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B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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2nd WAR BOND CONTEST FINALS PLANNED FOR REC HALL MONDAY

Work Begun On New Water Well

The water shortage which has threatened the field for the past few weeks should be alleviated within the next ten days, Maj. Ocie L. Conger, Post Engineer, announced yesterday.

Work has already begun on the sinking of a new well, and repair work will follow on two of the caved-in wells.

Until the repair work is completed, and the new well in operation, the water shortage at Pyote is critical. All personnel are asked to do their utmost to prevent water waste by shutting off all taps and faucets tight, by not using any more water than necessary, and by promptly reporting leaky pipes or plumbing to the Post Engineers' Office.

SHIRTS WITH SHOULDER LOOPS ARE OKAY FOR EM

Due to the shortage of cotton shirts, enlisted men in the 8th Service Command may wear shirts with shoulder loops. Military Police of this Command have been ordered not to pick up GIs wearing such shirts, and GIs are told that they do not have to cut the shoulder loops off such shirts.

PYOTE HEAT

Here are the official maximum temperatures as recorded by the AAF Weather Station for the past week. The second column records temperatures, on the same day, a year ago at Pyote.

	1945	1944
Thursday	104	92
Friday	101	94
Saturday	101	90
Sunday	97	96
Monday	94	93
Tuesday	88	93
Wednesday	96	101

PACKED 'EM IN



A packed Rec. Hall danced and listened to the smart rhythms of Jack Denny's orchestra last night in a gay nite-club setting.

A street cafe was arranged outside the Rec. Hall where GIs and their dates could sip soft drinks and listen to the music, while inside a festive crowd enjoyed the versatile music of the orchestra.

Denny is an old stand-by in music circles and has been a popular favorite for many years.

Vocalist Virginia Martin, a sultry, provocative blonde had the GIs licking their molars over her low-cut formal and low-down songs.

Jack Denny's orchestra plays for tonight's dance at the Officers' Club from nine to midnight.

SUGGESTION AWARDS GIVEN TOMORROW

Eleven hundred dollars in cash awards to civilians, and seven furlough requests for GIs will be awarded tomorrow morning at

Ties Everywhere After 5 PM, Says Adjutant's Office

Rough news for heat-minded Pyoters was the announcement from the Adjutant's Office that ties would be worn at all times after 5 PM, whether on or off the base. Ties may be dispensed with during normal working hours (i.e. previous to 5 PM) but after that hour the cravat is essential.

Ft. Sumner Pilot Court-Martialed For Low Flying

First Lieutenant Dayne Kahle, 25, a fighter pilot at AAF Ft. Sumner, N. M., has been sentenced by a Second Air Force general court martial to forfeit \$100 a month for 12 months and to be reprimanded for violation of flying regulations.

He was found guilty of flying at an altitude below minimum AAF Regulations in a fighter plane on or about April 12 near Santa Rosa and Cuervo, N. M. At the latter place, his airplane hit an obstruction causing a piece to strike and injure severely a civilian standing some 300 yards away.

The pilot is a returnee who flew 76 missions, received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and a Distinguished Flying Cross overseas.

The sentence has been reviewed and approved by Major General Robert B. Williams, Second Air Force Commander.

8:15 at the Sub-Depot Hangar, Major James F. Sewart, Civilian Personnel Officer, announced today.

AAF Service ribbons for civil-

Field Reaches 71.7% Of Quota In 7th War Loan

The second field-wide war bond contest comes to a close Monday, when winners will be presented with bonds, valued up to \$500.

Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, will make the presentations at the Rec. Hall next Monday, June 18, at 4 PM.

All personnel of the field are requested to attend, and department heads are allowed to permit men a break to be on hand.

A total of 71.7 percent of the Seventh War Loan quota of \$240,820 for the field has been reached up to last week, according to figures compiled by Lt. Ezra Goldberg, Station War Bond Officer.

The maturity value of all bonds purchased by officers, enlisted men and civilian workers reached a grand total of \$172,807. With slightly more than three weeks remaining in the campaign, a total of \$68,013 in maturity value of bonds must be purchased to meet the field quota.

The purchases up to the end of last week were divided as follows: Officers, \$62,648; enlisted men, \$56,903; and civilian workers, \$53,256.

"Although bond purchasers have already done a fine job in reaching such a percentage of our quota to date," Lt. Goldberg stated, "the drive is still far from finished, and the quota is yet to be reached. We cannot afford to let down now just because we are in the 'home stretch' of this race."

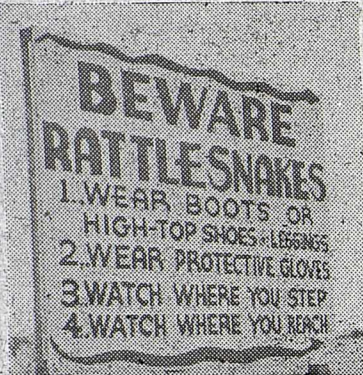
Civilian employees will be awarded to eligible civilians, following the awards made under the AAF Suggestion Program.

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PYOTE, TEXAS

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Somebody Loves Us

Last week The Rattler was informed that it received Honorable Mention in the annual Camp Newspaper Service contest. This award gave The Rattler the honor of being one of the forty-two outstanding GI newspapers in the United States.

Over seven hundred newspapers were entered in the contest, so you can see where the honor is of some value. Two other 2AF newspapers also received mention—the Flying Sioux of Sioux City, Iowa, and the Great Bender of Great Bend, Kansas. Only one other Texas newspaper placed: The Camp Maxey Times.

This makes the second consecutive year that The Rattler has been awarded this journalistic plum—and it's the only sheet in the 2AF that has twice won this laurel.

ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT, Y-OU ASK? FRANKLY, SO DO WE!

Oh, we admit it's nice to know that someone appreciates us; that three guys can sit up in New York City and say this is a nice newspaper, or that one isn't; that's very nice indeed, and we thank them kindly.

But after all, those three men are not the guys we are trying to please. We are out to publish a Rattler that you guys will read and like and pass along. We are out to publish a Rattler that tells you the news, listens to your gags or gripes, entertains you some, and tells you what's what at Pyote.

And one GI that stops by and says, "Hey guy, you're turning out an OK paper!" pleases us ever so much more than winning some contest up in New York.

In an international contest like the one Camp Newspaper Service puts on each year—we know we can't compete with big newspapers. We don't have the facilities to turn out such a sheet. The Rattler goes to press in a country weekly press shop and is mostly the work of one guy. Nope, we can't hope to turn out a sheet that looks as good as a metropolitan paper.

But we can—and do—hope that we turn out a sheet that is important to Pyote, and that's all we care about.

So thanks, Camp Newspaper, for the Honorable Mention, but the honor isn't worth a hardly compared to the comments from the guys at Pyote.

What Do We Win?

By S/SGT. ROBERT H. NASH

Every once in a while we recall the famous remark made by a tattered soldier of the Confederacy in the year 1865.

General Robert E. Lee was trying to cheer up his beaten troops when he ran across the embittered veteran.

"How are you?" he asked.

"All right, general," was the old trooper's reply. "I suppose I'm all right—but I'LL BE DAMNED IF I EVER LOVE ANOTHER

COUNTRY!"

In our more bitter moments, we speculate on the look which must have passed across General Lee's face.

For the worst part about war is the chance of a people losing faith in the principles for which it is fought. After long struggling, the original shining hope with which we started on the path to war becomes a little obscured. At best we have a faded and tarnished memory of a better life in the dim dark past where everybody had a blue serge suit and a good wife and a good time.

