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## ATSC TAKES OVER TOMORROW

### Field Personnel Observe Reveille, Retreat Formation

Something new has been added to the Pyote AAF daily regime: Reveille and Retreat.

These two old Army customs have been renewed at the field, long accustomed to 24 hour shifts.

The first reveille was called Tuesday and all barracks residents were awakened at 5:45 to stand a 6 o'clock roll call.

Retreats will be held each day, Monday through Friday, with a different Squadron representing the field each day. Squadrons were assigned to the Retreat formation in alphabetical rotation, Squadron A observing retreat yesterday, Squadron C today, and so on.

### Misuse of Empty Bottles Means Less Beer, Pop

Attention of all personnel has been called to the misuse of bottles at the Post Exchange. Empty beer and pop bottles are being carelessly handled and broken at the PX patio.

The Base Adjutant warned all personnel that the lack of empty bottles to exchange means less beer and pop for sale at the Post Exchange.

Personnel are requested to be careful of the empties; to place them in cases when finished with them. Careless use and mishandling of empty bottles means less beer and pop on sale at the Post Exchange.

### PX TAP ROOM OPENS EARLIER

New hours were announced this week for the PX tap room. Open every evening until 10:45 PM, the tap room opens each day at 3 PM, except Saturday and Sunday. Opening time is noon on Saturdays and 10:00 AM on Sundays.

### Thanksgiving Celebrated Next Thursday On Field

Mess hall doors will be opened wide, the tables stacked high and the benches filled come Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 22. Plenty of turkey's already on the way and the cooks have fancy plans for all the trimmings—sage dressing, gravy, snowflake potatoes, creamed peas, salad, relishes, hot rolls, pumpkin and mince pie, fresh fruit, mixed candy . . . on and on to get a "Mmmmm" out of anybody.

Pyote set the date for Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday, according to the Congressional act, although most of the Texas natives will observe the holiday a week later. Monahans officials announced that due to the proximity to the air field the town would celebrate the 22nd also.

Second best point after you view the menu is that all EM's are permitted to bring their families and one guest to the mess hall. So you will be seeing quite a few civilians totin' trays down the line. A charge of 75c per guest will be made, and enlisted men on separate rations will get by on two bits.

After you finish this paragraph

better rush to the orderly room



and sign up for the number in the family or list the guest.

### Army Invents New "Miracle" Camera That Guarantees All Perfect Pictures

The Army's Pictorial Service has developed for the use of the Surgeon-General's Office a camera which used an ultra high-speed, high intensity, self-contained light source, it was announced today by the War Department.

The new device is as simple in operation as a box camera. It enables anyone to take color or black and white still pictures of the fastest action, indoors and outdoors, at distances of from six inches to 12 feet.

The light source is built into the camera proper. Every phase of the picture-taking operation, except focusing and clicking the shutter, is absolutely automatic.

The camera was developed at the request of the Army's Surgeon

General by the Pictorial Engineering and Research Laboratory Division of the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Long Island, New York, from an idea originally conceived by Captain Rollin W. King and Mr. Emanuel Berlant. It enables photographically unskilled amateurs to take the most perfect pictures yet obtained of surgical operations, and has also been found highly valuable in the work of the Corps of Military Police and Ordnance Department.

The industrial possibilities of this camera have not been explored by the Army. It weighs approximately 5½ pounds, is operated from a portable electric power pack, which weighs approximately

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### 2AF Releases Command After 3 Years, 1 Month

At midnight Thursday, or Friday, November 16, 0001 AM, the field will be officially turned over to the Air Technical Service Command.

At that time the mission of the field will be the storage and maintenance of aircraft.

No announcement has yet been made concerning the number of personnel to be assigned to the task or any disclosures concerning the alterations at the field.

The transition from 2AF to ATSC has been in the process for the past 3 weeks so that November 15th will mark no great changes other than the official move when Pyote Army Air Field, after 3 years and 1 month under the Second Air Force becomes a link with the Air Transport Service Command.

### Today Is Last for Suntans; Tomorrow ODs Are Mandatory

Today, Wednesday November 14, is a khaki-letter day in the life of the Pyote GI. According to Base regulations, today marks the final day of Pyote summer and the last day the suntan uniform is optional.

Effective tomorrow, the OD uniform is mandatory. The OD uniform is Olive drab trousers and shirt, Olive Drab trousers, khaki shirt and flight jacket or blouse, and any uniform takes a necktie—khaki. To leave the post, proper uniform means: OD shirt and trousers, or OD trousers, suntan shirt, and OD blouse. No flight jacket may be worn off the field.

So tonight, many a hopeful GI will stack away his suntans with a happy hope that before suntan season rolls around again (March 14 at Pyote Field) he'll be decked out in a grey pin-stripe.



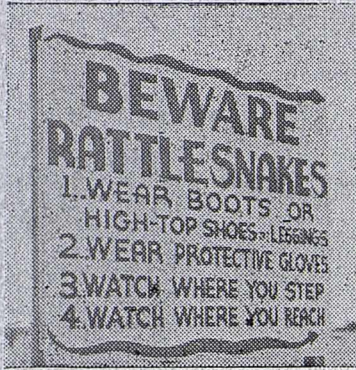
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## This Week

### 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

"FALLEN ANGEL" with Alice Faye, Linda Darnell, and Dana Andrews. (Poor guy meets waitress who won't marry him because he's short in the wallet. He meets a rich girl who he intends to marry for her dough, divorce her and go back to the waitress. Before he can, somebody bumps off the waitress. Good show, and a couple of neatly stacked gals.) Shorts: Looney Tune cartoon.

