

# Furloughs: 45 Days a Year

## THE RATTTLER

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### 36 POINTERS TO STAY IN STATES; DISCHARGE SCORE DROPS TO 70

#### EM Eligible for Discharge With Seventy Points

The discharge score dropped to 70 Monday, in accordance with General of the Army George C. Marshall's statement to Congress last month that men with 70 points would be eligible for discharge effective the first of October.

The Wac score has been reduced from 41 to 36 points as of last Monday.

#### SCORES ANNOUNCED

With the exception of officers of the Medical Dept., male officers of all grades, including warrant officers and flight officers, are eligible for discharge if they have 75 points. The score for WAC officers has been reduced from 44 to 39 points. Medical Dept. officers, including nurses, will continue to be released under the recently established separate criteria for the release of Medical Dept. commissioned personnel.

All of these new discharge scores are based on V-J Day computations of Sept. 2, 1945. No change will be made at this time in the (See DISCHARGE, Page 3.)

The weekly dance at the Rec Hall for enlisted men has been changed from Friday night to Thursday night of this week. It will be held Thursday night in the patio by the service club, weather permitting, and if the weather is not suitable it will be held indoors at the Rec Hall. The change was made due to transportation limitations.

#### Furloughs Increased To 45 Days Plus TT In Each Fiscal Year

The best news since the Jap surrender came through Monday when furloughs were upped to 45 days per fiscal year. The six-week paid vacation, courtesy Uncle Sam, went into effect the first of October and all personnel on furlough were wired of the extra 15 days at their disposal.

The 45 days deal affects all eligible personnel. Those EM eligible for furlough are those with between 36 and 59 points, and less than 34 years of age.

Those who have already taken a 15 day furlough with travel time are now entitled to an additional 30 days plus travel.

To figure the number of days you have coming, subtract the number of furlough days taken since July 1, 1945 (not including travel time) and subtract from 45. The 45 days may be split and travel. (See FURLOUGH, Page 3)

#### War Dept. Permission No Longer Necessary For Mexico Furloughs

Military personnel no longer need a special pass to visit Mexico from the War Dept., according to WD Circular 268. Personnel on leaves and furloughs may visit any part of Mexico without permission of the War Dept. They should, however, have permission from the Station Adjutant. Three-day passes to Mexico may be okayed if the location to be visited is within 3-day pass distance of the field.

#### Mercury Drops 47 Degrees In Just 24 Hours

"Can't ya get some heat in here" replaced Pyote's standard "Hot enough for ya" this week when temperatures took an overnight dip from 89 to 42 last Thursday. Gas stoves lit up, sheep-skin jackets came out.

Once the mercury hit the low level it stayed there. Saturday's listing was 46, Sunday's 40, Monday 41, and Tuesday 40. According to the Weather Office Pyote may expect more clouds, more rain, and more chills in the next few days.

#### ODs Optional As of Oct. 1, Mandatory First of November

GIs who are shivering in their sun-tans got good news last week with the announcement that effective October 1st, the wearing of olive drab was optional.

The Adjutant's Section has announced that ODs would be optional October 1st and mandatory November 1st.

Due to the shortage of outer clothing, the field jacket is permitted to be worn outside the limits of the field, in accordance with WD Circular 228, Sept. 21, 1945.

Meanwhile, last Monday the order went out that "ties would be worn at all times"—with either sun-tans or ODs.

#### 36-Point Men, Not To Be Sent Overseas—WD

The War Dept. announced last week a lowering of screening scores for shipments of officers and enlisted men overseas, saying it made another 300,000 ineligible for such duty.

The new scores however, will not apply to regular Army personnel and volunteers for overseas duty.

Enlisted men men will not be sent overseas, the Dept. said in a statement, if their point score or age, as of Sept. 2, 1945, computation is equal to or exceeds 36 points or 37 years of age, or 34 years of age with more than 1 year of service.

#### OFFICERS INELIGIBLE

Officers will not be sent overseas, the Dept. said, if their point score or age, as of Sept. 2, this year, is equal or exceeds: Male officers, Medical Corps and dental corps: 45 points or 40 years of age; Male officers, veterinary corps and medical administrative corps: 30 points or 35 years of age; Nurses: 12 points or 30 years of age; Medical Dept. dieticians and physical therapy aides: 18 points or 30 years of age.

The World Series ball games between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs will be aired throughout the field by the Special Services public-address system.

# THE RATTLER

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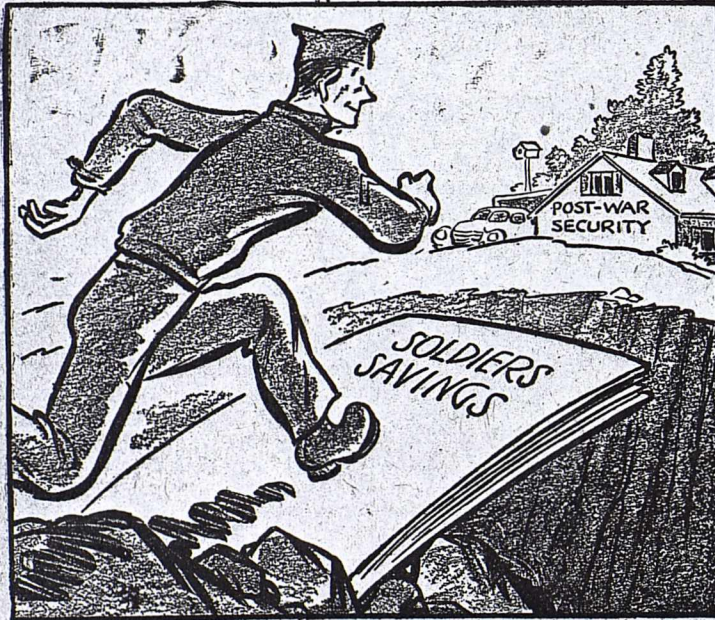
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## You Can't Win

### The Springboard



The above cartoon is supposed to implant in your mind an idea which encourages savings. We hope you get the idea, if you haven't already had it for some time. Most of you can measure your time left in the Army in weeks or months now but that's no reason for falling down on the savings efforts.

