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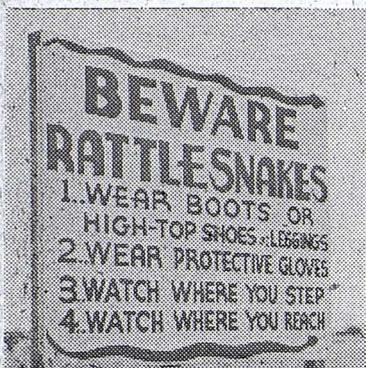
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RUSSIAN STEAMROLLER WITHIN 40 MILES OF BERLIN

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Mail Shortage

We are afraid we were never born to write editorials. And we never realized it more woefully than this week. It all started when we wrote an editorial about profanity a couple of issues ago. We started out complaining about the amount of profanity "you" do, and realized about half-way through that it was a case of the pot calling the kettle black. So the editorial convinced us (if no one else) that it might be a wise idea to cut down on the foul-language.

Well, what brought all this on was a chat we had with Capt. R. A. Diedrich. The Captain is Personal Affairs Officer at the field, and he stopped us the other day and said he'd like to see an editorial in the paper.

"What about?", said we.

"Writing home.", said the Captain, "You'd be surprised at the number of letters I get in a week's time from mothers and fathers who haven't heard from their sons in the service. Naturally, they're interested in them—and when they don't hear from them, they get worried. It's a pretty sad commentary on things when an officer has to give a direct order to a soldier to write home."

The more we thought about it, the crazier it seemed. We could hardly believe that any son would be so lax or so ungrateful that he couldn't take a few minutes time to drop a line to the folks at home.

But—and this is why we're convinced we're not an editorial writer—it just came to us, that it's been over a week since Mom heard from us!

The way we figure it we're pretty much of a jerk. And, brother, if you examine your conscience and decide you're the same—then let's drop what we're doing and drop a line to Mom.

That's all. We're going to quit this and write a letter home.

Happy Birthday, USO

When on Sunday, February 4, 1945, USO celebrates its fourth anniversary with Open House in its approximately 3,000 operations, the American people will see how their best working ideals have re-created democracy for a major part of their countrymen and women in uniform.

However, USO is not just an ideal vacuum, secure against the stresses and strains of today. Through its doors come differing men held together by the common bond of duty, bringing with them problems of the community at large for USO to unravel. When these men leave a USO club for distant battlefields, they carry the benefits of that service which is USO's middle name.

Such service may seem slight to the uninitiated, as when a USO director borrowed an infant for a soldier to hold. But, when it is revealed that the soldier had never seen his own infant, then the apparent trifle becomes something more. Add to it the innumerable small services provided by 1,000,000 volunteer workers to their uniformed guests, plus the work of USO camp shows in bringing entertainment to front line troops and who have the essential spirit of the American people in this war.

UPRISINGS ARE HINTED IN BERLIN; NEW ARMY IN LUZON SEALS BATAAN

In the 164th week of the U.S. at War, this was the news from:

ASIATIC FRONT

Pin-poking amateur strategists have long discussed the invasion of Luzon Island by the Allies, couldn't help but wonder how MacArthur would deter the Japs from using Bataan and Corregidor to make a last ditch stand, similar to the one put up by the U.S. in early '42. This week the answer came.

The U.S. landed another Army on Luzon to the north of Bataan peninsula with the one intention of cutting off any Jap retreat to that defensive spot. The new landings were effected without the loss of a man; placed the forces of the new Eighth Army within 60 miles of Manila.

The Sixth Army continued to drive up the Lingayen gulf, past San Fernando, to within 25 miles of Manila.

INTERNATIONAL FRONT

The not too-authentic neutral sources painted scenes of serious uprisings and riots in Berlin. How true these revolts were, and of what size was the query analysts pondered. For from such riots, uprisings, and rebellions would come the final, ignominious defeat of Germany, collapsing from the inside.

CBS correspondent quoted the London Daily Express as saying that American military authorities in Aachen, Germany, were using a large number of former Nazi party officials to operate the local government, "because American officers say there is no one else to do it". The statement was not amplified.

EUROPEAN THEATRE

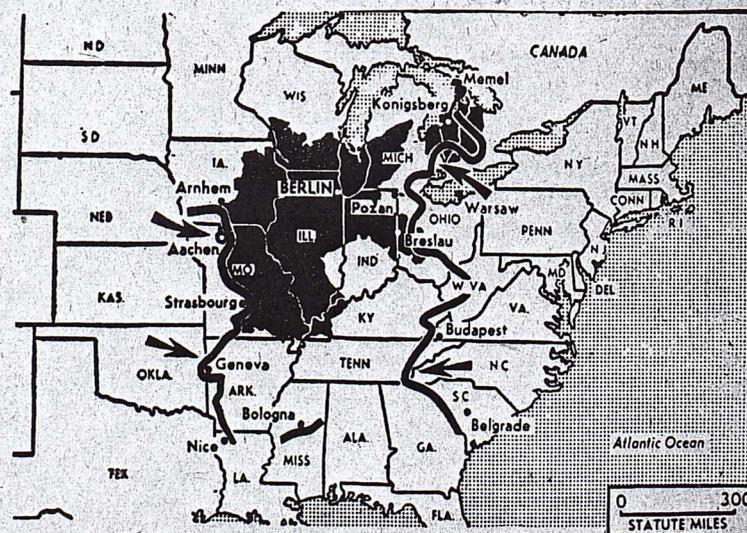
The mighty, red-starred Russian juggernaut kept rolling its relentless way toward Berlin. Crashing through to the capital's home-province, Brandenburg, two thrusts aimed to pinch Berlin. The first was at Frankfort-on-the-Oder, 39 miles southeast of Berlin; Zhukov's forces were within 45 miles of that town. The second was at Kuestrin, 42 miles east of the Reich capital; The Russians are within 10 miles of Kuestrin. The plan, apparently, is to envelope Kuestrin from the north, thus driving a wedge between Berlin and Stettin, shattering any defense line between those two cities.

Russian troops were approximately 40 miles from Berlin and showed no signs of slowing-down. Advance units were the equivalent distance from Berlin as Pyote Army Air Field is from Odessa, Texas.

Stettin, defense hub that guards the outer rim of Berlin, was the goal of one striking force. German leaders called for the boatmen of that harbor city to use their vessels to ship reinforcements to the eastern front.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT

The Allies threatened new landings in northwest Europe, behind the lines the Germans are trying to hold along the western Nazi border. US and British soldiers were attempting to cross the Roer river, last water barricade before the Cologne plain—a plain that was made-to-order for mechanized warfare.



The above scale-map superimposes Germany on a map of the United States. Placing Berlin at Chicago, it gives excellent indication of distances involved from the western, eastern, and southern fronts to the heart of the Reich itself.

MD Administrative Officers Needed

Polio Fund To Hit Over \$1000 Mark

March Of Dimes Nets \$916.90

The March of Dimes campaign, designed to give financial aid to the Infantile Paralysis foundation, went over the top with a bang, according to Capt. R. A. Diedrich Personnel Affairs Officer.

With the cash register ringing \$916.90 at press time, Captain Diedrich added "and we still have a day until the campaign closes (Thursday). We can see a grand finale of over a thousand dollars!"

Officers, EMs, and civilians chipped in with dimes, quarters, dollars and kept the voluntary contributions flowing. Sgt. Stanley Z. Fajowski, Officers' Club steward, gave the largest personal donation—a check for \$25, which "Butch" says is his "annual donation".

Money was received in the following ways—

Coin containers	\$141.05
Miscellaneous donations	6.00
Theatres	178.89
EM's Birthday Ball	61.10
Officers' Birthday Ball	201.11
Civ. Pers. Birthday Ball	150.00
Coin machines, Off. Club	127.00
Coin machines, NCO Club	41.75
PAAF Women's Club	10.00
Total	\$916.90

COLONEL KEY



Col. A. E. Key, newly-appointed Station Commandant at Pyote Army Air Field, poses for his official portrait.

19TH GROUP HERO DECORATED



T-Sgt. Jean Byers Awarded Air Medal and Cluster

An enlisted man from the original 19th Bombardment Group, and Section M received honors at the ceremonies and review of troops Saturday morning.

Technical Sgt. Jean A. Byers, who fought through 14 months of Pacific warfare, received the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. The awards were presented by Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, at his first formal parade and review.

