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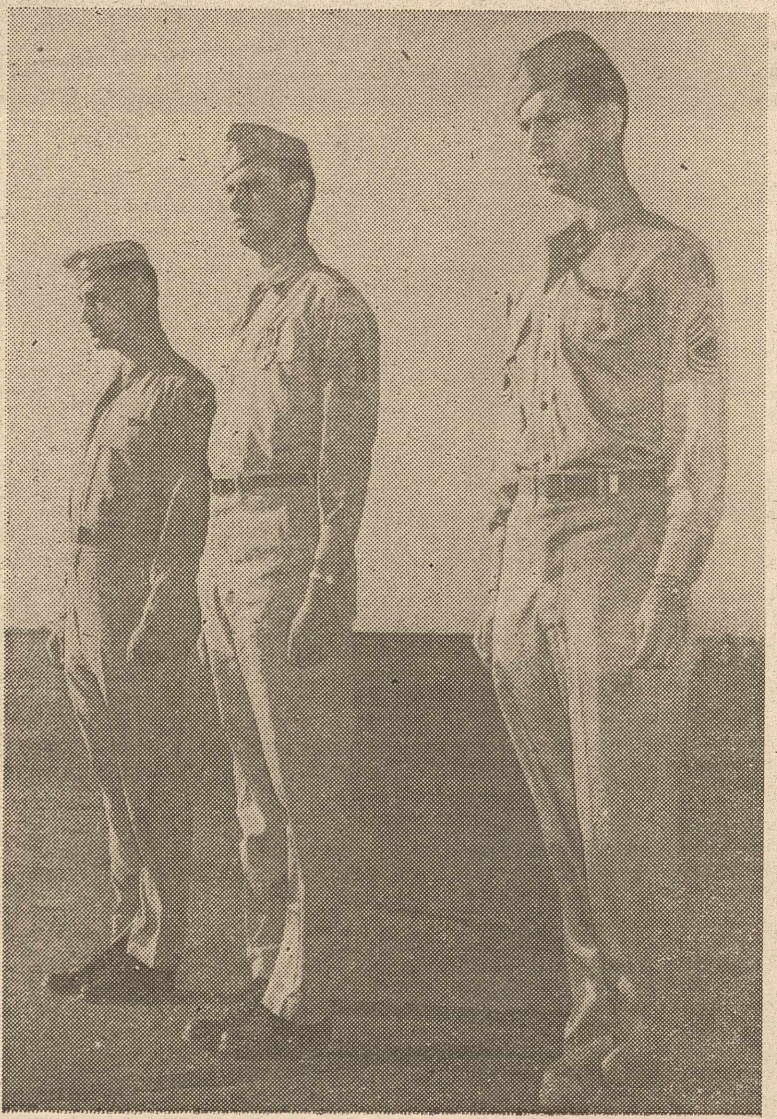
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Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow—new commanding general of the 20 Bomber Command (2AF), with headquarters at Biggs Field, Texas, is one of the Air Forces veterans who sold daylight, high-altitude, precision bombing to the RAF. Much of the initial organization necessary for current devastating raids over Western Europe was his.

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Brave deeds in the Pacific war were remembered at Saturday's review as Col. Louie P. Turner, 19th Group CO, pinned honors on these three men. Left to right, men and medals are Major Richard D. Stepp, 19th Group operations officer, Oak Leaf Cluster (DFC); T-Sgt. Calvin Martin, 93rd Bomb Squadron, Oak Leaf Cluster (Air Medal); T-Sgt. Wallace E. Smith, 435th Bomb Squadron, Distinguished Flying Cross.

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Competition Underway To Eliminate Edible Waste In Base Mess Halls

In accordance with armed forces policy generally to conserve food to the fullest degree possible, competition has begun at Rattlesnake Bomber Base to eliminate edible waste in the mess halls, Lt. Calvin M. Van Wagenen, Base Mess Supervisor, announced last week.

A survey is being conducted this week to determine the mess hall showing the least waste, greatest number of rations saved, and proper preparation of rations. An appropriate placard will be awarded the winning mess for September, and a similar award will be made each month afterwards.

"Every effort is being made to eliminate waste and conserve food in all mess halls. All organizations are cooperating to the fullest extent, and the survey for September will show a decrease in the per pound waste per man per day," Lt. Van Wagenen asserted.

A study by the Quartermaster General's Office indicated these standards: (1) Five-tenths of a pound per man per day is a good average; (2) Three-tenths is considered excellent; (3) Anything under one-tenth is unusual.

Lt. Van Wagenen reported the August survey lately completed showed Base waste per man per day in all mess halls averaged

.649, adding that "the majority of mess halls on this base are wasting considerably more food than the average" that is desirable.

There were exceptions, one notable. The WAC Mess' total edible waste was only .02 pounds per person a day—by QM standards "unusual". The Guard Squadron Mess wasted only .29 pounds and the Bombing and Gunnery Range Mess .32 pounds, around the "excellent" mark. All others were above what QM called a good average.

Lt. Van Wagenen advised: "reduction of waste can only be accomplished by a more close supervision during preparation of the ration and during the serving of the meals." The national food scarcity requires serious cooperation in this conservation program, it was indicated.

Army Forces Seek WOs And EMs With Scarce-Type Special Skills

Effort now is underway to locate warrant officers and enlisted men with "professional, technical, or special skills" which would qualify them for receiving a direct commission in certain fields where there is or may be a scarcity of trained personnel, Lt. Leon G. Bogart, Classification Officer, announced last week.

Education and experience requirements are relatively high, but on the Base there probably are a number of men who could qualify in one of the listed categories. While personnel sections are screening records for such men—anyone believing himself qualified in one or more of the fields should report to the Base Classification Office to fill out the proper papers.

