Field Breaks Record: Fly 307 Hrs. in Day

A new record of 307 hours flown in a single day by any B-29 training field was established by Pyote Army Air Field on Sunday, July 8, it was announced today by the Statistical Control Office.

The new record topped by three hours a previous high mark, also set by Pyote on June 24, when the field's B-29's flew 304 hours in a single day.

No other B-29 field even came close to the high mark of 307 hours during the past week, nor at any time in the past months.

Consistent work by both maintenance and flying personnel at the field during the last few weeks has resulted in setting this new record.

All personnel of the field are to be commended for this recent record-breaking total. It is encouraging to set a record once, but it is even more encouraging to shatter that original mark again within two weeks time.

Pyote Reaches 110% Of 7th War Loan Quota

Sgt. James G. Rosson, Jr., and T/Sgt. Walter H. Bagley are busy calculating the sales of war bonds, of which there are approximately $110,000 sold for cash in this office daily. In addition, these men make up the payroll deductions of $55,000 monthly for the purchase of war bonds. Nine hundred bonds are sold each month to enlisted personnel on the payroll deduction plan and 500 are sold to civilians. Mrs. Elizabeth Bever types the names of owners on the bonds.

34 EM, 8 Officers Win Discharges During Week

Thirty-four enlisted men and 8 officers will be sent to separation centers for discharge this week under the point system. This is the second quota of men to be discharged from this field. All men are returnees.


The thirty-four enlisted men comprise 5 Master Sergeant, 8 Tech Sergeant, 10 Staff Sergeant, 9 Sergents, one Pfc, and one Private.

The Master Sergeants are Horace Harmon, Leo W. McCann, Edward C. Oakes, Patsy Dettla, and Robert A. Shirley.


BULLETIN!

A TWX has just been received by the Personal Affairs Office from Second Air Force which announced that Public Law 118 was approved by the President on July 2, 1945.

This new law extends the five-year level premium term of National Life Insurance policies issued on or before December 31, 1944, for a period of three years. Since the premium remains unchanged, no change in allotments is necessary.
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Keep off the Grass

Brother, this isn't an oasis. That we don't maintain—but we
do have a few struggling blades of grass which give the base a little
more respectable appearance.

And now that prisoners of war have been made available for
policing up duties, it is going to be possible to keep the grassed areas
of the field in much better condition than heretofore. As soon as
the water well now under construction is completed, water for irri-

tation will be furnished.

Then the base should take on a greener, better appearance.
It should, but it won't if some persons continue to walk on the grass.
In the past it didn't make too much difference, but now that we have
suffered many bitter disappointments. In the Army, they had heard
so much about high wages and hilarity in the civilian world that they
had expected to step back into a virtual Utopia.

Instead of high wages they found high taxes. Instead of milk
and honey they found rationing. Instead of hilarity they found vic-
tory gardens. Instead of a social whirl they found themselves wildly
searching for living quarters.

It is tough. Many employment agencies report that veterans
won't believe that wages are as low as those offered. But after-col-
lecting splinters in personnel offices and rapping on doors they ac-
cepted the inevitable and went to work with an eye toward getting
ahead through hard work and initiative.

Actually the situation isn't as bad as some would have you
believe, nor is it as good at others would picture it. There are jobs,
but few that will net as much debt-free cash as the old fifty in the
Army.

A rude and vulgar man is one of those guys who stares at a
girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it.

Reprinted from the Camp Lee Traveller

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suffered many bitter disappointments: In the Army, they had heard
so much about high wages and hilarity in the civilian world that they
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New Cars and Highballs

Our copy of the Mud Flat Daily Bugle, which drifts into this
office occasionally, has been carrying stories to the effect that some-
time this year, production of new cars will begin.

We like to sit and dream about the kind of a new car we will
have—when the war is over.

They'll have some pretty sharp looking buggies available, for
the guys who have the necessary mausma. Nice looking cars. Plenty
of tin and trimmings . . . wearing the label of their manufacturer
prudently.

And then we got to thinking about the contrast between mili-
tary and civilian life. The manufacturer dresses his car up so it will
look good. He does this without detracting in any way from the
mechanical perfection of his product. The army, too, must dress its
members up so that they wear the title of soldiers proudly and will
serve with distinction wherever called upon.

The "military system" is a part of that dress. Call it military
courtesy, call it discipline, call it whatever you will; it is the army's
way of looking good and increasing its efficiency.