Section M received the ribbon for winning the last weekly review and also for placing first in the last weekly inspection of sections.

The Air Medal was presented for Sgt. Byers' part in the first mass flight of B-17s from Hamilton Field Hawaii, in May 1941. Sgt. Byers was a radio operator on one of the Fortresses. The mission, which was accomplished despite adverse winds, was the pioneer flight from the mainland on which all future operations of land-based aircraft were developed.

The oak leaf cluster was awarded for his participation in the first mass flight of B-17s from Albuquerque, N. Mex. to Clark Field, the same airfield on Luzon which American soldiers recently recaptured from the Japanese. This flight of the 19th Bombardment Group came at a time when its

successful completion had direct bearing on the security of the nation, and was accomplished despite adverse weather, small air-dromes, inadequate radio aids, and long over-water flights with no alternate landing fields.

He trained at the radio operator-mechanic school, Chanute Field, Ill; the teletype school at March Field, Calif.; and a refresher school for radiomen at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Sgt. Byers served overseas with the 19th Bombardment Group, most decorated outfit in the annals of American warfare, as a ground station radio operator and as a radioman-gunner on a Flying Fortress.

While overseas he met and married an Australian girl, Miss Una Cloherty, daughter of Mrs. Julia Cloherty, of Longreach, Queensland, Australia. She returned to this country with her husband. They now reside at nearby Wink, Tex.

Sgt. Byers also wears the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal.

Contact Base Classification For Full Details

Applications are currently being accepted for the Medical Administrative Corps Officer Candidate School class commencing Feb. 21. A large quota has been assigned to 2nd Air Force and to the field itself.

The following qualifications are noted: the governing education and experience standard is that each applicant must have had such education or civil or military experience as will reasonably assure his satisfactory completion of the OCS course.

Medical Administrative eligibility qualifications: Successful completion of one year of college; practical experience in positions entailing the handling of men, such as the head of a department or

Enlisted men and warrant officers interested in applying for MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE CORPS OCS should contact Capt. Arch K. Giffin, Base Classification Officer, for further information.

section of a business concern, teacher, coach of an athletic team, non-commissioned grade; at least one year's experience in business or industry in a position as an accountant, supervisor of records, sales manager, etc.; practical experience in hospital management, maintenance of hospital records, medical supply accounts, mess management of large institutions, practical experience in pharmacy.

All interested EM or WO who are eligible are reminded that A) the quota is large B) the class begins Feb. 21st, and C) all applications must reach 2AF Headquarters by Feb. 10th.

THE COVER

Vivacious Coleen Vance of Monahans, one of the entrants in the Miss Victory contest, helps take up the March of Dimes collection at the Officers' Club President's Birthday Ball. The unidentified officer, chipping in his donation, seems happy about the whole thing. The Birthday Ball at the OC netted over two-hundred dollars.

Japanese Wear Rubbish As Disguise On Luzon

The Japs brought out their full bag of tricks in a vain effort to repel our successful invasion of Luzon Island, including use of human torpedoes.

Don't Write Letters To 'Missing' Soldiers

Washington (CNS)—Here's a tip to pass on to the home folks in your next letter. Tell them not to attempt to write to you if you should be listed as "missing in action". The War Department warns that their well-meaning efforts to communicate with you may endanger your life.

A soldier listed as "missing in action," the WD points out, "may have escaped, or he may not have been picked up by the enemy. In such cases, he may be still at large in enemy territory." If the soldier's folks attempt to write to him through the medium of the International Red Cross Directory Service, their letters "would only serve to notify the enemy that the soldier is free in their territory."

BUSINESS IS GOOD IN PHILLY, SILLY!

Philadelphia (CNS)—Business is so good in Philadelphia that the local bankruptcy referee has had his telephone removed. "Don't get any calls anymore," he explained.



Paper is needed—and bad. But you don't need to sacrifice your Vargas and Grables. Just see that all waste paper is saved—not destroyed.

The human torpedoes were more interesting than dangerous, and did very little damage to our warships or transports. Most of the Japs accomplished little except the dubious achievement of blowing themselves up.

To turn themselves into human torpedoes, some Japs lashed explosives on their backs and swam holes in the hulls of our vessels. However, a man swimming in the water, it developed, just couldn't carry a sufficient weight of explosives to do much damage.

To camouflage themselves several of the Japs used wooden boxes over their heads, simulating rubbish heaved overboard from the transports.

Others used luggers and small boats. A few of the luggers were 100 feet long and covered with palm fronds. They were secreted in the narrow waterways behind Santiago and Cabarruyans Islands, at the northwest corner of Lingayen Gulf, but our fliers easily penetrated the make-shift disguises.

Some others used small motor boats filled with explosives. One such motorboat charged alongside into one of our ships and blew itself to pieces. Another small enemy craft ran abeam of one of our vessels and the Japanese crew tossed hand grenades onto the deck.

But the verdict of V-Adm. Theodore S. Wilkinson, commander of the Lingayen Gulf task force was: "There wasn't a good, honest torpedo in the lot."

WD Lifts Overseas Furlough Restrictions

London (CNS)—Removal of War Department restrictions on the number of front-line soldiers who can be returned to the U.S. for 30 day furloughs, has been announced by Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, in Washington.

Hereafter, theater commanders will have authority any men they can spare. Gen. Marshall predicted that the number of such furloughs will "increase markedly" in the next few months.

THAT'S ONE WAY TO MEET THE PEABLE

Omaha, Neb (CNS)—When Arthur Peable, a vacuum cleaner salesman, knocked on the door of a vine-covered cottage here, the lady of the house dropped a geranium pot on his head from an upstairs window. "Sorry," she explained later. "I thought you were my husband."

Theater Schedule

- Thu.—**EXPERIMENT PERILOUS** with Hedy LaMarr Paul Lukas, George Brent. (Psychological yarn of a guy trying to drive his wife balmy.) Also **Army-Navy Screen Magazine**, **Bugs Bunny** cartoon, and Paramount news. (125 min.)
- Fri.—**BLONDE FEVER** with Philip Doran, Mary Astor, and **Gloria Grahame**. (Night club owner starts bobbing with bobby-soxer; but ooo—that Gloria child.) Also **Henry King's** Orch; **Flicker Flashback**; and sports reel. (103 minutes)
- Sat.—**GRISLY'S MILLIONS** with Paul Kelly and Virginia Grey. (Class B minus story of guy with happy cabbage.) Also **Edgar Kennedy** comedy and **Popular Science** reel. (100 minutes.)
- Sun. & Mon.—**KEYS OF THE KINGDOM** with Gregory Peck and Thomas Mitchell. King-size epic of priesthood from best-seller of same name.) Also **Paramount news**. (145 min. Second show starts slightly later than usual.)
- Tue.—**Double feature: JADE MASK** with Sidney Toler (Charlie Chan traps another naughty murderer.) **THE TOWN WENT WILD** with Jimmy Lydon, Freddie Bartholomew, and Edward Everett Horton. (Complications when town discovers city clerk make a mistake in children's birth records.) (145 minutes.)
- Wed.—**CAN'T HELP SINGING** with Deanna Durbin, Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff. (Technicolor musical in 1840 setting with tunes by Jerome Kern.) Also "Tiger Trouble" Disney Cartoon, and Paramount news. (106 minutes.)

USAFI Classes

- (Free off duty classes are held in the following subjects:)
- SPANISH:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30.
- ENGLISH, GRAMMAR, & COMPOSITION:** Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30.
- ALGEBRA:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 8:30. (Classes will soon be started in Chinese, German, French, Calculus. **CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE SHIPPING AND RECEIVING OFFICE, BLDG. T-625, OPPOSITE MESS HALL 1.**)

Monahans USO

- Thu.—8:00 p.m., Bingo. prizes. 8:30, p.m., Protestant Discussion Group.
- Fri.—8:00 p.m., family night. New games for all.
- Sat.—1:00 p.m., Open House. Start of USO three-day anniversary celebration. 9:00 p.m., Nite Club nite formal. Beauty contest finals; floor show; PAAB orchestra.
- Sun.—11:00 a.m., Brunch. 2:30 p.m., recorded classics in quiet room. 4:00 p.m., Open House, USO Fourth Anniversary; 728th AAF Band Concert under direction of W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman. 7:30 p.m., Song fest, Mrs. Wray at piano. 8:30 p.m., movie, "Fifty Second Street."
- Mon.—12:00, noon, Fourth Anniversary Luncheon. 12:30-12:45 p.m. Broadcast over KRLH.
- Tues.—7:30 p.m., Arts and Crafts (new supplies have just arrived); chip carving, textile coloring, leather craft oil painting, plastics, etc.
- Wed.—12:30 p.m., "Better Halves Club" luncheon. 8:30 p.m., Catholic discussion group. 9:00 p.m., Spanish class, Kay Toliver.

