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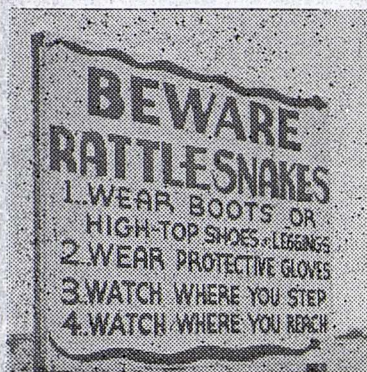


RED ARMY OPENS SUPREME WINTER DRIVE

THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

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Saboteur? Who, Me?

Oh, of course you're 100% YES SOLDIER, YOU! American . . . you think.

You've been in uniform for a long time, perhaps some of that time has been spent overseas. But, soldier, that uniform or that overseas time doesn't protect America from the stab in the back you . . . yes, you dealt her.

Remember how you talked about the men in your outfit who go to a different church?

Remember those thoughtless remarks you made about folks whose skin is a different color, or whose names are hard to pronounce?

You, soldier, you and your friends . . . when you say, directly or by innuendo, anything to arouse hatred or distrust among groups of Americans . . . when you speak disparagingly of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Negroes and Whites . . . YOU are hindering America's war effort.

You are doing the thing our enemies want most for you to do. You are denying the very things we are fighting for.

You are weakening the strength America needs to win this war . . . by setting Americans to distrusting each other instead of the enemy.

As surely as though you landed on these shores in the dark of night from a submarine, bent on blowing up factories and burning bridges . . . in spite of your charming manner and your "all-out" war record, soldier, YOU are a saboteur if you spread the poisonous Doctrines of Hate and Distrust in America!



It's The Least We Can Do

Henry H. Arnold, CG of the AAF, called attention to a mighty sensible point in a recent letter to commanders.

Unnecessary anguish has been caused next of kin in many instances because the Adjutant General has not been advised of changes of addresses of the emergency addresses involved.

There is no sense in causing loved ones at home any added distress because you fail to keep your emergency address up-to-date.

It would be a smart idea to check your emergency address; make sure that the address of the next-of-kin is still correct.

General Arnold concluded with the statement: "We have asked our people at home to give their utmost towards the successful prosecution of the war. The least we can do is insure that their normal anxiety will not be aggravated because of negligence on our part . . ."

Why not look into this right now, soldier? It's for your own good!

NAVY PLANES STRIKE AT CANTON; 6TH ARMY 75 MILES FROM MANILA

In the 162nd week of the U.S. at War this was the news from:

● EUROPEAN THEATRE

The greatest winter offensive of the war broke on the long dormant Polish front as 2,000,000 Soviet troops aimed a thrust at Berlin. Radom and 1300 other towns and villages fell to Stalin's men in the all-out drive on Warsaw, 57 miles from Lodz, second city of Poland, 21 miles northeast of Krakow, and 51 miles from the German southern front border.

The British uncorked an offensive in the Holland area over snow-carpeted roads some 17 miles northwest of Aachen. The area is the neck of Holland—a strip only 5 miles wide between Belgium and Germany.

1250 Yank planes attacked Nazi oil areas at Ruhland and Dresden.

Cavalry spearheads of the U.S. Third Army affected a meeting with the 1st Army's armored divisions north of the Nazi Ardennes bulge.

● INTERNATIONAL FRONT

Churchill answered a House of Commons debate with the statement that "Unconditional Surrender"

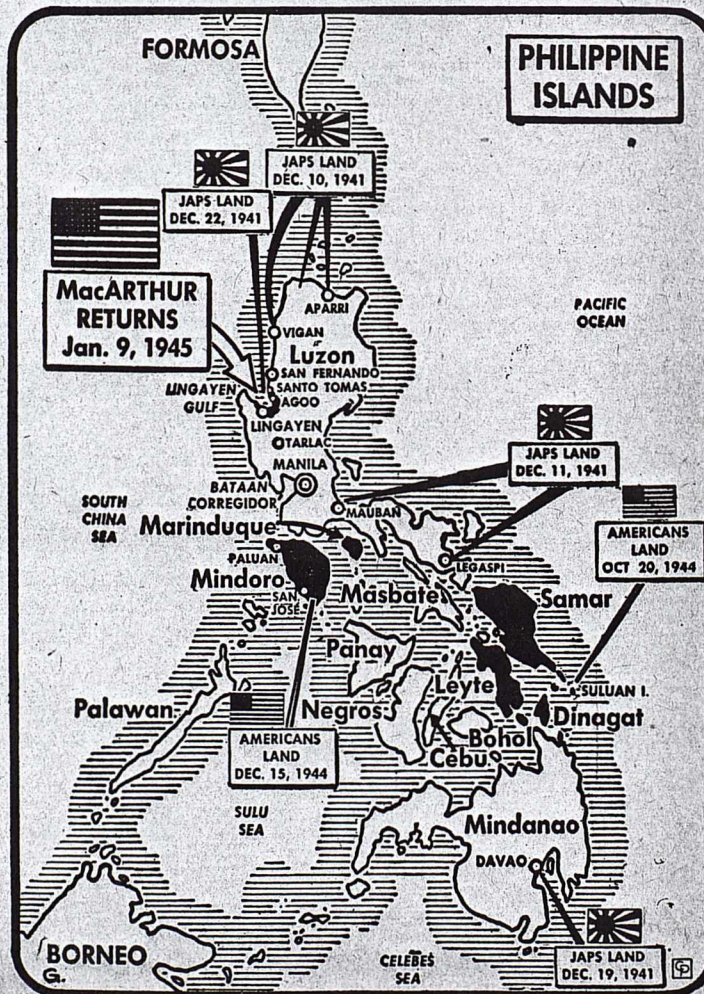
is still and will be still the demand of the Allies. "I do not think", said the Prime Minister, "this demand is prolonging the war."

● PACIFIC THEATRE

The long expected Jap counter-attack against MacArthur's forces on Luzon began to get underway at midweek. The first organized resistance to the landing on the most important Philippine Island came after 6th Army tanks and infantry had bludgeoned 32 miles into the island, were some 75 air-line miles north of Manila, capital of the P. I.

The Navy's carrier aircraft hit the South China coast again Tuesday, wrecking bases and destroying or damaging at least 30 ships and 87 planes. Along a 300 mile stretch of Jap held China, the air power struck at Canton, Hong Kong, Swatow, and Formosa. This is the first time that carrier-based planes have ventured so far inland in China.

THE STORY OF THE PHILIPPINES



ARTS CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

D. F. C. FOR SOUTH PACIFIC EXPLOITS



Col. C. E. Duncan, Station Commandant, pins the Distinguished Flying Cross on Capt. Jack M. Berkovitz, of Los Angeles, at last Saturday's review. Capt. Berkovitz, a Liberator pilot, flew 262 combat hours in the Pacific.

Liberator Pilot Is Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross

PYOTE ARMY AIR FIELD, Tex., Jan. 18—Capt. Jack M. Berkovitz, Liberator pilot of Los Angeles, Cal., who flew 262 combat hours before returning from the Pacific theater, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross at the Pyote Army Air Field, Saturday.

While his Australian wife looked on, the 25-year old flyer received the award from Col. C. E. Duncan, Station Commandant. The citation read in part:

"For meritorious achievement while participating in 200 combat hours over enemy occupied territory in New Guinea from November, 1942, to July, 1943, during which enemy action was probable and expected. The outstanding skill, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by this officer reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Capt. Berkovitz participated in 35 missions while a member of the Fifth Air Force. He served 10 months in the New Guinea area, arriving in December 1942. His decorations include an Oak Leaf cluster to the DFC, the Air Medal, the American Service Ribbon, Allied Service Ribbon; and the Dis-

tinguished Unit citation.

