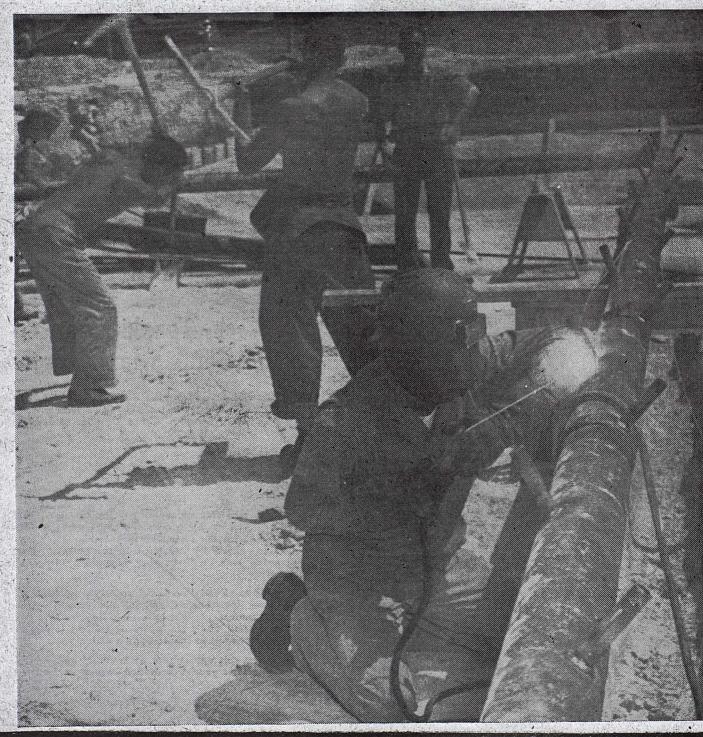


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MAJOR LEONARD D. RIORDAN

Major Riordan, CO Of Sec. 3, Welcomes Combat Crew Trainees

When Major Riordan, commanding officer of Section III, welcomed a new group of trainees, your roving reporter was there and, after the welcoming address, wandered around meeting the new men and the instructors who will train these men.

The new men, fresh and eager to learn about the world's greatest superbomber, came from all positions in life and all parts of the United States. Soft Southern speech clashed against the harsh "Joisey" brogue; Boston's "ideers," Midwestern speech, and a Texas drawl—all representative of the United States and the men representive of our fighting men.

The instructors could be identified easily by ribbons on their chests—ribbons that represented valor in battle against our enemies, ribbons representing combat in Europe, Africa, Southwest Pacific, and the Aleutians. I could not help but feel that the men who train under these instructors were fortunate. They can learn how to fight the enemy and "lick" him—from men who have fought the enemy in the air, and while they haven't licked them yet.

The instructors, who seem shy and reserved, referred me to the trainees whenever I tried to talk to them, and rightly too, for it was they who were being welcomed.

DES MOINES, Iowa (CNS)—A local motorist was fined \$5 in traffic court. Charge: He called a policeman a "nitwit".

Capt. Harnett Is New Personal Affairs Officer

Capt. Charles J. Harnett, Extension 168, is the new officer in charge of the Personal Affairs Section. His office is in the building directly behind the Station Library.

The office gives advice and assistance on all matters of personal affairs, to all men women in the service and their dependents. Also, the personal affairs of veterans and the dependents of deceased soldiers are handled free of charge.

MANY NEEDED IN WAR ON JAPS, LEAR WARNS

CINCINNATI (CNS)—Much of the Army now fighting in Europe may return home "via the Suez Canal and Tokyo," Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the Army Ground Forces, said here recently in a speech before veterans of the Spanish-American War.

"A great many men will be needed for the decisive operations in the Pacific to carry through the final assault against the Japs." Gen. Lear said. "We will wreck them completely and permanently in a military sense," he added.

Major Mangimelli Thanks Backers For Support On EM Swimming Pool

The following statement regarding work on the enlisted men's swimming pool was released by Major Sebastian J. Mangimelli, officer in charge of construction: "It has been my very great pleasure to work with a fine group of officers, enlisted men and enlisted women on this project. When a group of men are assembled on a field of this size it is normal and natural that a cross section of the country results. We have at Pyote Army Air Field specialists and experts of every trade or profession known in our civilization. This swimming pool is being built by men and women whose civilian training is invaluable to its ultimate construction and completion.

"Mention should be made of the physical and material aid by certain civilian personnel who have given their own time and off-duty hours. Mr. Atkinson, who drafted the plans; Mr. Payne, who ran the power shovel and gave a whole Sunday of his time to complete digging on time; Mr. Huff, who finished power grading by also giving a whole day. The officials and men of the Uvalde Construction Co. who gave freely of material and technical aid and, also the various oil, pipe line, and gas companies who gave freely of their tools and materials.

"We who are at Pyote must pro- motorcycles.

vide our own recreation and comforts; the location necessitates that these facilities be provided. Therefore the thought of helping instead of hindering a project of this type should be prevalent in the minds of everyone.

"Without the financial aid of that great musical comedy, "Off Limits," this project could not have been conceived. We who are using this financial aid in the building are conscious of the hard work and mental anxiety suffered by the cast and affiliates of this fine show and are using the money sparingly by manufacturing as much of the materials, through the aid of Post Engineers and Aircraft Supply and Maintenance, as is possible."

"The following officers and men should be commended for their zealous efforts: Lt.-Col. Cocke, Capt. MacPhillips, Lt. Weisman, Lt. Moore, T-Sgt. Parano, Sec. D; Sgt. DeRoma, Sec. D; Sgt. Sheffield, Sec. F; Pfc. J. Cooke, Sec. A; Pvt. Quintana, Sec. A; T-Sgt. Holley, Sec. F; S-Sgt. Freeman, Sec. F, and all the first and duty sergeants of all sections."

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—San Francisco has six more policewomen to its traffic force. All' have been given three-wheeled motorcycles.

25 August 1944.

Lt.-Col. Cocke Thanks Lions Of Monahans For Support On Pool

The following letter thanking the Lions Club of Monahans for its generous contribution to the enlisted men's swimming pool fund was sent by Lt.-Col. William H. Cocke, Director of Station Services:

Mr. S. O. Sloan, President, Monahans Lion Club, Monahans, Texas,

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you in behalf of the Commanding Officer of this station and particularly in behalf of the enlisted personnel for the splendid way in which the Lions Club responded to our request for assistance in the building of an enlisted men's swimming pool. Without your generosity this pool could not have been built.

Construction already has commenced on the pool, most of the digging has been accomplished, and the sides are now being shaped up for pouring cement. It will be a great day for this station when the pool is completed, and I am especially anxious to have the Monahans Lions Club present at the dedication of the pool.

May I take this opportunity of thanking each individual who through the efforts of your organization became a contributor to the Pyote swimming pool.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM H. COCKE, Lt.-Col. Air Corps, Director Station Services,

Voting Is The Privilege And Duty Of Every Citizen.

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WORK PROCEEDS ON E.M. SWIMMING POOL



Finishing up on excavation work is (1 to r): Pfc. James C. Carter, Sgt. Delbert Simpson, T-Sgt. Victor Peisano (construction foreman), Pvt. Donald Dunn, S-Sgt. Charles Claydon, and Pvt. Lorenzo Carrillo.



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Cutting some small joints of pipe for fitting is this group. Left to right: Pvt. Glenn Caughey, Pvt. Verne Pinney, S-Sgt. Thomas J. Smith, and Sgt. Delbert Simpson.



