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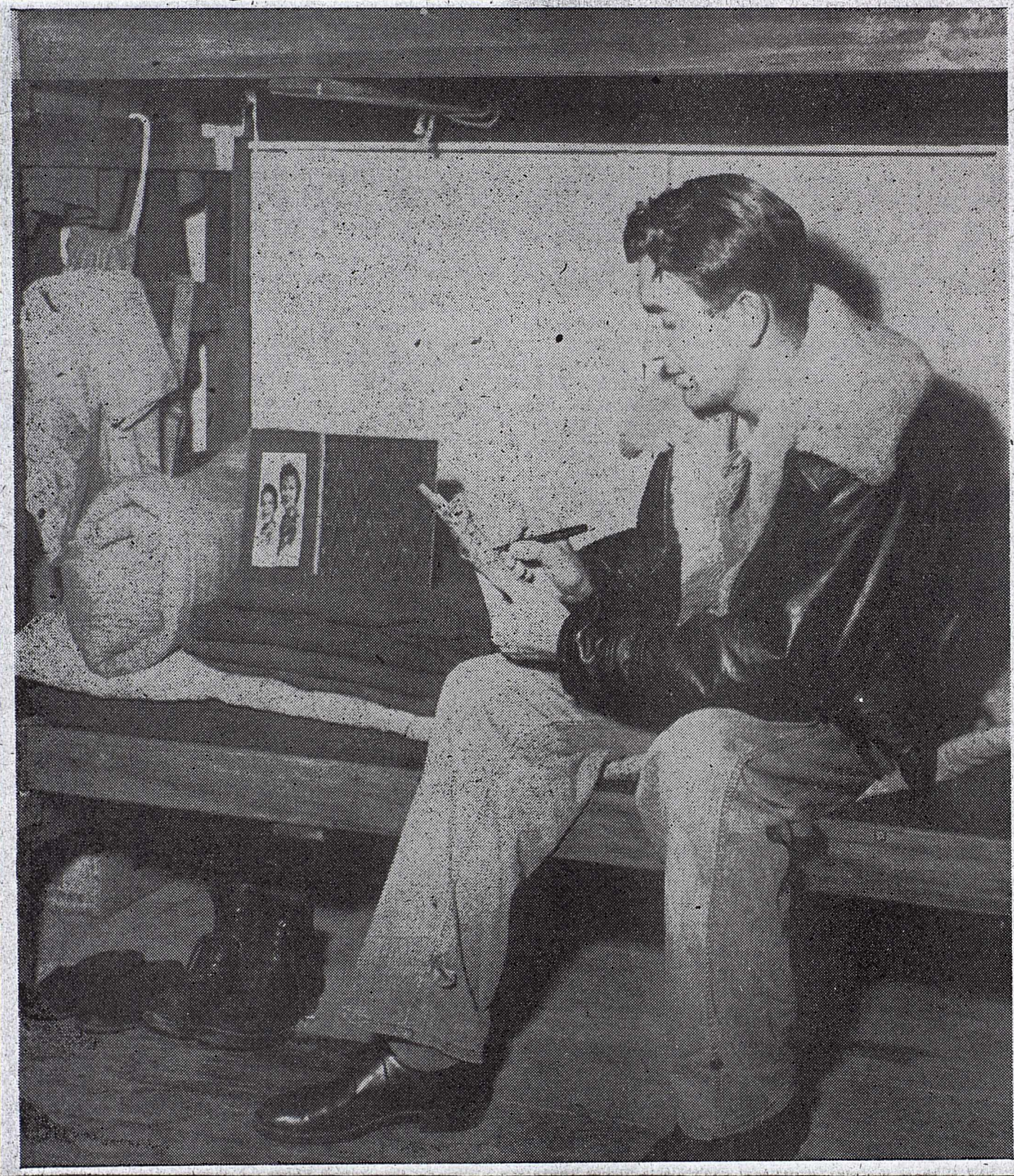


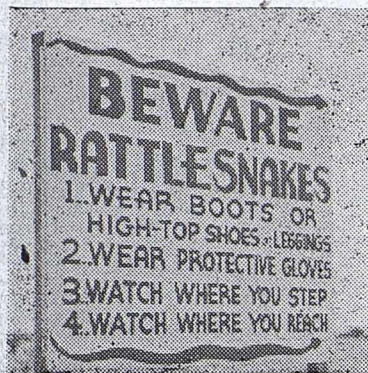
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YANKS INVADE LUZON; PUSH ON TO MANILA

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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The 'Nasty-Word' Boys

The other evening we were walking down the street with a fellow. He accidentally tripped over a stone on the sidewalk and let loose with a few choice expletives that would burn the ears off a mule. Just at that moment, a soldier and a young lady passed us. Our friend looked rather sheepishly, and remarked: "Guess I sorta forgot myself!"

It seems to us lately that a lot of us are forgetting ourselves. It must be that. It can't be that we still have the grade-school impression that vulgar language, foul words, or profanity are cute or clever or signs of virility.

No, it must be that we just forget ourselves. Unfortunately that isn't much of an excuse.

You see, there's something about an Army camp that gets a guy into the habit of using some Anglo-Saxon mono-syllables every other word. It's a tricky habit—and like most, easy to pick up and doggone tough to drop.

It doesn't come home to you until it's too late. Maybe you're on a furlough and forget yourself while talking to your mother. Or perhaps, you're in the company of some girl on the field and some other GI lets loose with a stream of profanity. It makes you feel down-right embarrassed.

And frankly, for ourselves, we're gonna do something about it. The proof of a man's courage, knowledge, abilities, or virility is not expressed in the number of vulgar words he can get into on sentence. If the only way we can express emphasis in a sentence is to say "You're damned right!" or "Hell, No!"—there's something sadly lacking in our make-up.

There's an old rule around a radio station that the best way to stop cursing in front of microphones is to stop cursing altogether. Because if you have some swear-words in your vocabulary, they're going to pop out when you don't want them to.

Unfortunately, a habit is something you can't swear off of part-time. You can't say you'll just smoke six days a week; and you can't promise you'll reserve profanity for barracks-talk alone.

It's high time we fellows realized that this is not an all-male base. Headquarters, Service Club, Library, Sub-depot have a lot of women employed. It can be embarrassing to the girls or the fellows they are with, if you drop some foul words in their presence.

In short, fellows, we're going to give it up. We haven't found anything worth-while in the not-too-gentle art of profanity to compensate for the embarrassment it can and does cause.

So, if you catch us using that kind of talk, poke us in the ribs, or remind us—and we'll do the same for you. I think we'll all find that we can make ourselves understood; and it's a good way to stop any possible regrets.

And if there are any of us that can't clean-up our conversation, let's keep the mouth shut.

KEY PHILIPPINE ISLAND STORMED AT 4 PLACES BY U.S. SIXTH ARMY

• ASIATIC THEATER

American Sixth Army forces, under the personal direction of General Douglas MacArthur, were establishing beachheads at the Lingayen Gulf on Luzon Island, key of the Philippine chain.

One of the largest convoys ever utilized in the Pacific landed the famed Pacific vets on the same shores that Jap invaders had opened their Philippine offensive in 1942.

Nip aircraft pounded the invasion fleet, inflicted some damage. Light opposition greeted the Yanks but indications are that between 100,000 and 200,000 enemy troops occupy Luzon.

The fast-moving Pacific warriors (who opened the Philippine re-occupation at Leyte less than 90 days ago) were but a short distance from the Lingayen airdrome, and a little over 100 miles from Manila itself. Landings were carried out in four places.

