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GROUND FORCE SEEKS AAF MEN

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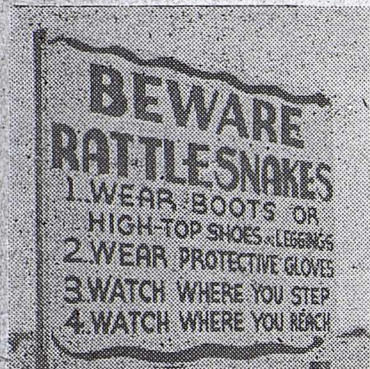
"Hiya Doc! What's Cookin'?"

JAPS REPORT U. S. 'B-34s' BOMB KURILE ISLES

THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

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Thanks For What!

Maybe you're reading this while sweating out the big Turkey-day chowline. Or maybe you've already had dinner and are lying in the sack—full, sleepy, and very contented. Wherever you're reading this on Thanksgiving you're chalking up another holiday in the Army.

We're writing this a few days before Thanksgiving. We're sitting in a lonely office, occasionally glancing out a rain-streaked window; watching GIs scurry through the chilly November night. It's a forlorn, disquieting sight. We can think of any number of places we'd sooner be this Thanksgiving—or any Thanksgiving—than at Pyote Army Air Field.

Just what HAVE we got to be thankful for, a guy might ask. Well, brother, we think we've got a hell of a lot.

We're thankful we're fighting on the winning side, and that the winning side is right. We're thankful that our mother isn't filling a grave in Lublin or Krakow. We're thankful that the big gray house in Wisconsin still stands, secure, dignified, and undefiled by bomb or looting; that the green yard isn't pock-marked by shrapnel holes. We're thankful that our generation is coming through—coming through with flying colors in the biggest job that any people ever faced. We're proud of that generation—the school-mates who are now slogging through Italy and Germany, the girls back home whose allegiance never falters, the Jims and Cals and Dollys and Jeans who are the timbre, the backbone, and the fight of the land of plenty.

Yes, we're thankful for these, and much more. Thankful for little things—things it would be silly to record on paper. Small, precious little things like love, laughter, letters, smiles, friends, firm handclasps, kisses, courage, and tears—yes, even tears.

We're thankful that Thanksgiving Day 1944 finds us closer to victory; closer to the Thanksgiving day we used to have.

And we're thankful we're stationed at Pyote—where a bunch of non-coms volunteered to pull k.p. to help their lower-ranking pals. That's a pleasant place to be, where people are like that.

And brother, when you're thankful you're stationed at Pyote, Thanksgiving 1944 is a definite success.

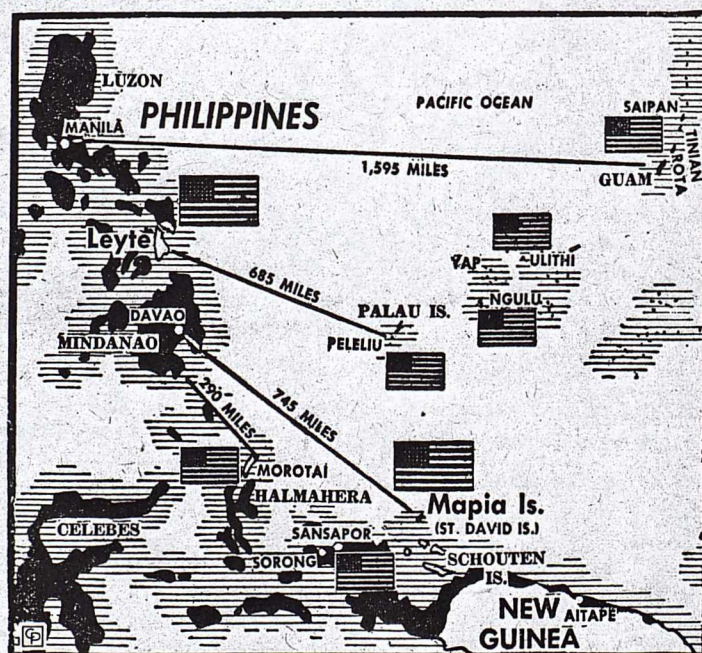
ALLIES BRIDGE RHINE, ENTER SAAR; MAN WITH CIGARETTES TOPS AT HOME

In the 156th week of the U. S. at War, this was the news from: **THE ASIATIC FRONT:** Japanese radio and Domei news agency reported that "B-34s" took part in air-raids on the Kurile islands. "B-34s" probably mean the new B-32 Consolidated Superbomber; but no confirmation was forthcoming from the U.S. Allied planes hit Manila again, as well as Mindanao, Cebu, Tarakan, Paramushiro, and Luzon. The U.S. 32nd Division slogged on through torrential rains to smash pocketed Jap reinforcements on Leyte. Chiang-Kai-Shek revised his cabinet, added several liberal elements who have been in contact with the Chinese Communist forces.

THE EUROPEAN FRONT: In the most momentous assault yet on the continent, allied might swept forward into the Saar basin, came within 32 miles of the Rhine at one point, while French forces to the south reached the important river itself, traded fire with the Germans across the swollen river itself. Metz, Belfort, Mulhouse fell to the terrific punch wielded by French, British, and U. S. armies. In what might be the drive to end the war before winter, the allied might showed no signs of slackening, hoped to continue on across the Rhine. Less optimistic observers, however, pointed out that the Siegfried fortifications extend east of that river, that the new retreat releases first-line Nazi troops to hold Cologne and other major fortifications. In the east, the Russian bear clawed closer to Budapest, opened its winter offensive in Latvia where it trapped 30 German divisions

against the Baltic. Impartial estimates say Russia may well have a million men in the Latvian battle; worried Nazi sources claimed the Red Army was massing men and materials "in unprecedented quantities" in southern Poland and German Silesia. From Germany, came news that aging Marshal Petain had set up a Vichy government-in-exile inside the Reich itself. On the Southern front the Germans successfully counter-attacked regained some mountain top.

THE HOME FRONT: 7 Senators (including Clare Booth Luce) left for a first-hand look at the frontlines. Latest official election totals gave FDR a 3 million majority. The cigarette shortage was getting rougher and rougher. Paris blackmarkets sold U.S. ciggies at 4 bucks per pack; U.S. soldiers had none. Grant Johnson, Chicago negro, fatally stabbed his girlfriend because she stole a pack of cigarettes from him during a party. PXs in England quit selling cigarettes to soldiers. OPA refused to allow stores to give away a carton of fags with each war-bond. Gene Kelly, film actor, was inducted into the services.



AMERICAN INVASION of the Mapia Islands, 145 miles northwest of Diak on the northern New Guinea coast, has been announced by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Other U. S. bases and distances to Japanese objectives are shown on map. (International)

CARLSBAD CAVERNS INVITES YOU



Dept. Interior Photo by George Grant. CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK, NEW MEXICO.—Entrance to the King's Palace, thought by many to be the world's most beautiful subterranean chamber. It is circular in formation, and curtains and partitions of gleaming onyx separate it from adjoining chambers.

