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Col. Turner Takes Command



Colonel Louie P. Turner, commanding officer of the famed 19th Bombardment Group, last week took command of the Bombardment Crew Training School—a consolidation of the Group and the Base organizations at Pyote Army Air Base. Much of the groundwork for the reorganization was laid by Col. Turner and based on crew-training experience here.

BASE, GROUP UNION DRAWN

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LEARN TO KILL OR BE KILLED

Col. Turner Heads New Base Setup

Reorganization Consolidates Group, Base Functions, Effects Savings

Pyote AAB Now Known Officially As Bomb. Crew Training School

Designed to streamline the training program of heavy bombardment crews in the Second Air Force and at the same time effect a reduction in the number of personnel necessary to run an Air Base, a program of reorganization and consolidation is being put into operation at this Base. This consolidation, calling for a sweeping revision of the present setup, will effect all stations of the Second Air Force and the Pyote installation is one of the first to take the initial steps.

Now officially known as the Bombardment Crew Training School, Army Air Base, Pyote, Texas, the organization will be directed by Colonel Louie P. Turner, who is the commanding officer of the 19th Bombardment Group. Col. Turner played a leading role in drafting the preliminary charts and plans for the consolidation.

"The prime purpose of this reorganization," Col. Turner said, "is to conserve manpower which is one of the most critical items the Army Air Forces has to consider. This is especially true of supervisory personnel. Under this consolidation, experienced men will handle jobs they are fitted for and, at the same time, other equally qualified experienced men will be available for assignment at other posts."

While the initial steps have been taken at the Pyote base, it is expected that it will be some time before the entire change can be effected.

Under the old setup Base organizations performed all "housekeeping" functions necessary to maintain a Base while parent Group organizations handled the training of heavy bombardment crews and, at the same time, were responsible for maintaining records on their own static personnel.

With the consolidation in effect, there will be no dual setup at one Base. Base commanding officers and Group commanding officers and their staffs will not exist as such at a training school such as Pyote but have been welded into one streamlined organization under the Station Commandant, who is solely responsible for the entire station.

For purposes of efficiency and expediency "housekeeping" and training functions are still separate. Each section has its own particular task to perform and there will be no overlapping of work. The position

known as Station Services will hold sway over all "housekeeping" functions and all static personnel and their records while a Director of Training will have complete charge of all phases of work connected with the production of efficiently trained and thoroughly schooled heavy bombardment crews.

Under this new plan, bomb crews will not take their training at one station. Previously training was spread, in some instances, over three different stations. The savings in manpower, money and materiel which the new move will effect will be widespread. Now the men will come to a Base such as Pyote from their respective schools, form crews and train together as a team and then will be ready to go forth as members of the best damned Air Force in the world.

Teamwork is the essence of all successful missions, and under this plan where all men will work together from the very beginning of their training program, they will be able to turn out their jobs with machine-like precision. In this way a maximum of efficiency can be attained.

One of the most important positions under the consolidation will be the office of Air Inspector. Careful and thorough inspections of all phases of the training program will increase the efficiency of the combat crews. Much of this inspection work was accomplished by two sections under the former Base-Group arrangement but now through consolidation all work of this nature will be concentrated in one office.

Plans calling for this reorganization and consolidation had been under consideration at the Second Air Force Headquarters for some time and after careful study the present chart of operations was worked out for stations of the 2nd AF.

Heavy bombardment crew training in this country has provided men of the Air Forces with the best in equipment and school-

To New Task



Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt Jr., who pioneered the Rattlesnake Bomber Base and built it to its present strength, has been transferred to assume command of the Army Air Base at Walker, Kansas. His farewell to officers under his former command and to the original cadre that came here with him was a tribute to a job well done.

Unit Gas Officers, Non-Coms School To Start Monday

Following necessary preparedness policy, a 32-hour course to qualify unit gas officers and non-commissioned officers will be conducted by the Base Chemical Officer, Lt. John A. Emmert, from November 1 through November 9, excepting Sunday.

Each unit with thirty or more strength will have at least one qualified member gas officer and two qualified member gas non-commissioned officers, and smaller units will have one such non-commissioned officer.

Enlisted men of sergeant grade or higher will be selected for attendance. Classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. each day at the Base Chemical Office.

Red Cross Worker New Assistant Here

Darrell Nutting, recently arriving here from Sheppard Field, Texas, is a new assistant field director of the Red Cross organization here, George R. Wild, field director, announced last week. He will conduct interviews, investi-

ing. The consolidation will streamline this program in such a way that greater efficiency can be expected and at the same time a savings in supervisory manpower, cost and materiel will be realized.

Col. Hewitt Takes Command Of AAB At Walker, Kans.

Colonel Louie P. Turner, the commanding officer of the 19th Bombardment Group, has taken over command of the Pyote Army Air Base as Station Commandant, to effect the reorganization of the installation as announced last week.

Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt Jr., who served as this Base's commanding officer since its beginning, has been transferred to the Army Air Base at Walker, Kansas, where he will assume command.

Arriving at Pyote on October 8, 1942, Col. Hewitt, a World War I flying officer, immediately began organization of this bomber base. On schedule three months later the Base, one of the largest of its kind, was activated.

Mrs. Hewitt while here served as Chairman of Volunteer Services for the Ward County Red Cross Chapter, president of the Officers' Wives Club, and took part in many civic activities.

Col. Turner was base commander at the Alamogordo Army Air Base, before coming here June 1, 1943, to take command of the 19th Bombardment Group. He is another of the Army Air Force's pioneers in heavy bombardment aircraft. He has been flying B-17s since 1938, less than a year after the first four motored craft was accepted by the AAF.

A veteran of military aviation, he got his wings at Kelly Field in 1926, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Regular Army in 1928 at Maxwell Field. He served as an instructor at Brooks Field until 1932. After several other stations he was assigned to Hickam Field, Honolulu, at the outbreak of World War II. But the Jap's sneak attack found him on the mainland on a ferry trip. Returning to the States in November, 1942, he was assigned to Alamogordo.

Native of Birmingham, Ala., Col. Turner attended the University of Alabama before entering aviation training. Among his outstanding flights: He piloted the first land-based plane to make landings at Midway and Wake Islands.

gate loan applications and the like. Mr. Nutting is from West Union, Iowa, and did chapel and home organization work with the Red Cross before beginning his present service.

Modern Medicine Helps Rout Age-Old Enemy Of All Fighting Men, Disease

Elephant Train Lumbers Along

(CNS)—One of the biggest, toughest and most important scraps the U. S. Army faced at the outset of the war was the fight on disease. It was the same fight every army has faced in every war—and a fight that most armies lost.

Ever since wars began, disease and infection have presented stupendous problems to armies. Almost all wars have produced higher mortality rates from disease than from wounds. In the Crimean War there were 192 deaths from disease to every 50 from wounds. In our own Civil War the proportion was almost 2 to 1. Even in World War I deaths from disease surpassed those from wounds in battle.

Today the story is different. Modern medicine is winning its ageless fight on disease. Despite the conditions under which the American soldier is living and fighting overseas his health is almost as good as it was back home.

One reason for the change is sulfa drugs. "Thanks to sulfa drugs," says Brig. Gen. Paul H. Hawley, chief surgeon for the Army in the European theater, "the man with pneumonia is back on duty within 10 days. It used to take him six weeks to recover."

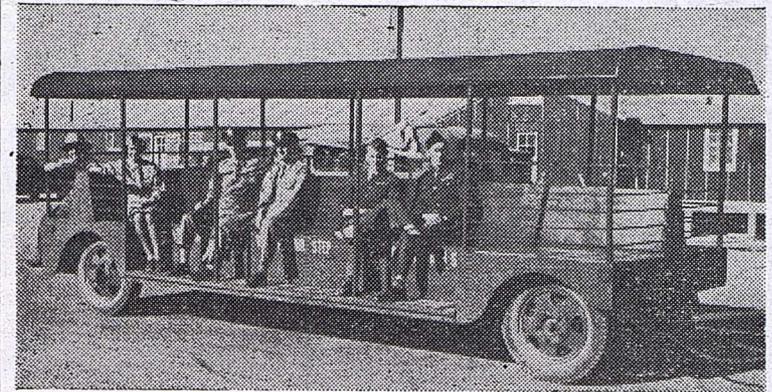
Another reason is penicillin, the new "wonder drug." Pencillin, an extract from a green mold, does things that even the sulfa drugs can not do. It was tried recently on some wounded soldiers who

had arrived from the Pacific area. Almost immediately their wounds began to improve. Within a week most of the men had improved to such an extent that operations could be performed. One of the cases had resisted treatment for months but, through penicillin, the wound was healed in 27 days.

The Navy has developed an amazing new serum to combat influenza. Doctors from North and South America are conducting a joint hemispheric campaign against leprosy. And the long, slow fight on malaria is being won.

The Army now has a vaccine which gives 100% protection against yellow fever. Typhus, still an ever-present threat in foreign lands, is brought under control by medical science. Typhoid has been routed by immunization. A new drug which will alleviate epilepsy has just been discovered.

Guarded always against disease, American soldiers also get quicker, more efficient attention today on the battlefield. "Grasshopper ambulances"—small, light, stretcher-bearing planes—zip men



This olive-drab, curiously-named contraption saves considerable GI shoe leather, seating 23 and making a regular Base run. The Ordnance Department dreamed it up and built it entirely of salvaged materials. Not shown, a truck pulls the bus slowly enough for passengers to hop on and off.

out of battle to hospitals behind the lines. Mobile hospital units keep right up with the fight. Hospital trains are rushed to the front. Blood plasma is always available.

Modern medicine has given the American soldier a better chance for health than any other soldier has ever had before.

Chubby Hugh Casey, ex-Brooklyn Dodger relief pitcher, won three games for Norfolk Naval Air Station in its series with the Norfolk Naval Training Station.

