

## Stars Shine In Service Club



Franchot Tone and wife, Jean Wallace, were welcome visitors to the Rattlesnake AAF last week, marking the first appearance of a top-ranking box office attraction at this station. It seems the WACs had a field day with lady-killer Tone, undaunted by presence of one each, wife, Jean; for further dope check WAC Flak, inside. Mr. and Mrs. Tone made the rounds, dishing out autographs and generally making everyone feel better—which is what "lifting morale" must mean. The WAC Detachment, the Hospital, Mess Halls, Theater and Service Club were among the points visited by the Hollywood couple. General conclusion here was that the men and women at this out-of-the-way Station could stand a lot more of the same. The Stage Door Canteen must be grand, but who needs diversion in New York? Other pictures on page 2.

## USO Club Caters To Camera Bugs

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## WRONG RETURN ADDRESSES

## DELAYING STATION MAIL

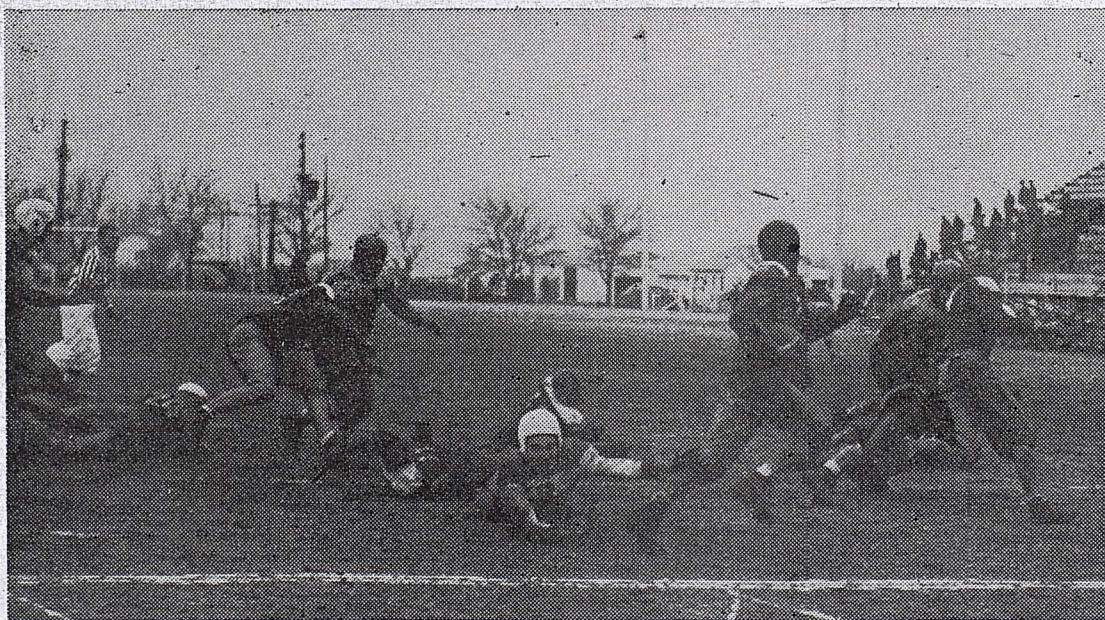
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# Pyote Fans See New Year Classic

## Ack-Acks Rout Game Tanker Eleven, 19-0

The Ack-Acks Full-back Kenneth Webb makes a hard try to nab a Tanker back who is trying to run the ball out of the danger zone, to where the Fort Bliss men carried it repeatedly in the final quarter. Webb was outstanding in messing up the Abilene line both on the offense and defense.

Miss Mary Margaret Grant was crowned Victory Bowl Queen at the Odessa game, well-attended New Year's Day by Pyote soldiers. For additional pictures and story, turn to pages 8-9.



## What's In A Name?



## Monahans USO Attracts Camera Bugs With Well-Equipped Darkroom

Photographers, skilled and amateur among the servicemen frequenting the USO club of Monahans, will celebrate January 9 as the 105th anniversary of the science of photography.

The new USO club has a completely equipped darkroom where servicemen and women may develop and enlarge their prints. Cameras are available at the club for use by the armed services and films for the cameras may be purchased at the club.

J. L. Pinkerton, photographer of Monahans, will be on hand to explain to the guests just what materials are available in the dark room and to answer questions.

The first photographs were taken January 9, 1839, according to historians. At that time photographers coated glass plates in a dark room with a paint brush, placed them in a camera then rushed out to take a picture before the emulsion melted. Rushing back to the dark room they would immediately develop the picture and make a print, as there was no assurance that the negative would retain its qualities more than a few hours.

Mr. Pinkerton will be glad to criticize work of servicemen photographers and give them helpful hints to improve their work.

Mrs. M. L. H. Baze of Monahans will open a class in finger painting and bead work in the Quiet Room of the USO Club, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 a ping pong tournament is planned in the Recreational Room with a prize offered to the winners.

Dance classes will be available through the month, one on Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. and the other on Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Willard Gassel will have charge of the one on Thursdays.

On January 10, Bingo will be played in the club's recreation room, at 8:30 p.m. and the night of January 11 has informal dancing on the program. A motion picture, "Swiss Family Robinson", will be shown January 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the club.

Game night is slated for January 14 and on January 15 a "Gay '90s" party is planned with junior hostesses donning old fashioned gowns for the occasion. The Pyote Air Field Band will furnish the music.

Servicemen who would like to have stripes or buttons sewed on their uniforms are invited to come to the USO to have this done.

Other services available at the

## Infantrymen Given 275,000 Upward Revisions In Grade

(CNS)—Approximately 275,000 enlisted infantrymen have been given promotions automatically by the War Department "in recognition of the acknowledged hazards and responsibilities shouldered by the Infantry in combat."

These revisions in non commissioned ratings became effective both in the U. S. and abroad Dec. 13 and call for pay increases of from \$48 to \$216 a year in 16 of the outstanding Infantry combat categories. Among those affected were one half of all privates in certain designated units who were boosted one grade to private first class.

Others affected in the change include: squad leader and some squad leader assistants, promoted from corporal to sergeant; section leaders from sergeant to staff sergeant; platoon sergeants from staff sergeant to technical sergeant, and battalion sergeant majors from staff sergeant to technical sergeant.

## Dressmaking Shop For Civilians Opens

A dressmaking shop, first of its kind on the field, will be opened Monday, January 10th in the west wing of the civilian center.

The shop will be conducted by Mrs. V. W. Cross who formerly was with the Post Exchange Tailor Shop.

Opened daily until 8 p.m., the services of this shop will be available only to civilians on the post and the wives of military personnel.

Services for remodeling, repair and making of dresses will be available.

club are a library where many of the most recent books are available; classical recordings in the Quiet Room; games of all kinds, snack bar service, and showers.

On Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon, servicemen are invited to drop in the club for coffee and doughnuts following church services.

What's in a name? once queried the Bard. Plenty, if the names belong to Franchot Tone, above, and Jean Wallace, who here sign their autographs for GI collectors. The Hollywood visitors last week were ready and willing with the pencil.

## And They Call Him 'The Brute'!



Any member of the Medics can set his watch on PFC Joseph Lonergan's shaving time. It's 2300 to the minute. At that time the smallest member of the detachment mounts his red and white stool, which was given to him by the organization for a Christmas present; vigorously lathers his reddish face and whacks away the whiskers. "Brute", who hails from San Francisco, is not only one of the most popular but one of

the hardest and most conscientious workers in the Detachment. The enviable reputation he has acquired for keeping the Dental Clinic spotless cannot be equaled. Captain Kinsey, Dental Surgeon, the Dental Officers and the Technicians will all vouch for that. This little Irishman is definitely the outstanding character of the Detachment and a mighty important part of it.

### SERGEANT SENDS SWEETIE'S LETTER TO HIS WIFE

LOC ANGELES (CNS)—Mrs. Carol Snider blinked a couple of times when she received a letter from her husband, an Army sergeant, that began "Dear Sweetie heart." And when she read—"you don't have to worry about my wife"—she applied for a divorce. Snider had mailed his sweetie's letter to his wife,

### IT'S THE ARMY

BIRMINGHAM, MICH. (CNS)—Maid-seeking Mrs. Richard J. Coverney ran this ad in a local paper: "Wanted: Maid. No cooking, cleaning, serving or laundry. Taxi to and from work. Loan of milk coat Thursdays and Sundays. Maid's duties to answer phone and create impression of luxury. Must be willing to eat such meals as mistress prepares."

## Postal Officer Explains Proper Mail Addresses To Avoid Delays

As the delivery of mail now is being delayed greatly because letters are improperly addressed, the Postal Officer last week urged all personnel here to advise their correspondents of their correct mailing address. He explained:

"It is impossible to make delivery of mail to the proper mail room because mail is being addressed to organizations that are no longer active, and to duty sections which are not known to the postal clerks. Consequently, much mail is being delivered to organizations which do not know the addressee. This may result in a delay of several days in mail reaching the addressee."

Two correct examples of mailing addresses were pointed to:

**Sgt. Peter Smith,  
Air Base Unit,  
Army Air Field,  
Pyote, Texas**

**Lt. John Atkinson  
Section One, Combat Crew Det.,  
Army Air Field,  
Pyote, Texas**

Mail to personnel here should be addressed only to these units or departments: Air Base Unit, WAC Unit, Aviation Unit, Maintenance Unit "A", Maintenance Unit "B", Training Unit, Station Headquarters, and Care Director of Training. All such mail will be delivered to the proper unit mail room, except that "Station Headquarters" mail will be delivered to the Hq. Message Center, and "Care Director of Training" mail will be sent to the Training Dept. Message Center.

Combat crews, officers and enlisted men, should have their letters sent to Section One (or Two or Three), Combat Crew Det., and the mail will be delivered to the proper combat crew mail room.

Static officers assigned to duty with the Director of Training should have their mail addressed to the Training Unit, or Care Director of Training, it was added. Also the Postal Officer pointed out that mail should not be addressed to the 410th Base Hq. and AB Squadron, and that it is not necessary to include 19th Combat Crew Training School in the address.

Mail should never be addressed to 28th Bombardment Squadron, 30th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Squadron, Squadron A, B, C, D, E or F, 19th Group Headquarters, or Training Section I, II or III.

Personnel here should write the proper return address on their envelopes, and mention again in their letters how their mail should be addressed, until all regular correspondents mark it right. Do that, and your mail will come to you much sooner, and you'll always be sure of getting it.

## Can't Sober Up Lovelorn Sheila For One Letter

Either romance flows smoothly at this Station, or otherwise parties to quarrels just don't give a second thought to shattered hearts.