Because it is in such sharp contrast to the freedom we enjoyed
in civilian life, because of the increase in regimentation and the loss
of democracy necessary to the operation of an army, many soldiers
—including some mighty good ones—build up a terrific resistance
to the system of conduct known as military courtesy.

These are the guys you see ducking around corners and into
shops to keep from throwing a highball. They're the boys who can't
seem to grasp the importance of keeping on a clean uniform.

They are NOT the continual SNAFU, or goof-up, type. They
usually do their job and don't mind turning out good work for 56
bucks a month. They just don't intend to become "GI". Maybe they
have suffered personal injustice which they feel warrants their
don't-give-a-damn attitude. Maybe they just don't believe in the
military system.

That is okay, except it doesn't excuse the attitude or warrant
such actions.

Despite the popular belief to the contrary, the American army
has been carrying on a good many years now under this same sys-
tem, with surprisingly good results. Peacetime or wartime, it's a
good army. Nothing proves this like the present war.

The better you look, the better soldier you will be. And the
same rule holds good with an army. Let's brush up on our appear-
ance, and military courtesy . . . It pays good dividends.—R. N.

No Bed of Roses

by Sansone

The Wolf

"Beat it, Bob—she's my governess!"
GETS CACTUS CLUSTER

Cpl. Carl Moser, GI assigned to Biggs Field, gets decorated with the “Cactus Cluster” by Phil Laswell of Biggs’ Air Corps Supply Office. In a recent issue of Biggstuff, Biggs Field newspaper, Moser related his favorite air base was Pyote. Pyote’s famed Fange and Diamond-Back Social and Marching Society promptly decorated Moser with the Cactus Cluster, designed by Cpl. Luft. S/Sgt. Kearney Egerton of the Biggstuff Staff handled the presentation, selecting Miss Laswell as Pyote’s representative. Photo courtesy Biggstuff. The “T.T.O.” stands for “Texas Theater of Operations”.

"You Can’t Kill An Old Soldier", and Hap Knows

Sgt. Clarence J. “Hap” Habeger, of Sqdn. E, has been in the Army 26 years—counting Air Corps time—and is having a tough time staying in long enough for a pension.

There are three ways that the grizzled, short-spoken sergeant can get out—and he wants no part of them. First, he has 115 points. Second, he’s over-age (49). And thirdly, he’s in line for a medical discharge. This may force him out.

He’s making a tough sweat now, ever in the Convalescent barracks where he is in charge of the recuperating patients. “If I get out now,” to use Habeger’s own words, “I’ll be able to afford is a jeep and pup tent—and I have visions of a two-tone Packard with a house trailer in the back.”

Sgt. Habeger was a master sergeant during the African campaign, when he ran into what he euphemistically calls “loosey trouble” and dropped his stripes. In this, his second war, he served in Italy, North Africa and England and picked up the ETO ribbon with five stars, the Air Medal and a Presidential citation.

In the first World War he earned the Victory ribbon and the occupation army ribbon.

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Silver Star, Two DFCs Awarded to 3 at Parade

Two returned veterans and the widow of an Army flyer were presented with awards for heroism in combat at a special review and ceremony last Saturday.

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There is just enough freedom so that the patients can do what they want,” says the well-tanned ex-infantry platoon sergeant and evidently this system suits him right down to the ground.

Sgt. Habeger, who about six weeks ago was in such bad physical shape that he practically had one foot in the grave, entered the hospital for an emergency operation. As he lapsed into unconsciousness under the ether, he kept murmuring, “They can’t kill an old soldier”—and as it turned out, they couldn’t. He recovered rapidly from the operation, and today is a fine picture of health—which he attributes to a planned system of long hikes in the desert, proper food and plenty of rest.

For a while he took long strolls both in the morning and afternoon. Wearing his customary at.

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THREE DECORATED SATURDAY

Col. A. E. Key presents the Silver Star and Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster to S/Sgt. Franklin P. Hohmann, Sq. E. Also decorated were (left) T/Sgt. Joseph Reposh of Sq. E who received the DFC, and Mrs. Peggy Wilson of Wink, Texas, who was presented the DFC on behalf of her late husband. Lt. Woodrow Wilson, killed in action in the ETO.
This Week--

* At The Theatres

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

THURSDAY

"OUT OF THIS WORLD" with Eddie Braden, Veronica Lake, and Diana Lynn (Edie is a Crow-Indian dramatic actress; this Republic movie boasts a pretty good cast.) Shorts: Puppets, Merrie Melodies and Paramount News.

SATURDAY


SUNDAY & MONDAY

"GI JOE" with Burgess Meredith and Robert Mitchum. (This is the film version of Ernie Pyle's book "Here Is Your War". Meredith portrays the late Ernie Pyle.) Shorts: Paramount News.