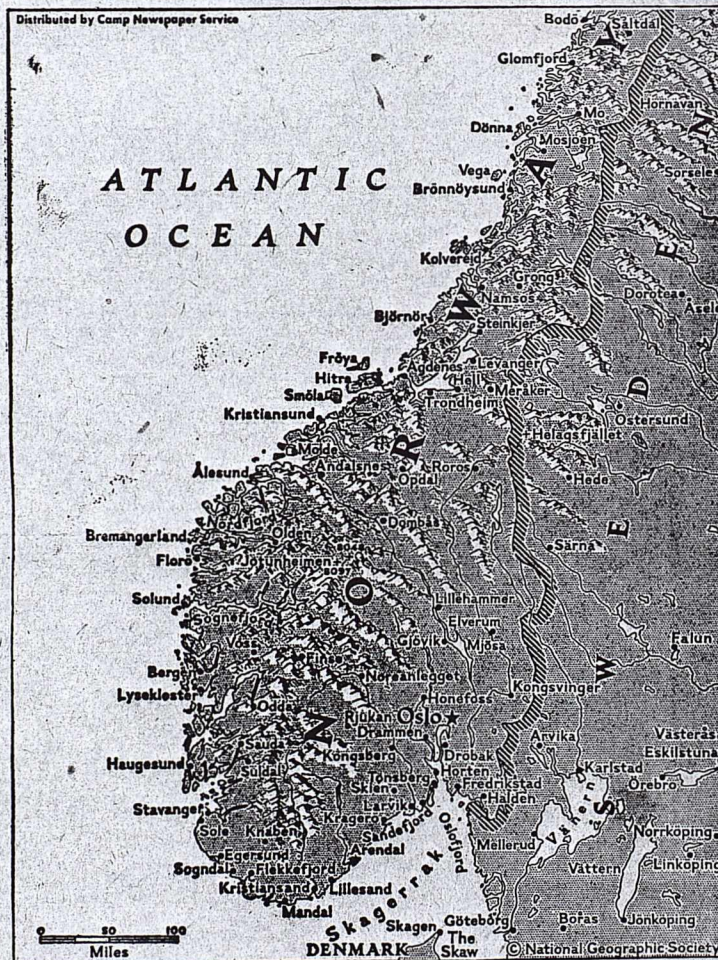
• EUROPEAN THEATER

Into the teeth of a raging blizzard, the U.S. 1st Army battled another two miles, while the famed 101st Airborne Division tightened the squeeze on the Ardennes bulge.

Von Runstedt's powerful Belgian attack has been slowed, stopped, and pushed back in various sectors. Press opinion indicates that the drive is definitely over. German armies twisted desperately to avoid the trap, fought delaying actions, but it was merely an attempt by the Nazi to save whatever he could of armor, equipment, and men.

The Russian juggernaut rolled on to within 88 miles of Vienna, prize city of all Europe and the back-door to the Reich. Budapest was still the scene of fighting, but the Russians knew who would win.

Sporadic fighting continued on the southern front, with deep snow and freezing temperatures preventing any large scale operations



One of the first victims of Nazi aggression was Norway. But after 4½ years of German "rule", the heroic Norwegian underground still offers stout resistance to the invaders. A scant 3,000,000 people inhabit the far-northern land of small rocky farms and inhospitable rock-bound coasts dotted with fishing villages, but they are self-reliant, hardy and resourceful. Mandal, southernmost Norwegian town, lies 600 miles north of the northernmost point in the United States. Although Norway extends to within 18 degrees of the North Pole, ports are ice-free all year.

FIELD SETS B-29 AIR TIME RECORD

Here's The Dope On 1944 Income Taxes For GIs

The income tax situation is rearing its head soon; the 15th of March, final date for paying your 1944 Income Tax, is not far off.

A GI's income-tax returns are dependent on individual cases, but these over-all points may bring you up to date on the internal revenue story.

1. The first \$1,500 of annual pay for active military service is exempt from tax. Service pay includes base, longevity, foreign service, flight, and other special duty pay.

2. Pensions and disability compensations to war veterans and their families, contributions by the GOVERNMENT to monthly family allowance, do not have to be included on a gross income tax. Nor do subsistence, rental, per diem, or EM ration allowances.

3. If your gross income is less than \$2,000 and you have no income other than military, you do not have to file an income tax.

4. If you have had a civilian job, have worked off the base for a civilian employer, that income is taxable and cannot be included in the \$1,500 exemption.

5. An additional \$500 exemption is granted to single men; married men have a \$500 exemption for themselves, and a \$500 exemption for their wives, plus an additional \$500 exemption for each child.

6. Wives of military personnel must file a return. However, if the woman's income has been subject to withholding taxes, officials advise her to inquire into the return; she might receive a refund, due to her position as head of a household.

Questions and problems regarding income tax should be taken to the Courts and Boards office at Base Hqts. Income tax return blanks are on hand for the use of military personnel and their wives

Miss Martha Gould Appointed Hostess For Service Club

Miss Martha Gould was appointed hostess of the Pyote Army Air Field's Service Club, succeeding Miss Eleanor Crowder who resigned shortly before the first of the year.

Miss Gould comes to the Service Club from the Base PX where she held an administrative position. A native of Columbus, Ohio, she threw her lot in with the war effort almost immediately after Pearl Harbor when she undertook morale work with the USO.

She worked for two years directing recreational activities in Columbus before coming to Pyote.

It is Miss Gould's plan to continue present policies of the Service Club where those policies have met the needs of Pyote military personnel and to gradually make such changes as will make it possible for the club to better serve the leisure hour needs of Pyote's soldiers and Wacs.

Military personnel will find Miss Gould not only a charming hostess, but a sincere friend and an enthusiastic directress.



MISS MARTHA GOULD

Maj. Gen. Williams Praises Increase In Flying Time

Starting the New Year off right was more than just a phrase at this station.

During the seven-day period encompassing January 1st, the training program was off to a flying start as the number of hours flown by available aircraft doubled the figure for the previous week.

During the week of Dec. 30-Jan. 5, available aircraft averaged 4.5 hours a day in flight, more than doubling the previous week's figure of 2.2 hours and setting a new record for this field since inauguration of B-29 training.

If you're the sort of fellow whose interest in figures is confined to the chorus line, this might not impress you. But to Major Gen. Robert B. Williams, 2AF CG, it was good news of 1945. General Williams sent his personal congratulations to the Pyote AAF Station Commandant, remarking:

"You and the Maintenance and Operations Personnel at your station are heartily congratulated for this evidence of your efficiency."

All personnel connected with the record-breaking new figure placed credit for its achievement not on any certain department, but attributed it to the combined efforts of all individuals.

Said Col. C. E. Duncan, Station Commandant:

"To the personnel and Supply, and to the personnel of Operations and Training, achieving this record is a very fine way to start the New Year. It is due to their faithful and outstandingly efficient service. But in the final analysis, it could not have been accomplished without the full support of every man and woman at this station."

However, the figure is still below the goal sought by higher headquarters for training stations this year—five hours a day per training plane available. So there is still plenty of room for improvement. Let's don't let down just because we had a good week. Let's do it every time!

PYOTE'S "CREW OF THE MONTH"



Superfortress assigned to the maintenance crew above got in more flying time than any other ship assigned to this station. The "Crew of the Month" for December consisted of, front row: S-Sgt. M. A. McIntosh, Pfc. Daniel Cessariak, Cpl. Edward Ogden; back row: S-Sgt. Nick Brajovick, Cpl. Harry McBurnley and Pvt. David Childers.

NEXT WEEK'S

Rattler will present another page of Pyote Opinion. Representative GIs will be polled concerning their ideas on the question: "Do you believe the U.S. should enforce the plan of a year's military service from its male citizens after the war?" The editors welcome your opinions. Should you care to state your views, mail, send, or bring your written reply to the Rattler office.

THIS WEEK'S

Cover is titled "Letter Home". Posed by photographer Cliff Trudell it portrays Cpl. Robert Rawls of Edenton, N. C., modeling as the typical GI getting off the periodical report to the home front. Rawls is attached to the Combat Crew Detachment where he is in training as a radio operator.

2AF Commended For Its Share In Raids Over Tokyo

In a letter to Maj. Gen. R. B. Williams, CG of the 2AF, General H. H. Arnold commended the men who fly and the men who keep 'em flying, for their part in the Air Force program.

The letter states:

"If there is any quality characteristic of the American people, that quality is teamwork. It has been no less characteristic of the great successes of the AAF everywhere during the past year, and I feel that it is due directly to the valuable experience gained by our crews and units from the time they spend with the continental Air Forces.

"The finest of individual training, which they receive from the training command would be useless without the ability to use it in proper relation to the other man's job in order to produce a perfectly co-ordinated group effort.

"THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH RESPECT TO THE B-29s NOW OPERATING SO SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST JAPAN. THIS AIRPLANE, THE MOST COMPLEX OF ANY YET IN OPERATION, HAS REQUIRED THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF ALL COOPERATIVE SKILL, BOTH IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND, AND FROM ALL REPORTS, THE TRAINING OF THE SECOND AIR FORCE HAS WELL ENABLED THE PERSONNEL OF THE TWENTIETH TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT. YOU AND YOUR COMMAND ARE CERTAINLY ENTITLED TO A FEELING OF PRIDE IN YOUR SHARE OF THE BOMBING OF TOKYO.

Sincerely,
H. H. ARNOLD,
Commanding General,
Army Air Forces."