Carlsbad Wonders A 'Must-See' Sight

One of the eight wonders of the world, the Carlsbad Caverns, extend to Pyote GIs an invitation to see this world-famous sight.

The caverns, open daily, are within easy limits of a 3 day pass. Officials of the Cavern allow servicemen and women free admission.

THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

Prime Minister Churchill: "It would not be too rash to hope for victory in Europe within the first six months of 1945."

ENTERTAINMENT BULLETINS

The Hobbs AAF show, "Variety In Khaki", scheduled for Pyote Tuesday night has been canceled, due to a ruling from higher headquarters.

Al Jolson, stage, screen, and radio star, was forced to postpone his show at the PAAF hospital because of a sudden illness. Jolson will appear at a later date, it was announced.

Jan Garber's Orchestra will play a show-dance at the Rec. Hall Sunday, December 10, from 2:30 to 5. The afternoon program will feature songs, music, pop tunes—and the floor will be cleared for dancing. So, bring along a date and dance—or just come and listen to the Sultan of Swing and his "Swoonsters".

Screen Pyote GIs For Infantry Call

Some of the Pyote GIs will soon be hup-two-three-fouring to the "march, march, march" of the Infantry.

Last Sunday a number of eligible men were screened to determine what men are available for transfer to the ground forces.

According to Lt. A. K. Giffin, Base classification officer, no definite quotas have been set for this station. This week's screening was merely to determine the manpower available for transfer.

Hold Ramp Rally Saturday Morning For 6th War Loan

The 6th War Loan at PAAF moved into high gear with plans for rallies, entertainment, and shows—all designed to promote the sale of war bonds to officers, civilians, and the poor, underslung GI.

A special bond rally will be held Saturday morning at the ramp. The field orchestra will be featured as well as the vivacious Bobbie Tubbs, vocalist, and the Pyote bad-boy—Koops. The rally starts promptly at 9 a.m.

Next Wednesday, November 29, a big show—with accent on entertainment will be presented at the Service Club. A large cast of the best entertainment at Pyote will be on hand to bring you songs, music, laughter, entertainment of all kinds. The revue starts at 8 p.m.

A huge score-board in front of base Headquarters will record bond sales by sections, as Pyote attempts to reach its quota of \$136,000.

The quota will include all bond sales made on this base from November 1 to December 15. Approximately \$3000 in bonds were sold in the first 15 days of the month, Capt. H. D. Lucey, station War Bond officer, announced.

As of November 22, War Bond sales on the field stood as follows: Officers—\$2613, Civilians—\$966, and Enlisted Men—\$625.

Bonds are on sale at the bank, Finance office, PX, NCO club, and Officers' club. Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Tabor are in charge of the Officers' Wives committee for the 6th War Loan.

Section representatives were named by Captain Lucey as follows: Sgt. David James, S-Sgt. Cimauristi (A); 1-Sgt. Mary Roman, Pvt. Flynn (B); Sgt. Elmore, Sgt. Water (C); S-Sgt. J. O. Castner, S-Sgt. O. C. Wege (D); M-Sgt. Yarous, 1-Sgt. Walsh (E); T-Sgt. Heusser, T-Sgt. Henry (F); T-Sgt. Lawrence Shipp, Cpl. Roy Abel (M); Pfc. David Rassini (Band); and S-Sgt. C. L. Bernstein and Pvt. R. K. Hansen of CCD.

Lieutenant Giffin also pointed out that the requests for men are received by rank, spec number, and GCT score. For example, a call might come for 3 Sergeants who hold a 274 MOS with a GCT in Group 2.

An availability list has already been sent in from this headquarters, but no quota or shipment list has been received.

Certain MOS numbers are on call, and the exclusion of men because of the GCT score has been discontinued, Lieutenant Giffin stated.

So pay no attention to the rumor-monger who claims his "inside-dope" tells him that so many men will be sent each month. As yet, there are NO definite quotas announced for this station.

Pyote Accident Rate Drops To Record Low

The Pyote Army Air Field has completed two consecutive months without a civilian lost time accident, and is still going strong. This station has moved from 35th place in April to 6th place in September in 2AF safety standings.

2AF Headquarters have set a goal of 5 civilian accidents or less per million hours worked for November, and 3 civilian accidents or less for December.

CHEMICAL COURSE

Tomorrow is your last chance to attend the refresher course in "Defense Against Chemical Attack" at Theatre No. 1.

Attendance is compulsory for all personnel but Wacs. Friday's classes are at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Theatre No. 1.

THE COVER

The lad taking a peek at today's fixin's in the oven is S-Sgt. Charley Bryan of Mess Hall No. 5. Charlie used to celebrate turkey day in Raleigh, North Carolina, but 1944 finds him ready to serve the best doggoned chow in the world to the Pyote chow-hounds.

A full story on Thanksgiving—what there'll be to eat, and where to go—will be found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

(Photo by McGrath)

Wanted: GIs To Apply For Ground Force OCS

GIs Can Get Reservations Thru Army

The problem of acquiring railroad accommodations will be considerably lessened for military personnel in the future with the establishment by the ODT of a new system of procurement.

Army reservation bureaus have been set up in the larger cities to assist Army personnel to procure sleeping-car, parlor-car, or reserve seat coach accommodations on trains operating in the U. S.

The service is available traveling on official business, on leaves, furloughs, or traveling for temporary duty for recuperation.

Applications can be made for reservations in person at the bureaus, or through local transportation offices at posts, camps, stations, air bases, or other installations.

Gift Wrapping Will Be Done Free At PX

The Christmas shopping season officially gets underway Thanksgiving. Though the turkey-day isn't over yet, a lot of thoughts are heading Christmas-ward.

The Rattler plans to inform you as to shopping tips and suggestions for purchases at the PX and Civilian personnel PX.

Plans are already complete at both these places for free gift-wrapping. Mrs. Aline Watson, in charge of the civilian PX stated that they will be glad to wrap any gift without charge, in Christmas paper, ribbons, etc. as well as for mailing.

Capt. E. L. Stromfors, PX officer, announced that the PX will wrap all gifts, regardless of where they are purchased. A booth for free-gift-wrapping is being set up this week.

Future issues of the Rattler, between now and S-Day (S for Santa) will provide you shopping tips and suggestions as to what will make Aunt Tillie squeal with joy come Dec. 25th.

Do you know that one gallon of gasoline vaporized has a blasting power of 83 pounds of dynamite?

According to a 2AF TWX received at this headquarters there is a shortage of qualified applicants for Ground Officer Candidate Schools.

OCS applicants will be accepted, by the Classification Officer, for Infantry, Field Artillery, Armored, Tank Destroyer, Cavalry, or Engineer schools.

Those planning on applying for an Officer Candidate School are advised to read AR 625-5, which covers this subject and explains qualifications necessary for attendance of these schools.

This AR (625-5) is available in your orderly room, the library, or the Classification Office on the field.

World War II Hits 1918 Battlefields

NEW YORK—The backwash of the Second World War has flowed into the old forts and treaches of Verdun, famous First World War battlefield, for the third time in four years. This time the backwash was all American. They are GI bedrolls parked in the old pill-boxes, GI laundry hanging from 1918 barbed wire, GI latrines in the ancient treaches.