Anyway, "Hearts & Throbs" written by our lovelorn columnist, pen-named Miss Sheila Maplebottom, has gone begging for letters.

One did come last week, however. It seems the young lady, signed "Just Jealous", called her new sergeant-husband at his office to find out when he was going to get off from work, and heard this aside conversation:

Sergeant: "Say, Mary, aren't we going to quit work today at 4 p.m.?"

Mysterious Female Voice: "Yes, dear."

And the jealous young wife says if she hears anything like that again she will leave her husband.

My, my, all that fluster over a little office banter, doubtless quite meaningless. We couldn't take the trouble to sober up Miss Maplebottom to answer the young lady—but we will get the lovelorn specialist back on the beam if enough letters come in to warrant it.

### MP STANDS FIRM DEFIES AIR MARSHAL

ITALY (CNS)—Pvt. Bill Wallace of Piedmont, Ala., an MP, was ordered to bar everyone without a pass from a certain building. One of the first men to present a pass to Wallace was British Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham. With him were two orderlies, both passless. Wallace wouldn't let them through.

"These men are with me," said Sir Arthur.

"But they have no passes, sir," said Wallace, kindly but firmly. "I'm sorry, sir, but those are my orders."

"I'm going to overrule your orders," said the Air Marshal, ordering his men to follow him into the building. The two tommies took one look at Wallace and his side arm. They stayed where they were. Finally Sir Arthur smiled and gave in. The two orderlies went after passes.

## Special Sessions In Five States On Soldier Vote

### Other Governors May Follow Suit If Congress Fails

With the Federal Congress still to consider national measures to facilitate soldier absentee voting, five governors have called special legislative sessions to provide states' answers to the problems of protecting the voting right of citizens in uniform.

Two other governors (Nebraska, Indiana) are planning such calls, and seven additional state legislatures will consider the issue at regular sessions early this year. (See Editorial Page.)

Special sessions will be in Georgia, Jan. 3; Iowa, Jan. 26; Colorado, Jan. 28; Michigan, Jan. 31; West Virginia, Jan. 3. More time for absentee ballot casting is the main purpose listed.

Mississippi, Rhode Island, Kentucky, South Carolina, New Jersey, Virginia and Louisiana will consider the problem in general session. New York legislature meets January 5, but the election commission considers existing laws adequate. Pennsylvania plans to iron out minor difficulties without a special session.

Tennessee, Illinois and Utah governors are waiting to see what Congress will do before taking further action. Maine and Mississippi have passed laws exempting service men from paying poll tax. United Press reports.

Other states yet may consider action if Congress fails to agree on any provision for easier means for soldiers to vote in coming important elections.

### GAL STOWS AWAY TO SHIP WITH AMERICAN SOLDIER

BRISTOL, ENG. (CNS)—Domillie Lucia James, 23, loved an American soldier so much she stowed away on his ship when it sailed for North America. But she was discovered and sent back home where she was placed on probation for 12 months for leaving the country without permission. "These Americans," muttered her mother.

### CENSORS 'REPORT CARD'

GILBERT ISLANDS (CNS)—Here's a note the censors wouldn't pass: "Dear Mom, the ship censor won't let me tell you what we're doing but we sure are making history. P.S. How are Gilbert and Marshall making out in school?"

## Make 1944 A Victorious New Year!



That is the message blonde beauty Dolores Moran sends to GIs everywhere with this tricky setup—make 1944 a victorious New Year! With all the stars and gold-braid predicting victory over Germany in the European phase of the war this year,

plus the launching of the major offensive against Japan, this Warner Bros. lovely can be forgiven her enthusiastic optimism. While nothing quite like this happened around Pyote last weekend, 1943 was buried and 1944 hailed with the same

spirit of hope and determination. The "girl back home" may look as pretty as Dolores only to one soldier, but she's one of the main reasons why earlier victory is something to fight for.

**MEET YOUR BUDDIES:**

**Chilean Guitar Artist Likes Job As 'Boiler Cadet', Entertains Fellows**

In the 8th Altitude Training Unit, PFC Moralez is just another "Boiler Cadet", and he likes it too. This is the first time that he has engaged in anything other than music. Don Moralez, which is his professional name, is an exceptionally good tenor, guitarist and portrayer of all that is distinctly South American. This guitar master is jovial, always entertaining and has already had a career that would be the envy of any aspiring musician.

Born in Chile's capitol, Santiago, of a family of musicians, Moralez moved to San Francisco at the age of three with his parents. It was here that this young South American engaged upon a musical career immediately on his graduation from high school. Here in his home city his unusual talent was recognized almost immediately and his experiences and training were wide and varied.

In the "Golden Gate City" Don played with Al Wallace's Orchestra at the Copa Cabana and also at the St. Francis Hotel. For some time this outstanding guitarist played with Hershey Martin's Orchestra at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel; but later organized a trio of his own and was featured at the Bal Tabrain Night Club. For a period of time the well known Don Moralez was a staff guitarist at radio station KFRC and was also a member of the Argentina Trio playing regularly over NBC. Perhaps the days Don will remember the best are the ones he spent with Henry King's Orchestra as regular guitarist being featured for some time at the Mark Hopkins and the Fairmont Hotels in Frisco.

As most young musicians aspire to travel extensively, Moralez was no exception. His next engagement was with Sterling Young's Orchestra being featured regularly at that time at the Wilsher Bowl Hotel in Los Angeles. And again Don left the orchestra and organized his own Rhumba Band and played for some time at the Town House in Hollywood.

Never having seen the eastern part of his new country, Don took his newly organized band to New York City, where he played at the Rainbow Room in Radio City. Playing at numerous night clubs in New York and his popularity ever increasing, he decided to take a trip back to South America when the opportunity arose. This break came and in a short time young Don Moralez and his Rhumba Band were being featured regularly on the floor show at the internationally known Copa Cabana Club in Rio. The attractions of Rio De Janerio kept Don

Our apologies to PFC Don Moralez that his picture does not appear with this feature. Holiday mails not being what they should be, the print was lost in transit somewhere. Take our word for it. He's a nice looking guy, with a Latin flair.

and his band there for some time but finally the States for him. Enroute to his adopted San Francisco he stopped briefly at the city of his birth, Santiago, but from there it was home directly.

A more recent trip found this same band being featured regularly at the Famous Royal Hawaiian Hotel facing Waikiki Beach in Honolulu.

As many others, his colorful and interesting career was interrupted by the Army, but the break has not discouraged this most interesting personality. In the army Moralez does not want to follow his musical career but be a regular soldier and do something entirely different, and you can bet that in the High Altitude Chamber he's got it!

We're very proud to have this artist in our midst, and you can rest assured that whenever this master picks up the guitar and lets go with that marvelous tenor voice there is always an audience.

(Note: When Moralez first arrived at Pyote in April, 1943, he was a Medic. However, when he saw the opportunity to get into work more interesting to him, he passed the physical qualifications and entered the ATU.)

**TWO DOWN—AND TWO TO GO**

**SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)**—Marine Sgt. Roman Rehegan of St. Louis must serve a hitch in all four branches of the U. S. Service before he can inherit the \$1,000 his eccentric old grandfather left him in a trick will. Rehegan, now stationed here, enlisted in the Marines in 1940 after serving a hitch in the Army. He still has to serve in the Navy and Coast Guard.

**NIPS, IN RUSH, LOSE PANTS**

**BOUGAINVILLE (CNS)**—When the Marines landed here some Japs left their pillboxes in such a hurry that they scrambled without their pants.

**Star On The Ball**



"On The Ball" describes Ida Lupino, above, whether it be in a glamor pose or a scene of serious drama, for Miss Lupino is one of Hollywood's top artists. On the Warners' lot she has become famous for tough girl roles.

**Magician, Imitator, Chorus In Free Show At Rec. Hall Here Thursday**

USO-Camp Shows' "Tell Me More" will swing into performance at the Rec. Hall here Thursday, January 6, at 8:15 p.m., Special Service Office announced last week. The show is free.

One of the few topflight magicians now operating, The Great Huber, will thrill and mystify with his mastery of the black art, including the "million dollar trunk" illusion and the "spirit cabinet" trick.

Huber was running a magic supply store in New York when the famous Thurston noted his art in demonstrating merchandise and encouraged him to go on the stage. He is assisted by two young women.

Viola Layne will entertain with impressions of favorite singing stars, and it is reported that the remarkable range of her singing voice enables her to give impressions of many personages not usually presented on a program like this.

In the last part of her act, Miss Layne presents her own specialty song skit depicting the woman's angle of "This Is The Army". All of her material is specially written, much of it by herself.

The Six Brucettes form the attractive chorus line, and do an acrobatic and dancing act as well. All of their acrobatics are done in unison, a unique stunt.

**WATER-SOAKED RIFLE USED BY SERGEANT TO KILL 5 NIPS**

**PACIFIC AREA (CNS)**—Sgt. Walter Schliezann, 25, of New York, killed five Japs with a water-soaked rifle and blew up two others with hand grenades during the invasion of Makin Island. He said that his rifle, an M1, had been under water while he was wading ashore but that it worked "just like it had been freshly cleaned."

**GOB IDENTIFIES GAL THIEF**

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—Sailor Jack White of the U. S. Navy had \$120 in his jeans when he met a pretty little red-head in a Times square bar. One thing led to another and when White awoke the next morning in an East Side hotel he discovered that he was minus his \$120.

That night, prowling morosely about the midtown area, White spotted his red-head again. He hauled her to the cooler, identified her to police by the tattoo she wore on her pretty little thigh, and had her arrested.

## The Soldier Vote

Whether the State Legislatures or the Federal Congress should pass the necessary laws to facilitate soldier voting in the 1944 elections is a highly controversial issue involving fundamental theories of government.

Soldiers generally are less interested in which level of government makes it easier for them to vote than in the question of whether the action will be taken in time. A Constitutional Amendment has been suggested, but the time element may discourage that. A number of States are planning special legislative sessions or otherwise arranging to make soldier voting more convenient. The issue again will appear in the reconvening of Congress, though no workable proposal has yet met with widespread approval among the lawmakers.

Certainly democratic principles back the moves to provide citizens in the military service with means to cast their votes in war-time elections.

Our federal, state and local governments will make numerous decisions during the coming months which will affect vitally the interests of the men and women now in uniform. Taxes they eventually have to pay will be levied; wage and price policies now will affect their economic future; this Nation's role in world affairs probably will be set before demobilization. The list could be extended almost indefinitely. Surely uniformed citizens have the right to a voice in those significant decisions.

Generally speaking, of course, soldiers already hold the right to vote. But the means for casting absentee ballots are so inadequate as to nullify that right in most cases.

Soldiers on the whole are as well informed on current events, as enlightened on political trends as their fellow citizens on the home front. The average vote would be an intelligent one.