Son of Mrs. Jennie Berkovitz, 1249 East 28th Street, Los Angeles, he is a graduate of Fremont High School, class of 1937. After attending business college for six months, he was employed as a stenographer with the Civil Service Commission at Primary Flying School, Hemet, Cal.

He enlisted as an aviation cadet on July 16, 1941, and was commissioned at Stockton Field, Calif., on Feb. 23, 1942. Before going overseas in October 1942, he was stationed at Geiger Field, Wash., and Topeka, Kans.

His wife, the former Miss Beulah Behrend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Behrend, of Melbourne, Australia, is now residing at this field, where Capt. Berkovitz is a pilot instructor. His brother, Oscar, is an aviation cadet in training at Minter Field, Calif.

CIGARET PRESCRIPTION

Onawa, Iowa (CNS) — W. W. Lupton, a druggist, reported this notation at the bottom of a prescription from the Onawa Hospital: "Tobacco cigars 20. Use as directed." P.S.: The prescription was filled.

Three Groups Make Up Eight Classes; Winners To Be In National Gallery

Headquarters of the Army Service Forces has announced a Nation-wide Army arts contest in which the winning entries will be exhibited from July 4, 1945 through August 15, 1945 at the National Gallery, Washington, D. C.

Medics' Sgt. Blakney Gets OCS Orders For Camp Lee, Va.

Sgt. Oscar B. Blakney, a meat inspector in the commissary at Pyote Army Air Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Blakney, Route 3, Kennedy, Ala., has been appointed to Quartermaster Officer Candidate School, Camp Lee, Virginia.

Sgt. Blakney entered the service on Feb. 11, 1942. After attending a meat and dairy school, he was assigned here in October, 1943, and had been stationed at this B-29 training field since.

A member of the Medical detachment, he was active in sports at the field. Last summer he was the leading hurler for the strong Medics' softball team.

Mrs. Blakney was employed at this field as secretary to the Director of Training.

Mail Schedule Times Listed For Field

In response to many requests here is the outgoing mail schedule from Pyote Army Air Field.

This might be a good thing to clip out and save in your stationary box.

Closing time on air mail at Station Post Office:

East and West: 11:00 A.M.

East and West: 5:30 P.M.

Closing time on ordinary mail at Station Post Office:

West: 11:00 A.M.

East and West: 5:00 P.M.

Good News For Some Second Lieutenants

Second lieutenants got some good news from the War Dept. last week. Regulation 605-12 C-1 states: "second lieutenants that have served in grade 18 months are eligible for promotions to first lieutenant under the new policy which waives restrictions of tables of organizations or allotment vacancies.

Any second lieutenant, including Army nurses, dieticians, and physical therapists who have completed 18 months service in grade may now be promoted to the grade of first lieutenant provided he is qualified for and worthy of promotion.

The Army Arts Contest will be held in three groups made up of eight classes. The limitations on sizes must be strictly adhered to for ease in handling and exhibiting.

Group A—Painting, Sculpture, Arts of Design Minimum, Maximum Dimensions

Class 1. Oil Painting and Tempera, 8"x10" min., 25"x30" max.

Class 2. Water Colors and Gouache, 8"x10" min., 20"x24" max.

Class 3. Mural Designs (color sketches) 10"x15" min., 25"x30" max.

Class 4. Sculpture, 6"x6"x6" min.; 18"x18"x18", max.

Class 5. Renderings, 10"x15" min.; 25"x30" max.

City Planning—Interior Design.

Landscape Design—Stage Design and Posters.

Group B—Graphic Arts

Class 6. Drawings (any media), 5"x7" min.; 20"x24" max.

Class 7. Prints — Lithograph — Etching, Silk Screen, and other print media, 5"x7" min.; 20"x24" max.

Group C—Photography

Class 8. Photographs, mounted on 16"x20" light stock.

The suggested time schedule is as follows. The closing entry date for installation contests should be 20 February 1945. Entries should arrive from installations at the service command exhibition center not later than 6 March 1945. Entries from each service command will be forwarded in time to arrive in Washington, D. C., on or before 1 June 1945.

Inquiries for further information concerning the contest should be addressed to the Director, Special Services Division, ASF, 25 West 43rd Street, New York 18, N. Y., Attention: Arts and Crafts Section.

THIS WEEK'S

Cover shot photographs a B-29 over a Pyote bombing range.

The shot was taken by photographers from the staff of the Office of War Information, for a picture-story of the training job being done at this field, capturing in picture and story the phrase "B-29s . . . Pyote to Tokyo!"

3 Dalhart Field Civilians Decorated For Heroism

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO; January 18, 1945—Three civilian workers who risked their lives to prevent the destruction of the Army Air Field at Dalhart, Texas, have received exceptional service awards from the office of the Secretary of War. Presentations were

Can Reduce NCOs Without Prejudice

A change in Army regulations now permits authorized officers to reduce NCOs without prejudice. An officer who appoints an NCO may now reduce him, if a reduction is necessary in order to place him in assignments commensurate with his ability, or to meet the requirements of organizational changes.

Non-coms thus reduced without prejudice may immediately be appointed in a lower grade whether or not a vacancy exists. When so reduced from a temporary grade, he will not be "busted" lower than his permanent grade.

Pay-Dates



IF YOU want to sent a monthly check to some honey like this Russell Patterson girl—or even to a bank or insurance company for instance—you can do it by a Class E Allotment. This is not to be confused with allowances that are made for family dependents. The money is deducted from your pay and the checks are mailed out promptly in the U. S. Allotments can be chopped off whenever you want. Class E payments go on if you're captured, interned or reported missing. How can you lose? Your good old First Sergeant or Company Clerk can give you all the dope on this.

made by Brigadier General Robert F. Travis, 17th Bomb Wing commander, for "heroic deeds above and beyond the call of duty". This is the first time that civilian employees in Second Air Force have received such recognition.

The first of these deeds, which emphasized the fact that a man does not necessarily need a battlefield to become a hero, occurred in October, 1943. Mr. August Heese, Jr., and Raymond Sell were engaged in October, 1943. Mr. August Heese, Jr., and Raymond Sell were engaged in their work in supply when a bull-dozer passed by and the fumes from its exhaust ignited the Field's aqua system. The two men fought furiously to extinguish the blaze, for they realized that if the gasoline by which the aqua system was propelled was reached by the flames, the entire Field would be in danger. Mr. Sell, now in service, received his award by mail.

The third went to Mr. John Clements, still actively engaged at the sub-depot. During a windstorm last August, he saw a B-17 Flying Fortress being pushed along a runway by the terrific wind pressure. Dashing out to the scene, Clements entered the airplane and applied the brakes an instant before the runway Fortress would have plowed into several other aircraft directly in its path.

Untold damage was prevented by these three men, who thought not of personal safety, but of the lives of their fellow workers and of the safety of the vital war materials which they acted to save.

Gen. Arnold Cites Air Force Progress

General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, made comment on the progress of the air fight against the Axis in a statement of inventory presaging the new year.

"We of the AAF", General Arnold stated, "have good reason to be proud of our achievements . . . which mark the true coming of age of air power. New chapters in military history and theory have been written across the skies, and our long hard years of research, development, procurement, and training have been more than justified in action by our men and planes."