THE COVER

Work on the enlisted men's swimming pool is going forward each day, with men bringing their civilian trades into the project. Shown on the cover is Pvt. John E. Cook, of Section A, handling the electric arc welding machine. He is welding a pipe which will go into the pool's water system. Most of the excavation work has been done.

COVINGTON, KY. (CNS)-Mrs. Lillian McDaniel won an annulment of her marriage to a husband she met on a bus after testifying that they were married when the bus reached its destination, but to England for more work within she never saw her husband again. one day.

This group of men is doing some pipefitting work. Shown are: Cpl. Edmund Quintiana, Pfc. Robert Jacobs, Pvt. Julius Vasko, Pfc. Cameron Hubbard, and Pvt. Jacob Johnston. The third man from left in background is unidentified.

LSTS FERRY TRAINS ACROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL

FRANCE (CNS) - The Navy's big, efficient LSTs (Landing Ships, Tanks) now are being used to ferry railroad trains across the English Channel into France, the Navy has announced.

Recently, the Navy said, one LST ferried a complete train across the channel and returned



"Taking a reading" here is S-Sgt. J. L. Freeman, one of the construction foremen on the job (at right kneeling). Others in picture are: Pfc. Leo Sperling, Pvt. Martin Eckart, Pvt. Paul Booher, Cpl. Earl Lyons, Cpl. Theodore Lindquist, Pvt. Bill Valdez, S-Sgt. K. W Hull, and Pfc. Jack Zimmerman.

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

LONDON (CNS)-Adolf Hitler, the Berlin radio said, told a recent meeting of Nazi party leaders that what Germany needed was a leader who would "under no circumstances capitulate" and that he was that man.

GETS WOODEN BROGANS

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)-A sad sack of a Seabee here was walking around barefoot for weeks because no one could supply him with his shoe size—a neat 141/2. His problem was solved by the natives, however, who built a pair for him out of canvas and wood.

CONSULT THE STATION VOTING OFFICER, CAPT. MAX-WELL GRONICH; STATION INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, (PHONE 6) ABOUT VOTING REGULATIONS IN YOUR STATE.

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'Cactus Capers' Heads Week's Entertainment Bi

Comedy-Music Show Scheduled Monday Night

To accomodate the show-starved swing shift, Cactus Capers will be presented for matinee-mongers, at 1:30, Monday, September 11, at Theater No. 1. Admission is free.

Monday night marks another Show Night at the Theater No. 1. when "Cactus Capers" rolls in for two performances.

Billed as something new and different in the way of variety entertainment, a cast of 24 gals and guys from Pyote AAF will unleash 75 minutes of songs, music, dancing, and comedy.

"Cactus Capers" is playing one night only, Monday, September 11, for two shows-6 and 8:30 p.m., at Post Theater No. 1.

According to advance notices the program boasts a comedy skit: "If Men Played Cards As Women Do", a satire titled merely, "Wee Bonnie Rudolph", and Pyote Quartet, some jitterbug dancing, a Conga line, and an esthete numberprovocatively titled: "Dance of the Balloons".

In line with the new Special Service policy of more and better local entertainment, "Cactus Capers" attempts to offer something to please every GI. The variety show, is directed by Pvt. Monty Ash, and the skits and scripts are penned by Pfc. Ed Koops—both connected in similar capacities with "Off Limits".

A stage-bill featuring 15 acts has been arranged for "Cactus Capers", and the doors open 15 minutes before curtain time.

The admission is nothing but your nicest smile and your GIs.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE-One pair of Indian saddle bags, tear drop type. See Cpl. Earl Lyons, Sec. 'F orderly room.

LOST-Anyone finding a brown leather wallet containing valuable papers, please return to Sgt. Charles Patch at Link Trainer Dept., Phone 162. Reward will be given.

FOR SALE-1937 Hudson se-dan, new tires, \$525. Pvt. L. Tarletz, Hospital Lab, Phone 87.

FOUND-Long key chain with seven keys, in plane 931. Owner can have same by calling at Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)-"Obey that impulse" is the motto of 94year-old Rudy Weeber. He painted his horse baby blue.



TIGHT ROPE ARTIST Mary Francisco, an attractive part of the "Aristocrats of the Wires" act of Don Francisco and Company, will be here on Sept. 18 with the USO Camp Show, "What's Buzzin'?" A lovely 100pounder, Mary has been starring as a tight wire artist for the past 16 years.

Corn-Melody Mixture For Show Tonight

Corn and melody will share entertainment honors at the Service Club tonight, when the Patio becomes the field's show spot in the regular Thursday evening variety show.

Two hours of solid entertainment—music, songs, gags and girls -from 9 to 11-will feature such well-known local talent as Chuck Rudolph and "Goo-Goo" Gregory of "Off Limits" fame, Bobbie and Terry Tubbs, who will banter a mean ballad, Koops, and m.c. Monty Ash.

For the benefit of new arrivals, these Thursday treats are presented in the Service Club Patio for you and your best gal. Tables are provided and the amber lager is yours for the regular fee.

So, if you're bored with the PX patio and like a little music and corn with your evening's clinking -it's the Service Club Patio-9 o'clock tonight!

EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO (C. N.S.)-Rabbits ruined his garden, so Russ Paterson sicked his dog on them. When last seen the dog was running for dear life-with two bunnies in hot pursuit.

RETURNS FROM SCHOOL

Major John M. Atkinson, Tactical Inspector for Pyote Army Air Field, has returned from Orlando, Fla., where he attended a tech inspector's school.

Theater Schedule

Thurs.—GREAT MOMENT, with Joel McCrea and Betty Fields. Also, "Devil Boats," technicolor feature, and Paramount News

- Fri. -MUSIC IN MANHATTAN, with Anne Shirley and Dennis Day. Also, "This Is America," and "The Cat Came Back." Sat.—THOUSANDS CHEER, with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kel-
- , ley, Kay Kyser and his orchestra. Also, "In A Harem."
- Sun. and Mon .- DRAGON SEED, with Kathryn Hepburn and Walter Huston. Also Paramount News.
- Tues.—(Double feature)—SEVEN DOORS TO DEATH, with Chick Chandler and June Clyde, and MADEMOISELLE FIFI, with Simone Simone and John Emory.
- Wed. and Thurs.-JANIE, with Joyce Reynolds, Ann Harding, Edward Arnold, and Robert Benchley. Also Paramount News.

Monahans USO

Thurs.-Gingerbread party. Fri.—Informal activities; Spanish class. Sat.—"Chamber of Horrors" dance. Sun.—Movies; songfest; informal dancing. Tues.-Caricature drawing and palm reading. Wed.-Informal activities.

Service Club

Thurs.-Gay Nineties in Patio; it's strictly off the cob, and some old-style singing to boot.

Fri. -Dance; from 9 to 12, with Station Orchestra giving out: Sat.-Open.

Sun.-Music. Mon.-Open. (Variety Show at Theater No. 1).

Tues.—Dance. Wed.-GI Movies.

Nursery Keeps Children During Working Hours

Complete, competent care for children is available at the Children's Nursery on this station, an organization designed to aid civilian and military personnel by caring for their children during working hours.

Director of the nursery is Mrs. Kenneth Smith. Mrs. George Rauch and Mrs. Williams are trained nurses on duty. Also working in the nursery are Mrs. Kenneth Johansen, Mrs. Eloise Smith and Mrs. Clare P. Love.