The fear of some that soldiers would "vote in a block" is baseless. Their interests are as varied as they were in civilian life, and their opinions are as diverse.

On those issues where soldiers are in fairly general agreement, their influence unquestionably would benefit the war effort and the Nation's welfare. To mention several such widespread opinions: 1. No industrial strikes whatsoever are justified in wartime; 2. Inflation controls should be strengthened; 3. The country's economy must be so expanded as to absorb all returning soldiers into useful employment; 4. No lesser issues or interests should be permitted to interfere with prosecution of the war.

Whatever action is taken will not be adequate unless every soldier who so desires is given practicable means by which to cast his vote in national, state and local elections. That is one of the rights for which he fights.

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## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"If you'll tell me just what you're looking for perhaps I can help!"

### THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

## Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

PEACE On A Soldier's Terms: We know that our armed forces are certain to win the war. Then it will depend on us at home whether we keep the war won or let the victory fritter itself away. Whether your sons have to fight a third world war will depend on what we at home do with the victory you are winning . . .

I am not trying to pass the buck to you on this. But I have been a political reporter long enough to know that if you men have convictions about how to make this victory stick, you can have your way.

I have talked with some members of Congress, who are saying now that American soldiers and sailors will return home rabid isolationists and that they will not stand for the United States mixing up in international affairs. Whether such men are correct in their size-up of what you are thinking I do not know.

Isolation has not kept us out of two world wars. I don't believe it can keep us out of a third one. If we sit by in isolation, as in the past, we give others a blank check to make war. Isolation means the certainty of future wars. Collaboration with other nations gives us at least the chance of preventing another one by the time war babies are old enough for the draft boards.

Fortunately strong sentiment

exists in Congress for joining with other nations to try to prevent future wars . . .

What it needs now is the support of all of us. And especially of you men whose word weighs so much more because you are doing the fighting. Sentiment was strong for the League of Nations, but it was worn down and finally defeated by a small group of irreconcilable isolationists. They will try to do the same thing this time.

They will hope to do it in your name. They will say you are sick of fighting in foreign lands and that all you want is to come home and stay home and keep out of foreign wars. Sure you want to come home. Anybody who is abroad wants to come home because the United States is the best place in the world to live.

The question is how to prevent your sons having to go out twenty years from now to do this job all over again. If you want the United States to try to do something, you can have more influence with the United States Senate than any other citizen.

RAYMOND CLAPPER,  
Kelly Field Magazine

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A soldier used a recording machine in a local service center to make four identical recordings. He sent them to four different gals.



The funny papers carry a lot of hokum about New Year's resolutions these days so there seems nothing for it but that we should follow their lead, trying to leave out the hokum.

The making of resolutions is nothing new, nor confined to New Year's Day, for the man who is seriously concerned with his personal progress in the spiritual life—such a one makes a resolution every day. He singles out his most outstanding bad habit, and resolves each morning that to-day he will watch carefully to avoid that thought, word or action.

At the close of the day, in his evening prayers, he examines his conscience to see in how far he has been successful or unsuccessful in keeping that resolution. Invariably he will find that he has been far from completely successful, will acknowledge to God that such has been the case, and will beg of God to provide him with greater help for the coming day. Next morning he begins the process anew.

After a month or so of such a sensible procedure, this man will find that he has gone far in mastering the undesirable habit, or even eradicated it entirely.

Then he will proceed to perform a like operation on his next undesirable trait of character. At the end of his life he will have progressed far in self-betterment. But he will be the first to agree that there is still much to be desired in his make-up before he can claim perfection.

In all this business of making and keeping a systematic check on our resolutions, there is one paramount consideration to keep before our minds: **WITHOUT HUMILITY, OUR RESOLUTIONS WILL BE STILL-BORN.**

Being humble in our resolutions means that we are willing to acknowledge our inability to carry through alone. "Pride goeth before a fall" is no idle statement. The surest way to emasculate our resolution is to say: "I will do this, I will do that, I will avoid this other thing."

Without throwing myself upon the merciful strength of Almighty God, acknowledging to Him that without His help I can accomplish nothing, my resolutions are doomed to a very short life.

"In Thee I can do all things, O God; without Thee I can do nothing."

—Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon

**PROTESTANT SERVICES**

Sunday—0900, Aviation Unit Service; 1030, Chapel Service.  
Wednesday—1930, Service Men's Christian League.  
Thursday—1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES**

Sunday Masses—0600; 0800; and 1615.  
Confessions—Saturday, 1500 to 1730; 1900 to 2100; Sunday, before the Masses.  
Weekday Masses—1830, daily except Thursday.  
Communion—1700 daily.  
Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1430, in Red Cross auditorium.  
Evening Devotions — Tuesday, 1930, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.  
Study Club—Monday, 1930.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

Thursday—2000, Base Chapel Services, Mrs. Mabel New Homes.

**JEWISH SERVICES**

Friday—1900, Base Chapel.

**Monahans USO**

**EDWARD A. PALANGE**  
Director

Wed.—Service Men's Wives Club luncheon, 12:30 p.m. Motion picture in Recreation Room, 8:30 p.m.

Thurs.—Dance class, 2 to 4 p.m. Discussion group, Clifton Hodges, 8:30 p.m. Game night in Recreation Room. Open house for men from New Mexico.

Fri.—Quiet Room, poetry reading and discussion led by Patsy Kelly, 8 p.m. Ping pong tournament in Recreation Room, 9 p.m.

Sat.—Recreation Room, dance with Pyote Air Field Band.

Sun.—Coffee and donuts, 10:30 a.m. to noon; classical program in Quiet Room, 2 to 4 p.m. Photography program, discussion of dark room, by J. L. Pinkerton, 8:30 p.m.

Mon.—Dance Class, 5 to 7 p.m. Bingo in Recreation Room, 8:30 p.m.

Tues.—Recreation Room, dance to juke box and film recordings.

**23 SOLDIERS DROWN AS LAUNCH CAPSIZES**

**NEW ORLEANS (CNS)**—Twenty-three soldiers were drowned when a military motor launch capsized in Lake Pontchartrain here. The men were part of a group of 72 who were taking part in training maneuvers.

**G. I. Q.**

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. A new Nazi rocket glider that carries a bomb and is steered to crash into ships and planes by radio control recently was used against an Allied convoy in the Atlantic—

**A—Successfully B—Unsuccessfully**

2. The celebration in the National Capital on Dec. 17 of the 40th anniversary of the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine was marked by the announcement that the original airplane, now in the British Museum in London, would be returned to American after the war to be "enshrined" in the Smithsonian Institution in—

**A—Washington B—St. Louis**

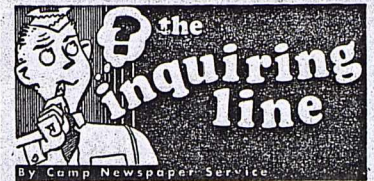
3. The P47 Thunderbolt fighter of the United States Army Air Forces is equipped to carry a single bomb which weighs—

**A—500 pounds B—1,000 pounds**

**Answers: 1-B; 2-A; 3-A.**

**BRAZIL WILL SEND TROOPS OVERSEAS**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)**—Gen. Mascarenhas de Moraes of the Brazilian General Staff has arrived in Algiers with a party of 13 Brazilian officers to confer with Allied military leaders preliminary to dispatching Brazilian ground and air forces to serve with Allied troops in Europe or Africa. The units will comprise the first expeditionary force ever sent overseas from a Latin American republic.



Q. Does a three-day pass count against my furlough time?

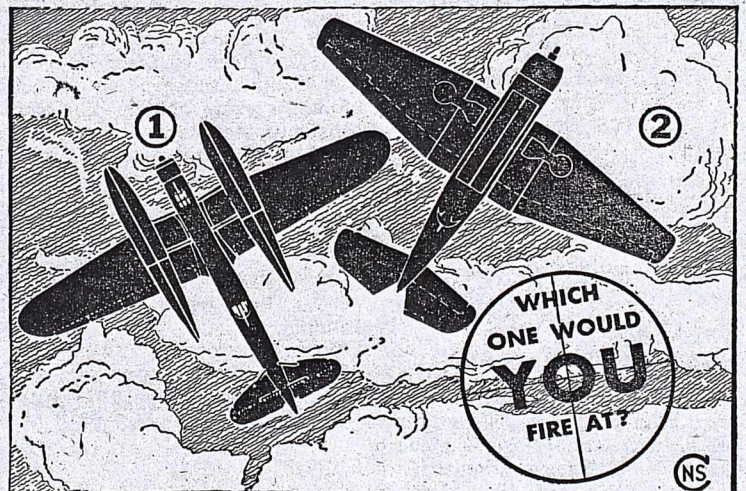
**A. No.** Passes up to 72 hours are not entered on your service record and do not count against your furlough time.

Q. Is an enlisted man permitted to marry while stationed in foreign theaters of operation?

**A. Not without the permission of his commanding officer.**

Q. What are the complete qualifications for the Expert Infantryman Badge?

**A. Details of qualification tests for this badge were listed in War Department Circular 322. They follow: To receive the expert badge an infantryman must qualify with one-crew served weapon and in transition firing. He must complete continuous foot marches, without falling out, of 25 miles with full field equipment. He must complete physical fitness tests including pushups, a 300 yard-run, the burpee, a 75 yard pig-a-back carry at a run and a 70-yard-agility run. He must also complete infiltration, close combat and combat-in-cities courses; qualify in a grenade course and pass tests in scouting and patrolling, first aid, field sanitation, military discipline and courtesy and bayonet drill.**



**FIRE AT NO. 1!** It's the Japanese Aichi 98, a twin-float plane used as a torpedo bomber and powered by three engines. One engine is in the nose of the thin fuselage and the other two are in the wings over the floats. The thick wings are tapered to rounded tips. The leading edge of the tailplane is swept back to rounded tips and it has a single fin and rudder.

**NOT AT NO. 2!** It's the U. S. Navy Grumman TBF-1 Avenger, a torpedo bomber powered by a single radial engine. It has a large cylindrical fuselage. The center sections of the wings are rectangular and the outer panels taper to square cut tips. Both edges of the tailplane taper slightly to broad rounded tips. It has a single fin and rudder.

Courtesy Dodd, Mead & Co., Aircraft Spotter by Lester Ott.

# BOWL TILT DRAWS PYOTE FANS

## Ack-Acks Take Tankers, 19-0, On Soggy Field

**Special From Odessa American**  
 Before a shivering crowd of football fans and playing on a field made soggy by a drizzling, cold rain, the Fort Bliss (El Paso) Ack-Acks turned back the touted Camp Barkley (Abilene) Tankers 19 to 0 in the First Victory Bowl football game at Odessa New Year's Day.