Calling attention to the steady, consistent progress in the war and the air support given each forward step

THEATRE SCHEDULE

- Thu.—**GUEST IN THE HOUSE** with Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy, Ruth Warrick. (From stage hit of the psychoneurotic femme.) Also Paramount news. (129 minutes).
- Fri.—**MAIN STREET AFTER DARK** with Edward Arnold and Selena Royle. (Murder mystery about B-girls who rob GIs.) Also This Is America, 3 Stooges comedy and Screen Snapshots. (100 minutes.)
- Sat.—**THE FALCON IN HOLLYWOOD** with Tom Conway. (Murder yarn in this class B plus series.) Also Andy Clyde comedy, Melody parade, and cartoon (106 minutes.)
- Sun. & Mon.—**HERE COMES THE WAVES** with Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton. (Der Bingle does a take-off on Sinatra with the riotous Betty.) Also Popeye cartoon and Paramount news. (113 minutes.)
- Tue.—(Double feature) **BIG BONANZA** with Dick Arlen and Jane Frazee. **DANCING IN MANHATTAN** with Jeff Donnell and Wm. Wright. (Twin kill twin bill.) (129 minutes.)
- Wed. & Thu.—**THE THIN MAN COMES HOME** with William Powell, Myrna Loy, and Gloria DeHaven. (Brand new Thin Man pix with the glorious Gloria.) Also Community sing and Paramount news. (118 minutes.)

USAFI CLASSES

(Education for the GI Joe and Jill in free off-duty instruction.)

ALGEBRA—Class Tuesday 7 PM; Wednesday 8 PM; Thursday 7 PM. Classes in Shipping and Receiving Office across from Mess Hall 1.

SPANISH—Class Monday, Tuesday, Thursday at 8 PM; classes same as above.

ENGLISH—Grammar and composition; Class Monday and Wednesday 7 PM; same as above.

Note: Classes will soon begin in Chinese, German, French. You can enroll for any of the above classes at the Special Service Office, or phone 27.

SERVICE CLUB

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon 12-1 PM; Sewing for servicemen 10 AM-5 PM; Dr. I.Q. quiz show with prizes, theatre tickets and surprise awards 8:30 PM.

Fr.—**INFORMAL DANCE** 9 PM to midnight.

Sat.—Informal activities.

Sun.—**BINGO!** Grand prize: phone call home.

Mon.—Program for Section III only.

Tue.—Informal activities.

Wed.—Informal activities.

MONAHANS USO

Thu.—Bingo. Protestant Discussion Group.

Fri.—Family Nite.

Sat.—**DANCE!** Pyote AAB Band.

Sun.—11:00 a.m.—Brunch.

2:30 p.m.—Recorded Classics.

4:00 p.m.—Concert-Tea.

6:30 p.m.—Buffet Supper.

7:30 p.m.—Song Fest.

8:30 p.m.—Movie—"Blondie Goes Latin"—Pennie Singleton-Arthur Lake.

Mon.—7:30 p.m.—Song Fest.

7:30 p.m.—Camera Club under direction of Cliff Trudell

8:30 p.m.—Movie—"Blondie Goes Latin".

Tue.—Arts and Crafts. Dance Class.

Wed.—12:30 p.m.—"Better Halves Club" luncheon.

8:30 p.m.—Catholic Discussion Group.

9:00 p.m.—Spanish Class-Bob Nefzger.

ODESSA USO

Thu.—2:00 Spotters' Club; 8:00 Movie "Glass Key" with Alan Ladd.

Fri.—9:00 Bingo.

Sat.—8:00-12:00 Dance; Music by Midland AAF band.

Sun.—10:00-12:00 Java and Sinkers; 12:00-2:00 Classical Hour; 6:00 Hospitality hour, refreshments, group sing; 8:00 Movie (above).

Mon.—Informal activities.

Tue.—8:00 Group sing.

Wed.—7:30 Spanish class; 8:00 Service couples program.

Col. Duncan Will Judge "Miss Victory"

Two Dances Will Be Held To Help March Of Dimes

The Rattlesnake Army Air Field will climax January with a gala March of Dimes program, under the supervision of Capt. R. A. Diedrich, Personal Affairs officer.

Arrangements have been made, the Captain added, for the Officers' and Non-Com clubs to turn over one day's profits on coin-vending machines to the drive.

The two dances—feting the President's Birthday Ball—will be built around the motif of earlier March of Dimes celebrations—"to dance that children might walk".

Semi-finals of the Miss Victory contest will be held in conjunction with the March of Dimes ball at the Service Club Friday, January 26th, a week from tomorrow night. The dance will be formal.

USO Plans Two Special Activities

Pvt. Cliff Trudell of Pyote Army Air Field, will present a lecture accompanied by slides, to camera fans at the Monahans USO Club on Monday night, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the first of a series of lectures on the subject of photography, planned for the "Shutter Bugs".

W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman will present a piano concert at a tea at the Monahans USO-NCCS Club on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m.

MAGAZINE OFFERS FREE JOB AID TO SERVICEMEN

Helping men and women recently released from the armed forces or war agencies to reestablish themselves in civilian life, is the purpose behind the recent establishment of a free servicemens classified advertising service by Tide, the newsmagazine of advertising and marketing.

Tide believes that there are many who are recently discharged or about to be, or are leaving war agencies, who desire to enter or re-enter the advertising and marketing field. Free classified ads will appear twice each month in Tide's 4-page Mid-Issue Newsletter, which appears between regular issues of the magazine. Ads are limited to 25 words. Blanks for copy will be provided by Tide upon request. Ads may be run one or more times, at the discretion of the magazine, but must be in the hands of Tide by the second and sixteenth of the month.

USO's "Riffs and Rhythm" Plays Field Next Thursday



JOHN MASON

Officers' Wives Club Elects

Election of officers and chairmen were voted by acclamation at the latest meeting of the Officers' Wives Club.

New officers are: Mrs. Stanley M. Persons, President; Mrs. Ernest A. Swingle, Vice-President; Mrs. Robert Gantz, Secretary; Mrs. Verne J. Reynolds, Treasurer; Executive members: Mrs. A. T. Blair, Mrs. Wilbur H. Kruse, Mrs. R. A. Diedrich, Parliamentarian, Mrs. Robert Hale; Red Cross, Mrs. Paul Mutschmann; Personal Affairs, Mrs. Allan M. Michaelson; Spotter, Mrs. Jake A. Walters; Special Activities, Mrs. James H. Hickerson; Publicity, Mrs. Stanley Bass.

Wives and other adult family members of officers are cordially invited to attend club meetings, held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:30 with a luncheon followed by card-party, and the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays at 2:15 with a desert card party.

Oakland, Calif. (CNS) — Two armed men held up Harry Steel, a yard clerk, in his office. They fleeced the safe, tied Harry to a chair. "Count to a million," they cautioned him, "before you move." Harry had counted to 652,436 when the police arrived on their regular nightly check-up. The thieves are still missing.

Riffs and Rhythms is the newest USO show due to play Pyote, a week from tonight, Thursday, January 25th for 2 shows—7 and 9 PM—at Theatre No. 1.

The talent line-up for Riffs and Rhythms gives all indications that it will be one of the best USO shows of the season.

Among those featured are—

Mabel Lee of Atlanta: a hot swing vocal stylist who played band dates with Cab Calloway and at the Club Ubangi, New York.

Sally Gooding: contralto singer has appeared with Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, Earl Hines, Lucky Millinder, and Fats Waller, played spots like Kit-Kat, Famous Door, Cotton Club, and Only, New York City.