Names and home towns of both French and American GIs are scribbled on the walls of the old forts which made possible a tremendous defense in the last war, reports Sgt. Bill Davidson, YANK staff correspondent.

The American names are big and black and seem to blot out the others. One of them says: "Austin White, Chicago, Ill., 1918 and 1944. This is the last time I want to write my name here."

Davidson's article about the battlefields of the last war which have become the bivouac areas of this one is featured in the December 1st issue of YANK, The Army Weekly, on sale at Ship's Services and Post Exchanges, November 24th, tomorrow.

Ex-GIs Not Affected By Manpower Orders

Ex-servicemen get an additional break upon their return to civilian life due to the lifting of the War Manpower Commission's freeze order for ex-GIs.

All manpower controls of veterans have been lifted, allowing ex-servicemen freedom to seek any kind of civilian jobs. Discharged GIs may now accept a job with any employer without first clearing through the U. S. Employment Service, although any veteran seeking re-employment is entitled to help by that organization in locating the job of his choice.

TUMBLING ALONG WITH A—



Here's something to send home. A Texas tumbleweed almost 8 feet high rolled down the Pyote street—and even stopped a car. Cpl. Hank Englesman shows you the height of the tumbleweed and wonders if the OPA doesn't have a ceiling on this!

Six New Battle, Campaign Honors Announced By War Department

Six new battle and campaign honors have been released by the War Dept., entitling men who engaged in them to wear an additional bronze star on the campaign ribbon.

The additions, bringing the total World War II list to 26, are:

AIR OFFENSIVE, JAPAN — From April 17, 1942 to a final date to be announced later.

ROME-ARNO — Italy, Corsica, and adjacent waters from Jan. 12, 1944 to final date yet to be announced.

NORTHERN FRANCE — From July 25, to Sept. 14, 1944.

SOUTHERN FRANCE — From Aug. 15 to Sept. 14, 1944.

GERMANY — Germany and certain adjacent areas from Sept. 15, 1944 to final date to be announced later.

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION — From Oct. 17, 1944 to final date to be announced later.

Wink Invites Soldier Residents To Party

The Wink, Texas Lions Club extended invitations to all Pyote GIs who are residents of Wink, to attend a Christmas party, December 21st, 8:00 p.m., at the Wink high school auditorium.

Personal invitations to GIs in Wink, their wives and families, will be sent out this week.

New Tugboat Can Tow Almost Anything

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The War Shipping Administration has announced the development of a new type naval craft, a 195-foot tug which can tow almost anything afloat. The tug is powered by two Diesel engines and carries enough oil to remain at sea 75 days. It is manned by a crew of 40 merchant seamen and officers and a Navy guncrew to man a 2½-inch gun.

PYOTE SERVICE CENTER CELEBRATES

Rev. Auburn Hayes extends a cordial invitation to all Pyote GIs to drop in at the Baptist Servicemen's Center in Pyote this Friday night to help commemorate the first anniversary of the Center. Homecooked foods, coffee and informal entertainment will be the order of the day. Make it a good habit to look in at the Center on your time off.

Theater Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6 and 8 p.m.; Theatre No. 2 at 7 and 9 p.m.

Thu.—AND NOW TOMORROW with Alan Ladd, Susan Hayward, and Loretta Young. (Discharged doctor get involved with two babes.) Also **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and **Paramount News**.

Fri. and Sat.—THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU with Dennis Morgan and Dame Clark. (Comedy and maybe music. Morgan sings, ya know.) Also "Hedge-hoppers" and **Community Sing**.

Sun. and Mon.—FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS with Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman. (Technicolor super-pic about war in Spain in its first showing here.) **Note: see story on this page for special show-times.**

Tue.—**Double-feature.** LIGHTS OF OLD SANTA FE with Roy Rogers. (We head-thru-Eagle-Pass-to-cut-'em-off again.) MARK OF THE WHISTLER with Richard Dix and Janis Carter. (Mystery whodunit.) **Note: Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30. Theatre No. 2 at 6 and 8. Stage show at Theatre No. 1 at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.**

Wed. and Thu.—FROM BOWERY TO BROADWAY with Jack Oakie, Maria Montez, and Susan Foster. (An 1895 story about rival beer-garden owners. With music.) Also "A Wolf's Tale" and **Paramount News**.

Service Club

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon 12 to 1. Sewing from 10 to 5. Big variety show at 8:30 p.m.

Fri.—Informal activities; games, letter-writing, etc.

Sat.—Informal activities; records, relaxation, etc.

Sun.—Informal activities; radio, games, cards, etc.

Mon.—Bridge-tourney 8:15 p.m.

Tue.—Informal activities. (Hobbs AAF show at Theatre)

Wed.—Thanksgiving Formal Dance from 9 to midnight.

Monahans USO

Thu.—Protestant discussion group; apple pie and coffee night.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—DANCE!

Sun.—Coffee Hour 11:00; Buffet Supper 6:30; Song fest 7:30; Movie 8:30.

Mon.—Song Fest 7:30; Movie 8:30.

Tue.—Arts and Crafts program.

Wed.—12:30 Better Halves Club Luncheon; 8:30 Catholic Discussion group; 8:30 Spanish class; Photography class, Louis Pinkerton.

Pyote Talent Holds Variety Show At USO Saturday Night

The Pyote Special Service Office will present a super-variety show at the Monahans USO Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Some of the Rattlesnake Field's prime talent—including old favorites and many new artists—will be on hand.

Pvt. Monty Ash, director of the unit, will emcee the special holiday show, the cast of which includes Gene Elston, well known vocalist, Bobbie Tubbs, pert Pyote canary, Terry Tubbs, who sells a smooth song, Harold Mason, magician, John Jerome, vocalist, and Stanley Sharp—billed as "Professor Concentration".

Thursday night, a Special Service variety show will be presented at the Service Club. Time: 8:30.

Do you know that burns caused 10,350 deaths last year?

"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"

"For whom the Bell Tolls" will show at the following times Sunday and Monday:

THEATRE NO. 1

Sunday—1:30, 6:00, 9:00

Monday—1:30, 6:00, 9:00.

THEATRE NO. 2

Sunday—2:15, 7:00, 10:00

Monday—7:00 and 10:00

Service Club Formal Dance Will Be Held Wednesday

There will be no dance Tuesday night at the Service Club! BUT—there WILL be a formal dance Wednesday night at the EM club from nine to midnight.

The shift in dates—for this one week only—is due to the variety

show from Hobbs Army Air Field at the Post Theatre on Tuesday.

The Wednesday night dance is a formal dance with a Thanksgiving motif. From 9 to midnight—at the Service Club—Wednesday night.

Don't forget—it's WEDNESDAY night, and formal—this week only!

Hobbs AAF Plays Theatre Tuesday

WACS that blossom into gorgeous creatures of the stage, music that ranges from boogie-woogie right out of Harlem to the concert hall, and comedy that clicks—even to the time-honored pie in the face.

That "VARIETY IN KHAKI" the GI show from Hobbs AAF which plays Pyote next Tuesday evening for two shows at Theatre No. 1—7:15 and 9:15.