"Scarce Categories of Specialized Skill"—available for appointment under procurement objective of the Surgeon General, Army Service Forces, Judge Advocate General, and Army Air Forces—include:

Doctor of medicine, doctor of dentistry, sanitary engineer, bacteriologist, pathologist, lay hospital administrator, medical biochemist, serologist, parasitologist, nutritionist, industrial engineer (fire prevention and plant protection), construction engineer (earth-moving, etc.), construction engineer (light and heavy building), petroleum technologist, rail transportation personnel, water transportation, motor transporta-

tion personnel, admiralty lawyer, physiologist, meteorologist, personnel qualified for certain aeronautical ratings, maintenance technician, supply technician, price adjustment personnel (financial reviewer), price adjustment personnel (consultant, legal reviewer), price adjustment personnel (corporate analyst), price adjustment personnel (consultant, renegotiator).

Fields of skill (other than "scarce categories") within which Army Service Forces may request appointments under their procurement objective include:

Public works and utilities specialist, public safety specialist, fiscal specialist, economics specialist, public welfare specialist, educational specialist, public relations specialist, communications specialists (telephone, radio, postal, cable and telegraph), legal specialist, government and administrative specialist, medical administrative officer, industrial hygiene engineer, female dieticians, female physical therapy aides.

Bomber Command Changes Number Only: I To XX

The I Bomber Command has been redesignated the XX Bomber Command (20th Bomber Command) in orders recently issued by the War Department, it was announced from El Paso headquarters last week. The change in designation does not affect the size, scope of training or geographical boundaries of XX Bomber Command in any way.

Flight Surgeon Is Jap Prisoner

Maj. Luther C. Heidger, Connecticut doctor who labored throughout the early days of the Pacific war with the 19th Bomb Group, is a prisoner of war and in good health, it has been learned.

Maj. Heidger, who had not been heard from directly for almost two years, had been counted as "missing in action."

He was a flight surgeon with the headquarters squadron, 19th Group, while the 19th was being driven from Clark Field, and later served at Mindanao. He was called into service in Sept., 1940, and was made a captain in June, 1941. He flew over with the 19th Group in October, 1941.

For his work in administering first aid during the bombing of Clark Field, Maj. Heidger was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

School For Drivers Opens At Ordnance

A school for automotive vehicle drivers is being taught at Base Ordnance this week and next, for the benefit of base personnel. Lessons are being given in the Base Ordnance area.

The course is to last until Sept. 25. Unit commanders are responsible for seeing that personnel attend the classes.

NEAT SOLDIER GETS REWARD

DREW FIELD, FLA. (CNS) — Each day a local WAC patrols this field seeking a neat and tidy soldier. If she finds one, she turns in his name and he gets a pair of free movie tickets and an interview in the Field newspaper.

NEW YORK (CNS) — Servicewomen staying at the Women's Military Service Club here draw lots' every morning to see who will tote the trays of coffee, toast and orange juice and who will be lucky enough to have breakfast in bed.

Col. H. K. Mooney Made 2AF Deputy Chief Of Staff

HQ, 2AF, Colorado Springs, Colo.—From the volcanic peaks of the Galapagos Islands to the shadow of Pike's Peak is a far cry and a long jump, but that is the story of Colonel Henry K. Mooney now at headquarters of the Second Air Force.

Colonel Mooney recently was assigned by Major General Davenport Johnson, commanding general, as deputy chief of staff, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Herbert Morgan Jr., who has gone to a new station.

The colonel, whose home is in New Orleans, spent three and a half years in the Caribbean Defense Command and was commanding officer of the Sixth Bombardment group in Panama when the United States entered the war.

Later he became commanding officer at a base in the Galapagos Islands, a thousand miles westward in the Pacific. This tropical archipelago, a territorial possession of Ecuador and lying almost exactly on the equator, Colonel Mooney described as containing "some of the most beautiful scenic spots in the world" and having "almost perfect weather."

There are few white residents on the islands, Colonel Mooney said, but what the Galapagos lack in the way of domestic refinements is offset by natural attractions. "The waters around the islands offer fine fishing, particularly for tuna," he said. "Only trouble is, when you do hook a tuna it's a fight to see whether you or the sharks get it."

When in Panama, Colonel Mooney had an opportunity to visit nearly all South and Central American countries on military missions of one sort or another.

Colonel Mooney, 33 years of age, is a native of New Orleans and attended Tulane University for one year before entering the Military Academy at West Point. He was graduated in 1931. His wife and daughter, now in New Orleans, expect to make their home in Colorado Springs.

JAPS SEND BACK SCRAP — AS SHRAPNEL

CLINTON, IA. (CNS)—The Japs are giving us back all that scrap metal we sent to them before the war—as shrapnel—according to Lt. Col. W. J. Carrington, chief of the surgical service at Schick General hospital here.

"In our surgery," said Col. Carrington, "we often find shrapnel in which we can identify pieces of American razor blades and pop bottle caps."

Soldiers Pledge Service And Money

Corporal Opens Third War Bond Drive With \$24,000 Purchase

2AF Goal: 90% Participation, 15% Payroll; National Goal: \$15 Billions

Rattlesnake Bomber Base participation in the Treasury Department's Third War Loan Drive for \$15 billion began with a bang last week with the pledge by Cpl. Sam A. Frankrich, 19th Group classification specialist, to invest \$24,000 in bonds.

"I want to help win the war with money as well as service," said Cpl. Frankrich. "Besides, War Bonds are the best investment in the world."

Cpl. Frankrich took a B. A. degree and graduate work at Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, and studied in the University of Texas Law School, Austin. He began his business career in Ft. Worth in 1932, building up a family partnership operating and distributing phonographs, vending machines, etc., until he entered the Army 14 months ago. The \$24,000 worth of War Bonds represented a large portion of the sum received by selling out part of his holdings recently.