Mason, Rogers and Taylor: Mason was emcee of the GI radio show "Jubilee", appeared in movies like "St. Louis Blues", was featured in the Broadway show "Blackbirds". Rogers is the emcee and straight man. Taylor is Edna Taylor, a blues singer from the top drawer.

Hutchie and Vernie: two young girls who do a dance number that is tops—from ballet turns to eccentric dancing.

The Dancing Chicks: a show-stopping six-gal line, jam packed with life and swing.

Everybody Wins At Quiz Show Next Monday Night

The quiz show to end all quiz shows (and it probably will) is scheduled for the Service Club next Monday evening at 8:30.

Following the Dr. I. Q. pattern, the quiz show has one very attractive feature—everybody wins! Prizes will be in the form of theater tickets, though the program producers hint darkly at certain surprise awards to be given some contestants.

It will be a good chance to test your skill and see for yourself how everybody can win at a quiz show.

MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS AVERAGE AGE IS 32

New York (CNS)—The average age of the 120 soldiers of World War II who have won the Congressional Medal of Honor—the nation's top award for heroism—is 32. Eliminating the 9 Admirals and Generals who have won the award, the average is still above 30. Of the 120 recipients of the Medal since Pearl Harbor, only 13 were under 24.

Hold Semi-Finals At USO Next Tues. And Wed.

Col. C. E. Duncan, Station Commandant, has accepted the invitation to act as chief judge for the Miss Victory contest, sponsored by the Monahans USO, for the finals.

Entries for the Miss Victory contest are still pouring into the Monahans USO.

The semi-finalists will be selected at the USO on two consecutive nights, January 23rd and 24th, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Officers from the field will be selected to choose the girls in the semi-final elimination. The entrants will be escorted by GIs selected from each section to represent them; approximately 50 men will be chosen.

The girls selected will then vie for the final choosing and the honor of being crowned Miss Victory of 1945.

The Miss Victory will be starred in a special show, already completed and awaiting final casting by the field's Special Service office.

CARLSON GETS EAGLE

Washington (CNS) — Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, leader of "Carlson's Raiders," Marine heroes of Makin Island, has been promoted to colonel. Col. Carlson, who was decorated for his services at Makin, Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan, was wounded in the latter action.



Tom Conway—alias The Falcon—plays the lead in another Falcon movie "The Falcon in Hollywood" at Theatres 1 and 2 next Saturday.



KOOPS' KORNERS

CONVERSATION-PIECE

Pyote folk are talking about these items:

That new tune "Rum and Coca Cola": waxed by the Andrews Sisters, it's a cinch for top-spot on the Hit Parade. It's promised for the Service Club juke box.

Pfc. (ex-Pvt.) Monty Ash who is shipping out for a new base. Monty has been responsible for a number of fine shows down here—has produced some nifty numbers at the Theatre and Service Club. It's tough to lose a fine guy, drop us a line, Monty.

The 7 purty photos that grace the Service Club doorway. They're entrants in the Miss Victory of 1945 contest sponsored by the Monahans USO. And each one is a pin-up princess. These 7 are but a few of the many lovelies who are vying for the honors.

The Peter Arno cartoon book "Man In the Shower" on hand at the field's library.

The plaque that will soon adorn the swimming pool. It will mention the dedication and honor the guys who put in dough, time, and sweat to build the pool of, by, and for the GIs.

Those off-duty classes that Special Service is holding. New classes are shaping up and the details can be had by phoning 27.

Last nite's fine pop concert at the EM club. Right out of the top-drawer, as per usual with our band.

The attractive displays on the line-in mess halls nowadays. It garnishes an appetite.

How tough it is to get change wherewith to make a long-distance phone call at the Service Club.

The growing number of paper bound pocket books at the library. If you have some of these two-bit books—donate 'em to the library when you're through. It makes the reading go a long way.

The all-colored show "Riffs and Rhythm" due here the 25th. It should be one of the finest yet.



Those sharp creases the laundry is putting in the shorts these days.

Marie MacDonald, leggy lass who caught the GI fancy in the now-showing moon picture "Guest In the House". Marie was a former showgirl, model, and nite club singer.

The pome that's making the rounds. It goes:

Horses live for thirty years,
Cats and dogs for ten.

That's because they don't drink beers—

For whiskey, have no yen.

Birds survive,
Until they're five,

Goats feel fine,

Not drinking wine.

But dirty, wicked, rum-soaked men

Live on for three-score years
and ten.

Poor, dumb animals!

The Korner has to police up its area this issue. Last week we mentioned J. C. Reese's attractive and charming secretary—and stated that we couldn't for life of us recall her name. Since then we have been flooded with calls and visitors who want us to know that the young lady in question is Mrs. Katz. Sorry we forgot.

We see by the papers that the Army Redistribution Center at Santa Barbara, Calif. that those boys want to boycott the expression "GI Joe". Frankly we can't agree with them. "GI" makes a lot more sense than "Doughboy" (there's not many boys and less dough) or "Private" (as what's private about it) or "Yank" (which refers to a section of the country). As long as there has to be a nickname—they can keep calling us GI. What do you guys think?



This building once housed a coffee shack (as you can see); but now it's the home of a steam laundry in Pyote; many GIs take their ODs, overcoats and blouses there for dry-cleaning.

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

(This is the fifteenth in a series of photo stories concerning the town and base of Pyote. Many GIs are clipping this feature and sending it home to give the folks some idea what lies behind the address "Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote Texas.")



Another popular spot—this time on the field itself—is the PX haberdashery. GIs and officers alike can buy non-issue wearing apparel at specially reduced prices.

Seven Ranking Officers Win 5th Star

4 Generals, 3 Admirals Rate U.S. Super-Rank

Four top ranking Army officers have been elevated to the rank of Generals of the Army, and three Navy officers to the rank of Admirals of the Fleet.

The promoted will wear the five stars of the newly-created super-rank that matches U. S. military leaders with the grade of British Field Marshals and Admirals.

The Army rank will still be subordinate to that of General of the Armies held by John J. Pershing.

Thumbnail sketches of these 7 super-rankers follow.

GENERAL MARSHALL

Chief of Staff of U.S. Army who built the present Army from scratch. A native of Pennsylvania,

he entered the Army from Virginia Military Institute. As a young Lieutenant in the Philippines his work was so impressive it moved Maj Gen. J. Franklin Bell to remark that Marshall would prove America's greatest



GENERAL MAC ARTHUR

Son of a General, he was born on an Army post in Arkansas, considers Wisconsin his home-state, military genius since Stonewall Jackson. Soft-spoken, kindly to subordinates, he is anything but the traditional, hard-boiled general.

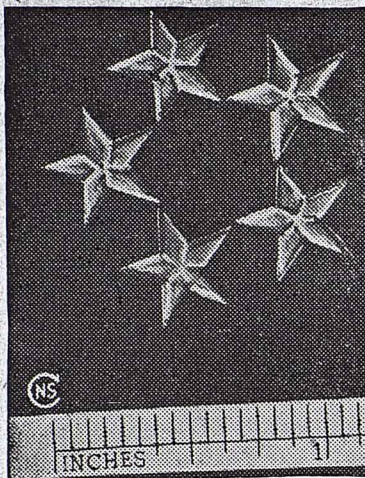


He was No. 1 man in his class at West Point; in World War I he commanded the Rainbow Division, later served as Chief of Staff for five years. He had retired from the U.S. Army busy building the Army for the Philippines

when the Japs came. Now leading the invasion of Luzon Island itself, MacArthur is Commander of the Southwest Pacific.