SPECIAL SERVICES CHANGED TO PERSONNEL SERVICES

Special Services Offices have been renamed Personnel Services Offices throughout the Armed Forces of the United States. Only the name of the organization has been changed. All its activities and duties remain the same.

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AIR-GROUND COOPERATION

GI Job Rights Backed By NAM

Washington (CNS) — A returning veteran is entitled to his old job back, even if he displaces a man of greater ability or more seniority, the legal department of the National Association of Manufacturers holds. Language of the Selected Service Act clearly supports that premise, the NAM lawyers say.

GETS ANTIQUE CIGARETS

Portland, Ore. (CNS) — A stranger walked into a railroad depot and bought a box of cigars. On the cover was a picture of Lillian Russell and the tax stamp was dated March 1, 1900.

FLAME IN THE FRAME

Radioman's 'Spark' Is Skating Champ

Rona Reynolds, the comely young lady pictured here, is a figure skating champ. Her home is Chicago, Ill., and she's the "special girl friend" of Cpl. Kenneth Cox attached to Sec. 1 of the Combat Crew Detachment.

Cpl. Cox is a radio specialist and he and his girl keep in touch with each other regularly through the mails.

He keeps a tinted picture of her in skating garb, executing a difficult waltz jump, upon his shelf.

Cox, before his advent into Uncle Sam's Army, was interested in little theater group work.

He met Rona at a high school dance and continued the acquaintanceship dating and skating.

A mutual interest in the dramatic arts has been a continuous common source of understanding between them.

Rona is a Wac now and she's doing her share in helping to win the war at a camp in New Mexico.



RONA REYNOLDS

Brooklyn (CNS) — The latest meat market specials in Brooklyn are buffalo steak (good but gamy) and saute of squid a la Villa Penza (looks like rubber bands in an ink-well.)

SEARCH FOR BEAUTY

"Who Will Miss Victory Be?"

Please enter my name as a participant in your contest on February 3, 1945.

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

Beauty Contest sponsored by Monahans USO.

Miss Victory Contest Off To Flying Start

GUEST



Anne Baxter, above, appears in "Guest in the House", which will appear at the Base Theaters next Wednesday and Thursday.

Band To Present '2AF March' First At Concert Jan. 17

Pyote Army Air Field Band will present a "Pop" Concert at the Service Club on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.

Feature of the Concert will be the first performance of the "Second Air Force March" composed by W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman, director of the Pyote musicians. This first performance has been dedicated to Col. C. E. Duncan, Pyote Army Air Field Commandant.

The complete program to be presented follows:

- March "Salutation" _____
- _____ Roland F. Seitz
- Deserted Ballroom _____ Morton Gould
- Dwellers of the Western World _____
- _____ John P. Sousa
- (a) The Black Man _____
- (b) The Red Man _____
- (c) The White Man _____
- Toyland _____ Victor Herbert
- Polka from "The Golden Age" _____
- _____ Shostakovich
- Second Air Force March _____
- _____ Zimmerman
- Dedicated to Colonel C. E. Duncan; first performance.
- In An 18th Century Drawing Room _____
- _____ Scott
- L'Estudiantina _____ Waldteufel
- Raymond Overture _____ Thomas
- Star Spangled Banner _____
- _____ Arranged by Zimmerman

SEARCH FOR TALENT

Name _____

Address or Section _____

Soldier _____ WAC _____ Civilian _____

Type of Entertainment _____

More Singers, Actors Needed; Pyote Talent Hunt Continues

Pyote's "Talent Hunt" is still going strong! Preliminary reports indicate that the results to date have been very satisfactory.

Singers, actors, several instrumentalists and a gag writer have been unearthed and all of them have been given plenty to do by Personnel Services. The singers and instrumentalists have appeared on radio programs and further plans are being made to use their talents along a broader scale.

Lots more people are needed!

If you sing, dance, act, tell funny stories, play an instrument, write comedy or serious dialogue or continuity, if you can do stage management or build sets or handle sound or lighting the boys down at Personnel Services will appreciate it if you get in touch with them.

Personnel Services office is next to the Service Club and the phone number is 27. Or just fill out the blank at the bottom of this page and send it in.

Entries Pouring In As Girls Seek Glamour Crown

The Monahans USO search for the loveliest girl of West Texas is gathering steam as applications are pouring into the various designated places.

The winner of the Search for Beauty will be awarded the leading role in a forthcoming GI show, a life-size photo or portrait of herself, and the Monahans Chamber of Commerce will present her with a \$25 war bond.

Candid camera talent scouts are roaming Pyote, Monahans, Pecos, Kermit and Wink snapping photos of girls that should enroll in the contest.

The contest closes February 3 with the finals held at the Monahans USO, converted into a night-club motif for the occasion.

Girls desiring to apply may do so by sending in a photo, by personal application at the field's Personnel Service Office, or by sending in application blanks (see opposite page). These blanks should be returned to the Monahans USO, the Personnel Service Office, or Service Club.

Theater Schedule

- Thu.—FAREWELL MY LOVELY with Dick Powell, Claire Trevor and Anne Shirley. (One of the toughest of the hard-boiled murder-mysteries.) Also Community Sing and Paramount News.
- Fri. & Sat.—THREE CABALLEROS with Donald Duck, Jose. (Walt Disney's full-length technicolor cartoon. Terrific!) Also Army-Navy Screen Magazine, and Dark Shadow.
- Sun. & Mon.—LAKE PLACID SERENADE with Vera Hurba Ralston. (One of those ice-carnivals.) Also Star-Bright musical and Paramount News.
- Tue.—(Double Feature) MY GAL LOVES MUSIC with Bob Crosby and Grace MacDonald. (Ho-hummable.) DESTINY with Gloria Jean and Alan Curtis. (No. 2 pic on a two-feature bill.)
- Wed. & Thu.—GUEST IN THE HOUSE with Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy, and Ruth Warick. (From the stage hit of the guest who makes men and trouble.) Also Paramount News.

Service Club

- Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12-1:00; Sewing for servicemen 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Variety Show, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
- Fri.—DANCE, 9 p.m. to midnight.
- Sat.—Informal activities; recreation, games, letter-writing, etc.
- Sun.—Bingo; grand prize—phone call home.
- Mon.—Informal activities; cards, games, relaxation, etc.
- Tue.—Pyote, Pecos and Midland WAC-GI dance, 9 p.m. to midnight.
- Wed.—Band concert, 8 p.m.

Monahans USO

- Thu.—BINGO! Protestant Discussion Group.
- Fri.—Family Night.
- Sat.—SNOW BALL FORMAL DANCE!
- Sun.—11:30, Brunch; 2:30, Recorded Classics; 6:30, Buffet Supper (B & PW hostesses); 7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie, "He Stayed for Breakfast" with Loretta Young, Melvyn Douglas.
- Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie (above).
- Tue.—Arts and Crafts Program; BEGINNERS DANCE CLASS.
- Wed.—12:30, "Better Halves Club" Luncheon; 8:30, Catholic Discussion Group; 9:00, Spanish Class.

Gala Program To Mark Pyote's 'March of Dimes'

Preparations for the observance of the nation-wide "March of Dimes" Campaign to fight infantile paralysis got under way at Pyote Army Air Field this week.

The base will mark the annual observance from January 14 through the 31st, it was announced by Capt. R. A. Diedrich who has been placed in charge of the activity.

Among activities planned to see that Pyote does its share in helping to stamp out the scourge of Polio are:

- 1: Coin containers will be placed at various points throughout the base for the collection of voluntary contributions of change.
- 2: The Officers' Club and NCO Mess Club councils have been asked to donate the proceeds of their coin machines for the day of January 27.
- 3: Major James F. Sewares, in charge of Civilian Personnel, plans a full program of activities to assure full participation in the campaign.
- 4: The Pyote Army Air Field Women's Volunteer Club will be 100% behind the campaign.

Rattle Snake Charmer



"I'm hard to get. All ya gotta do is ask me!" —yup, this week's Pyote pin-up is Lauren Bacall, brightest thing to hit Hollywood since Jean Harlow. Lauren's "To Have And Have Not" made her tops with GI cinemaddicts; coming up: Another co-starring picture with Humphrey Bogart, "Big Sleep."

Britain's Casualties Now Total 733,000

London (CNS)—This is the price—to date—that the people of Britain have paid for freedom:

Casualties—133,000, including 563,112 military and 136,000 civilian.

Wealth—Overseas assets amounting to \$4,260,000,000 wiped out and a new overseas debt incurred totaling \$9,200,000,000.

Shipping—11,600,000 gross tons sunk. Imports cut in half, exports by more than 2-3.