This happens not only to losers but also can happen to victors who become weary in the harness and forget or abandon the original goal. It is our belief that wars are fought to change things—and unless they do, the purpose of war is gone, and its reward empty. In our own case, a million men have become casualties to date to give us victory over Germany and to set up our final smashing blow at Japan.

If this great loss is not compensated for by some tangible gain, why should we "ever love another country?"

That is the question. There are answers, some big and some little and all sound. Such as these:

1. America and its way of life have been preserved from Germany's Herrenvolk plan for world conquest. This alone made the war necessary.

2. The countries of Europe, England and Russia included, have been liberated from this evil and today stand as our partners-in-planning for lasting world peace—than which there is no greater or more worthy objective.

3. The United States has learned two great lessons: First, the problems of the world are our own. And second, neither the Atlantic nor the Pacific Ocean will win a war for us, or will keep it won.

A nation's life is like that of an individual—it is composed of the things it knows and feels, as much as the things it eats and wears. The facts we have learned from this war, if we keep them in mind, will make the U. S. A. a greater country. Our future and our life changed as the United Nations changed the face and fortune of Germany. The original purpose of the war is being achieved, and is not too far from completion.

These are the things we are winning. Let us continue to accomplish whatever mission is assigned us, so that we may live the rest of our time in the warmth of a grateful free nation. That will be our reward, and it will be enough.

Quote of the week: "I smoked my first cigarette and kissed my first girl on the same day. And I haven't had time to smoke since."

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Later, please!"

14 PYOTERS NOW CATERPILLARS



These crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who were forced to "bail out" of their plane after it had become disabled while on a combat training flight, were presented with pins and certificates which formally made them members of the renowned "Caterpillar Club".

Capt. Warren A. Roberts, Jr., assistant director of training of Pyote Army Air Field, presents the pin and certificate to Capt. B. E. Hopkins, pilot instructor, who was injured in the jump. The other crew members who received the pins are: (left to right) Cpl. George B. Wartenberg, F/O Greg J. Stevens, Lt. Harold L. Burt, Cpl. Orrie D. Long, Lt. Paul J. Gallagher, Pvt. Emil H. Roeder, S/Sgt. Edward H. Cordes, Sgt. Bernard Stillman, Pfc. Joseph J. Plucinsky, Lt. Milton E. Lewis, T/Sgt. Robert P. Settle, and Lt. Charles W. Metz. Absent when the photo was made was Lt. Glen L. Aupperle.

14 Pyoters Named To Caterpillar Club

Fourteen crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who were forced to "bail out" of their plane after it had become disabled while on a combat training flight, were presented with pins and certificates which formally made them members of the renowned "Caterpillar Club".

The presentation was made at the field hospital, Thursday, by Capt. Warren A. Roberts, Jr., assistant director of training of Pyote Army Air Field.

The men who received the awards are: Capt. B. E. Hopkins, Washington, Ga.; 1st Lt. Glen L. Aupperle, Ponca City, Okla.; 2nd Lt. Milton E. Lewis, Brigham City, Utah; 2nd Lt. Harold R. Burt, Detroit, Mich.; 2nd Lt. Paul J. Gallagher, Barboursville, Ky.; 2nd Lt. Charles W. Metz, Philadelphia, Pa.; F/O Greg J. Stevens, Neopit, Wisc.; T/Sgt. Robert P. Settle, Rumsey, Ky.; S/Sgt. Edward H. Cordes, Fairmont, Minn.; Sgt. Bernard Stillman, Forest Hills, L. I.; Cpl. George B. Wartenberg, Westwood, Cal.; Cpl. Orrie D. Long, Viola, Wisc.; Pfc. Joseph J. Plucinsky, Garfield, N. J.; and Pvt. Emil H. Roeder, Patterson, N. J.

Crew members were interviewed after they were formally inducted into the Caterpillar Club

to determine their reactions to their experiences.

Typical of the many statements was that of Sgt. Stillman, the engineer. "I was the 12th man to leave the plane," he explained. "I was a bit nervous at the thought of jumping out into space. The chute opened with a fairly hard jolt. There was no sensation of descending, rather, it seemed like the ground came up to meet me."

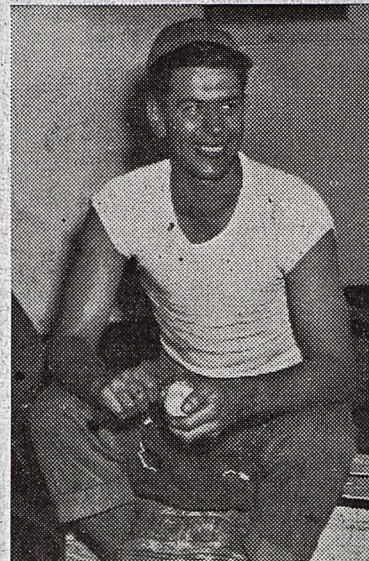
F/O Stevens, the navigator, came through with this fast bit of explanation, "I was really scared when I jumped. I remembered the instructions about counting to ten, but I didn't wait. I counted ONE, and pulled the rip cord. I had no sensation of falling. I cooled off a bit because I was above the freezing level. I landed with a dull thud."

K-K-K-KAY-PEE!

No ceremony, say visitors to England, is more colorful and more thrilling than the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. Pyote GIs are wont to argue that statement. Lower four graders say there can be no sight more thrilling than the changing of the KP at Pyote Mess Halls last Saturday.

This shot shows a KP last Friday, hearing the jubiliant news that he was into his final tour of kitchen police. The shot below shows two KPs last Saturday, into their first day of KP at Pyote. They are German PWs.

Good news was tempered when transfer of original PWs brought KP rosters back for one day last week. But with more PWs in, GIs can look to lasting relief from dishpan hands.



Flag Day Concert At Monahans City Park Tonight At 9

A special Flag Day concert is planned tonight at 9 PM at the City Park in Monahans. W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman will conduct the 728th AAF Band of Pyote. The program is planned by Miss Febronia Brusok, directress of the Monahans USO.

All personnel from the field are invited to attend. The concert will include Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever, Dvorak's Finale to the

New World Symphony, Victor Herbert's Mlle. Modiste, Wood's Roses of Picardy (a trumpet solo by Sgt. Fields), Charbrier's Espana Rhapsody, Basie's Jumpin' at the Wood Side, Balfe's Bohemian Girl Overture (trombone solo by S/Sgt. Zerman), Berlin's Alexander's Ragtime Band, and Tschairowsky's Marche Slav.

Between September 1944 and March of this year, 1048 German V-2 rockets fell on England. The brunt of the ordeal was aimed at London.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate"

This Week--

At The Theatres

Unless otherwise noted, Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:30, and 8:30; Theater No. 2 shows at 7:15 and 9:15 with matinee Sunday only, at 2:15.

THURSDAY

"SEE MY LAWYER" with Olson and Johnson. (The Yucks run a nite-club and insult the guests in order that they'll sue and give the business to an enterprising young lawyer.) Shorts: Donald Duck cartoon, Paramount News.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"THAT'S THE SPIRIT" with Jack Oakie and Peggy Ryan. (Oakie plays a slapstick ghost who gets into some spook trouble.) Shorts: Pete Smith short and cartoon. (Note: Saturday show at Theater No. 2 only. Theater No. 1 has stage show, "Cover Girl Revue" at 7 PM only.)

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE" with Fred MacMurray and Joan Leslie. (Fred is a 4-F who rubs a lamp and finds himself back in history. He enlists in the Marines.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine, and Paramount News.

TUESDAY

(Double Feature) "STEPPING IN SOCIETY" with Edward Everett Horton and Gladys George (Comedy ala E.E.) "TEN CENTS A DANCE" with Jimmy Lloyd and Jane Frazee. (An icky quickie about two GIs on furlough who meet a songstress. One of the kids is a millionaire. This Hollywood version of the Army is about 50% millionaires.)