Service Club

- Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon 12:00-1:00; Sewing by Wickett women from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.
- Fri.—**DANCE** (9:00-12:00) Informal jam session with Pyote AAF orchestra.
- Sat.—Informal juke-box dancing; informal activities at club.
- Sun.—**BINGO**, 8:30; all sorts of prizes with the grand prize: a phone call home!
- Mon.—Informal "song fest" at 8 PM.
- Tue.—Jitterbug lessons, free, main lounge: 7:30. Instructors are Monahans girls and GIs from the field.
- Wed.—GI Movies 8:30 PM.

CHOOSE 'MISS VICTORY' SAT.

Concert Marks Open House At USO Sunday

The entire American public is being invited to attend USO's Open House on Sunday, February 4, 1945 to see what their money is used for when spent by the USO. Frank G. Sulweski, USO Club director, speaking for the staff, extended a cordial invitation to all of the residents of Monahans and surrounding communities to visit the USO on Sunday afternoon and see the club facilities.

As a special feature Sunday afternoon, February 4th the USO will present a Fourth Anniversary concert at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be by the 728th Army Air Forces Band, under the direction of W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman, conductor, T-Sgt. Frank S. Stone, Assistant Conductor. The program is submitted below:

- Star Spangled Banner—Arr. by Irvin E. Zimmerman
- March "Lights Out"—Earl E.

President's Birthday Dances Enthusiastically Received Here

The President's Birthday Balls, at both the Service Club and Officers' Club, were marked successes, financially and otherwise, Captain R. A. Diedrich, officer in charge, announced Sunday.

- McCoy
- Deserted Ballroom — Morton Gould
- March "Manhattan Beach" — Sousa
- Three Dances from Henry VIII —Edward German
 - A. Morris Dance
 - B. Shepherd's Dance
 - C. Torch Dance
- March, Tenth Regiment—R. B. Hall
- Overture to Orpheus—Offenbach
- Second Air Force March—Zimmerman. Dedicated to Colonel C. E. Duncan
- In an 18th Century Drawing Room—Scott
- L'Estudiantin—Waldeufel
- Raymond Overture—Thomas

"From comments I've heard," the Captain remarked, "I'd say that the dances probably hit an all-time high in enjoyment at the field."

Volunteer donations from the Service Club dancers hit close to \$70, while the Officers' Club fund reached \$201.11.

The floor show, conducted by Personnel Services, featured a jitterbug dance team Cpl. Dick St. Martin and Wanda King; Miss Bobbie Tubbs, who sang two popular tunes; Miss Frances Hall, soprano who registered with "Why Do I Love You"; a ballroom dance team, ala Veloz and Yolanda Pfc. Wm. Barr and La Vaughn; some specialty numbers by the orchestra—highlighting the trumpet of Sgt. Bill Castagnino; and emceed by M-Sgt. Charles S. Rudolph.

Immediately following the floor show, the semi-finalists in the "Miss Victory of 1945" contest passed through the audience, collecting donations for the March of Dimes campaign.

The entire affair was splendidly received by an enthusiastic capacity crowd at the Service Club Friday evening, and the Officers' Club Saturday night.

Luncheon Monday Noon Climaxes USO Birthday

On Monday, February 5, 1945 at Club will be the scene of the Fou 12:00 noon the Monahans USO Club will be the scene of the 4th Anniversary Luncheon. Among the guests who have been invited to attend are Col. A. E. Key, Commanding Officer Pyote Army Air Base; the Mayors of Monahans, Wink, Kermit and Pecos, as well as many other civic leaders and army officials.

Three other clubs will participate in an area plan to hold the luncheon at the same hour and thus hear Mr. Hogan's address. These are the Odessa, Pecos Midland and Monahans USO Clubs. Additional features on the program will be W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman, pianist, and Chaplain Edwin W. Norton's "Star Gazers" quartet.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling the USO Club, Monahans, 111.

Monahans USO Scene Of Finals In Beauty Contest

The finals in the "Miss Victory of 1945" contest will be held at the Monahans USO next Saturday evening, February 3rd.

At a special formal night-club affair, the reigning Beauty Queen of Pyote Army Air Field will be chosen from the ten semi-finalists Miss Vivian Knox, Pyote; Miss Gerry Edwards, Wickett; Miss Dorothy Boles, Pecos; Miss Colleen Vance, Monahans; Miss Stella Rehberg, Wickett; Miss Bobby Tubbs, Pyote; Miss Wanda King, Monahans; Miss Sylvia Moore, Monahans; Miss Mildred Baker, Kermit; Miss Ann Cumberlandge, Pecos.

The USO will be turned into a night-club for the evening, with tables to be had upon reservation only. Those wishing to attend are urged to make reservations at the earliest possible moment.

The Miss Victory contest finals will be the highlight of the Monahans USO celebration of the 4th birthday of the national parent organization, United Service Organization.

The ten semi-finalists will now compete for the honor of being named "Miss Victory of 1945"—and along with the title goes: A) the lead in a brand new show at the base; B) a \$25 war bond, courtesy the Monahans Chamber of Commerce; and C) a life size portrait in either photo or oils.

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Star Dust
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What's new on the movie, radio, band and night-club beats.

BAND - STANDS: Metronome Contest winners were led by Duke Ellington as the best large band, Billie Holliday and Bing Crosby best vocalists, and the King Cole Trio top small combo. From Chicago—Cab Calloway busted a couple of records at the Panther room; General Morgan, terrific pianist at the Airliner club, might be signed for radio. Luscious Lena Horne has pressed some new records. The film biog of Irvin Berlin is titled "Blue Skies", will star Bing Crosby, should start rolling next month. Poley McClintock, last of the original Waring Pennsylvanians and frog-throated vocalist, has left the outfit due to ill health.



Deanna Durbin returns to the vocal limelight in "Can't Help Singin'"—showing at Theatres 1 and 2 next Wednesday & Thursday. One of Deanna's finest films, its her first technicolor venture, features a score by the ever-popular Jerome Kern.

GI Joe Proves Self Great Defensive Warrior

How does the American soldier react to adversity? How does he stand up under the temporary defeats?

Despite the heavy censorship imposed for security reasons on the Western Front, since the start of the great German offensive Dec. 16, dispatches from correspondents have been filtering through telling of how our men met the war's bitterest test. They tell only a small part of the story, it's true, but some day these incidents will be gathered together to form one of the more glorious chapters in our military history. We were surprised, we were pushed back, but by and large, the American soldier never showed to better advantage. How many units, cut off, surrounded and overwhelmed by superior armor and numbers, died in their tracks to delay the advance has not been disclosed, but there must have been many, to judge from the sketchy news reports.

There were other units which spurned surrender to hold strategic positions against great odds until reinforcements could arrive. In some instances, these units were without surgical care for their wounded, but they actually complained when relieved because they felt they could handle the situation without help.

Nowhere in any of the reports filtering back was there any suggestion of discouragement or defeatism. Instead, morale seemed to rise to the highest pitch of the war under the impact of military reverses. Survivors of units which were all but wiped out by the German juggernaut came through the enemy's lines exhausted, dirty, hungry but still full of fight and confident of their ability to take the measure of the enemy.

A lot of things were clarified and brought into sharper focus by the German offensive. The spirit of the Army has become harder and more determined. The certainty of victory more apparent.

And the achievements and sacrifices of the men who died in the mud and snow of Ardenne will be an inspiration to soldiers in other theaters, to those still in replacement centers and training camps, who have yet to face the enemy, and after certain victory has been won, to the nation for so long as it shall endure.

DRUNK PASSES OUT ON DINING ROOM TABLE

Miles City, Mont (CNS)—The Rev. Harry E. Chappell awoke one night from a deep dream of peace to find a drunk asleep on his dining room table. Preserving his dignity he convinced the gentleman he was in the wrong house, then guided him out after helping him put on his overshoes. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," said the Reverend going back to bed.