Housing—One of every 3 houses

damaged or destroyed, 5500 factories damaged, 455,000 houses totally uninhabitable.

Manpower—More than 5,500,000 men in the armed forces; 69% of all men and women from 14 years up mobilized for direct war services in industry. Civilian consumption of goods and services cut 21 percent.

Taxes—War expenditures of \$25,000,000,000, of which 50% was covered by taxation, including an excess profits tax of 100%. The figures cover only the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland).

WD Won't Tell About Disabilities

WASHINGTON (CNS)—GIs who get CDDs will be able to keep their physical afflictions a secret from now on, the War Department has decided.

Discharge certificates for men and women leaving the services will no longer mention their physical conditions under a new WD ruling. And, furthermore—any discharged GI whose discharge contains detrimental remarks about his physical condition may return it to the Adjutant General in Washington, and receive the new form.

Job Application Time Extended

Washington (CNS)—Congress has extended the period during which an honorably discharged veteran of this war may apply for his old job from 40 to 90 days. Selective Service regulations have made the time extension retroactive to cover all men who had been discharged within the 90 days prior to Dec. 8, 1944, the date on which President Roosevelt signed the amendment effecting the change. Disabled veterans who require hospitalization following their discharges may apply for their former jobs within 90 days following completion of hospitalization, providing they do so within a year of leaving the service.

What We Need Is Peter Piper

There's a shortage of black pepper, or didja know? The black pepper in the outside world (if you can find any) is substitute. And all food, civilian or GI, will be "not so hot" for some time to come.

Army cooks are using red pepper for seasoning, as GI allotments have been reduced from two to one pound of pepper per 100 men per 30 day period.

So that's the reason you hear so many plaintive queries of "Aw c'mon, where's 'at ole pepper?"

WD Praises Work Of Negro Troops

WASHINGTON—General officers heaped high praise on the Negro soldier, the War Department reports.

Working under back-breaking schedules, Negro soldiers of the Quartermaster Corps kept gasoline flowing to the front to enable the 1st, 3rd, and 9th Armies to maintain their steady advance through France into Germany.

A Negro engineer aviation battalion was honored for fidelity and proficiency as it moved into forward areas in the Central Pacific.

Since alerted for overseas, there hadn't been a single AWOL case in that outfit.

Under hazardous conditions, members of the 453rd QM Baking Co., in France, turned out bread for 78,000 combat-bound troops a day.

For gallantry and heroism in combat, seven Silver stars and 22 Bronze stars were awarded to Negro soldiers with the 92nd Division in Italy.

CUP O' COFFEE A-LA BEAN

Toledo, Ohio (CNS)—Seeking a divorce, a local resident has complained that whenever he asked his wife for a second cup of coffee she would pour it on his head, instead of into his cup.

Battle Veterans Tell How They Blasted Japs

(This is one of a series of articles on combat experiences of soldiers who fought in Kwajalein and the Palau Islands. They are based on stories first printed in the Army paper Midpacifican.)

By Camp Newspaper Service

Some of the reactions of individual soldiers to the fighting on Kwajalein and the Palau Islands are given below. The problem under consideration is the destruction of Jap pill-boxes.

Sgt. Paul K. Barry, assistant rifle squad leader reports: "The enemy pill-boxes and bunkers on Kwajalein Island were often connected by tunnels, which made it extremely hazardous to go inside a knocked-out emplacement to check it for enemy soldiers.

"The enemy would crawl into the tunnel while the bunker was being blown up, and then come out into the bunker again when things quieted down. It is better to burn them out and then cover up the opening."

From S-Sgt. George H. Kolbe, rifle squad leader: "Our first night on the island was one of many experiences. We had all dug in and made preparations to spend the night. Just as it got dark, we had a pretty good scare. A bunker was located in the center of our area, out of which ran about six Japs. During the day, that particular bunker was grenaded quite a few times. In fact our outfit had dropped eight grenades into it.

"The only way you can make sure of those bunkers is to burn them or blow them sky high. The Japs can take a lot of punishment and are harder than hell to kill. A bunker that is leveled with the ground is the only good bunker."

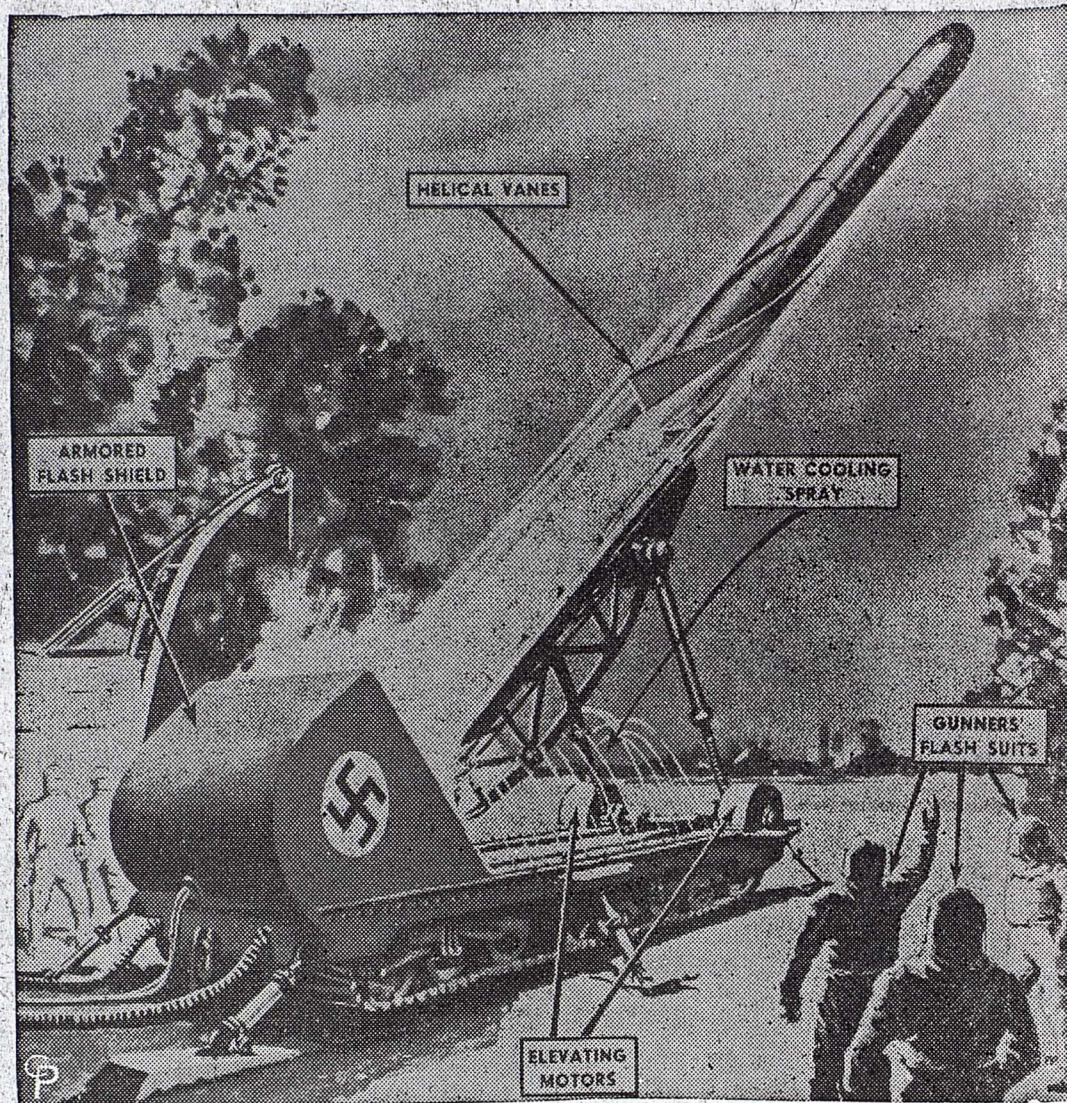
S-Sgt. Arthur Savaloja, rifle squad leader, has the floor: "We found an interesting use for the smoke grenade on the afternoon of Feb. 4.

"The engineers who worked with our squad on a large bunker were having quite a time. They had thrown a satchel charge inside the bunker, waited, and nothing happened. They tried another with the same result.

"We knew live Japs were inside and that gave one of the engineers an idea. We threw a smoke grenade into the bunker first, then, when the interior was full of smoke, another satchel charge was tossed inside and a huge explosion followed. The engineer had figured that the Japs were finding the satchel charges and pulling the fuses until they were blinded by the smoke of the grenade."