#### FRIDAY

"SHE WENT TO THE RACES" with Frances Gifford, Ava Garner, and James Craig. (A foolproof system for beating the races. Every body wins. Not bad.) Shorts: Musical novelty & screen snapshots.

#### SATURDAY

"DON'T FENCE ME IN" with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. (A femme photographer endeavors to uncover the truth about an asserted bad man of the old west. She finds her story at a Dude Ranch. For hoss-opery fans only.) Shorts: Leon Erroll comedy and Popular Science.

#### SUNDAY & MONDAY

"TOO YOUNG TO KNOW" with Joan Leslie and Robert Hutton. (In India, an Army officer meets a girl he used to know in civilian life. He hears his wife got divorced,

has had a baby and given it for adoption. He goes home, meets his ex-wife, finds the kid, gets remarried and starts all over again. Not for me.) Shorts: March of Time and Paramount News.

#### TUESDAY

(double feature) "SENIORITA FROM THE WEST" with Allan Jones and Bonita Granville. (Must be fulla singing and cowboys and other twin-bill trivia.) "GIRLS OF THE BIG HOUSE" with Lynne Roberts and Richard Powers. (Proving that crime and this movie doesn't pay.)

#### WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

"HOLD THAT BLONDE" with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake. (A bank-clerk who's a kleptomaniac falls in love with a gun-moll for a gang of jewel thieves. Full of laughs and Bracken is at his funniest.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

### At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Mass: 5:15. Evening Devotions: 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays and before all Masses.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; 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.

## Outranked Again

Probably the Number One question to the returning GI—or what should be the Number One question—is: "Does the Selective Service Act give a veteran the right to reinstatement in his old job, regardless of the seniority rights of non-veteran employees?"

Briefly the situation is this. The Selective Service Act provides that a veteran shall be restored his old job or "to a position of like seniority, status, and pay unless the employer's circumstances have changed to make it impossible or unreasonable". This law—loaded with loopholes, as we pointed out some weeks ago—has been interpreted in as many different ways as there are people interpreting it.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service chief, has ruled that this law means that non-veterans of greater seniority must be discharged to make way for veterans, if no job exists for the returning serviceman otherwise.

In a test case in Brooklyn a US District Court judge upheld General Hershey and said: "This plaintiff is entitled to come back to his work and is entitled to come back to work in preference to anyone else who might be working on any of the days he applied for work, except a veteran in his own category."

So? That seems fine and dandy. But in another test case, the intermediary between veteran and employee said: "The Hershey ruling, now known as 'super-seniority' might bring about a serious economic and social upheaval. The older workers carrying family responsibilities which come with maturing years would find themselves displaced, despite their long service in industry, by younger men, who, as a rule, have only themselves to care for. Established industrial organization would be disrupted and thrown into confusion. The task of reconversion to a peacetime economy, difficult at best, would be hampered to a degree that might well prove dangerous."

Naturally, the labor unions are strongly against this "super-seniority" too, and will lobby and fight against it every inch of the way. Their belief is that super-seniority would be unfair to permit a veteran who had worked for a company for one or two years to displace a non-veteran who had worked for the same company 15 or 20 years.

And at least one employer group, a sub-committee of the Association of American Railroads, said that the ruling is "of doubtful legality" and would have the effect of upsetting the labor agreements and personnel practices which have been in effect in industry for many years.

The whole business will probably end up in the lap of the US Supreme Court.

Naturally, we shed a tear for the worker who will be released from his job to make room for a veteran. The Army has a word for it: "Rough!". But somehow, we feel that the poor old dough-foot—the bosses shouting "We'll keep your job for you!", and all the other hokum that pussyfoots under the guise of patriotism—we feel that that doughfoot who returns to find the boss has stuck the flag and the speeches back in the moth balls isn't going to be one bit happy.

"Okay Joe, we know the government promised you your job back. But while you were out fighting and risking death and maiming, you lost seniority. So the guy who took over your job (we got him a deferment) is more entitled to that job than you are."

It looks like GI Joe is going to get outranked again.

## More From Mr. Wells

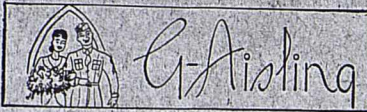
A few weeks ago we printed an editorial in these columns reflecting the opinions of H. G. Wells. The editorial stirred up considerable talk. So we give you another comment by Mr. Wells anent the Atomic bomb.

"Nothing could have been more obvious to the people of the early 20th century than the rapidity with which war was becoming impossible. And as certainly they did not see it. They did not see it until the atomic bombs burst in their fumbling hands. It was a matter of no common knowledge that a man could carry about in a handbag enough latent energy to wreck half a city. And yet the world still fooled around with paraphanelia and pretensions of war.

"The catastrophe of the atomic bombs which shook men out of cities and businesses and economic relations, shook them also out of their old-established habits of thought, and out of the lightly held beliefs and prejudices that came down to them from the past. To borrow a word from the old-fashioned chemists, men were made nascent; were ready for new associations, the moral shock of the atomic bombs had been a profound one, and for awhile the cunning side of the human animal was overpowered by its sincere realization of the vital necessity for reconstruction."