GENERAL EISENHOWER

Under his direction the battles



The newest rank insignia (above) decorates the collar and shoulder of a General of the Army or an Admiral of the Fleet. Ruler in photo shows size of insignia.

for Africa, Italy, were fought. Then his greatest success—Invasion—followed.

"Ike" blended ships, planes, armies into one vast striking force, produced a teamwork many had considered impossible. A Kansan native (born in Texas), he is a West Pointer. In World War I he held a training assignment in the U.S.; now he's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.



GENERAL ARNOLD

A flyer since 1911 when he set an altitude record of 6540 feet—a low bombing level for today's

craft. His drive and persistence lie behind the fact that Superforts now rake Japan. He would not let any of innumerable difficulties slow up his superbomber program. Born in Pennsylvania and a West Point man, he was Assistant director of Military Aeronautics in Washington in World War I. Today "Hap" is C.G. of the AAF.

ADMIRAL LEAHY

Appointed a day ahead of Marshall, he outranks (by seniority) his other 5-star cohorts. William D. Leahy was on the Navy retired list when President Roosevelt called on him to serve as our Ambassador to France; later he took over his present position—that of the President's personal Chief of Staff, and representative on both the Joint (U.S.) and Combined (Anglo-American) Chiefs of Staff.

ADMIRAL KING

Just finished his third year as Commander in Chief of the Fleet and Chief of Naval operations, he directed the almost-impossible task of making the U.S. Navy the terror of the seas, a long hard pull from the days of the Pearl Harbor debacle. Hard-jawed King now can boast the largest, most-powerful fleet in the history of the world and it's still growing.



ADMIRAL NIMITZ

A wry, dry sense-of-humor keeps pipe-smoking Chester Nimitz cool and calm under the strain. For Admiral Nimitz has one of the toughest jobs of the war—the task of carrying the fight to a hiding Jap navy—a task of ever lengthening supply lines that half-girdle the globe, of holding and repossessing the largest ocean



on the surface of the globe, the unpeaceful Pacific.

Inspector Gen. To Rate Field Next Monday

The semi-annual inspection of this Station by the 16th wing Inspector will be conducted beginning Monday, January 22.

The IG will make a tour of all departments on the field for the first inspection of the new year. It is hoped that the field may maintain its excellent rating of the last inspection in October '44.

Complaints of military and WID civilian personnel will be heard between the hours of 8 and 11 Wednesday morning, Jan. 24th, at the Personal Affairs office, Building T-640. (The office is located directly in back of the library.)

The Inspector General and his staff will also make a thorough check on military courtesy on the post during the inspection period.

'Spearhead' GIs May Sport Award

U.S. Army personnel who participated in "spearhead" action against the enemy have been authorized to wear a special device on their service ribbon beside the battle star. New device is a bronze Indian arrow head one quarter inch high. It is to be worn only on theater ribbon in which it was won.

To qualify for the wearing of this new award the soldier must

Service Arrowhead



New Arrowhead Shown with Star

have taken part in a parachute jump or glider landing in enemy territory as part of an assigned mission or have taken part in an amphibious landing on shores held by the foe.

Any eligible individual who is no longer a member of the organization with which the award was earned may obtain an arrowhead by submitting an affidavit to his present commanding officer.

LOST—GEM LADEN GIRDLE

Boston (CNS)—After buying a new girdle, a local lady chucked her old one into an ash can. Later she recalled she had hidden \$450 in jewelry in the seams of the veteran garment. Police are still searching for it.

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.

FLAME IN THE FRAME

Engineer Wed To Philly Girl



MRS. E. F. McCUSKER

Mrs. Edward F. McCusker who hails from Lakeland, Florida, is the sweetheart and wife of Flight Engineer S-Sgt. McCusker. The Sergeant is from Philadelphia, Pa. and is attached to Sec. 1 of the Pyote Combat Crew Detachment.

They're the proud parents of a ten-month old baby girl who is already displaying signs of all the grace and charm of her lovely mother.

Their post-war plans are simple at present. They're counting on getting a home, making a living and going ahead with their "family program".

They met in Valdosta, Georgia where the sergeant was crew chief in charge of advanced training planes. Mrs. McCusker was a nurse at a Valdosta hospital and their first date was an automobile ride.

On the second date McCusker proposed and was the happiest soldier in the whole Army when the present Mrs. McCusker said: "Yes!"

A June wedding climaxed the romance.

Smoke Gets In Their Eyes

Cigarette shortages in the U. S. made news in odd and wondrous ways. For example:

Buffalo, N. Y.—Women are buying pipes in Buffalo now. They always explain the pipes are for their husbands, store clerks claim, but "last year they didn't buy nearly as many."

Portland, Ore.—"Any cigarets", the customer asked. "Why don't you use a pipe?" the tobacco clerk snapped. The customer took his advice. He pulled a length of lead pipe from his pocket and "used" it on the clerk's head.

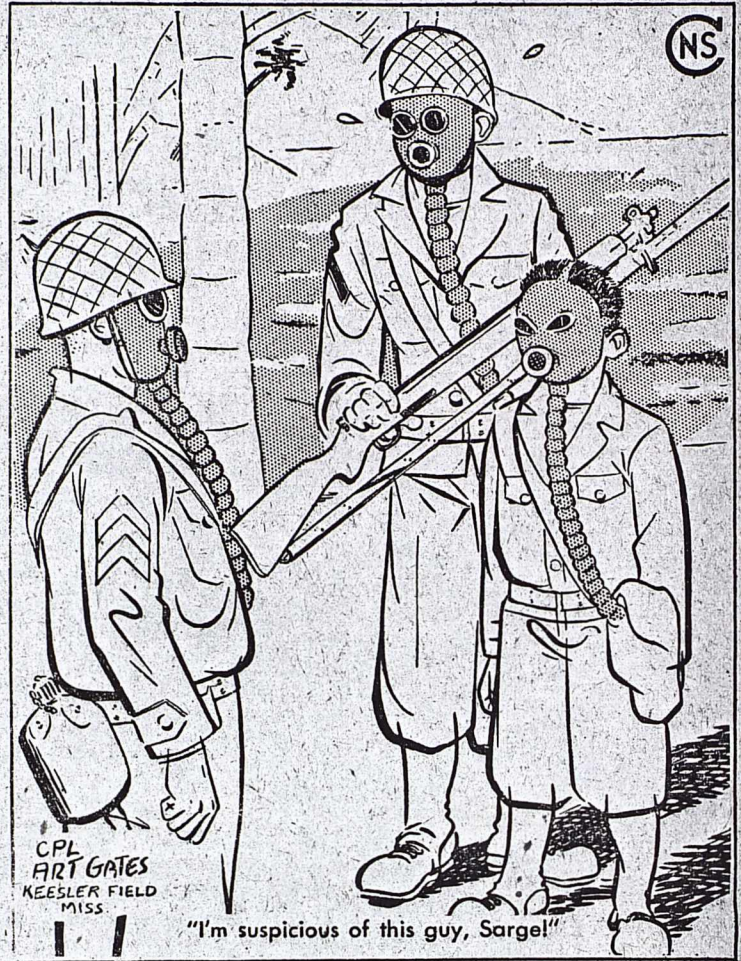
Jefferson City, Mo.—Because of the tobacco shortage, Richard Arns passed out matches instead of cigars in announcing the birth of a daughter.

New York—During the cigaret shortage here, the only place you could get popular brands was Tombs Prison.

Chicago—The cigaret shortage has become so acute that Virginia Thatcher, who runs the tobacco counter in a hotel here, is smoking cigars. "Keeps them from asking for cigarets," she explains.