WEDNESDAY

"A MEDAL FOR BENNY" with Dorothy Lamour, Arturo DeCordova and J. Carroll Nash. (Terrific yarn of a small town where a kid wins a Medal of Honor. Great.) Shorts: Flicker Flashbacks, Looneytunes, and Paramount News.

At the Chapel

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

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 7:30; Bible



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MALE CALL

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Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

CHRISTIAN-SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 2:15 PM.

Around the Field

TALENT CLUB: Meets every Monday evening at 7 PM at the Special Services Office, next door to the Service Club.

LIBRARY: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

SWIMMING POOL: 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

DANCING: EM dance Friday evenings, 9 to midnight, at Rec. Hall.

SEWING: Free sewing work at Red Cross Office Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. Office located across street from library.

REC. HALL: Open from 8 AM to 11 PM.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday,

Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, at the Hobby Shop, half-block be-

yond the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

SERVICE CLUB: Cafeteria open from 8 to 10, 11 to 2, and 3 till 11. No beer before 5, and Class A after 5 PM.

MODEL PLANE CLUB: Pyote Prop Pushers, field's model plane club, has quarters in Sq. D area; invites all model-plane enthusiasts to join. Details can be acquired from Sq. D orderly room.

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB: Meets each Thursday afternoon; bridge luncheon the 1st and 3rd Thursday; dessert bridge the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Information concerning the club can be had by contacting Mrs. G. B. Mothersead at the Officers' Club.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS — Trips to Carlsbad Caverns each Sunday; leave from Special Services Office

at 6:30 AM second and fourth Sundays for GIs; first and third Sundays for EM and wives (or WACs and husbands). Trips are for Enlisted personnel only. Only expense to GIs is cost of noonday meal (50c). Wives must pay regular admission fee to Caverns. (\$1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Services Office, phone 27.

TENNIS COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

At Monahans USO

Thurs.—Flag Day Concert under the stars, 9 PM, Monahans City Park.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—9 PM, swimming party at Monahans Municipal pool; meet at USO at 8 PM.

Sun.—11:00 AM, coffee and doughnuts; 1:30, hour of classical recordings; 6:00 PM, buffet supper; 7:30 PM, community sing; 8:30 PM, movie, "Take a Letter Darling" with Fred MacMurray and Rosalind Russell.

Mon.—Game night.

Tues.—Informal activities.

Wed.—Arts and Crafts program.

"Battle of Bands" Set for EM Pool

The lid blows off next Tuesday night when two field bands trade some musical punches at the enlisted men's swimming pool, at 8:30 P.M.

The battle of bands will pit the 728th AAF Band, directed by Sgt. Bill Ross against the Bomber Dance Band, directed by T/Sgt. Frank Stone.

Both orchestras have special arrangements prepared for this musical melee. Both have top-flight musicians ready to trade some snappy cadenzas and obligatos at the drop of a trombone.

The 728th AAF band is topped by popular Marty Masters, Pyote's Number One drummer boy. The Bomber Dance Band boasts Bill Castagnino, right-flying trumpeter.

This gigantic battle of bands will be staged next Tuesday evening at 8:30 P.M. at the pool, free to enlisted personnel, their guests, officers, and authorized civilians.

The two orchestras will spar for the honor of being acclaimed Pyote's best dance band. And from the array of tunes and talent, it looks like a big evening.

Airplane Club Holds Charter Meeting Monday

The latest entry into the Pyote Air Field hobby clubs is the Flying Club which holds its charter meeting next Monday night, June 18, at 7 P. M. at the Rattler office.

Interested military personnel are invited to attend to discuss organization of a flying club. Committees will be formed to check on costs of purchasing and operation of a plane or planes.

The club is open to all interested military personnel. In order to operate a plane, however, a person must pass a physical inspection, and a ground school course, and must also have whatever money is necessary to pay for operation of the plane and instructor's salary.

Monday's meeting will also see the organization of an aeronautics class. Instruction will be given in the CAA course in aeronautics, which holds all essential material necessary for passing the CAA ground course. Books will be available and classes will commence at whatever time the prospective students decide.

The initial meeting Monday night of the Flying Club will lay the groundwork for the organization, and all interested military personnel are asked to be on hand.

"B-29s . . . From Pyote to Tokyo."

Poster Contest For 7th War Loan Nears Closing

The 7th War Loan poster contest closes June 23rd, a week from Saturday. Field personnel are advised to enter their posters before that time to be eligible for the prizes: one \$50 war bond, one \$25 bond, two \$10 bonds, and \$5 in war stamps.

Contestants are not limited in shape or style of the posters. The only stipulation is that posters should emphasize the 7th War Loan. Each contestant may enter as many posters as he chooses. Entries should be made to the Special Services Office.

Officers and civilians are also welcome to enter posters for the competition. Prizes donated by the Officers' Club.

If You Buy Bonds Off Field, Inform War Bond Officer

Personnel who have purchased war bonds elsewhere than at Pyote AAF, are advised to inform the War Bond Officer of such purchases.

Purchase of war bonds from any source other than the selling agencies at this station may still be credited against the station's quota. All that is necessary, is for the individual concerned to contact the Personal Affairs Office (Bldg. T-105; Phone 168) and give the denomination of the bond purchased, as well as date and place of purchase.

CARLSBAD CAVERN TRIP CANCELLED LAST SUNDAY

Due to a shortage of buses, the Carlsbad Cavern trip, scheduled for last Sunday, was cancelled. Special Services, sponsors of the free trips to the New Mexico wonder spot, expressed deep regret over the cancellation and inconvenience caused to those who had signed for the trip.

Personnel who signed for last Sunday's trip to the Caverns are asked to sign for the next open date at the Special Services Office. Officials expressed hope that this incident will not be repeated, and as far as is known, next Sunday's trip will be made.

BENNY'S BUNNY



Dorothy Lamour plays Benny's sweetheart in the film "A Medal for Benny" which plays at the Post Theaters next Wednesday and Thursday.

Life Guards Wanted

Another hazard has beset the Enlisted Men's swimming pool. This time a shortage of life guards has threatened the operation of the pool.

Qualified personnel are requested to contact the Special Services Office for particulars regarding life-guard positions.

Men who hold life-saving certificates are urged to accept these positions, collect some change, and help keep the EM pool open for the remainder of the season.

Cover Girl Revue Due Saturday At Theater No. 1

A fast-moving girl-packed show, "Cover Girl Revue", plays at Theater No. 1 at 7 PM next Saturday for enlisted personnel only. The Officer's Club will present "Cover Girl Revue" at 9:30—the same evening.

From advance notices, "Cover Girl Revue" puts the accent on girls. A cast of 14 girls and 8 men comprise the 90-minute show, emphasizing figures and fun.

Gordon Kibler, New York producer, is making his initial entry in Texas with "Cover Girl Revue", a show that has been well-received at Fort Worth, Dallas, and Houston.

"Cover Girl Revue" plays one show, and one show only, at Theater No. 1 Saturday evening at 7 PM. This performance is for enlisted personnel and their guests. The 9:30 performance will be presented at the Officers' Club for commissioned personnel.

USO PLANS SWIMMING PARTY FOR SATURDAY

A swimming party will be sponsored by the Monahans USO Saturday, June 16, at the Monahans City Park. Tickets admitting enlisted personnel as well as Junior Hostesses to the pool will be distributed at the USO Saturday evening, commencing at 8 PM. A picnic lunch will be served later in the evening.