That quotation by H. G. Wells is from his book "The World Set Free"; published 31 years ago—in 1914!





**HICKS LONGINO**

A former Pyote worker, Mrs. Eula V. Longino, became the bride of Mr. Earl Hicks at the Pyote Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 28. Attending the couple were Mrs. Dean Longino of Odessa and Mr. Arthur Hicks of Wickett.

The former Mrs. Longino was employed at the Pyote Army Air Base as foreman of the Sub-Depot Fabric Shop.

The ceremony was performed by S/Sgt. Lee F. Hanson, pastor of the church.

**Commissioned Officer Has 20 Days After Release to Hold Rank**

The Recruiting office advises all commissioned officers that those applying for enlistment whose last period of active service in the Army was in the status of commissioned officer, warrant officer, or flight officer will be enlisted in the first grade, provided such enlistment is effected within 20 days of the date of release from active service.

Lt. James Sehon, Recruiting officer, pointed out that this does not preclude the statutory right to re-enlist in grade, of former RA enlisted men who were discharged to enter upon active duty as commissioned officers or warrant officers in the AUS.

The above information is quoted from WD cir. 310, Sec. V (par 7), sub-para B and C.

**CAMERA--**

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27 pounds, and it may be plugged into any ordinary current line. The camera uses 35 mm. film and contains its own built-in light source, a coiled circular quartz vapor discharge tube. The tube, designed and constructed by the General Electric Company, gives a flash of approximately 1/25,000th of a second duration, too short a period of time to harm the eye.

The device has been used by the Medical Corps to photograph open eyes at close-up ranges. It is estimated that the flash is capable of withstanding the strain of 50,000 flashes, each of which, at its peak intensity, is brighter than sunlight. The brilliance of the flash is so great that the surrounding general illumination of the subject need not be taken into consideration.

Due to the extremely rapid flash discharge, the camera has a phenomenal motion-stopping ability, which is capable of "freezing" the whirring of a moving fan blade.

Four models of the camera are now in existence, and others are being developed.

**Rattlers Open Season With 2 Wins Over Abilene**

The Pyote Rattlers, under-rated by ten points, came through in an overtime finish to defeat the Long Beach AAF squad 33-31 last Saturday at Long Beach, California.

Lt. George D. Smith, forward, tied the game in the final minutes of play at 31 all with a free throw and in the last 20 seconds of the overtime period F/O Hamilton, Rattler captain, sank the winning basket.

The win gives the Rattler three straight victories for the season to date.

**MEET MIDLAND FRIDAY**

Next home game scheduled for the unbeaten squad is set for Friday night at 7 at the Rec Hall, when they'll oppose the Midland AAF five. Admission is free.

The Rattlers opened the season on October 30th with a sensational 52-50 victory against Abilene AAF on the latter's home court. The Pyote team led by ten points at half-time, but a one-handed shot midway in the 4th quarter by Coleman of Abilene tied the score at 44 all. Pyote immediately scored again and was neved headed.

**TAKE ABILENE AGAIN**

At the first home game of the season, the Rattler again tumbled the Abilene five in a re-match, 74-32. F/O Hamilton, captain of the team for the game, was high scorer for Pyote with 12 points.

**EMs ONLY**

The use of the post exchange cafeteria and tap room is confined to enlisted personnel. PX officers emphasized this week. Officers are requested to observe this regulation.

**UTILITIES DUE 8th OF MONTH**

According to the Daily Bulletin, statements for furniture rentals were not mailed to individuals at this station. All bills will be due and must be paid on or before the 8th day of the following month at the Civilian Personnel Office.

**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 10th, according to figures released by the Statistical Control Office.

**OFFICERS: 34  
ENLISTED: 91**

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

**OFFICERS: 482  
ENLISTED: 1699**

**Re-enlisting Has Big Financial Advantage**

Further information was released from the field recruiting officer by Lt. James H. Sehon, Recruiting Officer.

"The extreme importance of procuring a high percentage of re-enlistments in the Regular Army should be realized and fully, wisely, and patriotically considered by each and every citizen. At this critical time of AAF history we are daily

losing many thousands of highly trained and experienced men. While it is possible to replace enough of those men by the operation of selective service to fill up our organizations, we cannot replace their skill and know-how until the new men have been trained. Every re-enlistment of a trained soldier represents the saving of a small fraction of the expenditure that has been necessary to build up our present huge organization. Each United States citizen, whether he is already in uniform or not, should give the recruiting campaign his personal attention and fully realize that the success of this campaign may well measure the combat efficiency of the AAF for the next several years."

**FINANCIAL OUTLOOK**

A War Dept. pamphlet, "What's In It for Me?" gives a complete picture of the financial side of the Army. It is reasonable to suppose that any man about to decide on a career will ask himself sooner or later, "How much is this job going to pay me, now, and after years of service?" Based on present pay scales, the following pay table is an answer to this question. For the purposes of such a calculation, it is assumed that the EM is married, with one child, that three years service were spent in each grade before promotion, that present pay scales and income tax exemptions will remain in effect and that retirement was after 30 years service.