It was a battle of huge and stolid lines in front of fast and versatile backs, with the Fort Bliss men just a little too smart and skillful for their opponents.

Numerous Pyote AAF grid fans were on hand for the post-season tilt. Unfortunately, the Pyote AAF duchess, Miss Alene Casey of Monahans, was unable to attend because of the death of her fiance.

The Ack-Acks scored first blood in the second quarter after a listless to-and-fro battle in the first period. Fullback Kenneth Webb went over after three passes to Alvin McClellan a great end, had carried down to the seven from 32 yards out.

Three times in the third and fourth quarters the Ack-Acks went to the Tanker one-yard line, and three times were turned back by a thoroughly aroused Tanker wall. Then, like lightning, the Ack-Acks struck twice in the last two minutes of play to go across twice and cinch the victory, mainly on a clicking pass offense.

### STATISTICS

Ack-Acks		Tankers
12	First Downs	3
257	Gained Rushing	75
9	Passes Attempted	7
7	Passes Completed	1
61	Gained Passing	9
2 for 78	Punts	5 for 172

### PARATROOPER USES BOND AS DRIFT PAPER

FT. BENNING, GA. (CNS)—A paratrooper atop a 250-foot jump tower was told to drop a piece of paper to determine the drift of the wind. He did, then jumped, landed and streaked off.

"Where are you going?" he was asked.

"To get my \$50 war bond," he replied. "It was the only piece of paper I had."

T-4 J. W. Cowie, Tanker half, is nabbed by an unidentified character that probably is hard-hitting Kenneth Webb in another attempt to fight the ball out of Tanker territory.

## Guard Of Honor Attends Victory Bowl Queen



Rest assured that this is one tour of duty that these guards did not mind at all. Miss Mar-

garet Grant, AAFBS candidate, won out over a number of representatives from military in-

stallations in this vicinity. The game was worth seeing, despite the lopsided score.

# Pill Rollers Down Officers

In the first Pill Bowl game ever played at Pyote (and perhaps the last), the Pill Rollers from the Medics eked out a close 6-0 win over a hard fighting Station Headquarters Officers' team last Thursday afternoon in a touch football game held at the Medics spacious stadium.

Reports had it that the Medics were loading their team with imported talent for this important tilt but after the Intelligence Office had given both lineups the once over, the Station Officers decided to go through with the game.

Irrked by the constant jibes of the Medics, the Station team under the aegis of W. O. Albert J. DeBor went into the fray without any practice with the sole thought in mind of making the Medics take some of their own medicine. Unfortunately DeBor's charges failed this time.

It was a hard fought game with vicious blocking and bullet-like passes predominating. In fact, the game would have brought smiles of pleasure to a professional football fan.

Although the first half was

played mostly in the Station Officers' end of the gridiron, the half ended in a scoreless tie. One Medics' threat after another was squelched by the hard-charging Station Officers' forward wall and the Medics fell back on a wild passing attack.

Early in the third quarter on the last down, a do-or-die heave by some unknown Medic wafted into Lt. Tesitor's burly arms as he stood in the end zone. More in self-protection than anything else, Lt. Tesitor shut his eyes, raised his arms and the pig-skin nestled there to give the Medics their only score of the game.

Coming back with a mighty roar the Station team opened their bag of tricks and marched down the field only to falter on the Medics' ten yard line. Some of these plays were so tricky that half of DeBor's team didn't know what the other half was doing.

A long pass to Lt. Shannon on the last down fell short of the mark and with it went the hopes of DeBor and company.

The more we write about this, the less we can understand why we lost.

These two teams will tangle again tomorrow afternoon. All side bets will be considered. Game time, 4 p.m.

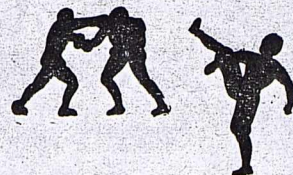
## Tankers Couldn't Get Going







# RATTLER SPORTS



## Wanta Close-Up?



Miss Mary Margaret Grant, regal blonde in ice-blue evening dress, was crowned Victory Bowl Queen of 1944 on New Year's Day by Col. John P. Kenny, AAFBS Commanding Officer. Miss Margaret Casey, Pyote AAF Duchess was unable to attend the ceremony because of the death of her fiance.

## Call For Teams To Enter Station Cage League

The Rattlesnake Basketball League will swing into action on Tuesday night, January 11, at the Station Rec. Hall. All entries must be in the Physical Training Office no later than Saturday, January 8.

First place in this league will bring \$50 in cash or ten miniature gold basketballs while runner-up will draw down \$25 in cash or ten miniature silver basketballs.

signify their intentions of par-bene submitted, and it is hoped that at least four more teams will signify their intentions of participating. The Ordnance outfit, led by Sgt. J. Russell and the Fighting Armorers under the guidance of Sgt. Art Blarr are the two entries already listed.

All games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights, starting at 1930. This league is open only to enlisted men, and members of the Station team cannot participate.

## Warmin' The Bench—

### Oldtimers Back In Sports Row, C'est La Guerre

By SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS  
CNS Sports Correspondent

First it was Bronko Nagurski coming back to play tackle for the Chicago Bears and now it's Frankie Boucher coming back to play center for the New York Rangers. C'est la guerre.

Boucher, for many years the sandwich man between Bill and Bun Cook in one of the greatest front lines hockey ever knew, hung up his skates in 1935 to become the Rangers' manager. But of late his team has fallen into such evil ways that he has decided to return to active duty in an effort to push the boys up a peg or two in the standings. Lester Patrick, the good gray fox of the Rangers, has re-assumed the managerial reins.

In his 18 years as a major leaguer, Boucher was a model of deportment on the ice. He never punched Eddie Shore in the pimple. He never stuck his hockey stick into Cyclone Turner's eye. He won the Lady Byng Trophy for clean play seven times. But he was a tough little bimbo just the same.

This was apparent as far back as 1926 when Frank was just a kid. The Montreal Maroons skated into town one night and started a fight with the Rangers. Boucher flattened Bad Bill Phillips, the biggest and toughest customer on the entire Montreal squad. No one ever fooled around with Frank much after that.

Twenty-four members of Tulsa University's undefeated football team are 4Fs. Camp Wilson, star back, wears a special shoe to protect a severed tendon in his left heel. Ellis Jones, a guard, has one arm. Falta Prewitt, the center, is a diabetic, and Charlie Stanley, a tackle wears his right arm in a permanent cast.

Once when Jimmy Conzelman was coach of the Chicago Cardinals' professional football team, he thought he had rigged up a perfect defense

## Sports Flash

The Pyote Coyotes were tripped on the hardwood again Monday night by New Mexico College of Mines five, 42-31. Playing before a packed house, the Pyote team, handicapped by a training schedule that leaves little time for basketball practice, dropped the fourth of six starts, having won two.

### THE BOX SCORE

Pyote	G	F	Pts
Boles, f	0	0	0
Mackinnon, f	0	0	0
Hogan, f	4	0	8
Kucherenko	2	0	4
MacDougall	0	0	0
Harcourt, g	4	1	9
Kleppe, g	3	0	6
Joyce	0	0	0
MacPartland	2	0	4
TOTAL	15	1	31
College of Mines	G	F	Pts
Izquierdo, f	7	2	16
Palafax, f	1	0	2
Allen, c	1	3	5
Cherno	6	1	13
Ayila	0	0	0
Arroyo	3	0	6
TOTAL	18	6	42

against the passing attack of the powerful Green Bay Packers. He told Charlie Bidwell, owner of the Cardinals, about his plan, which hinged on an elaborate setup Conzelman had developed to bottle Don Hutson, the Packers' fabulous pass-catching end.

Came the big game. On the first play the Packers quarterback whipped a pass to Hutson. The great end made an impossible catch and sashayed over the goal line for a touchdown. Bidwell, who owns a race track, turned to Conzelman beside him on the bench. "Don't give me anything more than a show ticket on that great pass defense of yours," he remarked.

The physical requirements for fighting this war are far more exacting than they were for World War I and consequently the troops are "incomparably" better, according to Cdr. Gene Tunney, who is director of the Navy's physical training program.

The former heavyweight champion is at present paying particular attention to the conditioning of PT boat and destroyer crews. "I heard," he said, "that these men are up against some pretty

## Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Forty-three major league players have been inducted into the armed forces since the close of the baseball season last October.

Hardest hit in the draft were the St. Louis Cardinals, National League Champions, who lost Walker Cooper, their great catcher; Outfielder Harry Walker, Second Baseman Lou Klein and Johnny Hopp, versatile utility player.

The world champion New York Yankees lost Spud Chandler, their most valuable player and Charlie Keller, veteran outfielder who was frozen to his defense job in Baltimore. In addition, two other stars, Bill Dickey and Joe Gordon, have indicated that they may not play next year.

Among the other players inducted were Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox; Dick Wakefield and Tommy Bridges of Detroit; Mickey Witek of the New York Giants; Kirby Higbe of Brooklyn, and Hi Bithorn of the Chicago Cubs.

Pvt. Mike De Cosmos, the former lightweight fighter, has the biggest pair of feet of any man his size at Camp Stewart, Ga. He's only five feet five but he wears size 12 kicks.

Lt. Bob Saggau, fleet-footed back on one of Elmer Layden's teams at Notre Dame, has received the Air Medal for heroism in a dive-bombing mission in the South Pacific area.

Connie Mack, Jr., 31-year-old son of the 81-year-old owner and manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, passed his physical the other day at the New Cumberland (Pa.) reception center.

rigid duty and I want to see if anything can be done during their training at home to prepare them for this work. We are particularly interested in finding means to increase their endurance."

One of the fastest backfields of all time played for the Canton Bulldogs of early pro days. It was made up of three Indians—Jim Thorpe, Joe Guyon and Pete Calac—and Cecil Griggs, who was the fastest of them all. Griggs, a University of Texas product, was a ten second man with all his football gear on and a cake of ice in each hand.

# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By T-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

Melodious strains of music varying from "El Rancho Grande" to "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" poured from the "Blue Room" at the Medics' notorious Stag Party last Wednesday evening. "Make mine Falstaff, Al, and I'll have a sandwich with all the trimmings, Roy," were the key words for the night. S-Sgt. Uebel and his "Abel" assistant really held down their end of the job—and with a smile too! The music makers were tops. PFC Arthur Morales of the ATU, former member of Henry Kings' Orchestra on the West Coast, on the guitar; our own Cpl. Joe Ozimek with his accordion and Cpl. Garcia of the ATU on the harmonica played deep into the evening with unending applause. Nice work, fellows.