Sgt. Myles Champion, assistant squad leader: "In this particular

DRAWING SHOWS HOW NAZIS' V-2 MAY WORK



BASED ON AUTHORITATIVE analyses and reports, an artist presents his conception of how the Nazis' deadly V-2 rocket bomb may be hurled from its portable platform, a tracked vehicle that is towed to a launching site by a powerful truck. In this drawing the adjustable launching ramp has been raised to a 45 degree angle which gives maximum range. Electric firing mechanism is stored within the armored flash shield, and platform rests on hydraulic jacks which absorb the recoil. To prevent the heat from distorting the framework the platform has to be cooled by water jets. It has been suggested that V-2's could be employed from the decks of submarines to bomb U. S. cities on the east coast and for several hundred miles inland.

(International)

case, we were advancing behind the 2nd battalion when we stopped near a pill-box. Assuming everything was already cleared out by the front line troops, we failed to take cover and bunched up like bananas on a stalk. About the time we decided to do some checking up, the Japs beat us to the draw by appearing just out of the entrance to the pill-box and firing a few shots at a very surprised bunch of dogfaces. Mr. Sanjo could have made it bad for us had he been more of a marksman and had we been lacking several fast-thinking men."

JIVE HATING 'GATOR DIES

New York (CNS)—Oscar the musical alligator of the Central Park Zoo, is dead. He used to roar in response to some rhythms, refuse to reply to others, and hiss violently at jive.

British Use Dogs As Mine Detectors

THE NETHERLANDS (CNS)—Dogs, mongrels as well as pedigreed canines, are working with the British 2d Army as mine detectors.

They are proving particularly successful, front-line dispatches report, in locating the new non-metallic mines the Germans have developed and are using in great numbers on the Western Front. Such mines defy detection by electrically-operated magnetic detonators.

How the dogs find the non-metallic mines, even their handlers don't know. All they say is that they must work by instinct and sense of smell.

In favorable terrain—ground that has not been plowed by shells or bombs—one dog will proceed

through a minefield at a rate of 30 yards a minute, covering a lane 8 feet wide. They feel their way, cautiously but surefootedly, over ground where minefields are believed sown, always keeping their noses to the ground, sniffing rapidly, and keeping their eyes open. When they come to a suspicious spot, they squat immediately and keep their noses pointed at it. The mine usually is found exactly in front of their noses, but occasionally the dog may be wrong by 1 or 2 feet.

'GIRL GAG' END IN CLINK

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (CNS)—Scott McLean, 33, technical director of the experimental theater at Vassar College here, was arrested the other day while wearing feminine attire, including beige stockings and open-toed pumps. "It was just a gag," he explained.

New Sky Giants That Dwarf B-29 Reported In Final 'Test Stage'

Mightier bombers than the B-29 Superfortresses are on the way! The B-29 has vindicated itself so thoroughly in its comparatively short period of operations that today snips of even greater performance are already in the testing stage.

This data, revealed in testimony before a House of Representatives Committee, indicated that work was going ahead at full pace on a B-35, a B-36 and a B-42 all of which were alluded to as larger editions of the B-29, probably with even greater range, greater fire power and capable of carrying greater bomb loads.

While secrecy still veils the details of the gigantic new bombers, it was disclosed that work had been carried forward to the testing stage. One mammoth Army wind-tunnel has been devoted exclusively to tests on B-35s and B-36s.

Preparation of these new Superbombers was taken in Congressional circles as evidence of the determination to carry the war against Japan to its end in the shortest possible time.

The announcement of these new sky giants was looked upon as a warning to Japan that before long her homeland and war production centers face the same fate as befell her Nazi partner.

A hint that the new behemoths of the cloud ways would carry weapons even more deadly than anything heretofore devised was seen in the testimony of Dr. Geo. W. Lewis, Director of Research of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, when he told Congressmen that the development of new air weapons is advancing so rapidly that a shortage of experts had developed.

Dr. Lewis testified that experiment and research were proceeding at full speed on the development of guided missiles and in solving new problems of higher speeds and higher altitudes.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

PROTESTANT — Sunday: 0915, Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 1000, Section C Chapel service; 1030, Station Chapel Service; 1930, Section C Vesper Service; 2000, Station Vesper Service. Wednesday: 1930, Section C Bible Study; 2000, Bible Quiz Hour, Station Chapel. Thursday: 1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

Chaplain's Chat

TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE?
By Chaplain James W. Roberts

Is God your "Spare Tire?" A sort of forgotten and neglected thing but a rather comforting article to have around—just in case of emergency?

That's how some persons treat God. And sometimes, like the neglected spare tire, He does not carry the individual out of difficulty, but lets that person learn a good lesson the hard way.

Too many persons turn to God too late, with too little. Somehow the old silly notion that religion is only for the old and dying gets stuck in their heads. Then an emergency comes along and they are caught with a picture and a neglected spare.

Religion is not only for the dying; it is for the living. It does not merely teach us how to die; it shows us the only way one can truly live. It is not just a fire insurance policy for the hereafter; it brings a bit of heaven in the here and now.

If you haven't realized it before, wise up. The most important fact in the universe is God. The most rewarding thing an individual can do is to deepen his acquaintance with Him.

BANANA FAMINE OVER

New Orleans (CNS) — The banana famine has ended here. The tasty fruit is now coming into the port of New Orleans at the rate of 10,000,000 bunches a year, as compared with 8,000,000 bunches last year.

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The West Texas Cafe is a popular spot between town and the field. GIs often visit for a cup of coffee and a short order; sometimes (around pay-day) blow themselves to a nice, big, juicy steak.

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

(This is the 14th in a series of photo-stories concerning Pyote—the town, and the base. GIs are clipping these out and sending them home to give the folks some idea of actually what is behind the address "Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas".)



The decorative table is extra-special Thanksgiving day trimmings at one of Pyote's mess halls, as Mess Sergeant Donald Jewett gives it the final okay.

Mess Hall No. 3 is typical of the 5 large Mess Halls on the base. The five consolidated Mess Halls feed enlisted men, with the exception of the Medics, who eat at the Hospital Mess, and the Wacs who have their own Mess Hall.

The above shot is of the Combat Crew Detachment Mess Hall, where particular care is taken to assure the CDD boys a nutritious diet. Certain foods that might cause "air sickness" are avoided on the menu.

POETRY CORNER

SUMMER ROMANCE

Tell me dear, do you remember
When our hearts in happy tune
Took a spark of Love's own ember,
Bullt a blazing fire in June?

Do you remember? July's moon-
light

Coaxed us down a heather path
And when our hopes were high
and bright,
Turned on us the green-eyed
wrath?

Could once-joy ever live again?
I've fearsome doubts it could;
For when the monster slithers in
Then Love is gone for good.

—Ted Scott.

THOUGHTS

Thoughts from the heart express-
ed in the mind;
Thoughts that ne'er pass lips into
sound;
Are but prayers for the Lord to
find.

Ever my thoughts are of you,
Thoughts I hope some day to be
true,

Thoughts that inspire me, come
what may,
To love and cherish you forever
and a day.

—Cpl. Bernard T. Andelman,
Section D.

TO A GIRL WHO'S OUT OF MATCHES

A light? Just raise your lashes
Of those kindling eyes of jet.
They have burned my heart to
ashes—

Why not the cigarette?

—T-Sgt. Chas. Graham.

JUST FOR YOU

I believe that God above
Created you for me to love—
He picked you out of all the rest,
Because he knew I'd love you best.

I had a heart once, warm and true
But now it's gone from me to you.
Take care of it, as I have done—
For you have two and I have none.

If I go to heaven, and you're not
there—

I'll paint your face on a golden
stair

So all the angels know and see—
Just how much you mean to me.

