal value were left in the PX cafeteria. Would appreciate their return. Cpl. William Funk, Sq. F.

LIBERAL REWARD for return of Bulova Senator, 17 jewel, wrist watch. Lost Saturday evening between 5 and 9 on the line near 17 Maintenance Section. Return to Cpl. Kyle T. Decker CCD Sec. 2, Bks. 607.

REWARD for return of leather bill-fold lost between Sqdn. A and Civilian Personnel office.



LIVESTOCK FARMING

The fundamentals of successful livestock production. Course covers Livestock Industry and Opportunities; Breeding, Feeding, Marketing, Management, Care and Judging of Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats, Horses and Mules.

Ask your I & E officer about these courses

Prepare today for the job you want later

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE
NEXT TO SERVICE CLUB



last Thursday. Return to S/Sgt. B. E. Werner, Sqdn. A.

HOUSING

FOR RENT in Barstow: One three-room house; furnished; one 3-

room apartment with private bath; four 2-room apartments with bath. Contact Sgt. Hopkins at Officers' CCD Mailroom anytime between 8 and 5.

FOUND

SUN GLASSES AND POUCH were found in Briefing room of CCD Intelligence. Contact Cpl. R. O'Brien, CCD.

WANTED

I'M IN THE market for an automobile. You can reach me at Bks. 533, Sq. F. Ask for Sgt. Graveline.

WANNA SELL a movie camera, 16mm.? I'm in the market for



"I wanted to see how he looked out of uniform."

War Bond Dollars Are
DOUBLE DUTY DOLLARS

such a camera, and projector. A moderate priced outfit, Unisex, or somethin' similar. Write Box 1395, Monahans. All letters will be answered.

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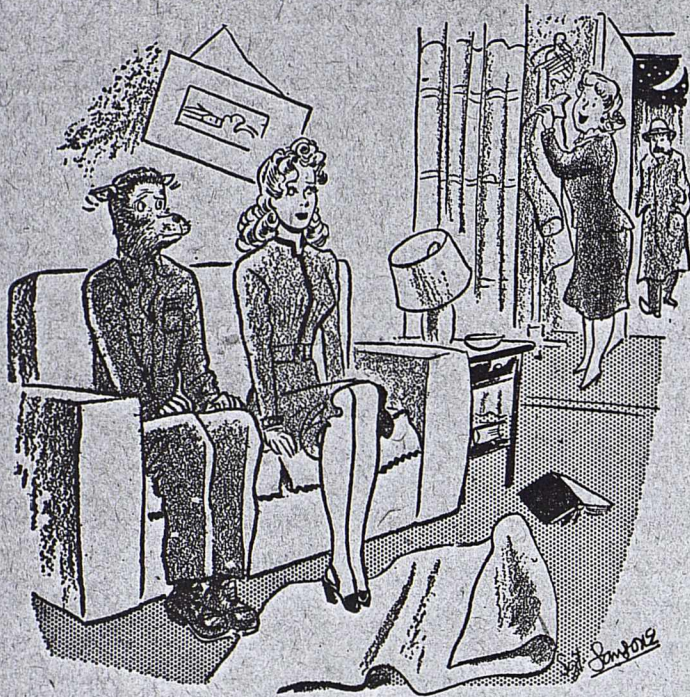


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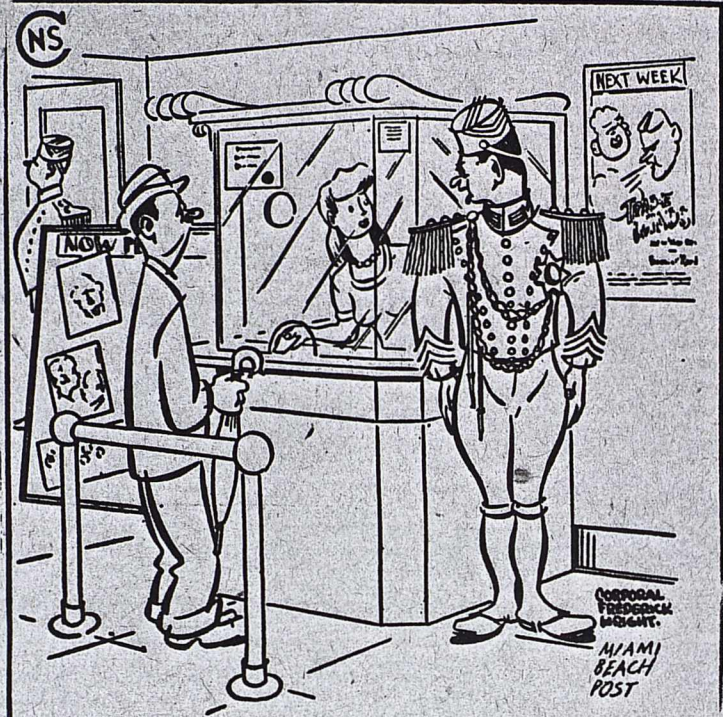
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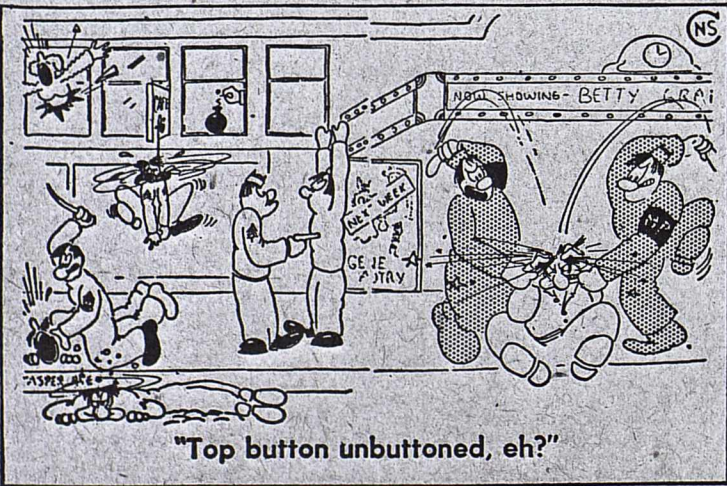
The Rattler, Nov. 7, 1945



"I shoulda stood in the Army!"



"No—it's not that I'm married—I just don't want to—that's all!"



"Top button unbuttoned, eh?"



"So! You're the one who writes the AR's!"