**ANNUAL BASE PAY:** M/Sgt. \$1656; T/Sgt. \$1639; S/Sgt. \$1152; Sgt. \$936; Cpl. \$792; Pfc. \$648; Pvt. \$600.

**LONGEVITY** (assuming 3 years in each grade); M/Sgt. \$497; T/Sgt. \$342; S/Sgt. \$230; Sgt. \$140; Cpl. \$79; Pfc. \$32.

**DEPENDENTS ALLOWANCE** (assuming wife, one child): M/Sgt. \$695; T/Sgt. through Pvt. \$696.

**RATIONS ALLOWANCE:** M/Sgt. through S/Sgt. \$241.

**CASH INCOME** (with/without flight pay) M/Sgt. \$4167, \$3090; T/Sgt. \$3502, \$2647; S/Sgt. \$3020, \$2319; Sgt. \$2310, \$1772; Cpl. \$2003, \$1567; Pfc. \$1716, \$1376; Pvt. 1596, \$1296.

**ESTIMATED VALUE of Income Tax saving** (wife, 1 child) with/without flight pay): M/Sgt. \$509, \$309; T/Sgt. \$390, \$231; S/Sgt. \$311, \$164; Sgt. \$164, \$50; Cpl. \$102, \$27; Pfc. \$39, \$28; Pvt. \$28, \$20.

**ESTIMATED VALUE of clothing, quarters and rations:** M/Sgt. through S/Sgt. \$280; Sgt. through Pvt. \$506.

**ESTIMATED VALUE of medical, dental and hospital care available to wife, child and EM:** M/Sgt. through Pvt. \$100.

**ESTIMATED VALUE of annual amount that would have to be set aside to provide retirement pay and widow's pension,** M/Sgt. \$503; T/Sgt. \$432; S/Sgt. through Pvt. \$378.

**CASH INCOME PLUS estimated values** (with/without flight pay): M/Sgt. \$5599, \$4292; T/Sgt. \$4704, \$3690; S/Sgt. \$4079, \$3241; Sgt. \$3458, \$2806; Cpl. \$3089, \$2578; Pfc. \$2739, \$2382; Pvt. \$2608, \$2300.

Now compare the rate of enlisted pay from this table with the rate of pay you have been hoping to receive in civilian life. Remember that your civilian pay will be subject to many deductions, that it will by no means be all "take home pay".

**Further Financial Benefits**

Dependents' allowances will be continued in effect, clothing, rations and quarters are provided by the Govt. In times of national shortages in clothing and food, the estimated value of these items may well be very much higher than the above figures.

Freedom from excessive financial burdens of medical and dental care is one of the outstanding advantages of RA life. And you are assured of full pay during hospitalization and convalescence.

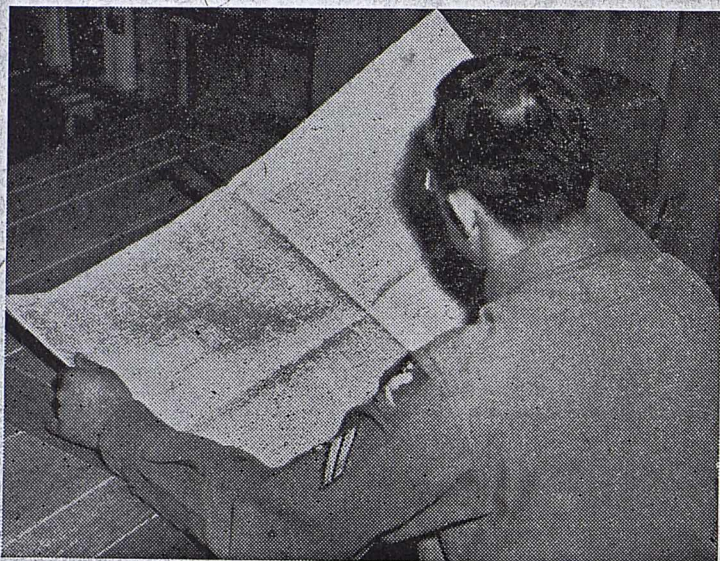
The retirement privileges are one of the most attractive features of Army life. When you have served 20 years, you may be retired on your request and be paid 2% of the average annual pay (including longevity pay) you have been receiving just before your retirement, multiplied by the number of years of actual service. Thus you always know just what you can count on in the future.

You are entitled to mustering out pay even though you are discharged to enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Army, and you also receive an enlistment allowance of \$50.00 for each full year of honorable service. You may also be given a re-enlistment furlough with travel pay at the rate of five cents a mile from your station to home and thence to your new station.

**Next week: Indirect financial benefits of the Regular Army.**



## HELP WANTED



## Veterans Preferred For Civil Service Positions

(Sixth in a series on post-war opportunities.)

Biggest check-signer in the country is Uncle Sam, himself. There's scarcely a trade or skill the old man can't use. To any GI with a discharge button that's a good word since veterans receive preference in the employment of civil service personnel.

Before the war there were one million federal employees, and during the battle the number tripled. Although the number is rapidly decreasing due to the liquidation of war agencies, chances are there for a good job with Uncle Sammy.

### 500,000 Jobs in 2 Years

Five hundred thousand jobs will be open during the next 2 years according to Commissioner Arthur S. Flemming of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Of these half million jobs approximately 95% are to be filled by examination under the merit system. The interested job seeker can get further info by dropping in or writing the Civil Service offices in these cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Winston Salem, Atlanta, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, New Orleans, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Salt Lake City, or in Honolulu, Balboa Heights, C. Z., or San Juan, P. R.

