

Formerly Of RAFB Personal Affairs...

# Officer Writes of Kilmer, Germany

"With regard to Kilmer, you might tell anybody going through here not to get in a hurry."

Thus writes 1st Lt. Richard C. Burgess, formerly of the Reese personal affairs office and now stationed at Weisbaden, Germany. In a letter to his friends here, Lieutenant Burgess passed on a few tips for those who anticipate a tour of duty overseas. He said: "I thought I would get out (of Camp Kilmer, N. J., POE) in four or five days but they kept me there three weeks. I stayed in a tourist court with my wife for seven days, finally got wise and got a furnished apartment at New Brunswick for the balance of the time. The tourist courts were seven dollars a day, and the apartment was \$23 a week. Kilmer is one-and-a-half miles from New Brunswick and easy driving distance.

"It is about 29 miles to New York and within easy driving distance. The best way is to go across the bridge to Staten Island, park the car, and take the ferry boat to Manhattan. It's a half-hour boat ride for five cents across New York harbor. At Kilmer the officers are required to check the bulletin board twice a day; at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. When a sea shipment is ready all the names are posted on the orders. So you may tell the fellows that they will have plenty of time on their hands. For those who do not drive automobiles, they may take the Penna. railroad train to New York. Furlough rates are \$1.55 a round trip.

"If any of the men drive their cars to Kilmer for overseas shipment, they will deliver the cars to the Brooklyn POE. This may be accomplished by going via Staten Island, and ferry boat to Brooklyn. The port authorities require everybody to take off the windshield wipers, side mirrors, ash tray, spotlight, and everything on the outside. All these items are placed in a large box in the trunk. If you do not have the box they will sell you one for \$4.55. I found an old wooden foot locker which served the purpose. Would suggest anyone who does the same to bring along their own boxes.

"It takes four to six weeks to get the car to Germany. I got mine in four weeks exactly. It was in good shape, although somebody stole a flashlight and a few other items. You hear about cars being handled pretty rough, but I think these are in a minority. Out of 100 cars, 99 of them arrive okay. Tell the fellows to arrive at the Brooklyn POE with as little gas as possible, because it is drained out of the tank while aboard ship. You will need two copies of your overseas orders when taking the car to Brooklyn.

"Gasoline costs 15 1-4 cents a gallon here and everybody is allowed 100 gallons a month. When the car is picked up at Bremerhaven you purchase the ration

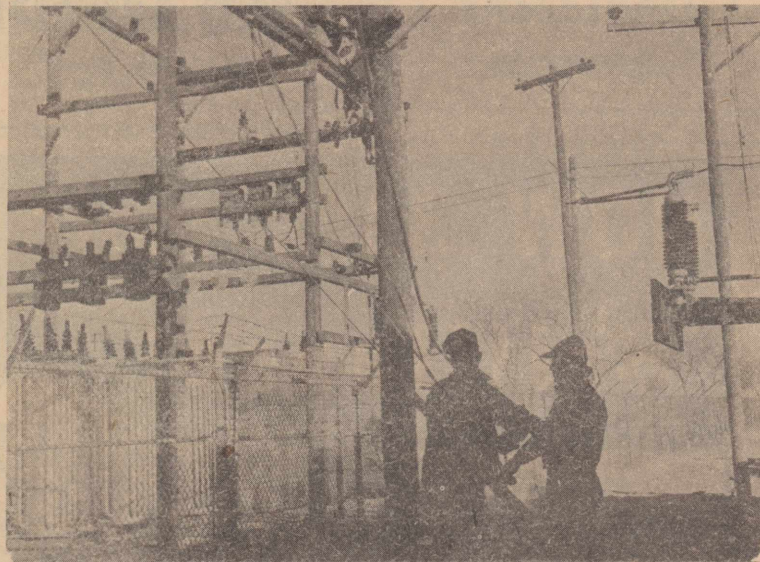
coupons in advance. You also need a driver's license to operate a car in the European Command. The license may be obtained here but the examination is pretty stiff. They test your eyes, check your reflexes, and the hardest part is the International road signs. It takes an hour to complete the exam. Tell everybody to bring along their auto insurance policy as the Bremerhaven port authorities will want to examine it.

"With regard to housing in Weisbaden, it is pretty rough at this time. It looks like a delay of about six months will be required. However, there is expected to be some relief as rotation will make some vacancies. It is no longer possible to stay here over three years, so a lot of the 'homesteaders' will have to return stateside.