—Keep Buying War Bonds—

Smith Ill; Boxing Chances For Champ Meet on Wane

Fifty per cent of this station's boxing hopes for the "Champ of Champs" event at Denver were washed out when Pfc. Richard Smith of Section C, welterweight champion of the Second Air Force, fell ill and was declared by physicians here to be unable to participate in the meet. Smith's presence had been counted on along with that of Pfc. Ike Robinson, 2AF lighthheavy champion.

Two other Section C leatherpushers, Pfc. John Henry Williams and Pfc. Otis Delce, will participate in the Champ of Champs event this week-end in Denver. Delce, at 145, was a finalist in the Area 3 (El Paso) tournament of the Second Air Force. Williams, who weighs 180 but can come down to the lighthheavy limit, will try to get a match with the heavy-weight titlebearer of Second Air Force.

They will be accompanied to the meet by their trainer, S/Sgt. Fred Root of the PT Department.

The "Champ of Champs" tournament is drawing contestants from every field in the Second Air Force, is being held for the benefit

First Meeting Of Navigation Club Voted A Success

The first meeting of the Navigation Club was held last Thursday evening. Lt. W. C. Gruben was guest speaker.

After the talk, various systems of navigation were discussed by members. Copies of Hoehne's Navigation Tables were distributed to members who had ordered them.

of the Seventh War Loan Drive in Denver.

Training Crews Learn Art Of Survival in Open Seas

This is another in a series of articles intended to explain to all personnel, military and civilian, how this field accomplishes its mission.

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"The ability to survive in water under difficult conditions" is a little nine-word phrase that takes in a lot of territory.

When it first came out in a new AAF regulation some months ago, the local PT Department had quite a struggle digesting the phrase.

It could mean the ability to swim in a flaming oil-coated sea, or it could mean keeping alive after long exposure in an open boat.

It could mean figuring out how to blow up your barracks bag to make an emergency life preserver, or it could mean learning which water animals are dangerous in the China Sea.

The way the Physical Training Department figured out the phrase, it means this and much more. After much labor and research, an 80-page SOP was compiled for a 20-hour course. The voluminous work was the product of Lt. Rodney S. Mahoney, Physical Training Officer, and M/Sgt. Clarence Daniels, NCOIC of the department.

The instructors of the department have been doing a very creditable job of transforming this SOP into action. For long hours each day they've been working to put over the combined AAF and 2AF Survival Aquatics Program. The program started on May 15th and during the rest of the month 372 combat crewmen were graduated.

Pyote Alumni

Best testimonial to the value of the training offered here is the grapevine word that drifts back from Pacific B-29 bases where Pyote alumni are daily giving the Sons of Heaven a little Hell.

Had they received such training, wrote one pilot from a Marianas base, his crew would feel much better about making long over-water flights. Having to "ditch" in open, enemy-infested waters is a hazard of aerial operations against Japan which looms practically as large as the threat of direct enemy action.

Ditching might come about due to fuel exhaustion, engine trouble or any number of reasons not directly attributable to enemy action. But a flyer who can't abandon his sinking ship in time is just as much a casualty as one shot down over the target.

That's what the AAF and 2AF Survival Aquatics Program is intended to do—teach crewmen how to stay alive in the water. It takes into consideration all the general methods of getting there in combat—whether shot down, torpedoed, or being forced to ditch for whatever reason.

Instructors

The instructors here who have charge of administering not only the aquatics program but also the entire Physical Training Program for the entire station are:

S/Sgt. William Moore, S/Sgt. Fred Root, S/Sgt. Anthony Richards, S/Sgt. Lefty Abolafea, Sgt. Lamar K. Smith, Sgt. Harry Berg, Cpl. Carroll Steele and Pfc. Edward Spencer. In addition the sizable chore of handling paper work in connection with all PT activities is handled by three civilian employees—Mrs. Margaret Spelley, Miss Betty Dun and Miss Dorothy Rushing.

This AAF and 2AF Survival Aquatics Program is a new job at this field, and at present is confined to the combat crewmen. Every man on the field, both static and trainee, has been tested and classified according to his basic skill in the water. However, due to lack of facilities and instructors, the course is limited to combat crew trainees.

49 Skills Taught

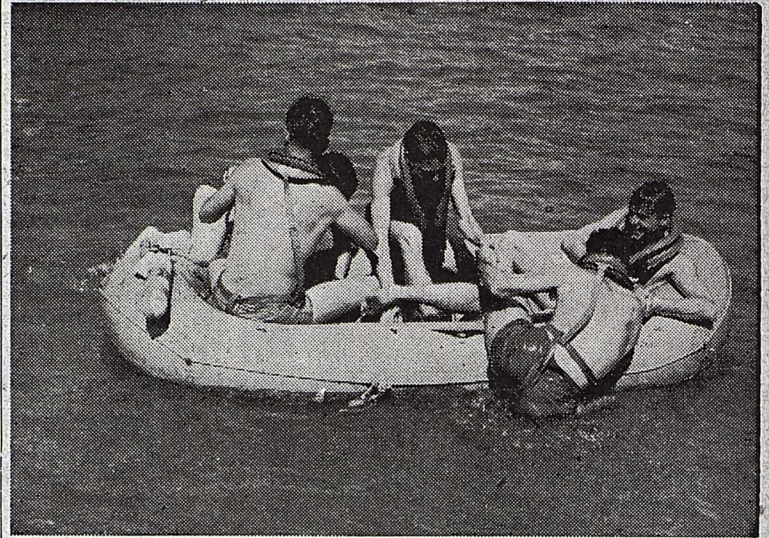
The course is designed to train each man in about 49 different skills and operations, beginning with basic swimming strokes for those who don't know how to swim and extending to highly skilled maneuvers.

The 20-hour instruction is divided into five training programs, or phases. The first three are concerned with swimming strokes and techniques. The fourth takes up the utilization of artificial means of staying afloat, such as life-rafts, inflated barracks bags and trousers, etc.

The fifth phase takes in a wide variety of instruction, and could be entitled "self protection". The trainees learn methods of artificial respiration, protection against exposure to the elements, protection against water animals, methods of getting off a plane or ship into the ocean, how to jump safely into the water while carrying equipment, and plenty of others.

The program, which started here about a month ago, is seriously handicapped today by lack of trained personnel. There are only eight instructors in the Physical Training Department, and administering the Survival Aquatics Program is only a part of their duties. The PT Department has sounded a call for any qualified men on the field who would lend some of their time to help instruct in the basic phases of the program. As it is

TRIAL DITCHING



One of Pyote's bombardment crews in training learns the ABCs of ditching in over-water flights in the safety of the Officers' swimming pool. In the life-raft are (left to right) Lt. Tomas Collins, Cpl. Merlin Wolboldt, Lt. Marcus Humphrey, Sgt. Armond Clauss, and Lt. Alton Armitstead.

Reviewer Recommends These 4 Romances for Summer Reading

"This Is My Beloved" by Walter Benson is a book of poetry that is gaining more and more popularity. Benson's poems are not Victorian or lace-edged. His free verse imagery is sensuous and sensual. "This Is My Beloved" is dedicated to "Lillian", and it is Lillian that is the core of the book, described over and over again in each poem. Benson describes his beloved in many different ways; in an intimate, yet profuse style that may bring an occasional blush to more innocent readers who might not care to know a strange girl in such candid detail. "This Is My Beloved" is at the field library.

The three other books up for review are almost a series. At least, their pattern is inter-woven. "Divine Lady" by Emma Barrington tells the historical scandal of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton. Nelson, perhaps the most idolized man Britain ever had, was the seafarer who won the battle of Trafalgar and the North Sea. Lady Hamilton was his inamorata. Miss Barrington tells the story that had the continents agog in an easy way. She doesn't fill her book with footnotes and bibliographies; she writes in a fiction style that

makes it seem as though the story never happened. It's an easy, if slightly inaccurate way, to learn history.