One of the stand-out items in "VARIETY IN KHAKI" is the original music and lyrics, written by Cpl. Marty Weissner of the Hobbs field, producer and director of the show.

Among the features of the show is "Lullabye to a Wolf" plus many another excellent number.

The Hobbs presentation at Pyote is the inaugural number in an entertainment exchange circuit between Hobbs, Roswell, Carlsbad, Pecos, and Pyote air fields.

Carlsbad hits the road in January, Roswell in February, Pyote in March, and Pecos in April.

Jan Garber Plans Super-Show Here

Jan Garber, the Sultan of Swing, is playing Pyote AAF Sunday, December 10 in a big, full-time show.

Garber's orchestra, as solid a jump outfit as ever slapped a skin, will also boast the charming songstress June Barton—the answer to a Wolf's prayer.

Acclaimed as the "bobby-sox' delight", the plump Garber is acclaimed in show-business as one of the hardy perennials. Dance orchestras come and go, but brother Garber seems to remain on the top, altering his musical style to the popular mood of the times.

His appearance here will also mark a re-union between Jan and one of his pre-war arrangers—Cpl. George Annis.

The Wolf

by Sansone





Thanks

A Resume Of What Cooks (Besides Turkey) At Pyote On This Thanksgiving Day

There was a popular song of a few seasons ago that has always sorta lingered in our mind; the words went: "where else do they use up two Thanksgivings?" We always sorta liked that. Yup, two Thanksgivings.

Congress though they had settled things when they passed a law naming the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving; but about a half-dozen states decided inasmuch as there are five Thursdays this year, to celebrate Thanksgiving on the 30th.

Texas was one of them, but due to some technical AR, which we don't know the number of and who cares anyway?, Pyote Army Air Field is carving its turkey on the 23rd—which is today—which brings us around to the subject at hand.

A menu of what's for chow is printed on this page, so you have some idea of what's in store for you. It might be a good idea to clip it out and send it home to the poor, starving civilians on the home front—who have to do with Class 3 turkeys this year all on account of Uncle Sammy wants to throw his nephews a party.

We called up the Mess Sergeant and he gave us all the facts and figures on the meal—3600 lbs. of turkey and all that—and when he finished we said, "Mmmmmmmmm, how many times can we come through that line?" And he replied, "As often as you wanna!"

So, chow-hounds—there's orders. Make as many trips through that line as you wanna. Remember—what we don't eat at noon we get for turkey hash in the evening!

But let's take a quick resume of Pyote's 1944 Thanksgiving:

EM's are permitted to bring their families and/or one guest to turkey dinner, so you'll be seeing quite a few civvies lugging a GI tray through the line. Now, we remember when civilians used to invite a soldier to Thanksgiving dinner, which just shows you how times have



changed, and what power the poor underslung GI has.

We hear that a few WACS have invited guests for the turkey-dinner at the WAC mess hall.

There's a big show at the Service Club tonight at 8:30 p.m. for you to attend if you have that much energy left.

A TWX from the 2AF states: "THE SUNDAY WORKING SCHEDULE WILL OBTAIN ON THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEARS DAY UNLESS CHANGED BY DIRECTIVES FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS."

So, that means—if you have Sunday off, you can take today off too.

A special treat is in store for all GIs attending the Monahans USO today, when home-made apple pie and coffee will be served.

Mrs. George Baker, captain of the Thursday night group, will be on hand to see that you get your share. To take away from that stuffy feeling, "Bingo" will be played for exercise.

Consolidated Mess—which serves Mess Halls 1, 3, 4 and 5—released the following dope sheet on the menu. The figures go like this:

3600 lbs. turkey; 120 gal. giblet gravy; 160 lbs. sage dressing; 1200 lbs. candied sweet potatoes; 1200 snowflake potatoes; 465 lbs. fresh corn; 520 lbs. buttered asparagus; 31 gals. sweet mixed pickles; 186 lbs. celery; 465 lbs. sliced tomatoes; 350 pumpkin pies; 350 apple pies; 370 lbs. spice cake; 160 gals. ice cream; 620 lbs. mixed nuts; 310 lbs. mixed candy; 31 lugs grapes; 3100 oranges; 3100 apples; 1100 dozen hot rolls; 620 lbs. bread; 70 lbs. butter; 300 gals. coffee; 450 gals. lemonade; sugar, cream, etc.

Good news on this Thanksgiv-

ing is the campaign—began by an "eager Tech. Sgt." to have Staff, Tech, First and Master Sergeants pull KP and give the lower ranking boys a day off.

On an entirely voluntary basis, many of the non-coms on the base signed up to pull KP on turkey-day. A press-time call to various sections reported that Sections A and E had sufficient volunteers to pull the entire tour of duty—all of them non-coms. Section D reported "no volunteers" as yet. Section F has some but not enough to free all the Pvts., Pfc's, Cpls., and Buck Sgts. Section M announced that some non-com Medics had volunteered, and they

would be placed on KP.

Among the men volunteering were F-Sgt. Walsh (E), F-Sgt. Schmidt (A), and F-Sgt. Blackburn (F). Section A (where Sergeants were excluded from KP rosters) had three buck-sarj' volunteer for Turkey-day KP. Sgt. Victor Pearson of Finance, and Sgt. Ward Howell and Sgt. David Pittman of Personnel offered their services for that day.

We have pretty much taken our Thanksgivings where we found them—and usually managed to squeeze in a few gobbles of gobbler to mark the occasion.

And whenever someone says

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THANKSGIVING



On sun-Philippine clad hills Joe and preserve America nation v

giving



Thanksgiving to us, we always think of the big old-fashioned holiday. We used to get up early and go to church. There was a cold, raw November wind to smack us in the face, and a slate-gray sky overhead. Afterwards we'd eat a small breakfast, read the papers and head for one of those Thanksgiving morning football games. State Teachers would usually be playing Aggie or Tech; and we'd be out there with our pennant with a big gray "L" on it, and our best girl who sported a big yellow chrysanthemum on her collar. And maybe even a flask to warm our spirits as the game progressed.

Then afterwards we'd go back to the house, our ears a bit nipped, our cheeks red and cold, and our appetites—oh boy! Mom always had a big turkey and all the trimmings—cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, candied sweets, sage dressing—Yum!

Well, we'd all stuff ourselves and then lounge into the living room. Dad'd turn on the football game and promptly fall asleep on the couch. My sisters would try to talk each other into doing the dishes. And my girl and I would play a few hands of cribbage, or play a game of chess.

It was a swell holiday—Thanksgiving. And however you cele-



aked Leyte island in the
is and amid the snow-
of western Germany, GI
his buddies today fight
the principles for which
stands, symbolized by the
ide feast known as
Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING MENU	
CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP	
ROAST TOM TURKEY	SAGE DRESSING
GIBLET GRAVY	
SNOWFLAKE POTATOES	CANDIED SWEET POTATOES
FRESH CORN	BUTTERED ASPARAGUS
SWEET MIXED PICKLES	CRANBERRY SAUCE
ICED CELERY	
SLICED TOMATOES	
PUMPKIN PIE	APPLE PIE
MIXED NUTS	
MIXED CANDIES	
SPICE CAKE	ICE CREAM
ASSORTED FRESH FRUITS	
HOT ROLLS, BREAD, BUTTER	
COFFEE	LEMONADE



brated Turkey-day, we know you feel the same.