"I saw one of the quarters which are issued to company

grade officers and they are 'out of this world.' Officers without children have two-bedroom apartments with bath, kitchen and living room and dining room combination. They are completely furnished even to silverware. The only item to bring along is bedding. Most of the electric current is 220-volt AC, 50-cycle. If you have standard U. S. appliances like radios, grills, irons, etc., you will need a step-down transformer. These can be obtained from the PX at \$4 to \$15 depending on the wattage.

"Single officers are billeted in hotels taken from the Germans. I am in a nice old place two miles out of the city on a high hill. There are a few single rooms, but most of them are doubles and must be shared on account of the large number of people being shipped in here. The airmen live in German troop billets, called (Continued on page 4)



MORE SOUP for the Reese electrical system came toward the end of last year with the installation of high power equipment. Workmen are shown as they plied their trade on the unit near the main gate.

## Half Billion to ATRC For '52 Construction

HQ., ATRC — The building boom in the Air Training Command will continue with the help of almost a half billion dollars allocated for command bases by the Secretary of the Air Force as explained by the Air Force Bulletin 42.

Under direction of the Secretary of Defense, \$42,300,000 will be used in Command "construction and other purposes." The "other purposes" include maintenance of standard operating equipment and land requisition.

Largest of the base allocations was \$63,753,000 to Lackland AFB, Texas, one of the three Air Force indoctrination centers.

At the smallest end of the allocation scale was the liaison and helicopter training base, San Marcos, Texas, which received \$151,000.



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## New Method of Inspection For Food Service Personnel

HQ., ATRC . . . In a move to achieve improved sanitary conditions in dining halls and, at the same time, reduce costs, this Command has adopted a new system of inspection of food service personnel.

This system is described in ARTC Regulations number 146-5 and closely parallels the practice now used in many cities.

The former system of monthly physical examinations of food handlers is discontinued and an initial examination for those entering the food service field is substituted. Only one examination each year is required after that.

In place of monthly examination, a system of daily inspections will more closely control dining hall standards. Food service supervisors will be required to conduct these inspections and also conduct a continuing program of

good sanitary practices.

The primary responsibility for dining hall sanitary conditions will be shifted, by this new regulation, from the medical officers to the supervisors directly concerned with food preparation.

A record of all examinations and inspections of each food handler will be kept on ATRC Form number 146-5. This form will become part of the airman's permanent records.

## Winter Wonderland Is LSO Dance Theme

A "Winter Wonderland" dance at the LSO tomorrow night will be held in honor of the Reese airmen returning from holiday leaves. Miss Leona Gelin, Lubbock Service Organization director, said this week.

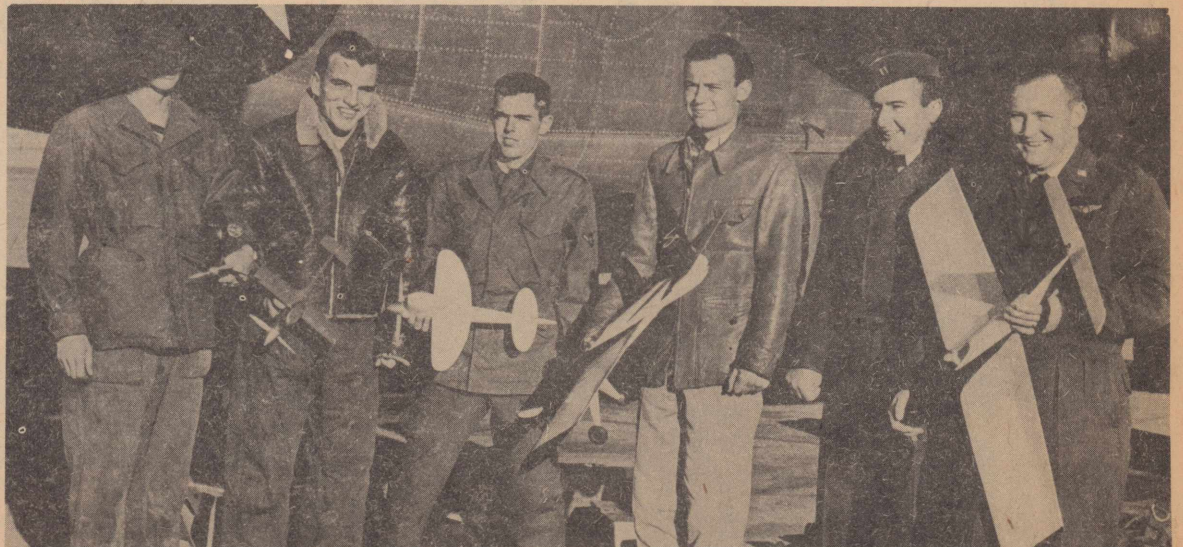
The ballroom has been decorated with white trees and winter scenes to carry out the icy motif of the dance. Frank Smith's orchestra will play for the dancing.