The Base Special Service Office will direct the War Bond Drive organization here, cooperating with the national campaigns running from September 9 to October 2, 1943. The campaign will cover officers, enlisted men, and civilian personnel. The 2AF announced the goal is 90 percent participation, with 15 percent payroll deduction.

A meeting of all organizations' commanding officers and all department heads with jurisdiction over civilian personnel employed here was scheduled in the Base Theater Monday, with Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt Jr., Base Commander, emphasizing the importance of the drive.

Campaign work will be decentralized with COs and department heads handling promotion within their own organizations. GIs wishing to participate should report to their orderly rooms, and civilian personnel to the individual designed to handle purchases in each office.

Daily reports will be submitted to the Special Services Office, and relative standings of organizations and offices will be published weekly in the Rattler.

Promotion films requisitioned by Special Services include "Evacuation of Wounded from Burma", "Evacuation of Wounded from North Africa", "Invasion of Poland", and "The Battle of Midway".

National promotion of the Third War Bond Drive has emphasized that this is the opportunity for everyone to better their financial contributions to victory—to add

that extra punch that can be decisive at this crucial stage of the war.

Base Adjutant, Miss Weaver Are Married Here

Capt. Charles R. Herpich Jr., Rattlesnake Bomber Base Adjutant, and Miss Josephine Weaver of Pitcairn, Pa., were married Wednesday, September 8, at 4:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian Manse in Monahans.

The single ring ceremony, attended by a number of civilian and military friends of the bride and groom, was performed by Capt. Edwin W. Norton, Base Chaplain.

Bridesmaid was Miss Emma Weaver, sister of the bride, also of Pitcairn, and best man was Mr. W. E. Huston, president of Plymouth Oil Company, Pittsburg. Mr. Huston, who lives in Oakdale, Pa., suburb of Pittsburg, is Capt. Herpich's civilian employer. The couple was entertained in Odessa with a wedding supper, leaving later for Carlsbad Caverns.

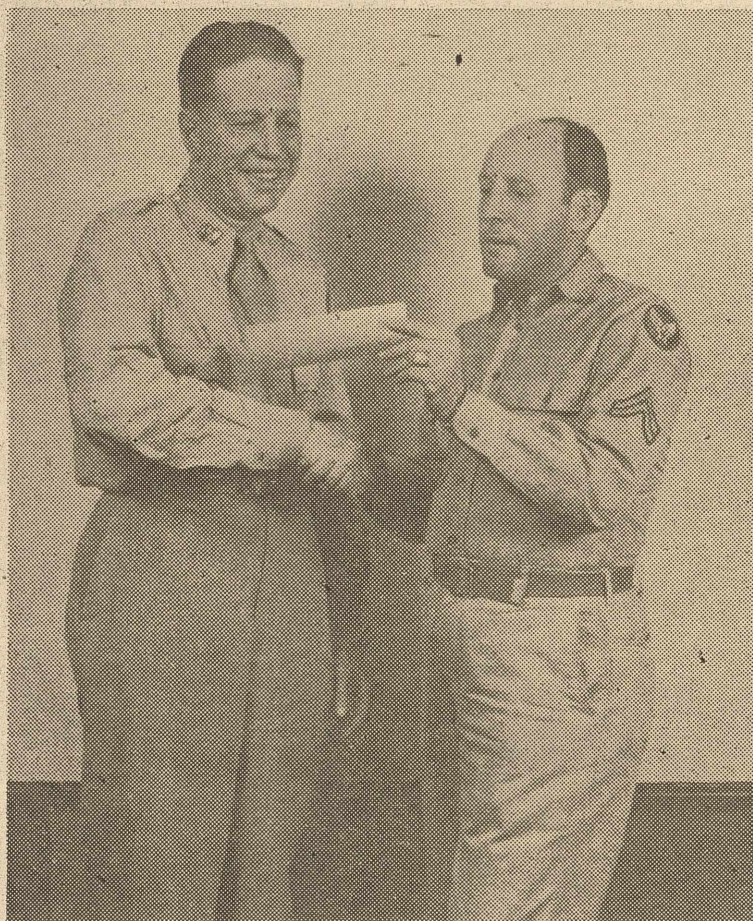
Red Cross Hospital Unit Adds Movies, Ping Pong, Piano

In the terms of the advertising slogan "Something New Has Been Added," the Red Cross hospital program now boasts a piano, ping pong tables, and movies, the RC office announces.

The piano, a gift of the military, is in constant use. All during the day strains from Beethoven, Schubert, and Rachmaninoff, interspersed with the latest in Boogie Woogie, are wafted out over the "lone prairie."

The click of the balls against the paddles is a welcome sound from early in the morning 'til late at night signifying the interest of those who like more active sport.

Uncle Sam Has Customer



Cpl. Sam A. Frankrich, 19th Group classification specialist (left), is congratulated by Capt. Robert A. Kesner, Special Services Officer, on his decision to invest \$24,000 in War Bonds with money obtained by selling a large part of his Fort Worth, Texas, business. Cpl. Frankrich's check is a gratifying start toward the 2AF's Third War Bond Drive goal of 90 per cent participation, 15 per cent payroll by October 2.

ARMY UPSETS GAL'S PLANS

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J. (CNS)—The Army has upset the plans of Eleanor Csupor. She was to have been married the other day but on the eve of the wedding the bridegroom, Pvt. Charles J. Trinka, had his furlough cancelled and two of the ushers were drafted.