Army Needs More Men—Stimson

Washington (CNS)—Measured "in terms of effectiveness" the Army is under strength, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson declared at a recent press conference. He pointed out that there were more than 450,000 wounded and sick in Army hospitals and that some 85,000 men are constantly moving between the battlefronts and home under the rotation policy.

The War Secretary added that there seemed to be "no escape" from drafting virtually all physically qualified men under 30. He urged Congress not to back away "from real responsibilities" and to settle the manpower problem efficiently by enacting a national service act.

THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

Gunner's 'Photo Dream' Comes True

Mary Lou Lyons lives just 19 miles from the home-town of Cpl. Conway S. Snyder of the Sec. 1 Combat Crew Detachment here, but the Corporal went over a thousand miles to get an introduction to her. It's rather complicated but here's how it happened.

Cpl. Snyder hails from Salt Lake City and Mary Lou lives in a little town named Bingham, Utah which is just 19 miles away. When Snyder was inducted, he was sent to take his basic training at Amarillo, Texas. There, one day, while he was rubbing the blisters on his feet, he looked up and saw the beautiful Mary Lou smiling down at him out of a frame perched upon one of the barrack's shelves.

After his basic training Snyder was sent to Lowry Field, Colorado to delve into the mysteries of remote control turrets. While there he got "leave" and flew to Salt Lake City where he met the lovely Miss Lyon in person for the first time. They went to a night club and did a little driving around on their first date and really says



MARY LOU LYON

Snyder, Mary Lou is the first gal I ever met who's prettier than her picture.

M A L E C A L L

By
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Caniff

AS HE WAS



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WAR DEPT. CONSIDERS POST-WAR ARMY PLAN

Congress Draws Blueprints For Peace-Time Army

Details of the War Department's post-war military plans began to emerge into definite pattern in the Nation's capital.

Brigadier General John MacAuley Palmer revealed that present considerations of peace time forces called for a Regular Army of approximately 200,000 to 300,000 men, a National Guard of about the same size and an organized Reserve of 400,000 to 600,000 men.

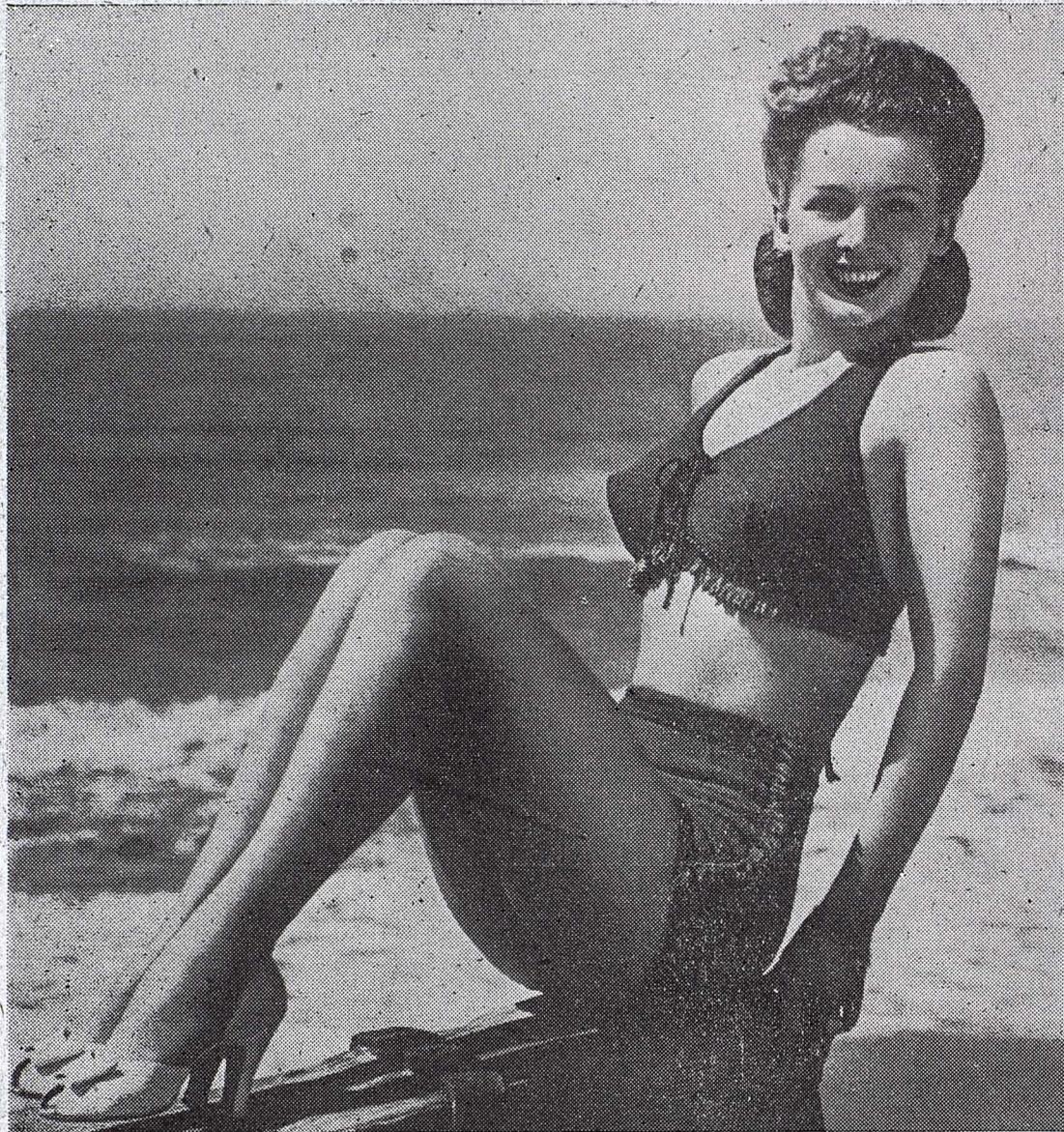
The Organized Reserve, it was planned, would be recruited from graduates of a compulsory military training program and the men would have the status of "trainees".

The Army is reported to want no non-essentials in its training program except for special work to be done in bringing illiterates up to a fourth grade educational level.

Amplifying the Palmer and War Dept' statements was the outline of aims made public by House of Representatives Select Committee on Post War Military Policy. This program stated that:

1. Draftees should be trainees, not soldiers.
2. There should be no obligation to serve after training unless called up by the Militia.
3. That youths be trained when 17 to 20 years old.
4. That graduates be encouraged to enter the National Guard and the Naval Reserve.
5. That the peacetime Army and Navy remain a volunteer force.
6. That Reserve officers be kept on active duty to administer the training program.
7. That trainees be eligible for officer training.

Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote Pin-Up is Carole Landis. Miss Landis is a native of Wisconsin (America's Dairyland) and her face and figure keep her well out in front of the rest of the beauty parade. Ah that we might be a glove upon that hand—or even a measly little strap on that bathing suit.

Album of Verse

For Nikki

Where are those little bars we used to find
 Hid fast upon some side street in the town?
 The Inns, where booths were made for holding hands,
 Where Fame had never stopped, where Unrenown
 Had sat upon a barstool for a time
 To drink in privacy and thus endow
 The little bars we used to find with stardust,
 The little bars I search for even now.
 It was a time for laughter and high hearts,
 For toasts to drink and smiles o'er

cigarettes,
 For Mirth was King and looking for his Queen
 And had no time for little, lost regrets.
 Those little bars that vanished overnight
 That made a tryst for "meet you there at two",
 That never did much business—goodness knows—
 A pianist might play a love-song blue.
 Or one or two old cronies might stop in
 To tell the barkeep who had won the First;
 The pianist played very softly so
 It was a quiet place to quench a thirst,

For shining eyes and softly-spoken stories,
 Inconsequentialities at best—
 That seemed to be in keeping, somehow, with the
 Forgotten little bar, so silence-pressed.
 There came a day we could not quite remember
 Just where the side street was, or how to turn
 To find the little bars hid quiet by.
 We didn't know how quick two can unlearn
 A way, a path, a tryst, a bar, a lover—
 So you went up a street, and I went down,
 To wonder where those bars we used to find

Hide fast upon some side-street of the town.
 For now I go alone to toast the silence,
 The King of Mirth has abdicated, too—
 I want to hear the pianist play softly,
 I want to learn the words to Love-Song-Blue.