Thanksgiving 1944 we're spending at Pyote. The menu looks terrific. It looks like a good day for football; there's an all-day long radio program featuring the top radio talent on the air;—and it's going to be a pretty nice Thanksgiving. Yup, even the Turkey hash!

The Odessa USO invites Pyote GIs for its Thanksgiving game session from 4 to 6 this afternoon; there'll be some nice prizes for the winners. Tonight there'll be a dance at the Odessa USO—formal for the hostesses, and music provided by the Py-

ote Orchestra. Pyote GIs, gals and guys, are invited to attend.

STOCKTON FIELD, CAL. (CNS)
—After serving 25 years in the Army, M-Sgt. Joe Galli discovered the other day that according to his service record he has never completed basic training.



GRADE CEILINGS BY THE NUMBERS

SSN	MOS	Ceiling Grade
945	Photographic Lab Technician	Sgt.
957	Airplane Electrical Instrument Mechanic	S-Sgt.
960	Remote Control Turret Mechanic	S-Sgt.
964	Airplane Supercharger Repairman	Sgt.
965	Automotive Repairman	Sgt.
	M-Sgt. for 100 and more vehicles, T-Sgt. 50-99 vehicles, S-Sgt. 50 vehicles or less.	
969	Link CNT Mechanic	S-Sgt.
970	Link CNT Operator	S-Sgt.
1684	Airplane Power Plant Mechanic-Gunner	T-Sgt.
1685	Airplane Electrical Mechanic-Gunner	T-Sgt.
2756	Radio Operator and Mechanic, AAF	S-Sgt.
2867	Radar Observer-Mechanic, Bombardment	T-Sgt.

CHICAGO (CNS)—When a woman patient fainted in his dentist chair, Dr. Cecil Fisher revived her with water. Later he complained to police that she had removed all the change from his pockets while being revived.

Germans To Receive Just Rule -- Gen. Ike

By Camp Newspaper Service

A "tough" but just rule for the portion of Germany to be occupied by our armed forces was indicated by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, AEF, in his first proclamation published on German soil. "We come as conquerors but not as oppressors," the proclamation declared.

Eisenhower promised that Nazism and German militarism will be obliterated.

"We shall overthrow the Nazi rule," he stated, "dissolve the Nazi party and abolish the cruel, oppressive and discriminatory laws and institutions which the party has created. We shall eradicate that German militarism which has so often disrupted the peace of the world."

Speedy trial and punishment of military and party leaders, the Gestapo and others found guilty of crimes and atrocities also was promised.

Germans were warned to obey "immediately and without question" all the enactments and orders of the Allied military government. Resistance to Allied

forces will be dealt with "severely" the proclamation declared.

All German courts and educational institutions in the occupied territory were ordered suspended and all officials were "charged with the duty of remaining at their posts until further orders". Included were "employees and workers of all public undertakings and utilities and all other persons engaged in essential work."

The proclamation followed by a few days an order by Lt-Gen. Courtney H. Hodges forbidding American 1st Army troops to fraternize with German civilians.

Three American MPs disappeared mysteriously near Rotgen, south of Aachen, in occupied Germany recently.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

by R. W. Topping

We are afraid this weeks column is going to be slightly skimpy, and we apologize. No alibis can be offered except that that sack feels mighty good on a cold morning.

Which brings us to the subject of Texas weather. It has been said that Texas is the only place where you get your feet muddy and dust in your eyes at the same time. We are ready to believe it. It's getting damn cold around here and thanks to someone for the issue of sheep-lined jackets, boots, and such.

Some of the fellows have been wondering why Section E doesn't do something about their mail room. Section D has a darn good system of issuing the daily "sugar reports". Section E could follow suit. We'll try to find out why "E" doesn't have a better system fellows, so sit tight and next week you'll know.

Wanted: One twenty one year old to join Woman Army Corps to replace Cpl. "Sack" Wnek. "Sack" says he's getting too old for the Army. Aw now listen here "Sack", you're just bitter.

Corporal Jim Hamilton, Hangar One ace mechanic, got "hitched". That's about the size of it. He married the home town girl from Ohio. The marriage business is getting to be a habit with the boys from Power Unit, Hangar One. And they never tell until they've been married for at least a month. John Drolet another man from Hangar One is a good example. He took advantage of a recent furlough to utter the fateful phrase, "I do."

Here's a tip fellows. Getting married is a dandy way to collect points for "when the shootins' done."

By the way you guys. This column won't be much of a success without your help. We mean it. It's your column and anything you'd like to see in it is O.K. with us. Within reason of course.

Flying Time Award

The Training Sections are out to break all records for flying the biggest percentage of available flying hours. The week ending November 12 found Section I in the lead with 95%; Section II had a close second with 93% and Section III trailed with 87%. During the week ending November 19th, competition was stepped up, but Section I again came in with 99.7%; Section II with 98%, and Section III brought in 97%. The percentages are really up and the Sections are bucking for that perfect score. Watch the RATTLER each week for the standings.

M A L E C A L L
By Milton Caniff

TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES



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World's Largest AF Belongs To US

WASHINGTON—The present overall strength of the American Air Forces is approximately 75,000 planes, it was revealed by a high AF official last week in the Army Times.

This makes it possible to maintain overseas a force of 12,000 first-line combat planes, constituting the largest fighting aerial force in the world.

"No other Air Force has ever reached that figure of first-line planes in the hands of combat squadrons," the official said.

In addition to this, approximately 2500 second-line combat planes, which can be used as transports or in communication work, and 6000 other planes, which are held as ready reserves, are also overseas.

The Civvies

GIRLS! Be on the lookout for an inspection—Surprise for you "A Beauty Inspection". Major Sewares is going to each department on the base and select a beautiful young lady to represent the Pyote Army Air Field in the Sun Carnival held in El Paso, Texas on New Year's Day. The young lady chosen to represent the Base will be the guest of the Southwestern Sun Carnival throughout all of its activities, the only expense will be the transportation to and from El Paso, Texas, and possibly three or four meals. She will be presented as Princess at the Coronation of the Sun Bowl Queen, which is followed by the Coronation Ball; she will attend the Queen's Reception; she will be a guest at an exclusive reception and dance given by a Society in Juarez, Mexico on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, and will be a guest at the Sun Bowl Game.

Now Girls, look your best at all times, for Major Sewares has an eye for beauty!

There are twenty girls in the Civilian Personnel Office now and we are looking forward to being invited to one of the Mess Halls on the base for a Thanksgiving Dinner—Aren't we girls?

Evalyn has been oh so lonesome lately—"Cause her Johnnie is gone. Perk up Evalyn, Start singing "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home".

Mary Jane is in the Hospital this week—we wish you a speedy recovery.

Everyone remember Bingo Night every Tuesday night at the Civilian Personnel Recreation Hall—everyone is invited to join the fun and win any of a variety of cash prizes.