INTELLECTUAL INDIAN FINDS BRAINS KEEP YOU IN ARMY

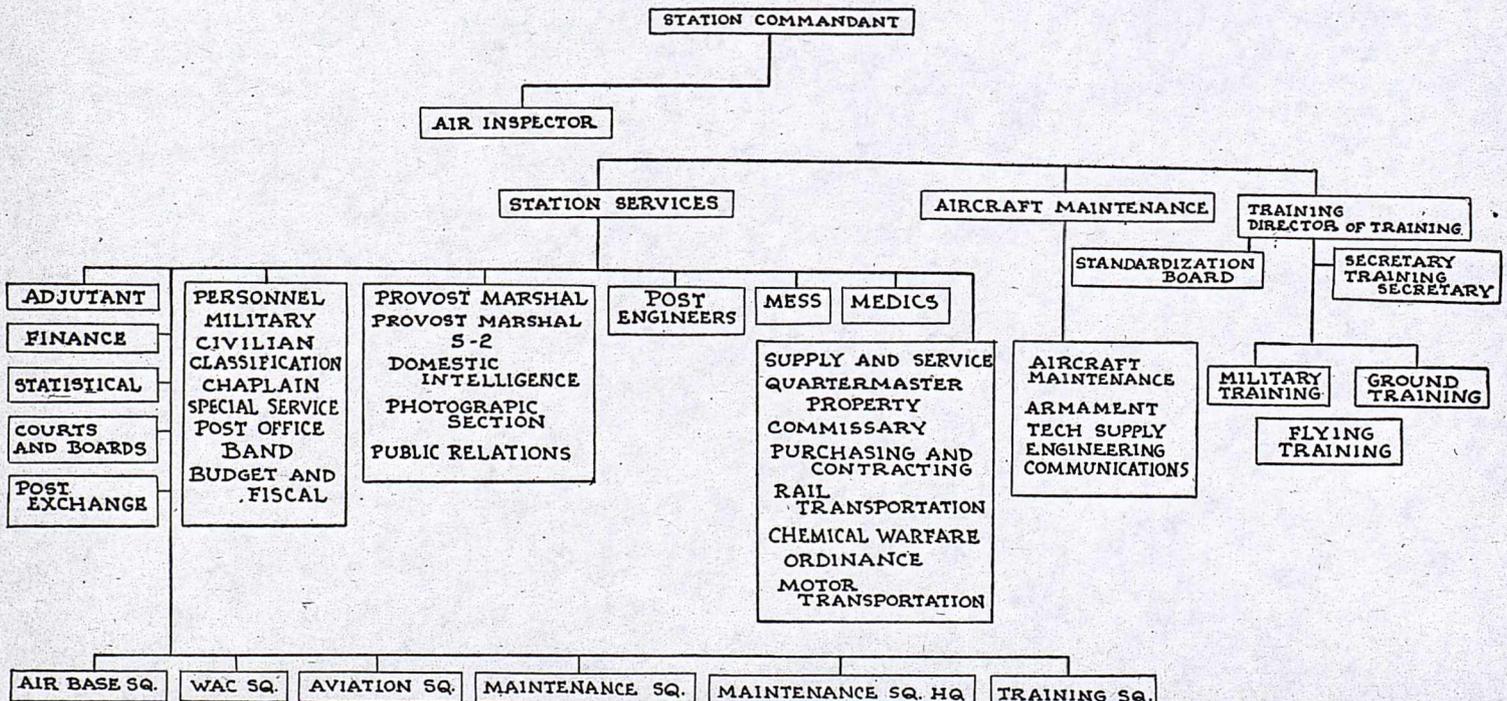
POCATELLO, IND. (CNS)—Every time the Army asked the Indian a question he replied "Ugh."

"What's the idea of sending us an ugh mug?" the Army demanded of the Indian's home town draft board. Informed that the Indian was educated well enough not to be ughing all the time, the Army went back to its questioning.

The Indian sighed. "Well," he said. "It was a good gag and I almost got away with it."

Base-Group Consolidation Plan

BOMBARDMENT CREW TRAINING SCHOOL



Proud Mother



Mrs. Vada M. Lane of Kermit, Texas, receives the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster from Col. Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant. The award was for her son, S-Sgt. James A. Dyson, reported missing in action over Europe.

Maternity Care Fund For Texas EM Wives Seen

Texas soon may enter the ranks of 45 other states now receiving and administering Federal maternity and infant care funds for the wives of enlisted men, according to a statement by Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, as reported by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The plan contemplates a \$35 physician's fee and 14 days ward care in a hospital. Original congressional appropriation was for \$4,000,000, with a later bill providing 18 millions more. High approval of the program has come from states in which it has been operating for some time.

The Texas Attorney General reportedly has cleared up certain difficulties hampering the State's participation. Dr. Cox states that representatives of the Children's Bureau, Federal Department of Labor (which administers the program nationally), were to confer in Austin on installation of the program. The State Board of Health is expected to meet soon to pass on participation in the plan.

According to the Fort Worth newspaper, Dr. Cox hoped the Federal funds would be available in less than 60 days. Texas GIs soon to become fathers can cross their fingers and hope the same.

Mrs. Vada Lane, Kermit, Receives Air Medal; Son Lost In Europe

18 Officers, Men Also Honored For Meritorious Deeds In Combat

Mrs. Vada M. Lane of Kermit, Texas, received at Saturday's weekly revue here the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster for her son, Staff Sergeant James A. Dyson, who is reported missing in action. The ceremony was the first of its kind at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base.

Col. Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant, presented the award in an impressive ceremony. The citation was for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe.

Provisional group officers held the spotlight in last Saturday's revue competition with the Sturdivant Officers cinching first place with some snapping marching, and the Schmid Officers sharing second place with the 435th Bomb Squadron. The 390th Aviation Squadron and the Medical Detachment tied for third place honors.

In the close competition, four organizations were abreast in fourth place: 28th Bomb Squadron, Schmid Enlisted Men, Sturdivant Enlisted Men, and the WAC Detachment. The Van Haur Officers were next in line, and sharing sixth position were 93rd Bomb Squadron, Van Haur EMs, Base Headquarters Squadron. The 30th Bomb Squadron brought up the rear.

For meritorious achievement while participating in operational flights during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected, 18 officers and enlisted men of the 19th Bombardment Group (H) also were presented the Air Medal by Col. Turner in the ceremonies Saturday.

Receiving the awards were:

Major Edson Sponable Jr., 30th Squadron.

2nd Lt. Stanley C. Jackola, 30th.
M-Sgt. John A. Lindgren, 28th.
M-Sgt. Vance S. Sheets, 93rd.
M-Sgt. Glenn W. Phillips, 28th.
M-Sgt. Lewis C. Anderson, 30th.
T-Sgt. Vernon O. Elder, 30th.
T-Sgt. John R. Mackley, 28th.
T-Sgt. James M. Henderson, 28th.

T-Sgt. George A. Burke, 30th.
T-Sgt. Howard J. Randall, 30th.
T-Sgt. James L. Hickey, 30th.
T-Sgt. Delbert M. Clair, 28th.
T-Sgt. Lloyd D. Whipp, 30th.
S-Sgt. Hollis D. Cox, 28th.
S-Sgt. James R. Carr, 28th.
S-Sgt. Ray D. Holcomb, 28th.
Sgt. James H. Holcomb, 30th.

Engineers Toil Toward Tokyo With New Road

(CNS)—American Army engineers in India are building a rocky road to Tokyo which someday may lead right up to the Mikado's front door.

Right now the Yanks on this project are 3,000 miles away from Hirohito's house, but already they have chopped their way through mountains and jungles from the Indian frontier far into Japanese-held territory in Burma, building a roadway along which Allied armies can roll.

Assisting the engineers in constructing "The Tokyo Road" are Indian and Chinese workers and Chinese soldiers led and trained by American officers, who are pushing the Japs back into the jungles as the building progresses.

Immediate purpose of this new Burma road is to supply attacking forces in the fight on the Japs. Its second objective is a meeting with the old Burma Road, now held by the Japs, so that supplies may reach the Chinese by land as well as by air.

The trail goes through the heart of the head-hunting Naga tribal country and winds into the lost reaches of the Burmese wilderness. The farther the road reaches into Japanese territory the greater becomes prospect that the engineering force will meet the Japanese patrols. For this reason, a large force of Chinese soldiers, led by American Brig. Gen. Hayden Boatner of New Orleans, is operating far in advance of the engineers.

Gen. Boatner's Chinese troops have had repeated skirmishes with enemy patrols but have succeeded in keeping the Japs so far away from the road that none of the engineers have ever seen any of them.

In this way the "Tokyo Road" is growing—through swamp and morass, over hills and through valleys—inching along into Burma.

Fighting Man



T-Sgt. George A. Burke, 30th Bombardment Squadron, is a proud young veteran indeed, as he receives the Air Medal, to add to his Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross.

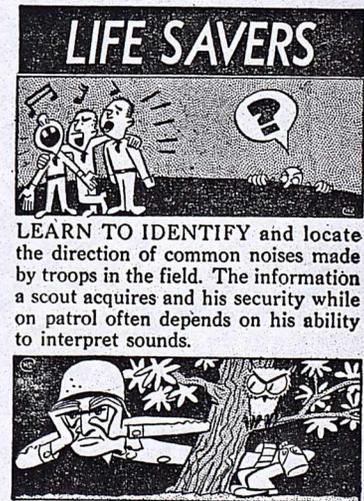
Singers Are Needed For Chapel Chorus

With the approach of the Christmas season, more singers are needed in the Chapel Chorus.

Anyone who would like to sing in the chorus should report to Chaplain Edwin W. Norton at the Base Chapel, Thursday at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES SCHEDULED

Mrs. Mabelle New Homes, Christian Science Wartime Worker for Pyote AAB from Pecos, Texas, will be in the Base Chapel each Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to meet with those interested in Christian Science. She will conduct services on that day at 8 p.m.



"OWL EYES" WILL help increase the effectiveness of your night vision when scouting. Cupping your hands around your eyes enables you to focus better in the area you are observing.

Venereal Disease Control Problem Being Attacked Vigorously Here

Military, Civilian Authorities Must Have Each Soldier's Cooperation

Col. Leonard G. Rowntree, chief of the Medical Division of Selective Service, lately declared that the Nation's venereal disease record is a "disgrace", added that infected men purposely are being inducted rapidly and treated to make a big dent in the problem.

That Texas is no exception is found in Dallas' typical statistics, a recent weekly increase in new cases from 68 to 100 reported to the city health department. Both instances found syphilis more prevalent than gonorrhoea. Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer has announced an intensified control campaign.

That local conditions are no exception either is indicated in this base's venereal disease control statistics. In April the rate of new cases was 14.5 per thousand per annum. During the next five months the rate had shot to a high of 58.9. Something had to be done, and it was; last month's rate had fallen back to 37.4.

Capt. John R. Alley, Venereal Disease Control Officer, hopes for a continued decline in new cases, to result from an intensified control program in cooperation with surrounding civilian authorities. Major Charles TenHouten, Base Surgeon, has taken an enthusiastic supervisory interest in the program.

Last month a Venereal Disease Control Executive Committee was formed to study conditions and formulate preventive and curative policies, and to meet regularly with a committee of the Monahans City Commission appointed recently to coordinate control measures.

Heading the Base VDC Committee is Major Ernest Swingle, commanding officer of the Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron. Meeting once a month or on call, the committee includes the Base VDC Officer, Base Chaplains, organization commanders, and pertinent 19th Group representatives.

The Provost Marshal, Major Sam Williams, assists the control program with policing measures in patrolled towns nearby, striving to prevent contact with and to remove known sources of infection. Keeping down drunkenness is an effective part of the program.

Lt. Williams Burns, assistant VDC officer, handles the essential paper work that helps discover and eliminate infection sources. Every case fills in a "contact blank", with the information go-

ing to the civilian health officer in the area where the disease was contracted. Also he keeps the monthly rate chart showing how the fight against this internal enemy of the armed forces is going. Monthly reports go to all organizations showing relative standings, and once a week listing each unit's men in the hospital because of VD. All necessary information is gained immediately following diagnosis by the technicians in the laboratory.

Capt. Alley and Lt. Burns, with the assistance of the general committee, are striving to cause each soldier at this base to realize that venereal disease control cannot be successful without his cooperation. No program can succeed without general individual understanding of the problem, its dangers, and the best methods of combating it.

With an acute manpower shortage, it is hurtful indeed that one case not only takes that man out of commission, but occupies five others to take care of him. Officers in charge of preventing such human waste also are acutely aware of the responsibility of returning men to post-war civilian life and their families healthy and clean.