There's a lot of immediate expense to getting out of the Army—new wardrobes, expenses for a lay-off period of a few weeks, the first civilian "furlough," etc. The dollars you can lay up now will tide you over that period until you go to work or to school.

Save your money—you won't be sorry.

## You've Heard This Before

Famous words of World War II:

1942: "Them lousy civilians are making all the money. Here I am working for 50 bucks a month." (Our hero has just been inducted).

1943: "Them lousy jokers in the States—they don't know what

## This Week

### At The Theatres

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

#### TODAY AND TOMORROW

"STATE FAIR" with Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain and Dick Haymes. (A musicalized version of the Iowa family taking in the fair. Complete with prize pigs, spiked preserves, and pitch games. All sorts of fun.) Shorts: Cartoon and Paramount News.

#### FRIDAY

"RADIO STARS ON PARADE" with Billy Brown, Alan Carney, and Frances Langford. (A pleasant musical comedy though Brown and Carney are on the weary-side.) Shorts: Three Stooges comedy, "Miracle Makers", and Mighty Mouse cartoon.

#### SATURDAY

"HOLLYWOOD CANTEN" (revival) with all-star cast. (Underslung GIs meet all sorts of movie stars.) Shorts: "Sikhs of Patiala" a Movietone feature.

#### SUNDAY & MONDAY

"SHADY LADY" with Charles Coburn, Ginny Simms, and Robert Paige. (Deputy DA falls in love with singer whose uncle is a card-sharp. Night club owner blackmails attorney with photograph. Unk wins photo in card game.) Shorts: "No Sail" with Donald Duck, Paramount News.

#### TUESDAY

(double feature) "FATAL WITNESS" with Evelyn Ankers and Richard Fraser. (A Class B mystery where the audience is ten-steps ahead of the detective and walking out fast.) "COME OUT FIGHTING" with the East Side Kids and June Carlsen. (The OJI Dead End Kids, who now are on the side of law and justice use some of their back-alley tricks to capture the criminals. Haven't we been through this before?)

#### WEDNESDAY

"LOVE LETTERS" with Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten. (Young war-widow consoles herself with love-letters from her late husband written at the battle-

front. She meets her hubby's best friend and discovers it was he who wrote the letters for hubby. Shades of Cyrano deBergerac.) Shorts: Paramount News.

### At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. Daily Mass: 5:15. Evening Devotions: 5:45 PM Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: 7:30 to 8:30 PM Saturdays and before all Masses.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. Wednesday: Section C Bible Study 8:00; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30.

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

### Around the Field

PHONE EXCHANGE: Phone exchange room open 24 hours a day in northeast corner of Post Office; furnished with chairs, writing tables, magazines. Attendant on duty from 5 to 10 PM weekdays and 8 AM to 11 PM Sundays who expedites long-distance calls and makes change.

CARLSBAD CAVERNS: Trips to the Caverns each Saturday and Sunday; two busses leave from Sq. A orderly room at 6:30 AM both days. Trips are open to GIs and wives. Only expense to GIs is cost of noonday meal (50c). Wives must pay regular admission fee to caverns (\$1.80). Reservations must be made prior to trip at Special Service Office, next door to Service Club, phone 27.

SCHOOL: USAFI Correspondence courses—details from I&E Dept., Special Services office, next door to Service Club. Off-duty education program—details at Special Services office. Phone 27.

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

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

this war is all about. They oughta get sent overseas. (He's got one foot off the boat).

1944: "Them lousy rear-base Commandos—why don't they swap places with us guys up front for a while?" (His outfit prepares to move).

Spring, 1945: "Why can't a USO Commando take my place, and let me rotate?" (He's been overseas 18 months now).

Fall, 1945: "Let us real soldiers out first. Let the other guys do occupation duty." (Back in the States for redeployment now, and he can't find an argument).

Winter, 1945: "Yeah, so you finally got overseas . . . but hell, you shoulda been there when I was. Man, in them days it was ROUGH. We just made it easy for you guys." (He's telling another civilian how he won the war, and still can't find an argument).

## Discharges—

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critical list of score categories for officers and enlisted men.

### DROPS TO 60 NOV. 1st.

The discharge point score will drop another ten points the first of November when enlisted personnel with 60 points will be eligible for discharge. Wacs with 34 points will also be eligible the first of next month.

These reductions are in line with Marshall's statements to both Houses of Congress on Sept. 20th when he outlined steps for speeding discharges of personnel of the Armed Forces.

### NEW OVERSEAS STANDARD

According to camp newspaper service, the latest dope on War Dept. discharges are these:

1. The War Dept. has assured a senatorial hearing that its goal is to release 6,000,000 men by next July 1. Present plans call for the release of 1,300,000 by Christmas.

2. Members of Congress, meanwhile, are increasing pressure on the services to speed up the demobilization program and slow down the draft.

