

BOMBARDIER SCHOOL ONE YEAR OLD TODAY



MANY EVENTS HIGHLIGHT FIRST YEAR

Entire Aspect Of City Affected By School's Remarkable Growth

Exactly one year ago today, the late Col. Sam L. Ellis, then commandant, announced that the first troops had arrived at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

This was the signal that the army was taking over and that no longer was the area to be a mushroom ground for buildings, but a place for training some of the best bombardiers in the world.

Within three and a half months the training mill was to turn out its first cadets on regular three-week schedules. Today, perhaps more than 1,000 picked young men from all parts of America have weathered 12 weeks of stiff training at the school, earned their wings and commissions as second lieutenants in the army air corps, and gone out as key men in the vengeance being poured out upon the axis.

Naturally, this source of rapidly changing developments markedly affected the life of the community. Business has boomed under its stimulus. Institutions have felt the impact of new blood from men in uniforms and their wives. The city, although not outwardly different, is inwardly changed from the community it was a year ago. It all has happened with such rapidity that it seems like a dream in retrospection.

Here, however, are some of the highlights in the year which spun by like a whirlwind:

Aug. 22, 1942—Movement of trained troops began with arrival of several hundred from Midland and other points.

Aug. 27—Scores of officers arrive to aid in setting up working organization for cadet training.

Aug. 28—First Big Spring men enlist with assurance of assignment at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Sept. 10—Chamber of commerce gives formal dinner and dance for officers and wives; 285 attend.

Sept. 20—Red Cross takes lead in furnishing ward rooms for soldiers in post hospital.

Sept. 25—First cadets arrive. They are welcomed two days later by Col. Ellis, sworn in on Sept. 28 and begin work.

Oct. 3—Soldier center opened. Oct. 4—Construction nearing end; workers announce \$8,492 outright gift to Uncle Sam for war effort.

Oct. 18—Open house at post draws 11,000 visitors.

Oct. 19—Arthur H. Ditt drops first bomb.

Oct. 30—Col. John W. White, director of training, announced as commanding officer for Del Rio School (orders later changed to send him to same post at Childress).

Nov. 1—Pastors' association sponsors first of popular series of Sunday afternoon community entertainments.

Nov. 15—More than 500 soldiers accept invitation of community to have dinner in homes.

Nov. 8—Lieut. Col. J. H. Isbell made director of training.

Dec. 17—First class of cadets graduates.

Jan. 6—Class (43-1) graduates. Jan. 15—Lieut. Col. David Wade assigned as director of training.

Jan. 17—Wholesale assignment of new commanding officers at field with ordering of officers to flying duty.

Jan. 21—Post theatre starts showing motion pictures.

Jan. 23—Lieut. Eugene Francis Moriarty, Tulsa, Okla., becomes first crash victim from field in crash near Tahoks; three others parachute to safety.

Jan. 24—Brig. Gen. Isaiah Davis made commanding officer of newly activated 34th Flying Training Wing.

Feb. 18—Class 43-2 graduates. March 8—Col. Sam L. Ellis dies.

March 11—Class 43-4 graduates. March 28—Col. Robert W. Warren, formerly commanding officer at Perrin Field, announced as commanding officer of Big Spring Bombardier School.

April 1—Class 43-5 graduates. April 22—Class 43-6 graduates.

April 28—Post stages a belated "Army Day" program at municipal auditorium with big response.

May 13—Class 43-7 graduates. June 3—Class 43-8 graduates.

June 6—USO remodeling completed; open house.

June 26—Big Spring Bombardier School anniversary.

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"Off we go into the wild blue yonder," sing the men of the air corps, and bombardiers love to sing it, too. Off they fly "high into the sun" on routine training missions, skimming over the West Texas landscape, seeking out targets. Usually they trail one another, then again they fly in formation. Here planes from the Big Spring Bombardier School roar high over a country

road, over patterned fields, past rugged, cedar-thatched pastures ribboned with winding ravines and dry creek beds on the way to drop their "eggs" on specified targets. Soon the landscape will be changed, perhaps two engines give way to four. Bombs will no longer be sand-filled 100-pounders but demolition packages weighing hundreds of pounds. Targets will no longer be cir-

cles with 100-foot radius, but factories, transportation centers, munition dumps and ships. But when the keen eyes and skilled fingers of the bombardier have centered the objective and the familiar cry of "bombs away!" ring out, these stalwart young men from the Big Spring Bombardier School will "see a world that's free, when we fly home again."

Versatile Col. Robert W. Warren Is Commandant Of Air School Here

Col. Robert W. Warren, commandant of the Big Spring Bombardier School, is one of the younger commanding officers in the air corps.

A big man physically, he has an equally large capacity for work, for he is constantly "here, there and everywhere" over the field. He arrives at his desk early and if his work is piled up, stays late into the night; yet he is never chained to his desk. Drawing on a broad experience gained in 15 years in the army air corps, he is constantly looking in on various departments to check their operation and proficiency.

Col. Warren is a command pilot with over 4,000 hours in the air. Moreover, he is familiar with the problems of the men on the ground. Typically, since coming to the Big Spring Bombardier School to succeed Lieut. Col. David Wade, who had been temporary commanding officer after the death of Col. Sam Ellis on March 8, 1943, Col. Warren started putting in extra time, taking the bombardier course in order that

he might better understand this special training which his school must administer.

Born in Bay City, Mich., he graduated from Northwestern high school in Detroit in 1924, and was appointed to West Point military academy, from which he was commissioned in June, 1928.

A flying enthusiast, the young lieutenant immediately entered flying training at Brooks Field that same year and received his pilot's wings at Kelly Field on Oct. 12, 1929.

That launched him on a varied career in the air corps. He had work in the air corps technical school at Chanute Field, Ill., in 1930-31 and served as flying instructor from July, 1931 until February of 1935 when he was sent to Hawaii. The young officer came in for some real seasoning, serving as instructor and flight commander, operations officer, adjutant of Luke Field and commanding officer of Hickam Field. In November, 1939 he was called back to the United States, Assigned to Randolph Field, he

served as post exchange officer, air corps supply officer and as assistant director of training at the West Point of the Air. Thus, he was well fitted for his promotion to the rank of colonel and for his next assignment as commanding officer of Perrin Field in Grayson county, and subsequently of the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Always an extremely active man, he found time in West Point to become a member of the swimming and boxing teams and added to this with coaching experience in various fields where he was located. An ardent sports fan, he also has considerable ability in sports. His men consider him a topnotch opponent, whether it be at golf, badminton or volley ball.

His family, including Mrs. Warren; a daughter, Catherine, 11; and two sons, Edwin G., 7, and Robert H., 2, reside with him here in Big Spring. They, together with the colonel, enter into the community life of both the town and post.



Col. Robert W. Warren

Sub-Depot Is Vital Office

By now most of the residents of Big Spring have learned to say Sub-Depot the way the army does—sub DEPO but regardless of pronunciation, this office is one of the most vital on the field.

The sub-depot furnishes the air corps with supplies, and maintains, overhauls and repairs all local and transient aircraft. It also has charge of repair and packing of parachutes.

The office here is headed by Captain Alonzo S. Dudley of Lake Charles, La. Capt. Dudley received his education at Lake Charles high school and Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Va.

He had two years of ROTC training and was commissioned at Lake Charles Army Flying school in June of 1942. He has been previously stationed at San Antonio Air Depot and Lafayette Field, La. In civilian life he was vice president of a national bank in Lake Charles.

Finance Officer Helps Morale

Lieut. Charles L. Rich, a native of Elizabeth, N. J., has the job of properly administering all finance and accounting matters at the Big Spring Bombardier School as finance officer.

He graduated from Jefferson High School in Elizabeth and from Fordham School of Business at New York and was a General Motors accountant until he was commissioned at Foster Field in 1942. His wife, Mary R. Rich, still resides in Elizabeth.

Few things maintain morale of men like paying enlisted men and officers regularly and promptly, and Lieut. Rich attends to this. He furnishes technical advice which will expedite proper payment and result in satisfactory transaction of public business.

School's Work Depends Upon Key Officers

Complex is the operation of the Big Spring Bombardier School with its score of buildings and planes, its millions of dollars in equipment and material, its few thousand men, its untold tons of bombs.

Yet all of its operations pivot around one man—the commanding officer, Col. Robert W. Warren. He is responsible for its effective administration. Obviously, no man could have the capacity for detail that would arise from direct supervision of all phases.

He must depend upon his staff, and in turn the staff upon the officers and men under him.

Lieut. Col. David Wade had the responsibility of directing the program of training—which after all is the mission which the field must perform if it is to succeed. Other members of what might be termed the staff are: Maj. Paul S. Dewell, director of base services and executive officer; Lt. Orlynn E. Schuele, adjutant; Maj. W. M. Hendrix, air inspector; Maj. G. R. Willis, administrative inspector; Capt. J. A. Reynolds, technical inspector; Maj. Miner A. Gleason, personnel; Capt. John T. Bender, Jr., intelligence; Maj. Victor H. Walker, operations; Lt. Myerl M. Reeve, station supply; Maj. Paul H. Rankin, post surgeon; Capt. Alonzo S. Dudley, sub-depot.

More about the staff members and their jobs follows:

Post Adjutant

No commanding officer could handle single-handedly all the duties of a field and so he must have his right hand man to assist him. In the army that is the post adjutant, and at the Big Spring field, the man is First Lieutenant Orlynn E. Schuele.

The post adjutant must be second in command and coordinate and direct many activities. He must be able to say "yes" or "no" and do it quickly with no mistakes. He acts as a buffer between the commanding officer and

Director Of Training Heads Key Activities

Lieut. Col. David Wade, former resident of Enid, Okla., was appointed director of training for the Big Spring Bombardier School January 15, replacing Lieut. Col. James H. Isbell, who was assigned to the Childress Bombardier School.

Born at Minden, La., Col. Wade is the son of J. E. Wade. He was graduated from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and entered flying training in 1935 at Randolph Field.

Since that time he has been stationed at Kelly and Barksdale Fields and at Enid, Okla. In July of 1942 he was graduated from the Midland Bombardier School. In his position as director of training, Col. Wade heads the key section of the school which is often referred to as the "bombardier college" where aviation cadets are trained to become bombardiers.

Here records are maintained on each cadet; they are given ground school instruction, bombardier training and flying. The tactical officer section of the department, deals with military regulations, drilling, army etiquette, etc.

Having already received his wings as a pilot, Col. Wade was interested in bombardier training to the extent that he took the course at the Midland field and is today familiar with the problems which confront cadets during their training. He is commanding officer of the second provisional bombardier training group and prior to his present assignment was acting assistant director of training.

Col. Wade holds ratings as senior pilot and bombardier combat observer. He has more than 3,000 hours of flying time and is a member of the "caterpillar"



Lieut. Col. David Wade

club," an organization composed of men who have saved their lives by parachute jumps.

Bombardier School Has Great Record

Big Spring Bombardier School has a flying record that is so good officials don't even like to talk about it.

Planes from the field have been in the air a total of 85,000 hours and flown a distance of more than 12,000,000 miles with but one fatality. This is comparable to circling the globe at the equator 440 times.

During this period of time 12 cadet classes have been graduated and more than 32,000,000 pounds of bombs have been dropped on practice missions.

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ARMY AIR SCHOOL PLAYS HOST

Draft Dodgers Must Eat
 CHICO, Calif.—The ration book is proving a great catcher of draft dodgers. V. O. Harris, 38, after hiding out for months, surrendered to the law because of his lack of the book and what it would permit him to have. After a hike of 14 miles to give himself up, he told officials that there was no way to get enough vitamins without a ration book.