TUESDAY

"DOUBLE FEATURE: "SCARED STIFF" with Jack Haley and Ann Savage. (Comedy with blondes, mystery and laughs.) "BLONDE RANSOM" with Donald Cook and Virginia Grey. (Underworld drama about a nightclub owner that loses his poker.)

WEDNESDAY

"ALONG CAME JONES" with Gary Cooper, and Loretta Young. (Cowboy is mistaken for notorious killer, falls in love with killer's sweetheart. All very western.) Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

* At the Chapel

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

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civic Center, 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 Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

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

Around the Field

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.

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

MODEL PLANE CLUB: Flyte 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.

BOWLING: Alleys open from noon to 11 PM.

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

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

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

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

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. Mothershead at the Officers Club.

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.

TEENIE COURTS: EM Courts diagonally across from Service Club.

ART AND PHOTO CLUB: Art Club meets Monday and Thursday, Photo Club Tuesday and Friday, and at the Hospital; 7:30 PM.

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 WACs and husbands). Trips are for enlisted personnel only. Only expense to GIs is cost of moonlight meal ($1.80). Wives must pay regular admission fee to Caverns. ($1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Services Office, phone 27.

REC. HALL: Open from 9 AM to 11 PM.

* At Monahans USO

Wed.—Arts and Crafts.
Thu.—Bingo, Cigarette prizes.
Fri.—Informal activities.
Sat.—Dance
Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 1:30 p.m. Classic concert; 6:00, Buffet supper.
7:00, Bond fest; 8:00, Movie, "Major and Minor," Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland.
Mon.—Game night.
Tue.—Hospital night.
REC. HALL DANCE FOAMING SUCCESS

Last week's Independence Day dance at the Rec. Hall was acclaimed one of the best events of the year. Free beer and coke added to the festivities for the Fourth. An immense crowd was on hand, a portion of which was caught by the photographer.

Plan Novelty Night For Field on July 27

A gala novelty night has been planned for Friday, July 27th, by the Special Services Office, with twelve assorted contests in which GIs may compete for worthwhile prizes, and culminating in a big dance at the Rec. Hall.

EVENTS

The events in which field personnel may enter are: A bowling contest in which the winner will hit on the highest three individual scores for one game; a pie-eating contest, the speediest eater getting the prize; a fungo contest where the prize goes to the man who hits a ball the greatest distance; a horse shoe pitching contest; a 50-yard free style swimm race; a 25-yard backstroke meet; a beer drinking contest, the winner being the man who scores the most baskets out of ten tries; a soft ball throwing contest, prize going to the man who throws the ball the greatest distance; and a waltz or fox trot dance contest.

Prizes will be awarded at the dance at the Rec. Hall, which will carry a gay right club motif with chairs and tables and refreshments on hand for patrons outside the Rec. Hall.

The various events will be programmed throughout the field from 6 until 9 PM, with the dance beginning at 9 PM. The Special Services Office before July 23rd.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter one or more of these events, you merely fill out a blank which will be distributed throughout the field this week-end. This blank will carry a list of all events. You merely check one or more of the events in which you would like to participate, fill in your name, rank, and squadron, and return this blank to the Special Services Office.

When you turn in the blank you will receive a disk that assures you of entry in the event selected.

The various events will be held at various places on the field—bowling alley, swimming pool, athletic field, Rec. Hall, etc.

Novelty Night shapes up as one of the biggest attractions in the history of the field. Readers are advised to review the list of events and plan to participate in at least one.

Importance of war dogs in smelling out the enemy was emphasized by the War Dept. which stated: "No patrol with which scout dogs have been ambushed."

First War in Southwest-Pacific theater to become a warrant office is Dorothy Green, Salt Lake City. Question is: Do they call her Mister?
CREW OF THE WEEK

The above crew, which services Ship No. 280, was designated this week as the "Crew of the Week" for its consistently outstanding work in B-29 maintenance. Left to right: S/Sgt. Marion A. McIntosh, Sgt. Frank D'Avango, Cpl. William E. Gebre, Pfc. Wayne E. Munsey, and Pvt. Daniel G. Mahoney.

WALKING STICK

Hap Habeger spends his free time going for walks in the desert. It gives Hap a chance to concentrate, he says, and at the same time, gives him an opportunity to scrutinize the scenery. Hap (above) shows his apparel for such strolls—even to the cane.

Hap Habeger--

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Cafeteria Closes--

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mess halls at a cost of 25c per meal.