Two movies already have been shown to capacity crowds, which consist of ambulatory patients. They were enthusiastic about "Hi Buddy" and "No No Nanette." The next pictures, two for each of the following weeks—Monday and Friday evenings—are "Ex-Champ," "Spring Parade," "Seven Sinners," and "Room Service." These films, though not the very latest, are a pleasant means of diversion for those confined to the hospital.

WACs OBEY ORDERS LITERALLY—KEEP SECRET

ENGLAND (CNS)—A couple of WAC officers took their orders so literally that they almost missed the opportunity to carry them out.

Capt. Selma Hansen of Los Angeles and Lt. Dorothy Scott of Elsa, Tex., arrived here under secret orders to report directly to Maj. Gen. Ira Eaker at Eighth Air Force Headquarters. They spent several hours trying to find his headquarters and then went to Army HQ for aid. But they refused to show their orders to anyone there and therefore no one would take them to the general.

The incident ended on a happy note however, when Col. Ralph Pulsifer, of the Adjutant General's office, finally persuaded the WACs to report to him.

New Bomber Command Chief Helped Set Up British-Based HB Program

HQ 20 BC, EL PASO, TEXAS—Brig. Gen. Newton Longfellow, one of the men who organized the Army Air Forces heavy bombardment program in England, has assumed command of 20 Bomber Command, formerly the First, with headquarters at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. That command includes the Rattlesnake Bomber Base.

A veteran of World War I and of heavy bombardment in the pre-war development days of Army Air Forces, Gen. Longfellow took the first group of heavy bombers over the Atlantic which pioneered high-altitude, precision, daylight bombing for the Eighth Air Force in England; became commander of the Eighth Bomber Command of that Air Force; and sold America's daylight bombing technique to the British people and the Royal Air Force.

After the arrival of Gen. Longfellow in England with the first heavy bombardment group sent over the North Atlantic by the Army Air Forces, the new 20 Bomber Command chief had first to organize bases in Britain for America's growing bombardment forces; organize the Eighth Bomber Command, both for units which were then overseas plus many heavy bombardment units which would later join the rapidly expanding Eighth Bomber Command.

Paralleling this task, Gen. Longfellow had to organize training, polishing and indoctrinating programs for his bombardment units before they would be fit to engage with the enemy on daylight bombing missions over Axis-held Europe.

How well and how rapidly the Eighth Bomber Command was developed and coordinated with the night bombing strategy of the R-AF has been the great daily story given to the people of America by their newspapers, radio broadcasts and periodicals.

Gen. Longfellow brings to 20 Bomber Command the tremendous store of experience gained from the European Theater of Operations, where daylight bombing is conducted against the greatest enemy opposition in any of the Allies' far-flung theaters of war.

In discussing his new command, Gen. Longfellow said, "It is my goal to eliminate as much need for training heavy bombardment units, after arrival overseas, as possible. The tactical air forces in the theaters of combat can no longer be burdened with the job of training combat crews after their arrival. The 20 Bomber Command will install the training system which we found to be the most effective in England."

Gen. Longfellow's new command extends from California to the Gulf Coast and from the Central Mississippi Valley to Denver, Colorado. That the intensified training program for heavy

bombardment units in this country may be bettered, Gen. Longfellow will stress discipline throughout his command.

"Good ground discipline brings good air discipline" he explained. "Without good air discipline and training, we cannot accomplish our missions . . ."

Gen. Longfellow assumed command of 20 Bomber Command August 31, 1943, the day he arrived at his headquarters at Biggs Field, Texas, and prior to his arrival was in temporary command from August 18, 1943.

Born in Illinois, Gen. Longfellow enlisted as a cadet in the Signal Corps, Aviation Section, from Minnesota, Sept. 10, 1917 and served overseas from November 1917 to March 1919. He received his commission as a second lieutenant May 18, 1918 and was trained as a pilot in France.

He was graduated from the Observation Course in 1928 and from the Air Corps Tactical School in 1936. He is rated as a Command Pilot and Combat Observer.

Long identified with heavy bombardment, Gen. Longfellow took America's first heavy bombardment group to England in June 1942 and was the first provisional wing commander to be sent to England by the Army Air Forces. This was the heavy bombardment group first to ferry P-38 fighters across the North Atlantic for service in England.