"The Thunderer", also by Miss Barrington, tells of the hectic romance between Napoleon and Josephine. Again the same fiction-style is evident. And like "Divine Lady", "The Thunderer" catches the glow of the scandal of the early 19th century.

"Love Letters of Famous Men and Women" is bound to entertain its readers. The book records the actual letters exchanged between the great lovers of history, including many of the billet-doux between Napoleon and Josephine, Nelson and Lady Hamilton. It is an intimate book—it gives the reader the feeling he is reading over the shoulder of the men and ladies caught in the spell of romance. And the letters of the little Portuguese girl to her forgetful lover are some of the more beautiful passages ever translated to English.

"The Thunderer", "Divine Lady", and "Love Letters of Famous Men and Women" are at the field library.

set up, the last two phases are given priority and are of a scope to absorb the limited instructor personnel available. If the department could somehow acquire the services of men to administer the first three phases—swimming strokes and techniques—the better trained instructors would be released to teach the more advanced parts of the course.

TENNIS TEAM SEEKS WIN IN EL PASO NEXT WEEK

The PAAF tennis team, rapidly improving sextet, will journey to El Paso on June 24th for a match with the El Paso team.

The match, to be held at the El Paso Tennis Club, will be the second for the local netters.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate."

Auctioned Cake Nets \$1100 At Officers' Club

The Seventh War Loan receipts at the field were boosted last Saturday night when a huge cake, to which a \$100 War Bond was attached, was auctioned off to the highest War Bond bidder.

Capt. Maurice J. Regan, flight surgeon, outbid everyone with \$1100 in War Bonds to "take the cake" and the \$100 bond. The cake, measuring approximately two feet by three feet, was made and donated by the Food Service Section, and the \$100 bond was contributed by the Officers' Club.

Captain Regan will use his total of \$1200 in bonds for the post-war period, but he gave the cake to the



CAMPBELL—Born to Lt. and Mrs. John F. Campbell at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 4, a girl, Karen Adell, weight 6 lbs. 1 oz. Lt. Campbell is serving overseas. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

PARIS—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Daniel T. Paris at the Pyote Regional Hospital on June 6, a girl, Theresa Lorraine, weight 7 lbs. 2 ozs. T/Sgt. Paris is assigned to Sq. F. Major Reynolds performed the delivery.

Red Cross for distribution to patients at the field hospital.

A similar auction is planned for the dance this Saturday night.

CREW OF THE WEEK



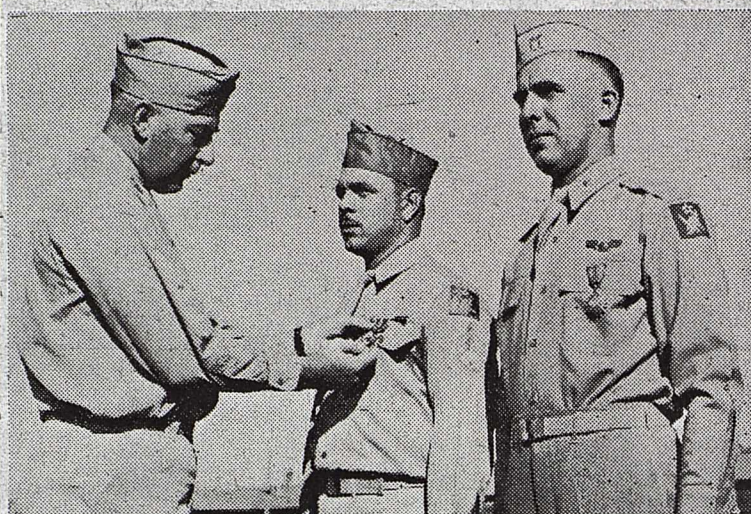
The Crew of the Week, honored for keeping their plane ready for flight the greatest number of hours during the past week, is made up of (left to right) Pfc. L. C. Eakin, S/Sgt. E. B. Stemler, S/Sgt. W. M. Paret, Cpl. R. L. Catlin, and Cpl. E. K. Bowman.

SQ. A PARTY TAKES CAKE



The Squadron A party held at Mess Hall 1 last week, was pronounced a smashing success by the crowd that attended. With music furnished by the Bomber Dance Band, food, beer, pop, and dancing—the party proved the biggest impetus in the Squadron this year. Above are Sgt. Jack Weir (left) and Cpl. Don Clark, carving the two fancy cakes that bore the inscriptions "Squadron A Party".

DECORATED SATURDAY



Bronze Star, Air Medal Won By 2 Veterans of Nazi War

Two veteran members of the Army Air Forces received awards here Saturday for service in a theater of operations.

The Bronze Star Medal was presented to S/Sgt. George A. Lux of Highland Park, N. J., and the Air Medal was awarded to Capt. William B. Love of Cadiz, Ohio.

The medals were presented by Col. A. E. Key, Commanding Officer at the weekly ceremony and review.

Sgt. Lux, an electrician and mechanic stationed with a fighter squadron in North Africa for nearly two years, received the medal for devising an improved tire changing apparatus for use on P-47 Thunderbolt fighter planes. The citation accompanying the award reads, "For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in the Mediterranean theater of operations from June 5 to June 10, 1944."

After enlisting in the Air Corps in December 1940, Sgt. Lux attended engine specialists school at Indianapolis, Ind., and then went overseas with his squadron. He returned to the United States in September, 1944, and is now assigned to duty as an electrician at this B-29 Superfortress training field.

He has previously been awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation, and he wears four stars on his campaign ribbon for participation in the Egyptian, Lybian, Tunisian, and Italian campaigns.

Prior to entering the service he was employed as an automobile mechanic in New Brunswick. He is assigned to Squadron E.

The Air Medal, which was presented to Capt. Love, was earned for his early combat missions when he was still a Second Lieutenant. The citation stated, "For participating in five separate sorties against the enemy in the North African theater of operations. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and

the armed forces of the United States."

Capt. Love was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross less than a month ago. He also has three battle stars on his campaign ribbon for participating in the Tunisian, Sicilian, and Italian campaigns.

As a navigator on a B-17 Flying Fortress, Capt. Love flew 50 missions while serving with the 12th Air Force in North Africa. He is now a navigator instructor at this B-29 Superfortress training field.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Love of Indianapolis, Ind., he attended Dennison University, and was graduated from Michigan State College in 1937.

He enlisted in the Air Corps in October, 1941, and was commissioned in April, 1942, as a navigator. Prior to entering the service he resided at 420 Park Ave., Cadiz, Ohio.

Flight Pay Can Buy War Bonds, Says War Dept.

Flying personnel now have the opportunity to make Class B War Bond allotments of all or any part of their flight pay.

This change in regulations will enable flying personnel to purchase additional interest-bearing bonds at a time when it is more advantageous to provide for their post-war security.

This change is in accordance with the provisions of Change 1, AR 35-5520, dated March 17, 1945.

Ground-Safety Included Course On College Curriculums

Officers who went out from AAF Headquarters, Ground Safety Division, to overseas Air Forces had to be Engineers, Salesmen and Teachers.

The need for trained Safety personnel was met by arranging for a condensed course of Safety instruction for the selected AAF personnel at established schools of learning.

This procedure was followed in the Pacific where the University of Hawaii offered its services; at the University of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean; at Fairbanks University in Alaska and in England through the Royal Society of Accident Prevention.

"B-29s . . . From Pyote to Tokyo."

So This Is Pyote!



One of the many trailers that abound around the outskirts of Pyote is shown above. The population boom has meant Pyote residences (what there are) are so over-crowded that Army families often resort to this commodious outdoor life.