Cincinnati—The front door (locked) of a downtown tobacco store bore this sign: "Out of cigars. Out of cigars. Out of town."

Indianapolis—This ad ran in a recent issue of the Indianapolis Star: "Will swap 3 cartons 15-cent cigarets for information leading to rental of 3-room apartment."



CPL ART GATES KEESLER FIELD MISS

"I'm suspicious of this guy, Sarge!"

Post-War 'Prefab' Homes Can Be Built In 24 Hours

That little post-war home you've dreamed about—the one with the built-in latrine—may be put together by the numbers.

News from the low-cost home front is that prefabricated houses can be erected in one day and ready for occupancy in a single week.

After you've got your site, selected the type house you want, arranged to finance the deal and shelled out the down payment, the pre-fab boys drop around and begin doing their sit-ups. The exercise will be performed in the following manner:

HUT—the floor is laid in the morning. **TWO**—sidewalls up by noon. **THREE**—roof, shingles and siding completed by evening. **FOUR**—the painting, plumbing and electrician squads are ready to take over.

While all this is going on, you're sitting under a tree picking your teeth, hollering orders, or just sleeping while they work.

Estimated cost for a four-room job is from \$2500 to \$3000, with bigger and more elaborate houses in the catalogues available if you have more dough to put out.

Pacific (CNS) — Thirteen-for-one is the Yank-Jap ratio in the Pacific. Latest reports show that U. S. troops have killed at least 277,000 Jap soldiers, while there have been 21,000 U.S. fatalities.

New York (CNS)—Hotel Manager Larry Seible stopped his chef, Frank Ugo, as he was leaving the restaurant. "Are you putting on a little weight, old man?" inquired Seible, slapping his employe on the. A ham dropped from the chef's overcoat. Further investigation disclosed that Ugo was carrying a dozen eggs, some pork chops, a chicken, a pound of coffee, several pounds of butter, and a half dozen oranges. "I was just taking some stuff home to my family," he explained to police.

Album of Verse

LINES PENNED IN UNION STATION, CHICAGO

The long train hovered like a prayer
Over the awkward parting words
That stabbed the smoke like frightened birds
And darted, helpless, through the air.
Wings beat lamely . . . hurt and blind,
Seeking what they could not find—
The ultimate meaning of farewell.
When clay is torn from sentiment clay,
There is little words can say,
And what Tim knows, he will not tell.
—Pvt. Herbert Phillips.

JAPOLOGY



THE Jap civilian seems meek, mild and simple. But the moment he puts on a uniform, he becomes a different man. He becomes arrogant and proud of himself—a big shot. The explanation is that the uniform gives him the authority of the Emperor.

JAPS FAVOR AFTER-DARK TRICKS IN PACIFIC

NIP IS NIGHT FIGHTER, SAY PACIFIC VETERANS

This is the 3rd in a series of 3 articles on combat experiences of American 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
Everyone knows by now that the Jap is a master of infiltration, particularly at night. Here's some more corroborative evidence, gleaned from the battle experiences of U. S. fighting men in the Kwajalein and Palau invasions:

Sgt. R. W. Kerber, 60 mm mortar squad leader: "It was about 1900 the second evening of the battle. My mortar squad and I had just finished digging in for the night. Before we knew what was happening, American hand grenades were falling all around us. We soon discovered they were not being thrown by mistake but were coming from a Jap hidden in a fallen palm tree cove by.

"After a few minutes a water-cooled machine gun squad saw him and realized what was happening. They opened up and did away with the Jap. This would never have occurred if some of the boys hadn't gotten careless and lazy. By that, I mean they had thrown away live ammunition. The Japs are good at infiltration at night and will gather all of the live ammunition lying around and send it back to you the next day."

More on Jap night tactics from Col Mark J. Logie, regimental commander:

"One night the enemy attempted to overrun the positions of the front line battalion in the following manner. First, he made a special effort to locate and destroy the automatic weapons by use of patrol. The approach of the enemy patrol was preluded by a diversionary noise caused by rolling heavy oil drums on the enemy airport and by exposing himself in that area.

"Then as soon as the guns disclosed their position by firing on the targets, the enemy charged the position from another direction, attempting to destroy the guns by use of hand grenades and bayonets.

"All men must be constantly alert for such diversionary tactics; security groups must not let their interest be drawn by flare-ups of action in other sections and automatic weapons must always have all-around protection."

S-Sgt. Edward L. Harper, battalion operations sergeant, broadcasting:

"I saw one strand of wire, placed under cover of darkness, one foot above the ground and around our perimeter defense, actually stop the Japs from infiltrating. When the Japs contacted the wire, they turned and ran, assum-

ing the wire was covered by automatic fire."

Of the danger of spreading rumors, Lt. Richard H. Anderson, platoon leader, says: "Rumors spread like wildfire even on the battlefield and while under fire.

All rumors are dangerous under battle conditions, so check those you regard as gullible."

To which Sgt. H. B. Swegle, 60 mm mortar squad leader, adds, "Troops should be made to realize how effectively a careless phrase such as 'The Japs have broken through and are all around us' or even something much less serious can demoralize their buddies."

Lack of aggressiveness is what worries Sgt. George Kanold, as-

sistant squad leader: "You can't stress the importance of constantly moving forward too much when your outfit is the attacking element. Let terrain, opposition confronted and the number of enemy emplacements present regulate your rate of advance. Take advantage of all cover and concealment, but don't remain in one spot too long. Most of our casualties were hit while motionless on the ground."

Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote pin-up is Alice Faye. The delectable Alice (in real life, wife of Phil Harris, orchestra leader, probably put more tunes on the hit parade than any other vocalist with the exception of Bing Crosby. Personally, she's tops on our hit parade, any season, any year, hot or cold. Mmm-hmm!

PYOTE OPINION

Do You Favor Compulsory Peacetime Army Training?

Pfc. T. A. Sherman, Dallas, Texas, Gunner: I wouldn't want any child of mine to have his education interrupted to get into the Army. If it is possible, I would like young people to be able to avoid the misery that Army life holds. If military work and academic education can be mixed that would be O.K. Freedom of choice certainly should be allowed anyone. How can they expect to keep America a Democracy when we would be training our youth in militarism.

Cpl. W. S. Helms, Roanoke, Va., Gunner: I've got children. I think the primary object of this country should be to keep peace. I think a trained country would discourage war.

S-Sgt. Ralph W. Bailey, Long Beach, California, Flight Engineer: I think there should be compulsory military training after the war. I think America faces another war and we should avoid being caught unprepared. If I thought permanent peace could be attained, I would not favor any sort of military training.

Cpl. R. W. Ottun, Madison, Wisconsin, Radar-Gunner: I think a taste of military training would awaken those subjected to it to a realization of just how good civilian life is.

Cpl. Joseph P. Krchmak, Burkburnett, Texas, Salvage Clerk: The Army is no place for a young person. Young people should be educated and not taught to kill. If military training becomes necessary, young people could be taken then.

Cpl. Clarence Dangler, Rochester, N. Y., Combat Crew Division: I think compulsory military training in peace time would be all right. I don't like it but I think all the wars we've had show that military education is a necessity. The period of training should be definitely limited to no more than two years.

S-Sgt. Robert E. Miller, Johnstown, Pa., Personnel Dept.: I

think every man should serve a year or so in the Army. This would assure America of a strong, trained standing Army. I think the training should be confined to single men.

M-Sgt. C. H. Roberts, Paris Texas, Personnel Dept.: I think every man should have a year of military training. This should be given upon completion of high school and before entrance into college. This would give the men better background and understanding. This would be an aid to the men in their studies and at the same time would provide the U.S. with a large body of trained men to protect it.