If you don't arrive on Judgement
day—

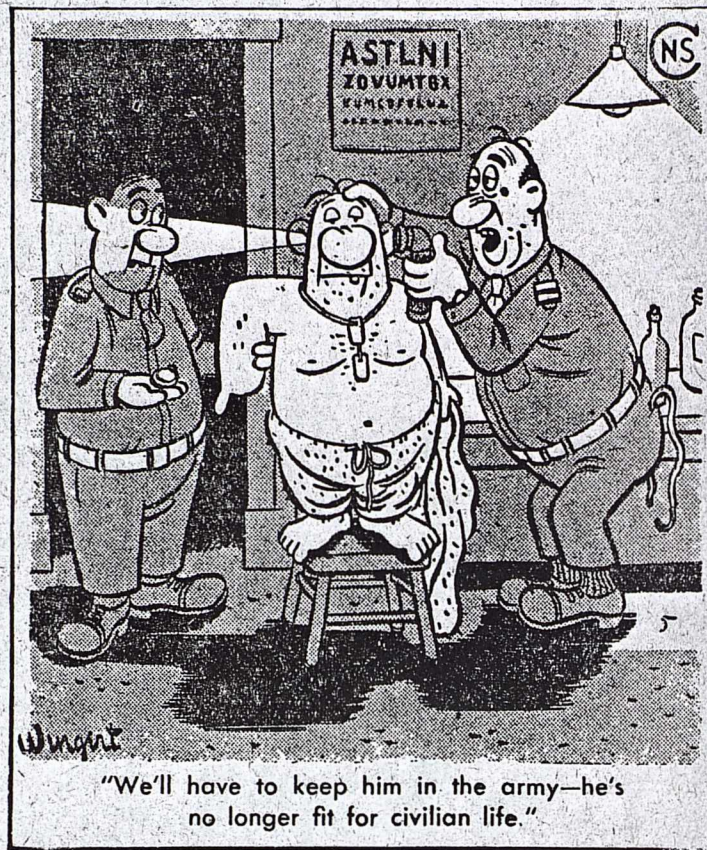
I'll know you've gone the other
way—

Then I'll give the angels back their
wings

Golden, harp and everything,
And just to show what I'd do
I'd go to Hell dear, just for you!

—Mary Jane Willis.

(Wife of Capt. A. R. Willis)



TO KATHY

Lest there be spoiling and the loss
of savor,
Lest there be anguish and a sud-
den end
Such as will hap while friendship
comes by favor
And goes by chance, I will not call
you friend.
Nevertheless, I greatly like the
border,
Of levity that marks your mind
about
With suaver lines than hearts of
staid order,
Once knowing, can afford to do
without.
Let us be gay and watch the world
together,
Stacking the cards against its little
game,
And knowing all the worth of wine
and weather
And love and hate and soup and
stars and fame.
On rainy days, while fools and
children weep,
We will be cheerful, you and I,
and sleep.

—Lt. Wesley T. Farraday.

MIGHTY CROSS TO BEAR

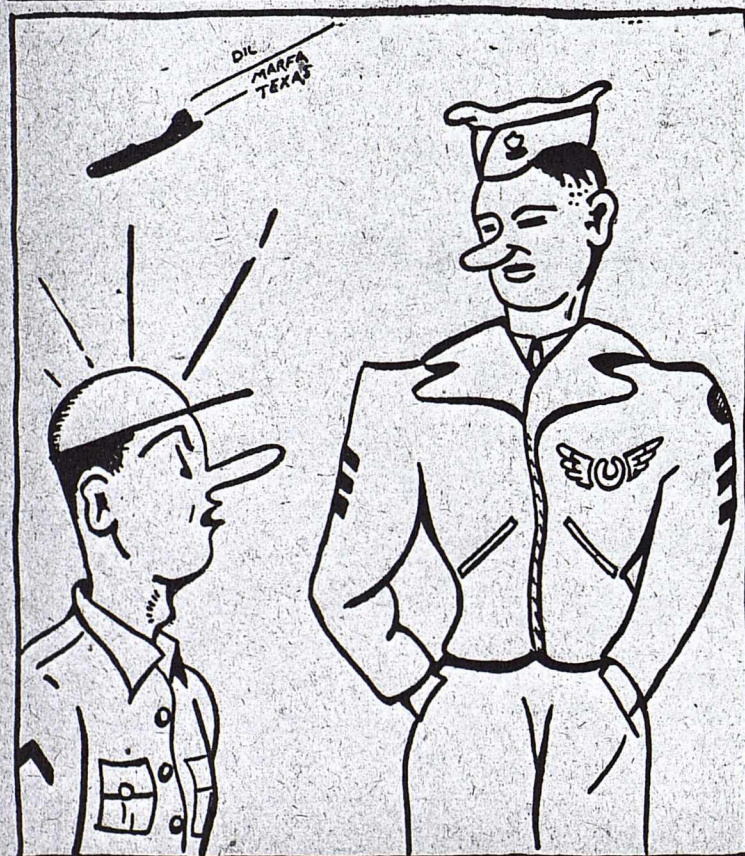
When bugles sound their final
notes
And bombs explode no more,
And we return to what we did
Before we went to war,

The sudden shift of status
In the ladder of success
Might make some worthy gentle-
man
Feel like an awful mess.
Just think of some poor captain
Minus all his silver bars
Standing up behind some counter
Selling peanuts and cigars.
And think of all the majors
With their oak leaves far behind,
And the uniforms they're wearing
Are now the Western Union kind.
Shed a tear for some poor colonel
If he doesn't feel himself,
Jerking sodas isn't easy
With your "eagles" on the shelf.
'Tis a bitter pill to swallow,
'Tis a matter for despair—
Being messengers and clerks again
Is a mighty cross they'll have to
bear.
So be kind to working people
That you meet where'er you
go—
For the guy who's washing dishes
Might have been your old C. O.

—Submitted by Sgt. Vic. Pearson.

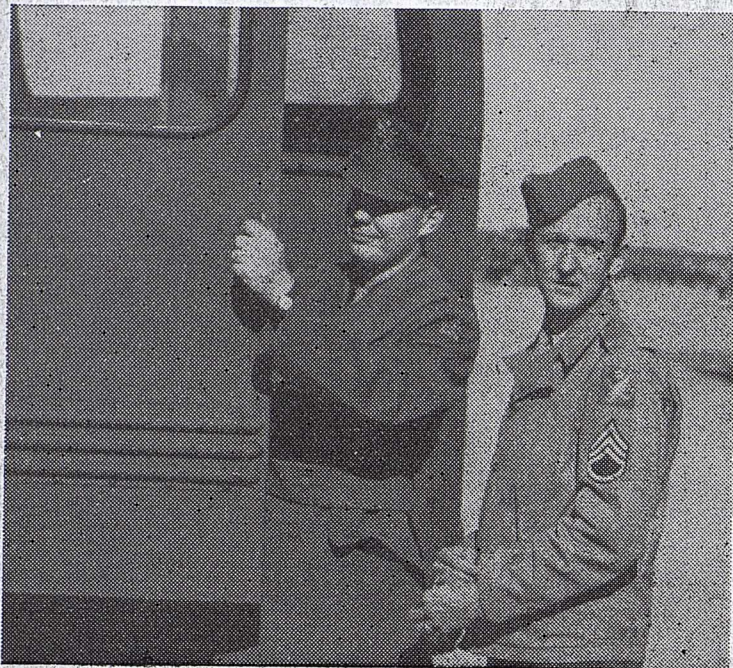
CHRISTMAS POME

Ah Christmas! Happy day!
Once so bright, so fine, so gay
In '44 has come to this:
No fun, no mon, no kiss, no bliss.
Till I get back—alas, alack!
Greetings from a sad Sad Sack.
—Pvt. John Dunn.

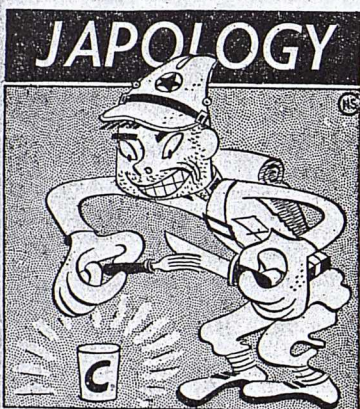


I'M LATRINE ORDERLY ON A B-29

NEW BUSES AND GI TRANSPORTATION



Lt. Stanley R. Bowman, Assistant Station Administration Inspector, and S-Sgt. Howard Gamble make safety inspection on back door on one of new buses added to field's transportation system. The three new buses, each of which has a minimum carrying capacity of 29 persons, are expected to ease the transportation system for military personnel. For example, one bus will replace three or four covered trucks in making runs to the ground gunnery range.



THE Jap soldier eats little. He is content with a "Rising Sun" meal consisting of one cupful of rice with a pickled plum in the center. There are few rolling kitchens in the Jap army. Each man cooks his own food in the field—or a few of them get together and cook their rice over one fire. But the Japs can get along with very little.

PYOTE WEST GATE OPENED TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC BURDEN

Acting to relieve the traffic burden at the main Pyote Air Field gate the entrance known as the West Gate has been opened. This entrance will be used from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily by all "heavy" civilian and military transportation.

ENLISTED MEN'S WIVES INVITED TO LUNCHEON

Invitation to wives of all enlisted men to attend the Enlisted Men's Wives Luncheon held each

B-29s EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Though great things were expected of B-29s, they have performed "beyond expectations."