Countless Worthwhile Tasks Are Performed By Special Service Section

You might call special service section at the Big Spring Bombardier School the "jack of all trades" office which handles everything from insurance policies to correspondence courses, and to GI Joe. Cadet Primrose and Lieutenant Uplift, the office acknowledges its appreciation for the splendid cooperation which they furnish in the conduct of numerous activities.

Morale is high at the local field and it is the job of special service section to keep it that way. More than 100 members of the local post have been helped over rough bumps by temporary loans on easy terms with no interest. Emergency loans are granted those soldiers whose families are distressed or suffer hardships because of war.

The library, which functions through special service section contains over 4,000 volumes to suit all literary tastes. Latest issues of popular magazines, periodicals, newspapers, etc., are also stocked, and a complete up to the minute "Tech Order" library is available to provide the solution to any knotty problems. Comfortable furniture, a quiet atmosphere and pleasant

surroundings make the library a number one spot for the soldier who likes to read in quiet and comfort.

Another vital service rendered by the department is the maintenance of government insurance for service men. Ninety-seven and three-tenths per cent of all the military personnel on the post carry government insurance with the average policy amounting to \$9,213.58.

In the sale of war bonds, special service section officers state that approximately 90 per cent of the post military and civilian personnel buy war bonds regularly by allotment. Payroll deductions are nearing the 10 per cent goal.

Special service office is in charge of athletic equipment and has purchased more than \$1,000 of bats, balls, gloves and other athletic equipment for the physical training department in the last four months. More conditioning equipment will be bought with contributions which are made to the welfare and recreation fund.

Army institute courses, handled through special service section, provide leisure-time educational opportunities to all the army personnel. Over 500 selected subjects, covering every field of learning, are offered. Scores of men at the local field have won promotions or prepared themselves for better civilian jobs by taking these correspondence courses.

Spanish classes are maintained by the office and are open to all service men. Classes are held in the post library every Monday and Thursday. The department encourages squadron parties and frequently provides the entertainment. It invites outstanding personalities to the post, and last but not least it conforms a highly important research function, by studying the attitude, interests and condition of the troops.

Has Prominent "Pusher"
 HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — When Marie Antoinette Allen, now only a few weeks old, starts her photographic album of the great events in her life, she will be able to start it off with a most unusual one. It will be a picture of Gertrude Lawrence pushing her home in a "pram" from the hospital in which she was born. Miss Lawrence was doing fatigue duty in a Red Cross Station.

Bananas Came in Tinfoil
 NEW YORK—Ponder this when you'd like to slice a banana over your breakfast cereal: More than 2,500,000,000 bananas were imported into the United States each year before war curtailed their import. Yet, back in the latter part of the last century, when the fruit was even more of a rarity than at present, each banana was carefully wrapped in tinfoil.

Prominent Visitors Include Foreigners Prominent Officers

Since the Big Spring Bombardier school is one of the four Bombardier training groups in the famous bombing quadrangle, high ranking officers and even visitors from foreign countries often arrive here for inspection tours.

About the middle of June a group of Chilean officers spent a day and night looking over the school and its equipment. They were conducted here by Major W. T. Jones, United States Army Air Force American Mission in Chile.

The foreign officers included Lieut. Col. P. I. Saraso, director of primary and cadet training in Chile; Col. R. G. Bisquert, Chilean operations chief; Lieut. Col. F. J. Latorre, Chilean tactical officer.

One outstanding visitor to the

field was Brigadier General Isaiah Davies, commanding officer of the 34th Flying Training Wing, and former commanding officer of the Midland AAFBS. General Davies spoke to class 43-2 which graduated in January, and was also here for the bombing olympics.

Major General Gerald C. Brant, Lieut. Col. Emmett B. Cassidy, and Lieut. Col. Roy P. Ward, all from Randolph Field, were interested spectators at the recent olympics.

Other visitors have included Col. Milton M. Murphy, Lieut. Col. Louis M. Gregory, both of Santa Ana, Calif. field; and Lieut. Col. Joseph G. Russell, Carlisle, N. M.; who also watched the olympics.

Major Manning D. Sell of Randolph Field Public Relations Office, made a tour of inspection here as did Lieut. Col. Jack K. Tingle, headquarters 8th service command, who was conducting an annual general inspection. Major Henry G. Stein of Randolph Field special services office, also toured the field for a general inspection.

A feminine visitor of note was Jacqueline Cochran, who is now head of the woman's ferry command and training schools such as that at Avenger Field, Sweetwater.

Famous Doug "Wrong-Way" Corrigan, in the ferry command, has been an ever night visitor at the field several times en route to other points to deliver planes.

Major General Ralph K. Yount, commander of the flying training command, and Major General H. C. Harmon, commander of the Gulf Coast Training Center, have also been visitors here.

Brigadier General L. Walton of the West Coast Training Command was also here during the bombing olympics.

PRO Performs Services For Home Towns

Keeping tab on every officer, cadet and enlisted man stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School, and keeping their home town newspaper informed on what they are doing at camp, are only two of the many jobs which come under the duties of the public relations office at the post. The office serves as a contact between the civilian population and the army, releasing information to the public concerning military activities and the men in service.

Capt. W. E. Turner is in charge of the office, which publishes a daily news bulletin, "Flashes From the Front," along with an early morning news summary.

Personal data files known as "dope sheets" on the service men are maintained by the office and in the case of cadets, home town newspapers are notified of arrival at the local school for training.

Upon graduation a cadet picture is taken, perhaps with his mother or sweetheart pinning on his wings, and sent to his home town along with a personal story on his cadet training. When awards are made for the outstanding bombardier, etc., personal data on the honored graduates is also released by the public relations office, along with pictures.

Another major duty performed by the office is to see that personal data on each cadet, with a picture, is sent to the Army Air Forces Headquarters at Washington, D. C., where they are filed for future use.

The office also handles publicity for bombing olympics which are held every three weeks, and is in charge of the selection of graduation speakers. Pictures for cadet class books are furnished and assistance is given in making pictures for general release.

They also sponsor a 15-minute radio show over KBST on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, interviewing the personnel of the various offices of the field.

Then there's the distribution of magazines, posters and pamphlets, which comes under the duties of the office, as well as of publicity for army drives, such as recruiting for WACs and army specialists.

When the personnel of the department isn't too busy, countless hours are spent answering questions which come by mail and telephone concerning the post and the soldiers.

Some scientists believe the tyrannosaurus, greatest of the reptiles on earth before the coming of man, could leap through the air.

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The training of skilled bombardiers has become one of the most important phases of our way program—and an outstanding unit in this training is the Big Spring Bombardier School which, in a year of operation, has sent forth 12 classes of men to help speed Victory.

For a first year of outstanding operations, we are glad to extend congratulations and best wishes to Col. R. W. Warren, his officers, the cadets and the enlisted men. We're behind you to the utmost!



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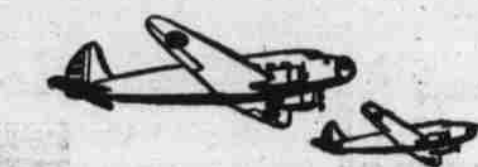
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Axis Is Dealt Staggering Blows During 'Year Of The Bombardier'

Gen. Davies' Predictions Are Remarkably Correct

"The year of the bombardier" — that's what Brig. Gen. Isaiah Davies, commanding general of the 34th Flying Training Wing, spoke of before members of graduating class 43-2 at the Big Spring Bombardier Field on Jan. 28.

Catching it in colorful terms, the general then told the fledgling bombardiers of the part they would have in a mighty tide of destruction for the Axis. He was conservative, even so. Bombing had, by that time, become an established bombardment routine for growing Allied forces and steady forays on fighting objectives were routine. Bombers had led out with artillery in blasting the Hun losses at El Alamein and it was the bomber that kept Marshal Rommel reeling all the way across North Africa on his way to doom for his abandoned armies in Tunisia.

By April the weather was improving. While American planes were skipping across the Mediterranean to pound Axis supply bases and plaster Naples on the Italian mainland, first of the air armadas across the English channel got under way with feeler at-

tacks on Amsterdam. On April 17 the tempo had been stepped up so that the RAF and American forces did not consider the loss of 71 planes out of proportion for one raid.

May brought the first of the mighty waves of explosive wrath from the skies. RAF planes carried out mass bombing by night while American Flying Fortresses and Liberators slugged it out by day. On May 5 Dortmund had felt the pulverizing blow of 1,500 tons of bombs. Within a week Duisburg had been shattered with a like tonnage.

Three days later the Yanks were over Emden with 150 of the big Fortresses bombardiers picking out objectives with accuracy and gunners mowing down intercepting Nazis like pigeons. The next day British allies added the spectacular bombing of Mohne and Eder dams. U.S. forces followed up with sensational distance raids on the Skoda works at Pilsen, and on Bremen. Essen was almost obliterated and Hamburg was given a jolting warning of what was to come.

By the end of the month the RAF had dropped more than

12,000 tons of bombs on the axis. American tonnage was unannounced but formidable.

June brought only a quickening of the campaign. The RAF was dedicated to the task of reducing the Ruhr valley to a shambles. Industrial city after city was checked off the list with a cloudburst of bombs until the pall of death lay over the once busy war industries of the Reich. Americans offered no rest by day, for they pounded the valley too, and on June 11 angled northeastward to send 200 Fortresses over Wilhelmshaven-Cuxhaven in a raid that crippled the mighty German naval base. On June 22 they were so accurate in an attack on German synthetic rubber plants at Huls that the effort was called their "best."

Again the Americans announced no tonnage in the European theatre but added up 2,155 tons in assorted raids in the Mediterranean area where they had conquered two islands by air and softened up Sicily and Italy. The RAF, with its mighty Ruhr raids, had laid

down a record tonnage of 13,500 tons.

As a reminder to the Axis that 1943 was indeed the "year of the bombardier," Americans announced that the air force in England had been doubled by March and would be doubled by October.

The terrific bombardment continued, with the RAF devoting much of its time to Hamburg. This second largest German city caught 10 successive days of hellish punishment, and only weather brought momentary respite. Yanks bombardiers were dropping their "eggs" all over the continent. Bombing "shuttle service" to Italian industrial points was inaugurated. Sicily was invaded and Mussolini forced to resign.

Recapitulation of July's tonnage was not announced, but it was more than for June. Allies

were losing more and more planes, but they were exacting an unbelievably large toll from the axis in blasted cities, transportation and industries. In the air, the axis lost four to six planes for American one downed.

All this was in the spotlight zone. Planes from the Middle East roared over Rumania to shatter oil fields. They shook the world with an attack on Rome. They blasted a path for advancing Americans and Australians in the Solomons where the Jap base of Munda was taken. They hit the Japs in Burma and stepped up the tempo in China. Attu had been hit and taken, and now Kiska was being softened.

And yet — the peak was not come. Truly, 1943 has been and will be "the year of the bombardier."

'Soldiers Good Tenants' Population Influx Necessitates OPA Control Of Rent

With designation of Big Spring as the site for the Big Spring Bombardier school, sudden problems arose, and one of the most important was housing. With few places available and many applying for rooms, apartments, and houses, the old law of supply and demand started rents zooming higher and higher.

The natural result of this was that Big Spring was placed under a critical area zone and under the regulations of OPA's Rent Control office. Rents were frozen as of March 1st, 1942.

Charlie Sullivan, who is now director-attorney for the office, has handled 3,061 registrations of rental units since the opening of the office December, 1. Of this number, approximately 500 units are occupied by the military.