Other control measures are to promote wholesome recreation—sports, Service Club activities, and the like. Sex education is disseminated through periodic lectures, films (two are scheduled early in December), and in individual advice. Spot checks at any time may be made in addition to the regular monthly physical inspection. And every soldier is informed that his duty is to report to one of the prophylactic stations within half an hour of possible exposure. Those stations are located at the 19th Group Dispensary, Base Hospital, Aviation Squadron, and in the back of the Monahans City Hall building, one block south of the main business street.

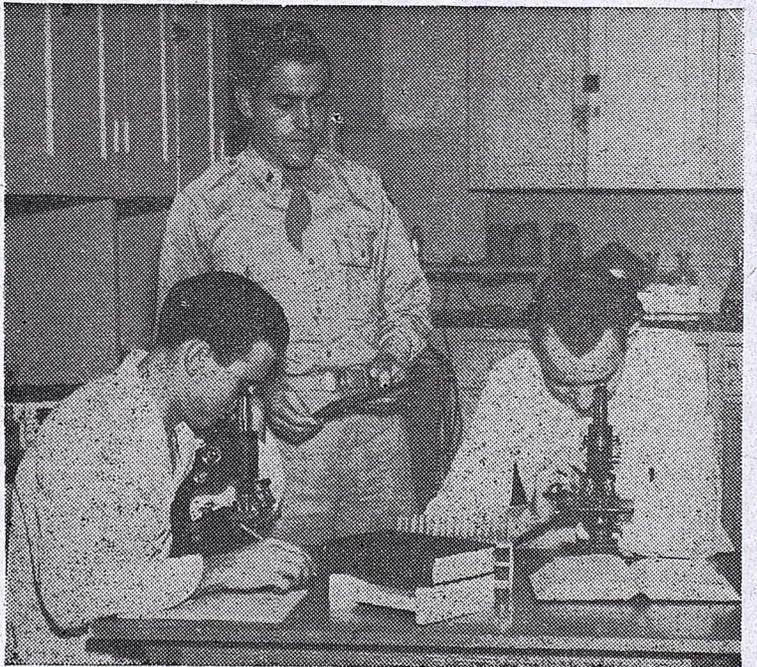
The subject may not be pleasant, but the serious effects of hush-hush, neglect and indifference through the years have culminated in a real menace to the

Directing Control Program



Major Ernest Swingle, left, Base Hq. Sq. CO and chairman of the VD control executive committee, and Major Sam Williams, center, Provost Marshal, consider points being put forth by Capt. John R. Alley, VD Control Officer, in the study of methods to reduce the infection rate at this military installation, a serious responsibility that requires cooperation of every soldier here.

Scouting An Insidious Enemy



These laboratory technicians, Pvt. Warren Bonney, left, and Pvt. Robert S. Allan, search slides for signs of VD. Technicians take turns on this tedious work. Standing is Lt. William Burns, ass't venereal disease control officer, ready to process the necessary records on any discovered case.

current war effort. The Army has attacked the problem vigorously and is gaining strong cooperation from civilian authorities.

But this insidious enemy can be whipped only by the soldier

himself. Preventative and curative measures in this field of medical science are as yet imperfect. Only one absolutely sure safeguard exists: individual self-control.

MEET YOUR BUDDIES:**S-Sgt. Ownby, Light-Heavy Texas Champ, Heads 28th Fight Team****Sledge-Fisted Eddie Fought 32 Pro Bouts, Dropping One, Drawing One**

No less than the former State Light Heavyweight Champion of Texas captains the 28th Bombardment Squadron's recently formed boxing team: S-Sgt. Eddie Ownby, 185-pound instructor gunner with educated sledge-hammer fists.

Men around the 28th area are banking on Eddie to build up a team that will take the 19th Group's First Annual Boxing Tournament, date to be fixed as soon as the squadron teams get into top physical shape. But the Gainesville, Texas, boy is cagey about his ring proteges.

No doubt about Ownby's own abilities can be found in his record, though. Out of 32 professional fights, he won 30, lost one and drew one, taking his bows in Corpus Christi, Houston and San Antonio, Texas, New Orleans and St. Louis. He was billed then as the only 18-year-old pro fighter—and probably was one of the youngest state pro champions on record, if not the youngest.

Ownby had fought about 120 amateur bouts when Tillie Kid Herman—who had worked with some of the biggest names in the ring—spotted him in San Antonio and put him through three months training. After a fight at SA's Walkathon, and two more months conditioning, Ownby was ready to climb through the ropes every two weeks for about a year and a half. And his efforts won him write-ups in Ring Magazine.

He enlisted in the Air Corps in July 1940, doing most of his boxing between then and the outbreak of war, which brought concentration on another kind of fighting. Ownby left his title undefended to get in some cracks at the Axis. And in that his family helps. His kid brother is a paratrooper in Australia, and his father—who is his warmest fight fan—is in the Navy, now stationed in San Diego but a veteran of the Guadalcanal show, which he saw from a destroyer's bucking deck. That leaves only Mom to keep the home-front together.

Eddie put in months at Kelly, Brooks and Randolph Fields at San Antonio, boxing and coaching teams. Subsequently he went to Big Spring and Childress Bombardier Schools, to Salt Lake, and then to Pyote. He carried a Golden Gloves team to Ft. Worth in 1941, and played halfback with the champion Randolph Field Ramblers, a game he mastered through five years of Gainesville high school

competition. It was that September that he took Roy Beard of Odessa in a Corpus tilt to snag the title.

Other sports in which he has competed successfully are hard baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, swimming, volleyball, soccer, and wrestling. Though meeting such good boys as Bob Fertig, Eddie Joseph, Chalky Wright, and Lulu Constantino, he only has a very slight scar tissue on one eye to show for it—claims he was only hit really hard once, going down for a four count.

Fitting his style to boxing or slugging, depending on his opponent, the 21-year-old instructor-gunner points to two essentials for ring combat, which hold true for soldiering as well:

Training and a fighting heart.

GI BABY BORN AT 8:12 GETS BOND FROM MAYOR

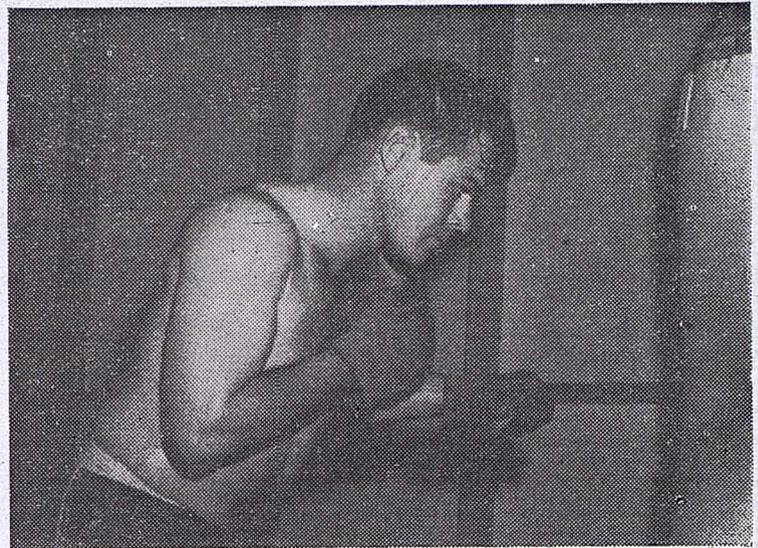
NEW YORK (CNS)—Because Pamela Claire FitzMaurice was born at exactly 8:12 a.m., she will get a \$100 war bond free from Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. The mayor had promised to give the bond to any baby born at that hour whose father was a serviceman. Pamela's old man is Ensign James J. FitzMaurice, stationed at Norfolk, Va.

HERO'S MOTHER JOINS SPARS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Mrs. James Munro, whose son Douglas lost his life while protecting 500 marines in a group of small boats on a Guadalcanal beach, is going to carry on for him in the Coast Guard. Recently she accepted a commission in the SPARS.

SOLDIERS PASS (YOUNG) BUCK

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — The mother of Billy Franklin, 6, left him with his dad in Chicago. Dad, an Army officer, got orders to leave so he parked Billy with a soldier friend. The soldier got orders to move himself so he left Billy on another friend's doorstep. This fellow located Billy's mother here and that's where the kid is today.

No Playful Pat That

S-Sgt. Eddie Ownby, 28th Bomb Squadron boxing team captain, demonstrates the powerful punch that won him the Texas Light Heavyweight championship while he was still in his 'teens. The Rec. Hall's dummy was not quite the same after Eddie's intensive work-out.

Peace — It's Wonderful**AUTO COULDN'T ENLIST, BUT COULD BUY BONDS**

KNOXVILLE, TENN. (CNS)—Two years ago, when Rex Hankins went into the Army he said to his brother Joe: "You can have my car. I guess I won't be needing it."

Nine months ago when Joe was called to the colors, he gave the car to his brother Al. Al drove it around a couple of months, then enlisted in the Navy. "You take the car he said to his father. "Do what you want with it."

Dad wanted to sell it. He did—for \$325, which he invested in war bonds.

FIANCEE'S PICTURE GETS FLIER A BREAK

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—If Lt. Tom Thayer's fiancée, Mary, was not so good looking he might not be enjoying a leave here today. Forced to bail out of his Flying Fortress over Arab territory, Thayer showed natives Mary's picture and they were so impressed that they delivered him into friendly hands.

1,000-MILE PIPELINE BUILT IN ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA (CNS)—A gasoline-distribution pipeline that stretches 1,000 miles from Skagway in southeastern Alaska to Fairbanks, supplying American airbases in Canada and Alaska, is now in operation. The line was built by Army engineers last year.

YANK CAVALRYMEN FIGHT NAZIS IN HILLS

ITALY (CNS)—American volunteer cavalrymen—most of them cowboys or ex-farmers—are operating on the Italian front, the Allied command has announced. The cavalrymen, known as the Provisional Mounted Reconnaissance Troops, are the American answer to the rough terrain. Most of the horses were captured but a few were shipped from the United States.

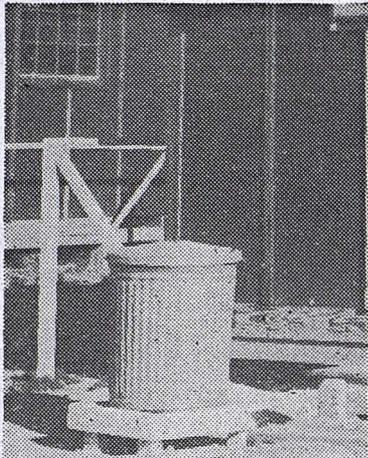
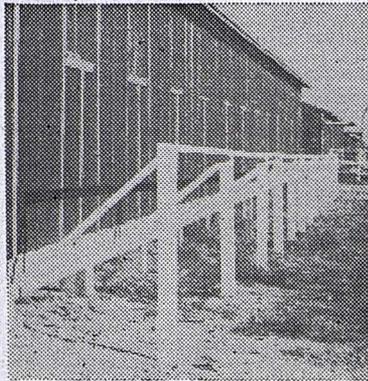
SUBMARINE 'BITES' LINE FROM FISHING BOAT

MONTAUK, N. Y. (CNS)—Capt. Carl Creaser of East Hampton and the crew of his fishing smack Adelaide T were taken for a wild ride the other afternoon when their fishing net became entangled in the submerged structure of a U. S. Navy submarine. The Adelaide T was towed at a mad rate through the water for 40 minutes before the sub broke surface and the nets were untangled.