3. Selective service officials have announced that they won't re-draft men who have received honorable discharges from the armed services. These men will be placed in Class 1-C (Discharged).

4. Marine Corps has reduced its point score for releasing male personnel from 85 to 70. Marines get one point for each month of service, one for each month overseas, 5 for each decoration and 12 for each child up to three children.

### DEMOBILIZATION

New point standards for discharge and overseas eligibility effective October 1st, have been announced by the Station Military Personnel Officer.

Two big changes are:

1) Lowering of point scores for EM discharges from 80 to 70, in accordance with Gen. Marshall's extemporaneous speech before members of Congress on Sept. 20.

2) Dropping the point score for overseas eligibility (EM) from 45 to 36. The point standard for officers is 44.

The recently reported changes became official at this installation when a TWX was received from 2AF Headquarters directing that an accounting be made of all personnel with regard to overseas and discharge eligibility. For this purpose all transfers and reassignments—except for those being separated—were suspended for four days.

Effective October 1st, military personnel with the following point scores became automatically non-essential and eligible for release (all scores as of 2 Sept. 45 computation):

**Male Officers except Medical officers, all grades including W/O's and F/O's—75.**

**Wac Officers—39.**

### QUALIFIED TEACHERS NEEDED AT PYOTE HS

Vacancies for high school English and fifth and sixth grade teachers remained unfilled on the Pyote school faculty Superintendent Wright Chrane announced this week in a request that any interested persons contact him. It is desirable that applicants for the jobs plan on completing the school term.

### COMMISSARY SALES STORE CLOSES SATURDAYS AT 1 PM

The Commissary announced new hours for Saturdays only effective last week. The sales store will open at 9:30 AM and close at 1:00 PM, Saturday only. Monday through Friday store hours will continue from noon to six.

### Male Enlisted Men—70.

### WAC enlisted women—36.

The same TWX which listed these critical scores stated that effective November 1st "the above provisions are changed to reduce the critical scores for enlisted men to 60 and for enlisted WACs to 34.

Before an enlisted man can be shipped overseas now, he must meet the following qualifications:

- 1) Must be 18 years of age with at least 17 weeks of training (including basic).
- 2) Must be under 34 years of age.
- 3) Must have ASRS of 35 points or below as of 2 Sept. 45.
- 4) Must be physically qualified for overseas.

Returnees may volunteer in writing for overseas service and go overseas providing they meet these four qualifications.

WAC enlisted personnel will not be shipped overseas.

Enlisted men of the Regular Army are not subject to the above provisions. A returnee is defined as an enlisted man who has had permanent assignment or temporary duty of at least six months in Alaska or outside Continental limits of the United States.

Male officers (except Medical Department officers) can be shipped overseas, observing the following eligibility and priority pattern:

Priority 1: RA officers, non-returnees.

Priority 2: Non-Regular Army Officers, non-returnees, regardless of ASRS who sign statements of election to remain on active duty.

Priority 3: RA and non-RA officers, non-returnees, who do not sign statements of election and whose ASRS is 44 or below as of 2 Sept. 45. Priority in this category will be by score, lowest score first.

Priority 4: Non-RA officers, returnees, who sign statement of election as in priority 2 above but who do not volunteer for further overseas service.

The War Department estimated that about 300,000 were made eligible for overseas duty under the new changes in the point system.

# GIs May Get in On South America Duty

Assignments to Latin America, considered by many to be the Army's "best deal", are opening up again, according to an announcement from the Station Classification Office.

Air missions are now being established which will require both officer and enlisted personnel. Naturally the deal is limited to those

## Officers Non-Coms Families Get Free Trip On Discharge

Enlisted men of the first three grades and officers may obtain free transportation home for their families and household goods, if they are being honorably discharged.

According to the provisions of AR, 55-160 men of the first three grades are entitled to ship at government expense 4,500 pounds of household goods. This will be taken care of by the Rail Transportation Office.

### FIRST CLASS TICKETS

Dependents can obtain first-class railroad tickets with pullman. If other means of transportation are desired, reimbursement will be made on the basis of actual expense involved.

The plan applies to transportation from the last duty station to the soldier's home, providing the cost to the destination is not greater than to the place designated as home when the soldier was inducted.

This travel allowance is in addition to the one move allowed first three grades upon changing permanent stations.

Further details can be obtained at Base Finance and Rail Transportation office.

## Furloughs—

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time received for each portion, providing your furlough is approved.

Naturally, all furloughs must be authorized by department heads and eligible GIs must wait their proper turn before heading for the cookies (both the kind that Mom makes and the ones who live down the block.).

### NO GUESTS WANTED AT SEPARATION CENTERS

Personnel reporting to separation centers are advised not to invite guests for visits as this practice has hindered separations in the past. Officers and enlisted personnel will instruct relatives and friends to refrain from meeting them at any other time than the

who are available for further military service. Personnel who indicate their interest in a Latin American assignment are requested to complete questionnaires which determine their suitability for such assignment.

There are U. S. military air missions in the following countries: Argentina (Buenos Aires), Bolivia (La Paz), Chile (Santiago), Colombia (Bogota), Ecuador (Quito), Guatemala (Guatemala City), Paraguay (Asuncion) and Venezuela (Caracas). Also, there is a joint Brazil-United States Defense Commission located at Rio de Janeiro. It is expected that missions will be established in several other Latin American countries, including most of the Central American nations.