During the nine months of operation, Sullivan points out, the office has never had an eviction notice for non-payment of rent entered against a member of the

military. Also, many Big Springers claim that soldiers are the nicest tenants.

In fact, Sullivan declared that some of the landlords registered at the office have explained that they don't really want to rent spare bedrooms in their homes, but they just want to help out some soldier and his wife whom they have met.

Some landlords express immediately a preference for renting

only to soldiers and although the military as a group is the same as any other large group, the majority in Big Spring have been good tenants, according to Sullivan's reports.

When the office first opened, it was only a branch office of the San Angelo office, but on June 1st of this year it was changed to an independent office in the Lubbock district instead of the Fort Worth district.



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Famed Magician Now Army Air Corps Sergeant

George Dukish, former resident of Youngstown, Ohio, is professionally known as George Abdul Du Kish, master magician, but today he's just George Dukish, sergeant in the U.S. Army air corps, stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Dukish, like many other professional entertainers who are today serving with the armed forces, often appears in camp shows for the entertainment of soldiers.

Before entering the army, Dukish won the world's record for a "buried alive" performance at Verbeke Park in Shenandoah, Va., and nearly paid for it with his life because an electric signal failed to work.

He remained underground in a regulation burial casket for one hour and 15 minutes, fully an hour beyond a previous record accredited to the late Mohammedan mystic, Ali Bey.

His wife and partner, known as Mme. Del Mar, insisted on his rescue as time passed at an alarm-rate with Dukish giving no signal.

During his stay underground, Dukish tried to remain calm in the hope that his wife would sense that something was amiss. This, he asserts, enabled him to survive, as excitement would have added to his predicament.

Another of his famous feats was an escape from restraints consisting of 50 feet of sash cord, two auto skid chains, fastened with nine locks and a pair of European handcuffs, while imprisoned in a burlap bag. According to records, this feat took Dukish one and one half minutes.

He's very interested in the army, and somewhat glad for a rest from his profession. He is writing a book in his spare time, and reads palms as a hobby.

Probably the reason he ranks as a first rate top kick is that he can always turn the rookies into little white rabbits if they fail to follow an order.

Before the war, more than 30 nations had sent accredited representatives to the Vatican.



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Doing It the Hard Way

FORT MYERS, Fla.—Bernard Selkin, prior to his induction in the Army, wrote the best-seller, "How to Get a Commission in the Army," which sold 75,000 copies. Selkin was recently "commissioned" a corporal at Buckingham Army Air Field here. Maybe he should read his own book.

SHIH Solicitors

FORT WORTH — Somebody who wanted to get rid of a dog, but didn't want to see the dog injured, left the animal tied to a tree near Fort Worth, with this sign nailed to the tree: "Please do not turn the pup loose unless you want it, on account of cars running over it."

Our Good Wishes Go To Our Army Friends On The Occasion Of The 1st Anniversary Of The Big Spring School



When you have to come down—Come down real "easy"—

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Weather Office Is Kept Busy

First Lieutenant Earl Jones, Palestine, Tex., directs the activities of the weather office at Big Spring Bombardier School. It is a 24-hour job for West Texas is subject to quick changes in wind and temperatures and those changes must be recorded for the fliers of the field.

The enlisted men of the weather squadron are on duty around the clock. Under the direction of Lieut. Jones they chart the winds and make their daily forecasts, forecasts which decide whether or not the bombing missions at the school will continue on schedule.

In a typical day the weather group makes several clearances for transit ships, forecasts the weather for the Big Spring area and sends the regular daily forecast to Avenger Field at Sweetwater.

Clearances for transit ships are made on the basis of reports received from all over the country. A plane arrives at Big Spring, bound for Tampa, Florida. Within a few minutes the alert weather squadron has completed a chart showing the pilot the kind of weather he might expect to meet on his trip to the coast. The forecast for Avenger Field is a daily task. The Sweetwater training center has no weather squadron, is dependent on the local station for its terminal forecasts.

Each of the men of the squadron is specially trained. The turn-

over in personnel is large for many of the men gain experience at the local station and then are sent directly overseas to serve combat units in the same tasks. Lieut. Jones is well equipped for his position. In civilian life he was employed by the United States Weather Bureau. When war came he continued working for Uncle Sam but exchanged his civies for a uniform. He studied at Texas University and graduated from the Army Weather School at the University of California in Los Angeles.

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Ellis Homes— Housing has been one of the most difficult problems confronting Big Spring during the past year, but now with Elliss, a FPH project nearing completion, some of the pressure may be relieved. One group of typical housing units, with exterior red brick tile and the interior divided into apartments of varying sizes, are pictured above. The project is located adjacent to the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Housing Shortage Relief To Be Provided By Nearly Completed Ellis Homes

Within another month, perhaps 50 units of the Federal Public Housing Authority project, known as Ellis Homes, adjacent to the Big Spring Bombardier School will be available for occupancy.

Worst construction difficulties now seem to be past and with the job at least 75 percent completed, O. R. Walker, project engineer, believes some units will be ready by the middle of September. Barring major hitches, all should be ready by the last of October.

Done in red brick tile, the project embodies 33 housing structures, which in turn contain "no bedroom" one, two and three bedroom units.

The basic unit is the "no bedroom" affair, which in reality is a two room apartment with a daybed arrangement. The living room, in which the daybed is located, connects by folding doors with the kitchen. Opposite the kitchen wall is the bathroom with shower, etc. Flanking this is a spacious closet.

One, two and three bedroom units are similar to this except that bedrooms connect. Uniquely designed are the three-room units, for they are staggered against one-bedroom units so that if there is an exceptional demand for two bedroom layouts and not so many for three, conversion may be effected by simply panelling or opening a door space.

Inside walls of tile are painted white, floors are of hardwood, plumbing and kitchen fixtures standard plumbing, walls of sheet rock on studs. Some of the units will be furnished and these will contain oil ranges, oil heaters, refrigerators, etc.

Outside, arrangements have been made in the backyards for individual clothesline space and for garbage racks. Streets run among the structures and all

ground area will be sodded. Center of the unit is the administrative building, which, in addition to offices, contains a community kitchen for canning demonstrations, etc.

Basically, those eligible are immigrant civilian war workers in need of housing, and military personnel at the post. Families, of course, are included. Generally, the term immigrant applies to those who have come here to work at the post, or who have been living in make-shift or temporary quarters such as trailer houses, shacks, etc., or those who live beyond practical commuting distance.

Included in the rent are water and electricity for lighting and ironing.

Number of persons permitted to occupy each bedroom shall be determined by the bedroom's capacity to provide for adequate furniture and healthful, comfortable sleeping arrangements. Only family units are permitted — that is, no unit will be rented to separate individuals, such as two working girls, two war workers, etc., although in some instances cohesive family units may arrange for

lodgers. Occupation or military rank has a direct bearing on the cost of apartments, the rentals schedule shows.

Civilian workers will pay \$21 a month for an unfurnished no-bedroom unit, \$24.50 for a one-bedroom unit, \$27.50 for a two bedroom unit and \$28 for a three-bedroom unit. This same schedule prevails for enlisted men receiving a monetary allowance in lieu of quarters (normally through the first three grades).

Officers (not above the grade of captain or warrant) will pay \$27.50 for the no-bedroom unit, \$31 for one-bedroom units, \$34 for two-bedroom units, and \$37 for three-bedroom units.

Enlisted men not receiving a monetary allowance in lieu of quarters (normally below the third grade) will pay \$11 for an unfurnished no-bedroom unit, \$14.50 for a one-bedroom unit, \$17 for a two-bedroom unit and \$19.50 for a three-bedroom unit.

In all cases where the apartments are furnished, these costs will be added to the gross rental; No-bedroom \$3.50, one-bedroom \$4, two-bedroom \$6, and three-bedroom \$8.

Sergeant Trains Four Dogs For Sentry Duty At Bombardier School

While officers at the Big Spring Bombardier School have spent a busy year training bombardiers and soldiers for the battle front, they have, nevertheless, gone to the dogs... but merely for help. Playing a greater part in the defense of our nation, the K-9 Corps was organized recently to furnish dogs for sentry duty in the army camps and in battle areas all over the world.

Sgt. Herman Seale, stationed at the local post, volunteered for a six-weeks course in training dogs, and was transferred to specialized training school at Fort Robinson, Neb.

He was issued four dogs, a German shepherd, a husky, an Irish water spaniel and a collie, all meek rookies who had just joined the army, and who were accustomed to back-door feedings and plenty of affection.

Sgt. Seale was taught first to train his dogs for obedience and then alertness. Following this came the dirty work! Each of the dogs was tantalized and antagonized with the pop of a leather sack which stung and made him snap. Each day the routine was continued, along with more lessons in alertness and obedience to their masters.

After several weeks, the animals became really vicious, ready to snap at anything and easily agitated. During this time, the ser-

geant had a sample of their schooling himself, for while feeding them, one snapped at him leaving more than just a memory as proof that they had been good students.

Upon graduation from the K-9 training school, Sgt. Seale returned to the Big Spring Bombardier School with his charges, which had come to mean more to him than just dogs. Through kind treatment by Sgt. Seale, they had learned that he was their master and that he was to be trusted. Today, they would let nothing harm him, and would never think of harming him themselves.

The four, Gusto, Skeeter, and two named "Rex," are making their home at the local field. They can stand guard from eight to 12 hours, showing an advantage over regular soldiers on sentry duty.

The word has made the rounds at camp, and even though they were nice "doggies" at one time, they're not to be tampered with now!

REMARRY AFTER 34 YEARS KERMIT — "Hot Tamale John" Thomas and his former wife are together again after a 34-year separation. He is 75 and his wife, whom he recently remarried, is 61.



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Officers

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Lieut. Schnuelle, a native of Fairbury, Neb., was graduated from high school there in 1929 and spent several years studying at an advertising school in Omaha before entering the investment and securities business.

He enlisted in the army as a buck private in May of 1941 and his rise from the ranks has been unusually rapid. For only a little more than two years after his enlistment he was appointed post adjutant. He was commissioned at Miami Beach, Fla., in December of 1942.

Operations

The Operations office represents the commanding officer on the flying line, but that simple statement involves a myriad of duties which the office performs. It is headed here by Major Victor H. Walker.

The main function of the office is the movement and control of aircraft traffic. It records the movements of all incoming and outgoing planes and army, navy, and marine pilots check it for weather, course, and time of flights.

The office keeps records on the altitude of planes in flight and position and reports at regular intervals are made to the office on flight progress.

Major Walker is a native of Newcomb, N. M., and after graduating from high school in Farmington, N. M., he attended the University of Colorado. In civilian life he was associated with the firm of Charles Iliedi and Co., in Albuquerque. A pilot of many years flying experience, he received his commission in June, 1935 at Gallup, N. M. He resides with Mrs. Walker and their two-months-old daughter at 1711 West Third street.

Personnel

No one comes in the army, goes out or moves up or down, takes leaves or changes stations without the personnel office of the bombardier school knowing all about it. For the office, headed by Major Miner A. Gleason, keeps the records that are a permanent file on every soldier.

Major Gleason, who calls Trydall, South Dakota, his home was graduated from high school there and later attended the University of South Dakota where he was commissioned in the infantry reserve in 1937. He spent four years as a salesman for Remington-Rand. March 5, 1941, he was transferred to the Air Corps reserve and has been in active service since that time.

While in school Major Gleason was active in baseball and basketball. He is unmarried. The personnel office's work is mostly concerned with keeping a complete and accurate military record of the army's enlisted men and that is a job that doesn't stop.