The Service Club continues in operation serving sandwiches, toast, etc., to both civilians and GIs, at the snack bar.

The restricting of the PX Cafeteria will remain as long as the food shortage exists. (See Postmark Pyote).

Discharge--

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The War Bond office wishes to thank all personnel who participated in the drive and helped meet Pyote's fifth consecutive war loan quota. The untiring work of the various members who assisted in carrying out the drive plans, and the loyalty of all members who purchased bonds marked the keynote of success.

Local Nine Man Crew Sets Record for Engine Change

A new record for engine change time was set here last week when a nine-man crew yanked one, replaced it, performed necessary oiling and inspection and had the ship ready to take the air in 5 hours and 5 minutes.

The normal time for such jobs is between 7 and 8 hours.

T/Sgt. Robert H. Stewart's crew pulled the trick, while working on ship No. 24056. Members of the crew are:


This engine change time includes removing the engine, and making all inspections. The engine was removed and replaced in 3 hours and 45 minutes. The pre-oil crew took over then and used an hour and 20 minutes for pre-oiling, ground timing and placing the plane in commission.

The final inspection revealed only two minor discrepancies.

The crew works under Lt. Ronald Elliott in the Engine Change department, Hangar 1.

QUICK-CHANGE CHAMPIONS

Leonard Wins For Pyote's Lone Triumph

Carlsbad Army Air Field's pe- titioning team swept five out of six matches against Pyote here last Saturday. Lone winner for the local squad was Sgt. Elliott Leonard, former Panama champ, who turned back Cpl. Holback of Carlsbad 6-3 and 6-0.

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‘Postmark Pyote’ opens the columns of The Ratter to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, The Rattler, Pyote AAF, Texas. The Ratter 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!

PX CAFETERIA
Editor, The Rattler:
Isn’t the PX for GIs? Or is it solely for civilians? I refer to the recent closing of the PX Cafeteria to all but civilians.

(Name Withheld)

* Here’s the situation on the PX Cafeteria. With the CP restaurant closed, the civilians have no place to eat other than the PX Cafeteria. The PX has been buying food through the QM Commissary. Recent circulars forbid the purchase for PX use of any food at the QM Commissary other than milk, potatoes, fruits and vegetables. Naturally, the PX has not the food available to serve all of its customers. The GIs have the mess halls available for dining, but the civilians have no place other than the PX. That’s the reason for the temporary closing. The restriction is temporary, it is hoped.

ARMY MAN’S WIFE
Editor, The Rattler:
In a recent editorial in The Ratter an article was written regarding the civilians on the field. That article stated that 80% of office positions were held by soldiers’ wives. That’s true, of course, but what about the reason behind her being here? She doesn’t have to be here. She wants to be here. Why? Because she wants to be with her husband. A civilian’s wife doesn’t have to worry about housing, like an Army man’s wife does. The civilian wife doesn’t have such problems.

(An Army Wife)

* Maybe this will clarify the situation. The civilian housing construction on this field was erected by law—through the Lanahan act. This act specifically states that housing is for civilians only. A civilian may rent a room for himself and wife. He is an employed civilian, so he doesn’t qualify for housing. A GI’s wife may rent a room for herself and husband. She is the employed civilian in this case, and hence she qualifies for housing. The buildings are a civilian housing area, established by law. That’s the way it works. The wives are doing a great job, here and elsewhere. Their work not only places them near to their husband, but helps bring happy home sooner and get this thing over with. Their work is needed.

GLEN GRAY
Editor, The Rattler:
What was the deal about Glen Gray not playing for the enlisted personnel of this field, Sunday July 1, as announced by your paper? Does the Officers’ Club pay some of the bill when these other bands come here to pay for it? After all, they do play an hour or so, then go to the Officers’ Club and play for three hours or more.

(Name Withheld)

* Dance orchestras that play the field are hired either by the Officers’ Club to play there, or by the Special Services Office (through the Central post fund) to play for the enlisted personnel. Bands that play the Officers’ Club are hired by the Officers’ Club and paid for by them. Whenever possible bands are scheduled for two nights. Central Post Funds pay for an enlisted personnel dance on one night and the Officers’ Club pays for a dance at the Officers’ Club on the second night. Most of these orchestras play a concert for the EM. That’s the reason for the misunderstanding.

COMPULSORY TRAINING
Editor, The Rattler:
Seems to me it’s high time you mentioned something about the military training bill now before Congress, which should give compulsory training to all male citizens of the U.S.

An adequately trained force of younger men will prevent the “old man’s Army” we have had to fight with all too often.