WORLD WAR II VET GETS BONUS AT 19

CONCORD, N. H. (CNS)—Nineteen-year-old Donald Elliot of Plymouth, Mass. who served 18 months in the Army and was wounded at Guadalcanal has received New Hampshire's first World War II bonus. The State gave Elliott a check for \$100, a bonus for which more than 200 other World War II veterans already have filed.

How It's Done



As a measure to further safeguard your health, the Base Medical Inspector's Office will make recommendations to all companies to install racks for proper airing of bedding, as in top picture. Trash cans (lower photo) with lids, set on racks, will be another requirement.

Broken and missing screens on doors in barracks and latrines will be subject to strict censure in future sanitary inspections. It is suggested that all lumber for the construction of the bedding racks and trash can stands can be had for the asking at the Post Engineers. There is also a supply of springs on hand—first come, first served.

MATERNITY BILL OKAYED

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Roosevelt has signed a resolution increasing by \$18,620,000 the amount of funds available for the Government emergency maternity aid program, which provides medical and hospital care for the wives and infants of enlisted men in the four lowest grades in all services.

FRESNO, CAL. (CNS)—Jack Earle and Charles Amalasian reported for induction into the Army here. Neither made it. Earle, who stands 8 feet 6½ inches, is 24½ inches too tall. Amalasian, at 4 feet 10 inches, is 2 inches too short.

Barracks, Latrine Sanitation Race Gets Hot; Base Average Up Point

By SGT. WITOLD KLUCZYCKI

In glancing over barracks and latrine scores this week, competition is so hot the writer has to keep cool with the aid of cokes and the removal of his shirt. The Gunnery Range nosed out the WACS by half a point for top score and the entire 19th Group is consistently edging their way to the top.

Both BOQ blocks continue to up their scores, and from the listed ratings one can readily see the cooperative spirit and interest taken by responsible parties in an endeavor to make them one of the most sanitary areas on the base.

Broken screens on doors, missing springs on doors, outside policing of areas, dirty windows, dust accumulated ventilators on tops of heaters, and head to foot sleeping seem to be the discrepancies yet to be overcome. Although barracks sanitation holds its average of last week, mess and latrine improvement gave base sanitation an extra point.

MESS SANITATION

Bomb Range Mess repeats a 95 per cent score for the third successive week, the first of these scores, added to the competitive score last month, which finished them in fourth place. The WACs also repeated their score of last week and both messes thus far are due for a photo finish.

The Aviation Mess threatens with the uncomfortably close score of 94, and Mess No. 1 and the Guard Squadron Mess are lying in wait for the WACs and Bomb Range to slipup.

Too many dirty rags laying around Mess No. 2 proved disastrous, and carelessly left open screen doors at the Hospital Mess cost the Medics 2 points (which for a consistently good scoring mess is hard to make up).

The Enlisted Men's Cafeteria jumped their score 21 points over last week, however, the consistent efforts of other messes keeps it at the bottom.

Mess No. 4 (tied for first place last week) felt the effects of too many flies and dirty rags, while the cooks at Mess No. 3 forgot to cut their fingernails and visit the barber shop before the inspector arrived.

The Post Exchange Cafeteria is back in stride, and after receiving an envious score the Officers Mess is wondering what it's all about.

ENGLAND (CNS)—There are no Jewish chaplains at a certain base here but the Protestant chaplain—James O. Kincannon—sees to it that the Jewish men have a weekly service of their own.

Base Sanitation

BARRACKS AND LATRINES

Bomb & Gunnery Range — 95.00
Lt. Elmer Siemon

Prov. WAC Detachment — 94.50
Lt. Edith Haslam

93rd Bomb Sq. (Static) — 94.00
Major Richard Hernlund

Medical Detachment — 94.00
Lt. James Tesitor

28th Bomb Sq. (Static) — 94.00
Major Leland Johnson

QM Detachment — 93.50
Lt. F. Frick

30th Bomb Sq. (Static) — 93.50
Major Edson Sponable

Base Hq. & AB Sq. — 93.00
Major Ernest Swingle

Aviation Squadron — 93.00
Lt. Fred Thacker

Altitude Training Unit — 93.00
Capt. Ward Peterson

428th AAF Band — 92.50
WO Irvin Zimmerman

Guard House — 92.00
Major Sam Williams

700 Block (BOQs) — 91.00
Lt. Raymond Lewis

435th Bomb Sq. (Static) — 91.00
Capt. Frank Steinemann

30th Bomb Sq. (Trainees) — 91.00
Lt. Col. Frank Sturdivant

Guard Squadron — 90.50
Major Sam Williams

400 Block (BOQs) — 89.50
Lt. Raymond Lewis

Service Squadron — 88.00
Capt. Martin Diedrichs

93rd Bomb Sq. (Trainees) — 86.50
Capt. Walter Schmid

73rd Bomb Squadron (M) — 86.50
Major Leonard Riordon

Post Guest House — 86.00
Lt. Arthur Slamal

435th Bomb Sq. (Trainees) — 83.00
Major James Van Haur

MESS HALL AVERAGES

Prov. WAC Detachment — 95
Lt. Marjorie Stewart

Bomb & Gunnery Range — 95
Lt. Elmer Siemon

Guard Squadron — 94
Lt. O. M. Stephenson

Mess No. 1 — 94
Lt. O. M. Stephenson

'Chief' No More



M-Sgt. Bean Benson, Chief Operations Clerk for the 30th Bombardment Squadron, is chief no longer—nor "master"—as he became a married man Saturday morning at the Base Chapel.

Mrs. Benson, formerly Miss Edith Dinger, is from Tacoma, Washington. Her bridesmaid was Mrs. Helen Kitter, and best man was T-Sgt. Kenneth Walker. Chaplain Edwin W. Norton performed the ceremony. Following the ceremony, friends of the couple attended a small reception at the Service Club.

DISCHARGE SEEKS SOLDIER

WICHITA, KAN. (CNS)—Postal officials here are looking for Frank Roe. They've been looking for him ever since the last war. They want to give him his Army discharge papers issued Dec. 24, 1918.

POLAND SPRING, ME. (CNS)

—The alluring attire of modern women is responsible for a large amount of crime in the United States of America, Dr. Carlton Simon, criminologist, believes. "Women," he said recently, "fan the flame of crime by displaying limbs, using powder, perfume and every studied ingenuity to extoll femininity."

PX Cafeteria — 94
Capt. W. O. Hedley

Aviation Squadron — 94
Lt. Fred Thacker

Officers Mess — 93
Lt. F. H. Penny

Hospital Mess — 92
Lt. M. J. Hansen

Mess No. 2 — 90
Lt. M. G. Baker

Mess No. 4 — 88
Capt. F. W. Shulenberg

Mess No. 3 — 86
Capt. F. W. Shulenberg

EM Club Cafeteria — 85
Lt. Arthur Slamal

EDITORIAL:

New Era At Pyote

Last week began a new era at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base, now officially known as Bombardment Crew Training School, Army Air Base, Pyote.

An experiment though a carefully considered one, the Base and the Group are being consolidated in a general reorganization that in one way or another will affect most every office and unit at this installation.

Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt Jr., who came to Pyote when the Base was merely a scratched up patch of desert, completed the formative task assigned him. Walker, Kansas, Army Air Base has Pyote's congratulations on obtaining Col. Hewitt as its new commanding officer, and the best wishes of this Base's personnel go with him.

Col Louie P. Turner, a heavy bombardment pioneer and for several months CO of the 19th Bombardment Group, will experience the same enthusiastic cooperation from the Base personnel that he has received in his Group command. Respect and admiration for Col. Turner's thorough crew training program here insure loyal service to the new Station Commandant.

Any possible saving in manpower, materiel and time in accomplishing essential tasks of the war effort contributes directly to speedier and less costly complete victory. The consolidation now being undertaken here is toward that main purpose.

It is the obvious duty of every soldier on this base to add his full effort toward achievement of that purpose.

Routine is comfortable, but the rapid pace of this war and developing techniques of modern warfare demand continual change in order to keep ahead of the enemy. And the central interest of every soldier here is to have his abilities used most effectively in getting skilled combat crews into the theaters of operations in the shortest possible time. Toward that end the current reorganization doubtless will bring numerous changes; they should be welcomed with the determination to tackle and whip any new job thrown your way.

Certainly Pyote is not the most pleasant spot that can be found; it wasn't meant to be. But there is a job to be done here that can be done nowhere else quite so well, because of that very isolation, weather and terrain. The consolidation has an appearance of permanency for the organizations involved, and most of us probably will be here for some time to come. Okay, what the hell? If this is where you are needed, this is the best place to be.

During this shakeup is a good time to take stock of yourself as a soldier and of the work you are doing. If you haven't been giving all you could, now is the chance to get on the beam and stay there—to make the Rattlesnake Bomber Base the hottest incubator of flying combat teams in the United States Army Air Forces.

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THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

Is the air to be free for giant passenger planes which are even now on the drafting boards and which threaten the supremacy of the luxury liner and long-distance railway train? Different answers are given by two schools of thought.

One clings to the established principle that every nation owns its air to an unlimited height; the other argues that so fast and flexible means of transport as the plane should not be hampered by outworn conceptions of sovereignty, that the air should be as free as the sea and that international planes should be permitted to land wherever they please, subject only to local regulations.

The issue can be settled only after the war, and then only in terms of control of armaments. The giant bomber has not only changed the character of war but destroyed the old sense of security.

In a recent address, Elmer Davis dwelt on the power and range of the bomber. He pictured a world in which nations could strike secretly and terribly. This was no wild prognostication. Even now there are bombers which can fly across the ocean and back on a single charge of fuel and drop explosives on hapless towns.

How security can be assured has not yet been determined. The oft-discussed international police force may be one solution. The

alternative is complete disarmament of Fascist powers and arming on the part of the democratic powers.

But even with this one-sided arrangement we shall have to decide whether international planes may fly over any route and use any airport or whether rights must be the subject of diplomatic haggling. Here Great Britain and the United States must show the way. At present aviation interests in both countries distrust each other.

The British are disturbed by our vast production facilities and the immense experience gained by our pilots in flying over every ocean and land, and we by British control of the world's principal bases outside of Europe.

The best hope that some working formula may be evolved comes from those who advocate an international body much like our Civil Aeronautics Board. That body regulates aerial traffic in this country, so that there is free competition among air lines but the operating permits for new lines are issued only when public convenience and necessity are obvious.

Though a similar international board could not strip any country of its sovereign aerial rights or open bases that are nationally controlled, it could at least assure free competition within the framework of treaties. —New York Times

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS -



According to Robert Louis Stevenson's story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," each of us is two persons. Oliver Wendell Holmes says that in every person there are three persons—the man the world knows, the man the home folks know, and the man he knows himself to be. Dr. J. D. Rankin suggests that two might be added to this list: the man he might have been, and the man God knows him to be.

Each of us has a personality that we assume in business and society. Oftentimes we wear a sort of cloak which hides the real man we are, with the idea that people will like us better if we masquerade. Often this is true. Then, the home folks may see an entirely different person, who may be better or worse than the one the world sees. Sometimes a man who is a veritable Simon Legree with his office force may be very loving and gentle at home.

On the other hand, the man who treats his employees with every consideration, may be the world's champion grouch with his wife and children. Each of us knows which of the first two men comes nearer being a true picture of the man we know ourselves to be. There is very often a vast difference between reputation and character. The latter is what God knows about us, and the former what our neighbors think about us. Both of these may differ greatly from what we think ourselves to be.