If a man is discharged, dies, deserts, his service record and papers are forwarded to the adjutant general's office for permanent record. And while he is in the service, personnel office keeps a finger on him with its records wherever he goes.

Post Surgeon

Major Paul H. Rankin, Sharpville, Pa., received his medical training at the University of Pittsburgh. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In civilian life he was in private practice. He has been in the Army Medical Corps since June of 1932, being commissioned June 6, 1932 at Pittsburgh, Pa., and has been stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pa., Camp Livingston, La., Randolph Field, Kelly Field and Midland Field, Tex. His title is post surgeon, which also makes him the commanding officer of the station hospital.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Capt. John T. Bender, Jr., is post intelligence officer. Capt. Bender's home is in Albany, N. Y. He attended Albany Academy



Olympics—Cadets from the Big Spring Bombardier School have been all over the board in placings since the inauguration of the Flying Training Command all-American bombing olympics, but none have done quite as well as the first team which was barely nosed out of first place in the original meet at Childress on May 22. Shown, left to right, are Thomas H. Black, Jr., Evansville, Ind., Lawrence Lieshus, Brooklyn, N. Y., who came within a hair of being the first all-American bombardier, and Gustaf E. Johnson, Brockton, Mass.

and Yale University, and in civilian life was a publisher. His wife, Mrs. Doris Bender, and their three sons reside at 239 South Main Avenue in Albany, N. Y. He was commissioned in New York in May, 1942.

This office concerns itself with the security of the field. In addition, Capt. Bender, as recorder of the aviation cadet examining board, is available at all times to youths who are interested in becoming members of air crews through cadet training. His office, in Ground School No. 1, is available to prospective cadets desiring information as to how they may make applications.

Air Inspector

Maj. William M. Hendrix, post air inspector, whose home is in Cookeville, Tenn., attended Duke University at Durham, N. C., and Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala. He has previously been stationed at Ft. Bolivar, Va., and Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas. His wife, Mrs. Rosemary C. Hendrix, resides at 800 South Princeton here in Big Spring. A pilot with over 2,000 hours of flying time, he is in the regular army.

The air inspector might be likened to a bank examiner, in that his job is to inspect and report on all training activities on the field. He covers the three provisional training groups, the north and south engineering, checks mechanics training and crews, chemical warfare activities and even ground school and department of training activities. He is responsible for the changes in regulations as they affect these activities. He notes and suggests changes in training, manner of operation and ground school subjects.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Paul S. Dewell of Pierre, S. D., graduated from Pierre high school and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He had ROTC training and for 18 years was in the national guard. He was a battery commander in the 147th field artillery before coming into the air corps. He was commissioned in 1925 at Pierre and has been stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., Ft. Ord, Calif., Lake Charles Army Flying School, La., and the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

Maj. Dewell was associated with the Pierre National Bank in civilian life. His wife, Mrs. Miriam Dewell, resides with him in Big Spring at 1902 Johnson street. They have one son.

As director of base services he is in command of all services that handle the administration and supply on the post. Included in these are the 365th mess, guard, quartermaster, ordnance, chemical warfare, civilian personnel, budget and fiscal, special service, insurance, bonds, transportation, finance, post office, post exchange, band, motor pool, signal communications, motor maintenance, engineers, range, provost marshal, as well as the WAC and service squadrons. In other words these are the organizations on the field not directly connected with the flying and training activities but which are most necessary to keep the field running. In addition, as executive officer, Major Dewell handles details, other than policy, for the commanding officer.

Technical Inspector

Capt. Jas. A. Reynolds, Post Technical Inspector. Captain Reynolds, whose home is in San Antonio, Tex., was born in Bridgeport, Ala. He served in several major campaigns in World War I, spending a total of 15 months in war theatres and in the Army of Occupation. Mrs. Reynolds resides at 338 Compton Ave., San Antonio, Tex.

The work of the staff of this office, headed by Capt. Reynolds, consists of a monthly inspection of every airplane, all hangars, buildings and areas on the flight

line. Included also is all plane equipment as well as parachutes, in fact everything connected with the actual flying equipment of this field. Consolidated reports are made to the commanding officer as to the condition of all the above. It might be said that this department takes inventory monthly.

Station Supply

The station supply office generally supervises all supplies and equipment on the field. It edits all requisitions and work orders, makes a detailed report to the status of all aircraft, equipment and supplies used here. The office is comparatively new, having been activated just a few months ago.

First Lt. Myerl M. Reeves, the station supply officer, is a native of Omaha, Neb., and was purchasing agent for a large motor transportation firm before receiving his commission at Miami Beach in April of 1942. The lieutenant and Mrs. Reeves reside at 201 11th Place, Big Spring.

Administrative Inspector

Major Gordon R. Willis, administrative inspector, is from Lexington, Ky. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he was associated with Escott, Grogan and Co., certified public accountants, in Louisville. He had R. O. T. C. training from 1926 to 1930. He was first commissioned in May of 1930 in the reserve corps at the University of Kentucky and has five and a half years of active duty. His wife, Mrs. Helen Willis, son James, aged 9, and daughter Mary, 6, reside with him here at Big Spring.

The duties of the administrative inspector cover periodic inspections of the various organizations and departments of the field. In a sense he serves as the eyes of the commanding officer. He checks with the financial accounts

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hardier School finishes close second in first Flying Training Command Olympics at Childress. June 24—Class 43-9 graduates.

July 4—Service men take in rodeo staged for their benefit; 100 youths inspect post to get glimpse of bombardier training.

July 7—Phil Dorn, actor, visits post; housing project adjacent to post named Ellis Homes.

July 10—Graduating class goes on first maneuvers for field.

July 15—Class 43-10 graduates. Aug. 8—Class 43-11 graduates. Aug. 15—Bombing olympics held here; audience of 7,000.

'Sinful Seven' Play For Air Force Men

An orchestra within an orchestra is the "Sinful Seven," a part of the Big Spring Bombardier School post orchestra.

Necessity being the mother of invention the seven piece band was formed when it became necessary to have two orchestras the same night.

The "Sinful Seven" is under the direction of Cpl. Stanley Baugh and members are Sgt. Winslow Chamberlain, Pfc. Robert Featherstone, Pfc. Gerald Glass, Pfc. Forest Hansen, Cpl. LeRoy Wilkins.



Says:

We are glad to extend hearty congratulations to the personnel of the Big Spring Bombardier School on the occasion of the first Anniversary of this school.

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We are proud of the progress the men at the Air School have made during the past year and what they have meant to Big Spring. We appreciate their patronage. May the B.S.A.A.F.B.S. continue to play an important part in "The March to Victory."



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Part of the record, to be sure, was in effective fire control, which nipped blazes before they reached the spectacular stage. The remainder was the result of a more prosaic but even more effective program of constant fire prevention.

An elaborate system of fire

alarms which originate from phone boxes on telephone poles over the post area and show up on lighted discs in the chief's office, and a ticker tape device which shows exactly where a fire has been reported in any of 12 areas of the post hospital, have helped to hold down losses.

The department has six trucks, two of them pumbers with a total capacity of 1,250 gallons a minute, two crash trucks and two other trucks for combating brush fires on the target ranges.

In charge of the department is Eli C. Gaylor, assistant chief is Thomas A. Morris, while crew chiefs are Howard V. Crocker and Claude A. Self, Ernest B. Bethell handles the records.

Army Big Tape User
CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — It takes nine miles of tape to provide one Army division with "dog tags" or identification markers and the paper used in a month at this camp in issuing orders would cover six acres of ground.

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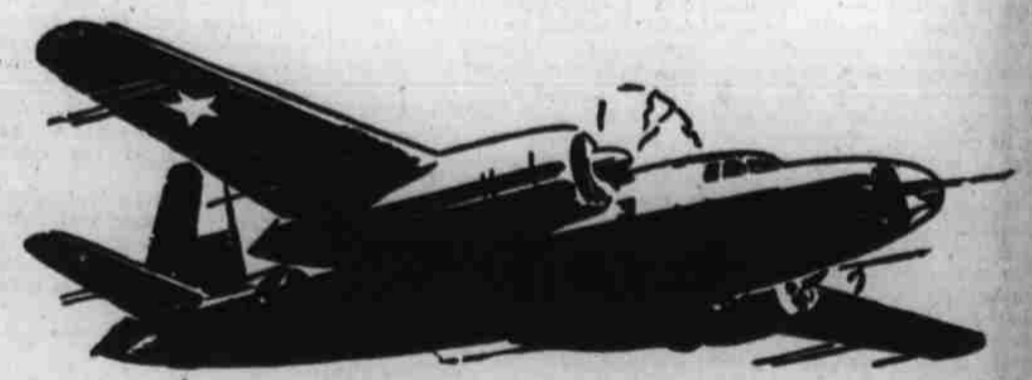
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Acres Of Bombs— Training bombardiers is one of those processes of learning by doing, and thus the routine calls for hundreds of bombs to be dropped daily. To stay well ahead of the training demands, the 2052nd Ordnance has worked with civilian contractors to lay in "acres of bombs," shown below. First step in the preparation of practice bombs is to uncrate the bombshells. Then they are loaded with sand from a mobile machine, upper right, which passes along the bomb racks. Faster than any loading equipment in use at any other bombardier school, the machine could service up to 3,000 bombs daily with ease and more if imperative. After sand is put in the shells for weight, workers tamp (upper center) and add the powder load so it will register when striking the target. A different type of missile is the water bomb (upper left), which weighs 58 to 60 pounds. In a year's time, more than 320,000 bombs have been dropped by Big Spring Bombardier School cadets.

Terror Mothers Figs
LA BELLE, Fla.—A three-year-old fox terrier, weighing 12 pounds, recently adopted and is nursing two motherless pigs who now weigh more than she does. The little dog, owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Frierson, is also the foster-mother of an orphaned litter of kittens.

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Serving as a home away from home for the soldiers stationed at the local field, the Big Spring USO club at 102 Runnels, was remodelled at a cost of \$12,000 and officially opened Sunday, June 6, with ceremonies in the main lounge.

Covering a floor space of 9,500 square feet, the building was

planned and furnished by the National United Service Organization counselor, using a harmonizing color scheme of soft yellow, tan, rust and green in the upholstered furnishings and other equipment.

The building includes a main lounge, two game rooms, a snack bar, locker room, ladies lounge, writing room, recording room and adjoining patio garden.

Since its opening last winter, Ross Clarke, who recently resigned his post has served as director. He has been assisted by Mrs. Ann Gibson Houser, program-director, and Mrs. J. H. Farmer, bookkeeper.

Countless parties, picnics, and dances have been held at the club as entertainment for service men, and through organization of the soldier center, many other clubs have started.

The Bomba-Dears, a group of junior hostesses, were organized last winter with Mrs. Ben Carter as sponsor. Not only do the girls serve as dancing partners, but they aid in the various service activities which are carried on at the USO.

The Girls' Service Organization, composed of all junior hostesses, was organized under the leadership of USO headquarters. The group includes approximately 150 members, all of whose applications have been approved by the USO governing board.

As with other local organizations which serve on regular schedules at the club, Big Spring church women serve as volunteer hostesses on Sunday afternoons during hospitality hour.

Recreational features at the club include ping pong, pool, shuffle board, chess, Chinese checkers and many more forms of entertainment.

Services rendered by the USO are many. They maintain a register of vacant apartments, bedrooms and houses; meet trains and buses which bring visiting relatives; mend army uniforms, (sew on chevrons and replace missing buttons) and furnish transportation to the local swimming pool.