Personnel who are selected for these assignments must adhere to high standards of conduct and achievement, according to the Classification Office. Dependents may accompany the personnel assigned. According to a letter from 2AF outlining the opportunities for Latin American assignments, the personnel "must be truly typical of the U. S."

"They must be intelligent, of good appearance, clean habits, and straightforward in manner. They, as well as their families, are representatives of the U. S. government, the U. S. Army and the U. S. Army Air Forces."

While not sent to the countries concerned on a diplomatic status, they nevertheless enjoy virtually the prerogatives thereof in military and social functions.

Enlisted specialists are used on a majority of the missions either in a technical capacity or as crew chiefs or aircrews on mission airplanes.

A minimum tour of two years is expected.

In case of assignment to the Brazilian Commission a knowledge of the Portuguese language is preferred. However, personnel who have a thorough mastery of Spanish are acceptable. In the event of assignment to the Latin American missions a thorough knowledge of Spanish is desirable.

Those wishing to apply or who want further information may call at the Station Classification Office, in Headquarters.

date of departure after discharge it was announced.

Send The Rattler home.

## Rattlesnake Tale (No. 3)—

## Training Here In Past 3 Years Reflects World War II Progress

By S/SGT. ROBERT NASH

It wasn't much more than a year ago that the first B-29 settled down on the local ramp for official duties here, although some Superforts had landed here before.

This event marked the biggest change in the training program at Pyote since the field started operations in late 1942. The gradual changes in the program since that date have reflected a true picture of battleground progress in World War II.

Briefly, the story can be told in two chapters. One concerns B-17 training operations and one the B-29. When this field opened it was using as training planes the old B-17-E, then our toughest and most capable all-around heavy bomber. The "E" model didn't have the heavy armament—noticeably the tail gun—word by later models. But the flyers who handled it tipped their caps to no one in the matter of flying skill, and they were fiercely proud of the B-17's glowing combat record. The First Flying Fortress raid had been made against Germany only a few months before. The B-17 was the pile-driver with which we hoped to crush Germany's industry and, consequently, her war machine.

To do it with daylight precision was our hope, although in aiming at this objective our Air Force leaders were going against some commonly accepted military doctrine. Losses were too high to justify such operations, it was said. But the AAF dipped into the strategy bag and came up with some hipper-dipper stuff that turned the trick. Heavier firepower was added, we had a bombsight that wouldn't quit, and soon we had developed long-range fighter escorts with detachable gas tanks that flew along with the heavies right into the heart of Germany.

Developing the B-29 program while sending 14,000 Flying Fortress and Liberator crews to Europe, the 2nd Air Force turned last summer to the training of operational groups, redeployed units and replacement crews to carry fire and explosive to the heart of Japan. Because of its available training facilities, 2AF was the logical selection in 1943 by the War Department as the Air Force charged with responsibility for manning and training of Superfortress units. Full-scale crew training at the various crew training schools did not start until the latter part of 1944, although B-29 activity was launched by 2AF in the fall of 1943 at four bases in the Kansas wheat fields—Salina, Pratt, Great Bend and Walker.

There is no doubt that the use of the atomic bomb immediately precipitated the end of the war against Japan—but neither is there any doubt of the final verdict if the atom bomb hadn't been used, with B-29s scattering fire and destruction on a wholesale basis. Said the Jap newspaper Asahi: "Japan had lost the war long before the appearance of the atomic bomb and the Soviet declaration of war."

When the war ended, practically all of the crews which were striking at Japan from the Mariannas were 2AF trained. Their efficiency is attested by the knockout quality of their blows and their low rate of loss toward the closing days of the war.

Right up to the bitter days preceding D-Day, the Germans had an air force that compared with our own in size, and were turning out new models daily. Some experts have estimated that if they'd dropped some of their more fantastic weapons and concentrated on more practical ones—the jet planes, for instance—they would have stayed in the race a lot longer and might even have won the battle for air supremacy over the Continent.

And there is where training enters the picture. It takes something besides a bunch of new pilots and gunners, and new planes, to make a combat air force. It takes training to insure the crewmen something like a chance of returning when they go to combat.

That is the type of training that several thousand bomber crewmen received at "Rattlesnake Army Air Field". They got it from those who had made their combat tours, in the early losing days of the war, and had returned to spread their battle-earned wisdom.

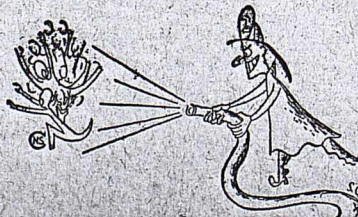
## RATTLESNAKE CHARMER



The long-legged lass is Miss Rhoda Fleming whose film career to date has consisted of posing in just such scanty attire for GI newspapers. According to Rhoda she is "keeping up the morale" and going "all out for the GIs". If Rhoda goes all out any further we'll be all in.

## This Wacky World

Take a look at this week's daffy doings across the country. Thieves are making curious thefts in Illinois. For example, one yuck broke into a Springfield tavern, made a cagy getaway with seven cases of empty beer bottles. Next day some one stole a 300-pound stone lion from in front of the Evanston library. . . . Prisoners of War at Holdredge, Nebraska, were served their first watermelon. One PW enthusiastically ate a whole melon, rind and all. . . . Irked by kibitzers



in a crowd watching Frostburg, Md., firemen extinguish a blaze, the town's firemen stopped all remarks from spectators by turning the hose on them. Result: 40 soaked on-lookers, one injured fireman (he was hit by a rock). . . . A seventy-year old chap at Neon, Ky. went on a hunger-strike because "there's no law and order in this town and I ain't gonna eat until we get it". . . . a fancy black auto stopped on Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco, and a woman stepped over the guard rail and leaped into the water. Hubby sat in the car, lit a cigaret and told witnesses, "Let her go". Then he drove on. . . . Westbrook, Maine's mayor was all set to give his daughter away in marriage. The bridegroom didn't show at the church though. He sent a note saying he decided to marry someone else instead. . . . And Brig. Gen. Thomas Evers, retired from the Army, has been offered his old job back—as bus conductor. He declined. . . . Wotta wacky world.