The nursery, located directly behind the Civilian Personnel building, is open on week days from 7:45 a. m. to 6 p.m. On Sundays it opens at noon and closes at 11:30 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays it is open until 11:30 p.m., and on Saturday remains open until 1:30 a.m.

- Charge for keeping children is

'Horror Chamber' At USO Saturday

A "chamber of horrors" will provide the theme for the weekly Saturday night dance at the USO in Monahans on Sept 9. The USO hall will be decorated with spider webs and other eerie decorations lending it the atmosphere of Dracula's castle and Frankenstein's tomb.

A gingerbread party will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 7. Hot gingerbread, the same kind you get in Ma's kitchen, will be on hand.

Friday evening another lesson in Spanish will be given. The USO Spanish classes for beginners are intended to give them a practical grasp of the speech used South of the Border

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (CNS) Picked up for investigation as an "enemy alien," a local woman was released when she proved she was a Pueblo squaw.

any one day. Meals are extra. 15 cents per hour, not to exceed Children up to four years old \$1.00 total charge for a child for are taken care of in the nursery.

EDITORIAL

After V-Day -- What?

Occasionally we hear one of our friends making such remarks as "... I'm going to lay off work for a year when the war is over "... I'm going to take life easy for a long time ..., I'm going to go back home and if I can't get the job I want. I'm going to hit the road ... I'm going to buy all the alarm clocks in town, and burn them in the front yard."

Of course the return to civilian life is a large part of all our thinking, yet many of the remarks indicate a detached, unrealistic view of the problems and adjustments ahead. Many soldiers, especially those who have served long periods in combat zones, are going to find it hard to adjust themselves to the problems contingent with the wearing of blue serge suits and striped ties.

There's the matter of earnings and how it can be arranged to go around. Your grocery bill and rent collector will start showing up again with the same regularity and frequentness which they once did.

There's the matter of earnings and how they can be arranged many of us are going to run into, back in Ohio and Washington and Louisiana and New York and all other states. Anyone physically fit enough to be a soldier today and possessing almost any trade could knock down some big money if he weren't in uniform. That is an admitted fact. But it doesn't mean that the war-founded opportunities will continue into the peace period.

But there will be plenty of opportunities for trained men. Now is a good time to get that training which will be your best readjustment cushion when the war ends. Through on-the-job training, technical schools and through the correspondence courses of the Armed Forces Institute you can add to your training.

A little bit of time spent now will help a lot.

"The Army Is No Place . . . Etc."

When you get around to talking about the Wacs—and who doesn't?—there's always the fellow who remarks: "The Army's no place for a woman."

He's right, too. It is certainly no place for a woman. In fact, if you looked hard enough you might find those who maintain that it's no place for a man either. But there is work to be done, and the more help we get the sconer it will be done and we can go home.

Individually and collectively, the Wacs are pitching in their bit in a fine way. The jobs being handled by them all add up to a sizable contribution to the war effort. Without them it would be necessary to have more men or drag the war out further. We're all after the same thing_victory_and their work adds into the final figure the same as yours does.

Remember that the next time some Joe Blow tells you: "The Army is no place for a woman."

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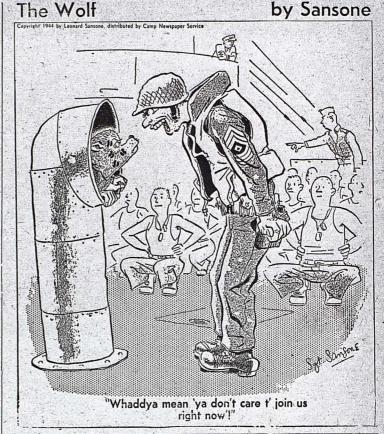
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Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

A soldier with the invasion forces in France and a girl in Oakland, Calif., were wed in Tulsa by remote control—and it could only happen in Oklahoma.

Attorneys predict the ceremony --second of its type in Tulsa-will be the forerunner of hundreds of weddings-by-proxy destined to make Oklahoma the Gretna Green of the U. S. armed forces.

Months ago, the Army and Navy faced the fact that matrimony was one of the biggest personal problems worrying the boys at the front. Lots of GI Joes wanted to get hitched, for variuos reasons.

For example, some service men overseas discovered their marriages, were faulty for one reason or another and their wives could not draw the monthly allotments.

Others were just plain lovesick and afraid their absence would make the heart of the one-andcnly back home grow fonder—for somebody else. Married, they could do a better job of fighting.

Inquires were made by the war department to determine whether any type of marriage by mail would stand up in court and be recognized in determining allotments to service wives...

After an exhaustive search, the National Association of Legal Aid committees in New York found Oklahoma was the only state in which a proxy marriage with neither party present would be iron-clad.

This information was transmit- ics every morning.

ted in a bulletin to legal assistance officers in every unit of the Army and Navy. A short time later, the Army asked the Tulsa Legal Aid committee to marry a soldier fighting in Italy and a girl living in Berkeley, Calif.

A third case now receiving attention concerns an Oklahoma soldier who discovered his first wife had never divorced him and his second wife, who had borne him several children, couldn't get her allotment.

The Legal Aid committee, headed by J. B. Diggs, Jr., expects to solve this problem by getting him a divorce from his first wife and marrying him again with the second—a woman in Brownwood, Texas.

As the first step in the proxy wedding, Diggs obtains power of attorney from the service man and his sweetheart. Then he draws up a marriage contract.

This contract is signed by Diggs, representing the service man, and some Tulsa woman attorney representing the bride. The signatures are attached before a county judge in the presence of two witnesses. That's all there is to it.

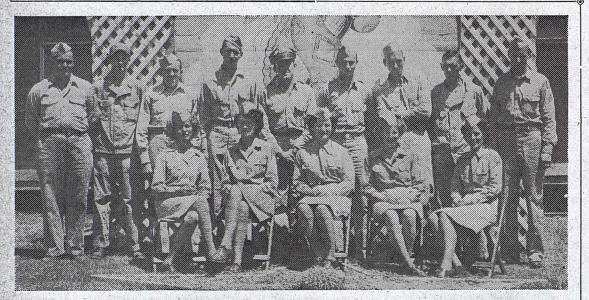
WACS START REDUCING

WASHINGTON (CNS) —A checkup of 97 Wacs stationed here revealed that 67 had gained an average of nine and a half pounds since their induction. Result of the poll: 15 minutes of calisthenics every morning.

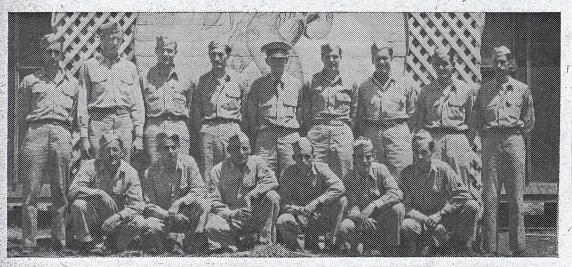
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COL. JONES PRAISES WORK OF COMBAT CREW



SUPPLY ... These members of Combat Crew Detachment Supply contributed to the outstanding record set in July. Left to right: seated, front row-Pvt. Billy Lewis, Pvt. Dorothy Lawler, Pvt. Ann Slusser, Pvt. Atys Burress, and Pvt. Lorena Jester; standing-Cpl. John F. Mahoney, Pvt. D. W. Lund, Pfc. R. O. Krampetz, Sgt. W, H, Grubbs, 2nd Lt. H. Z. Moore, 1st Lt. R. P. Zilliot, Cpl, E. C. Brandt, Cpl. M. E. Beaty, and Sgt, J, H, Moore.