As time progresses, their duties increase, their entertainment schedule broadens, but through splendid cooperation with local townspeople and merchants, they are doing the job which has been assigned to them, making the USO a successful recreation center.


City Scouts Raise Gardens

NEW YORK — Country Boy Scouts have nothing on city Scouts this summer. More than 5,000 Scouts in New York have rolled up sleeves and, helped by handbooks, are raising Victory gardens in empty lots and in alleys near apartment houses to help the war food problem. Brooklyn alone has 2,023 Scout gardens.

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Life in Big Spring Nowadays—

Army Has Effected Many Changes In Community

Many are the changes which have been wrought during the first year of operation of an army post in Big Spring. One year ago today, first of the soldiers to be assigned to the Big Spring Bombardier School milled around street corners, as much subjects of curiosity as they were curious about their new "home." Today, natives no longer consider uniforms and the surplus of men out of the ordinary. Even the appearance of WACs, occasional WAVEs, and the uniformed army nurses creates no undue notice. In short, Big Spring, thanks to the Big Spring Bombardier School, has become military conscious.

Many things else have happened, too. Cafes have been crowded to the point that heavy demands and rationed supplies create feeding problems. Laundries and cleaning and pressing shops have been swamped so much that some have had to close for a week at a time to catch up. Theatres have shown to big houses almost constantly, taxis have flitted about incessantly at all hours of the day and night.

Clothiers, particularly those who handle uniforms, have done land office businesses. Dry goods and semi-men's stores have swung to stress military lines. Stores have stocked many gift items and novelties. Despite rationing, business has been in the dream class.

So great has been the influx that housing has grown and con-

tinued to be a perplexing problem, even with a 30-extra unit lease-conversion and a large FPMA project. Utility facilities have been taxed and in the face of a summer drought, the city has been confronted by a water problem aggravated by double consumption.

Social life has been altered. Military personnel and their wives and children have taken their place in activities. Clubs have been given military names, and night spots have catered to army men, to cadets and to officers. Old lines have been dissolved by an influx of new people.

Turnover in the population has been accelerated with new residents flocking to fill new positions here or to work in connection with the bombardier school, while many old timers have moved on for the same reasons. People no longer ask old friends how goes their business, but cautiously ask: "Do you work at the post?" Churches have welcomed liberal sprinklings of uniforms in the congregations. Various institutions have grown to depend upon army personnel or their wives for leading support. Celebrations and parades always include prominent spots for the army.

In fact, enough has happened to the community in a year to furnish Shine Phillips with enough material for another chapter in his "Biography of a Prairie Town."

RAISE CHICKENS ATOP PENTHOUSE

NEW YORK—A poultry farm 24 floors above the city's streets is the way two New York men are tackling the fresh chicken and egg problem.

William J. Flynn, building superintendent, and Michael Kautman, his electrical assistant, have set up a chicken farm atop a penthouse. Although they are raising their flock of 36 Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks with only the aid of directions printed on feed bags, they regard themselves as successful poultrymen.

"We feed them right, according to directions, and they get plenty of greens that we carry up to them to make up for the fact that all that grows on this roof is gravel," Kautman explained as he gazed proudly at the clucking charges.

"You know," he said, "we've had broilers for dinner two Sundays in a row and scrambled eggs! Say, we are having scrambled eggs for breakfast every day from here on out!"

PATRIOTIC CARROT

NEDERLAND, Texas. — Bill Doornbo found a symbollic carrot in his Victory garden. It had grown into a "V."

Typical Day For Cadet Crowded With Work, Study And Flying

The life of a cadet, even with its promise of a commission and those coveted silver bombardier wings, and a crack at the axis is a 12 week period of the hardest mental and physical work that a soldier can undergo. Into his three months training period he crams a lot of knowledge of navigation, meteorology, military courtesy and a dozen other equally important subjects.

A day in a cadet's life leaves no time for day dreaming, no time to sit and think for 15 minutes or study from 4:40 a. m. to "lights out" at 10 p. m. every weekday.

On a typical day the cadet is routed from bed while the majority of people are still sleeping. He eats a working man's breakfast at 5:30 a. m. and by 6 o'clock is in class or flying to one of the bombing ranges.

He gets to knock off at 11:15 for dinner, not lunch, and then in the afternoon he is either studying again or flying. He is busy all afternoon, counting his hour of physical training which is as strenuous as the rest of his day, until 7:15 p. m. when he eats supper.

Unless he is abnormally bright and can get through without studying, his hours from after dinner to lights out are spent in more study.

Multiply a day like this alter-

nated with three weeks of flying at night, when the cadet is allowed to stay in bed until 8 a. m. but flies until the wee small hours, and you get a rough idea of cadet training.

It might seem that such sheer drudgery day in and day out, for three months would get the cadets after awhile but they talk, eat and sleep flying and bombing. In terms that leaves a civilian out in the cold, they zoom and turn with their hands and talk a gibberish that only another bombardier cadet could understand. Cadets have even been known to talk this way on their one night out, Saturday, when feminine company is present.

But morale isn't even a question among bombardier cadets at the Big Spring Bombardier school. They must march in formation whenever they move from one spot to another. They march to classes, to "chow," to F. T., and to the flying line, but as they march they sing the kind of songs that marching men have always sung.

The songs are spontaneous expressions of good health, good humor and good spirits. The cadets are not above "G. I. griping" (as only a soldier can gripe), but they are happy, healthy and learning the part in the war that they'll play to win a final victory.

ACTUAL COMBAT CONDITIONS ARE SIMULATED DURING MANEUVERS

On the first maneuver, a good percentage of the staff was caught flat-footed by an "enemy" gas attack, but most of the maneuvers, under which combat conditions are simulated, have worked wonders with Johnny Doughboy in getting him ready for the rigors of hook and crook modern war, and now Bill Bombardier is using the instrument to good advantage.

Although the program of maneuvers for bombardier cadets did not originate here, the Big Spring school is among the first to adopt it as a part of the training of its graduating classes.

Now, as regularly as graduating day approaches, the outgoing class gathers full field equipment and rolls away to a barren West Texas bivouac and puts in a week-end of work similar to that which might be expected if they were at a North African airbase. This week the third Big Spring class is in the field.

First the advance units head for the maneuver area to set up camp and prepare mess facilities from a field kitchen. When other enlisted men, along with bombardier cadets and officers arrive, matters are immediately put on a combat basis.

Cadets are selected for the guard. Sometimes there is guard mount and combat precautions are exercised in changing reliefs. Equipment is camouflaged and supplies spread in dump areas to prevent one bomb from destroying more than limited amounts of material.

Signal corp equipment is put into action from atop the makeshift control tower which overlooks runways chopped out of West Texas brush country.

Problems are assigned to cadets and are handled through operations. Not only do bombers roar away to make mass and precision attacks on "enemy" objectives, but they also must be dispersed to avoid concentrated damage by

raiding craft.

listed men had on their masks and were firing away at the raider.

There are few of the "modern conveniences," for cadets are given a taste of the conditions under which they probably will be taking their crack at the axis. About the only thing lacking is a little bombing of the bivouac area or some flak coming up from "enemy" objectives. Ingenious army men may figure that out, too.

Staff for the current maneuvers is as follows: Maj. Robert W. Miller, group commander and commanding officer of the maneuvers; Maj. Eugene R. Magruder, operations officer; 1st Lieut. James W. Strudwick, group senior instructor; 1st Lieut. John H. Hand, assistant group senior instructor; 1st Lieut. Martin F. Head, Jr., supply officer; Captain Raymond H. Vunk, medical officer.

Control of Erosion Is Continuing Job

Prevention of erosion is a continuing project at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

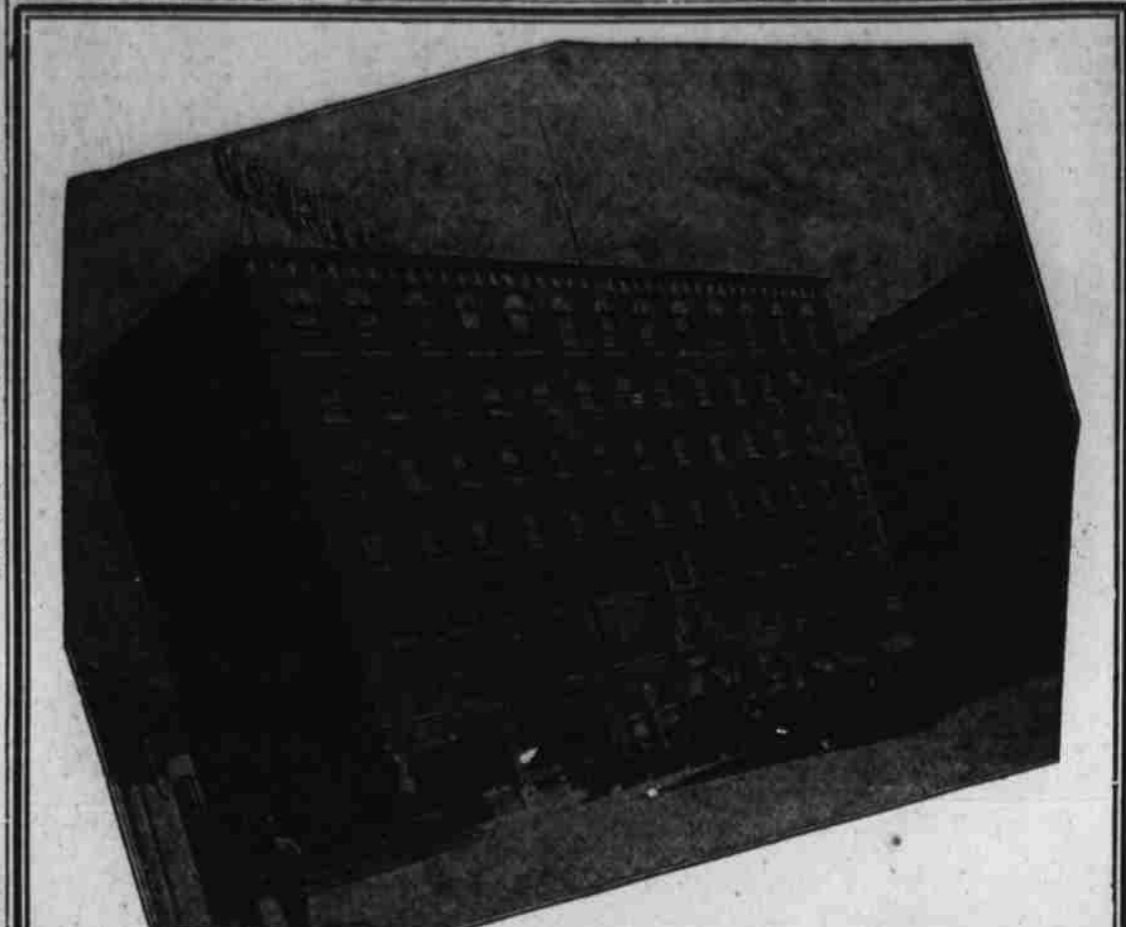
During its year of operation, several score tons of fodder was distributed over the landing area to maintain mulch, reduce dust and foster grass growth. In addition, hundreds of hedge plants were put out to reduce wind erosion on the post and bermuda sod planted to reduce water damage. Currently, the program is slackened due to cooperation of the post in conserving city water supplies.