The dance, which begins at 2030 and ends at 2330 hours, will be semi-formal.

## Free Snacks Tuesday At Service Center

Free snacks at the service center Tuesday evening is the attraction announced by Mrs. Byrd G. Wear, hostess.

Beginning at 2000 hours, cold cuts, pickles, cake, coffee, cokes, cookies and candy will be available at the club.



MODEL AIRPLANE ENTHUSIASTS who entered their tiny craft in the Tangerine International Model meet at Pinecastle AFB last week are shown prior to leaving the base for the competition at Orlando, Fla. The team entered ten of the 18 events scheduled, but results were not known at press time yesterday as the group had not yet returned. Left to right above are: Pfc. R. C. White, Pfc. Chester M. Tuthill, Pfc. Howard W. Holmquist, Air ROTC Cadet T. L. Killough, Capt. Cecil J. Bryant and 1st Lt. Rex W. Johnson.

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## Col. Tom Says . . . .

The year 1951 is history, and we're beginning a new year which may prove to be a critical one in our lives and in the future welfare of the American brand of democracy.

I like to think that every new year is a year of opportunity, but perhaps this year we should think more seriously than ever before about our opportunities, privileges and rights as free Americans.

One hundred sixty years ago last month, a group of hard-working men met in Washington and put into force our Bill of Rights, the famous document which has stood the test of time and which continues to guarantee our priceless freedom. Now, we are called upon to again defend that document from the grasping hand of anyone who thinks he can take it away from us.

New year's resolutions are easy to make and easy to break. But this year, let's make a special one and stick to it with all that we have:

May we resolve to perform our military duties to the best of our abilities, and in so doing, to strengthen the foundations of liberty upon which our future and the future of our nation is built.

May each of you enjoy health, happiness, and prosperity in this year of 1952 . . . the year of opportunity for America and Americans.

THOMAS J. BARRETT,  
 Colonel, USAF.



## Cagers Face Jets On Own Court Monday

Led by former Oklahoma A&M ace Norman Pilgrim, the Shepard AFB Jets will play the Reese Rattlers here at 2000 hours on 7 Jan. 52.

Coach Pilgrim will bring a tall and strong squad with him. The tallest man on the squad is 6 ft. 7 in. Mase Diebleh, a rebound artist. With Diebler will be Barney Arney, a former Border Conference star at Arizona State at

Tempe. Arney is 6 ft. 5 in. and is one of the team's leading scorers. The real scoring punch of the Jets is in the shortest man on the starting five, Farrel Craig, former star at Oklahoma City University. In an early game this year Craig had 37 points against a strong Wolters AFB team.

The Jets had eight victories in their first ten games this year.

## Your Chapel

### PRACTICAL APPLICATION

At no time in your life should you rest content with what you know about God, as though you were already equipped with sufficient knowledge to practice your religion and save your soul. If that is your attitude, it is fairly sure that what knowledge you have will fade away into a haze of forgetfulness of God, and God will be present in your mind only as a misty background for your other knowledge. In that case, it is certain that you will slide into indifference, with your soul in most grave danger.

While you are now young men and women, resolve that you are going to increase in your knowledge of God with the passing of the years, and that the time in



## Covered Dish Lunch

A new program for married couples has been set up by the Lubbock Service Organization, it

your life when you will know most about God will be the day of your death. That is the day that you will need it most.

was announced this week.

Every Monday night, beginning with a covered dish supper 14 January, will be reserved for married servicemen and their wives. All Reese couples are invited to attend the first program, bringing a covered dish. Games and dancing will follow the supper.

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By Sgt. Bud Herbig  
With the new year upon us we thought that it would be the best time to take a glance back to 1951 and see what made the big headlines in the sporting news.

Number one on the list of any sportswriter's list of surprises would probably be the last-month rise of the New York Giants in the baseball world. With less than a month to go, the Giants put on what is probably the greatest rally that any team has made in the 20th century. Our candidate for the sports coach of the year would go to Leo "Lippy" Durocher for his work with the Giants.