Remember how Morales's solos brought the house down and how Red Stewart's "When the Blue Moon turns to Gold" did more than that? Much undisclosed talent came to the surface when our men from the Flyers' Dispensary really did cut loose. Now we'll have to monopolize on that, won't we? Other features of the party were Cpl. Meyers' rug cutting, Newman's song, and The Bowser and Bruske Chorus, Inc. The party was indeed very eventful. Incidentally, who was it that not only slept in the wrong bunk but also the wrong barracks? Could it be that this "Mailman" has been taking lessons from Sgt. Howard? And for you, Cpl. Robinson—don't talk! And when better stag parties are to be had, we'll have them. Right?

What outstanding personality, formerly known as "Miss Information", was overheard mentioning the fact that she did not join the Army to become a grocery clerk! Now cheer up, chum, it could have been even more drastic. How's this for consolation: the Irish Kid is now running around saying: "Ah, what a man I must be, I have replaced a WAC!" Now how about answering that one! Things can happen so fast here at the hospital, can't they?

So often we take the good meals here at the hospital for granted, but let's pause a moment and take a look behind the scenes. There is that Big blonde Norseman Sgt. Gustafson, the jovial good natured character known as PFC Getti, the unforgettable individual known as "Red" Stewart, that fat fellow who is no other than Cpl. Rogalski, and hard working "Dish



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# MALE CALL

BY MILTON CANIFF



Bather" by the name of "Curley" Moronavitz. Remember, fellows, when you think of that superb Christmas dinner we all enjoyed so much think of these fellows, as well as our able Mess Officer and Sergeant, Lt. Hansen and Sergeant Knight. Let us not allow these unheralded workers go by unmentioned.

Ah, Cpl. McTigue can see it already in big letters and neon lights, "HARDWARE STORE, STEVE MCTIGUE AND SON". The enterprise is already a reality and all the "Big Irish Kid" is now waiting for is complete victory over the enemy so he can take his place in business. Fellows, can't you just see Mac selling someone a lawnmower! Don't give up, pal, even the 30 years war came to a close.

A rather unusual transaction has taken place during the past week. By verbal agreement "Brute" Lonergan has given PFC Federico a lease whereby he can use Brute's shaving stool which he received from the Detachment for Christmas. mighty white of the little Irishman, don't you think, fellows?

Pvt. Carillo, Lt. Sczynkowicz

"Maid" has really gotten in on the Christmas "spirit" as a result of the influence of the immaculate Holiday decorations that were so outstanding throughout the nurses quarters. Remember our good friend from "South of the Boarder" on Christmas day? The same might apply to "Laboratory Bonney"; and he sleeps so soundly too. "Why rake desert when sleeping's so good", says Bonney. Barracks 5 remembers!

PFCs Negoshin and Medina are extremely happy, for they will soon be cadets. The orders have arrived and bingo!—bags already packed with 6 days left to go. Good luck fellows and don't forget, we're behind you, be it Berlin or Tokyo.

And so another new year has come upon us and who, more than a GI at Pyote, should wonder just what it has in store for us? We do know however, there will be hard work intermingled with plenty of good times; there will be joy interspersed with some of those "low moments", but always that fighting determination to do a job and to do it well. Come 1944, we can take anything you have to offer!

## JAPS BAN LOVE IN PRISON CAMP

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Japs have placed a ban on love-making in their Manila internment camp, a civilian nurse who was recently released in an exchange of nationals, has revealed.

The nurse, Miss Dorothy Davis, 26, said that while married persons interned at the camp were permitted to meet on the prison compounds they were forced to maintain separate living quarters and were seldom permitted to be alone together.

If a married woman became pregnant, Miss Davis said, her husband was thrown into the camp's miserable jail for three months.

## PRIVATE BUYS BOND WITH \$7500 'LUCKY' CASH

LONDON (CNS)—Pvt. Charles McCarthy of New York astounded his commanding officer the other day when he peeled \$7,500 off a roll in his pocket and bought a \$10,000 war bond. There was no official explanation as to how he came into possession of the money but some of his colleagues suggested that luck might have had something to do with it.

## Mail Call

Christmas has come and gone but the mail lingers on. We are receiving more mail now than at any time before Christmas. If people would only listen to the warning to them to mail early. Christmas packages are coming in by the truck loads.

There is another thing that could be done to avoid delay in delivery of the mail and that is notify your correspondents of your **CORRECT ADDRESS**. By doing so you could speed the delivery of your mail and eliminate hours of unnecessary work. When writing your relatives and friends be sure to tell them to address your mail correctly giving the **UNIT designation**.

Christmas was celebrated by the members of this office and some celebrated none too wisely and are still feeling the effects.

Sgt. Becker had a two day leave this week to recover from the holidays. He didn't think so much of his leave for he came back to work with dish pan hands. K. P. does something to these men.

Cpl. Piercy says that every time she sticks her neck out someone steps on it. She is going around with her neck bandaged up. We have one of these "Puddle Jumpers" but she is afraid to ride it. Seems she can't hold it down.

So much of this column in Vol. 1, Number 38, as reads dog is amended to read hog.

Cpl. Miles of this office is the "Pearl Diver" at number one mess hall this date. We have a very thoughtful crew here. They all volunteer for K.P. and will work K.P. on all holidays when ordered to do so.

Lt. Duff is looking forward to January 5th. It seems that he has a son that will receive his wings at the Waco Blackland Flying School at that time, and he is going to take him back home in Kentucky and teach him some of the finer points of flying. He says that he is going to take him behind the woodshed and talk to him, not as one officer to another but as father to son. I don't know why he should warn him for according to the Lt. no one warned him. It seems that he doesn't want the same mistake made twice in his family. I don't know just what he does when he goes to Lexington but it is suspected that he returns to his old job at the post office to help out a few days.

Cpl. O'Neal went to the hospital one day this week but when told that they had none

## Here Is A Real Lil' De-Icer



Can't blame the feverish snowman, with cute Marjorie Riordan standing that close. These early morning Pyote

frosts could use some of that, but Marjorie is busy making a picture all out of character with this shot—"The Desert Song".

of the vitamins that he was looking for he terminated his visit. It seems that he was told that his vitamins had been taken for medical purposes, and he wanted to get his share.

Pvt. Rossi has joined the others now resting at the hospital but it is expected and hoped that he will be out soon.

Seems that Sgt. Gilbreath is becoming a slave driver. He is a member of the Regular Army and also a TEXAN. He was taught to work when he was in the Army, but that rule does not seem to apply to the present day personnel. Oh, well, the work is done even if he does have to tell them off. But we do have a good working team here, and we'll put them up with any team of men on the field.

Cpl. O'Neal says that he has

been out of Louisiana so long that he is about to get the high water marks off of his legs.

Bill Gatlin is getting a lot of phone calls lately. We wonder if that could be Mazie who works on the swing shift at the box factory in El Paso?

John Gilhooley says that the girls in Rhode Island are P-39 girls. When asked what he meant he said that they are streamlined and fast. When it comes to comparing girls with airplanes we know a few B-17's—slow and bulky.

Sgt. Gilbreath says that he doesn't mind when his wife asks him what he did with the nickel she gave him last week but thinks it's going too far when she makes him promise not to ask for another this week. Seems she carries the bank roll.

## Over The Nation

**By Camp Newspaper Service**  
HILLSBORO, ILL.—Four men and a dog went hunting 'coons the other day. After several hours of hunting had produced no traces of a 'coon, the dog suddenly turned on the hunters and chased them up a tree, where they remained until dawn when the dog, tired of it all, walked away.

**CHATTANOOGA, TENN.**—Mark Thrash, Civil War veteran and the oldest pensioner on the payroll of the Federal government, died at his home here at the age of 122. Thrash, born in slavery in 1820, fought for the South in the Civil War, outlived five wives and 11 of his 29 children. He married his fifth wife when he was 102.

**LOS ANGELES**—Mrs. Alice Palacios, 38, walked into a meat market and said to the butcher, "Give me a nice big T-Bone steak." "O.K., lady," said the butcher. Mrs. Palacios dropped dead.

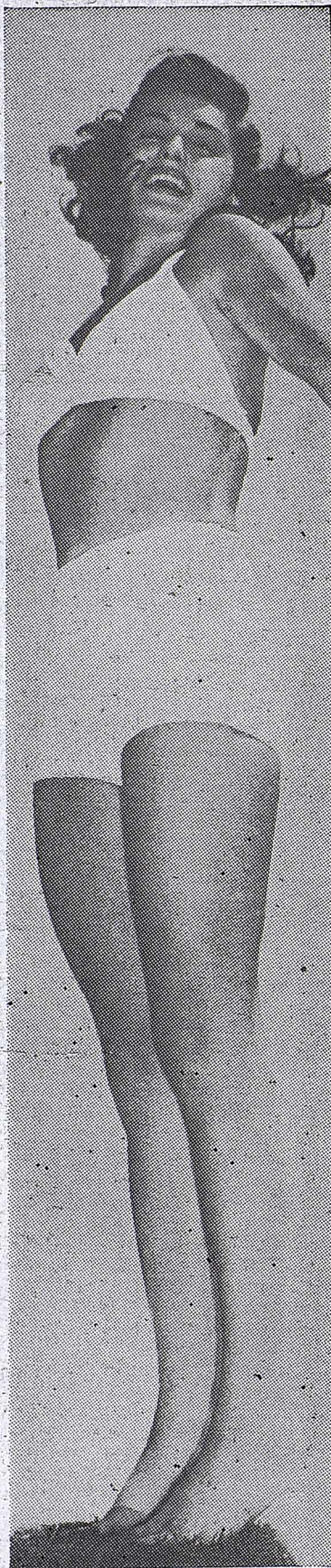
**LUBBOCK, TEX.** — Sgt. James D. King, Army Air Forces, is exempt from income taxes because he is a full blooded Cheyenne Indian. But he likes to pay taxes and sends his payments to the Treasury anyhow. "It's a privilege," he says.

**PHILADELPHIA** — Philadelphia's famed City Hall clock has become a war casualty. An essential part which moves the hands has given out and the War Production Board has not authorized a replacement. Consequently the clock runs five hours slow.

**CHICAGO** — Mike Micelli, 40, was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge after his wife Mary, 27, had testified in Domestic Relations Court that he sold her to a friend for \$25. She lived with the friend for awhile, Mrs. Micelli said, and then returned to her husband.

**BROCKAWAY, PA.** — Three hunters shot a bear and—thinking him dead—threw him into the back seat of their car. However, the bear soon revived, whereupon the three hunters lowered the present world's record for getting out of a car. Once outside they shot the bear again, with the following results: The bear was killed, the rear tire and gas tank of the auto were ruined by bullets, the insurance company refused to pay damages and the three hunters were arrested on a charge of killing a bear out of season.