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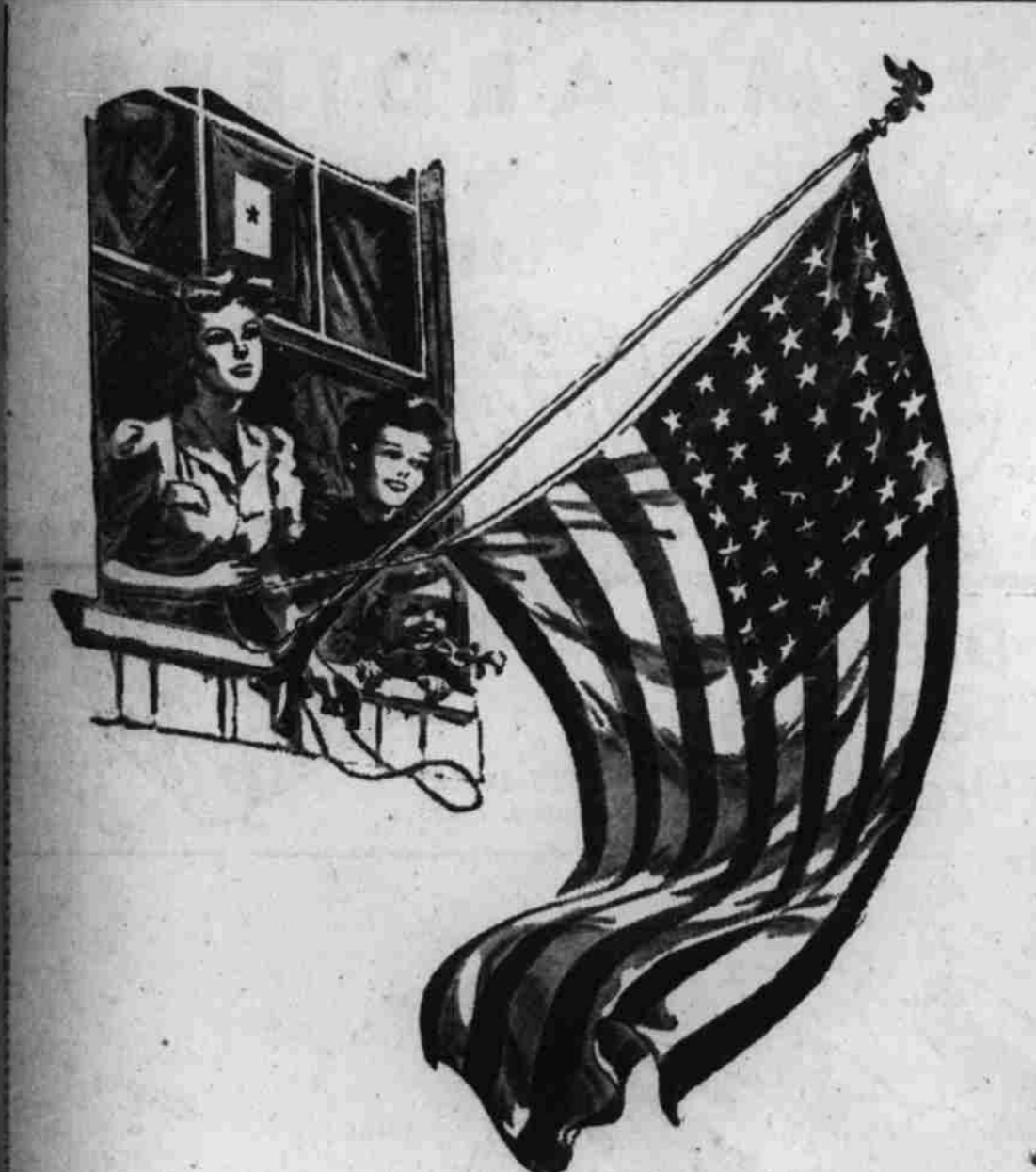
The Crawford Hotel is proud that its facilities have been so favorably received by the officers and men of the Big Spring Bombardier School and their friends, during AAFBS's first year.

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TRAIN DISTURBS SLUMBER

SAN ANTONIO—Police agreed with Willie Acosta that he had picked a silly place for a nap. He was knocked off the M-K-T railroad tracks in the midst of sound slumber. He was treated for minor injuries.

SERGEANT EYES RODEO

SNYDER—Sgt. Elmo Favor of Snyder, who is at present riding hard on Jaws in the South Pacific, is confident that he will be back at his favorite sport in 1944. He cabled Snyder rodeo officials recently: "Enter me for wild cow milking contest in 1944."

Big Springers Are Enthusiastic Over School And Cadets

It's hard to find a native of Big Spring who doesn't have something nice to say about the military personnel at the Big Spring Bombardier school. The consensus is that the town has one of the finest posts in Texas and certainly the nicest soldiers.

From law enforcement officers, to trades people, to the local feminine population, it would seem that Big Springers heartily okay the soldiers stationed here.

"Take the soldiers from a law enforcement angle, something the moss backs worried about at first. According to Sheriff Andrew Merriek there is less soldier trouble here than in any place he knows about. "There's no doubt about it," the sheriff says, "soldiers in this war are better than they were in World War One. They even taught us to look mean then while soldiers now are the nicest appearing and acting bunch I ever saw."

Then take the tradesmen who deal with soldiers in downtown stores. They, too, have nice things to say. According to J. W. Allen, grocery store owner, the post brought a lot of swell people to town and it has been a grand thing for Big Spring. William M. White, meat cutter, says "The AAFBS is the most wonderful thing in Big Spring. I'm glad

that it is a bomber school, though, and not an army camp, for our town is too small for many soldiers."

Justice of the Peace Walter Grice has officiated at many of the weddings of soldiers and their home town girls who arrive here to be married and he sees the soldiers during another phase in their lives. "The majority of soldiers that I've read marriage vows for here have been perfect gentlemen, nice boys, the kind of fellows that you like to do something for." And he is true to this feeling for he has helped many a newly married couple find a place to live and even ended up once by taking in a couple as renters of his own spare bedroom.

Take the girls who spend a lot of their time dancing at the USO and helping to entertain the boys at the cadet club on weekends. They are doing all they can but none seem to complain about the time given.

Jo Ann Switzer, radio announcer, says that she thinks the girls have done a lot to make the boys feel at home but does believe the townspeople could do more in the way of arranged entertainment. From a practical viewpoint she believes that the post has done business here a lot of good. There is no doubt that the girls certainly enjoy the social opportunities afforded by the post.

A woman who probably knows more soldiers than any other person in town is Mrs. Ann Gibson Houser, program director for the USO and, as she says, her opinion is probably prejudiced concerning soldiers at the BSAFBS. But, she explains, "the boys who come to the soldier center are morally, mentally and physically the cleanest bunch of soldiers I ever saw." She goes on to explain that their likes in music run to the classical side, and their choice of books to good literature.

Take all the opinions, lump them together, and the story is the same. Big Spring residents like the idea of an army post. They also like the soldiers stationed here.

Many AAFBS Men Marry In Big Spring

There's really something in the uncertainty of war which hikes the sale of wedding rings and orange blossoms, and the old adage "absence makes the heart grow fonder," is ringing true, what with so many men away.

In the last 10 months, the chaplains at the Big Spring Bombardier School have performed approximately 70 marriages, and wedding ceremonies here in town involving airmen, have numbered about 50 or 60.

Contrary to popular belief, ministers and chaplains agree that only about five per cent of marriages today are what have been termed "war marriages." Officers, cadets and enlisted men nearly all marry childhood sweethearts who come to Big Spring from all over the nation. Some weddings are elaborate while many are simple ring services.

Chaplain James L. Patterson and Emeric Lawrence request couples contemplating matrimony to contact the chapel office about 30 days before they plan to be married. They have long talks with the prospective bride and bridegroom, pointing out the seriousness of marriage, the responsibilities and the uncertainty during wartime.

Both chaplains agree that all the couples are extremely nervous during the ceremony and sometimes get mixed up on the vows they must repeat. Seldom ever do they misplace the ring and never does the groom forget to kiss the bride.

Probably the quickest marriage to terminate was one performed for a negro soldier and his common law wife. After four years, they decided to take a trip to the altar, upon the request of the AAFBS Red Cross headquarters.

In dead seriousness, the chaplain asked the negro soldier if he loved "Liza, and with "cross his heart" conviction he told the chaplain that "it was sho' love." Liza was questioned and amid tears and smiles, she admitted, "Yes, I loves him" . . . so the couple were married. Only they didn't live happily ever after, for the very next Saturday night, "Liza ditched her true love, and ran off with another negro soldier.

Special Service Section Handles Entertainment For Men At Air School

There's more to winning a war than just fighting, and one of the greatest factors in keeping up military morale is wholesome entertainments in the form of barbecues, picnics, watermelon feasts, rodeos and dances.

Through special service section at the Big Spring Bombardier School, a constant schedule of entertainment has been maintained, highlighted with special features on holidays, during the first year of the school's operation.

On New Year's Eve, 1943, the first enlisted men's dance in the post recreational building was held with approximately 2,000 persons attending. Since that time, twice each month, a dance is held with special entertainment programs and decorations on Easter, April Fool's Day, July 4 and Valentine Day.

Music for dancing is furnished by the post orchestra and floor shows are presented during intermission, with special entertainment such as jitterbug, waltz, and fox trot contests. Cologne, make-up kits or similar gifts are presented to the girl winners and cigarette lighter, mending kit and billfold to the winning soldier contestants.

Also planned entertainment for soldiers was the rodeo which was held here recently honoring service men of the post, who were admitted free of charge. The show

was sponsored by the Big Spring USO club, through the courtesy of the special service section.

Squadrons often have watermelon feasts, picnics and parties at the city park and on scenic Mountain, with games and dancing and the selection of a squadron sweetheart.

Girls who attend the parties are invited by special service section, and a register containing their names is maintained by the office and revised each month. Miss Elouise Haley, post hostess in charge of invitations, states that when entertainments of any sort are held, about 150 girls must be called before the affair. Sometimes it requires two or three calls to contact each girl.

As an entertainment feature for new cadets, special service office, in cooperation with the post, sponsors dances in the post recreational building as a get-acquainted affair for the new class.

Accounted as one of the most entertaining affairs held at the field, the dances are highlighted by contests, such as selecting the cadet with the most beautiful ankles and the cadet with the prettiest figure.

Upon graduation, the men are honored at a farewell dance, preceded by a stag party and buffet dinner. Floor shows, sometimes put on by the cadets themselves, are also held.

U. S. Grant Asks Divorce

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Ulysses S. Grant, 22, great-grandson of the famous Civil war general, recently commissioned second lieutenant in the cavalry, is suing for divorce

here from Josephine Dalton Grant on the grounds of mental cruelty. She charges desertion. Grant is the son of Major Chapman Grant, USA.

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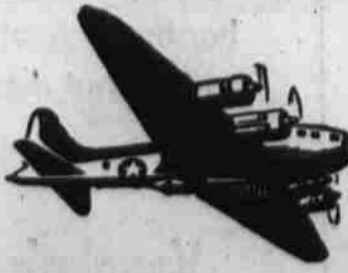
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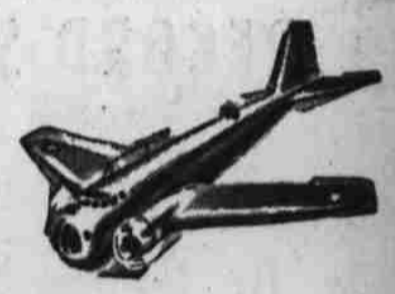


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The officers and men who have been at the post are playing their part, too — in instruction and administrative work, in servicing ships and in keeping the whole school functioning efficiently.