SECRETARY OF TRAINING DEPARTMENT . . . Taking care of the all-important Form 5's are these men, who comprise the personnel of the Secretary of Training's Office. Left to right, kneeling-Cpl. Lee V. Retterbush, Sgt. Joseph G. Tucceri, S-Sgt. Harold K. McAlister, Pfc. James C. Carter, Cpl. Carl C. Vogelie, and T-Sgt. John E. Dullanty; standing-Sgt. John C. Paulson, Cpl. Edward J. Rammelkamp, Pvt. John E. Reed, Cpl. Harry A. Hamlin, Major Henry E. Bergschneider, Sgt. David H. Copeland, S-Sgt. William Lubitz, Sgt. M. Brown, and Sgt. John J. Snyder.

SOVIET EXPERT PRAISES **U. S. TANK TACTICS**

RUSSIA (CNS) - The accomplishments of American tank forces in France have won the admiration and praise of Col. P. Kolomeitzeff, armored warfare expert of the Red Army newspaper Red Star.

Reviewing the Allied offensive in France, Col. Kolomeitzeff said the maneuvers by forces under Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley were "masterful" and that the American tactics ful" and that the American tactics movie horror specialist, has sued were superior to those used by the her husband for divorce. "He's Germans.

COLONEL GIVES WAC A RIDE ON HIS BIKE

ENGLAND (CNS)-Wac Bernice Higgins was walking along Picadilly Circus when she met a colonel from her home town in Nebraska. She saluted him smartly. He returned the salute. They chatted for a minute and then the colonel took her riding-on the handlebars of his bicycle.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS) - Lillian Arch Lugosi, wife of Bela Lugosi, inhuman," she claims.

SUCKERI

ITALY (CNS)-An Italian carpenter presented a bill to the American Red Cross. At the bottom he penned this note: "Plus 20 per cent because you are Americans."

OAKLAND, CAL. (CNS)-Mrs. Very Perry won a divorce when she testified that her husband soaked her shoes in hot water, then put them in the oven and baked them to a crisp. "He was a mean one," she explained.

The Combat Crew Proce during the month of July, dragg The following letter of c Jones, Station Commandant, is di

SUBJECT: Commendation. : Director of Training, TO Army Air Field, Pyo

1. It is extremely grati Field has placed first in the Second procedure with a processing effic month of July.

2. It was only through the each and every member of the C station that this end was achieve preciation for the efficient manne and to commend Major Cecil A. James J. Tesitor, 2nd Lt. J. Willi kowski, and all other members o

3. It is directed that each individually notified of this com

4. A copy of this commen priate 201 files of the above nan

In addition to those menti to Lt. Arch K. Giffin, Classificati of the CCD Headquarters, Classif Legal Section, Medical Section, F ply, Model Stocks, personnel who E, Form 5 clerks from the office civilian personnel from Air Corp



APOLOGY DEPT .: A few films scheduled for the Service ! had planned to show some of th "It Happened One Night", and s shown, and we owe you an expla and such forbid showing of full-l films at the War Dept. Theatre. pleading-that's how the matter know it's not the fault of the Ser celled. Tough.

QUOTES FROM PYOTE I for swimming pool: "Ya see? grow up to be nuttin' but a pool 'I told my draft board I had a pl from the Service Club: "Sure, s before leaving the house, 'cause s

WORD TO THE WISE D setting in, and the weekly beer concluded after this month. S drinking a few brews in pleasa tainment thrown in. It's the Ser

DETACHMENT

sing Team pulled out all the stops ing down a 99% efficiency rating. ommendation from Col. William W. rected to all personnel of the Team:

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236th Combat Crew Training Station, te. Texas.

ying to know that Pyote Army Air ad Air Force Combat Crew Processing iency of ninety-nine per cent for the

untiring efforts and coordination of ombat Crew Processing Team at this d. It is my desire to express my apr in which you went about this work Pitts, 1st Lt. Robert P. Zilliot, 1st Lt. ard Monk, and WOJG Irving S. Kraf the Combat Crew Processing Team.

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dation will be placed in the approted officers.

> WILLIAM W. JONES, Colonel, Air Corps, Station Commandant.

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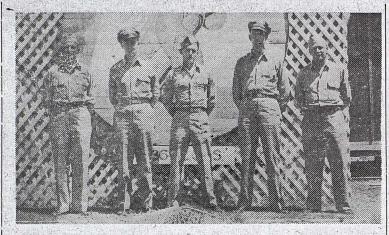


weeks ago we bally-hooed some old Club. Twice a month Miss Crowder e better old movies, like "Top Hat", o on. Well, the movies never were nation. Seems regulations and rules ength movies in competition with the And in spite of much arguing and stands. We just want you guys to vice Club that these films were can-

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DEPT.: Overheard at the excavation Me mudder was right. She said I'd shark!"... Eavesdropped at the PX: iysical defect—no guts!"... Relayed the used to tie a biscuit on her head he wanted to go out with a bun on!"

EPT.: Cooler weather will soon be parties at the Service Club will be o, drop around tonight if you like nt surroundings with a little entervice Club Patio, fonight at 9.



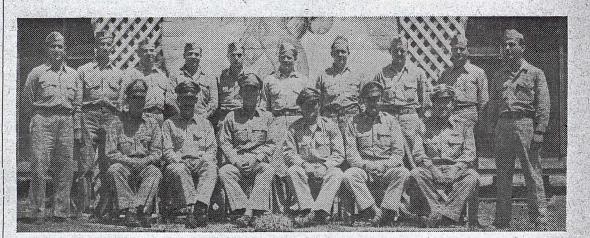
MEDICS . . . The medical end of the processing is handled by the above men, assigned to the training section. Left to right: Cpl. C. J. Mort, Capt. D. G. Willard, Cpl, J. F. King, 1st Lt, G, S. Barnes and Cpl. G. C. Wehling.

Guam Radio Breaks Two-Year Silence

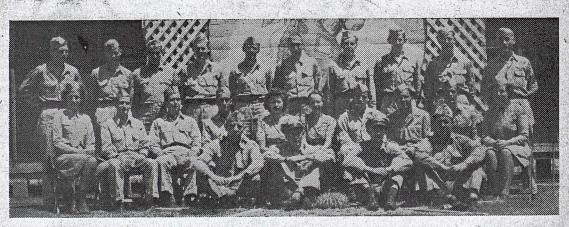
GUAM (CNS)—The Guam radio, silenced since Dec. 10, 1941 when Capt. George J. McMillin, then Naval governor of this island, informed Pearl Harbor that Jap planes were strafing Agana, is back on the air again. The first message sent by the Signal Corps after the landing on Guam was the following: "This news is from Radio Guam. Nothing heard from you since 1941. Greetings."

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — A Tokyo broadcast, picked up here, reports that a temperance campaign has been launched in Japan.

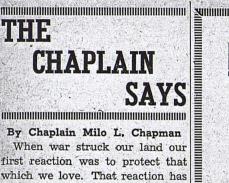


HEADQUARTERS . . . The above members of Headquarters, Combat Crew Detachment, had a lot to do with setting the July record for processing. The third officer seated (from left), Major C. A. Pitts, directs the entire work of processing. Shown are (left to right): seated—2nd Lt. N. C. Brown, Capt. D. E. Carmicheael, Major Pitts, Major S. J. Mangimelli, 1st Lt. J. M. Ellison, 2nd Lt. H. E. Ewing; standing—Pfc. J. G. Bruno, S-Sgt. R. J, Ream, S-Sgt. H. D. Bartsch, Cpl. John R. Scofield, Sgt. E. V. Jones, M-Sgt. R. L. Davis, T-Sgt. M. P, Joyce, M-Sgt. E. P. Driver, Pvt. G. W, Guy and Pfc, J, P, Abraham.