God's judgement is accurate, while ours is quite faulty most of the time. God demands absolute rectitude not only in actions, but in thought as well. While God sees more of sin in us than we do ourselves, He also sees the good intention and the silent cry for the help of Christ, that the world knows nothing about.

All these pictures of man's many-sided nature differ from the man that might have been. Plato said that in heaven there was preserved the pattern which God intended every man to realize. This is impossible unless we have divine assistance. The question God asks in the Day of Judgement will not be the world's question, "How much did he leave?" but "How nearly have you realized the ideal I had for you?" With His help you can come close to that ideal. His help is near if we ask for it.

—Chaplain Edwin W. Norton

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—0900, Aviation Squadron Service; 0900, 19th Group Service, 1030, Chapel Service; 1930, Chapel Service.

Wednesday—1930, Service Men's Christian League.

Thursday—1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

Friday—Hospital Vespers, 1815 to 1945.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses—0600; 0800; and 1615.

Confessions—Saturday, 1500 to 1730; 1900 to 2100; Sunday, before the Masses.

Weekday Masses—1730, daily except Thursday.

Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1430, in Red Cross auditorium.

Evening Devotions — Thursday, 1930, Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.

Study Club—Monday, 1930.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Thursday—2000, Base Chapel Services, Mrs. Mabel New Homes.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—1930, Base Chapel.



Q Am I permitted to wear wound or war service chevrons?

A. Not unless you earned them in World War I. Wound and war service chevrons are not authorized for service in the current war.

Q. Do students participating in the Army Specialized Training Program wear a special insignia?

A. Yes. ASTP students have been assigned an identifying shoulder patch insignia by the War Department. It depicts the sword of valor against a lamp of knowledge. The sword and lamp are in dark blue on a yellow, octagon-shaped patch.

Q. Are cases of fraudulent enlistment automatically discharged from the Army?

A. No. It's entirely up to the Government, which may void the enlistment or waive objections and permit it to stand. If it stands, the accepted service becomes legal.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Rep. James E. Van Zandt, 44, a Pennsylvania Republican, has resigned from Congress to accept a commission in the Navy. Rep. Van Zandt served with the Navy in the Pacific prior to the Pearl Harbor raid.

AT THE THEATER

Wed. & Thurs.—"Sahara", with Humphrey Bogart, Dan Duryea, and Bruce Bennett. Also Army-Navy Screen Magazine. Paramount News. (Total time: 125 minutes)

Friday—"The Dangerous Blondes" with Edmund Lowe, Allyn Joslyn and Evelyn Keyes. Also Jan Garber & Orch., Madcap Models. (Time: 103 minutes)

Saturday—"Top Man", with Donald O'Connor, Susanna Foster, Richard Dix, Count Basie & Band. Also Grantland Rice Spotlight, Paramount Headliner. (Time: 102 minutes)

Sun. & Mon.—"Corvette K-225", with Randolph Scott, Andy Devine, and Noah Beery Jr. Also March of Time (Europe's Crossroads), Paramount News. (Time: 117 minutes)

Tuesday—Double Feature: "The Good Fellows", with Cecil Kellaway and Mabel Paige; "Submarine Alert", with Richard Arlen and Wendy Barrie. (Time: 137 minutes)

Show Time:

STARTS	ENDS
1:30 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
5:30 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	10:00 p. m.
10:15 p. m.	12:15 a. m.

G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. The launcher, rocket, AT, M-1, a recently revealed secret weapon which has proved effective against tanks bears the slang name—

A—Stinger () B—Bazooka ()

2. Sumner Welles recently resigned as Undersecretary of State, an office filled by Presidential appointment. His successor is—

A—W. A. Harriman ()

B—Edward Stettinius

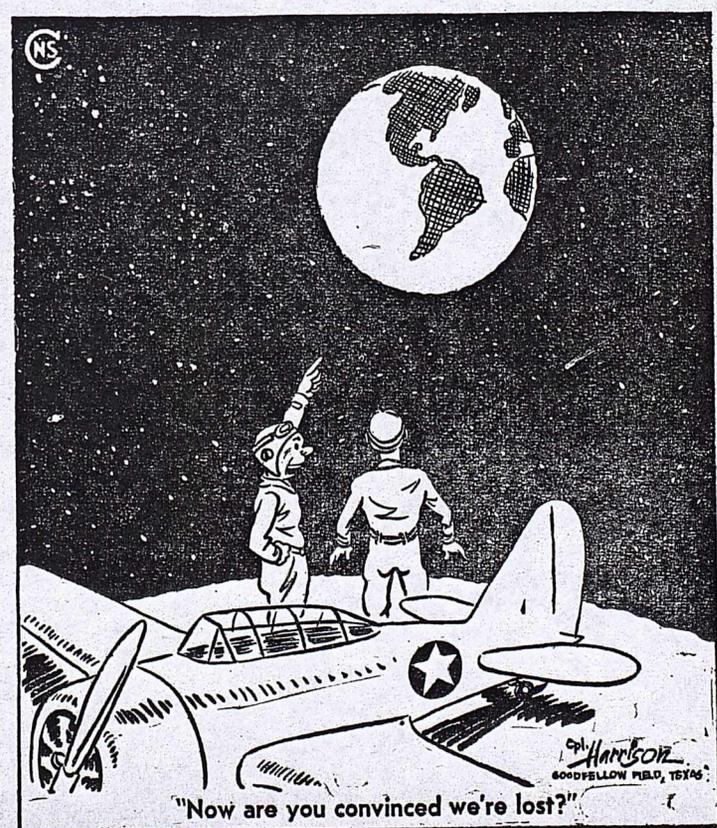
3. The Russian river which forms roughly the present eastern front line is—

A—Donets () B—Dneiper ()

Answers: 1-B; 2-B; 3-B.



WASHINGTON — Even telegraph messengers have difficulty finding their way around the maze of corridors in the fabulous Pentagon building which houses War Department offices here. One telegram never did reach the person to whom it was addressed. The sender got the wire back several days later with this notation: "Message sent to John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, Pentagon Building, is undelivered. He is unknown."



SPECIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

EM WIVES TO SPONSOR SUNDAY CLUB SERVICES

Entertainment for Sunday afternoons and evenings in the Service Club will be sponsored by wives of the enlisted men. The cafeteria will feature a special Sunday night supper following a community sing at 5:30. The evening then will be spent dancing to recordings with your wife or friend.

A meeting has been called for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, of enlisted men's wives to organize an auxiliary for Club entertainment. Those interested are all welcome.

NEW CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE ANNOUNCED

Starting Thursday night, November 4, at 8 p.m. a Variety Hour will be held each week in the EMC. All entries are requested to be turned in to the office by Tuesday of each week. An unusual amount of talent is located on the Base, so come on fellows, let's make this Variety Hour a success by lending your talents. If you can roller skate, dance, sing, act, or do anything interesting for a variety show, report immediately to the Club, so this show can be started off with a bang.

On November 1st, for four consecutive weeks, a bridge tournament will be held under the direction of Miss Crowder, hostess. Those interested in entering, please turn your name into the office at your earliest possible convenience.

An informal musical program of recordings by Victor Herbert, Dvorak and Grieg will be presented by PFC Bernard Tipple at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Writing Room of the EMC. Any one interested in non-jive will enjoy the hour and the open discussion.

This Friday night the 28th Squadron will have charge of the Halloween dance which will be a costume affair. Prize will be given for the best costumes. On Friday night, November 5th, the 30th Squadron will direct the dance.

RULES FOR GIRLS ATTENDING DANCES

The following rules are published by the USO throughout the United States for Junior Hostesses, those girls who come from neighboring towns, to attend the regular Friday night Service Club dances:

1. Must be at least 16 years of

age.

2. May not leave the building at any time for any reason. If an emergency arises, report to a Senior Hostess for advice.

3. Informal clothing unless otherwise specified. Sweaters and slacks are not acceptable. All clothing must be modest and in keeping with the occasion.

These USO rules are embodied in the policy of the Enlisted Men's Club entertainment.

Starting October 29th, the weekly dance at the EMC will be sponsored by an individual squadron. This particular squadron in charge of the dance will be free to individualize the entertainment and present all the originality available.

OFFICIAL BASE SONG CONTEST

Pyote Army Air Base should have an official base song. Get busy fellows, let's write one—in the form of a march with both words and music. When your song is finished, turn it in to the Service Club office and on the evening of November 30th all songs will be performed both vocally and instrumentally by the Base Band. The song judged to be the best at this time will be adopted as the official song of the base.

SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday — "Record Club", Writing Room, 7:30 p.m., under the direction of PFC Tipple, including works of Victor Herbert, Dvorak and Grieg.

Thursday—Program by band and choral club of Monahans High School. Russian Class, 7 p.m.

Friday — Halloween Costume Dance sponsored by 28th Squadron.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Community sing, 5:30 p.m. Dance if you wish, to recorded music. Hostesses for the evening will be wives of enlisted men.

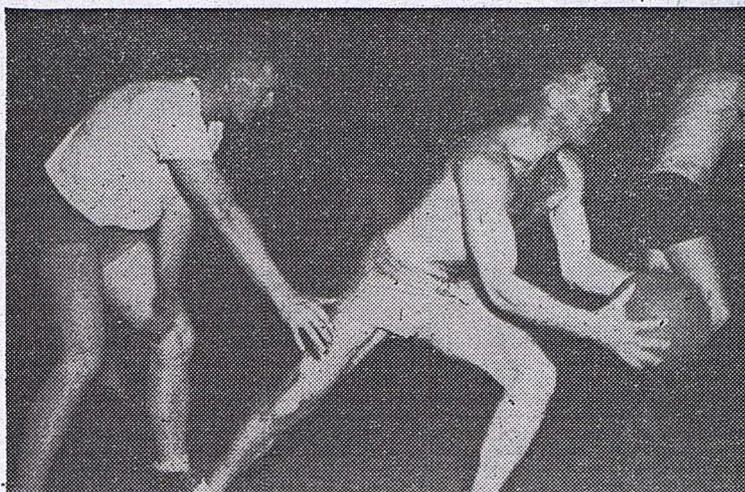
Monday — Bridge Tournament starts, to run for four weeks. Please turn entries in to Miss Crowder.

Tuesday—Russian Class, 7 p.m.

GENERAL RIDES 'GRASSHOPPER'

ALGIERS (CNS)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark astounded residents of Naples the other day by landing on a main street in a light "grasshopper" reconnaissance plane.

Hot Cage Team In Making



With practice sessions Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. fifty basketeers are competing for places on the 19th Group's Basketball Team, now in the process of selection by Coach Glucksman.

In time the squad will be cut down to 15 top-flight players, who will be matched in inter-base games. Pecos, Hobbs and Carlsbad were first on the list. Lt. Jerry Hrdlicka, 19th Group Special Service Officer and Director of Physical Training, reports that the wealth of material that turned out for the tryouts inspired plans for including college and university teams on the 19th's opponent list.

Pictures here show points that warm the hearts of cage fans, who insist that no other game can compare with it for speed, rhythm, coordination and teamwork. An ideal sport for Base competition, this year's basketball season should prove a highlight in the recreational program. The game requires rigorous physical conditioning, a valuable asset to the training work here.