SEND THE RATTLER HOME!

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



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

**DESERT MISFIT**  
Editor, the Rattler:

You will do me a very great favor by printing this, if you can, without changes. Otherwise don't print.

Having arrived on this field subsequent to the cessation of hostilities, I am grateful for the fact that I can boast no ancestry or kin of any degree whatsoever to Pyote.

I have been forced to read the Rattler due to the fact that this station does not warrant any usual outside connections with world events, i.e.—the newspaper. However the Rattler seems to be the private clarion of the "soldiers" who are sweating out V-B day, assuming they do leave here when the 2AF accepts the fact that hostilities have ceased.

All right, so you desert misfits are unhappy here. And the Rattler seems to be the usual outlet for your pathetic and touching gripes which all have the same tint and taste—namely they stink.

So you have been in the service two or three or four years. But you have not waved goodbye to any of our country's shorelines with a question mark looming over your return. You have fought the war here on a very civilian base. You don't think it fair to go overseas now because you have devoted so much of your time and conscientious energy doing your part on the Pyote front.

For your information, my unit was on combat duty in the Pacific theatre for two years, starting from the bottom of New Guinea and inching forward to the Philippines. They did not have furloughs prior to overseas departure, military necessity preventing such luxury. My buddy now writes me that after two years in combat in conditions which your narrow Pyote-stunted minds could not grasp, let alone even hope to understand, they have to proceed to Japan for occupation duty. That applies to other units of all types who have sweated out the war in the war—not Pyote. Don't you think it's fair they be given an opportunity to return to their country? Their wives, children they have not even seen yet, parents, dear friends—isn't it in all decent fairness that their men be granted some consideration that they have accomplished their mission? Why

can't they go home?

The answer lies within you and other typical units of your type which have flown to victory on the wings of the 2AF. Get off your crying posts and stop wailing. Get over there and give them a chance to come home.

And in closing, let me say briefly: to make your local Rattler more digestible, leave out all these incongruously unworthy gripes. Conduct some sort of campaign to orientate the characters around here that the war has not ended for a great deal of the overseas men; and it won't until they come home. And for the limited serviceman, offer this brief consolation: limited service, limited rewards.

Anonymous  
• The Rattler is hard-put to decide what is an "incongruously unworthy gripe" and what isn't, leaves such matters in the hands of gripe-hungry editors. The Rattler only knows that the war has not ended for anyone until they get home, and believes that one way your friends overseas and in the states can get home sooner is to gripe.

**5-WAY ALLOTMENT**  
Editor, the Rattler:

My four brothers and I each send a \$20 allotment home. Now we hear we can't do that. Is that right?

Cpl. G. H. L.  
• Each of you can make out a Class E allotment, sending a portion of your pay home. Whether each of you could make out dependency (Class F) allotments would depend entirely on your parent's needs. If they are actually dependent on all of you, they might be able to get an allotment from each of you.

**DAM YANKEES**  
Editor, the Rattler:

Enclosed is a copy of the Monahans Light which appeared (until it suspended publication last week) on streets and doorsteps each Tuesday in Monahans. Please note the article I have marked. It so happens that I am a soldier's wife from the north and we live in a neighborhood in Monahans consisting almost entirely of Army families, also from the north.

We hardly think the tone of this article is in keeping with all we

have heard about southern hospitality and proper attitude toward soldiers far from home.

A faithful reader  
• The article in question, called "Dam Yankees", which smears GIs from other parts of the United States, is unworthy of any reply here. Knowing this article is not the reflection of the southern people, the Rattler refuses to lower its dignity by replying.

**MISS AMERICA**  
Editor, the Rattler:

Dontcha read the papers? A girl from the Bronx was chosen as Miss America. Why don't you print her picture in your newspaper and show these other guys what the Bronx has got?

Sgt. N. F. W.



• Bess Myerson, 21, is what the Bronx has. Five foot ten inches and reads books. She's the first Bronx resident ever crowned Miss America.

**ARROWHEAD**  
Editor, the Rattler:

What are the provisions that make one eligible for the bronze arrowhead?

S/Sgt. Merle Patrick

• ETO, MTO and North African personnel can find out whether they're entitled to wear the bronze

arrowhead, indicating participation in an assault landing, either airborne or amphibious, by consulting General Orders No. 70, dated August 20, 1945. Units credited with landing in Attu are also included.

**ILLEGITIMACY**  
Editor, the Rattler:

A buddy of mine got a girl in trouble while overseas and now has an illegitimate child. Somehow, the family allowance for this child is going to his legal wife. She now thinks she will be given custody of this child, which she doesn't want. What should this guy do?

(Name Withheld.)

• To send a family allowance to his illegitimate child, he will need a re-authorization from the ODB, which his orderly room should obtain for him. He should then designate the proper payee on this form. The Army has no interest in who has custody of the illegitimate child.