Sgt. Thomas Meighan

* Any further Pyote opinion on compulsory training?

CLOSER HOME
Editor, The Rattler:
My brother is in a general hospital in Illinois. Our home is in Alabama. Isn’t it Army policy to treat you closer to home?

Sgt. V. F. N.

* The Army thinks it most important to send you to a hospital equipped and staffed especially to handle certain types of cases. It will send a GI to the nearest such hospital to his home, provided it has room to accommodate him.

FINANCES OVERSEAS
Editor, The Rattler:
I’m getting out on points, but my fiancee is in the WAC overseas. Will she be able to get a discharge after we are married?

Sgt. N. G. W.

* If your girl returns to the States and you are married before your discharge comes through, your wife will then be eligible for discharge. If you are discharged before she gets back, she will not be able to get out under existing regulations.

SHOULDER PATCHES
Editor, The Rattler:
I notice the PX is stocking some overseas shoulder-patches, but not of the Air Force I served in. Will they stock them soon? Where can I get them?

Lt. G. C. W.

* The PX is attempting to stock such overseas patches as possible. If the PX hasn’t got them, write Sales Officer, Philadelphia QM Depot, giving ASN, organization with which you served, length of such service, and stating that insignia is for your use only, on your uniform.

Enclose certified check, bank draft, or postal money order, payable to Treasurer of the U.S. See Art 30-100 for prices.

LOVE LETTER
Editor, The Rattler:
I am a former Pyoteer at this place so far from that desert. I’ve run into almost as many Pyoteers as I did in that “great big Army base” in glorious Texas.

My wife sends me my copy of The Ratter, and believe me, I appreciate it. The fellows hang by their toenails to be in line for next. They read the print right off the page. I’ve found that I also have ample customers from fellows who never had to experience Pyote to get acquainted with The Ratter. Of all the fields we’ve been to, The Ratter beats them for an interesting and enjoyable camp paper.

Grand Island is a good town, and we sure can use a good editor for our paper here. Does The Ratter have any way of sending several copies to such places as the Service Clubs at fields where your wandering boys have gone? It’d be appreciated.

Pvt. Edward L. Michaels, Grand Island AAF.

* ‘Tis hoped some deal can be worked out to provide 2AF libraries with copies of 2AP papers. As for G.I., the Grand Island newspaper, we think it’s a very nice little sheet that tries hard.
Formosa, Possible Invasion Target, Has Quakes, Snakes; --Few Breaks

"Formosa offers the blase traveler an unusual thrill—that of hobi-hothing with savage head-hunters who secretly covet the visitors' head, but are prevented by Japanese law and watchfulness from taking it unless the traveler is willing."

So states "Terry's Guide to the Japanese Empire", a handy early 20th century guide book for the "blase traveler". Formosa, according to Terry, is a dandy old place.

Listen to this: "The healthfulness of the island, the total lack of the discomforts which travelers sometimes have to endure in order to see strange and primitive people in their own homes, and the constant watchfulness and care on the part of the authorities to provide comfort and safety for strangers, add materially to the pleasure of a visit."

What Terry doesn't state about Formosa is that the island has an average of 330 earthquakes a year, some of them severe. One year 900 quakes were recorded. Nor does he mention the mosquitoes, including the ariophyles, nor the August and September typhoons which turn streams into tidal waves washing out bridges and losing 100 miles of railroads a year.

Formosa has snakes, including 13 poisonous types, and rain--Kurin, in northern Formosa, has 200 inches a year.

The word Formosa is Portuguese for "beautiful". It was taken over by the Japs in 1895; the Nips' first colony. But it hasn't been all rice and sake for them. The 150,000 Malayan head-hunters occasionally stir up a little trouble by wiping out a village. The wily Jap has strung electrified barbed wire around the mountainous area where the head-hunters reside. However, since the head-hunters make no distinction between Jap and Chinese skulls—both of which they value—they probably won't take to American visitors.

Formosa is about half the size of South Carolina, oval-shaped, and separated from the mainland by a 90-mile channel some 300 feet deep.

With a population of 5,000,000—95% Chinese—Formosa might already have an oriental undercurrent that may help any Allied invasion. The eastern half of the island has many cliffs at the water's edge, but the west side is a flat coastal plain.

Formosa has plenty of oranges, persimmons, bananas, and mangos, and among its other resources are gold, silver, copper, sulphur, coal, oil, sugar, tobacco, opium, and orchids. Its biggest industry is camphor, distilled from the evergreen tree. It's in that area that the head-hunters lurk.