If you like the home town and want to stay there, try the post office. Either first or second class p.m. can give you accurate information on Civil Service jobs.

### Jobs for Disabled Vets

The federal service is especially attractive to disabled veterans since special efforts have been made to make places for them. There are 5000 such positions and because they receive a 10-point

bonus on the scores of their civil service examinations—they don't have too much trouble getting them. Other vets receive a 5-point bonus. Furthermore, when vets entitled to a 10-point preference cannot qualify because of service-connected disabilities, their wives receive those valuable 10 points. Unmarried widows of veterans get the same break.

The US Civil Service Commission is today accepting only applications from veterans. Details of the advantages veterans receive may be found in the Commission's pamphlet, "From Military Service to Civil Service" available at any Commission office.

### VA Has Good Jobs

The biggest opportunities at the moment, according to the Commission, are in the Veterans' Administration, which is in desperate need of contact representatives, training officers, physical directors, and recreational aides. Gen. Omar Bradley, VA boss, expects to have 120,000 employees on his staff, mostly vets. The Treasury Dept. needs qualified veterans to carry on the war against income tax evaders and black market operators.

Federal employment is not restricted to Washington, though of course there are many openings in the Capital.

Here are some of the typical jobs under Civil Service: postmaster, railway postal clerk, rural carrier, postal clerk, electrician, photographer, lithographer, compositor,

# Separation Processes Streamlined Further

Yes, the Rattler has run a story on how a Separation Center works before. But recent streamlining of the organization has added a few features and altered a few since the last report, and what follows is the latest ruptured-duck's eye-view of how separation centers are currently operating.

"This is your last Army talk . . . you are about to leave active service. In the days to come, you will review many incidents which occurred during your Army life . . ."

Almost 4000 expectant vets, acting more like expectant daddies, listen to that solemn speech every day at Fort Dix, N. J. and it's one of the few speeches no soldier ever sleeps through. The farewell talk from the brass to the GI at the Army's largest separation center is followed immediately by the formal dispensing of those long-anticipated papers.

### 4000 Discharges a Day

"Once when things were the other way around, we inducted 2200 men a day and thought we had a record," said Ft. Dix's Public Relations Officer, "but now we are on the verge of discharging 4000 men every 24 hours".

The system at Dix, basically the same at all separation centers, is to start each soldier on the road to becoming a civilian before they finish shaking his hand. As soon as they hit Dix's reception station, soldiers eligible for discharge are shuffled over to the Initial Receiving Point where their records are taken, they're assigned to companies, and where all surplus clothing is taken from them.

Following this is a period which brings more gripes than any other. It's a period of inactivity, until the soldier's name is put on a roster.

"Sometimes it takes just a few hours and again it may be several days", said the Major, "it all depends on how many men are waiting to be processed".

### 3 Shifts Work At Once

Officials are agreed that the separation process is working at its smoothest when 12,000 men are going through discharge proced-

elevator operator, custodian, stenographer, secretary, clerk, weather observer, forest ranger, engineer, architect, draftsman, nurse, accountant, auditor, statistical expert, information specialist, librarian, investigator, customs inspector and literally thousands of other jobs.

The federal service offers its employees several advantages. Tenure of employees is usually great. There are ample opportunities for promotion, sick leave, annual leave provisions, and a retirement leave. It's something to look into.

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Next week: Jobs in the Petroleum Industry.

ures—in 3 groups of 4000 each. While one group is starting out, another is halfway through, and the other group's receiving their discharge papers. Under this method, work goes on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

While waiting for their name to be placed on rosters, soldiers hang around their barracks, play poker, take in an afternoon or evening at one of the post's 7 theatres, or play basketball at the sports arena. No passes are issued.

"You gotta be careful where you are, though", said one anxious GI, "When they call out those rosters, sometimes they catch you by surprise, and you'll be at the movies. Then you're out of luck." After saying this, the GI—sweating out his 2nd roster—went back to listening attentively near a loud-speaker.

### It Takes 48 Hours

Once GIs make that roster, they are assured of becoming civilians within 48 hours. In quick order, they go through a final orientation (to learn how civilians are supposed to act), receive vocational counseling, a physical exam, sign their signatures on discharge papers, have a new clothing issue and a final clothing showdown, receive back pay, travel pay, and \$100 of their mustering-out pay, hear that final talk, grab their discharge papers, and scam for home on the double.

Some of those matters can't be dismissed that easily. Consider, for instance, that vocational counseling. The soldier, with a job counselor to aid him, fills out WD Form 1010, which lists his occupational history, both in the Army and out. This, separation officials say, will come in handy to show prospective employers. Then a card is mailed to the vet's previous employer, giving him news of the discharge. The counselor takes care of any awards and decorations the soldier may have earned but did not receive. Also, if the out-bound soldier has any questions—jobs, insurance, GI Bill of Rights, he springs them here. A civilian employe from the US Employment Service is in the office to help him, too.

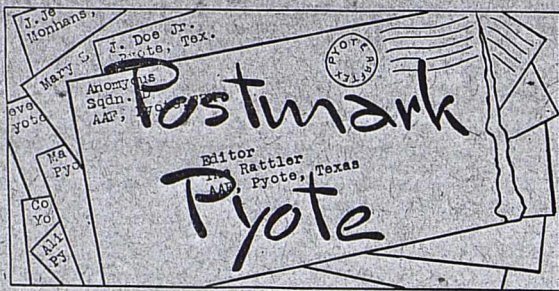
### Physical Exam

And then there's the physical exam—it's probably more thorough than any the soldier ever received before in the Army. The center gives medical discharges, too, and if the doctors think a soldier belongs in a hospital, in a hos-

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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!