**COMMANDO'S FURLOUGH**  
Editor, the Rattler:

Now that General Marshall has given the Army plan for demobilization for the next few months, isn't it possible for the 2AF to grant regular furloughs to the static personnel who have had at least 3 years service? I am one of these so-called USO Commandos who has been stuck in the states since being in the service as an instructor.

A Stateside GI  
• According to base furlough regulations men not eligible for discharge or overseas are eligible for 45 days furlough per fiscal year. Men with between 35 and 59 points are eligible for furloughs according to the daily bulletin.

**BACK PAY**  
Editor, the Rattler:

Settle this barracks argument if you can. How much did General Wainright have coming in back pay? I say \$50,000 and my pal says \$25,000. Who's right?

T/Sgt. Noel Bayre  
• You're closer. Wainwright collected \$41,893.45—less payments to Mrs. Wainright.

**HAVE YOU ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS?**

Legal assistance may be obtained by military personnel and their dependents by consulting Courts and Boards Office located in Station Headquarters. Important problems such as Wills, Powers of Attorney, Domestic Relations, Claims, and Naturalization, which involve the security of your personal and property rights, should be attended to at once. Neglect or failure to do so may prove very costly in many ways.

## Sport Snorts

By O'ROURKE

### SUPERBOMBERS WIN

The Superbombers, 2AF grid squad took advantage of their huge line to push the Fort Warren, Wyoming Bronco's around a drizzle soaked field and won their initial victory of the season in Denver Sunday, 19-0. A crowd of 8,000 fans braved the cold, wet skies to watch the G. I. elevens fumble around the wet gridiron.

Next Sunday the Superbombers journey to Sioux City, Iowa to battle the Keesler Field Fliers. Keesler Field features a rugged defensive ball club backed by the educated toe of Paul Campbell, Brackenridge little All-American, who averaged 37 yards per punt against the powerful AAF Training Command grid warriors.

### 7-A LEAGUE GAMES

Here in the valley fans saw a Monahans Lobo grid squad defeat Crane 20-6 in the most important game of the week. Pecos, NS, carrying last year's undefeated record in the 7A conference, defeated Bowie 7-0 capitalizing on a Bowie High penalty placing the ball on Bowie's 5 yard line and pushing it over for the winning tally. Kermit journeyed to Lamesa to go down in an 18-6 defeat. Wink lost a rough one to Hobbs at Wink with the out of this world score of 2-0.

October 5 the game of the season in 7A conference football places undefeated Pecos against once-defeated Monahans at Rotary Field, Pecos. The winner of this game will probably walk away with the conference title. Kermit and Wink, the other two teams of the conference, are both idle.

### CRISLER TAKES BLAME

The big talk in the Western football conference is Coach Fritz Crisler of Michigan accepting full responsibility for the Wolverines defeat by Indiana 13-7. Michigan was driving for the touchdown that would have tied Indiana and with 50 seconds to go had to ball on the Hoosiers 5 yard line. Crisler sent in a substitute and called the Michigan ancient place kick formation. Indiana could afford to give Michigan 3 points at that stage of the game so the line held fast and smothered Bob Nussbaum's fake and attempted run. Indiana took the ball over on downs and the game ended.

### PYOTE MEETS BARSTOW

You who can't get away and miss the grid games this brisk fall weather should take in Pyote High's fast 6 man football. The Pyote lightweights have won two in as many starts. Last Friday Fort

### Court-Martialed For Low Flying In B-17

Capt. Jack W. Dollahon, bomber pilot at Herington Army Air Field, Herington, Kans., has been sentenced by a Second Air Force general court martial to forfeit \$75 of his pay for four months and to be reprimanded for violation of flying regulations.

He was found guilty of flying a B-17 bombardment type airplane at an altitude below minimum AAF regulations on Aug. 4, 1945, over the city of Lakewood, Ohio.

Davis went down before the local lads 26-13. The games are free to servicemen and if you haven't seen 6 man football make this a must. The next game is a Barstow at 2:30 next Friday.

### CPL. STEELE LEAVES

The Pyote tennis courts will be an empty desolate spot now, the little man with the big racquet has been shipped for separation. Corporal Coach Carrol Steele left on orders for the little white paper we all covet.

Pyote was fortunate in having the expert coaching of Steele over the last year period. Working as a project of the Physical Training department, Steele gave his expert instructions to over 600 pupils. Work hours were of no interest to Steele. His day's work began anytime anyone wanted help with his game and his day ended at dark or when he ran out of pupils.

The instructions he gave were the same patient steady instructions that boasted such stars as Budge Paddy, National Boys Junior Champion for two years, and Welby VanHorn seeded No. 2 in the United States.

Corporal Steele intends to forsake the post waiting him at Montecino Country Club, Santa Barbara, California for new fields at the famous Palm Springs, California tennis court.

### PYOTE BASKETBALL

The Pyote Rattlers, base basketball team, opened season practice in the Rec Hall Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Practice will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening until further notice. Lt. Alvin Shulman will coach the local quintet and welcomes any officer, or enlisted man, combat or static desiring to become a candidate.

An extensive traveling schedule has been assured the cagers by a 2AF directive that any game scheduled for 100 miles or further air transportation will be furnished. The team will play the entire west coast circuit and at the present are attempting to schedule the First Air Force at Mitchell Field, Long Island.

Coach Shulman coached the Topeka, Kansas quintet to 22 straight victories before coming to Pyote. He also introduced and coached basketball at the Notre Dame College of Canada.

# Hollywood Parade Show Due Here on October 12

The Hollywood Fun Parade is booked into Pyote AAF for one show at 8 PM at the Parade Grounds Oct. 12.