RATTLE-SNAKE HEAVEN

(A series of stories concerning Pyote—the town and field—and how they got that way.)

CHAPTER I

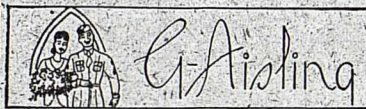
The barren spot in West Texas some 20 miles east of the Pecos River was a water-stop on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. The T&P called the spot, "Pyote". The area abounded in rattlesnakes and antelopes. It wasn't until 1907 that Pyote got a post office. All this according to Pyote's Number 1 citizen, A. J. Sitton, who arrived here in 1907 and has been here ever since.

The population of the town grew to about 200. It had a general store, run by Sitton, and occasionally they would come across a couple of rattlers nestling in the dry goods. For excitement, they'd go antelope hunting around the area where the Air Field is located now.

And then came oil—in 1926. Somebody struck some of the black gold and Pyote began booming. Get-rich-quicksters came hustling to Pyote by every available conveyance, anxious to get mineral rights to a spot of property and sink a few shafts.

The town reached a population of 4000 people. It had two fancy hotels. Its railroad became the railroad of the busy oil fields. In 1928, the Pyote station handled more freight than Fort Worth, El Paso, or Dallas. It led all of Texas in freight shipments. And during March and July of 1929, its freight business outdid New Orleans, and led the entire south. By that time, the population hit five thousand.

The name Pyote is an Indian expression, according to most informants. It was spelled Piute by the Indians and pronounced Pie-oot. It was the name given a certain weed by southwest In-



MYERS - CHARRON

Married at the Station Chapel, Miss Rita Charron to Cpl. Kenneth A. Myers, Sq. A. Miss Charron's home is at Cohoes, N. Y.; Cpl. Myers, Albany, N. Y. Rites performed by Chaplain Kuhns.

KALASKY-MacFADDEN

Maxine Y. MacFadden of Spearman, Texas, was married to Cpl. Richard A. Kalasky, Sq. F, of Omaha, Nebr., at the Station Chapel Thursday, June 7. Rites performed by Chaplain H. W. Kuhns.

dians. The weed was something that made you drunk for a day, goofy for a month, and dizzy for a year. It was quite a weed, and the Indians used it to make some home-brew champagne.

However, none of the weed ever grew around this particular part of the country.

The story about the derivation of the name is from Mr. Sitton, again. Sitton says the word is Spanish and pronounced Pe-oh-te. He doesn't know what it means.

Local residents now pronounce the word Pie-oot, to rhyme with coyote, and a "dude" is considered somebody that pronounces the "e" on the end.

STRIPES

During the past week, these fortunate GIs received a raise in pay and rank:

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sq. A: Walter Marrable, John Haese, James H. Moore, Carl Royster, Will H. Grubbs, Wayne Gurney.

Sq. D: Leroy Armitage.

TO SERGEANT

Sq. A: George Geisz, John Mahoney, Bernard Youngholm, John R. Scofield, Harold McDonald, Leland Emery, Frederick Skrzypczyk, Peter Urick, Robson Sage, William Boyd, William H. Key, Arthur Constantino.

Sq. F: Rayford Hitchcock, Carl Kistleski.

Sq. C: Henry E. Thompson.

Sq. PY-6-24: Joseph Cook, Jack Runyon, Michael Dwyer, Jr., Barney E. Sutliff, Jr., Morey Miller, Harry Tift.

TO CORPORAL

Sq. A: Paul Novogradac, Herbert Leibert, David Goodman, William J. Bates, Gustav Hertz, William Kraus, Marshall McKee, Edward Koops, William Dracken-berg, James Barry, Albert Mendenhall.

Sq. B: Ceil Seeman, Barbara Colegrove, Julia Lawler, Elsie Baysinger, Elizabeth Wick, Florence McGraw, Jean Michaelson, Regina Roviello, Helen O'Neal, Evelyn Hancock, Viola Swope, Mary F. Allan.

Sq. C: Amos Saines, E. Z. Montgomery, Pearl Stuckey, James Linzy, Percy Mays.

Sq. F: Theodore Talick, Raymond Egan, Alfred Scattergood.

Sq. E: Henry G. McLean.

Sq. D: Carl E. Mills.

Sq. PY-6-24: Lee E. Robinson, Orrie D. Long.

Maintenance, Supply Aims For First Place In Seventh War Loan

Personnel assigned to Maintenance and Supply are accounting for a large amount of sales of War Bonds, according to figures released by Lt. Col. Howard A. Davis, acting director of Maintenance and Supply.

Up to the present time 91 percent of the quota set up for the officers assigned to M. & S. has been reached. The enlisted men of Sq. D have already accounted for 68 percent of their total quota, and the enlisted men of Sq. E have reached 73 percent of their quota.

With such a large percentage of their quota already reached, the Maintenance and Supply section is out to be the first to make, or even surpass, their quota in the Seventh War Loan drive, and thus set an example for other departments.

V-E RATTLETS AVAILABLE AS ARMY SOUVENIRS

A copy of the V-E Day extra of The Rattler would make a nice souvenir of your wartime stay at Pyote. A few copies of the extra are available at The Rattler Office. First come, first served.

Sq. E: Joseph Raffier, Howard Scheu, Robert V. Core, Max Anshell, Delmar Reeves, Richard McDonald, Frank Smith.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Sq. C: William Hogg, Elbert Lewis, Louis Bailey, Elmer Parnell, James H. Davis.

Sq. D: Earl C. Glass.

Sq. B: Mary F. Flynn, Amelia Grois, Anna M. Somol, Mary Kay Murphy, Emma Hertel, Esther S. Freidman.

Sq. E: Gordon J. Richards.

Meet Milton Caniff, Who Makes Page 4 Popular

Milton Caniff (pronounced Kuh-NIFF) is a popular guy among the GIs. Who is he? He's the brown-haired, 38-year-old Irishman who draws "Terry and the Pirates" seven days a week, and the ever-popular "Male Call" which makes its weekly appearance in The Rattler. (See Page 4.)

Caniff makes his living drawing beautiful women at his drawing board in his glassed-in studio high in the Catskills in Rockland County, N. Y. In that studio you'll find Burma and Lace and April Kane and the Dragon Lady, and all the other comely wenches. Mil's quill and brush have produced

Caniff is an unusual comic strip cartoonist in that he writes his own dialogue, plots his own stories and does his own drawings. He plays golf, writes, and eats soup with his right hand; draws, paints, and plays billiards with his left.

He started drawing beautiful women back in his home town of Hillsboro, Ohio, and followed this passion through high school and four years at Ohio State. Later on (1932) he began an adventure strip, "Dickie Dare", and in 1934 "Terry" was born.

First of the Caniff cuties to catch the public eye was Burma, a blonde and slangy number with hips like a boa constrictor and a purple past. Burma has sashayed her way through the strip for the past ten years, growing progres-

sively more desirable.

Another sensational Caniff lovely is the Dragon Lady, a slo-eyed Eurasian, with a phenomenal figure and a background as shady as a back-alley in the Casbah.

Then there is the lady known as Lace, the GIs little playmate and heroine of "Male Call". Lace, a home-bred beauty with overtones of Lana Turner, Marlene Deitrich, Jean Harlow, and Lauren Bacall, is the sweetest little dish on the T/O to thousands of servicemen from Calcutta to Canarsie.

Caniff was rejected for service because of a bum leg, and how that guy loves work. All this business keeps him as busy as a man with St. Vitus dance on an ant hill, but it doesn't bother him a bit.

"In fact", he says, "I have only one problem. I write all my own stuff. Then I have to go back and draw it, and I write myself into some of the damndest difficulties."

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate".