**KANSAN ON PYOTE**

Editor, the Rattler:

I have read the Rattler for some time now and wonder if you would mind letting a gal from Kansas City add her views on what she sees in Pyote.

From the ramps of this field there has been many a boy leave to never come back. I have known many of these men, both officers and enlisted personnel, and their wives and girlfriends and sweethearts. I might say I have spent from July 1943 to October 31st the happiest part of my life. The sight of seeing the B-29s come in will always live in my memory as a never-forgettable sight. When the last large ship pulls in its flaps and climbs high into the Texas sky, it will be like closing the pages of a story well-told, the story of how one small air field helped to win this war. Yes, this place will be forgotten soon by many but it will stand out among the happiest hours of my life.

The place was rugged, but so were the guys that trusted their lives to the staunchness of their planes, and loyal ground crews, who have sweated out those cross country flights, praying the big ships in. But we were happy and that's what counts. We fussed about the town, whisky, beer, no trees, the chow, the wind, the weather, the gals and everything, but we live it and loved it (though some of us won't admit it). We all wanted to go back home and spent most of our time talking of the things we were going to do when we got there. But we had to have something to talk about and it was usually the folks back home! but home wasn't the place we usually made it.

The field has a pretty good history. It's a little over 3 years old and for the first 14 months there were B-17s and then there were B-29s. Few crack ups, few lives lost.

You could always find some kind of entertainment around here. was the Service Club (until it was ruined by fire). I have danced at the Rec Hall, both the old and new NCO Clubs, the Officers' Club, the patio, old Hangar No. 2. I have gone to both theatres on the field, the camp shows. I have eaten in the Mess Halls, played tennis on the officers' courts and went bowl-

ing at the alley and swimming in both pools. In short, I had a darned good time at Pyote Army Air Field.

I have always heard that a place is what you make it, and we did a pretty good job of making Pyote a nice place to be. It took Joes from New York, Johnnies from Kansas, Bills from California, and people from one state and another, plus a few from England, Cuba, and so on. Some people called it the hell hole of Texas, but from the crowd that gathered at the little white chapel every Sunday and late afternoons when things were not going so good, you would say differently.

Things haven't changed much in the last few years around here. One bunch shipped in, another out. I have loved it here, but it's kind of sad sometimes, it's like a big parade pulling past you and nobody stopping long enough for you to get to know their faces.

No, this isn't the end of a story and there will never be an end to Pyote nd a place where guys called Gene, Chuck, or Dan go out to die for a place like this—sure, this place is small but its one of those things that goes to make this place America, a place someone calls Home. Places like this—all over the USA is what we are fighting for.

These few lines were written in memory of those that are leaving and those that went on before and won't ever come back and there have been many of my pals. From one redheaded gal from Kansas City to all you fellows who will just say "Keep 'em flying forever and ever wherever you go" and I'll be rooting for you with the best of them.

Miss Fredie Presswood

**GLASS FUTURE**

Editor, the Rattler:

I've been reading your articles on post-war industries. I have a job waiting for me in one of Ohio's glass factories; so can you tell me anything about the postwar outlook there?

S/Sgt. N. F. C.

• Glass, once fragile and useful only for windows and bottles, should be considered more broadly. There are 4 classes of products: flat glass, containers, filament (for textiles, spun glass insulation), and

specialty glass (lens and tubing). Glass can be delicate or bullet-resistant. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average hourly wage in 1942 was 84.7 cents. John D. Biggers, President of the Libby Owens Ford Glass Co., one of the biggest, says a steady, though not rapid growth in the industry may be expected.

**ATTACH SAVINGS?**

Editor, the Rattler:

Before I went in, I borrowed some money from a loan company. I have been putting a portion of my GI pay into soldiers deposits. The company has been dunning me and threatening to attach my savings in soldier's deposits. What do I do?

(Name withheld.)

• Nothing. Soldier's deposits are exempt from attachment by the courts.

**WHO? US?**

Editor, the Rattler:

Whatsa matter with you lunks? What's wrong with Ingrid Bergman's picture in your crummy newspaper?

Cpl. N. T. D.



• Here's Ingrid. Who's crummy?

**INSURANCE (CONT'D)**

Editor, the Rattler:

It strikes me that converting GI insurance to civilian insurance would save me dough. The question is: How do I go about it?

Pfc. N. R. L.

• You're right. However, 80% of discharged GIs forgot to take advantage of this, resulting in a loss of a billion smackers of insurance. The reason for their forgetting is that GIs are accustomed to having the premium taken out of their salary and forgot to mail in the dough each month. Recently, the Government extended the effectiveness of GI insurance from the original 5-year term to 8 years. This means that you can maintain GI insurance at GI rates for 8 years, merely by paying the same premium that was deducted from your pay while you were in uniform. Or you can keep the insurance for life by converting it to a permanent policy. The Veterans' Administration in Washington, any of its re-

gional offices, or the Personal Affairs Office on this field (in Finance Bldg.) should be consulted as soon as possible after discharge.