The cast includes 24 people and a variety of routines from tap-dancing to comedy. Among the acts are the Hollywood Studio

## RA Enlisted Men May Select Theatre And Branch of Service

Officers and enlisted men who desire to sign up for the Regular Army are advised that they can select the branch of service in which they would like to serve, at no reduction in rating due to such a switch. Re-enlisting personnel may also designate the theatre in which they choose to serve.

### PYOTE OFFICE OPENS

With the War Department's announcement that recruiting would open for enlistments in the Regular Army, Pyote Army Air Field opened its recruiting office at the Adjutant's section.

Enlistment blanks are on hand for military personnel desirous of remaining in the service. Those eligible are physically qualified men between 18 and 34, inclusive. They may apply for any choice of overseas theater and any arm or branch of the service—however, immediate promotion to present grade above that of private is limited to re-enlistment in the same arm or branch in which the applicant is now serving.

Currently pending in Congress is legislation designed to grant additional privileges to enlisted men and it is expected that the inducements offered will speed enlistments. The present strength of the Regular Army authorized by Congress is 280,000 but Congressional spokesmen indicate that the authorized maximum may be increased to provide an enlarged armed force.

## CP Circular Forbids Gifts To Employers Or Dept. Supervisors

Officers, clerks, and employees of the United States Government employ will not solicit contributions from other officers, clerks and employees for a gift or present to those in a superior official position, according to a TWX from the 2AF Headquarters.

Officers or clerical superiors are not allowed to accept gifts or presents from persons in government employ making less than themselves.

Anyone who violates this section shall be summarily dismissed from government employ, according to the statutes.

Girls who handle the chorus line and donate some fancy routines in some attractive costumes; Darby and Ardelle throw in some hand-to-hand balancing and some high-perch routines; Garri Trio are three of the chorus who do some fast singing and dancing specialties; Phyllis Ayres offers sophisticated songs and special comedy arrangements; Buddy Heller, the mad drummer, beats out rhythm on drums, chairs, and even the floor; Rookie Lewis does his routine as the George Parson in which he delivers a sermon from a telephone book; the Clawson Triplets are a vocal trio, three gals who sang with Spitalny; Gifford and Pearl do some comedy routines including a take-off on Charlie McCarthy and Veloz and Yolanda. Mickey Gifford also emcees the review which ends with a sock audience participation stunt.

The showings are free to military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians. Seats are first-come, first-served.

## Junior Hostesses To Receive Pins Bearing Insignia

The Junior Hostesses of Rattlesnake Field will have something to show for their efforts in entertaining the many GIs that attend the weekly dances. Martha Gould, Service Club Hostess, after many hours of serious thought, decided that these young ladies should have something permanent to show for their time spent here. After fifty visits to the post, a pin with the Rattlesnake base insignia will be given to the girls. That is, the first 75 girls who accomplish this feat. Miss Gould has been counting these hours and as the girls arrive for the dances, their passes are checked and their visits recorded.

The girls are recruited from the vicinity of Pyote and the various small towns around here each have a representative that has a list of the hostesses in her town. Upon receiving a name of a prospective hostess, Miss Gould looks up her references and if satisfactory, a pass is issued to her that allows her through the gate. The passes are their identification while on the base and will be called in if any infringement on regulations is noted.

# Sellin'? Quit Yellin'! Use Our Rattler Classifieds

## CLASSIFIED ADS

The Rattler accepts ads for publication, free of charge, from military personnel only. Ads must be at the Rattler Office by Saturday, 5 P.M., signed by military personnel. The Rattler acts solely as a media for publishing the ad and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed. All ads for used cars, trucks or motorcycles must contain a price in accordance with OPA regulations. The price should be under or within OPA ceilings and the ad must so

state. The selling of railway or bus tickets, other than by the public conveyer, is prohibited by law. No ads for such tickets will be accepted.

### FOUND

WILL CPL. HAROLD E. GROVES please call at the Rattler Office.

WE STILL HAVE A COLLECTION OF KEYS AT The Rattler Office.

A PAIR OF GLASSES MADE in St. Louis, Mo. is still at the Rattler Office.

IF SGT. WILLIAM HAYS WILL DROP in at the Rattler Office he can pick up his writing box.

MAN'S WRIST WATCH IN MESS HALL No. 3. Owner can claim it at Rattler Office.

SINGLE GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON. Claim it Rattler Office.

SILVER MEDAL ON A SAFETY PEN was turned in to Special

Services now at Rattler Office.

SERVICE RIBBON ON BAR: ETO, American Defence and Good Conduct Medal. Claim it at the Rattler Office.

SELECTION OF DOG TAGS BELONGING TO: James D. Fort, Joseph G. Kise, Raymond Bulla and a set on chain for Hubert S. Potter. At Rattler Office.

### LOST

EVERSHARP FOUNTAIN PEN—gold top, black body. Pen was lost on Sept. 26. Reward if returned to Cpl. Ernest J. Blair, Sqn. E., Bks. 814.

CELLULOID CASE CONTAINING drivers license and passes by Sgt. D. L. Yantis, CCD Pool in barracks 613.

NEAR POOL AREA, HIGH school gold ring with a cut red stone. Initials B. J. S. inside ring. Reward for return. Sgt. Bernard

J. Streeter, Barracks 634.

BROWN LEATHER WALLET, lost around PX on the 24th of Sept. Please return to Rattler Office. Sgt. E. E. LeGros.