This was the conclusion on the activity of big bombers in the report of the 20th Air Force. The report after lauding the sky giants concluded that even greater operations are now in projection.

Major missions flown by the heavy bombers were said to have numbered 30. Numerous other missions were listed as "nuisance raids" and "small group actions."

The report makes clear that B-29s will be used from now on to do the same sort of job on Japanese industry as lighter bombers have done on Nazi war production.

Round trip B-29 missions of 3,600 miles were revealed to have taken place and this augured ill for the intensely concentrated Nipponese war plants.

It is believed the continuing pounding by the big heavies will give long-range Naval fighters a chance to reduce the Jap air fleet to the same impotence as the Luftwaffe. This would aid enormously in ground force operations planned for the complete subjection of the Pacific enemy.

Thursday from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Service Club was extended by Miss Martha Gould, Service Club Hostess. This activity is open to the wives of all enlisted personnel of the Pyote Army Air Field.



KOOPS' KORNER

GIGS AND RIBBONS

Hisses and Huzzahs as passed along by this innocent bystander: RIBBONS to Pfc. Harold Johnson for the holiday decorations that graced the Service Club; a fine job. RIBBONS to J. C. Heese, Civilian Personnel director, and his very attractive and charming secretary (who's name I can't for the life of me remember) for their courtesy and hospitality—as refreshing as a delay-en-route RIBBONS to the gals at the Service Club counter who make an afternoon cupacawfee a real pleasure. GIGS to the guys who take 3 or 4 copies of The Rattler and prevent the boys at work at the time from getting a copy. GIGS to the motorists who never offer a pedestrian GI a lift to town; instead of picking him up they try to run him down. RIBBONS to every single one of the lovely gals who make the Friday night dances a thing of beauty and a joy forever.



GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

High sources indicate that all U.S. Army camps will soon issue cigarette ration books. This will cut down GI hoarding of the valuable week.

Recent setbacks on the western front will probably mean a continuance, or even an increase, in Infantry transfers. Changes in the rulings will increase the number of men available.

The Convalescent Training program has completed the construction of corrals—best guess is that a riding academy will be set up at the field for hospital patients.

Our private spy system tells us that a ping-pong tournament will start before the month is out.

Two perennial rumors bloomed again last week. One: The Service Club and PX cafeterias would discontinue the serving of hot lunches. Two: The Second AF would change the furlough policy back to the two-a-year system. Both stories have been checked with authoritative sources; the answers: "At the present time, there is no truth to the rumors!"

Most popular tunes for the week on the local juke-boxes, according to number of times played are—"Accentuate the Positive", "Don't Fence Me In", and "I'm Making Believe".

There may be a plan afoot to give GIs a day-off holiday; this part of Texas boasts some of the finest ranches in the U.S., and the idea calls for a trip for lucky GIs to a day's outing at a nearby ranch.

No gal in ten years has burned up the screen like Lauren Bacall, the gal who needed a match in "To Have Or To Have Not". She's this week's Rattle Snake Charmer, and is due back soon, again co-starred with Humphrey Bogart in "The Big Sleep".

The Biggs Field-Rattler basketball game showed the local boys at top-form. They deserve a better crowd for the top-notch hoop-artistry they're giving out with.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey gives a gloomy note to the post-war scene. The Selective Service head stated: "We've got to brace ourselves for the prospect of seeing men sent into service, many of them overseas, month after month, even after the war has ended."

Statistics prove that 20 per cent more men than women go crazy. But who drives 'em crazy, huh, who drives 'em?

Have you heard about the gal who had a one-track mind? And always a troop train on it.



SHORT SHORT STORY

One of the fellows on the base was going with a woman for some time. Finally—against her better judgment—she told him she had been married before, and had a daughter who was almost 17. But the guy was big about it, and said it didn't matter. And to show her it didn't he spent the furlough getting acquainted with the daughter, and—you guessed it, he broke off with the woman and is engaged to the daughter. No kidding, it really happened to a Pyote guy.

PYOTE CAGERS SCORE 3 VICTORIES IN ROW

Revamped Rattler Quintet Beats Biggs, Fort Bliss Fives

Pyote Army Air Field's basketball team after spending almost the entire early part of the season as the underdogs have finally emerged as the top men on the totem pole. They scored decisive victories in their last two starts over strong opposition and under the able tutelage of their new coach, T-Sgt. Fred Hightower, the cagers are giving out with a brand of basketball that augurs lots more victories for the Rattlesnake boys.

The Pyote cagers who turned back the Biggs Field courtmen by a score of 49 to 39 last Friday night and then came back Saturday and

The Rattlers took their third straight game when they tipped the Ft. Sumner (N. M.) five, 46-45, Monday evening. Ray was high point man for Pyote with 13; Sloviitch of Ft. Sumner was high with 27 points.

handed the 326th Anti-Aircraft Unit from Fort Bliss a drubbing to the tune of 35 to 29 was a well-knit and smooth functioning organization that operated like clock work.

The hand of Coach Hightower was in evidence in the changeover in the defense of the Rattlers. The local lads had been employing a zone guarding system but Hightower instituted a man-for-man plan that really worked when the going was toughest.

Another innovation noticed was that the team used a special variation of the double pivot in their attack. This, too, was one of the things that Hightower put into effect when he took over the reins.

The box scores:

PYOTE			
	FG	FT	Pts.
Hogan	4	0	8
Evans	4	1	9
Humphreys	3	1	7
Ray	7	0	14
Burns	0	0	0
Farrel	5	0	10
Chapman	0	1	1
Cannon	0	0	0
Alhouse	0	0	0
Funk	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	49

BIGGS FIELD			
	FG	FT	Pts.
Miller	2	0	4
Dixon	1	0	2
Kantrosky	0	1	1
Brown	1	1	3
Ewing	5	2	12
Malokas	3	2	8
Jorgenson	1	0	2
Lipe	2	1	5
Iacusses	1	0	2
Totals	16	7	39

WARMING THE BENCH

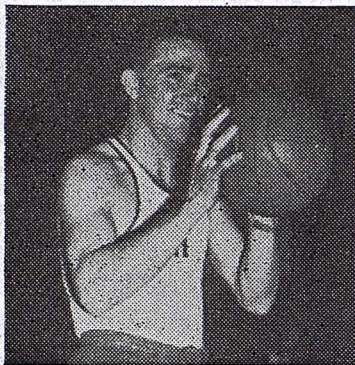
'Greetings' For All 4-F Athletes May KO US Sports For Duration

By SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS

The government's edict closing all race tracks for the duration and its order calling for reclassification of all 4Fs in organized athletics may KO all sport in the U.S.A. for the duration. Tough, hey?

Most people are most interested in the effect of the government's action on baseball. Last year the big league players batted

CAPTAIN



Bill Ray, above, is captain of Pyote's basketball team. Although his cagers got off to a rather lagging start they are now "on the beam" and expected to finish their season in bang-up style.

PYOTE			
	FG	FT	Pts.
Hogan	3	0	6
Evans	1	2	4
Humphreys	0	2	2
Chapman	0	0	0
Ray	6	2	14
Farrell	4	1	9
Burns	0	0	0
Totals	14	7	35

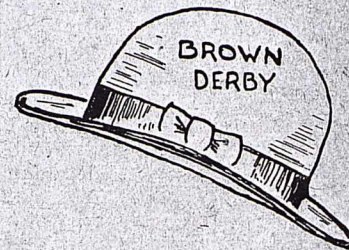
236th Anti-Aircraft Unit			
	FG	FT	Pts.
Fosnes	6	0	12
Trepovich	2	0	4
Hunt	1	0	2
Landau	2	2	6
Lyons	2	0	4
Weiss	0	1	1
Totals	13	3	29

Officials: Abolafea and Hussey. Next court test for the Rattlers will be Alamogordo at the Rec. Hall Friday night.

SOLDIER-PATIENT INSTRUCTS ART CLASSES FOR CTP

With Pfc. Al Hall, soldier-patient, acting as instructor a class in art has been opened by the Pyote Regional Hospital's Convalescent Training Program. Hall, an accomplished artist, gives instruction in charcoal sketching, oil painting and water colors. Classes are open to all hospital patients.

PT AWARD



The Brown Derby is now in the possession of Section A, which took it during the week of Dec. 24-30 with a Physical Training percentage of 90.67. Section C ran a close second with 90.71.

MAAF Boxers Drill For Golden Gloves

Midland AAF, Texas — MAAF boxers are rounding into top shape for the district Golden Gloves tourney which will be held here in a few weeks.