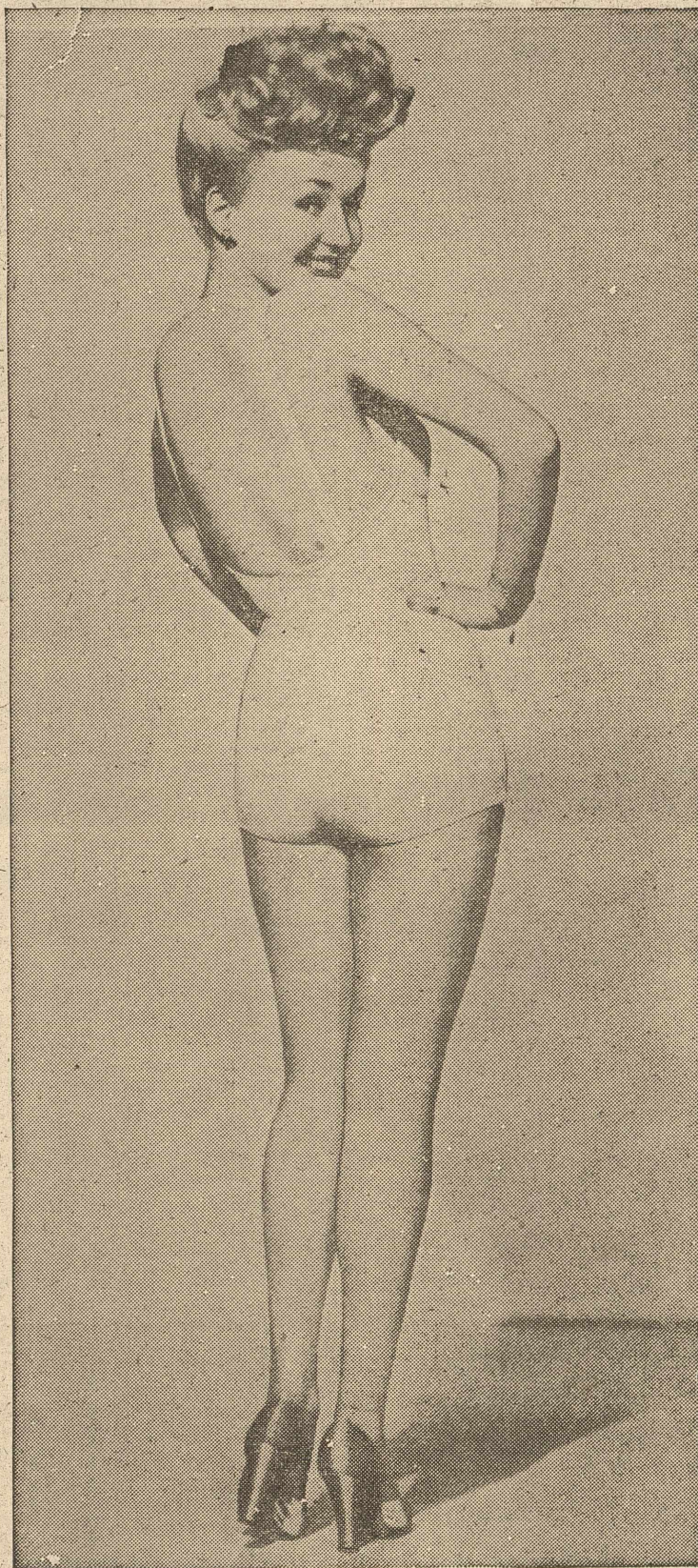
In August, 1942, Gen. Longfellow became commander of the First Wing, Eighth Air Force and on December 1, 1942, became commander of the Eighth Bomber Command, Eighth Air Force.

He returned to the United States August 5, 1943, in conformance with Army Air Force policy to rotate experienced overseas officers into the training and preparation program areas in this country, where their combat experience may be utilized to the fullest extent.

NEW YORK (CNS)—March-weary soldiers can find a happy retreat in a "free foot clinic" established by the National Catholic Community Service. It is treating GIs for such pedatory ailments as athlete's foot, bunions, corns, blisters, ingrown toe nails and barking dogs.

BETTY GRABLE

Armed Forces' No. 1 Pin-Up



FOSS FORMS NEW 'FLYING CIRCUS'

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF (CNS)—Maj. Joë Foss, the Marine who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for shooting down Jap planes, is organizing a new "flying circus" here to replace his old outfit, which rased havoc with the Nips over Guadalcanal.

OLD 'CAMPAIGN' HATS PROTECT SOLDIERS

KISKA, ALASKA. (CNS)—The Army has saved many "campaign" hats from World War I for a rainy day. And that's just what they are used for here. Troops in water-soaked Alaskan and Aleutian posts wear them when it rains.

Busy Base Motor Pool Must Cover 90,000 Miles A Month, Be Alert

BY CPL. ROBERT NASH

If that old saw, "as busy as a one-armed paperhanger," applies to any section on this base, it's to Base Motor Pool. There the hard working crews, both civilian and GI, of 1st Lt. E. J. Newman struggle with the transportation problems of all administrative units of the base.

Of course they're not always that way. Just some times. That's why it is interesting.

When school opened this month at Pyote, Base Motor Pool had another chance to show its ability. Every morning now, three Army trucks pick up the children of camp families and deliver them to the Pyote school. In the evening the trucks return the kids to camp.

Don't be worried about this deal. They didn't tell me whether he protects the kids or the bus, but I understand an MP rides every bus.

Close to 90,000 miles are covered every month by the 70 administrative vehicles belonging to Base Motor Pool. In addition, gasoline is furnished by the pool to all squadron and group vehicles on the base.

This they do with a stingy handful of enlisted men, a few civilians, two WACs and two officers.

There are five women staff drivers working, and 18 civilian men employed as heavy duty truck drivers. Of the two WACs, one, Nila Dee, is a driver and the other, Doris Farrell, is a clerk.

Lt. Newman is assisted by 2nd Lt. D. Hansen, Ramrod of the dispatching room is T-3 George J. Perniciaro. Sgt. C. Townsend is motor sergeant, Sgt. Eugene Mackiewicz is dispatcher, and the two night dispatchers are PFC William Ward and PFC Bernard O'Rourke.

Working short handed at present the pool is trying to get more civilian drivers.

Excitement and work are combined for whoever is on duty when a crash landing occurs. It is the duty of the dispatcher to get all necessary vehicles to the scene without delay. Consequently, the motor pool is ready for action at any hour of the day or night.

How the pool responds to an emergency was demonstrated recently when an evacuation drill for base civilian employees was held. Working in perfect order, base motor pool vehicles carried out their part of the exercise without a hitch.

FLIER LEARNS HOW TO PILOT A JEEP

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—Lt. William Sanders of Greenfield, Mass. is a crack combat flier but he's never learned to drive a car. His fellow pilots taught him how to navigate a jeep. Now he's allowed to take a car out alone—on wide straight roads.



TOP PHOTO

These men direct the affairs of the Base Motor Pool, which provides some 90,000 miles of essential transportation each month. Left to right, they are T-3 George Perniciaro, chief dispatcher and acting first sergeant of the QM Detachment; Lt. E. J. Newman, motor pool officer, and his assistant, Lt. D. B. Hansen.