### PERSONALS

WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK my shirt from the Red Cross by mistake please return it there? Khaki shirt, size 14½-33 just returned from salvage. Has purple markings on collar. Cpl. Manning Luxenburg.

WILL THE PERSON THAT OWNS the Cord roadster that is stripped near the Base Chapel please get in touch with T/Sgt. Andy Solvesky in Barracks 629, Sqn. E.

### RIDERS WANTED

RIDERS WANTED TO & FROM Pecos. 8-5 shift. Contact Sgt. J. Cohen in the Prop Shop in Sub-Depot Hangar.

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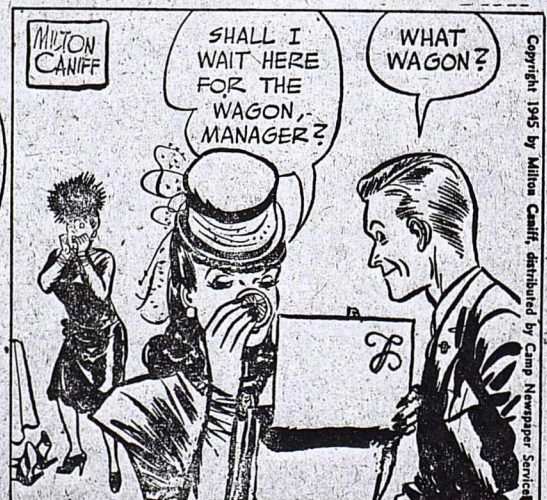
WELL, NOW THAT THE WAR'S OVER I HOPE THE HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS WILL SOON BE CLEARED OF THOSE DREARY PEOPLE IN UNIFORMS—WITH ALL THOSE SILLY RIBBONS!



...REALLY, I DON'T SEE WHY SOLDIERS AREN'T KEPT IN THEIR CAMPS WHEN THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING RATHER THAN BEING ALLOWED TO OVERRUN ALL THE DECENT PLACES... AND THEIR WOMEN!  
—WELL, MY DEAR...



FOR THE TAXES WE PAY, ONE WOULD THINK THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THOSE UNHAPPY LOOKING FEMALES AND THEIR CHILDREN ONE SEES IN THE PUBLIC PARKS... OF COURSE THE CREATURES WEAR RINGS, BUT---



MILTON CANIFF

SHALL I WAIT HERE FOR THE WAGON, MANAGER?

WHAT WAGON?

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# KOOPS' KORNER

## PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT:

The sudden drop in temperature that sent GIs scurrying for their flight jackets and sweaters and had office staffs hugging stoves instead of air conditioners.

The news that more than 65% of all Army officers being separated from active duty are accepting commissions with the Officers' Reserve Corps. Brig. Gen. E. A. Evans stated that a "large number of enlisted men have indicated their desire to join the Reserve Corps." The number has gone as high as 15% for EM.

The October 15th deadline for mailing Christmas packages to pals overseas. Packages must not weigh more than five pounds and should be tied with strong cord. They can't measure over 15 inches long or a total of 36 inches in length and girth combined.

The bill introduced by Rep. Rogers of Florida that would provide enlisted personnel money benefits in lieu of accumulated leave.

The War Dept.'s statement that the early return of some units from Europe is "due to the end of the Pacific war and not pressure brought by individuals". A Washington DC paper stated that protests from the men resulted in early shipments, which the WD denied loudly. "Such a report, if not based on fact, is merely an encouragement to hundreds of thousands of other soldiers to follow the same procedure, which clearly would have a very serious effect on the morale and good order of the Army." Such a pity!

The good deal at Ellington Field, Texas, where military person-



nel need no longer show passes to get in or out the gate.

Rep. Curley's bill to direct the Secretary of War to arrange for the policing of Japan and other far East territory by Chinese military forces under US supervision.

The cancellation of contracts for 257,000,000 candy bars by the QM Corps.

Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker's announcement that there were 412 bases and sub-base fields in the United States on VE day. "It is estimated that a year from now we will only require only 152 such installations and certain small training and auxiliary fields. It is an AF policy to release as early as possible those fields in which Air Forces' use substantially interferes with civilian use and where AF operations involved can be accommodated elsewhere."

### WHAJA SAY, GENERAL?

There seems to be a bit of difference in the public prints as to exactly what General Marshall had to say in Congress regarding demobilization. The talk that two year men will be released in late winter, for example, is not what Marshall said. The quote goes like this: "We MAY reach a point in late winter when the point system will cease and all men with two years service will be released."

According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Marshall stated that "limited servicemen had no opportunity to gain points for overseas duty, but maintained that men who had been in combat deserved to get out first, and that limited servicemen would probably be held several months." But says GI, Grand Island AAF newspaper: "Probably before Nov. 1, the Army will have worked out some answer to the troublesome problem of discharging limited service personnel. The Army Chief said frankly that he may have to order the release of some troops here who have lower point scores than some veterans still overseas. 'The men at home have little work to do and there is little point in their waiting until enough ships can be provided to bring their fellow veterans home from abroad.'" Can we have it all once over-lightly again, Gen'l?

### RATTLER TATTLER

Last week, I ran a classified ad asking for an "egg turner over". Today, I have one, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James-W. Wyatt. Wyatt is Chief Warrant Officer and ass't. Supervisor of Maintenance and I thank them deeply. Every time I have an egg (once-over light) I'll think of them.

There's a girl down at Sub Depot they call "Christmas tree". She's all limbs and very green.

Yank magazine's last issue will be dated Dec. 28th, 1945.