—"Sparrow"—

(The Album of Verse welcomes original contributions of Pyote GIs, their relatives, or civilian personnel of the field. The editors reserve the right to select poetry submitted for publication.)

Monahans Branch Celebrates Fourth Birthday Of USO

The American public whose gifts have made the United Service Organizations possible, will be the guest of honor Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4, when the Monahans USO will hold Open House on the fourth anniversary of the USO. USO's in nearly 3,000 other communities will also be observing the anniversary.

"Since USO is financed by the American people, through the National War Fund, contributors to the fund are cordially invited to attend, to see what their money has made possible," stated Mr. Frank Sulewski director of the Monahans USO.

Now all the time for all good

"Your husband, daughter, or son probably has mentioned what USO means to men in uniform", Mr. Sulewski added. "Monthly attendance at USO Clubs, usually reserved for those in uniform, is over 30 000,000 and USO-Camp Shows are enjoyed by 2,000,000 more, so come in, look around, and get a first hand impression."

Another high point in the nation-wide observance will be the USO Anniversary luncheon Monday noon, Feb. 5, at the Monahans USO Club. Mr. Donald H. Hogan, Associate Regional Executive, for USO Region 10, will be the principal speaker. Guests of honor will include Mayor Duffey, Col. A. E. Key, Commanding Officer of the Pyote Army Air Field, and other leaders in civic and military circles.

A proclamation praising USO for its four years of service to those in uniform has been issued by Mayor Ed Duffey who has asked every citizen of Monahans to take advantage of the Open House invitation to visit the USO Club in Monahans.

A Fourth Anniversary band concert on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4 at 4:00 p.m. by the 728th Army Air Forces band, under the direc-

tion of Warrant Office Irvin E. Zimmerman, Band Master, will highlight that day's celebration.

While all will be welcome both days, the Sunday Open House will be a special occasion for the mothers, wives and sweethearts of servicemen. Members of women's



FRANK G. SULEWSKI
Monahans USO Director



MISS BETTY HATCHER
USO Secretary

clubs have also received special invitations for Sunday afternoon. Officers from Army stations in this area have also been invited.

"We in USO are proud of the accomplishments of the past four years," Mr. Sulewski said, "and only regret we cannot have everyone see what is being done in the United States and overseas throughout the Western Hemisphere."

2AF Pilot Court-Martialed For Buzzing

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 31. A flight officer of the Second Air Force, who was tried by general court martial for violations of Army Air Force regulations on low flying and unauthorized formation flying, has been sentenced to dishonorable discharge and total forfeitures of all pay allowances. The sentence has been reviewed and approved by Major General Robert B. Williams commanding general, Second Air Force.

The accused officer was alleged to have flown a P-47 last November in unauthorized formation with a C-45 type aircraft near Sweetwater, Tex. crossing in front of the C-45 and endangering the lives of its occupants.

On the following day, he was alleged to have flown a P-47 at approximately 30 feet above the ground at Colorado City, Tex., damaging his plane by striking a telephone pole and causing damage to power lines.

The case now goes to President Roosevelt for final review.

WIN AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION CONTEST



The above crew took first place honors in the Aircraft Recognition contest. Major Richard B. Taylor presents first prize to Lt. S. B. Hitt. Members of the prize-winning crew are: Lt. D. T. Emery, Lt. G. L. Sheridan, Lt. F. F. Fielder, Lt. S. B. Hitt, Cpls. P. R. Sheridan, C. M. Santelli, J. R. Smith, A. P. Soto, H. B. Kennedy jr, J. W. Boyd, and D. E. Tying.



MISS FEBRONIA BRUSOK
Assistant Director, USO

ADJUTANT POSTS BASE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Parking Areas Listed For Base

Newest traffic regulations for the field have been announced by Capt. Albert J. Port, Adjutant.

Pending revisions of traffic regulations on the field, areas for, and parking of all vehicles will be as follows:

Head-in parking in Officers' Club and Headquarters area.

Parallel parking on all streets except: Head-in parking in designated parking lots; head-in on east side of street; head-in at Commissary Sales Store.

Parking is restricted in the following places: west side of "A" street, "C" street between 5th and 7th west side of "B" street, QM Warehouse area, streets in housing area, 25 feet from any fire-plug, or any building, 50 feet from any corner of block and intersections.

Written approval from the Provost Marshall's office must be obtained to park in restricted area parking lots.

GM Readies Super-Giant Bomber, XB-19A

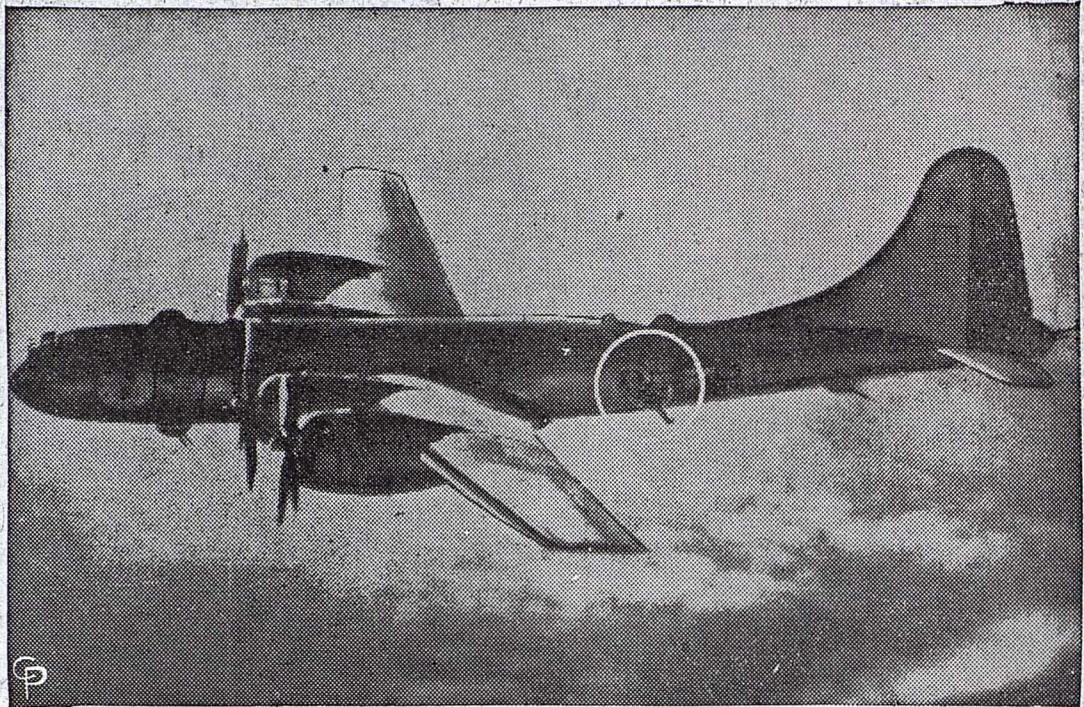
DETROIT—Some details of the world's largest bomber, as yet in its experimental stage, were revealed by General Motors, which has the super-giant plane in hand, this week.

Considerably larger than the B-29, the new plane, the XB-19-A, has a 212-foot wingspread and is built to carry an 18-ton bomb load, or 124 fully armed men. The B-29 has a 141-foot wingspread.

The XB-19-A, which has been under flight-testing development for a year has recently been equipped with new engines, giving it a 30 per cent increase in power. Its power plant is four Allison liquid-cooled engines, rated at 2,600 horsepower, which will not only increase range, speed and capacity, but will also make high altitude operation possible.

A new nacelle design provides for the use of reversible-pitch propellers, this providing additional breaking power for shorter landings. New turbo-superchargers with new intercoolers provide for high altitude operation. Each engine nacelle is equipped with an automatic fire-extinguishing system.