CENTER

Strictly rationed to need is the gasoline dispensed by the Base Motor Pool gas station for GI vehicles. Checking the jeep driver's daily allotment is PFC Layard Turner; pouring the precious liquid is Pvt. James B. Blaylock.

LOWER

Probably in a more formal pose than you would ever catch this hard working crew at Base Motor Pool are, left to right, Motor Sergeant Clare Townsend, Drivers Mrs. Ocie Cleaver and Mrs. Verna Donaghe, WAC Clerk Doris Farrell, WAC Driver Nila Dee, Drivers Miss Melba Allen and Mrs. Anna Dye; seated at desk, Dispatchers T-5 William Mackiewicz, Pvt. Harold Playford.



Kangawolves Play Table For Too Many In Odessa Park

BY SGT. HUELING DAVIS JR.

The Kangawolves of the 435th Bomb Squadron staged a hilarious and most successful outing last Wednesday at the Ector County Park in Odessa.

The three ingredients most necessary for a good party, namely beer, good food, and feminine pulchritude, were present, both in quantity and quality. The beer requires no comment. The food, prepared and served by Odessa's famous Chuck Wagon Gang in full cowpuncher regalia, was so good as to defy adequate description. Barbecued beef, beans and potato salad made up the main portion of the feast, the excellence of which is attested by the fact that second helpings seemed to be the order of the day. The female contingent, most welcome and good to look at, was made up of WACs, the wives of squadron personnel and girls from the Sub-Depot and surrounding towns.

Festivities began at 3 o'clock when the first convoy arrived. At this time activities were divided between the swimming pool and the refreshment counter, with beer easily winning over water in the popularity contest.

Then came the long awaited softball fracas between the officers and enlisted men. The officers, reinforced by several guests,

were after revenge for two previous trimmings but couldn't quite make the grade. The game, a free-hitting affair, ended with the EM on the long end of a 10-7 score. Stars (?) were too numerous to mention here but it should be noted in passing that Captain Steinemann uncovered a hitherto unknown dark horse in the person of Lt. Blackburn, who entered the game as a substitute and looked plenty good at bat and afield.

After the previously described chow all hands repaired to the auditorium for dancing. The Base orchestra, in top form, gave with the music and the terpsichorean styles on display were varied and novel.

This party was undoubtedly the best one ever thrown in these parts. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Kezar and his able Committee on Arrangements, consisting of Sgts. Bowen, Letito, Gano, Byron, Smithers, Lillback and Crabtree. Any other outfits contemplating a blow-out would do well to check with the above named in order to find out how to do the thing right.

Thanks also to the 93rd for taking over our details for the day so that everyone could go to Odessa early and stay late.

DFC, Oak Leaf Clusters Awarded Major Stepp, Sgts. Wallace, Martin

A Distinguished Flying Cross, a DFC Oak Leaf Cluster, and an Air Medal Oak Leaf Cluster were presented by Col. Louie P. Turner, commanding officer of the 19th Group, here Saturday to three airmen who distinguished themselves in aerial warfare in the Pacific.

Major Richard D. Stepp, 19th Group operations officer, was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster (DFC) for "extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from June 5, 1942, to December 1, 1942, in 24 operational air flights totalling over 207 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected."

T-Sgt. Wallace E. Smith, 435th Bombardment Squadron, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while participating in over 200 hours of operational flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from December, 1941, to November, 1942," including long-range bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy vessels.

The Oak Leaf Cluster (Air Medal) was presented to T-Sgt. Calvin Martin, 93rd Bombardment Squadron. This Pacific veteran's citation read: "... for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from April 29, 1942, to July 18, 1942, in 15 operational air flights totalling over 106 hours, during which enemy fire was probable and expected."

In the review Saturday, the 93rd Bombardment Squadron—which the previous week won the 19th Group's monthly squadron administrative efficiency award—took first place. The previous review winner, the Medical Detachment, placed third, after the second-place 30th Bombardment Squadron. Other places were occupied in order by the 435th

Table For Too Many



Taking in the good fun of the 435th Bomb Squadron's Odessa party are these officers and their ladies. Clustered around the somewhat inadequate table are, left to right, Mrs. David Rawls, Major Rawls, 19th

Group Deputy CO; Mrs. Louie B. Turner, wife of 19th Group CO; Major Rawls' mother; Major Richard D. Stepp, Group Operations Officer; Major Robert E. Thacker, Thacker Provisional Group, and Mrs. Thacker.

'Take Me Out To The Ball Game'



Cold brew, Texas sunshine, and a hot ball game between officers and enlisted men apparently combine to satisfy these fence-perchers. The three

happy non-coms, momentarily away from the cares of war, are, left to right, Sgt. John Brown, Sgt. Hueling Davis, and S-Sgt. John Connors.

Bombardment Squadron, 28th Bombardment Squadron, WAC Company and Hess Airdrome Squadron (tied), Base Headquarters and Aviation Squadron (tied), and Marshall Airdrome Squadron.

Eight judges—four Group and four Base officers—determine winners on a point system. The winner is awarded a ribbon for its guidon, to be worn the following week.

MEET YOUR BUDDIES.

Pvt. Costantino, Yankee Lawyer, Handles Reports Of Survey Here

By SGT. SID KANE

So you'd like to meet interesting people? Well, keep on reading, and judge for yourself just how interesting some of the GIs at Pyote really can be.

Meet Pvt. Arthur W. Costantino, who now is a member of the Courts, Boards and Claims staff, previously a member of the Guard Squadron, as investigation consultant and teacher in Military Law, as well as being in charge of the Main Gate. Art hails from Providence, Rhode Island, where he attended Providence College. Upon his graduation, he attended the School of Law at Georgetown University, where he remained for one year of research in law at the completion of his course. Here, he became a member of the International Society, an organization which strives to create a mutual understanding of young peoples of all nations. A mighty good purpose, don't you think?