LONDON CURBS GI JITTERBUGS

LONDON (CNS)—Because some customers of hot spots here have complained that GI jitterbugs have injured them on the dance floor, rug cutting has been banned.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (CNS)—A line of bandaged men in uniform, some on crutches, filed by the bond booth to subscribe \$63,600 at Billings General Hospital here recently. A total of 10.2% of gross base pay and Certified Disability Discharge bonus pay was invested by the men during the Third War Loan drive. The hospital bond rally was conducted at the men's own suggestion, Col. Guy A. Owlsley reported.



SAILOR WASHES HAND(S)

SEATTLE (CNS)—Preparing to fingerprint a recruit sailor, Pharmacist Mate Roy Schaeffer told the gob to wash his hands.

"Both of them?" the sailor asked.

Schaeffer thought that one over a minute.

"No," he said. "Just one. I want to see how you do it."

A A B SPORTS

Warmin' The Bench—

Gather Round While The Sarge Gets A Few Hairy Ones Off His Chest

By SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS
CNS Sports Correspondent

When there's nothing boiling on the old Hot Stove, a guy can always tell a Lefty Gomez yarn. Like, for instance, when Lefty hit a triple one day while the Yankees were playing the Browns. Pulling up at the far turn, Gomez suggested to Coach Art Fletcher that he be permitted to steal home.

"Steal home?" cried Fletcher, a horrified look crossing his face. "It took you ten years in this league to get as far as third and now you want to spoil it."

Babe Ruth had one great superstition. He wouldn't play a game unless he first gave himself a treatment with some pet eye lotion he always kept in his locker. One day Tony Lazzeri swiped the bottle, dumped the stuff down the drain and refilled the jug with plain water.

The Babe came in a few minutes later and doused his eyes. Lazzeri was watching him.

"Is that stuff any good?" said Lazzeri.

"It's great," said the Babe.

Lazzeri took the bottle, poured some of the stuff in his palm of his hand and tasted it. Ruth looked at him goggle-eyed.

"Are you crazy?" he yelled. "You'll poison yourself."

But Tony said it didn't taste bad at all and to prove it he tilted the bottle up to his lips and drained the whole jug. The Babe almost dropped dead. He never did find out that Tony was drinking plain water.

GIs in Britain recently entertained the native population with a good old fashioned American rodeo. The British, who had never seen anything like that before, thought the show was a corker. And once—when a steer refused to leave his pen—the fans got pretty excited. "Run the blooming thing out and chop him up for Spam," they cried.

Yanks in Honolulu have taken up a sport called barefoot football. It's a native game, played just like the American variety with one interesting exception. No one wears shoes. Stout Steve Owen, coach of the New York Football Giants, who is always on the lookout for talent, is

tracking down rumors that the Hawaiians have developed a great barefoot passer who can sling a ball with his foot as far as Sammy Baugh can wing them with his good right arm. After the war Steve says he's going to get a toe hold on the fellow.

It should be a pleasure to play football for Bell Township high school at Saline, Pa., this fall. Coach for the team there is Miss Pauline Rugh, young, blonde, and much better looking than Wallace Wade or Lou Little.

Released from the Army because of his height, Big Clint Wagner, six foot six inch Chicago Cardinal end, literally knocked himself cold upon his return to professional football warfare.

Drawing his foot back for a punt in a practice game, Wagner missed the ball and kicked himself in the head with his knee. Doctors said he suffered a minor concussion of the brain.

DOG CITED BY ARMY FOR BRAVERY IN SICILY

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y. (CNS)—Chips, a German shepherd dog owned by little Nancy Wren, 6, has become the first canine in history ever recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and Nancy is plenty proud.

Nancy hadn't heard a word from Chips since the day he marched off to war with the K9 Corps until recently when the War Department informed her father that Chips had been cited for cleaning out an enemy pill-box in Sicily.

STAR CATCHER DIES

Bill McCoy, star catcher on Princeton's 1942 baseball team and the best ball player turned out at Nassu Hall since Moe Berg, was killed recently when his Army training plane crashed in Texas.

Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Johnny Mize, slugging first baseman, and nine other stars on the powerful Great Lakes Naval Station baseball team, have been transferred to an East Coast base for advanced training, leaving Lt. Mickey Cochrane minus a ball club. Besides Mize, those transferred are Joe Grace, and Glenn McQuillen of the St. Louis Browns, Barney McCosky of the Detroit Tigers and Leo Nonnenkamp of the Kansas City Blues, outfielders; Skeets Dickey of the Chicago White Sox, catcher; Eddie Pellagrini of the Louisville Colonels, shortstop; and John Schmitz and Vern Olsen of the Chicago Cubs and Bob Harris of the Philadelphia Athletics, pitchers.

The Commandos, of the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md. have a 9-game grid schedule lined up for this fall and a powerhouse team in back of the schedule. Coached by Ensign Joe Maniaci, former Fordham and Chicago Bears fullback, the Commandos' talent includes Ensign Phil Ragozzo, great guard at Western Reserve, the Cleveland Rams and the Philadelphia Eagles; Howard Hickey who starred at end for the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Rams; Clure Mosher, Pittsburgh Steelers center; Bill DeCorrevont, triple threat back from Northwestern and Bill Dutton, speedy former Pittsburgh back.

Lt. Jack Chevigny, ex-Notre Dame back and Texas coach, has been appointed head football mentor of the Marine Corps team at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Phil Rizzuto, former Yankee shortstop, took another look at the horsehide recently when he played in the shortfield for the Bushwick's semi-pro nine in Brooklyn in a game against the New London (Conn.) Diesels. Rizzuto was on leave from the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Station and had Navy permission to play one more game.

Sal Bartolo, featherweight title contender, is 1A now and Bobby Ruffin, the lightweight, has been called by his draft board. Cpl. Melio Bettina, southpaw lightweight, is refereeing bouts between MPs in New York.

Johnny Melus, ace tackle at Villanova and the New York football Giants, is the big head cheese on the football team at Camp Davis, N. C. this fall.

Back again in the service is S-Sgt. Earl Cady who won the featherweight title of American Expeditionary Force in France the same night a marine named Gene Tunney took the light-heavyweight title. Cady is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

19th Officers Hit New High In Fitness Tests

Completion of the first three physical fitness tests given at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base reveals that the static personnel officers of the 19th Group are really getting to be in top form, reported Lt. Charles L. Guimento.

In previous tests given, it was found that flying officers ranked highest, due to the fact that they usually had just got out of college or high school and were consequently in excellent physical shape. But with the new athletic program recently set up by the 19th Group, the static personnel officers are improving over recent months. Below is a list of the officers who ranked highest in their particular field.

SIT-UPS

Lt. Friedman	435th	78
Lt. Mastronardi	93rd	78
Lt. Marshall	28th	60

PULL-UPS

Lt. Sutton	93rd	14
Lt. Arduengo	93rd	14
Capt. Steinemann	435th	13

300 YD. RUN

Lt. Wortman	435th	46s
Lt. Glucksman	30th	47s
Lt. Atwood	435th	47s

P. F. R.

Lt. Wortman	435th	65
Lt. Marshall	28th	64
Lt. Brautigam	19Hq.	63

PYOTE MPS RECEIVE MONAHANS' THANKS

R. D. Lee, superintendent of Monahans-Wickett schools, extended the appreciation of the city and the school system to Major Sam Williams, Provost Marshal, and the Pyote Army Air Base Military Police for their capable handling of the crowd at the Monahans-Wink football game in Monahans Friday.

MIGHTY, MIZE

Johnny Mize had a terrific year with the Great Lakes Bluejackets. The old Giant and Cardinal first baseman batted .418 and punched more than 100 runs across the plate in 63 games. The Bluejackets, incidentally, won 52 and lost only 11.

Lt. E. P. Dee is the Army's new sit-up champ. His record is 4,004 sit-ups in 3 hours.

If the St. Louis Browns win the American League pennant next year they will do so on the strength of their 4F infield. First Baseman Georg McQuinn, Second Baseman Don Gutteridge, Third Baseman Ellis Clary and Shortstop Vern Stephens all have been turned down by the Army because of physical defects.

WAC Flak

By SGT. SYLVIA WEXLER

Have you-all seen our elephant train? Shades of the World's Fair! It seems strange to see the odd-looking contraption ambling down our roads loaded down with GIs, Officers, civilians and what have you. And the newcomers gaping at the WACs with "At least there are women at this Base!" And Pvt. Adele Berlowitz giving a personal demonstration on how NOT to get off the moving vehicle—and now spending her spare time nursing her bruises. Well, folks, do you think the elephant train will ever replace the Jeep?

Have any of you noticed the way PFC Mabel Bledsoe goes strutting down the road these days? Well, she's the envy of the whole company ever since she's received V-mail from England from her very own sister, Gertie, who's a WAC stationed there. So if any of the squadrons need additional personnel to go overseas, just call on most any WAC—that will be one time it won't take a woman long to get dressed and packed.

Things we've been wondering about—who's that Adonis in back of the black pipe that puts the sugar in Sgt. Birnbaum's coffee? What's the last name of "Stanley" who comes a-calling' on our Sgt. Eiselstein? Can't be her baking that makes him come back 'cause he hasn't tasted one of her pies yet. Now that the little fella who drove that Jeep is gone, who's a-gonna make PFC Celia Wiater's face light up? Is it true that PFC Edna Collins is looking for a new GI to take care of her spare time? What would Barracks No. 1 do if Pvt. Charlotte Ziegel didn't have a "Wally" back home who sends her candy and such? Course his gifts may be part of the reason for the fact that we're putting on weight—or is that still the fault of our Mess Hall?

Calling "Mercy O-O!" The whereabouts of the former romance between Sgts. Schurr and Nugent has been found! Sgt. Nugent merely transferred title of possession from Schurr to Marshall, and even though he's gone, she still holds first mortgage on him. But stick around, soldiers, she may be hanging out a "heart for rent" sign before long.

If Sgt. Esquivel of the Gypsy 93rd will let us know which little WAC he has his eye on, we'll arrange for him to say "hello" to her. We can't have our soldiers walking around with sad faces.

It sure was good to welcome back our CO, Lt. Haslam, who spent a few days away from "home" at a WAC convention in Colorado Springs. She sounded as if she was glad to get back, too.

M A L E C A L L

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QM Sees

By SGT. ROBERT GEHLHAART

PFC Herman Amos has discovered a new way to pick up a little extra change. Crawling under the barracks, he emerged with a handful of silver coins that totaled almost a dollar. When we asked him how he discovered the silver mine, he said that the coins occasionally fall thru the cracks in the floor. Now, what kind of game could be going on there?

One of Pyote's pioneers, Eugenia Harper, who came to the Base in the days of the rattlesnakes, recently transferred to the Army Air Base at Lubbock, Texas. Her many friends were sorry to see her leave, for she did a swell job in the year she was here. They held a farewell party for her at Tubb's Hall last Wednesday night, and plenty of fun was had by all.

Saturday night's the big night being planned at the WAC Day room! Put on your best bib and tucker, hop on the elephant train and head for our area. We started the season off with that swell party given by the QMC, but we're striving to top that one.

However, it proved a bit embarrassing for a certain QM officer who had trouble distinguishing between the two powder rooms!