But as our Mr. Terry remarks, "slowly but surely, the intrepid and determined Japanese are reaching out to these sequestered places and are bringing the people into the pale of civilization."

DALHART NEWEST B-29 BASE IN 16TH WING

Dalhart, Texas, Army Air Base has been designated a B-29 training station of the 16th Bombardment Wing, Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, commanding general, has announced. This makes the eighth field in the 16th Wing. Others are Kirtland Field at Albuquerque, Biggs Field at El Paso, Clovis, Pueblo, Alamogordo, Pyote, and Davis-Monthan Field at Tucson.

ARDMORE AAF NOW IN THIRD AIR FORCE

The Army Air Field at Ardmore, Oklahoma, has been transferred from the 2AF to the 3AF, it was announced last week. Before being taken over by the Third Air Force, Ardmore was a Combat Crew Training School for B-17s.

What Happens To Old Link-Trainers?

Salvage Knows

The grateful look that comes into the eye of John Q. Taxpayer when you mention Pyote to him is understandable. Salvage operations at the field have returned $6,512.16 to the taxpayers during the past four months, according to a report by the Conservation and Reclamation Office.

This saving is reckoned as of March 1, when the Air Force took over salvage operations, hitherto handled by the QM and ASF.

Salvaged material offered for sale to agencies and civilians is virtually limitless. It includes paper, broken glass, bottles, textiles, scrap rubber, kindling wood, kitchen waste, edible garbage, worn-out Link-trainers, and the million and one other items employed in the war effort.

The field's salvage operations are under the supervision of the San Antonio Air Technical Service Command at Kelly Field, Texas, which is responsible for disposition of salvage at 48 stations in Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, and parts of Louisiana and Arizona. Sales at these stations for March, April, and May, totaled $260,000.

Extensive salvage methods are reported to save every last bit of military use from materials before they are

Another example of wasted time and effort is this photograph of Kay Booth, film actress. In a sleazy effort to publicize the movie "Ziegfield Follies" someone sent us this picture. We print it merely because we love pictures of telephones.
BATTLESHIP BRIEFING

Staff Combat Intelligence keeps War Room Timely

In a move to present more “inside” information on the war, Staff Combat Intelligence has thrown open the door of its war library, notable for its completeness and interest.

Documents and periodicals in the room deal with all phases and aspects of the war with particular emphasis on the strategic character of Very Heavy Bombardment. Available are not only references on any major country of the world but also in great detail views on the Japanese military machine, their air force is evaluated and the study of their latest tactics and defenses against our Superfortress raids are developed and explained. Therefore, the facilities of the room are of prime value to combat crew members.

Secret reports processed into the Second Air Force and Pyote AAF by Washington directly from combat areas come out of safes and locked files for consumption by our Orient-bound airmen. Running the gamut of classified information they can scan to their hearts content such vital, vivid periodicals as “Impact”, “Air Intelligence Weekly Digest”, and “XXI Bomber Command Mission Reports”.

To safeguard the Information Combat Intelligence has established a register whereby each man identifies himself before gaining admittance. At all times when classified material is out of the files intelligence personnel are on hand.

The Intelligence Library is not intended to replace the regular Intelligence classes and briefings, which are a part of the training of all crews, but rather it aims to keep intelligence training. With this in view, every effort has been made to make the room conducive to study and available to all who want to use it. It boasts good lighting, air conditioned, and reading hours from early morning to 8:30 P.M. in the evening. War situation maps, worthwhile displays, ship models, and informative charts add to its atmosphere. The entire military effort is depicted, explained and evaluated. Many crew members, recognizing the value of such knowledge, utilize all standby time possible in studying intelligence data. This is the purpose for which the library exists. It is recommended that all combat crewmen, instructors, under the Director of Training, and all commissioned, warrant and flight officers take advantage of this readily available interesting, and complete data.

To some individuals, the acquisition of knowledge about Intelligence seems wearisome and unnecessary; to others it is interesting and most necessary. The fact that combat returnees without exception fall into the latter category is in itself fully convincing proof that air crews must know the Jap before they can defeat him.

Salvage—

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Three crewmen who are training for their part in the aerial war against Japan as B-29 crew members study the ship models in Staff Combat Intelligence’s new war room and library. Left to right: Cpl. G. J. Weseli, Milwaukee, Wis.; tail gunner; Sgt. Joseph Janalsiwicz, Providence, R. I., RCT gunner; and Cpl. J. E. Witt, Chattanooga, Tenn., electrical gunner. The men are all members of Staff in Section I. The gunners are discussing the gun turrets and defensive gunpower of the Japanese battleship to which pencil points.