WAIST GUNNER DANGLES FROM B-29 OVER TOKYO



THIS REMARKABLE PHOTO, taken on a B-29 strike over Tokyo, shows Sgt. J. R. Krantz, Hickory Point, Tenn., a waist gunner on a Superfortress, dangling from his plane five miles up in the air over the Jap capital. Blown from his blister when it was destroyed by Jap interceptor fire, Sergeant Krantz hung for nearly 15 minutes by one leg fastened in a safety strap before the crewmen managed to pull him back into the plane. Regaining consciousness on the way back to the Saipan base, Krantz told his crewmates he had, while dangling, confirmed one enemy fighter shot down by his ship. He is now in a rear base hospital being treated for frost bite. (International Soundphoto)

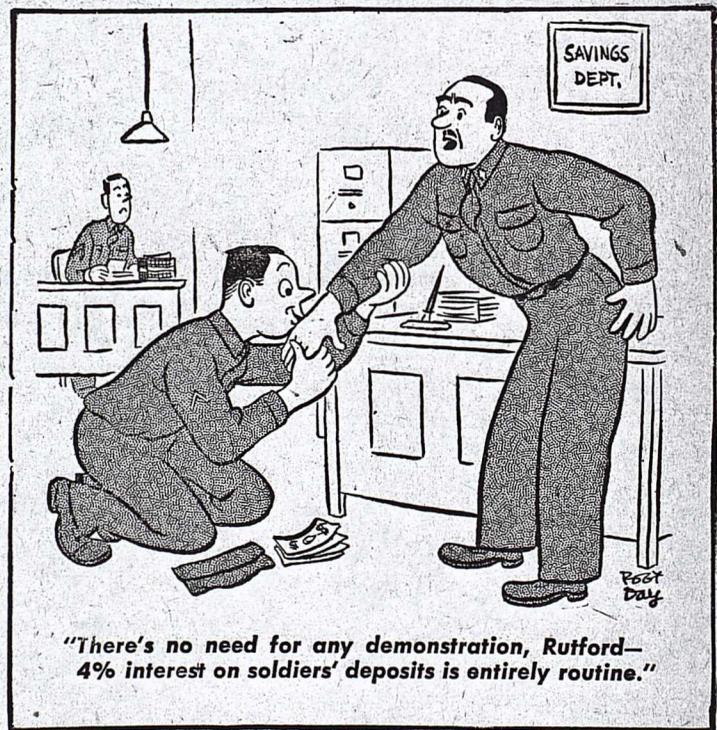
Wac Menu Revised; Now They Eat Less

Washington (CNS) — Although she is a soldier and leads an active life, the average Wac does not eat a man's ration, the War Department has discovered through nutrition studies. The Wac can be nourished adequately on 3100 calories per day, which is 650 calories less than required for male soldiers. As a result, the diet for Wacs has been revised, with 54 food items eliminated from the monthly menu. The Army will save \$2,700,00 on its food bill.

FRANCE BUILDS ARMY OF 1,200,000 FOR TKO

Paris (CNS)—France will have an Army of 1,200,000 men equipped for a knockout blow at the Germans by the end of Spring, the French War Ministry has declared.

France's increased contribution to the Allied war effort is the di-



"There's no need for any demonstration, Rutford—4% interest on soldiers' deposits is entirely routine."

rect result of recent conversations among Prime Minister Churchill, Gen Eisenhower and Gen Charles De Gaulle, in which the Allies agreed to supply the French forces with more arms, the Ministry said.



KOOPS' KORNERS

IN THE MORNING MAIL

Cpl. Kenneth Cloutier (F) comes up with a gee-whizzer of an idea: "How about trying to get a Red Cross Blood Donors Unit here to Pyote? There are many of us who can't go overseas and we would welcome this chance to do this extra bit." Well Ken, that very idea was broached a few months back; met with approval from everyone, but Mr. Clifford Gibbs, local Red Cross Field Director, doubted that such a unit could be brought to the field. There aren't many such mobile units and they play a more populated circuit he says. But the idea is still a good one Ken, and we hope—somehow—something can be done about it.

Amundsen (who writes us occasionally) poses this query: "I stood fourth in line at the theatre Sunday night and didn't even get in the show. I stood in this line for one (1) hour. I believe the men who have tickets should form one line and the men who wish to purchase tickets another." Well, Amundsen, the new ass't theatre manager stopped by my tray-stall at the mess the other day and informed me that it usually takes 12 minutes to fill the theatre. Now, with a two-line system (similar to your suggestion) the theatre fills in five minutes with no delays and no waits. Thanks for the gripe. It's a good way to get action.

GIGS AND RIBBONS

Ribbons to all you lovely people who contributed so generously to the March of Dimes. The tinkle of those coins made a heart-warming melody. . . . **Gigs** to the movie gangsters who shout questionable witticisms and ruin a sequence at the cinema. You haint that funny, feller! . . . **Ribbons** to the bus driver on the 11:30 transit-from-town who told off a GI—but good. The GI had been smelling up the bus with a stream of foul language, and the bus driver took the words out of the mouths of every one aboard. . . . **Ribbons** to the PX girls who are never too busy to smile for a soljur. . . . **Gigs** to the heartless dogfaces who pass those sweating kay-pees at Mess Hall 4 and never "feed the kitty". . . . **Ribbons** to the Monahans USO celebrating the 4th anniversary of USOs everywhere. That's a birthday-cake times 12,000,000 Yanks. . . .

PYOTE QUOTES

Overheard at the Service Club chow-line: "Okay, so I'd still sooner be a wolf than lead a dog's life!" . . . Eavesdropped at the CCD dayroom: "Trouble with a girl with pretty legs is you find yourself out on a limb!"

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

Pfc. Seymour Erdheim, mail-clerk and 2nd best jitterbug at the field, is shipping out soon. That's gonna set Pyote-jive back six months . . . "Eecee" passes along the item that a griping GI went in and complained to the Base Grievance Officer about—the Inspector General! . . . Next Friday's attraction at the Theatre, "Blonde Fever" isn't much of a pitcher. It won't win any awards, but it marks the screen debut of a pulchritudinous blonde (and she pulches in the right places) named **Gloria Grahame**. Chicago GIs might remember Gloria from the cast of "Good Night Ladies"; we remember Gloria from many a date, and are reserving a seat for every show Friday to see her on the screen. And if you fellows don't howl with me in wolfish glee, you haint fit to wiggle you ears as a Pyote coyote . . . **Martha Gould**, Service Club hostess, insisted I trim my moustache but I said "Nope!" But when **Sugar** started screaming for me to stop beating around that bush, I trimmed it. . . . Sweetwater AAF once the home of the WASPS is now a Second Air Force field. . . . Next week's Rattler will carry something special in the way of a Pyote valentine, I'm told. . . . The face-slapping incident at the EM club had better be explained. Our ever-lovin' secretary, **Sugar**, bet a GI she could draw a crowd of GIs in 2 minutes. She just hauled back and slapped her escort, and was immediately surrounded by at least thirty GIs ready to knock the stuffins out of the fellow. The poor guy (who lost his bet, naturally) is still trying to explain he didn't do anything wrong. . . . Our personal nomination for one of the prettier WACS is **Pfc. Billie Lewis**. . . . We like the question on Sunday's Take It Or Leave It show: "Which carries the bigger load—the B-29 or W. C. Fields?" . . . The library still welcomes donations of those Pocket Books.

A Man Isn't A Man Until—?

By Chaplain P. F. Anderson

I heard of a fellow the other day who is afraid to go home on furlough. You see, this soldier talks in his sleep in language which one does not usually associate with mother and home. We have a strange philosophy today that we can do things which our folks and our friends back cannot do.

And a strange part of this philosophy is that a G. I. is not a real man unless he does as the other fellow does. He's not a real guy unless he talks as the other fellows talk. He's not a real sport if he doesn't gamble a bit on a game of craps once in a while. He can't take it if he doesn't drink his liquor. He's a sissy if he has nothing to boast about. He's not a man till he's had a dose. All of this you have heard of the G. I. philosophy, and far more too.