C. C. D. PERSONNEL..., Here are the Personnel aces who aided the station in July in setting a record for 2 AF stations in the processing of combat crews. Left to right: seated—lst Lt. Arch K. Giffin, 2nd Lt. Jerome Phillips, 2nd Lt. Robert W. Campbell, and 2nd Lt. J. Willard Monk; second row—Cpl. Ruth Tucker, Pvt. Miles Dyson, Pvt. John Batte, M-Sgt. Cannie Darley, Mrs. Betty Quick, Mrs. Lucille Joyner, Pvt. Milford Rudgers, Sgt. William Heckler, Pvt. Richard Hanson, Pvt. Evelyn Hancock; standing—S-Sgt. Karl Keyes, Pfc. Albert Ripley, Cpl. Ed Gardner, Cpl. Robson Sage, S-Sgt. George Weber, Jr., S-Sgt. Ralph K. Jarrell, Pvt. H. J. Timmerman, Pvt. Joseph Corpening, Cpl. Billy Bryant, and S-Sgt. Clarence Bernstein.

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which we love. That reaction has developed until now there is a strong "go-back-home" desire in each of us, so that we can find things as we left them. Our thoughts of our life in the future are mainly colored by our memory of the past.

In all probability none of us will be able to retrace our steps and find exactly what we left behind. Time will have changed the physical surroundings, and some of our friends will be gone. We ourselves, will be different be-cause of the experiences we have had. There are some things which will vary regardless of what we think or do, but there are some other things that we can compel to remain constant.

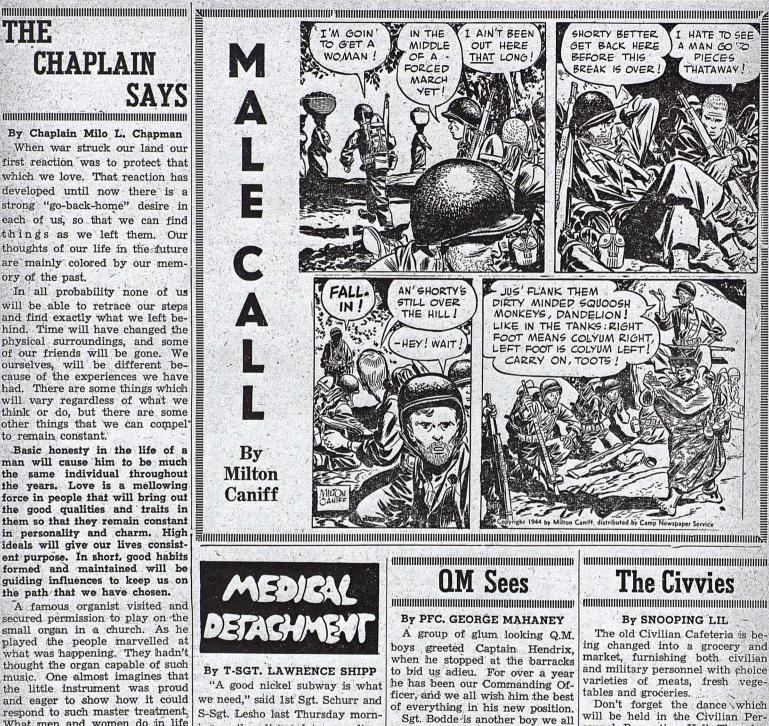
Basic honesty in the life of a man will cause him to be much the same individual throughout the years. Love is a mellowing force in people that will bring out the good qualities and traits in them so that they remain constant in personality and charm. High ideals will give our lives consistent purpose. In short, good habits formed and maintained will be guiding influences to keep us on the path that we have chosen.

A famous organist visited and secured permission to play on the small organ in a church. As he played the people marvelled at what was happening. They hadn't thought the organ capable of such music. One almost imagines that the little instrument was proud and eager to show how it could respond to such master treatment. What men and women do in life depends upon who is at the organ. Somehow our world today needs to learn to let The Master play so that the clanging and clashing of hate will give way to the beautiful harmonies of peace. In that way the things we love can be made permanent.

ARMY STARTS BUILDING JET-POWER ENGINES

NEW YORK (CNS)-The Army is going strong for the production of jet-power engines, according to a report released recently by the General Electric company with the permission of the War Department.

General Electric has announced that it will devote 600,000 feet of floor space to manufacture the turbines.



training under the Army Special-

ized Training Program will be dis-

continued immediately except for

students who are now in their final

year, the War Department has an-

another record has been broken. The new nickname for "Junior"

Weaver is F. F. (Federal Housing).

Now who could get the signifi-

nounced.

will be held in the Civilian Perhate to see leave, but such are the sonnel Recreation Hall Thursday friendships of war. Bodde stopped night, Sept. 7-which is tonight. by before leaving and instructed You gals grab yourselves a man and let's dance to the music of Pfc. Amos on how to spin a top. Jimmie Page and his orchestra. Nick Ioaski says there is one Admission is \$1.00 per couple and rule you must abide by to become all civilians and their guests are a success in the Army. That is to invited. There will be an added shoot the bull, pass the buck, and attraction during the intermission make seven copies of everything. and cash prizes of \$25.00 will be given. WASHINGTON (CNS) - Dental

New in our department is Capt. R. L. Matteson, of Sioux 'City, Welcome, Capt. Matteson. Iowa.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY

MARIANAS (CNS)-It was payday in the Marianas, but there was nothing here to buy and nowhere to go to spend money. Result: The Army postal officer did a rushing business. He nearly sold out of money order blanks.

By T-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

we need," said 1st Sgt. Schurr and S-Sgt. Lesho last Thursday morning as they listened to recordings 'somewhere" not too far from the NCO Club. Pushing cars is OKbut haven't you heard the "dimout" has been lifted? Then there's C. C. and Sue's free ride to the Dorm, and S-Sgt. Freas' ride also! Now, no one has been forgotten. have they? The red-faced barefooted GI from Sec. "D" is still at large. He pushed, too! Let's say no more.

Things just aren't the same in Bks. 2, since Cpl. Lonergan left. The thing the fellows miss the most is his routine shaving at 2300. But something new has been added and that's our "Singing C. Q.". It's no other than Sgt. Buc who never fails to 'make with a song' when he puts on the lights. Flash!! Sgt. Piel, the ASN expert, was on K.P. last week. And cance of that?

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By Pvi. BARBARA COLEGROVE and Sgt. THEORA FRENCH NOMINATION FOR GIRL OF THE WEEK: The lady is one of the best loved ones in our midst and one of the most friendly. She is always willing to hear one's troubles and never turns a deaf ear. She goes about her work cheerfully; we've never heard her complain, even when her furlough was turned down. But when she does get a few days leave from her duties, everyone is asking when she will be back. She has been in our WAC company since 'way back in June, 1943, and is known by all who have visited our area. Guess who?

News Notes

We've said "so long and a hap-py furlough" to Pvt. Talitha Collins. Happy traveling, Talitha. We are also very glad to welcome back Pvt. Dollie Brockmeier, who has just spent the past week in the Pecos Army Air Field hospital

Congratulations to Lt. Fuller, who very willingly and cheerfully pinch-hit for our Lt. Haslam who attended a meeting in Colorado Springs.