Salvage operations have a twofold objective, says Lt. Aldon M. Bebb, Conservation and Reclamation Officer of Pyote: 1. Saving money for the taxpayer. 2. Returning material to civilian production.

In addition to income from sales, Lt. Bebb stated, large quantities of scrap aluminum from salvaged aircraft are disposed to the Metal Reserve Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

ADDITIONAL ORIENTATION SET FOR THURSDAY NOONS

In order that married men might attend the Orientation program without inconvenience to their supper hour, a special noontime program is scheduled each Thursday at Theater No. 1. Anyone may attend this special Orientation, which is held in addition to programs Tuesday through Friday at Theater No. 1 at 9 A.M. and Monday through Thursday at Theater No. 2 at 6:45 P.M.

Shoe Repair for Officers Ready

Officers may turn in their shoes for repair at QM Warehouse No. 1. The repair must be paid for in cash at the time of presenting the shoes.

One of the most surprising features of the town of Pyote is the school. This modern, attractive red brick building looms on the horizon in considerable contrast to the temporary shocks of Pyote’s business district. The school’s enrollment is now mostly children of Army personnel stationed at Pyote Army Air Field. For a town of 200 people, the school stands as a pretty big indication of their public spirit.
Rattler’s 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 not solicit as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not assume any responsibility for ads printed.

FOUND

A LODGE WATCH bob in the shape of a maltese cross was turned into The Rattler Office by the Red Cross. Owner please call for and identity.

FOUND—Man’s wrist watch, in Monahans by bus stop. Owner can claim by indentification, Mrs. R. J. Millyard, 403 Rogers Street, Monahans.

THE RATTLER has a woman’s Bub Cap—Missing one from your shape of “a maltese cross was found in the Gym. See Cpl. B. C. Joseph, Ext. 1, Bks. 328.

FOR SALE

HUB CAP—Lost in vicinity of Sub-Depot Instrument Shop. Check with Sgt. Adamick, Bks. 828, Squadron E.

IDENTIFICATION BRACELET—Lost in vicinity of Sub-Depot Han. Jim H. Graham, Ext. 122.


FIND A WALLET? I lost mine at 10:30 am. Call Señor Estepa, 518, Sq. D.


SANITARY BATHROOMS

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HFG—FORGET the whole thing, it’s all over.

LOST JEWELRY

GOLD CROSS—If you lost one at the Rattler, please return to Rattler Office. We have had many reported lost. See Cpl. C. S. Casavante, Bks. 6, Sq. E.

ONE PAIR OF SUNGLASSES WITH BROWN LENS AND TORTOISE SHELLS were lost by Mrs. Yerlington. Finder please call 261.

PEN PENCIL found in CCD area. Owner may have it by calling at Hq’s. CCD, Bldg. T-01.

CARNIVALS?

Have you worked with carnival shows or concessions? Special Services needs your experience. Call 277 for Art Hennan.

WANT TO BUY a motorcycle, any model. S/Sgt. Carr, Squadron D, phone 92.

GOING TO CHICAGO or Memphis? Have you worked with carnival shows or concessions? Special Services needs your experience. Call 277 for Art Hennan.

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


WANTED

TAN HAT WITH RED FEATHER—Has Mary Lee engraved on it. Owner please return to Duke Faragher at Apt. T-1348-A.


A small boy Enlisted in the Army at 1945. Owner please return to Rattler Office.

AM DRIVING to Amarillo, Texas, Thursday, July 12. Leaving Thursday PM and will return Sunday night. Can accommodate two or three more passengers. See C. F. Mingenback, Hangar 6, Electrical, A shift, at Bks. 668, Squadron E.


RIDE WANTED, from Pecos AAF to Pyote AAF and return. Hours from 8 to 5. Call 18 Mary Garman.

HAVE YOU A PROMISE? I will identify. See Cpl. C. A. Trudell at Photo Lab.

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GOT ROOM for another ride from Pecos AAF to Pyote AAF and return. Hours from 8 to 5. Contact S/Sgt. H. Hawling at Finance Office, Phone 20.

PERSONALS

GOING TO CHI? See Milton Arnold at Bks. 518, Sq. D.

HAYE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards 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.

HFG—FORGET the whole thing. The deal washed out. Art.

ANYONE driving to San Francisco or Los Angeles around the 1st of August? Will gladly share driving and expenses. Call Sgt. Hennemont, phone 117.