**JAPANESE WINTERS**

Editor, the Rattler:

How cold does it get in Japan in the wintertime?

Mrs. N. R. K.

• The popular notion that Japan is a land of year-round sunshine is so much baka. When it's winter in the US, it's winter in Japan too. F'rexample: Okinawa, at the southern tip, has a winter cooler than Miami; temperatures from 50 to 60 for a 4-month period. Further north, in Hokkaido, the winters resemble those of Maine—slushy and damp, with the mercury below freezing for 3 of the 5 winter months. The Jap climate is foggy—like movies of London. Snows along the coast of Japan have an accumulated maximum of 16 feet.

**PILOT TRAINING**

Editor, the Rattler:

How does one apply for pilot training?

Lt. Mueller

• According to the provisions of AR 605-145, Sec I, para 3, you write a letter to the Adjutant General, War Dept., Washington DC, saying you want to apply for pilot training in officer grade. They'll send you an application blank.

**STREAMLINE--**

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pital he goes—points and all.

Some of the other matters are easy enough—like signing the discharge papers and getting underwear, socks, overcoat, and a suit of untans and another suit of ODS. Six enlisted men in this department have jobs that make people blink. Masculine "seamstresses", they sit behind a sewing machine and sew on those honorable discharge emblems as the prospective vets pass in review.

**\$50 On The Line**

As far as the demobilization pay is concerned, 50 bucks is paid off in cash and the rest by check. That is to discourage the sharks who are waiting at camp gates for those green civilians.

The final talk—only a couple of minutes long—seems like a year to the men with their eyes on the discharge papers. At Dix the prepared speech used to read: "What a stupendous job it was to create an Army of approximately 8,000,000 men. Many mistakes have been made." Recently, the brass decided that was too strong. Now they omit the word "many".

When they receive those discharge papers, many of the men just stand there with their eyes wide. S/Sgt. Glenn Williams, 79-pointer from Johnson City, NY, kept his eyes fastened on his papers and muttered "I'm bewildered".

Williams is no exception. Everyone is always bewildered.





# KOOPS' KORNER

## SUGAR REPORT

Dear Koops: Didja know that people from Wash. DC outdrink the rest of the country? Do ya care? Well they do. In 1944, the average American drank 1.08 gallons of hard liquor; the Capitalists gulped down 4.42 gallons average. Beer? American average consumption last year was 14.16 gallons per person; Washingtonians: 16.80. . . . Postwar field: A recent survey showed that within the next 5 or 6 years American families will buy one hundred million radios—about 2.8 sets per family: . . . The lowdown on the Mauldin divorce (isn't that a tragedy?) is that Bill is naming a former friend as corespondent. . . . The Aussie brides don't like the US. They say it isn't like the movies told 'em it would be. So over 50 of them, wives of GIs, are going back to Australia. One of the girls said: "Everything in America is fast and everyone is selfish". . . . Wacs are having no trouble getting old jobs back, says the WD. Wac personnel has dropped, via discharges, from 100,000 to 91,000. . . .

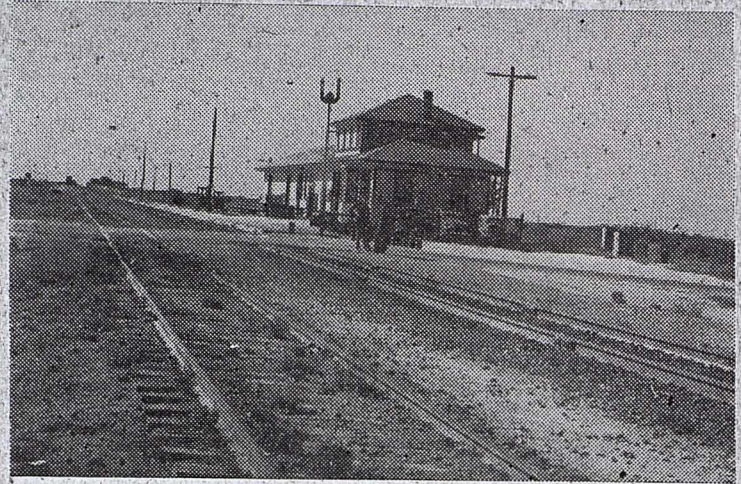
Here's some current unofficial dope from our spies in Washington, that may be out-of-date, by the time it gets in print. . . . The demobilization program has advanced to a point where transportation, and not separation, is the bottle-neck. . . . That means that GIs in the states, with lower points, will be out before high-point men overseas because they can't get the guys overseas back fast enough to keep separation centers filled. . . . According to our sources, the next cut in officers' points will come Dec. 1, and there will probably be another cut in point score for EM on that date, too. . . . But hottest news items from Pentagon Bldg. and very much unconfirmed, is that sometime this month a schedule of future cuts and possibly a schedule of discharges on length of service may be announced this month. At least, G-1 is kicking this idea around. . . . Separation facilities have just about reached their peak. Releases for this month and next will be about the same as in October—1,200,000 men a month. . . .

Releases from Oct. 1 through Oct. 26 reached 1,047,000. Since V-J Day (Sept. 2, as if you didn't know) 1,633,000 have been demobilized, while a total of 2,235,000 have been released from V-E Day to Oct. 26th. . . . The House of Representatives put their okay on the tax bill, which eliminates taxation on service pay of enlisted personnel during wartime and gives officers 3 years to settle up back taxes. It still has to pass the Senate and the White House. . . .