Rattle Snake Charmer



This Thanksgiving chicken with the sultry expression is Marie Windsor, a Warner Bros. starlet. No turkey is Marie; goodness no! But brother, you could fry one over the heat that gaze gives off.

REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago, as taken from the files of the RATTLER.

Nov. 24, 1943: Each GI found himself with one pound of young turkey, as the field observed Thanksgiving. Civilian personnel had their own turkey-day dinner—the sub-depot metal shop ate their holiday meal on benches and tables right in the shop. A "hillbilly" Thanksgiving dance was held at the Civilian Community center. Prospective WAC recruits from Monahans were guests on the field. 26 19th Group men received medals. The base rationing committee was formed. Finance disclosed the monthly payroll ran into a million smackers. The Baptist Service Center in Pyote opened. In the world news, Russia retook Zhitomir. U. S. planes hit the Marshalls and Gilbert islands.

COCHRAN GETS DSM

Colonel Phillip D. Cochran has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for carrying out the first airborne invasion of Burma.

Col. Cochran is almost as well-known as "Flip Corkin" his comic-strip counterpart who spars with the Japs in the newspaper cartoon "Terry and the Pirates".

General H. H. Arnold presented the medal to the Erie, Pa. flyer whose real-life heroics run neck and neck with his cartoon-counterpart's charm.

Chaplain's Chat

"FLYING TIME"

by Chaplain Robert G. Geiger

If you were to question an Army pilot about his experience, you would never ask him how long he has been a pilot. That has little bearing on his efficiency. You would ask, "How many hours of flying time have you had?" The true measure of a pilot is the number of hours of flying time he has had. Hours on the ground may be spent in telling friends what he would like to do "when" and "if" but hours in the air, and especially in combat, mean ability, experience and competency.

This same truth applies to anyone, whether he is a flier or not. Your experience starts when you begin to do the thing you are now talking about. The challenge of this day is for more men to build up more "flying time". By that we mean to go ahead and do your job regardless of what it may be, and stop just talking about it. We can't all be fliers; only those def-

GERMANS INTERESTED

FRANCE (CNS) — Captured by Nazis and rescued by the FFI, a GI told Americans upon his return that German officers were more interested in his political views than in anything else.

"They all asked me how I was going to vote," he said.

At The Chapel

CATHOLIC — Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

PROTESTANT — Sunday: Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium, 0915; 1000, Section C. Chapel Service; 1030, Station Chapel Service; 1130, Civilian Housing Service; 1930, Section C Vesper Service; 2000, Station Vesper Service. Wednesday: 1900, Chapel Chorus rehearsal; 2000, Bible quiz.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE — Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

JEWISH — Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

initely qualified for it may be. But we can "build up our flying time" by doing our task to the very best of our ability.

We of the Army are members of a team—the best, trained and equipped team ever to go out on a field of combat. We have our jobs to do—each and every one of us. We can't all "carry the ball". Some of us have to "take out" the opposition, and some of us just carry water for the team, but our jobs are important to the total strategy. Let's put in all the "flying time" we can, even if we are confined to the ground while doing it.



KOOPS' KORNERS

THE STORIES THEY TELL . . . About the soldier in the Air Transport Command who on receiving a ballot application, wrote back, "Thank you very much for the ballot application. It came as a welcome surprise. This is the first time I've been invited to express my opinion on anything in sixteen months!" . . . The new trainee in Texas who was sweating thru the season and remarked to a native, "I'll certainly be glad to get back to Michigan again." "Well," said the native, "I do suppose a man has to be brought up in this climate to be able to stand the weather down here." To which the trainee replied: "You mean to tell me that people live here when there AIN'T no war?" . . .

PYOTE QUOTES: . . . At the Service Club: "The only trouble is that every time history repeats itself, the prices go up." . . . At the PX cafeteria: "Sometimes it seems the necessity of life isn't fit to drink!" . . . At the Monahans USO: "So what's a peeping-tom? Nuthin' but a wolf out window-shoppin'!" . . . At the library: "So the Rattler mentions demobilization. All I know is that I'm gonna get caught with my points down." . . . At the Section F dayroom: "Huh! Promotions! The only thing that comes to him who waits is whiskers!" . . . in the show-line: "All right, so I'm a Lieutenant. And when I breathe my last they'll put on my tombstone: 'Died—in addition to his other duties.'"

GOODBYE TO A GREAT GUY: Mr. Harvey Houser, assistant Red Cross Field director, shoved off Monday night. We were sorry to see him leave. Mr. Houser—a pipe smoking, quiet, dry-witted fella was a prince. He's headed for overseas because that's where he wants to be. Pyote is losing a helluva nice guy, and we're sorry to see him go. Mr. Houser was the closest thing to a GI that we've met yet—and that's the nicest word we could use to describe him.

PERSONALS: A letter signed "Well-meaning GIs" ends with the comment, "Shall we go further or can you handle this?". All we could discover on the matter was that the reason for the deal you guys are gripe-ing about was very legitimate. So what can we say? Go higher if you think you can do any good, boys. Sorry . . . Too bad that the Rattlers' basketball squad makes the trips in such crummy uniforms. New outfits would do much to raise the morale of the team and the fans, not mention the boost Pyote would get in the eyes of visiting fields. . . There is no news as regards the base insignia. As far as we can determine, it's still undecided . . . For the sake of the record, we say again: In Christmas 1942 beer was served in the mess halls here. Can we hope that some Santa Claus with brass to prove it makes another such miracle come true in 1944? . . .

SHORT, SHORT STORY: . . . He was just a guy stationed at Pyote. He took a furlough last summer, went to the big-town and a nice young girl fell for his pretty talk. So he wired the girl for some money to come see her. She sent the cash, and he's spending it—in another town, on some other girl.

LAST LINE: We still like the yarn about the guy who took his best gal to a barn dance, but still got the same old stall.

PIGSKIN PROPHETS

Twelve games are on The Rattler's Football Dopester card this week, topped by the 2AF-4AF contest.

Three winners each week will be presented War Department theater books as prizes. If you want to get in on the competition, check your selections below and turn the sheet in to the Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Friday.

The rules are simple. Entrants must pick both the winner and score of each game on the chart, and winners are decided on the closeness of scores when equal numbers of games are doped correctly. Approximately a dozen games will be run each week, of which one or two will be in District 7-A, the district in which Monahans, Wink, Pecos and Kermit play. Remaining games will be among the top collegiate and service teams of the nation.

Remember the deadline—1700 Friday—and have your selections in. Winners will be announced in next week's Rattler.

THE GAMES

Team	Score	Team	Score
Brown	_____	Colgate	_____
Columbia	_____	Dartmouth	_____
Wisconsin	_____	Minnesota	_____
Notre Dame	_____	Georgia Tech	_____
Michigan	_____	Ohio State	_____
So. Cal.	_____	UCLA	_____
Ft. Warren	_____	Great Lakes	_____
2nd Air Force	_____	4th Air Force	_____
California	_____	St. Mary's PF	_____
Duke	_____	No. California	_____
Rice	_____	Texas Christian	_____
Pennsylvania	_____	Cornell	_____
Contestant's Name _____			
Section _____			

Baca Picks 12 Out of 12 To Pace Last Week's Pigskin Prophetors

Nearing the final football mark-up, three winners nosed out competition to get the three weekly prizes for dopping last week's pigskin games.