Pvt. Carl T. Harmon, Louisville, Kentucky, Plane Mechanic: I am against compulsory military training. The world after this war should be in such a state that it will not desire to go further along a path of destruction.

LATEST FIGURES ON WAR CASUALTIES

Total United States Ground Force casualties in Germany, France and the Low Countries amounted to 258,124 since fighting began D-Day, June 6. This figure is to Dec. 1.

Killed 44,143
Wounded 139,118
Missing 24,863

Enemy losses were estimated as follows:

Total Nazi West Front casualties 1,150,000
Nazi losses to Russians 1,050,000
Nazi Italian front losses 300,000

NO TERROR FOR CIVILIANS IN GERMAN SURRENDER

LONDON (CNS)—Surrender to the Allies will hold no special terrors for the German civilians, London broadcasts piped into Germany are emphasizing.

Although unconditional surrender is still the Allied policy toward Germany, radio broadcasts aimed at German civilians are emphasizing democratic treatment of the civilian population in an Anglo-American campaign refuting Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels' contention that unconditional surrender would mean the annihilation of the German nation.

DISCHARGED 3 TIMES, GI SHIPPED TO ALASKA

Alaska (CNS)—Pvt. William F. Goulding, who arrived here recently as a Signal Corps replacement, already has received three medical discharges in this war. Recurrence of a hip injury received during an air raid in Cairo resulted in successive discharges from the British and Canadian Armies and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Pvt. Goulding saw action in France (1940) and North Africa and was in service in England during the German air blitz of 1940-41. Army doctors pronounced him fit again for service in 1943, permitting his induction into the AUS.

OIL SCARCE, HE STRIKES GAS

Grand Island, N. Y. (CNS)—Unable to get enough oil to heat his house, Albert Shelby went into the back yard and started drilling for natural gas. Now he has enough for all the neighbors.

Philadelphia (CNS)—Parishioners of a local church turned out in a happy throng for the ceremonial burning of the mortgage. An hour later firemen arrived. The mortgage was burning all right. But so was the church.

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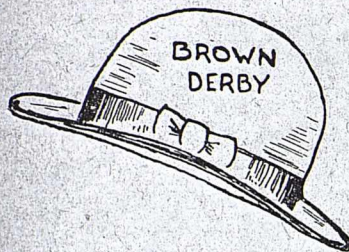
WELL, SLIP MY CABLE



The Rattler is conducting a poll of public opinion on controversial questions of the day that affect, or will affect, GI Joe. Although an impartial poll is taken, all personnel cannot be contacted. If you would like to express an opinion on the next question—"Who should police conquered countries?"—mail or send it to the Rattler.

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PT AWARD



Section C tumbled from the heights last week to grab the Brown Derby, symbol of PT futility. Their percentage was 57.26—lowest it has been in many months, for the week ending Jan. 6.

Rattlerettes Bump MAAF Sextet, 41-18

Pyote's Rattlerette basketball team rolled over Midland Army Air Field's hardwood sextet, 41-18, in a game played there Sunday night.

Pvt. Vivien Brown led the Rattlerette scoring with 18 points, followed by Sgt. Bobb Zentz with 13.

The box score:

PYOTE	
Zentz	13
Ruziak	9
Tacchi	1
Brown	18
La Branche	0
Burk	0
Groesbeck	0
Slosses	0
Gotch	0
	41
MIDLAND	
McIntyre	2
Zbornik	8
Olsen	7
Pollard	1
Hotrick	0
Gautreaus	0
Turner	0
King	0
Cohen	0
Melvin	0
	18

CHEMICAL WARFARE LECTURES HELD

The monthly one-hour "Defense Against Chemical Attack" will be held twice each day for the last two days—January 18th and 19th. The morning class will be held in Theatre No. 1 from 9 to 10; the afternoon class will be held in Theatre No. 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. All static personnel officers and enlisted men, will be required to attend.

Recently the Navy reported it had developed a small rocket carrying ship which has two and a half times the firepower of a 45,000-ton battleship.

WARMIN' THE BENCH



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS Distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

Barney Dreyfuss, famed late owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates was so close with his dimes that they used to mold in his pockets. Even Paul Waner, his greatest player, had to battle like a fiend to get a raise out of Barney.

One year Waner, who never bothered to bunt because he was the top hitter in the league, batted .380 and was voted the most valuable player in the loop. Naturally he asked Barney for a pay boost.

"Why?" asked Barney.

"Well," said Paul, "I hit .380 didn't I?"

"I guess so," Barney acknowledged reluctantly. "But you still can't bunt."

Blue Plate Special

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' order ending horse races in the U.S. probably will not be extended to other sports. But Byrnes has outlined a program providing for tougher treatment of 4Fs in sport. He says they should go into war plants or into the Army for limited service . . . Hot reaction to race track bar was that of Jock Bobby Permane. "All I know is horses," he said. "I can't work in a war plant" . . .

Although nearly everyone admits that Marty Mason is the greatest shortstop in baseball, fans from Cleveland, Ohio, have presented a pretty strong case for Lou Boudreau, shortstop-manager of the Indians . . . Boudreau won AL batting title last year and set a fielding record of .944. His 122 double plays, 32 more than Marion made, set another record. Tops in runs-driven-in with 109 in AL was Junior Stephens, of Browns, another shortstop . . . The boxer of the year was Beau Jack, lightweight windmill from Atlanta, Ga., according to Ring Magazine . . . Jack lost, won, lost the lightweight title last year . . . Now he's in the Army . . . Interviewed in Paris, Cpl. Billy Conn said he liked Joe Louis' fists better than Nazi bombings. "The Brown Bomber is the only bomber I'm anxious to meet again," said he . . . More than 400 prominent American athletes have been killed since Pearl Harbor, according to a recent survey. Most famous were Sprinter Charlie Paddock, Polo Ace Tommy Hitchcock, All-American back Nile Kinnick, and Track Star Lou Zamperini . . . Sgt. Joe DiMaggio recommends Honolulu as a post war training camp for the New York Yankees. He also says that Ted Williams is a better hitter than he (Joe DiMaggio) ever was . . . Could be . . . Cincinnati Reds' Ed Heusser's 2.38 mark was best ERA in either league last year. Dizzy Trout was tops in AL with Detroit teammate Hal Newhouser right behind him.

Winter League For Bowling Starts Play

The winter '45 Bowling league got underway with many of the teams setting a hot pace in the four-way league.

In the Gold League the Flashes, Stargazers, and Hangar No. 1 boys set pace with a familiar style, in what looks to be a tight-playing league.

The Blue league found the Japan 5 setting them down to take an easy lead.

The Red League, with a few revamped teams, found the Static Chasers displaying some of the classiest form on the alleys, sharing top honors with the Airways and the Foul Five.

The White League split the flag-chasers between the Spare Boys and the Quartermaster, both teams having unmarred records.

(Standings include Sunday night's games.)