Swim Champ



M-G-M's Esther Williams was the Pacific Coast swimming champ of 1939. Could it be further evidence of the efficiency of streamline design?

WAC Flak

Nearly everyone was back on the job New Year's Day, the only holiday feature being a scrumptious turkey-dinner and the movie "Holiday Inn"; that is, unless you were one of the lucky ones who had tickets to the football game in Odessa. Happy New Year at home next year is what we're all working for.

Calories not candles and a resolution to lose weight and become as streamlined as the most glamorous movie star won the approval of the WACs at a recent company meeting. A survey made of all the WAC companies brought our attention to the fact that we have all gained in avoirdupois in the last six months, and if something isn't done we'll require an issue of size forty clothing.

Since exercise as well as counting calories has been prescribed, you may see a larger attendance at basketball practice on Monday nights at the Rec. hall. Speaking of exercise—the Quartermaster Queens, namely PFCs Ruby Tolley, Catherine Lawhorne, Lou Fockler, and Cpls. Bobbie Zentz and Tima Hoy have been hut, two, three, fouring it to the QM for the past three weeks. Cpl. Althea Wagner tags along with them to the Ordnance Department where she does a mean job of filing. In just three weeks' time, there has been a spectacular change in those girls (shoes).

By the way, did you ever play this game? Guess Who? I once worked in the PX. Now I work in the commissary. I "cou-ponder" for daze and never see the "point" in two cans of sardines for twenty-seven cents making such a fuss about a train to Baltimore. There's no one else like me. My name is PFC Lou.

PFC Jean Morrison up and left the Classification Office in Headquarters for the Tactical Office at HBC. We miss you at Hq., Jeanie, but a sweet little gal like you can do a good job wherever you go. Lucky people at HBC. Now they have you, Cpl. Melba Yost and Cpl. Louise Riden. And, where was Melba New Year's Eve? Bob, curly-haired S-Sgt. from the S-1 office, was looking for her at the Service Club.

Cpl. Ruth Tucker recovered from her cold in time for the New Year's dance but had orders to sit out most of her dances and that can be more fun than dancing. Was it, Tuck? Did you see PFC Helen Kagner at the dance? Zowie!—pretty as a picture and a grand dancer—she'll never get in a rut if she stays in that groove. PFC Violet Jacobs, our gal from



PORTLAND, ORE. (CNS)—Recruits at an induction station here were asked their names and choice of service. "I'm Wild," said one. "And I want to join the Navy."

"I'm Wilder," said another. "And I want to join the Marines."

the Medics, blossomed forth in her formal, and surprised us all. She looked really nice and seemed to be having herself quite a time. But three of the sharpest there were Peggy Erekson, Vera Hrevus and Ruth (Armstrong) Carlisle.

Ruth Shubar is still in the hospital and has been having quite a tough time of it. Barracks Number Two will be happy to have you back, and we know they miss you from the Library. So, we want you to concentrate on getting out of there in a hurry. How about it? We want you to spend all holidays in the future in a gayer atmosphere.

Mary Welch is back at work in Classification after a nice Christmas furlough. Esther D'Eustachio is back from a furlough spent with friends in Santa Fe, New Mexico. After the weeks in the hospital here, that seems to have been the place to go—for what a change—she looks so rested and happy now.

Mail Call for Charlotte Gold hits a new high if there is mail from that male in Pecos—and when Pecos is on the 'phone, get out of the way for Swish! There went Charlotte.

Whoooooee, whoooooee (long, low, whistle) Female Wolf Call—that's what Franchot Tone heard when he entered the WAC Mess Hall with his M-mm wife, Jean Wallace. Looking even better in person than on the screen the really smooth movie star made a hit with us. Already admiring him in pictures, his willingness to autograph our books and to talk with us just increased his popularity. He said he came to Pyote to chaperone his wife, but he was happy to see that she would have a chance to do a little chaperoning herself.

Franchot should know how our girls rushed around that night just to be near him. First it was to the hospital on the pretense of visiting the patients then to the theater and then to the Service Club to spend the rest of the evening. Those that had pictures taken with him will cherish them for evermore. Oh, Franchot, you don't know what you have done for our morale!

Ethel Robson has been trans-

1944 Resolution: Keep This Station Cleanest In 2AF

From Headquarters comes a New Year's Resolution, one to be kept: consider the appearance of this Station a matter of personal pride and responsibility.

Carelessness about depositing paper and other waste material in the proper containers, and otherwise keeping the Station clean has been noted. An additional cleanup detail has been assigned to assist in improving the general appearance of all areas.

Officers and enlisted personnel were urged "to put forth every effort to establish this Station as the most outstanding in the Second Air Force."

Driver License Deadline Moved To January 15

Deadline for renewal of GI Driver Licenses has been extended to January 15; because of the large number yet to be processed, it was announced last week.

Operators will not be permitted to drive government vehicles after that date unless they comply. Organizations are urged to send their drivers for such renewal at once in order to prevent curtailment of transportation facilities.

Drivers who now have WDOO Form 7369 Motor Vehicle Operators Permit do not have to renew their permits, it was added.

Latest Change: Not Base—Field

And still the changes continue: The 19th Combat Crew Training School from now on will be called the Pyote Army Air Field—not Base. The abbreviation: "AAF".

Be sure to use the proper term on your letters in the return address corner.

DODGE 'TEACHER' GUILTY

NEW YORK (CNS)—Stephen Weinberg, who once taught draft bait how to impersonate 4Fs, will spend the immediate future impersonating a guy in the cooler. He was found guilty here of running a school of draft dodgers.

ferred to Ft. Oglethorpe. She was always just "Robey" to us and though she worked from five in the afternoon to one in the morning, we didn't see too much of her, those brown eyes, that blonde hair, and the animated conversation will not be forgotten any more than the Virginia drawl.

—Bledsoe Said So.

## QM Sees

By SGT. JACK CANNON

With the hectic holidays behind us we go to press for the first time in the new year hoping to find all our buddies making their new resolutions. We know that they won't be kept but at least it is fun making them and dreaming of keeping them.

We will start the New Year off right by printing a retraction of a portion of our column of last week. We bow our head and strike our chest and murmur "mea culpa". The unpardonable mistake was to call Cpl. Eisinger "Sam" instead of "George". But it is a fault of ours to call short, round, growing bald men "Sam", especially when they are clothing "moichants" from Brooklyn.

The QM force has been strengthened by the addition of more WACs. They made their appearance last week but being separated as we are from QM activities we regret that we did not note this fact before. We will take this opportunity however to say welcome, and we hope that you will get the enjoyment that we do out of being a part of that organization that makes ours the "best fed, best clothed army in the world."

Sgt. Gehlhaart, custodian of the property desk in QM, is off to supply school at Camp Lee. His job has been taken over by Cpl. Norm Richardson, who has just returned from aforementioned school. Lots of luck, Norm, and you will probably need it. Take it from one who knows.

Why doesn't George Mahaney give Wilson the package that he has been holding since shortly after Christmas? It must contain something really worthwhile. We wouldn't stand for it "Shorty", if we were you.

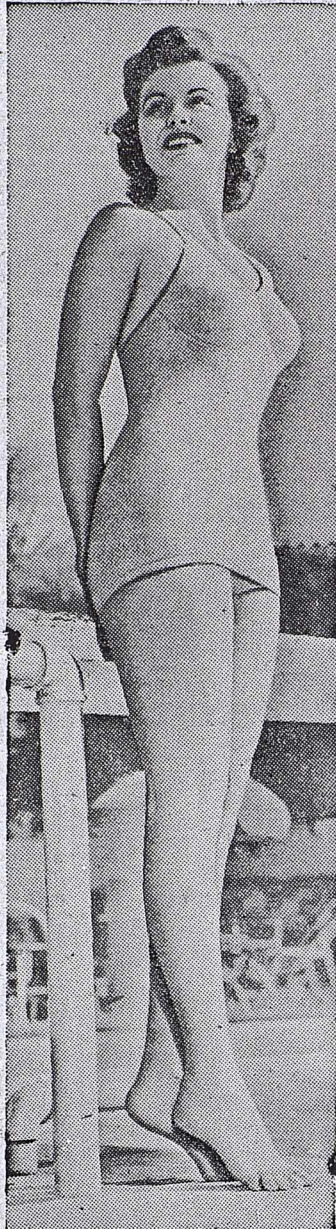
We believe that the most sensitive nose in the U. S. Army belongs to Al Falkman. He is able to detect the odor of alcohol at a distance of twenty five feet and through a closed door. As a witness to that statement we refer anyone interested to Pete Kaminskis.

We wonder why Benny Barrafatto answers roll call while sitting in the car in front of the barracks. It must be the cold weather.

Cpl. Cole returned from his furlough to California looking very radiant. By the time that this appears in print certain rumors that we have heard may be confirmed and perhaps they will explain the reason for the broad smile.

Lastly let us take this opportunity to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year.

## Discovered



Hollywood big shots must be myopic, for Cheryl Walker waited around three years before Warner Bros. got on the beam and started her towards stardom. She will be seen soon in "Hollywood Canteen".

### SERGEANT FREEZES HANDS FIXING GUNS IN FLIGHT

WASHINGTON (CNS)—S-Sgt. Kaminsky (given name unreported) of Brooklyn peeled the heavy gloves off his hand to repair a jammed machine gun in the waist of a Flying Fortress at a height of five miles and in a temperature of 32 degrees below zero.

His hands froze immediately, swelled to twice their normal size and stuck to the gun metal as he worked. But he finished the job and went back into action to help fight off Nazi fighters as the Fortress returned to its base. Now he is recuperating in a hospital.

## WD Simplifies Discharge Form, Explains Privileges, Duties To Men

The War department, to facilitate the return of the discharged soldier to his proper place in civilian life, has adopted a single document which not only clearly informs of his rights, duties and privileges, but also gives adequate information to those governmental agencies which can help him.

The new form, called "Report of Separation", replaces seven forms and five letters hitherto required. The soldier receives one copy while others go to the Veteran's Administration, the state director of selective service for his state for the information of his local board, the re-employment committeeman of that local board, the veterans' employment representative in the local office of the United States employment service and the adjutant general's office of the Army.

The soldier's copy is certification of his status as a veteran. It informs him that if he is registered under the selective training and service act of 1940, he must report to his local board that he has been separated from the armed forces, and that if he has not registered he must do so. He is reminded that as a civilian he has the same obligations under the act as any other.

The soldier is advised that if he desires his former employment and is entitled to it under the selective training and service act, he must apply to his former employer within 40 days after his discharge. The certificate also points out that if he saw active military service on and after Dec. 7, 1941, and has been honorably discharged, he has a right to apply to the Veteran's Administration for hospitalization and domiciliary care, disability pension or vocational rehabilitation, if entitled to them under the law.