GOING TO CHICAGO or Memphis before September 3rd? Then see Martha Gould at the Special Services Office.

A MEETING of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is being held at the home of Dr. B. R. Miller, 303 South Rio Grande, Monahans. Time: Each Sunday at 11:00 AM. All members in the service are invited.”

THINK YOU’RE going from Amarillo to Odessa one of these days? Check with Sgt. Adamick, Bks. 620, bed 29.

ANYONE knowing a sure way to make hair grow, please write me the details. I’m desperate. Address Box H-C, c/o Rattler Office.

WHY NOT

SAVE YOUR FACE

Be American
Share your car!
Save gas cars, tires!
BRIEFING FROM A SHADY LATRINE

Gen'l Arnold told the Senate that we have facilities available to give Japan three times the aerial pasting we gave Germany. The B-29 is over 5 to 1 in ratio with the B-17 in bomb-load. In ton-miles it carries it to 10 to 1. The current unit cost is $210,000 for the B-17 and $640,000 for the B-29.

The past four issues of the New Yorker magazine carried articles by Clair McKellway on the 20th Bomber Command. Series ended in last week's issue. Library may have back copies on it. Don't miss reading it.

It will be necessary to retain a large number of medical officers in the service even after occupation "without their consent" unless sufficient replacements can be obtained from medical schools, announced Col. Francis Flitts, Military Training Section, Army Service Forces.

If the local band seems to have lost strength and volume and oomph, chalk it up to the fact that about 85% of the blow-hards have ended in last week's issue. Library may have back copies on it. Don't miss reading it."

"You can send home all the money you want. But we do not say 'love and kisses to lookums' with it!"

"I understand he draws down quite a bit of longevity!"

The United Press reported last week that the points for discharge will be lowered from 85 to between 78 and 80 within the next few weeks. The House Military Affairs Committee has said that they did not anticipate a lowering of the automatic discharge age below 40, despite the "tremendous pressure", The Army insists the only fair method was to discharge the men who had the longest and toughest service and that no special hardship groups would get automatic discharge.

The House of Representatives last week killed a bill that would automatically discharge GIs with four or more children. Rep. Engel (R-Mich.) who sponsored the defeated proposal said it would affect approximately 35,000 men, 15,000 of whom would be discharged anyway for other causes.

Good news is the quote from General Marshall that the current Army strength, pegged at 7,000,000, is including a reserve for contingencies and that "successive victories will enable us to reduce the size of our Army very soon." According to Marshall, this "reserve" composed of the last troopers to return from Europe may not be needed in whole or in part, in which case an additional demobilization can be ordered. Our plans, Marshall declared, take into consideration help from the British and Chinese, and whether or not Russia will enter the war.

Marshall also stated "air strikes of constantly increasing power will devastate the Japanese war-making facilities and pave the way for invasion."

You've probably heard about the GI who had a railroad face. He's got a one track mind and it whistles at every curve.

Men returning from overseas will no longer lose grades—thereby, reduce the size of our Army very soon." According to Marshall, Congress in their "reserve" composed of the last troops to return from Europe may not be needed in whole or in part, in which case an additional demobilization can be ordered. Our plans, Marshall declared, take into consideration help from the British and Chinese, and whether or not Russia will enter the war.

"I assume of course that the War Dept. considers a "pany". QM Corps officials were quizzed by Congress on requests for $423,657 to buy Wacs' panties for the next year, and $271,000 to buy women's trousers. "I assume of course that the Wacs would use panties", said the Congressman, "but I did not know that they wear pants in the army. What about that? Who can explain that?" So a Colonel from the Wac's office said, "They wear both of them. The panties, of course, as the name indicates——. But here the Congressman interrupted with "You need not explain it for the record."

ODDS AND ENDS: The Office of Defense Transportation has asked the WD to release, under the point system, 25,000 experienced railroadmen and to grant furloughs to 10,000 others to help in the critical transportation problem. They've approved a medal for draft board volunteer workers to wear. The Army intends to send 2000 more Wacs to the Far Pacific. Any induction will be knocked out by fall, says Gen. H. H. Arnold. Russia's mustering out pay will give a year's pay for each year served in the Army to enlisted men. . . . A Langley Field, Va., private walked into the Personnel Affairs office and exclaimed to the Wac officer in charge, "Ma'am, I just got married. What do I do now?" The lieutenant told him . . . A complete revue of what cooks in the outside world will be available in the August 8 issue of Koops' Korner.

Texas is a land of more cows, and less milk; more forests and less trees; more rivers, and less water; and you can look further and see less, than any other place in the world.