WE OFTEN WONDER: What the big attraction is up in Kermit for Pvt. James Blalock. She must be a smooth number because he won't let us in on the deal . . . whether it's really a horse that Cpl. Vernon Cole goes to see almost nightly . . . who's the lucky girl that's got Lt. Stan Ewald dreaming about rose covered cottages . . . where Beryl Parlet gets those sweaters . . . whether Cpls. Barone, Barrafato and Cole really spent last Friday night in the lobby of the Texas Hotel . . . where Rachel Covington got that delicious southern accent . . . what PFC Harold Playford did during his furlough that caused him to lose fifteen pounds . . . why Virginia Cherry took such an interest in Sgt. Rufus Wilder's recent illness . . . why PFC Robert Clark recently changed his nightly destination from Pecos to Kermit . . . how PFC Nathan Burnsed manages to write eight pages to his wife each and every night . . . where PFC Frank Peragine uncovers all the girls up in Monahans . . . Why Edna McLeod and

Beryl Parlet argue over what type of shoe is the dressiest, when neither of them have a shoe coupon to their name . . . what slender, tender Lt. has been dubbed "Spaghetti with veins" . . . whether Sgt. John Marchewka's pay will ever last until the end of the month . . . why Sgt. Cannon and Sgt. Gagnon don't hold their noisy arguments out on the prairie somewhere . . . who the new blonde is working in Tom's Place.

Quartermaster has definitely gone athletic. Cpl. Gus Barabas reports that over thirty men have signed up for bowling, and he promises big things when the boys hit the alleys down in Pecos. "Gutter Ball" Townsend promises to be on hand, so anything might happen.

Another dozen, brawny basketball aspirants are ready to take to the court when basketball practice starts this week. Among the potential cagers are T-Sgt. Adlin, Sgts. Cannon, Gehlhaart and Gagnon, Cpls. Barone, Cole and Barrafato, PFCs Singer and Playford and Pvt. Calato. Already the boys are eager to challenge the WACs! Meanwhile, Cpl. Eric Taylor is anxiously and tensely awaiting the call for chess players.

19th Bomb Group

Gypsy 93rd

By CPL. IRVING PACKER

THE WOIM SQUOIMS

Said little Olie to Nick Chrisagis

It sure is quite outrageous
For you to date my goil for
Flory

And not even ask me if it's
hunky dory.

See here said Nick to little Olie
To tell you the truth I'm not a
bit sorry

Do you remember Taylor's goil
Ruth

Well an eye for an eye and a
tooth for a tooth.

Oh, said Olie, don't be a joik
I'd never be a party to such
doity work

Do you think that I am a woim
Well, asked Nick, why do you
squom.

Here is a tip to all the lads who have difficulty in keeping their hair well groomed. Mr. Albert H. Sloat, who is the Adjutant for the Schmid Provisional Group, is quite an authority on this subject. He always manages to keep his hair (singular) in place. When asked how he did it he replied: "Nothing to it, just use blitz cloth." Just the other day, Corp. Danner was seen whispering to Mr. Sloat. As you no doubt know, Danner has his heart set on growing one or more hairs on his chest so that he could claim the title of Nick Chrisagis. Could it be that Danner was seeking tonsorial advice? Won't know until we have "Snooper" Montgomery check into these secret confabs.

And talking about Montgomery, it seems that while he was always on somebody's trail, his wife is in town and now is on his trail, but he doesn't mind it at all. To Mrs. Montgomery it can be said that her hubby has led a good clean life in her absence. May somebody knock me down with a feather (no brick attached to it, of course) if I lie.

A fad that has swept Army Camps like wild fire is that of plastering "pin up girls" on foot lockers and bunks. While I find no fault with this fad, may I suggest that we select each month a fair haired lad on this base as one of our "pin up boys." To start the ball rolling, I nominate for the month of November as "pin up boy" Sgt. Sigmund W. Heinitsch. After consulting many men in this squadron, we found that Heinitsch has all the qualifications necessary to make him an ideal "pin up boy."

He has a weakness for posing for snapshots and we should have quite a few of these poses by November 1st. Since we are abso-

Invitation To An Eventful Evening



Fancy-figured Nancy Coleman, easy-to-glamorize Warners starlet, poses prettily in a day-

dreaming mood—or could she be waiting for someone or something? She would not have

long to wait were she within paw reach of the wolves of Pyote.

lutely certain that the demand for these poses will be greater than the supply, we must of necessity make certain rules and regulations concerning the distribution. If you are desirous of getting a pin up pose, all you need do is send 25 copies of The Rattler or its facsimile to us. We will send you a true pose of Heinitsch or a reasonable facsimile. If, however, you can't meet this simple requirement, you have the alternative of sending us \$17.28 for postage and we will send you absolutely free Heinitsch in person. And as another added attraction we will have tattooed on the back of our boy, the following words—"This is a true extract copy" signed by the CO of this squadron. Isn't this a fair offer—aren't the rules set down reasonable? This offer is also extended to the WACs. Now don't delay for this offer will only last a very short time. November 15th, 1946 will be the last day for you to take advantage of this offer.

One can logically ask what has Robert Taylor got that Heinitsch hasn't. The obvious answer is, of course, Barbara Stanwyck.

We are happy to announce that in our midst we have Pvt. Charles K. Ross, who, in civilian life, was employed by MGM Studios in Hollywood as a prop and construction man. Now come forward, fellows, and shake the hand

Dirty 30th

By SPONABLES' BOYS

It's difficult to keep good men even in a happy place like 30th Orderly Room. Two of our men are looking forward to greener pastures and shiny bars to replace an armful of stripes. T-Sgt. Sewell D. Kidder has left for OCS Training at Miami Beach. Our Sergeant Major, T-Sgt. Kenneth W. Walker can be seen most every night in the gym trying to get back into condition and reduce a certain part of his anatomy before leaving for aviation cadet training.

The 30th Squadron's favorite PFC, Albert W. B. Ripley, is now enjoying a much needed rest in his beloved Maine. The Orderly Room is unusually quiet in his absence . . . T-Sgt. Owen H. Golden is saying farewell to his tonsils at the Base Hospital . . . We wonder how the pistol match between Captain Crawford and WO Kovacht will turn out. At present the Captain leads by two points, but anything can happen. Here's hoping that Lt. Behnke doesn't make any foolish bets with the two, unless they are using tin cans for targets. We understand the Lt. is

that shook the hands of such motion picture stars as Clark Gable, Nelson Eddy, Norma Shearer and Judy Garland, etc.

pretty good at hitting them . . . PFC Hoholik was so excited when he was made Corporal that he sewed his stripes on upside down!

T-Sgt. Hickey is giving up his screw-driver and pliers for a control wheel . . . M-Sgts. Palmer and Howard have a number of the boys wondering how soon they will put in their request for separate rations. They've been making regular and frequent trips to Odessa, though M-Sgt. Howard seems to have slowed down somewhat—temporarily.

Much talent is being discovered in every section of the squadron. The 30th's big night at the Service Club will be something to remember. Last item: congratulations and best wishes for a happy married life to M-Sgt. Dean L. Benson, whose bride came all the way from Tacoma, Washington, to say "I do."

SOLDIER HITCHHIKES TO OWN WEDDING

PORTLAND, ORE. (CNS)—Pvt. Bill Lewis hitchhiked 200 miles recently and arrived here two hours late for his own wedding. The wedding had been scheduled for 8 p.m. but Lewis missed the last bus from his camp and took to the road. He traveled by garbage truck, ambulance, and ancient Ford and a street sprinkler and reached the church at 10:15 p.m.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

By T-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

The famous Ganges River, the great cities of Bombay and Calcutta and the crude and exotic mode of living of the people of India have come much closer to us during recent weeks. Letters from S-Sgt. Mason, Sgt. Tucker, PFC Rufo and the "Unforgettable Character" Private Zimmerman, have all proven of great interest. Only a few months ago these fellows worked side by side with us in the hospital. Remember what they used to say, "Pyote's rough but India's rougher." Heartiest regards to you in far away India! You're gone but definitely not forgotten.

It happened the other night when a certain Medic was returning from Pyote. Shall we listen? "There I was coming down the road, minding my own business and not saying a word to anyone when all of a sudden..." You're right, it's "The last of the Campbells", better known in Tennessee as Royce. For circumstances, inquire at the hospital post office. Incidentally, it took 3 days for this "mountaineer" to make up his mind to get shoe strings—wonder who lent him the nickel!

Another good representative from same state is PFC Victor Hall, former radio star and widely known master of guitar and ballads east of the Mississippi River only. Vic, we understand, will be featured at the next meeting of Sgt. Abe Blooms' "Local Bakers Union No. 237."

Ah! revenge is so sweet; but why are the WACs so loyal? Fine thing. Efforts to get even have again been thwarted because the Medical WACs just won't talk. Really, fellows, if some of the fairer sex were ever taken prisoners, the enemy would be fortunate to get their name, rank and serial number. Now in regard to that popular WAC FLAK reporter, Sgt. Wexler, we have been told that a number of her ancestors have dangled from trees, and they weren't monkeys either (Sh! horse thieves). And it was this same grand personality that is trying to reduce (ahem!) before going on furlough. Recommendation: "join our morning calijumpics".

What has caused the sudden interest in Pyote at McCamey, Texas? Sgt. (I find 'em mosquito) Kluczycki might justly be called our "New Recruiter", and we can rest assured that he will do a good job of it too. Greetings to all of our acquaintances in that friendly little city!

Our Chief Nurse, 1st Lt. Scymkowitz, now has the laugh on us. All summer she has taken a terrific "beating" in regard to her so called "Tomato Patch". Well, her crop will speak for itself for all in one little plot can be seen colorful gourds, morning glories, peppers, tomatoes and of course, cactus. Lt. Scymkowitz, we'll never question your ability as a horticulturist or gardner again.

"Make hay while the sun shines" is Sgt. Garcia's slogan. This interesting personality of much overseas' duty has found a home here. His evening "chores" are so interesting that Odessa doesn't have a chance. Better days are coming, chum.

Again something new has been added to this vast growing army. It is "Technician 6th Grade." It is believed that there are only 3 of them in the United States; one at Fort Devans, one at Camp Lee and the other, that ace Pyote ambulance driver Jim Nido! Fellows, have you heard, Jim still thinks that the Monahans paper that contained the picture of him is a daily.

PFC Mercer didn't know a thing about taking a pulse when he learned that 2nd Lt. Bell ANC was the instructor. What an apt pupil he did make, remember?

The basketball season is here and according to the turnout last Monday night there is ample good material. The officers too are in there pitching and threaten to become real competition. It's a great game for the long winter ahead.

Altitude Training

By PFC JACK MINKIN

It's into the heavens our eyes search. Not because we are trying to be astronomical, but to find out whether we work or not. For the past few weeks, we have been accommodating flying instructors and crew members of different air bases in our chamber. The most recent admissions to our chamber have been coming from Big Spring.

Pecos flying instructors have been taking advantage of our chamber too. After giving them indoctrination flight in our chamber, we have been acknowledged by a letter from their commanding officer. In his letter Major Thaxton commended us for the flight which saved them innumerable valuable flying training hours. He also expressed his sincere appreciation for the manner in which we did our work.

I guess that shows that we dood it again.

In case any of you are wondering, the construction in back of our building is an addition to our unit. The contents of it are to be another chamber. It's cause is the result of our crowning achieve-

Introducing Junior



For some curious reason, Lt. Fred W. Thacker, 390th Aviation Squadron CO, insists on referring to this cantankerous little beast as Junior. It is a

badger, captured locally, and the new squadron mascot. But it will take a bit of taming, for that sign isn't kidding—nor is Junior.