GOLD LEAGUE

Flashes	2	1	.754
Stargazers	2	1	.766
Hangar 1	2	1	.777
Consol. Mess	1	2	.769
Dunsters	1	2	.751
Musclemen	1	2	.754

BLUE LEAGUE

Japen 5	3	0	.717
War Worries	2	1	.728
South Paws	2	1	.641
Signal 5	1	2	.641
Mad Medix	1	2	.730

RED LEAGUE

Static Chasers	3	0	.743
Airways	3	0	.654
Foul Five	3	0	.674
Riff Raff	0	3	.616
Gremkins	0	3	.605
Supers	0	3	.610

WHITE LEAGUE

Spare Boys	3	0	.736
QM	3	0	.631
Pill Rollers	2	1	.679
Planets	1	2	.687
Fotogs	0	3	.676
Klicking Klerks	0	3	.552

HOTEL HOUSES 'HERMIT'

St. Louis (CNS)—Six years ago Helmuth Setz rented a room in the Chase Hotel. He hasn't left it since. Interviewed recently he said he had stayed in his room continuously "to think and study and read." He never even answers the telephone and never calls the desk. The hotel, incidentally, thinks him an ideal guest.

Rattlers Relax After Taking 3 Straight Games

The Pyote AAF Rattlers took a week's rest after a whirlwind pace that saw them win three straight games.

Next court match for the five is at Carlsbad AAF when they tackle the Cavemen Saturday night at Carlsbad.

After that they'll return to the field to meet Tucson's Davis-Monthan here, on Friday January 26th, providing transportation can be arranged for the Tucson Airmen.

The revamped Rattler quintet took Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, and Fort Sumner last week with a bunch of suspense finishes and a razzle-dazzle that had the hoop fans on their feet throughout the games.

The Rattlers defeated Biggs 21-16, Bliss 14-13, and Sumner 46-45.

Another fine turnout is expected for the Davis Monthan game a week from Friday, January 26th.

Navy Ship Total Climbs To 61,045

Here's how the U. S. Navy, largest in the world, shapes up at the beginning of the New Year:

Total vessels, 61,045; total number of warships, 1167; Landing Craft, 54,026; Battleships, 23; Aircraft Carriers, 26; Escort Carriers, 60; Cruisers, 63; Destroyers, 418; Destroyer Escorts, 496, and Submarines, 249.

The Navy added, in all, 5,457,490 tons during 1944, giving it an aggregate of 11,707,000 tons afloat.

During the year, the Navy also acquired 30,070 aircraft, of which 26,401 were tactical combat planes, and spent \$2,800,000,000 on guns, shells, torpedoes, rockets and other ordnance items.

From 1941 through 1943, 76,490 planes were produced for the Navy.

SPECIAL STATIONARY FOR P W CORRESPONDENCE

Prisoner of War correspondence will be written on regular PW stationary, the Station Adjutant announced this week.

Prisoner of War stationary is obtainable at the Post Office. V-mail stationary will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender. PW mail will be handed through the window and not dropped in the slot.

'BURNED UP' HE SETS FIRE

New Orleans (CNS)—Irrked when he found the till empty, a stickup man set fire to a pressing shop here, then told the clerk he was Santa Claus. "And Santa Claus is giving you a vacation," he added, fleeing.

Wanna Buy a Car? Read the Classified Ads



Q. I've heard that some states back home already have provided bonuses for native servicemen. What states have taken this action?

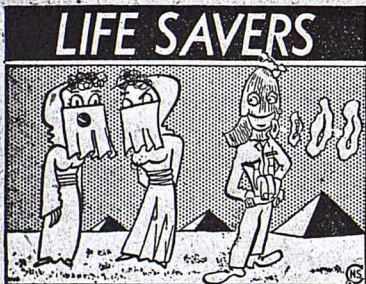
A. So far, only two, Vermont and New Hampshire. If you come from Vermont, you may collect up to \$100 in cash bonuses when you go home. In New Hampshire, you can collect up to \$120, plus your regular muster-out pay.

Q. I am a second lieutenant, just out of OCS. I would like to know whether I am entitled to receive rental and subsistence for my mother. I am living on the post. But my mother is as much dependent on me as a wife. She has no one else.

A. An officer is entitled to rental and subsistence for a parent if the parent is chiefly dependent upon him for support.

Q. My brother and I both contributed to the support of our mother before we were inducted into the Army. She is now getting a Class B-1 dependency allotment from me, amounting to \$50 and a Class B allotment from my brother, totaling \$37. That amounts to \$87 in all. However, as civilians, we contributed much more than that to her support. We would like to know whether we both are entitled to B-1 allotments?

A. No. Under the law, only one of you can claim to have been your mother's chief support. Consequently, only one of you can get



LIFE SAVERS
IF you use a cloth shield to protect your face from cold winds, keep the bottom of it loose so your breath can escape.



BEARDS are a detriment instead of a help in cold weather as they collect moisture which will freeze your face.

The Wolf by Sansone



"EEEEEEEE—there's that mouse again!"

a B-1 allowance for your mother.

Q. I am engaged to a French girl. We plan to be married soon after the end of hostilities in Germany. Will my wife be entitled to receive a dependency allotment?

A. She will be entitled to receive a Class A allowance of \$50 a month after your marriage. The fact that she is not an American citizen and lives in a foreign country will have no bearing on her right to receive the allowance. There may be some delay, however, because of currency restrictions. But you will receive full allowances from the time you first apply.

At The Chapel

CATHOLIC — Sunday Masses: 0800, 1200, 1715. Daily Masses: 1715 except Monday and Thursday; Thursdays at Hospital Red Cross bldg. 0930. No Mass Monday. Evening Devotions: 1745 Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: Saturday 1630-1715, 1930-2100, and before all Masses, and anytime you request.

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 Ser-

REMEMBER?

Jan. 19, 1944—One of 1944's most unusual occasions flurried in Pyote. One of the heaviest snow storms ever to hit the town banketed the field and surrounding territory. Said the weather officer: "Everything comes to those who wait." Training Unit GIs planned a hill-billy dance for the Service Club. The USO scheduled a President's ball for the end of the month with a gay nineties motif. Mr. Richard Beatty was appointed Red Cross director for the field. In sports, the Pyote Coyotes beat Kermit and Wink high schools, lost to Midland AAF. The Intra-mural hoop league opened. On the battlefronts the Reds began to crack the Nazi eastern wall; the allies continued their pre-invasion, war of nerves on Germany.

St. Louis (CNS) — Mistletoe sales have dropped to a new seasonal low in the Middle West. "I guess they's just no one around worth kissing any more," said one mistletoe magnate.

vice; 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.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

A 1939 DE LUXE Lincoln Zephyr in fine condition. 4 first grade tires, good as new. See S-Sgt. Lis at Mess Hall No. 1 anytime between noon and 6 p.m.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Pair of shell rimmed, natural color, glasses in or around Post Exchange Sunday afternoon. Please return to Public Relations office or Rattler office. Thanks.

LOST—Gold wedding ring with floral design, in ladies rest room at Officers Bowling Alley. Reward. Notify S-Sgt. E. L. Murphy, Phone 248.

LOST—Gold signet ring in latrine T-747 with following initials: "R. G.". Return to Lt. Ray Graeter, BOQ 713, aisle bed 3, or to BOQ office. Rewrad offered.

FOUND—Fountain pen at Station bank. Owner may claim same by seeing Mr. Powell at the bank.

PERSONALS

MACE IS back at the same old stand, fellas. E. C.

THE MICHIGAN Welsh Choral Society will hold its regular monthly meeting Jan. 20th at 8:30 p.m.

ANYONE WHO is collecting or has collected army shoulder patches as a hobby, please call 168 anytime after 6 p.m.

WHOEVER SWIPED my girl's picture out of my foot locker, go ahead and keep it! She hasn't written me for two months anyway. You'll be sorry. Pvt. Herman Gladzack.

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.)

The War Production Board arms production on the assumption has planned the nation's 1945 ration that we may be fighting the Germans on the same vast scale more than a year from now, J. A. Krug, WPB chairman, announced.