Stars of the Midland team are Pfc. Arthur Simmons, 206-pound belter, from Lubbock, and Pvt. John Lane, lightweight entrant from Knoxville, Tenn., whose blinding speed has made him a local favorite in the novice ranks.

Sam Langford, blind fighter, a box of cigars for Christmas. Sam says thanks. . . Top athlete of the year was Byron Nelson, winner of \$45,000 in golf prizes in '44, say the nation's sports writers. Worst pitcher in NL last year was Hal Gregg, of Brooklyn, who allowed most hits, gave most runs, gave most passes, hit most batters and permitted most earned runs. . . Top man was Bucky Walters, of Cincinnati, with 23 wins. . . NL fielding figures show Mr. Short-stop Slat's Marion made but 21 errors in 144 games for the Cardinals.

In pro football, top individual honors of the year were won by Don Hutson, aging antelope of the Green Bay Packers; Bill Paschal, of the New York Giants, and Flat Foot Frankie Sinkwich, of Detroit. Hutson won the pass-snatching and scoring championship, as usual. Paschal took the ground-gaining title for the 2nd straight year, and Sinkwich, best all-around player of the year was 2nd in scoring, 3rd in ground-gaining, 4th in passing and 4th in kicking. . . Lt. Cmdr. Benny Leonard, ex-lightweight champ, was voted the man "whose conduct has reflected greatest credit on the sport" by the New York Boxing Writers recently. Leonard, now overseas, will receive a plaque when he returns.

the ball around to the edification of nearly 10 million customers. This year there may not be players enough to field 16 teams.

Among the 4F players in baseball now subject to reclassification are Whitey Kurowski, Mort and Walker Cooper, Johnny Hopp, Harry (the Cat) Brecheen and Ted Wilks of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals; Phil Weintraub and Bill Voiselle of the New York Giants; Augie Galan, Dixie Walker and Manager Leo Durocher, of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Bob Elliot of Pittsburgh; Hal Newhouser and Paul Trout, of Detroit; Bucky Walters of Cincinnati, and Tommy Holmes of the Boston Braves. If these men are drafted you'll see Ty Cobb back in left field for Detroit, Babe Ruth in right for the Yankees and Connie Mack behind the bat for the As.

Boxers who are 4F or have been discharged from the service include Willie Pep, featherweight king; Ray Robinson, uncrowned welterweight champion; Bobby Ruffin, Ken Overlin, Jake LaMotta and Maxie Shapiro. All these men are subject to new examinations.

Among the pro football stars who may be army bound are Ward Cuff, great wing back of the New York Giants, who was discharged from the Army with CDD; Sammy Baugh, a rancher, Pug Manders, of Brooklyn, and Frankie Sinkwich, of Detroit, who also holds a CDD.

Baseball officials and some pro football magnates, too, have insisted that, come what may, their leagues will continue. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn club, says he will field a team of 17-year-olds, grandfathers and two-headed pitchers. Tim Mara, owner of the New York Football Giants, threatens to use only men over 38. He has three of them already, in Arnie Herber, Ken Strong and Mel Hein.

Blue Plate Special

Twilight Tear, best horse of the year, won 14 of 17 races in '44, finished out of the money just once. . . Paul Walker, Yale All-American and captain-elect, has turned down a Naval appointment in favor of another year at Old Eli. . . B-Gen. Gar Davidson, former Army football coach, has won the DSM. . . Two GIs in Italy sent

Play Piano? Read the Rattler Classifieds!



Q. I need to borrow about \$1,000 to fix up my home when I get out of the army. I understand that the Veterans Administration will guarantee up to 50% of that amount, or \$500. However, I also want to go into business for which I would like to borrow additional money. Since the Veterans Administration is authorized to guarantee up to \$2,000 on a loan, can I use the remaining \$1,500 of government guarantee to go into business?

A. Yes. Under the GI Bill of Rights a loan for both purposes would be permitted by the Veterans Administration.

Q. Under Vocational Rehabilitation does the veteran have the right to select the course or training he wishes to take?

A. No, both the course and school will be selected by the Veterans Administration after discussion with the veteran concerning his preferences, qualifications and capabilities.

Q. I was wounded in World War I and in this war, too. But my CO won't let me wear my World War II wound stripes. How come?

A. AR 600-40 says that wound chevrons may only be worn for wounds received in World War I and not for wounds received in the present war. It is expected that authorization for wound stripes for this war will come later. But in the meantime, you're out of luck.

Q. I would like to settle in Canada after the war and set up a business there. Can I get a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights to aid me in establishing a business in Canada?

A. No. To qualify for a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights, the principal office or plant of a business must be in the United States. However, a branch office in Canada would be OK.

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.)

Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, CO 21st Bomber Command: "Japan will be on her feet and fighting in 1946!"

The Wolf

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by Sansone

STORK CLUB

(The column of the STORK CLUB welcomes all announcements of births to personnel of the field.)

WATERS—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Varden Waters, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, January 6, a boy.

HARGROVE—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Walter Hargrove at the Pyote Regional Hospital, January 2, a boy.

CHANDLER—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. James W. Chandler at the Pyote Regional Hospital, December, 30, 1944, a boy.

REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago, as culled from the files of The Rattler:

Jan. 12, 1944—The Pill-rollers threw a real dance-party at the Service Club; the field went over the top in 4th war loan; Monahans USO scheduled a Gay Nineties dance; Art Perry's All-Girl Revue was planning an appearance at the Rattlesnake Air Field for Sunday. In Sports circles, Major E. A. Swingle rated headlines for ripping off 96 sit-ups in a PFR. That's

G-Aisling

(The column of G-AISLING welcomes all announcements of marriages of personnel of the field.)

DAVIES-JOYCE

Married at the Station Chapel Dec. 29, 1944, Marydare Joyce of Oakland, Calif., to Lt. Pearce G. Davies, Jr. Rites performed by Chaplain H. W. Kuhns.

MATARELLI-BOWE

Married at the Station Chapel January 5, Pvt. Shirley F. Bowe, Wac of Patterson, N. J., to Cpl. Joseph W. Matarelli of the Bronx, New York. Rites performed by Chaplain H. W. Kuhns.

ROSENBERG-FUER

Married at the Station Chapel January 5, Clarice Fuer of Brooklyn, New York to Cpl. Martin Rosenberg of Brooklyn, New York. Rites performed by Chaplain J. W. Roberts.

SHAFFER-SIEBRECHT

Married at the Station Chapel January 9, Miss Jayne Siebrecht to Lt. Robert J. Shaffer. Bride and groom are from Aberdeen, South Dakota. Rites performed by Chaplain James W. Roberts.

a record for the "over 31" group that stills stands.

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Deadline for copy is Monday midnight. Mail or bring ads to Public Relations or Rattler offices.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

SIMMONS iron bed, double with mattress. Good condition. See S-Sgt. Robert P. Jett at Personnel Services Office. Phone 27.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Man's yellow gold wedding ring, base white gold trim. Owner places great sentimental value on ring. Please return to Pvt. A. V. Jackson, Sec. E, Barracks 3, or to Dormitory 1306, Room 2. Reward.

LOST—Ten-carat gold Air Corps ring. Parental gift to which owner places great sentimental attachment. Ring was left in Sub-depot washroom. Reward. No questions asked. Contact Pvt. Brian B. Hall, Barracks 515, Sec. D.

LOST—Ladies Schaeffer life-time fountain pen. Initials engraved "R. D. Kahn". Reward. Lost Sunday between Officers' Club and Service Club. Phone 240.

HOUSING

PLEASE—How about a furnished apt. or small house near the base during the month of March? If you have one to rent write Capt. Eugene Munger, Student Officer, Sec. II, c-o CCD.

PERSONALS

MR. AND MRS. J. S. HENDRIX and Family wish to express their appreciation for the consideration of their numerous friends at the time of the death of their son, Charles Arthur, age 20 months.

CAN YOU play piano? Looking for an 88-man who can sit in with a dance orch. 3 or 4 nights a week. Steady work. Contact Sgt. Eugene Kaplan, Band Bks., immediately.

TO W.T.F.: Will call you Monday night. Am sure I can explain everything. Jay.

TRANSPORTATION

I CAN accommodate three persons from Pecos to Pyote and return, daily. If interested contact Lt. Frank G. Kevra, 301 S. Cherry St., Pecos.

RIDE WANTED—From Monahans to Base, for person working 8-5 shift. Call Elizabeth Fore at Civilian Personnel Office (Phone 18).