Next in line on our calendar would be the upset victory of Randy Turpin over Sugar Ray Robinson in the boxing world. Although unheard of until his fight with Robinson, Turpin was the complete master of their first fight and held the middleweight crown, if for only a short while. In a return match though, the tables were turned and Robinson was the better in this one, winning by a TKO.

Tennis comes in for the three round and a young fellow by the name of Dick Savitt, winner of the English Wimbledon title. Dick had never won a major title or match in the United States. Probably the youngest player in the contest. Dick was complete master throughout the entire meet.

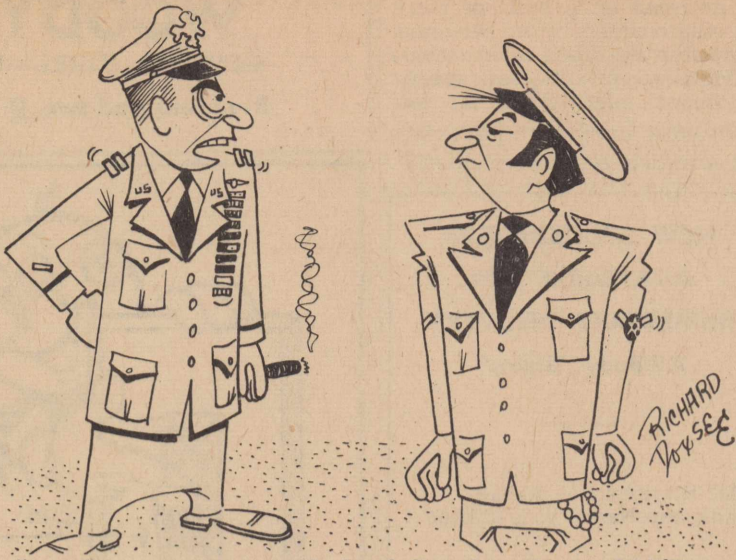
A big headline, but not a pleasant one on the sport page was the exposing of big-time gambling in the basketball world, starting with Sharman White and Ed Warner of the Eastern colleges. Also caught in the web of the investigating committees were former stars for the University of Kentucky and Bradley U. With most of the top men in the scandal finally caught, maybe we can get the hoop leagues back in shape.

The final for the year would be the victory by Jersey Joe Walcott over Ezzard Charles for the heavyweight title. After having tried several times the old man finally made it. The oldest man to ever hold the title, he met and conquered a much younger man.

That's 30 for the sports column this week.

**Doxsee-Doodles**

By Richard Doxsee



"I don't care if you are in the band, Stenchworth, you CAN'T wear that uniform!"

**Rattlers Play Skyhawks Tonight in Second Game of Opener at San A.**

Shortly after you have read this week's ROUNDUP the Reese Rattlers will take the floor in their second game in two nights against the Goodfellow AFB Skyhawks, 3 and 4 January. These two games are the opening of the Northern Zone of the Inter-Service Conference's Southwest Conference.

The Skyhawks are a team that is liable to give the Rattlers a lot of trouble. After an opening night loss to Conally AFB, the Hawks came back with three straight wins over the same team. Although the Hawks have just a couple of men with college experience, they have several boys that have two or more years of semi-pro ball and service competition.

Leading the Skyhawks is big 6 ft. 7 in. Norman Berge of Oakland, Calif., who has been hitting the hoop with a great consistency in his three years of service ball. He has a 20.3 average in these three years and in his first four games this year had 108 points for an average of better than 26 points per game. Many of the folks that were here at Reese last year will

remember this boy for his outstanding scoring and rebounding.

The Goodfellow team will have a starting five that has a team height average of 6 ft. 3 in. per man, and will be a lot for the Rattlers to watch. Those making the trip with the Rattlers are: Sunderlage, Lopez, Fossey, Gavin, Cheek, Fletcher, Patterson, Otteson, Willoughby, Sutherland and statistician Bud Herbig.

**Correction**

The first prize-winning indoor display in the Hq Sq section, A-BGp, day room was the creation of S-Sgt. L. W. MontsDeOca, base photo lab, and was erected under his supervision. Sgt. Jack Tooley, hobby shop, assisted MontsDeOca, but did not originate the decoration as was reported in the 21 Dec. 1951 issue of THE ROUNDUP.

Both members of the squadron contributed time and effort to the project and deserve the thanks of the squadron.

**Three Tilts Monday Herald Opening of Squadron Basketball**

With the holiday season over, the Inter - Squadron basketball league will get into full swing with a trio of games going on Monday, 7 January.