Entering the service in August, 1942, Costantino went through all the basic training, shots, and other GI formalities even as you and I. He attended the course for Radio Operators at Scott Field, Ill., but when his background came to the fore, he was plucked for a military career more in line with his past experience. His specialty was Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws. Discussing these subjects with him opened up an entirely new viewpoint for your reporter. I sat spellbound, listening to the theories based upon experience from his law work.

At the moment, he is in charge of the Reports of Survey division of the Courts and Boards Office. While it would be impossible to accurately describe his duties here it is sufficient to say that he is holding down a job that only an experienced attorney could handle. He works with and under Lt. Orfanello and Lt. Lasker, both of whom are just "real good Joes."

Art spent quite some time in Washington in connection with his law studies and practice. During one of his stays there, he had the good fortune to attend a luncheon at which one of our United States Supreme Court Justices was to be the guest speaker. After the luncheon, Art joined an informal group that surrounded the Justice. Most of the assemblage was composed of law students from Georgetown University, and each tried to impress His Honor with his (the student's) knowledge of law. At the close of the informal discussion, Art asked the Judge, "Your Honor, what do you think I should specialize in, after I finish law school?" His reply was, "Son, specialize in anything that you can get."

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Here's food for thought from Pvt. Costantino to every brother soldier of his in Uncle Sam's Army. Art feels that when the last shot is fired the battle for existence may be just beginning for many of us. At that time a man will have to think for himself, whereas in the Army, he learns to take orders and have implicit trust in the ability and judgement of his superior officers. It will be up to each of us to make our own mental adjustment intelligently and quickly. Pvt. Costantino is quite a guy—step up and meet him sometime; you'll like him, I'm sure.

Base Sanitation Again Improves, Inspection Shows

From the previous week's record peak, Base sanitation edged to a still higher standard last week, according to the report by Capt. James K. Taylor, Base Medical Inspector.

Range of scores improved from 96.3—51.0 to 97.3—77.0. Officers Mess, though the only score below 80, improved considerably from 51 to 77.

The Bombing and Gunnery Range Squadron held first place again, bettering its previous week's record score by one point. It was setting a pace rendering the sanitation competition hotter than at any time before.

Climbing from the 80s into the 90s were the Hess Airdrome and the Diedrichs Service Squadrons. Taking a turn in the opposite direction were the 435th Bomb Squadron, QM Detachment, and 28th Bomb Squadron. Other organizations remained in the same brackets as the previous week, though shifting places slightly.

Mess hall scores mainly were responsible for those organizations falling short of 90, though mess sanitation generally has improved commendably during the past few weeks. Special mention should be made of the Hospital Mess and Mess Hall No. 3, both of which had 97 scores last week.

War For Him A Legal Job



Pvt. Arthur Costantino, member of the Courts, Boards & Claims office staff, is in charge of the Reports of Survey division. A Georgetown University graduate from Providence, R. I., he believes quick and intelligent mental adjustment must be made by soldiers after the war.

Sanitation Standings

Bomb. & Gun. Range	97.3
Lt. H. B. Montgomery	
Medical Detachment	96.3
Lt. B. S. Igou	
Altitude Training Unit	95.7
Lt. J. H. Hafkenschiel	
93rd Bomb. Squadron	94.3
Capt. R. T. Hernlund	
WAC Company	94.3
Lt. Edith Haslam	
PX Cafeteria	93.0
Capt. W. O. Hedley	
Guardhouse	93.0
Capt. S. B. Lang	
Base Hq. & AB Sq.	92.7
Maj. Ernest Swingle	
Airdrome Squadron	91.7
Capt. J. J. Hess Jr.	
Aviation Squadron	90.3
Lt. F. W. Thacker	
Service Squadron	90.0
Capt. M. A. Diedrichs	
30th Bomb Squadron	90.0
Capt. Edson Sponable	
435th Bomb Squadron	89.3
Capt. E. C. Steinemann	
28th Bomb. Squadron	88.3
Capt. R. W. Beckel	
QM Detachment	88.3
Lt. George Frick	
Guard Squadron	86.0
Capt. S. B. Lang	
Officers, Block 400	85.5
BOQ & Latrines	
Airdrome Squadron	85.0
Capt. R. B. Marshall	
Officers, Block 700	82.5
BOQ & Latrines	
Officers (Mess Only)	77.0

The Civvies

EXTRA SPECIAL! This office wishes to welcome Captain Charles W. Campbell, our new Civilian Personnel Officer. Captain Campbell came to us only about a week ago, and already he's making things hum.

I don't think we should let the news that George Olman is now a single man go by. Watch out, girls, He's tall, dark, handsome and on the prowl.

Floryne Preslar, Pat Hawks and Olivia Watson came in Thursday morning with their eyes half-closed as a result of the 435th shindig at Odessa. All three vouched that it was the best squadron party they had yet attended. Congratulations, 435th!

Mrs. Newsom, our Principal Clerk, is spending two weeks in Dallas at a school for job analysis. If anyone knows of a school for statistics, won't they please contact the writer?

Anyone knowing anything about turtles, please let us know. We have a turtle that needs a mate, but we don't know whether to get a male or a female. We're afraid "it" is going to die of loneliness if we don't do something about it soon.

What with the dance at the Officer's Club Saturday and the Diedrichs' Squadron picnic Sunday, this office will probably be in an awful mess Monday morning. Any donations of aspirin will be appreciated.

Edna Earle McDougal's heart-throb is returning Sunday. Rotten break, Jerry, but maybe he won't stay long.