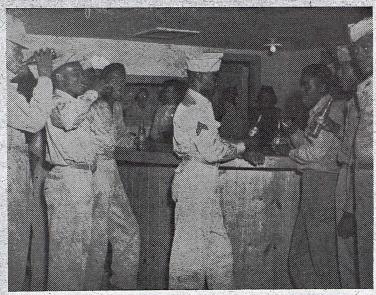
Here's the 64-dollar question-Just what happened to Pfc. Ed Koops the day that all the picks and shovels were handed out at the EM swimming pool? We saw a name spelled K-O-O-P-S on the sick book.

By CATTY CHATTY

In case you haven't been formally introduced to your boss, his name is Captain Floyd B. Miller. Say, Joe, that pipe really does something for you . . . I've heard about those fast hitching jobs, but have you heard about the deal which Marge Hitt and "Slap Happy" Novak pulled last Sunday? . Poor Dewees! Why, oh why, do they always turn out to be very much married? She says she will never trust another man . . . Sgt. Gaines had a three-day pass last week and took a flying trip to Oklahoma City. Said something about someone who had promised to make him some hot biscuits. Well, isn't that the way to a man's heart?

WHAT HARD LEAVES!

FT. BENNING, GA. (CNS)-Set. William Eller made a parachute landing in a clump of trees, then discovered to his pain that the clump was camouflage for a concrete highway. He will live.



SEC. C CAFETERIA . . . Here's the new cafeteria furnished for members of Section C. The new place, giving the Section C men long-needed accomodations, opened recently.

POINTS

From Section C

By PVT. WALTER M. CABELL

gram before us, I hardly know

just what to give you first. Let's

give a thought to who's who. Let

us begin with the personnel of

our PX. Mrs. Cooper, who is the

manager, Mrs. Wiley, her assist-

ant, and Mrs. Robinson, certainly

lend an air of pleasantness. The

feminine touch, so vitally needed,

is well_added by their presence.

This space can not justifiably

honor these ladies-for words can

not express their graciousness.

Each of them have long been en-

gaged in work of a similar nature.

Mrs. Cooper, before coming to us, was employed as manager of the

PX at Kearns, Utah. Mrs. Wiley,

Mrs. Cooper's assistant, comes to

us from Memphis, Tenn. Mrs.

Robinson, who comes from Salt

Lake, is a qualified USO worker,

and was active in this field prior

to her coming to us. Their compe-

tence and efficiency bespeak the

virtues of achievement and merit.

will be possible for you to pur-

chase hot and cold sandwiches,

as well as hot and cold beverages.

Mrs. Robinson will have complete

charge of this department in con-

NAZI GENERAL DISAVOWS

FRANCE (CNS) - A German

general who surrendered his divi-

sion recently to troops of the

French Forces of the Interior, told

his captors that the Wehrmacht

'would not be held responsible for crimes committed by local troops

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Now that the Army Nurse Q. Corps has become a part of the AUS, will nurses be permitted the same privilege granted to members of the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps who held commissions and were permitted to refuse the new commission and obtain a release from the service when that organization became the WAC?

A. If you mean can these gals get out of the Army, the answer is No. If you want this wrapped up in technical language here's the way they gave it to us: "Declination of an appointment to a commission in the Army of the United States in no way influences their status in the Army Nurse Corps. As members of the Army Nurse Corps they will still be subject to its regulations and policies." Okav? .

Q. Pity the poor Section 8. Four years ago, I received a Section 8 discharge from the Army because of a civilian court conviction. Later I tried to re-enlist and after the WD had granted me a-waiver, was accepted. Now, however, word of my old Section 8 has leaked out and I am subject to the gibes and taunts of my campmates. I don't mind this so much, but the other day when I applied for lon-gevity pay on the basis of my total service previous to and subsequent to my discharge, I was told that my past service didn't count because of that old debbil Section 8. That I do mind. Can I do anything about it?

like you should be receiving lon- purposes."

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By SGT. WARD HOWELL

FURLOUGH BLUES: Says one little sardine 'tother sardine while attempting to board the famed T and P in these parts: "Be careful when getting on, they pack you in these things like soldiers."

He was known as Two AF Botte in them thar days. We're speaking of Pvt. Paul who has just returned from furlough and was transferred to Headquarters, Second Air Force.

Three-day passing south of the border in Chihuahua, Mexico, last week were T-Sgt. Gilbert Reynolds, S-Sgt. Clarence Bernstein and Sgt. Ross Lawrence. Souvenirs included paper money autographed by Senora Luz de Villa, widow of Mexico's Pancho Villa.

Cpl. Al Manzelli and Cpl. Wesley Thomassen are constantly debating as to which receives more mail. They can nearly always be found together at the day room sweating over a lengthly reply to their daily sugar reports. A plug for the Soldier's Deposit

system. It furnishes a convenient means of investment for enlisted men and deposits may be withdrawn upon request of Section CO. Applications for Sol. Dep's. may be made at S-1. This form of saving is not a substitute for War Bonds, but an additional means of accumulating reserves against emergencies or at the time of discharge. Give it a try.

Likely to be found at the Service Club most any time playing bridge are Pvts. George Magill,_ James Shimberg and Leonard Rosenthal. If you play, a fourth is always welcome.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

This week we want to say something for S-Sgt. Vic Goodman's 'Non-Griping Hangar Crew". Vic's painters have been working hard to comply with Tech Orders calling for the large identification numbers you see on the nose and tail of ships at this base. The painters also put the P.Y.'s on the vertical stabilizers and make all necessary changes in air corps insignia. After accomplishing all this many of the ships were transferred out, and according to Pfc. Gift they're just amply happy that the latrines they painted are part of the hangar or they would have been transferred out too.

gevity pay. The official ruling is that the service "which was terminated by dishonorable discharge on account of a civilian conviction of for any other reason than fraud may be included in the computa-A. From where we sit, it looks tion of service for longevity-pay

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Aces Edge Out Dusters II-10 In First Of Title Games

DATTED

Big Fifth Frame Gives Section A Swatters 6 Runs

Led by "Moe" Moran's pitching and hitting, the Section A Aces nosed out the Section D Dusters 11 to 10 to win the first game in their best two out of three Base Championship Series.

Moran struck out 12 Dusters. Sarille, fourth Section D pitcher, pitched no-hit ball for the last three innings and struck out seven Section A batters.

In the big inning the Aces sent ten men to the plate, producing 6 runs on 5 singles, one hit batter and a tremendous 3-base clout to deep left field by Pat Kearns, "Aces" first-sacker. Cargile relieved Wynne, second Duster pitcher, with one out in the eventful fifth and finally retired the side, allowing only one more run.

Walt Ward, Section D starting pitcher, was pounded from the box with one down in the last of the third. Pat Kearns rifled a long homer to deep left field to start off the inning. Cannon, Aces catcher popped out to Wynne. Ray singled to right center field. Gamble swatted one of Ward's slow curves to left field for one base. Both runners advanced on Ward's wild pitch. At this point Wynne came in to pitch and Ward went to first. Wynne stopped the Aces with little difficulty. Dye walked, Abrams flew out to right, Ray tagging up at third and scoring after the catch.- Moran fanned to end the inning.

Ward and Cannon led the Dusters at the plate with two singles and a triple each.