The discharged soldier is advised to keep in force all the insurance he can, as one of his most valuable assets. Full instructions are given to him on the subject.

The report of separation gives pertinent information about the individual. It includes considerable personal data, his character at discharge, his military and civilian occupations, the cause of his separation from the service and the time of his discharge.

The present procedure was arrived at through experience during the present war and in the World War. It is recognized that modifications in procedure may be necessary from time to time in the light of changing circumstances.



Wed. & Thurs.—"Government Girl", with Olivia De Havilland, Sonny Tufts, & Anne Shirley. Also, Army Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

Fri.—"Tarzan's Desert Mystery", with Johnny Weismuller, Nancy Kelly. Also, "Cutie On Duty".

Sat.—"The Ghost Ship", with Richard Dix, Edith Barrett & Russell Wade. Also, "Rhythm on the Rampage", with Ted Fio Rito & Orchestra.

Sun. & Mon.—"The Gang's All Here", with Alice Faye, James Ellison, Carmen Miranda & Benny Goodman's Orch. Also, Paramount News & Technicolor Cartoon.

Tues. (Double Feature)—"She's For Me", with Grace McDonald, David Bruce, Eddie LaBaron & Orch.; "Whispering Footsteps", with Rita Quigley, John Hubbard.

### SHOW TIME:

STARTS	ENDS
1:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:15 p.m.	12:15 a.m.

## Billions Upon Billions Flow From Treasury To Pay Cost Of War

If you are finding it hard to make your Army pay last out the month, consider the woes of poor Treasury Secretary Morgenthau:

The 1943 total expenditure of the Federal Government—88 billions, 82 directly for the war—was more than spent in all the first 150 years of this Nation's existence.

That is 241 million every 24 hours.

And increasing production will push expenditures, incomes, taxes and debt still higher in 1944.

So, Mr. Morgenthau isn't kidding when he says everyone has got to buy more and more War Bonds—to fight inflation and pay the war's cost.

## Army's Death Rate From Disease Lowest In History, Report Shows

### Only About 3 Percent Off Duty Because Of Sickness Or Injury

Fact Sheet, "The Soldier and His Health Overseas", prepared by the Women's Interests Section, Publications Branch of the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations, declares that the health of our Army is better than it has ever been—"Since Pearl Harbor, the Army's death rate from disease and injury has been the lowest in its history."

"The records of the armed services reflect their thorough organization for health the bases of which are: vaccines; rigorous sanitation; pre-induction screening (weeding out) of recruits supplemented by frequent post-induction health examinations; scientific research to provide troops with protections, proper nutrition, and suitable health devices for all environments, and ample hospitalization facilities."

The Section's records further show that an average of little more than 3 per cent of the Army personnel in this country was off duty because of sickness or non-battle injuries at any given time during 1942; abroad the rate was slightly lower, even including battle casualties.

The Medical Department of the Army is hard at work on one of its chief problems: the treatment of malaria in hot climates overseas. There are adequate supplies of essential drugs. Strong preventative action is being taken and the Army believes its record is superior to that of enemy armies. Dysenteries (including diarrheas) constitute another menace, but sulfonamides help effect prompt cures.

The Army is taking every step known to science to prevent disease from winning any campaign against our soldiers. The effectiveness of the measures is shown by the fact that there have been "no epidemics despite the fact that our soldiers are living and fighting in areas where plague, yellow fever, smallpox, typhus, cholera, typhoid, amoebic dysentery and a score of other dangerous diseases are prevalent among the civilian populations."

The prevalence of colds, pneumonia and the common contagious diseases has been about normal expected levels, but mortality due to these causes has been amazingly low—only 4 per cent with pneumonia. Adds the Section's report:

"The Army's astoundingly good record on venereal disease during this war did not just happen. It is partly due to the vigorous programs of public health authorities and agencies concerned with venereal disease control, partly due to the Ar-

my's compromising and realistic attack of the problem." Less than 3 per cent of the personnel become infected with venereal disease in the course of a year, contrasted to over 9 per cent in 1918.

Psychoneurotic breakdowns are a problem in this war, as in all wars, with the crescendo of noise and tension in modern warfare a major cause. The soldier may recover promptly with proper rest and care.

Soldiers being readied for overseas service particularly are urged to obey strictly all Army instructions for self-protection against contracting various diseases, and to avoid and carelessness toward health precautions.

Individuals or groups wanting to study military health more fully will find a wealth of material available at various agencies. A few examples:

Address A. G. Depot, Publications Division, 1C960a, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., for No. 8-1 "Health Precautions for Central and South Africa and West Coast of Africa"; No. 8-2 "Health Precautions for Central and South America and Caribbean Area"; No. 8-3, "Health Precautions for African and Asiatic Countries along Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, and Persian Gulf"; and No. 8-4, "Health Precautions for Far East (Southern Asia, Eastern Asia, and Netherlands East Indies)".

Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y. offers P. A. Pamphlet No. 65, "Prostitution and the War", by Philip S. Broughton.

The American Social Hygiene Association, 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y., has its annual report for 1942, "The Lowest Venereal Disease Rate in Wartime History." The 1943 report is in process of compilation, "Venereal Disease Education Program of the Army", by Lt. Col. G. W. Anderson, of the Office of the Surgeon General.

The War Department Bureau of Public Relations, Press Branch, (write Women's Interests Section for copies) has released a number of interesting stories on Army health to newspapers and magazines. Interesting books are "Rats, Lice, and

## Reverse Lend-Lease, Grade A



England sent us this piquant package of reverse lend-lease, than for which there is no higher priority. Evelyn Ankers, for-

mer British stage star, has become "queen of the horror films".

### ARMY COMES TO RESCUE OF JERSEY PHILHARMONIC

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (CNS)—In desperation, J. Randolph Jones, conductor of the Jersey City Philharmonic orchestra wrote to his ex-bull fiddler, Pvt. Joseph Maino of Bayonne and begged him to get leave from his Army Air Force base at Richmond, Va. so he could play in the opening concert of the season.

"And if there are any other musicians around there, bring 'em along," wrote Jones. "We have gaps in the orchestra as big as your fiddle."

A couple of days later Pvt. Maino arrived accompanied by his bull fiddle and three other musicians.

During rehearsal Pvt. Maino and left, explaining he was scheduled to get married. He returned in time to play in the concert which was considered a huge success.

History", by Hans Zinser; "Plague on Us", by Gladys Smith, and "Military Preventative Medicine", by George Dunham.

Soldiers would do well to clip this story and mail it to families at home. They will appreciate the reassurance concerning their soldiers' health, and may find individual or club interest in the listed material.

### Officers' Guest House Available Now In Houston

An Officers' Guest House has been opened at 4218 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, Texas, by the Houston Unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services, Miss Gertrude E. Birkman, secretary, informed personnel at Texas stations last week.

Officers may drop in any day of the week between 8:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. to have a friendly chat, play games, dance, etc. Buffet suppers are planned for Saturdays and Sundays, by reservation, and once or twice a month large parties will be given. Monthly dues are \$1 and overnight accommodations are \$2.

The University bus and the University-Auden bus pass the house every seven minutes and may be taken at the corner of Fannin and Capitol in the downtown district. The residence telephone is H-2063.

The AWVS also maintains an information desk for officers in the lobby of the Texas State Hotel. Reservations are made for the men on trains, planes and buses; a shopping service is offered; and rooms and apartments are secured for officers when being transferred to Houston. This service is available from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Parachute Patter

By JANE CEARLEY

The day after Christmas  
And Santa is gone  
The old family doctor  
Puts his overcoat on  
Crank up old "lizzy"  
Throws in his pills  
Then comes to our house  
To cure all our ills.

But, this year a doctor can't cure all our ills. Christmas has come and gone and most of us breathe a sigh of relief. This year, as hard as we tried, it was still a lonesome Christmas. It was the first time for most of us to have the ones we love so far from us. A lot of husbands, sons, and sweethearts spent this holiday in far and strange new places. Far from the ones they wanted to share the spirit of Christmas with. But with the old Yank spirit we raise our chins a trifle and say, "Next year it will be different."

Part of our low feelings were due to some of our boys leaving. Going to do what they joined Uncle Sam's Army for. To get to live and be humans again instead of puppets of war. We wish them all the luck in the world and want to say, "Happy hunting, boys, we're betting on you."

We all regret that Sgt. Milton Chapman had to leave. He will be missed by all the girls and boys. Although sometimes we felt like slapping his jaws and pulling his hair, he could still remain in Pyote as far as we are concerned. He was just one of the boys we will miss now. The Parachute Romeo, Sgt. Ed DeMello also took off after the foe—with Cassenelli, Cordonar, Fischer and Springler. So the above paragraph is dedicated to them.

Between a trip to Lamesa, to visit her sister, and a big Coca Cola party, Monta Smith seems to have had a very nice holiday. She didn't mention any headaches so we take it for granted that there weren't any.

Loya Huffman's daughter Bobby Joyce, who is attending college at T. C. U. was home for the holidays so there is no need of saying she was happy because we know she was.

Navy things are so rare around here the whole department was in a dither over the gift Jane got from her Seabee husband. It was a lovely sterling silver compact with the Navy insignia-on it.

Winnie D. Jones was well pleased that her son Wayne could be home for Christmas. He is in college at Baylor University.

We will all soon be back to work again with Christmas forgotten. Mrs. Harris will be

## Long Distance Telephone Calls To Be Curtailed

HQ, 2AF, Colorado Springs, Col.—Further notice that it is desired that action be taken immediately to curtail the use of telephone facilities came this week from Col. Bryan L. Davis, adjutant general.

No long distance calls are to be placed over commercial lines, except in case of emergency, without the personal approval of the chief of section in each case. Col. Davis continued:

"Under no circumstances will the tactical telephone net be used for the transaction of personal, routine, or non-essential business. Consideration must be given to the use of TWX or mail, and if it is decided that a telephone call is necessary, all facts concerning the information to be transmitted will be kept at hand in written notes and the conversation kept to an absolute minimum."

Col. Davis also directed attention to the fact that telephone lines are not secret and that under no circumstances will confidential or secret matters be discussed over the telephone.

### 25,000 OFFICERS RETIRE

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Army soon will retire 25,000 officers whose services it no longer requires. Another 25,000 will be shifted from administrative jobs to operations jobs, according to the War Department.

back with us Monday and our little live wire Jane is back today. She has been out several days because her mother was sick and she was called home. Her mother is better now.