The new World War II Victory Medal, which goes to all members of the Armed Forces who served honorably on active duty at any time between Dec. 7, 1941 and the official end of hostilities, without regard to length or place of service, will replace the "ruptured duck" as a serviceman's emblem. . . . The ribbon looks something like the World War I victory medal. The new decoration has a red center with narrow, vertical white borders which are flanked by double rainbows—which looks like something you see just before you fall off the barstool. . . . Purchase from civilian stores will be possible within a few weeks. Distribution of it has already begun at separation centers. . . .

More dope from Washington, in by late carrier pigeon, hints that there is renewed activity in Congress to bring the "duration" to an official end. The House Judiciary subcommittee is holding bills that would definitely set the cessation of hostilities either on Aug. 14 (when Japan quit) or Sept. 2 (when they signed the surrender). . . . Such a plan would make the "6 months" up on either February 14th or March 2, 1946; or a little more than 3 months away—and would sorta mess up the WD's plan to hold 2 year men until late March, wouldn't it? . . . Hey, Turkey-Day ain't far away. And the War Dept. has gone on record as inviting GI's folks to camp for turkey dinner on Thanksgiving. The order, approved Oct. 25th, states that each officer, enlisted person, or civilian employee regularly subsisting in military mess within the continental US may have guests, immediate members of his or her family and not to exceed one friend, for subsistence with military messes for turkey meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas. . . . Should I check

## So This Is Pyote!



the story locally? . . .

More discharge chatter. During October the AAF separation bases released 200,457 officers and EM, which exceeded the month's quota by 12,413. . . . Oh yes, how about that Kirtland AAF Master Sergeant that re-enlisted but won't have to serve a day? Seems he has 29 years, 8 months and 10 days in the Army. He'll get a 90 day furlough on re-enlisting and that 90 days will carry him past 30 years of service. Bingo! He gets his pension. Tricky, huh? . . . Here's an item for ya. More than half the vets who plan to set up their own business will go into retailing with 1st choice: electrical appliances and radio stores. Restaurants, filling stations and all kinds of apparel stores are tied for 2nd place. . . . Maj. Gen. Stephen S. Henry has been retired; his job as Ass't. Chief of Staff went to Maj. Gen. Willars S. Paul. . . .

Gotta wad of info on Alaskan homesteading opportunities. Tell interested GIs to stop in the Rattler Office and look it over. . . . Hargrove (author of "See Here, Private ditto") is a civilian. Sez Hargrove: "I'm not going to be a veteran, I'm going to be a civilian." . . . The President has asked Congress to provide 24½ million smackers to make available war housing for 25,000 families of veterans and servicemen. The idea is to dismantle unoccupied housing units and transfer them to communities or colleges for use of GIs who can't find living quarters for themselves and families. . . . Editorial idea for you: Admiral Halsey sez World War III will last only 6 months and there'll be "practically nothing left of the loser". . . .

Funny that most newspapers missed the item about a Sergeant R. W. Berry as to why Sgt. Spindle has not been discharged. Seems R. W. Berrt as to why Sgt. Spindle has not been discharged. Seems Spindle claims he's been surplus for more than a month and is eligible for discharge. "After hearing just one side of the story, it appears that a mistake has been made", General Berry said. . . . Guess that's all for this week.

Love, Sugar



# 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


**BROWN LEATHER** billfold lost between Squadron A and Civilian Personnel office last Thursday, Nov. 1. Reward for finder if returned to S/Sgt. B. E. Werner, Sqn. A.

**RING OF 6 KEYS** lost last week. Attached to ring is small scottie dog (imitation). Please return to Courts and Boards office.

**ANY LIBRARY** books at the barracks or office? Do the field a favor by returning overdue books that might have been left behind by transferred personnel. The library depends upon this cooperation to keep a full supply of books on hand.

### FOR SALE

**WANT TO SELL** or trade a 1940



"Them notches is for years—not Japs!"

*War Bond Dollars Are*  
**DOUBLE DUTY DOLLARS**


Indian Chief (74) motorcycle. Would like late model car in trade. See Davis, subdepot sheet metal, ext. 41.

**LATEST MODEL** Agfa Speedex Senior camera. F.45 lens with shutter speeds from one-tenth to one-two hundredth fiftieth of a second. Camera is equipped with sun hood, set of filters and is in



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**LORCRAFT**, CAA licensed. Ship is owned by T/Sgt. W. B. Henry. See ship at Monahans Airport. Ask for Mr. Bingham.



"Al's been stationed at Pisa."

NELSON

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HOW NICE, GENERAL!

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I DREAMED OF YOU ALL OVER FRANCE

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I DREAMED... ABOUT... YOU WHILE... I... WAS IN... GERMANY



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"... and this one can cook!"

Sgt. Sansone

The Rattler, Nov. 7, 1945



"Barnes, are you sure you've been alternating your shoes every day?"

Sgt. Newell

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"This is Lt. Hodges... Submarine Service."

CPL WOODY FIELD GA



PFC. HANK SYVERSON  
AAF - GULVER CITY, CALIF.

"Boy—it sure is good to see an American girl after four years in the South Pacific!"



"All right, men—let's remember to be careful of government property!"

CPL G. KARPF