They are: Sgt. Tony Baca (F), Alvin Bug (CCD) and Pvt. Dan Rossano (Mess Hall No. 1).

Local Wacs Plan Hoop Tournament

Plans for a WAC basketball squad from Pyote AF were virtually completed this week, as officials were drawing up a playing league.

The girls' squad, the first in Pyote history, hopes to contest various Wac units in the surrounding territory as well as femme high school squads in this part of the country.

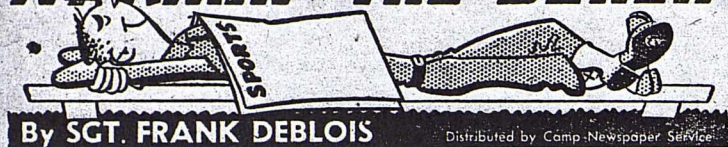
Baca picked 12 out of 12 for a perfect score, the first 'strike' of the contest.

Winners may claim their book of theatre tickets by calling at the Public Relations Office in Base Hq.

This week's 12 games are the semi-final card for the year. The contest of December 2 will close the pigskin prophets guessing-game for 1944.

This week's card is printed above. Remember, your list—with winners and scores—must be in the PRO office not later than 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday).

WARMIN' THE BENCH



George Allen, former commissioner of the District of Columbia, was the star quarterback of the not-soon-to-be-forgotten 1916 Cumberland College Football team. This club set a record which in all likelihood will never be eclipsed in football history. It never won a game. It never scored a point. It lost to Georgia Tech 220 to 0.

Allen remembers this fatal game vividly. "I spearheaded the Cumberland attack," he recalls. "Once I carried the ball around left end in a run that resulted in only an 8 yard loss. Another time I tackled a Tech man on the 40 yard line and hung on his neck all the way to the goal line."

But the high point in the contest arrived during the closing minutes when Allen fumbled the ball and, as 3 Tech men bore down on him, watched another Cumberland stalwart shy away from the loose pigskin.

"Pick it up," yelled Allen.

"Pick it up, hell," his teammate replied, "I didn't drop it!"

"I hope I break even," said the race track tout enroute to the track one day. "I need the money."

Blue Plate Special

We erred recently when we said Lt. Glenn Dobbs was pitching touchdown for the mighty Randolph Field (Texas) Ramblers.

Consol. Mess Rolls 2748 For 3-Game All Time Honors

Consolidated Mess hit a 3 game series of 933, 882, and 933 for a 2748 series to set a new record at the EM's bowling alleys last Friday night. Their high team single, 933, gave them second place for high team singles, with the Dusters' 921 in third. The Dusters, almost as hot, toppled the maples for 891, 819, 921 for 2631; while the M-Men dropped to third with a 2586.

Clyde Kuckenbecker of the M-Men boosted that team's place in the 5-man single high team score of 949. Kuckenbecker cracked a 246 single game, trailing Fox's all-time high of 255.

In the red league, the Atargazers hit a high 3 game series of 2551 (794, 925, 832). Bentley hit a high three game series of 609, and a high single game of 255, in his hot pace-setting of the entire Crimson circuit.

In the white league there were no new records set, but Beaudry of the Riff-Raffs hit a new high single of 235.

Dobbs is just about the entire backfield at the Second Air Force, Colorado Springs, where he has completed 41 of 68 passes for 596 yards, intercepted 4 opponents' passes and run them back 52 yards, thrown 9 touchdown passes and crossed the goal line 7 times himself. He has averaged 10 yards every time he has carried the ball and has a punting average of 43.6 yards. . . Randolph Field, although Dobbsless, has some fair backs itself: Bill Dudley, Virginia. All-American; Pete Layden, Texas; Ken Holley, Holy Cross, and Dippy Evans, Notre Dame. . .

Speaking of good football teams, Army has the greatest in its history this year, and, according to Lt. Col. Earl Blaik, it's the best club he has ever coached. . . Previous top Army teams were the undefeated squads of 1914, '16 and '22, all coached by the great C. D. Daly. . . Worst Army team in the book was the 1940 outfit, which won one, tied one, lost 7. . . Top hitter in the minor leagues last season was Ripper Collins, 41-year-old ex-Gas House Gangster from St. Louis, now manager-first baseman of the Albany club in the Eastern League. Ripper batted .396 in 100 games. . . Rumor hath it that Gen. Marshall or Gen. MacArthur may succeed Judge Landis as baseball czar after the war.

BLUE LEAGUE

Consol. Mess	16	4	.761
M-Men	17	7	.708
Dusters	15	9	.625
Flashes	13	11	.541
Hangar 1	7	14	.333

RED LEAGUE

Stargazers	12	2	.866
Southpaws	11	7	.611
Signal 5	11	7	.611
Superbombers	9	6	.600
Crusaders	10	8	.555
Medicos	9	9	.500
Pillrollers	6	12	.333

WHITE LEAGUE

Sawboners	15	3	.833
Riff-Raff	12	6	.666
Quartermasters	9	6	.600
Static Chasers	10	8	.555
Spare Boys	9	9	.500
Airways	9	9	.500
Lucky Strikes	4	11	.266
Planets	4	11	.222

Gents' Dust Dusters, 33-19, To Win T-Football Play-Off

The touch football league wound up last week when the play-off champs of each league, the American league Dusters and the National circuit Gents, fought to the finish. The Gents won 33 to 19.

The tussle concluded the first t-football league on this field.

The vital statistics on league play are:

LEADING SCORER: Sgt. Johansen, Gents.

LEADING SCORING TEAM: Dusters.

AMERICAN LEAGUE WINNER: Dusters.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WINNER: Gents.

An all-star team was chosen by referees that worked the games.

The line: M-Sgt. D. W. Roberts (Wildcats); S-Sgt. Chuck Roberts (Dusters); Sgt. Winters (Fighting Irish).

The backfield: Sgt. Johansen (Gents); S-Sgt. Ward (Dusters); and T-Sgt. Tuscon (Blockbusters).

B29s Won't Shuttle Says WD Authority

WASHINGTON—Shuttle-bombing of the Jap homeland by Superfortresses, using bases in China and on the Philippine Islands of Leyte and Samar, as suggested in some quarters, has been considered unprofitable and impracticable for the time being at least, an official of the Air Forces said.

Because of the extreme distance involved, it would be much more practicable to continue bombing Japan from the present bases in China, he stated, rather than to attempt shuttle flights.

BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS

The Intra-mural basketball league will open on or about December 3rd. Those interested should turn in team rosters to S-Sgt. Parvin or Cpl. Rosenblatt at the Rec. Hall. Each roster must have ten men.