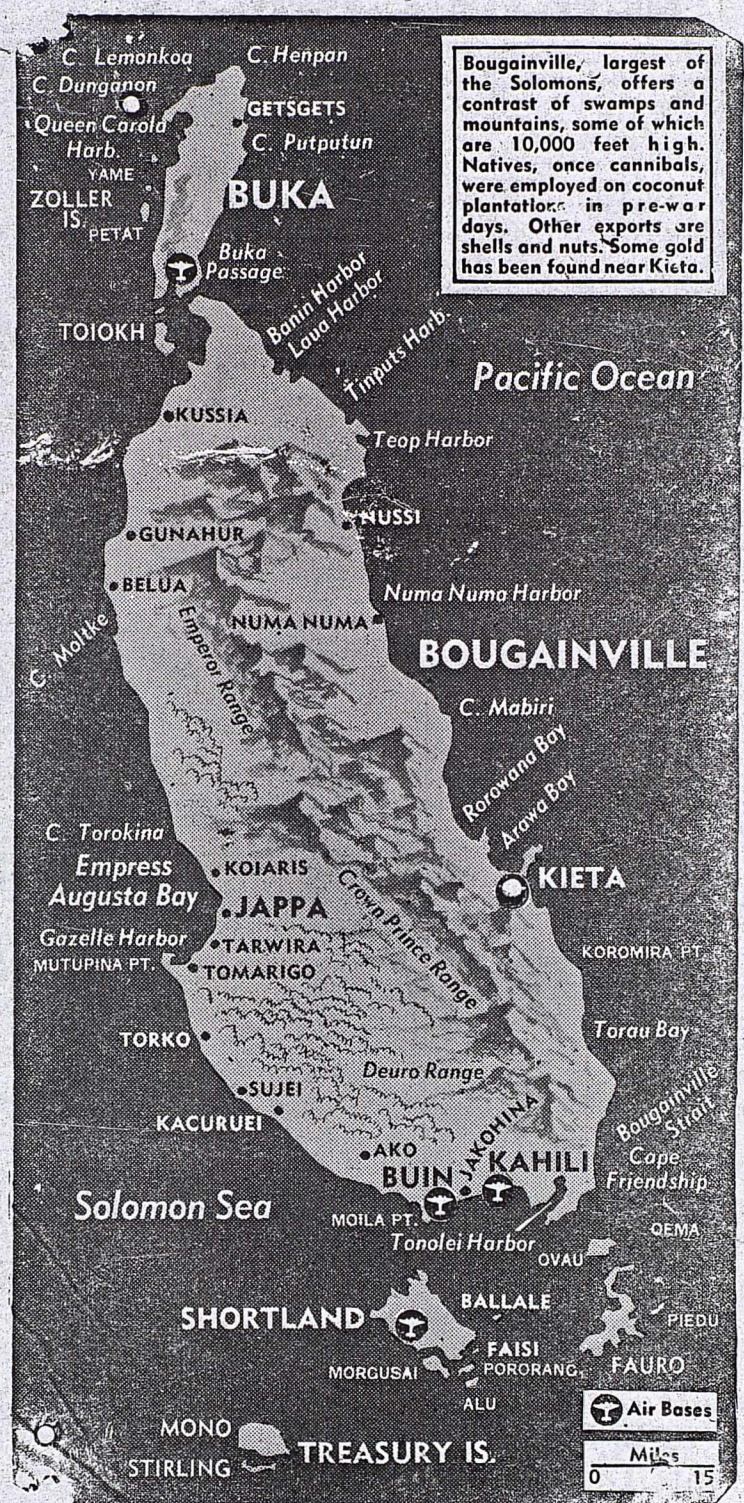
A big Christmas card came from California last week from Tex Harding who is now employed as a machinist at San Francisco.

Mrs. Jewell Ball received bad news Wednesday that her sister was very ill. Receiving word again Friday that she was improving but was still in a critical condition, Jewel plans on accompanying her to the hospital where she will undergo a major operation.

Lousina Seeds is all smiles today and for good reason. She just received a letter from her brother saying he was safe and sound. He sailed quite some time ago.

Even a reporter has to have a day off sometime so I guess that accounts for the Parachute Patter being absent from The Rattler last week.

If Mrs. Rozell is absent the next few days we will lay it to the pie that Lousina Seeds made for her.



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### WAC WANTS HOT MEAL

ALGIERS (CNS)—Pvt. Hazel M. Valley of Orange, N. J., first WAC to step off a train here, announced that the one thing she wanted more than anything else in the world was a good hot meal.

### TWINS DON'T LOOK ALIKE

GRAFTON, MASS. (CNS)—C-PO John O'Bara and his brother Frank are twins but you'd never guess it. John is six feet tall, weighs 180 pounds. Frank is four feet tall, weighs 95 pounds.

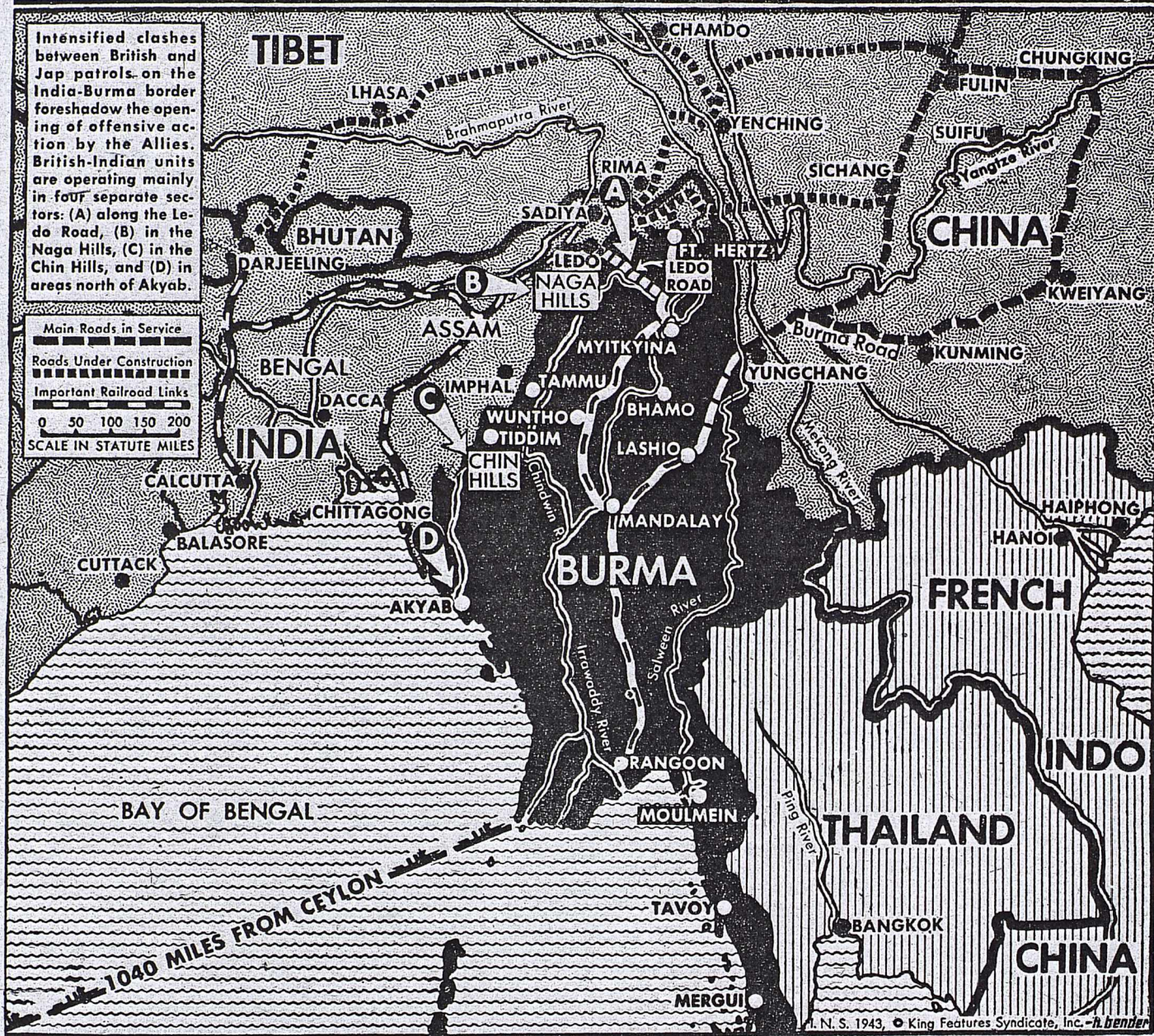
### FAST ROOKIE SETS RECORD

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO. (CNS)—Pvt. Hilton J. Wilson, 18, was in a hurry to get through his Army classification test. He finished in record time with a record score of 161.

### COLUMBUS COMES THROUGH

RENSSELAER, N. Y. (CNS)—A man named Christopher Columbus whose Selective Service order number is 1942, registered with the Red Cross here for a blood donation.

# ACTION LOOMS ON INDIA-BURMA FRONT



## Allies Seek Openings For Death Blows At Japan

### Burma Battle Seen In Power Shift To East

Following the forecast by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander of Allied forces for the invasion of Europe, that Germany will be defeated this year, Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Fleet, agreed and added:

Current strategy looks "forward to a shift of power from the European theater to the Pacific theater not only when Germany is defeated but as her defeat seems near at hand".

Last week the power-gathering Russian offensive and ob-

vious preparations for Allied invasion from the west in near future supported the timetable set for Germany. The intensifying air offensive—again smashing Berlin—and the slow but sure advance in Italy gave the Germans no rest as they braced for the coming blows.

When Allied power turns to the Far East, doubtless the Southwest and Central Pacific offensives will be greatly expanded. But one vast problem is how to hit Japan's forces on the Asiatic Continent, to push the China line back far and securely enough to establish huge bases to put Japan

proper under steady mass bombardment.

Re-opening the Burma Road would appear the more likely campaign for pouring renewed strength into the Chinese army and expanding British-American assistance. Weather is now favorable and Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Allied commander-in-chief in Southwest Asia, has had three months to ready his command. The Chinese doubtless plan to strike simultaneously from the north.

The expected Burma campaign may prove one of the most significant in the global war, certainly so in the Far East theater.

### NEW AIR FIGHTER TACTICS TAUGHT PILOTS IN BRITAIN

ENGLAND (CNS)—A post graduate school for airmen where carefully selected British and American fighter pilots are taught perfect tactical cooperation has been established here. Its purpose is to prepare fliers for the air battles which will precede and accompany the opening of the second front in Europe.

### CAVES BECOME AN ARMORY

NAPLES (CNS)—Caves in the soft volcanic rock of a hill near here are now being used as an armory for cleaning and repairing machine guns for the Italian Army.