390th Aviation Sq.

By CPL. J. G. SMITH

All the lads of the 390th are cooking with gas these days. Take for instance a certain S-Sgt. who put a certain Pvt. on extra duty, so that he could cruise into town and meet the Pvt's girl friend.

Congratulations to S-Sgt. Elwood J. Brooks who is the proud father of a 7½ pound baby girl. Congratulations are also on hand for eleven EMs of this Squadron, who were awarded the Good Conduct Medal. They are: 1st Sgt. Garrett C. Maney, S-Sgt. Elwood J. Brooks, S-Sgt. Daniel H. Harris, Sgt. Johnny D. Smith, Sgt. Martin P. Byard, Cpl. Mark Farrar, Cpl. Daniel L. Morris, Cpl. James G. Smith, Cpl. Governor C. Will, PFC Virgil C. Madison, and PFC Francis W. Teagle.

Some organizations have dogs

ment. We know it means more work, but the manner in which we got it is what we're proud of.

To mention the brighter side of our life, I will have to take you into our barracks for the 45 minutes before the lights go out. Instead of it being a sleeping quarter, it appears to be a gymnasium. All the stuff that we do on our achievement test is in progress. Every now and then a new idea of a better exercise is brought up. With all these potential drill instructors, I can't visualize not getting enough exercise anymore.

for mascots, some have cats or what have you. Well, here's one for the book: we of the 390th have a badger. Yes, a real live wild badger. It's really quite a character. It likes dogs, like yours truly likes poison. A couple of the boys, S-Sgt. Eddie Booker and Pvt. Edmon Pryor, caught it out on the gunnery range. When it was first brought to the area it was very wild. Now that Cpl. Samuel L. Armstrong has taken time out to tame it, it really isn't hard to get along with.

Plans have been made to build a Service Club for this Squadron. We will be happy when it's up and open.

Our volley ball teams are progressing nicely. The inter-squadron games have been very exciting. At present Barracks No. 1 is winning by a one game lead. We are expecting to really go places in the near future.

Cpl. Loise Kemp is best when playing ping pong. Of course he gets some stiff competition from Lt. Thacker and 1st Sgt. Maney.

Master of the pool table is Pvt. Marvin Hatchell. He can really handle a cue stick.

T-Sgt. Eugene A. Hardmon and his crew at the Officers Mess, pushed sanitation points from 13, up to 93. Keep up the good work, boys. What is S-Sgt. John D. Hill beefing about?

This is our first column, if you like it tell everybody. If you don't like it, tell Cpl. Armstrong and he will tell everybody.

Diedrichs' Squadron

By S-SGT. ROY WORTENDYKE

Departures from the squadron made the big news of the week. Sgt. Louis Silverstein, a master armchair strategist and chief file clerk, was transferred to Lit'l ol' New York to take up duties with the administrative division of AS-TP. Pvt. Ben Jenkins, Pvt. Walter Horoshak (whose skill as a tailor was highly appreciated by the squadron) and PFC Alfred Ronner were honorably discharged. Cpl. Allen Axthelm is expected to tally plenty of Zeros when he finishes his training as a gunner.

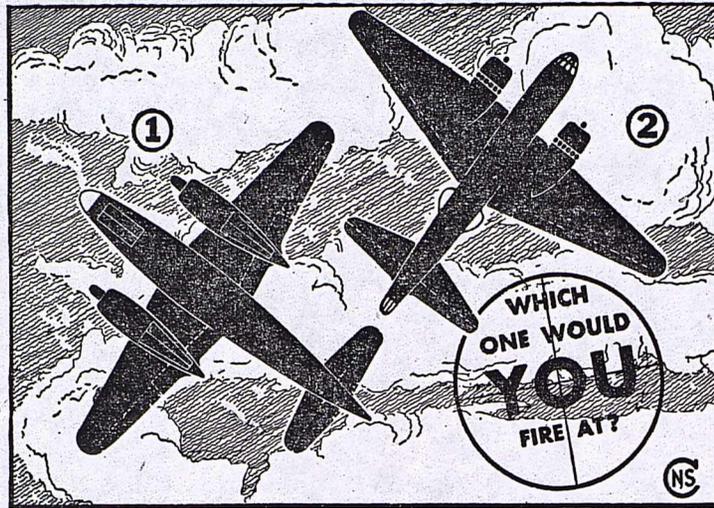
Pvt. Albert Pearman is not getting as much money as he used to. Wrapping his cigars in paper helped, he finds, to make up for the inferior quality necessitated by reduced income. Since his wife has gone back home PFC Lawrence Gillis is singing the blues.

S-Sgt. Don "The Lady Killer" Gonzales at the Air Service Command birthday dance cut in on a PFC with the witticism: "How about letting the young lady have some fun this evening too?" But "the killer" found his wit did not pay off for that PFC assembled his friends and the staff sergeant found that for the remainder of the evening the "May-I-cut-in" phrase was usually spoken by one or another PFC. Poor PFC Arthur Frankin awoke one night to find his carefully grown mustache gone, and his barracks mates gleefully making comments on how wonderfully well he looked. Now that S-Sgt. Joseph Britton has taken himself in hand and sent the gal the ring, he is able to sleep; 23 hours in one stretch is his record so far. There is an inquisitive interest on the part of PFC Clifford Voss's barrack mates on why he is going to Kermit every night.

At one of the noon meals Cpl. Herbert Hatcher showed his enthusiasm at having chicken by waving his piece over his head. The bird, being less enthusiastic, broke and fell kaplunk on the floor. As the corporal turned to get himself another leg, he knocked over Pvt. Richard Scott's tray, chicken and all. You can guess who was red, can't you?

Sgt. Richard Johnson has been repeatedly warned not to get near the billard table. If he gets mistaken for a cue ball it will be his own fault, and he will deserve sympathy from no one.

After visiting the Aztec the night Sgt. Silverstein left for New York, Cpl. Merton Parmenter told this tale in his sleep: The ship's lantern swung ceaselessly from the ribbed roof of his smelly, brown-walled cabin. As it swung the shadows moved swiftly from corner to corner. To the groans of the stout timbers being



NOT AT NO. 1! It's the Army Air Force "Marauder," the Martin B-26. This high-wing medium bomber is powered by two radial engines. The nose of the cylindrical fuselage extends forward of the engines. The tail projects beyond the tapered tailplane. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips.

FIRE AT NO. 2! It's the Jap Mitsubishi OB-01, a mid-wing, twin-engine, medium bomber. It has gun turrets on both sides of the deep, cylindrical fuselage and in the tail. The wings are sharply tapered to small rounded tips. Leading edge of tailplane tapers more than trailing edge to rounded tips.

Courtesy Harcourt, Brace Co., Aircraft Spotters by Lester Ott.

Monahans USO

Wednesday—Double or Nothing Quiz! Servicemen's wives luncheon at 12:00 noon.

Thursday—Finger Painting. Have you tried it yet? It's fun.

Friday—Help us decorate for the Halloween Party. We'll be working all afternoon. At 9:00 we'll have a Halloween Bingo.

Saturday—Halloween Party! Wonderful Witches — Glamorous Ghosts—Apple Contest — Jack O'Lanterns — Noise Makers — Costumes — Dancing—Refreshments.

Sunday—Coffee and donuts from 10:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Read, relax, rest.

Monday—GIs, have your stripes sewed on, or have you received them yet? Junior hostesses.

Tuesday—Write that letter you have been putting off. Junior Hostesses.

All Week—National Doughnut Week, beginning Tuesday will find a plentiful supply at the USO Club, 500 East Sealy St.

beaten by the waves he added his rhythmic snores. Suddenly from above there were shots, shouts and running feet. Just as his eyes flickered, the door banged open and rough hands thrust him into the cold. At the rail, with the sea but a step away, he turned to face the cruel eyes of—privates. "Please let me go," he pleaded. "Don't throw me in that shark-infested water. I'm a good little corporal. I never pulled my rank on you. That's the master sergeants who do that. I'm only a poor—little—corporal!"

Excessive Prices For Train Food Gouge Soldiers

(CNS)—Gripe number one of soldiers traveling via railroad day coaches is the stiff price of food and drink.

Because the Restaurant Price Branch of the Office of Price Administration has received many complaints from servicemen, particularly in the South and West, about overcharges for beverages and sandwiches sold by train peddlers, moves have been made to correct these abuses.

Soldiers, according to the OPA, have been objecting to paying 25c for a ham sandwich and another two bits for coffee or milk. Candy bars, they report, frequently cost 15 or 20c.

The OPA has published ceiling prices on all these food and drink items and railroads are required to adhere to them. If the train peddlers ignore the ceilings they are liable to arrest by an MP or a civilian policeman. Turn 'em in.

The OPA ceiling on sandwiches sold in day coaches is 15c. A cup of coffee or bottle of milk or a coke should cost a dime. Doughnuts and cookies sell two for 10c and pies and cookies shouldn't cost more than a dime either. The ceiling on chocolate bars, fruits and potato chips is also a dime.

Servicemen have been urged to report all instances of violations to MPs on the trains.

Sub-Depot Hq.

Recent gains and losses in Sub-Depot Headquarters include Pat Hawks who has resigned to return to Indiana; Marporie Hitt, who has transferred to Supply; Jean Williams, who has gone to her home in Nocona, and who has been replaced by Wanda Stricklin of Grandfalls; and Vivien Payne of Grandfalls, who is Headquarter's new messenger.

A slight epidemic of bad colds and flu recently slowed down Headquarters activities to some degree, but everyone is back on the beam again.

We are all happy to learn that after these many months, Mr. Arthur G.'s Buick is perking again. Mr. Wale is contemplating taking a mechanic learner's course so next time he can accomplish the overhaul himself and not be stranded on the Base for three months with no method of escape.

This is probably a well-known fact among Sub-Depot females, but Frankie Padak of Diedrichs Service Squadron and Sub-Depot Headquarters is not only an efficient printer, mineographer, etc., but also an accomplished dancer. In fact, he was formerly a dancing instructor's assistant.

A certain Sergeant "Nobody" from "No Place" would like to know how a certain party in the Medics rates with a certain young lady (not mentioning any names) from Chicago in about June and working in the Sub-Depot. Every method known to the army on getting a "yes" answer to a date has been tried. There has been seen on this young lady's dress: one RAF Flying Officer's wings, one U. S. pilot's wings, and an Ordnance Pin—all seem to have been replaced by a very small and beautiful medics pin. The closest this said Sgt. "Nobody" from "No Place" can get to a "yes" answer is a very sweet 'phone cancellation—But they tell me this will be a long war—I'll wait. What is the answer, Medics? Anita Pinney please note.

Have you girls noticed the new boy in the Reproduction Section? Jack Locie. Well here's a tip, girls—Outside of being tall, dark, and handsome, he is a swell dancer, and he specializes in the hula hula.

I suppose everyone in Headquarters has noticed the cute little-brunette working in the Statistical Office. Well, this is just a warning—I suppose you could call her a dangerous character. If she happens to enter your office keep your scotch tape, staplers, red ink, etc. out of reach, or else keep her a safe distance from you: In case you don't recall her, this is Maurine Brown—beware of her.