We salute all officers and men at the AAFBS on the completion of their first year. May they continue to shine as fighting men for Uncle Sam. And our friendly word to them on the school's first anniversary is — "KEEP BLASTING 'EM!"



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FOOD CONSUMPTION IS HEAVY

First Officers At School Have Seen Its Rapid Growth

Veterans of service at the Big Spring Bombardier School field are officers who arrived in Big Spring last June with the first contingent to lay the ground work and foundation of the field as it is operated now.

These men, many of whom have been promoted to higher ranks since their arrival a year ago, have seen the post grow from the first few and empty buildings to the busy, bustling post with a round-the-clock schedule.

One of the first men to arrive was Lieut. Col. A. B. Partridge, then a major, who is post quartermaster. He arrived here about the first of June last year and was soon followed by Capt. Earl R. Hury, who was then post utilities officer and is now post engineer.

Captain Warren Edson also arrived the first part of June and as a first lieutenant was assistant project officer. He is now civilian personnel procurement officer.

In July came Major A. E. Armstrong, then a captain, to take over as purchasing officer for post quartermaster. He is now holding the post of assistant quartermaster. Major M. A. Gleason, then a captain, went to work as personnel officer for the field. Next to arrive was First Lieuten-

ant W. M. Haack, medical officer, who is now a captain and has the job of ward officer in the medical detachment.

First Lieutenant Thomas R. McBrien, then a second lieutenant, arrived in July also as a quartermaster officer and with his promotion came the job of warehouse officer.

Arrival of Warrant Officer (jg) J. C. Merchant was the next to be announced by the post and he held the job of chief clerk of post headquarters. Promoted to the rank of chief warrant officer, Merchant is assistant civilian personnel procurement officer now.

Charles W. Pritchard, a first lieutenant, arrived as a member of the quartermaster corps and is now purchasing and contracting officer. Also arriving in July was 1st Lieut. William H. Gann, now a captain, who holds the post of assistant property officer in the quartermaster corps.

Capt. James R. Anthony, photographic officer, qualifies among the veterans of the Big Spring Bombardier School. He came here as a first lieutenant on July 26, 1943, long before he had any equipment save a camera, and has continued in his capacity in charge of all the post's photographic work.

Helicopters Safe Risk
NEW YORK—A large banking firm convinced of "the helicopter's" possibilities, with the elimination of most of the risks common to high-speed airplanes," has announced it will finance postwar helicopter purchases at standard automobile rates.

Mess Company Is Entrusted With Big, Complex Job

All idle talk to the contrary, army life is a pretty rigorous existence and a man can't stand up to it on cream puffs and bon-bons.

Whether it's on the line servicing planes or in the air dropping bombs, men have to be in good condition and maintain strength, and to the mess company falls this responsibility.

The job, as big and complete as it is, is further complicated by the necessity of preparing for large numbers and by the added consideration of constantly cutting down on waste.

To facilitate the feeding of the post personnel, several mess halls are located over the air base area, some for enlisted men, another for cadets, still another for officers, and finally the post restaurant.

The enlisted men's mess is typical. Food stuff is provided in staggering quantities. Well over a ton of potatoes goes into the daily menu. More than 150 gallons of milk are consumed and in an ordinary day the post may require over 700 loaves of bread, 300 gallons of coffee, 5,000 eggs, 3,500 apples, oranges, etc., 500 pounds of tomatoes, 300 gallons of cold drinks, 400 pounds of dried

beans, and other equally imposing quantities of food.

Perishables are stored in a battery of three refrigerators for each mess hall. The one for fresh meats can accommodate 25 beef carcasses. In a second are stored cured meats and dairy products and in the third fruits and vegetables.

Work is expedited by mechanical devices. Among the favorites are the "China Clipper," a steam dishwasher which cleans and dries thousands of pieces an hour, the potato peeler which takes the hides off 100 pounds of spuds in five minutes, and the meat cutter which can make short work of carving 200 pounds of choice beef in an hour. Others include the big dough mixer, the slicer, the shredder, baking unit, etc.

When chow lines form, the mess company can whittle them down at the rate of 600 men per 40 minutes at each regulation mess hall without rushing anyone. It's all done at the low cost of less than 60 cents a day for enlisted men, a dollar for cadets and \$35 a month for officers.

Naturally, there is bound to be an excess if men are not deliberately underfed. But mess officers have "watched" to see that men do not habitually let their eyes be bigger than their stomachs, and that food is not wasted. Constantly, this margin of waste is being reduced to help win the battle of food as well as the battle of bombs.

Of the waste items, many are salvaged, such as fats, bottles, bones, etc. Finally, what can't be converted into some war product becomes swill to be fed to pigs—which in turn help feed soldiers, civilians and our allies.

Careful Check Is Kept Upon Visits To Post

Visiting a soldier at the Big Spring Bombardier school is not quite as simple as it sounds for there are rules to be observed or you are likely to answer to the provost marshal's office.

Hours for visiting are from 8 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. and a check is kept to see you observe these rules.

Visitors arriving at the gate are stopped on the side of the road and ushered into the gate house where members of the military guard take name, time of entrance, type of car, license number, and the name of the person you are going to visit. This is made in duplicate and the copy kept in the office.

The person you go to visit must sign you out by putting his signature and the time that you leave him on the pass. This is turned in at the gate as you leave and the copy and original are clipped together. If there is evidence of your entrance and none of your exit, the search is on to find you and that missing pass.

There are other types of passes too. Permanent passes are given to wives of cadets, soldiers, and to employees of the field. These are photographic passes which must be turned in to the provost marshal's office when wives or employees leave the town.

Temporary passes good for wives of officers here on temporary duty or to employees on short time jobs are also given out for stated periods of two weeks, six weeks, etc. These are also given to wives and working civilians whose permanent passes are being made.

Records of the number of passes issued are kept from month to month in case something happens to cause an investigation. If that does occur, the authorities can tell not only who visited the post but the time of day and the person visited.

It may all sound complicated, but actually, it is an easy and efficient manner of keeping track of those who pass through the gates at the AAFBS.

WACs Put Trust In Crust
FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga. — WACs at Fort Oglethorpe believe the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, but it helps if he knows the name and address. So—when a WAC cook bakes a pie for the fliers' mess at nearby Lowell Air Field she puts her name and address under the pie crust.

The light sent out by the sun is 400,000 times greater than that which the moon reflects.

Vaudeville Has Most Appeal For Soldiers

Although it may seem strange, old fashioned vaudeville goes over better with Johnny Doughboy when the USO shows come to the Big Spring Bombardier School than do modern routines. A six-girl chorus line may get only meagre applause while an old time juggling act pulls down the house.

The servicemen look forward to these shows the moment they are notified one is coming this way and the theatre is always packed to its capacity. Approximately 15 shows have been sent here from the United Service Organization headquarters in New York.

The average revue features at least one Broadway act, almost all of the acts are of top vaudeville calibre. "Johnny" also kinda likes for the billing to have girls (easy to look at), singing, dancing, and mostly fun shows.

When the shows come to the field the usual run at the theatre is cancelled where it will be possible for two performances of the complete bill to play.

Hector and His Pups was probably the most popular act to appear on the Big Spring Bombardier stage. This act has been one of vaudeville's stand-bys for more than a score of years and features a group of dogs that do no tricks at all. Other "names" to appear on the stage were Sammy Cohen, comedy star of the famous picture "What Price Glory?" Joe Termini, Broadway comic violinist.

Lives Song Title
WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass. — "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition" is not just a song title to a preacher here. The Rev. James H. Burckes, pastor of the Second Congregational church, praises the Lord each Sunday with his congregation and during the week passes the ammunition as a war-worker in the General Electric Co. plant at Pittsfield.



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Army Chaplains Tell Of Work—

Duties Of Army's Spiritual Advisors Many And Varied

The life of an army chaplain is an interesting one. First of all, they're regular fellows. They can laugh and joke; they like choice bits of gossip, and yet they can tell a soldier the right way of life, giving him spiritual guidance in a way that he's glad to go to church, and eager for the knowledge of God and the right way of life.

Furthermore, they don't wear clerical collars, they don't speak in hushed tones, and they don't condemn the fellow in the guard house.

An interview with Chaplain James L. Patterson, Protestant minister, and Chaplain Emeric Lawrence, Catholic minister, proved that their jobs include more than performing marriage ceremonies and visiting post hospital wards.

Chaplain Patterson, native of Roanoke, Va., was licensed to preach in 1924, and was ordained in 1930. He began his ministry at Hickson, 9 miles out of Chattanooga, Tenn. In October of 1942 he entered chaplain training school, and was later assigned to Matagorda Island. At Bloomington his orders were changed and he was sent to the Big Spring Bombardier School.

He was graduated from Hewsawee College and received his A. B. and B. D. degrees at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Chaplain Lawrence, born in Mooreton, S. D., went to St. John's University at Collegeville, Minn., where he joined the monastery, and became a Benedictine monk in 1928. He was ordained in 1935, and

taught at St. John's one year. Later he attended Laval University at Quebec, Canada, and also studied French at Harvard University. Following this course he taught French and religion until January of 1943 when he joined the army. Now he's anxious to get into combat, and hopes to study French some day in Paris.

The duties of the chaplains are many and the results apparent. Through bunk notices (printed forms which are placed in every soldier's bunk) the men are informed of services and other religious activities. Attendance is good and the boys are unflinching in regular contributions.

Chaplain Patterson relates an experience which occurred recently: "We urged the boys to cut down on their contributions, and not to put so much money in the collection plate. The soldiers, thinking we were ribbing them for not giving enough, dropped in a few extra coins. After the money was counted, we asked them again to not give so much. Finally we were forced to explain

that because of the chaplain fund which had accumulated, contributions by the soldiers could be cut down."

Amusing incidents around the chapels are many. One Sunday afternoon Chaplain Patterson was stopped by a negro GI and asked to lend him a dollar. The negro explained that he would be terribly embarrassed if the collection plate were passed that evening and he didn't have anything to contribute. The soldier didn't show up for services, but came the first of the month, he was on hand with the borrowed dollar.

Assisting the chaplains is a staff of seven persons, including Sgt. Edward J. Schuttie, Aux. Mildred Simmons, Pfc. Roy Taylor and Mrs. Lou Phillips.

Jewish services are held regularly with Max Jacobs in charge and both chapels are used by the three faiths.

Working in a spirit of religious cooperation with the post, the chaplains serve as an undergirding spiritual force to men who seek guidance.

Soldiers Fail To Agree On Big Spring's Merits

Apparently it is hard to feel neutral about Big Spring and West Texas. At least, soldiers at the Big Spring Bombardier school are divided sharply into two groups. . . . those who hate the place and those who love it.

Those who claim this is a prairie town with nothing to recommend it to anybody, usually hail from small towns in the middle west or large cities on either coast. To them a place without a sea port, sky scraper buildings, blocks of night spots and their home town friends and relatives is just another place that should be given back to the Indians, if the Indians would have it.

Those who love the place are equally as vehement. They point to friendly citizens who have taken them into their homes and family circles, to accommodating clerks and store people who call "thank you, boys, and come back" just as if they actually mean it.

They point to the girls who spend most of their time dancing with them, planning parties for them, and just being "swell gals." If they've never been West before they knock them-

selves out writing back home about cowboy boots, horses, cacti, and other flora and fauna they've never seen before.

Soldiers who have seen many soldier towns usually admit that Big Spring is a pretty nice one. Used to buying their entertainment, however, they find few places to go and that's the main complaint.

A common remark voiced by soldiers is "Big Spring people are swell but there's nothing to do in this town."