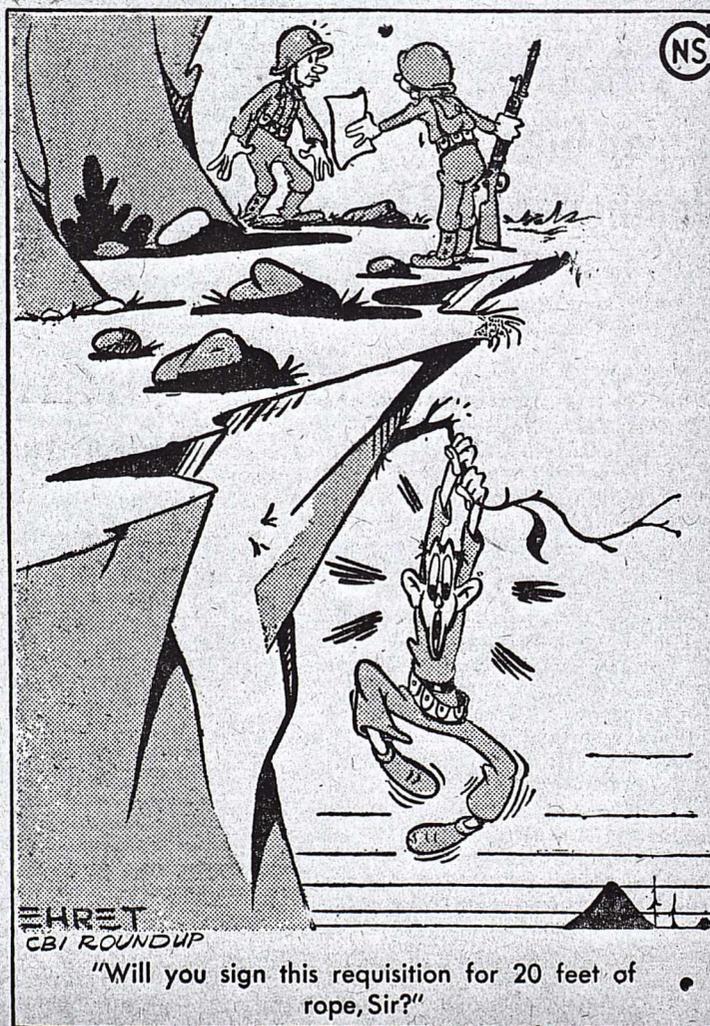
In the face of this let's raise the question can a soldier live a clean life. The odds are certainly against him. But I will venture to say, despite all that has been said that a man is, that a red-blooded man with the desire to live right can live right. Any old dead fish can float downstream with the tide. A lot of the fellows you live with are

just such dead fish; they drift with the current. Send them on a Sunday School picnic and they'd be goody-goody with the crowd. But it takes a live fish with a desire to live to swim upstream against the current. It takes a real soldier to buck the tide and live as he knows he ought. Now soldier, let's see how much will power and grit and determination you can muster to conquer yourself, and the world about you.

The way will not be easy but it is worth all your effort. You may slip and fall on the way, but if you keep the goal in view you will get up and go on again. And when the way is hard there is One who is higher than you or I who will take your hand and lead you if you but ask. In all of this you will prove your strength and your manhood. A man isn't a man until he finds his strength and bucks the tide.

OH SWEET AND GENTLE LADY, BE GOOD

New York (CNS)—Irrked when the bartender refused her request for a drink, Katherine O'Connor slammed a barstool through the mirror, swept all the cocktail glasses to the floor and threw a bottle of rye at the bartender. "Don't you know how to treat a lay?" she screamed enroute to the jug.

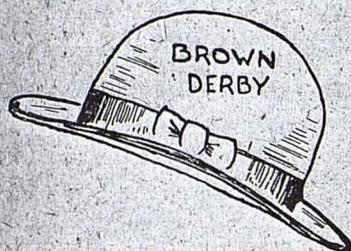


EHRET
CBI ROUNDUP

"Will you sign this requisition for 20 feet of rope, Sir?"

RATTLER 5 CARRIES ON; MEETS PECOS TO-NITE

PT AWARD



This week's Brown Derby, shame chapeau, rests on the Section C boys who ranked lowest in PT participation for week ending Jan. 27th, with 91.54%. Section E was second from the bottom with 94.57%.

Pyote Five Snows Kermit, 54-30

In a practice game between Pyote and Kermit on January 23, the Rattler hoop squad came out on the long end of a 54-30 score.

Fred Hightower's boys outclassed the Kermit squad in every phase of the game. Chapman was high point man with 12 tallies, and Hogan of the Rattlers followed with ten. Kermit's McIver scored ten points to lead the losers.

BUT ARE YOU SURE?

St Louis (CNS)—A printing company has hired a draft-proof office boy. He is John B. New, 82-year-old veteran of the Spanish American war.

At The Chapel

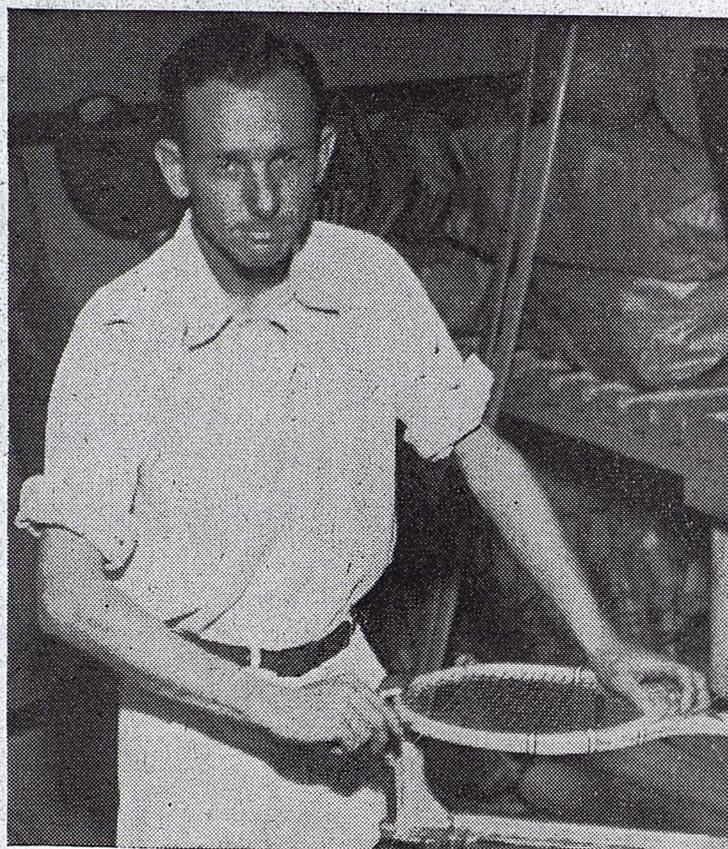
CATHOLIC — Sunday Masses: 0800, 1200, 1715. Daily Masses: 1715 except Monday and Thursday; Thursdays at Hospital Red Cross bldg. 0930. No Mass Monday. Evening Devotions: 1745 Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: Saturday 1630-1715, 1930-2100, and before all Masses, and anytime you request.

PROTESTANT — Sunday: 0915, Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 1000, Section C Chapel service. 1030, Station Chapel Service; 1930, Section C Vesper Service; 2000, Station Vesper Service. Wednesday: 1930, Section C Bible Study; 2000, Bible Quiz Hour, Station Chapel. Thursday: 1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Sunday: 1430, Weekly Service, conducted by Mrs. Kate Lewis, war-time worker.

IT'S A GOOD RACKET IF YOU KNOW HOW



This is tennis playing weather, and plenty of net aspirants on the base are taking advantage of it. Cpl. Carroll Steele, tennis instructor of the field's Physical Training Department, is shown stringing a racket for one of his pupils. You too can learn, he says, if you don't try to beat the bejabbers out of the ball and will substitute a 50-50 mixture of technique and temperament.

Tennis Takes T'n'T—Technique And Temperament—Says Field Pro

Cpl. Steele Gives Individual Lessons; New Stringing Equipment Is Added Here

It takes technique and temperament—approximately a 50-50 mixture—to master the game of tennis. A hammer-and-tongs, heavy-handed approach will net you little in this game which approaches a fine art.

So says Cpl. Carroll Steele, the little little PT instructor who's easily the most adept racqueteer at this base. Cpl. Steele who was a professional player-tutor at Santa Barbara, Calif., for four years, offers free advice to all hopefuls who want to improve their game.

It's good advice, too. Steele came from a tennis playing family and started learning early. He handled or trained several top-seeded stars before entering the army, probably the most famous of whom was Miss Patty Budge, twice winner of the National Junior championship.

His active days on the court be-

gan at the tender age of 12 years, at Tacoma, Wash. He was player-manager on a high school team which met the University of Washington teams regularly, and later enrolled at Moran Junior College. There he met Harwood White, writer of several books on the game, and learned some of the finer points. After a three-year span with a sporting goods store he moved to Santa Barbara's Monticedo Country Club as tennis pro, applying the White method.