The Aces scored two runs in the second inning to forge into the lead 2 to 1 and were never headed. However, the Dusters were always in the game and came within an inch of over-taking the Aces.

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Dusters Take 2nd Half With 13-4 Win Off Texans

Section D Dusters, with a 13-4 Sec. D victory over the Civilian Personnel Texans last week, captured the Seraille and Stover. 2nd half bunting and earned the right to meet Section A's Aces, Section D Dusters ____7 0 1000



landing a left jab, last week took a decision from Charles Bush, civilian station employee, in the feature bout on the PT department's outdoor ring card. Bush gave a good account of himself but Sgt. Dodson's experience and punching power proved too much. The next set of bouts will be on Sept. 20th. Lt. Stancil of the PT department stated Tuesday.

1st half winners in a two out of MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! three series to decide the Base Intra-Mural champs.

"Sleepy" Seraille, Duster hurler, allowed only four hits but with the aid of three walks the Texans managed to shove four runs over the plate. It was an interesting ball game until the sixth when southpaw Davis' infield went to pieces, the Dusters scoring six runs.

"Smoky" Stover collected four hits out of four trips to the plate to lead the Duster offensive while "Moe" Moran and Ward slashed out a triple and two singles apiece. The line score:

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Final League Standing

According to the dream book of Capt. Augustus S. Phillips, the war in Europe will be over on September 29, 1944, on the nose. The Captain claims to have had only three dreams in his life, this being the third and the other two have come true. If this prediction materializes, some of us will want to stay close to the Captain from now on, especially when we get a hunch on a long-shot at the local horse tracks.

| Section A Aces | . 6 | 1 | .871 |
|--------------------|-----|---|------|
| Section D Demons | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Aviation Unit | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Medics | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Section E | 2 | 5 | .287 |
| Civilian Personnel | 2 | 5 | .287 |
| Section F | 1 | 6 | .143 |
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Kuckenbecker Paces EM Win **Off Officers**

With Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker's 628 series the deciding factor, the Enlisted Men's Bowling Team took two out of three games in an interesting match from the officers last week at the Officer's Bowling Allevs

The Enlisted Men's quintet looked good and promises to be a difficult one to beat in Intra-Base Bowling this winter.

Officers

| Lt. Lee | 130 | 186 | 181 | 497 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Lt. Pearson | 154 | 192 | 168 | 514 |
| Lt. Phillips | 130 | 158 | 143 | 431 |
| CWO Wyatt | 164 | 193 | 176 | 533 |
| Lt. Lipsker | 143 | 158 | 209 | 510 |
| | 721 | 887 | 877 | 2485 |

Enlisted Men

Buffamonte 167 179 194 540 Pvt. Novogradac 147 170 176 493 Kuckenbecker 187 208 233 628 M-Sgt. Rostick 168 144 174 486 Sgt. Lauriello 160 118 165 443

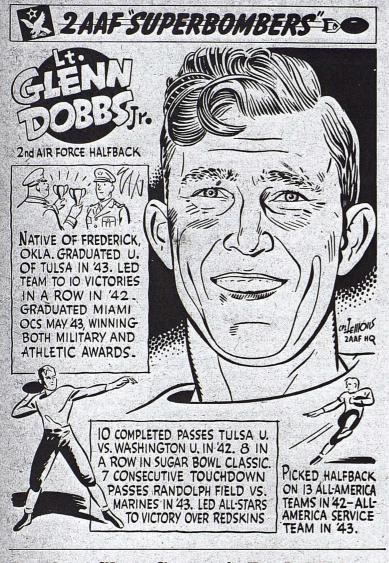
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Grandfalls Boys Lose, Buy Meal For D 'Demons'

The boys down at Grandfalls like their baseball-and they're just about the best hosts you could ask for.

At least that's the opinion of Section D's Demons, who played there last Sunday afternoon and won, 10-5. After the game the Grandfalls baseball team took the Demons downtown and treated them to a meal. Needless to say, the Demons are trying to arrange a return game.

Sgt., Larkin J. Tucker went the route on the mound for the Demons, with S-Sgt. Jim Castner, receiving. The line-up: 1b (Capt.), Cpl. Alvin B. Shipley; 2b, Lt. El-20 mer L. Taft; ss, Sgt. Frank Ghione; 3b, Pvt. Leon H. Lemoine; lf, Rolls 27 Neill; cf, Cpl. John L. Koenig; rf, Leighton J. Welda and Richard A. 17 3 Winters.



Rattlers Close Season's Book With 15 Won, 15 Lost For .500 Average

Pyote's Station baseball team, the Rattlers, gave a good account of themselves in their first season of organized ball playing by winning 15 while dropping the same number.

The first half of the season was devoted entirely to Second Air Force League games, the Rattlers finishing second with nine games won and seven lost. Davis-Monthan Air Field's Bill Clemenson and his "Mustangs" proved to be Pyote's nemesis in the 2nd AAF league, the Mustangs taking all four

games from the Rattlers. Pyote in turn took four from Almogordo, three out of four from the Biggs Field Flyers, and gained an even split with Clovis Air Field in four games.

In non-league play the Rattlers didn't fare so well with six wins and eight losses. Competition, however, was stronger with some of the best teams in the Southwest being played, among them Hobbs Army Air Field, Camp Luna and the Juarez Indios.

John "Moe" Moran turned out to be Pyote's workhorse pitcher, hurling 15 games and winning eight while losing seven.

George Masi, first string catcher, led the batters with a fine .357 average followed by Ward's .330 and Matalavage's .308.

Walter Ward and John Cargile led in home-runs with two apiece, with Ward likewise heading the two-base department with nine. Matalavage led in triples with five while Cargile and Masi each drew the most walks, 15. Bill Correia led in stolen bases with four while Ward captured total bases honors with 48. George "Slugger" Wynne had the most official trips to the pate with 105. Getting off to a slow start, Wynne finished with a good .271 batting average. The batting averages:

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| | G | AB | R | H | Pct |
| Masi | 25 | . 84 | 20 | 30 | .357 |
| Ward | 23 | 88 | 16 | 29 | .330 |
| Matalavage | 22 | 81 | 18 | 25 | .308 |
| Hedges | 10 | 23 | 4 | 7 | .304 |
| Cargile | 26 | 88 | 22 | 26 | .295 |
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2AAF To Field Youthful Eleven In Search Of Armed Forces Grid Crown

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.— A youthful team, corresponding in age to a pre-war college squad, will represent the Second Army Air Force on the football field this fall as the Superbombers play a 13-game schedule in quest of national service honors.

With some eight players 21 or under, the average age of the Superbombers is 23 years. Youngest of the 2AAF gridders are 19-yearold Cpl. Chet Laniewski and 20year-old Pfc. Bob Hendren, both recent high school graduates.

That they were selected for a team which is dominated by bigname college stars was a tribute to their ability paid by Major Wilham (Red) Reese, 2AAF coach.

Laniewski, who came into the Army directly from Ambridge (Pa.) High School, already has demonstrated enough talent to be placed at tailback along with two well-known stars, Lts. Glenn Dobbs and Billy Sewell, former Tulsa U. and Washington State All-Americans.

A five-sport performer in football, basketball, baseball, track and swimming, Laniewski is considered an outstanding college prospect when the war is over as well as a find for the Superbombers. Coaches point out that his remarkable coordination is one reason for his great promise.

Hendren, likewise an excellent college prospect, won all-state honors while playing in the little town of Clarinda, Ia. A huge youngster, he is 6 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 230 pounds, but is well coordinated for an athlete of that size. At present he is teaming at left end with powerful Nick Susceff, Washington State's All-Pacific Coast selection.