BIG LEAGUERS GO OVERSEAS

GIs fighting overseas are going to get a gander at a lot of major league ball players this winter. Five troupes of big leaguers are making the tours, which will visit 5 combat areas. Booked for passage are Luke Sewell, Browns; Mel Ott, Joe Medwick and Carl Hubbell, Giants; Frankie Frisch and Rip Sewell, Pirates; Leo Durocher and Dixie Walker, Dodgers; Nick Etten, Johnny Lindell and Paul Waner, Yankees; Fred Fitzsimmons, Phillies; Steve O'Neill, Detroit; Buckley Walters, Cincinnati; Dutch Leonard, Washington—and two umpires, egad!

Pecos 5's 'Luck' Beats Rattlers

The Rattler hard-wood quintet took it on the chin from Pecos in a hotly-contested game there last week. The Pyote five wound up on the short end of a 59 to 47 count.

A vociferous house of Pecos rooters alternately booed and cheered the referees and Cpl. John Dahl, Rattler playing-manager, argued many, as he stated, "biased decisions".

The Pecos quintet threw in 19 points in the final quarter, after the half-mark found the score knotted up at 21 all.

High scorer for the Pyote Rattlers was Hogan with 11; Pecos' Stanford hit the hoop for 21 counters.

A secondary blow to the Rattlers added to the bitterness of the defeat: They lost the services of Pfc. Harold Cooper, stubby potent marksman, who was transferred.

Next contest for the Rattlers is Friday night at Clovis, followed by Big Spring there on the 28th. The squad returns to the Pyote court December 1st to take on Davis-Monthan of Tucson.

The box score:

PYOTE (47)

Joyce, f	4	0	3	8
Burns, f	3	0	1	6
Michna, f	0	2	1	2
Burke, W., f	1	2	2	4
Ray, g	4	1	1	9
Funk, g	2	1	2	5
Burke, J., g	0	2	3	2
Hogan, g	4	3	3	11
	18	11	16	47

PECOS (59)

Halbrook, f	3	2	4	8
McKee, f	4	1	2	9
McCarthy, f	0	2	4	2
Baun, f	2	0	0	4
Drewry, f	0	0	0	0
Stanford, c	8	5	0	21
Samario, c	2	0	3	4
Hamett, c	2	0	1	4
Oakland, c	2	0	1	4
Krems, g	0	0	0	0
Gartman, g	0	0	2	0
Barbour, g	1	0	0	2
	24	10	17	59

WSA RESUMES RECRUITING

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Shipping Administration has been authorized by Selective Service to resume recruiting of men between the ages of 18 and 26 for the Merchant Marine. Last April, recruiting of men in that age group was banned, except for those classified 4F in the draft.



This is the Pyote post-office. It used to be the Central Hotel, but now it is the official mailing place where the 200 souls who call Pyote "home" send and receive their post-cards, letters, and packages. The wheelbarrow to the left of the building is the high-speed vehicle that runs the mail to the trains twice a day . . .

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

Pyote in the words of more than one Rattlesnake GI, must be seen to be appreciated.

The little town 25 miles east of the Pecos is growing in fame, song, and story across the width and breadth of the world.

An officer, recently returned from overseas, complete with DFC, air medal, and what-have-you, stated: "They can send me anywhere they want to—that is, anywhere but Pyote!"

The Literary editor of the Chicago Sun answers a request from this office with the comment: "Just what IS Pyote?"

Pyote, bless the burg, is a small bit of ghost-town in the most desolate part of Texas, rampant in a field of sand, cactus, and rattlesnakes.

The air field, established at Pyote two years ago, is about a half-mile up the road from the town itself. And there is the hum and the hub of the B-29 training program.

Probably the most famous quotation about the town is the statement that the difference between Pyote and most other towns is that most other towns are on both sides of the street.

No wonder you have to see Pyote to fully appreciate it. Hell, you have to see it to believe there IS such a thing!



. . . But no cobwebs form on this post-office! The field's mail-rooms are crowded with the GIs anxiously awaiting sugar reports or the letter from home.

Want A Better Post-War Job? Prepare Now To Beat The Rush

By Camp Newspaper Service

To GIs who want to return to a new job better than the one they held when they entered the armed forces, Maj. Edward Millea, Chief of the Veteran's Personnel Division of New York City's Selective Service System, offers this advice:

Prepare Now—While you're still in uniform.

"Only about 30 percent of New York City's discharged servicemen are returning to their former jobs," Maj Millea, who has talked with more than 7000 World War II veterans about their re-employment problems, said.

"Most of them want something better, and, on the basis of their service training and experience, we are succeeding in placing a great many advantageously.

"But a considerable number lack the necessary skills, knowledge and training to improve their economic position, and these must take additional training or educational courses after they have been discharged to qualify for the jobs they are seeking.

Head Start For Top Jobs

"It should be obvious that the man who prepares himself while still in uniform will have a head start toward that better job which is the goal of every ambitious American, in and out of uniform. Even servicemen who intend to go back to school to complete their education can make substantial progress while still in the services.

"The U. S. Armed Forces Institute offers an unparalleled opportunity to the serviceman to continue his education, to acquire new skills and training which will help him to a better job after his discharge and to increase his usefulness as a citizen and his appreciation of life through greater knowledge.

"We, in Selective Service, are determined to fight for the right of every honorably discharged veteran to return to his old job if he wants it and, is entitled to it under the law, and to help him to a better job if he can qualify for it. But we need the help of the serviceman. He should lose no time in preparing himself.

"It is unfortunately true that the least skilled are the first to feel the pinch of unemployment and lay-offs."

The Armed Forces Institute, with headquarters at Madison, Wis., and branches in nine major theaters of war, offers hundreds of educational courses in nearly every field of study.

80 Colleges Offer Courses

In addition more than 80 leading American colleges and universities are cooperating with USAFI to offer a wide variety of courses by mail.

More than 900,000 servicemen and women in every part of the world are busily studying courses



Q. I was in Hawaii at the time of the Battle of Midway. Am I entitled to wear a battle star on my Asiatic-Pacific ribbon because I was held in reserve for that battle?

A. No. However, if you were in a plane based at Hawaii and actually flew to the battle scene you would be entitled to display a battle star.

Q. My wife and I were divorced after I entered the Army. She gets no alimony, but the court ordered me to pay \$20 a month for the support of our child. Why does the Office of Dependency Benefits deduct \$22 per month from my pay?

A. Under the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act, the minimum amount a child can receive in circumstances such as you describe is \$42 per month. For that reason, the Office of Dependency Benefits deducts \$22 from your pay and adds \$20 of government funds. For the extra \$2, your child receives \$20 more.

of their own choosing on their off-duty time. Every day 1000 more ask for courses.

To date, more than 1700 service men whose high school terms were cut short by war have won diplomas through credits they earned while in uniform. Some 200 others have already received graduate college degrees from such front-rank institutions as Ohio State, Universities of Michigan, Minnesota and California, and Tufts College.

Most popular courses with GIs are arithmetic, algebra and book-keeping and accounting. Technical subjects such as auto mechanics and blue-print reading also rank high.

Information about USAFI (pronounced "Yew-SAFF-ee") can be obtained from the Information and Education Officer in any unit of the Army or from the Educational Services Officer in the Navy. These officers also will be able to offer advice and guidance on courses and will supply official enrollment blanks and catalogs. Enrollment fee is \$2 which entitles a serviceman to take as many courses as he can complete.