HE MADE BURMA



Caniff (seated) and Col. Phil Cochran—Flip Corkin to you comic strip fans—go over one of Mil's strips at the artist's studio in Rockland County, N. Y.



This reverie in black and white features Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" and "Male Call" and father to some of the most langurous ladies in comic strip history. Grouped around the artist are some of his creations (you may recognize them) and the gremlins which forever haunt his drawing boards.

DICKEY'S QUICKIES

(Pfc. Bob Dickey, Squadron F, gives the field a once-over lightly, slightly, and none to politely.)

A Pyote Pfc. at a recent court martial was cleared of the charge of murdering a tattoo artist. He claimed self-defense. The Pfc. proved that the tattoo artist had drawn a gun on him.

A certain clinic at the hospital has now gone highbrow. The cards of some incoming patients are marked, "A slight case of applause".

A patient at the hospital keeps having hallucinations. He thinks he is away out on a burning desert, miles from civilization and none of the Pyote psychiatrists can convince him that he isn't.

The Pyote MP's answered a rush call the other night. "There's a vehicle racing around the base taking all the corners on two wheels!" All they could find was a fast motorcycle.

There was a motion picture shown recently that really kept the audience on the edge of their seats, ready to leave any minute.

"Postmark, Pyote"

opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

NICKEL BEER

The Ft. Sheridan PX sells a 12-ounce glass of beer for a nickel. But here at Pyote, PX prices seem intolerably high to me. I realize I know nothing about factors governing purchases at the PX. Another factor is the sale of advertising matches, paid for by the advertiser they should be free.

"Dehydrated".

A PX is not allowed to realize more than a certain small profit, when receipts exceed this profit, the cost of some fast fast-moving article is placed below cost in order to eat up that overage of profit. That's why cigarettes sell for 11 cents. A fast-moving item, cigarettes at 11 cents benefit the greatest percentage of men. Ft. Sheridan did the same thing in your "nickel beer" instance. But Ft. Sheridan had no shortage of beer. Pyote has had. If beer sold for 5c a glass, demand would exceed supply and the beer quota for the month would be used up. Advertising matches, another scarce item, have been costing a penny since 1938 just about anywhere. The PX does not get them free.

THANKS MPs

Editor, The Rattler:
I would like to use your column to thank the boys of the Military Police for the splendid job they did for us on May 30th, in taking part in our Memorial Day program. Thanks to Major Samuel Williams for his cooperation, and to all the men for the good work they are doing in and around Monahans.

T/Sgt. Brad Howard
Chaplain, VFW Post,
Monahans, Texas.

BILL OF RIGHTS

Editor, The Rattler:
Does the Veterans' Administration pay all of the interest on a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights for purchase of a home for the first year?
(Name withheld)

No. The Veterans' Administration pays on the interest for the first year on that part of the loan which the government guarantees. Thereafter, the veteran must meet all of the interest payments himself.

BIG QUESTION

Editor, The Rattler:
What's this business about "Ask the boys at the main gate" that has appeared in the past few issues? Please explain.

"Curious".

Ask the boys at the main gate.

INFANTRY BLUES

Editor, The Rattler:
I enlisted in the Regular Army in 1941 and signed up for the AAF. I have served in the AAF for years. Is there any way the Army could put me in the Infantry?
(Name withheld)

Indeed so. Any man in the Army can be transferred to any branch of service at the will of the Army. If the Army feels you are needed more critically in another branch of service, that is the branch where you will serve.

DRAFT BOARD

Editor, The Rattler:
If a guy gets out of the Army under the point system, does he have to register again with his draft board?

S/Sgt. K. V. B.

Yup. Within five days of discharge he must notify his draft board. If he isn't going back home immediately, he should send them a letter telling them he has been discharged.

Pin-up Ballot

How do you like your pin-ups? Army regulations permit pin-ups in GI newspapers "at discretion of editors". Our sole desire is to please our readers. Check one of the 3 boxes, place ballot in envelope and mail to RATTLER, in care of Public Relations Office; write free and place in mailbox. We don't care what your name is.

- Like pin-ups "as is".
- Like pin-ups, but like them more demure than in the past.
- Think they're a waste of space.

Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote peach is Rhoda Fleming. Don't let her influence your opinion. Be of stout heart and vote the way you feel in the Pin-Up Balloting. Last chance this week: Clip out the ballot, mark it, send it in.

MILITARY COURTESY CLASS HELD SATURDAY EVENINGS

A Military Courtesy and Discipline class is conducted each Saturday from 7:30 to 10:00 PM in Bldg. T-261 (West of A street and across from 9th street).

All military personnel, officers and enlisted men, reported as deficient in military courtesy or discipline will be required to attend these classes until further notice.

Officers found to be delinquent in courtesy or discipline will be reported to the Station Adjutant. Enlisted personnel will be reported to the appropriate Squadron commander.

USE TAX STAMPS ON SALE AT P. O.

Federal Use Tax stamps for 1945, which must be on windshields by July 1, 1945, are on sale at the Pyote AAF branch postoffice, according to an announcement from Mr. Frank D. Middlebrooks, postmaster.

The stamps were placed on sale June 9th at all postoffices. A federal tax of \$5.00 each is assessed against all auto owners.

Three Soviet riflemen raised in Berlin a blood-soaked banner which they carried almost 2000 miles—from Stalingrad.

Rattler Free Classified Ads!

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Ads must reach The Rattler or Public Relations Office before 5 p.m. Monday. The Rattler will act solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

WANTED

WHO'S GOT an alarm clock? The Rattler needs one but haint got much money. Moral: Don't be a newspaperman. Moral: Sell us an alarm clock cheap.

WANTED—Moderately priced 2-wheel car trailer, with side extensions. Call Sgt. John R. Scofield at Ext. 144, CCD Hqs.

War Bond Dollars Are
DOUBLE DUTY
DOLLARS



HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards of Office located in Station Headquarters. Important problems such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Domestic Relations, Claims, and Naturalization, which involve the security of your personal and property rights, should be attended to at once. Neglect or failure to do so may prove very costly in many ways.

"Ask the Boys at the Main Gate"

FOUND

GOLD CLASS RING—Year 1943. If your finger is missing it go to Combat Crew Detachment Hqs., or phone Ext. 241.

OPAL RING—It was found in the swimming pool. Come and get it at the Good Ole Rattler Office.

GI GLASSES—Is the bridge of your nose lacking a pair? Mr. Weaver at the Woodmill found a pair on the ramp. Ext. 156.

A BROWN WALLET belonging to M/Sgt. Clifford F. Snyder is at The Rattler Office, chuck full of pictures, passes, but no simoleons. Advance and be recognized, Sgt.

A CATHOLIC Cross, attached to plexiglass cord is still at The Rattler Office. Will owner call for it pronto?

WE'VE GOT one perfectly good Yale key that looks like it fits a bicycle lock. Don't know where it was found, but if you're locked out why come in and see if this key is yours. It's at The Rattler Office.

A PINK STONE ring with gold setting, or is it a gold ring with pink stone setting? Whatever it is the ring is here, and the gal should stop in at The Rattler Office to claim it.

You can't fight a war with BARE KNUCKLES!



TAKE CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT

Weapons, clothing, vehicles are yours for just one job—to win this war. Carelessness and waste make the war last longer.

STILL ONE identification bracelet left, belonging to Marvin Yeatts. The bracelet is at The Rattler Office.

LOST

THAT PARKER 51 is still missing. Believe it was lost in vicinity of Post Office. Gee, I want it back. Got \$20.00 for person who returns it. Call 259 and ask for Sgt. Albright.

SILVER RING—Lost at the Officers' Swimming Pool. Please call Lt. H. R. Burt at CCD Hqs.