Hendren followed two footballplaying brothers to Culver-Stockton College in Missouri but attended only one semester before entering the Army.

There are five players who will vote this fall for the first time. The 21-year olds include Pfc. Bill Prentice, Samoa, Cal.; Sgt. Bill Luongo, Germantown, Pa.; Pfc. Don Fambrough, Longview, Tex.; Cpl. Russ Gilpin, Detroit, and Pvt. Visco Grgich, Seattle, Wash.

Prentice is a shifty, hard-running fullback, who played one year for Coach Buck Shaw at Santa Clara. He carries great explosive power in his 190-pound

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| Kleppe | 16 | 66 | 18 | 19 | .288 |
| Wynne. | 28 | 107 | 14 | 29 | .271 |
| Glucksman | 22 | 78 | 15 | 21 | .269 |
| Correia | 20 | 72 | 11 | 18 | .250 |
| Moran | 15 | 45 | 1 | 9 | .200 |
| Seraille | 7 | 17 | 2 | . 3 | .179 |
| Cannon | 10 | 37 | 1 | 7 | .162 |
| Mitchell | 9 | 25 | 3 | 4 | .160 |
| Hogan | 9 | 15 | 2 | < 2 | .133 |
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smashes. Luongo cavorted for one year at fullback for the University of Pennsylvania.

Gilpin likewise played one season of football at Michigan State and has two years of varsity ball left. A quarterback at Michigan State, he intercepted a Bruce Smith pass and dashed 40 yards for a touchdown to help the Spartans defeat Great Lakes in 1942. Gilpin, unable to retain a backfield position with the Superbombers, was on his way back to his base when he asked for a tryout at guard. He made good at that position. Grgich, also a guard, was a freshman at Santa Clara when inducted.

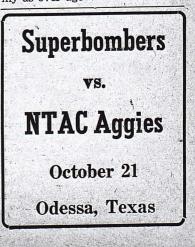
Quarterback on the strong University of Texas team which defeated Georgia Tech in the 1943 Cotton Bowl game, Fambrough's work as a blocking back has been of a high order in the Superbomber's workouts. He has two more years of college competition left.

CAGE TRY-OUTS UNDERWAY

Try-outs for the station basketball team are now taking place at the Recreation Hall, according to word received from Lt. R. S. Mahoney, Physical Training Director who will also coach the station team.

"The squad will be limited to ten men with no 'position as yet settled for any one particular player," Lt. Mahoney Said.

S-Sgt. Joe DiMaggio, home run king of the Hawaiian League, is laid up with a bad stomach. He has scotched rumors that he's seeking a CDD, however . . . Di-Maggio's old Yankee teammate, Joe Gordon, now a Hawaiian leaguer too, fell into a batting slump. So he started batting lefthanded, clubbed out four doubles. . . . Navy Lt. Paul Lillis, of Notre Dame, was in on the fight at the Admiraltys. . . J. Gilbert Hall, 46-year-old former tennis player, has been discharged from the Army as over age



ALLIED FORCES START 'BATTLE OF GERMANY'

Brussels Taken: 3rd Army Storms At Reich's Doors

The war passed its five-year mark last week, and the tide of victory which has decisively turned against the Germans threatened to engulf the "sacred soil" of the Reich itself.

In three great wars she has thrust upon the world since 1870, Germany has always escaped without having her homes and her great cities and factories substantially damaged. This time it appears to be a different story. Already tentative compromise peace gestures have been tipped toward the Allies-but none is interested.

Time and distance-as well as the vaunted German army which goose-stepped into Poland five years ago this month -seemed to be crumpling before the march of Gen. Ike Eisenhower's troops. Last week was another incredibly fast week of Allied victories. These were the highlights:

(1) Anglo-American troops surged over the historic battlegrounds of World War I in eastern France.

(2) Brussels, capital of Belgium, was liberated by the British who plowed on to Antwerp, Belgium's second city.

(3) Gen. Patton was "lost" again, after being last reported nearing the borders of the Reich.

(4) Finland dropped out of war after three years of fighting.

Brussels, with a pre-war population of 900,000 including suburbs, was the fourth European capital to be liberated from the Nazis. This week (Tuesday) it appeared that armored spearheads slicing their way through crumbling German opposition would cross the Reich buondary before losing momentum. In 37 days since the break-through at St. Lo on July 25, the Allies have succeeded in almost over-running in another day. The 3rd had France.

This makes it a unique, if not the grandest, military accomplishment in all history. It took the Germans 37 days back in 1939 to conquer France, Holland, Belgium and Luxem-bourg. And the Germans had the advantages of long prepa-ration plus short interior lines of communication which made troop movements easy. That Gen. Eisenhower's men could Lyon. Only light rear-guard do virtually as much in the resistance was being encountsame length of time-while ered.

operating from a beachheadis supreme tribute to the supply and engineering forces of our Army.

Today is the 94th day the Allies have been in France. Since June 6th a second invasion Army has struck at the Southern Coast of France, plunged upward through the Rhone River Valley and Monday were chasing the Germans from the city of Lyons, France's third largest city.

The same lightning speed with which the Battle of France blended into the Battle of Belgium was already showing up in the unfolding Battle for the Netherlands. Gen. Eisenhower called on the Dutch to save from demolition the docks, factories and rail facilities of Rotterdam and other cities. The supreme commander of Allied forces told the Dutch in a radio address that their hour was "very near" and called on them to give aid in the battle for their country's liberation.

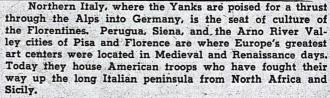
There were sensational reports that the U.S. 1st and 3rd Armies had crashed into Germany along the historic invasion path at Aachen and 100 miles to the South at Perl, but there was no official confirmation of such stories. The Berlin radio was the first to broadcast the Aachen report, indicating the grinding suspense that the headquarters policy of quietness causes the enemy.

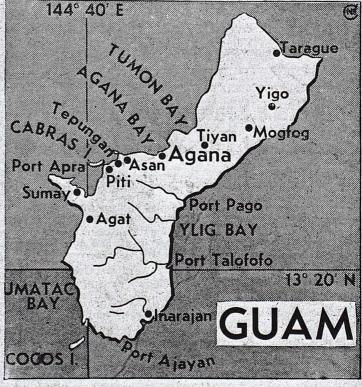
Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's tank forces burst across Flanders fields in another sensational advance that approached Calais and threatened to pocket all of Germany's troops in that area. Bewildered Nazi soldiers have been left stranded by the fast-moving front line as far back as Abbeville and Complegne.

Gen. Patton's 3rd U. S. Army was last Friday reported rumbling past the French fortress city of Verdun at a break-neck pace which if kept up would have carried it into Germany crossed at a jump the famous Argonne forest and the Meuse, where Gen. John J. Pershing's doughboys fought for six bitter weeks in 1918, and drove through or past some of the most important works of the old French Maginot Line.

"In Souhtern France, American 7th Army troops were pounding after the hard-fleeing Germans northeast of captured







Guam Island, where 300 Marines fought like 3,000, has now been re-taken and may be expected to become springboard for future attacks on Japan and points on her stolen empire.

The great Ploesti oil fields are now in Allied hands, and Rasvadu, a town 24 miles beyond Ploesti, has been captured.

This indicates the Soviets, among other things, are aiming at a possible juncture with Marshal Tito's partisians.