City Is Finally Catching Up On Housing Needs

Asleep to its housing needs in the hurly-burly pre-war days, Big Spring has and is continuing to reap the harvest of overly conservative policy.

Only in the interim between declaration of war and the announcement that a bombardier school would be located here has there ever been any sizeable surplus of houses and apartments here, and a good proportion of these were marginal units.

Certainly, there has been nothing like adequate housing since construction of the base got underway. Today, despite some limited additions and a constant turnover of population, there seems to be no let-up in the pressing need for more quarters.

Individuals acted as best they could under mounting restrictions in 1942 to provide more housing by remodeling so as to provide apartments or bedrooms. Many adopted a practice of sharing the kitchen with renters. But all of this was not enough.

A battery of new homes in Park Hill experienced one of the most memorable arrays of obstacles on the road to completion for occupancy despite urgency or the need.

This year, however, there seems to be some relief in the making, although it probably will not solve the situation.

First of all, the lease-conversion program has provided and is providing some additional apartments. By the time the jobs are all complete, there will be 30 additional living quarters available to the bombardier school and civilian workers.

Second completion of Ellis Homes, the Federal Public Housing Authority project adjacent to the bombardier school, will provide a total of 167 assorted apartments ranging from those suitable for couples to those for families needing as many as three bedrooms. Currently, only part will be furnished, but it is possible most eventually will be. Thirty of these are suitable for couples, 46 have one bedroom, 61 two bedrooms and 30 three bedrooms.

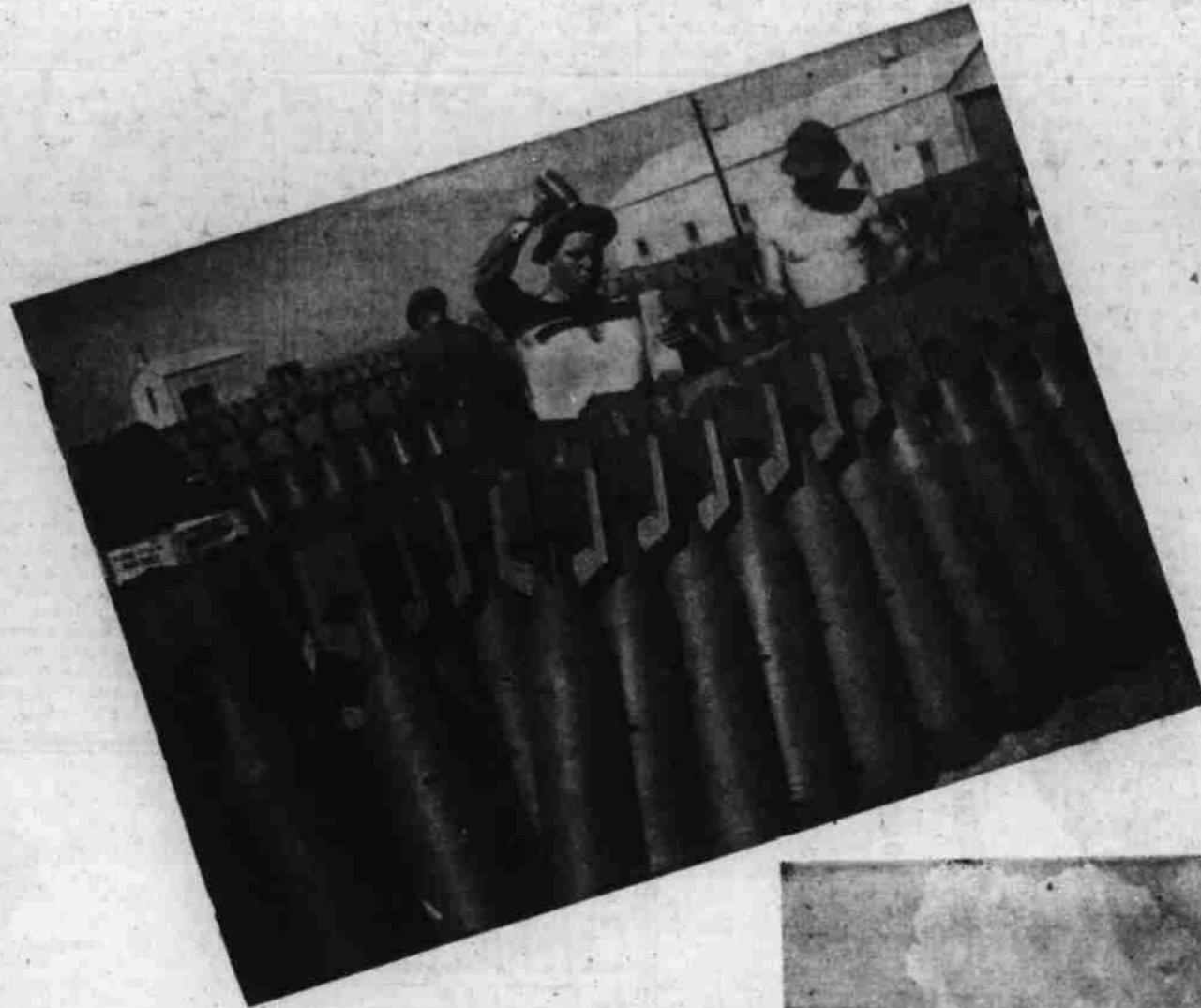
Even these likely will not solve the housing problem, although it will alleviate it. One of the benefits will be pressuring of marginal housing units into improvement if they are to remain in the rental picture. Civilians and soldiers forced to accept sub-standard accommodations will applaud that.

Last Driver Gone
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Edward Israel Stiles, age 85, the last survivor of the famous "20 mule-team" drivers of the Old West died here recently. In 1882 Stiles met "Borax" Smith and W. T. Coleman, outstanding figures in the development of borax in Death Valley, became a driver for them and showed them how to get the borax out, until the auto truck came along.

California's 1942 peach crop of 427,000 tons is the largest in the history of the industry.

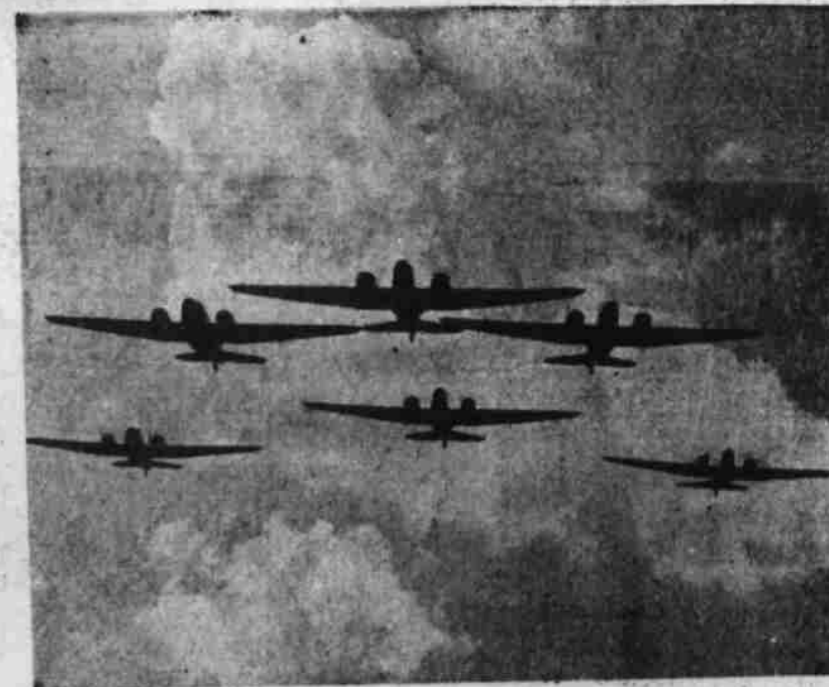
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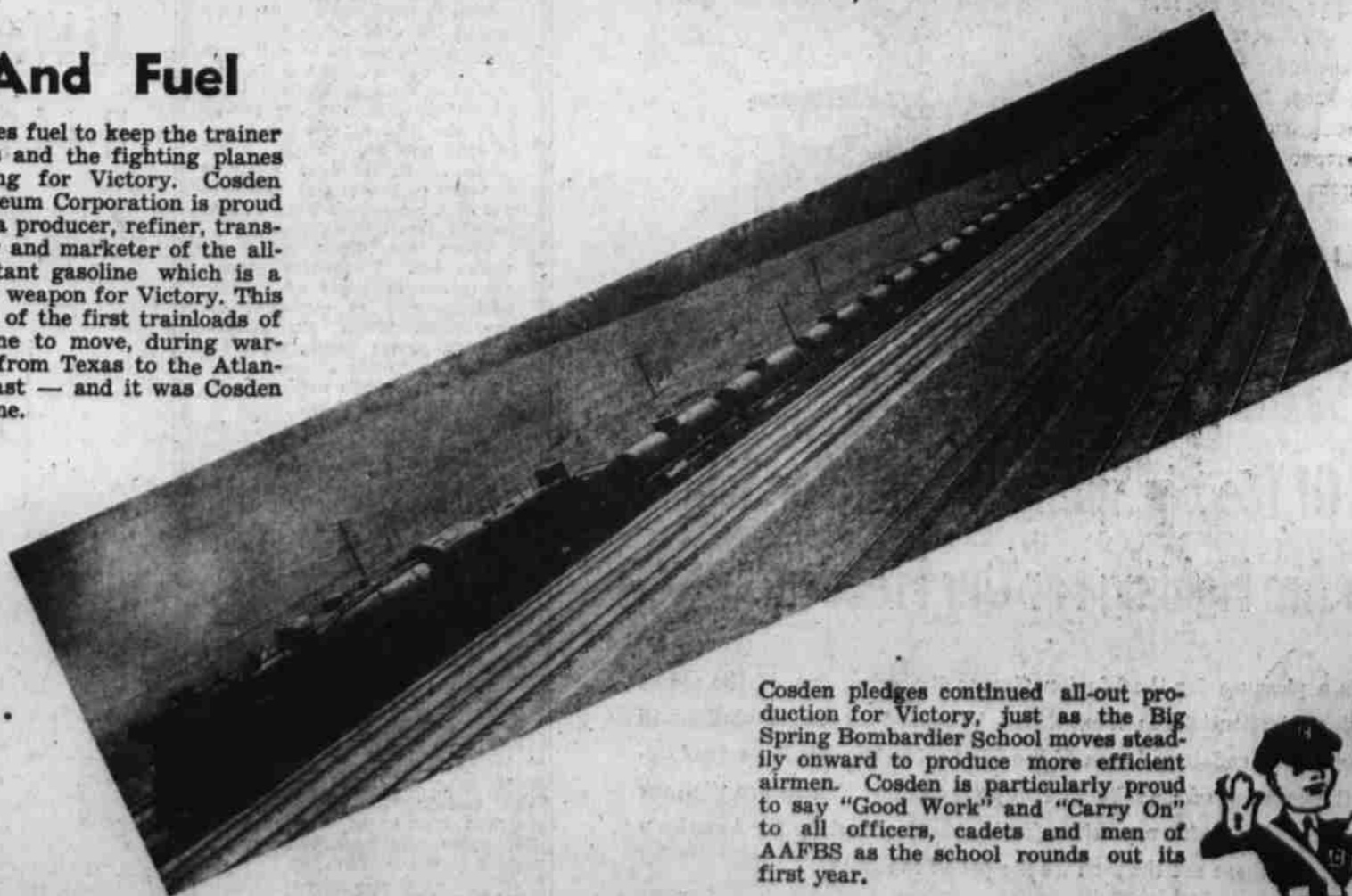


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