FOR SALE

ALL AUTO ADS in Rattler must conform to OPA regulations. Ads must list make, body model, year, price, and that the price is in line with OPA ceiling.

LA FAYETTE SEDAN—1936 model, over-hauled motor. \$425.00 and that's less than the OPA ceiling price. Call Mess Hall 1 between 12 and 1, Ext. 278-R2. T/Sgt. A. M. Brown.

1937, 6-cylinder PACKARD four-door sedan; motor recently over-hauled. OPA price, \$590, and two cans of Simonize thrown in. Contact Bill Rohn at Special Services Office, phone 27.

BABY CARRIAGE, in excellent condition, for sale cheap. See Mess Sgt. No. 3 Mess Hall.

A ROLLS RAZOR with an additional blade is for sale. If your beard is covering your necktie contact S/Sgt. James McLoughlin, Ext. 47.

SWEET MUSIC while you're driving. A Philco car radio for sale

Buy more War Bonds now for Future security, too!

JAPOLOGY

The Jap doesn't pay any attention to the rules of warfare. Even when badly wounded, or apparently dead, Japs have produced hand grenades from their clothing and attempted to kill American medics going to their aid.

for only 25 simoleons. T/Sgt. Doyle, phone 156.

TRANSPORTATION

RIDE WANTED between Pecos and Pyote AAF. Work hours from 8 AM to 5 PM. Contact Sgt. Pomerantz at Sq. E orderly room or at Sub Depot Hydraulic Dept.

AM DRIVING to Dallas Saturday, June 23rd. Can take 3 passengers. Contact Sonya Guidoni at Monahans OPA office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

I'VE GOT a one-way ticket from Pecos to Carlsbad and its yours for one buck. See Sgt. McGregor, Sq. E, Bks. 4.

PERSONALS

DEEJEE—What gives with all this silence? Why don't you call me up, or drop me a line, or something? Please. Babs.

AM GOING to St. Louis in a month or two. Anybody got any old discarded telephone numbers? Please send them % Box 23, Rattler Office.

TIME HANGING heavy on your hands? Two bucks buys a college course in the subject you're most interested in. You can put that spare time to use that'll pay big dividends later. Contact USAFI, Lt. Gruben at the Special Services Office.

HEY FELLA, didja ask the boys at the main gate? They know what the score is.

HAVE YOU cast your vote for pin-ups? Clip, rip, or strip, the ballot from this issue and mail it to The Rattler. Help us decide what to do with our Rattlesnake Charmers.

CANDY—If you figure this out lemme know. King Isaac, Sad Sack, Is No Good, I Said, For Union Now. Winter Ages Northern Nylons Again? Teed.

BE American

SHARE Your CAR!

Save GAS CARS, TIRES!

787-M140 (C-14)



KOOPS' KORNER

In the Korner of last July 13th we asked: "How come some change can't be worked out on this tie deal? As it stands now, ties are required after retreat on the base. We agree that ties should be worn off the base, but doggone it, Pyote temperatures are just as high at 7 PM as they are at mid-afternoon."

For the past six weeks, regulations said ties had to be worn off the base, and at the CP cafeteria, Officers' Club, EM Club, and Theaters after 5 PM. Now the regulation has been altered to read "neckties will be worn at all times after 1700, and when leaving the base."

According to the Weather Office, the hottest part of the Pyote day occurs at 5 PM and shortly after. The temperature at 7 is usually higher than the noon-time reading.

When ties are worn, perspiration rots the necklines of shirts and necessitates quicker salvage. The wearing of ties is detrimental to any clothing conservation program.

A vast majority of Army fields, throughout the 2AF and other AF installations, say no tie is required anywhere on the field at any hour.

We fail to understand the reasoning behind this regulation. Why are ties necessary during the hottest part of the day? As it now stands, GIs who work from 8 to 5 must bring a tie to work with them, so they can wear it when they leave. GIs heading from barracks to latrine in suntans, must don a tie beforehand.

The Korner humbly submits this case to whom it may concern, hopes for either an explanation of this new ruling, or a change in the regulation.

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

This week's Liberty has an eye-brow raiser of a lead article on the Chairborne Command. Should sizzle the Pentagon Bldg.

Chicago's Number 1 odds-maker is quoting 4-3 that the war will be over by next June 1.

Rumors anent Pyote closing down, squashed by Lt. Col. Stanley Persons, executive officer, were not rampant here alone. Practically every base in the U.S. had the same rumor going the rounds—that it would shutter after V-E Day. Only field with any basis for fact is Great Falls AAF, which serviced ships ferried to Russia, which is not fighting Japan.

Speaking of Russia, General Joe Stilwell says they are doing us much good anyway, by holding a couple of Jap armies facing Siberia. Those boys stopping a Red threat are not going to be shooting Americans at Kyushu.

Glen Gray is due for a dance at the field before June is over, according to advices.

GIs 35 and over are hoping for discharges before summer is over. Rep. Andrew J. May has urged that all men over 35 not in key positions be discharged speedily. The War Dept. also has indicated that it will lower the age for discharges as military needs decline.

Inside dope from Washington, sometimes good, sometimes wrong, says over-35s should be on their way home by September 1st.

"The True Glory", a film depicting campaigns from D-Day to V-E Day will soon be ready for distribution.

The girls at the Blue Room win the nod for being the most personable clerks on the field. They're swell.

By the time this gets in print, it may be in effect. A recent letter to "Postmark Pyote" pointed out that the Daily Bulletin said Service Club closing hour was midnight. However, the Cafeteria closes down at 11 PM. GIs would like to have that additional hour. For example, a guy coming from the second show at Theater No. 2 gets out about 11:00; maybe he'd like to take his date somewhere for a snack. If the Club Cafeteria was open, it would be the solution. Perhaps it is felt there wouldn't be sufficient business. Then, I say, let's try the midnight closing hour for a week, and see how much business is done between

11 and 12. Let's give the proposition a chance, anyway!

According to the Chemical Warfare Service, guys from the South have the largest heads, and guys from New England States the smallest. So what?

Off-duty classes will soon be starting in a big way here at Pyote. There will be a number of language classes, courses in math, basic psychology, etc. Classes like these are the straight goods for guys with a little spare time hanging heavy on their hands.

The QM Dept. has announced that foot-baths are out. Seems that the stuff lost its potency after a few hours. So the once-familiar foot-bath-pan at showers' entrance is a thing of the past.

Two-thirds of all men in the Army are planning on taking jobs as employees after this little war is cleaned up. Three-fourths of all GIs were drafted from such jobs. Two-fifths plan on going back to their old job; eight per cent are going to attend school, and 13 per cent are planning to be self-employed after discharge.

FACTS BASED UPON ACTUAL CASE HISTORY REPORTS



Case of The DANCING DOLL

"Jumping jive, was she alive! For a dance hall hostess she sure was in the groove. We fitted together like glove in hand. During breaks we had refreshments and I coaxed her into meeting me after she got through. Boy, did I sell her a bill of goods. Having a car I planned to take her to a road house for chow and more dancing. We had the food all right, but she was too tired to dance. We drove awhile and then I parked the car in a lonely spot. She didn't object, in fact she liked the idea. From then on, my goose was cooked. We dilly-dallied coming back to town and I left her with the promise of seeing her the next time I got to town. There was never a next time, because five days later I got the shock of my life, when I noticed the first signs of gonorrhoea. I rushed to the medical officer and he confirmed my guess. It was difficult to explain my stupidity. At first I tried to cover up by saying I had used a pro kit, which I didn't, but later I admitted the truth, also the name of the girl when I was convinced it was the right thing to do. It could be that she didn't know she was infected and I surely didn't want anyone else to get burned like I did."

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