It is expected to be another tough season for all teams concerned. The dummy league was better this year than it had been in previous seasons, officials said, and would tend to indicate that no team is the favorite.

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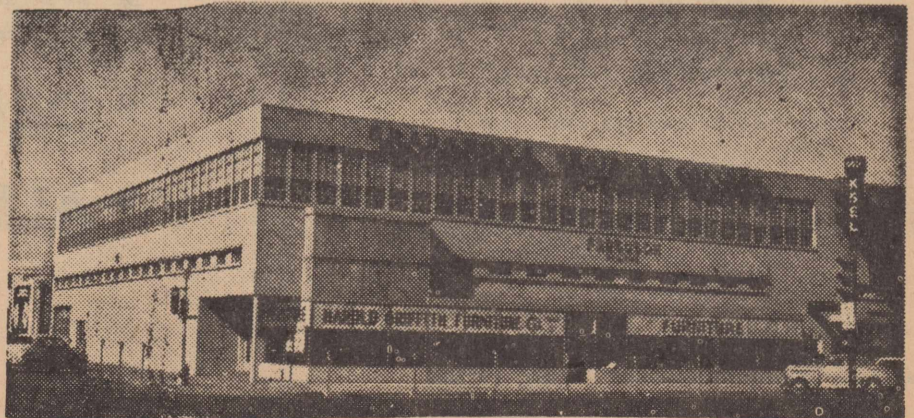
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### Four Make Major, Nine up to Captain

Four Reese captains were among 164 Air Training Command officers who were recently promoted to the grade of major, with date of rank 15 December, 1951, Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper, ATRC commander announced. Also on the promotion list were nine RAFB first lieutenants who were among 179 officers raised to the grade of captain.

Promoted to major were: James S. Gleinser, Clarence L. Martindale, David A. Parker, and Cecil L. Reaves, Jr.

Newly-made captains are: Mark J. Adams, Edward R. Brandt, Dewitt R. Bunn, Ivan L. Foster, Jr., Edward H. Koehler, William B. Lassiter, Michael J. Melendez, Charles H. Parsons and Robert J. Temple.

Mt. Dora, Fla., is one of the most recent communities to install electric garbage disposers on a town-wide scale. Ninety per cent of the houses are connected to septic tanks and the new disposers grind waste into small particles for quick assimilation in the tanks.

### OFFICER WRITES . . .

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Kassernes. There are about three to a room, and accommodations are very nice."

Lieutenant Burgess added, ". . . if anybody wants additional information, I will be glad to answer any letters." His address is:

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1st Lt. Richard C. Burgess

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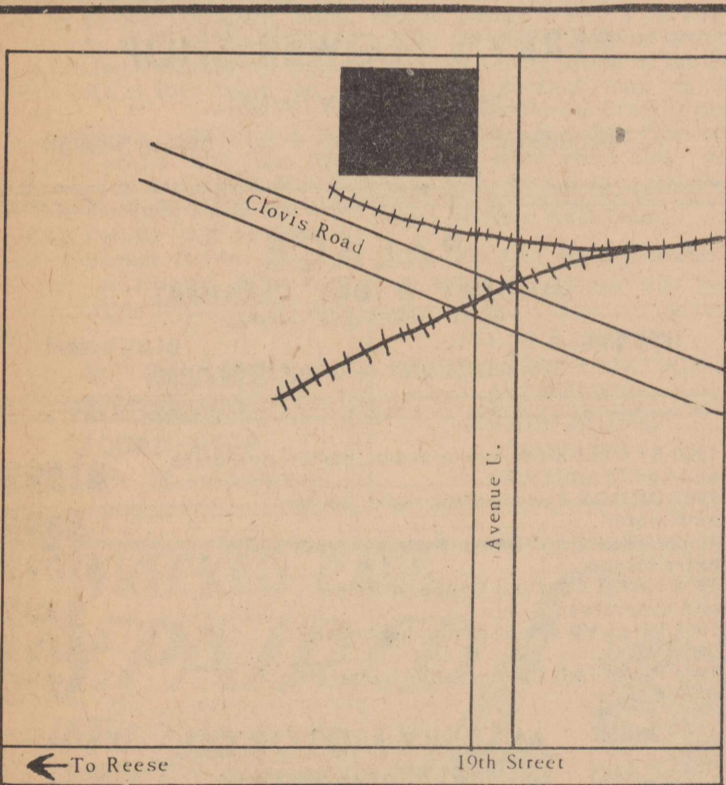
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