It was at this juncture that he was associated with Patty Budge Steele at this time worked with Eleanor Tennant who placed him

New Schedule Will Keep Pyote Cagers In Play

The Pyote Rattlers travel to Pecos tonight to meet the Pecos AAF basketball squad. The inter-base rivalry will again be at stake, in Pyote's first hoop contest since dropping from the Second Air Force league.

Good news for cage addicts came to bucket-blighted Pyote this week.

S-Sgt. Fred Hightower, coach of the Rattler quintet, announced that games are being arranged with teams in the near vicinity, and that the team would continue to finish out the basketball season.

Last week, officials stated that Pyote dropped from the 7th district of the 2AF basketball league due to transportation difficulties. Rattlesnake GIs had feared this meant no more class football, but this week's announcement indicated that games with Midland, Marfa, Carlsbad, etc. will be held.

The absence of the Rattlers in the Second Air Force league was a sad blow, locally. The team, coasting in third place, was making itself felt as a threat to Tucson and Biggs in the win and place spots at the time.

A consecutive win streak of five games had shown the Rattler five's new-found power under the tutelage of Hightower, who had taken over the coaching position in mid-season.

Hightower stated that he hoped to announce a schedule for the remainder of the season by next week.

in charge of tutoring some of her pupils.

A new has been added for all tennis players here, within the last few days. A frame for stringing rackets has been provided for the PT department and in addition to his duties as instructor, Cpl. Steele puts new strings in rackets.

A good stringing job for your racket will cost you six simoleons, and is worth it. He uses the finest gut string obtainable today, and has all the necessary tools with which to perform an excellent job.

He will repair a broken string on your racket free of charge. Tennis lessons by appointment, for either officers or enlisted men, will be furnished on request. Cpl. Steele can be found at the Recreation Hall, or at the Station tennis courts, between 0800 and 1700 daily.

Wanna Ride to LA? Read the Classifieds!

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Deadline for copy is Monday midnight. Mail or bring to Public Relations or Rattler office.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One leather glove, and one isn't much good without the other. I'm missing a left hand leather glove, Air Corps issue, brown, size 10. Return to Lt. H. Dollar, Sec III operations. That will let my right hand know what the left is doing.

FOUND—Sterling identification bracelet bearing name: "Lt. Robert M. Rechtsteiner, 0-768-664". Owner may have same by identifying himself at Rattler office (T-640).

LOST—Crash bracelet belonging to Eldo H. Platt, 0-733351. Bombardier's wings engraved on face of bracelet. Return to Public Relations Office, Base Hq. Reward.

TRANSPORTATION

DO YOU live in Barstow? I'm looking for two riders daily who travel from Barstow to Pyote Army Air Field. I reach the field at 8:30 A.M. leave at 5:00 P.M., daily except Sundays. If interested, contact Sgt. Harry Hopkins, CCD mail room.

WANNA SWAP a one-way ticket from Pyote, Tex. to Denver, Colo. for a one-way ticket from Denver to Pyote. See Ken Branscom, Bks. 518, Box 15-L, Sec. D.

AM GOING to Los Angeles at the end of February or 1st of March with my wife. Will share expenses and driving. See S-Sgt. Robert P. Jett, Personnel Services, phone 27.

WANTED—Someone to drive an automobile to Pittsburgh, Pa. on or about the 15th of Feb. Contact Capt. G. L. Davis, Sec. I, Extension 242.

PERSONALS

WANTED TO RENT or buy—Sewing machine, electric or pedal type. See Mrs. Mildred Smith, Budget and Fiscal office, Headquarters.

LOIS—That letter finally arrived. Why don't you get in touch with me? Sylv.

JEDD—Will pay off that bet after pay-day. Where can I reach you? Write me. Fran.

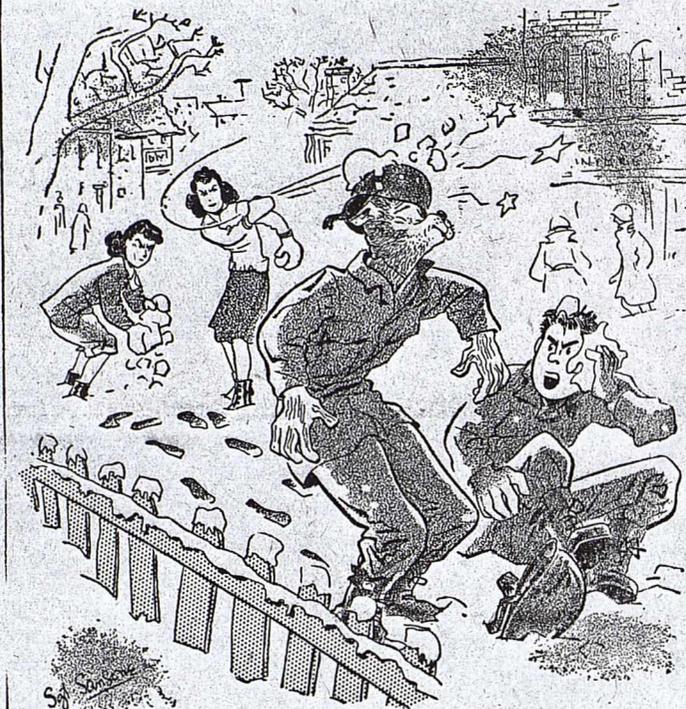
FOR SALE

I'M TRYING to sell a dining room set that's really a nifty! Six chairs (1 large, 5 small), table

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"This isn't quite what I expected!"

REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago, as culled from the files of the Rattler.

Feb. 2, 1944: Colonel Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant, was transferred to an important undisclosed assignment. The new 2AF patch was announced—uh-huh, the square one with the falcon and ice-tongs. "Shep", one of the Pyote K-9 dogs was advanced to the rank of Corporal. The 4th War Loan entered its final stage, with a super-traveling show bolstering sales. The USO marked its third birthday with a luncheon. The Crippled Commandoes took over the lead in the intra-mural league. Pyote entered S-Sgt. Luther Dodson and T-Sgt. Cliff Weis in the Golden Gloves.

(oblong, with leaves) and buffet. Moderately priced. See Ferguson at the cleaners in Pyote.

CPL. FRANK E. JOHNSON, Sec. I, CCD, Bks has a .32 Colt Automatic for sale. Contact him, if interested.

A 1940 Ford 4-door sedan deluxe model. Will sell at moderate price. See S-Sgt. Roy D. Dreher, CCD Section 3 or write Box 192, Barstow, Texas.

G-Aisling

(The column of G-AISLING welcomes all announcements of marriages of personnel of the field.)

GRANT-BEHR

Marrried at the Station Chapel, January 27 Pvt. Elfrieda Behr, WAC, to Mr. Samuel I. Grant, civilian of the Gulf Oil Company, Monahans. Rites performed by Chaplain E. W. Norton.



JAP soldiers in training rise at 0500 each morning and keep going all day. Their ideas of setting up exercises differ somewhat from ours. The Japs, stripped to the waist, line up in a long file and each man massages the muscles of the man in front. They believe this loosens their muscles.



Q. Does a man who has been overseas twice—with a tour of duty in the U. S. sandwiched in between—collect any additional mustering out pay over and above the \$300 given for overseas service?

A. No. No matter how often a man serves overseas—or in how many theaters—he collects only \$300.

Q. After the war I plan to return to the Institute of Technology as an engineering student. The course of study I intend to pursue will cost more than \$500 per year, which seems to be the limit fixed by the Veterans Administration on the amount the government will contribute. Is there any way I can get the government to pay the full cost of my course?

A. You'll have to make up the difference yourself. The \$500 maximum set by the Veterans Administration is just that—the maximum amount the government will contribute.

STORK CLUB

(The column of the STORK CLUB welcomes all announcement of births to personnel of the field.)

MONSON—Born to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Keith Monson at the Pyote regional hospital, January 24, a boy, 9 lb., 15 oz. S-Sgt. Monson, Section F, is from Salt Lake City, Utah. His wife, the former Sue Westbrook, from San Antonio.

NEW—Born to Lt. and Mrs. John New at the Pyote regional hospital, January 24 a boy, 7 lb., 8 oz. Lt. New, Section A, is from Hamilton, Ohio, as is his wife, the former Rosetta Holbrook.

THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

Russia's top-flight commentator, Ilye Ehrenburg, states: "We'll finish the Germans off this year".