EDITORIAL:

Third War Loan

Service alone is not enough. Every Rattlesnake Bomber Base soldier should do his part toward helping the Second Air Force reach its Third War Loan goal of 90 per cent participation, 15 per cent of payroll.

The Nation needs fifteen billion dollars to pay for the guns, ships, tanks and planes necessary for the successful invasion of Europe and for intensifying the war against Japan. A soldier's first reaction may be: "Let the civilians furnish the money, I'll do the fighting." But a number of compelling reasons exist why he should put all of his pay he can possibly spare into War Bonds.

1. His money will help win the war quicker, and at less cost in lives. Let's get it over with, is the attitude of the typical American soldier. Buying War Bonds will serve that purpose.

2. The money thus saved, and increased through liberal interest, will help the soldier get back on his feet after the war. War Bonds are insurance of post-war security.

3. Individual bond buying lessens the inflation resulting from government wartime borrowing. The effect is to reduce the total cost of war—which your generation and those to follow must pay—and to keep down the cost of things you purchase currently.

4. In no small measure, record bond buying by soldiers sets an example for the rest of the nation, strengthening the home front that is supporting your fighting effort.

Already, out of their army pay, soldiers are buying War Bonds at the rate of more than \$24,000,000 each month, and that sum does not include cash purchases for which there is no available record. But that amount should be doubled or tripled. As Robert P. Patterson, Undersecretary of War, lately declared:

"Now the time has come . . . We must have more bombers and ships and more guns. We must press our military advantage. We must paralyze our enemies with our might, and appall them with our power and purpose. That is the only language they understand."

And the cost will be terrific: In a single raid of 1,000 Flying Fortresses over Germany, \$375,000 worth of high octane gasoline would be used, to deliver about one million dollars worth of bombs. Two-ton blockbusters, sometimes raining down at the rate of five a minute, cost \$875 apiece. Furthermore, \$375,000,000 worth of airplanes would be involved.

No wonder the President stated that "our need for money now is greater than ever, and will continue to grow until the day that victory is won." It has been estimated that the major invasion effort will require more materiel than this Nation has used in all battles combined since December 7, 1941. Already America is spending 265 million dollars a day, more than 10 millions an hour.

War Bonds are the safest and best investment in the world. Your dollars will help win the war and the peace, and come back to you bearing interest when you may need them most.

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The Wolf

by Sansone



THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

When we get rid of the Nazis we shall not have got rid of the German problem. The only basic cleavage between the Nazis and the German traditionalists is the question of the speed with which Greater Germany is to be achieved. The Nazis want to risk everything to hurry the day of German domination over the whole world. The traditionalists are willing to make a peace at any time the war goes against the Germans, and bide their time for a more favorable opportunity to strike again . . .

The simple fact is that the Germans—not only the Nazis—think they have a mission to rule the world. If they fail in the present attempt, they will try again.

The Junkers and other traditionalists are convinced that this war is already lost. They believe that Germany should stop fighting . . . disarm—and thus retain enough blood and industry to resume the struggle later, accomplishing Germany's destiny in World War III under new alliances . . .

For this reason we must go the whole distance with the Germans this time, once and for all. To use Churchill's words, Germany must be "beaten to the ground." Germany must accept the consequences of a complete defeat, not by mere "unconditional surrender" or any other such painless

method, which would permit the Germans to decide for themselves when it is wise to stop the war, but by military punishment meted out to them in retribution for their military assault on the free men of the world.

Germany must pass through not only grave internal convulsions but also a psychological revolution which will so thoroughly purge her of Pan-Germanism that no German will ever forget what it costs to attempt to conquer the rest of the world.

HENRY J. TAYLOR
From "Men in Motion"

RECORD OF 7-MONTH CLIMB TO WARRANT OFFICER FALLS

STINSON FIELD, TEX. (CNS) — Edward Carpenter of Camp Stewart, Ga., mentioned in recent news stories for becoming a warrant officer in seven months, can take a back seat to W-O Leo C. Billups of this Air Depot Training Station. Mr. Billups, a linotype operator and printer in civilian life, entered the Army Jan. 20, 1942 and was appointed warrant officer (jg) Aug. 15, 1942, hence beating Mr. Carpenter's record by five days. Mr. Billups advanced through the grades of corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant. He became a chief warrant officer April 1, 1943.

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS -



"I've been getting bad breaks, and that is why I haven't got a higher rating." This plaint has been heard many times by all the Chaplains on this Base, and probably at all other military posts. In some rare instances, the statement may be true. In more cases it is merely an excuse offered by a man who has failed to measure up to the true stature of a soldier, and who is trying to "pass the buck" for his failure.

The team that gets the breaks is the team that plays heads up and is able to cash in on opportunities that come. It even goes farther than that. As Lord Bacon says: "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." If the breaks don't come your way, make them!

Too many of us are willing merely to sit around waiting for something to happen that may be to our advantage. Then, when a break comes, our lazy habits have rendered us unable to grasp the opportunity that is presented. Here is a man who has no skill that would warrant a promotion for him. He sits around wishing and reading funny books. A vacancy occurs in the organization. He wants the job, because he has a chance to work up to staff if he can land it. Here is another man who had no more schooling than the first. Since coming into the Army, however, he has been trying to improve his mind, and learning about other jobs than the one he has had as latrine orderly. When the chance comes, he is found to have the knowledge necessary to take over the new job. Which one gets the break? Foolish question.

That is a true picture of how the breaks are given. A man makes his own breaks. Get on the ball, and you will find army life offering you all the chances for advancement that a man could ask for.

Another complaint we hear is this: "My Commanding Officer has it in for me." We have investigated these complaints time after time. Almost invariably we find that the man himself is not cooperative. He usually has no one but himself to blame for the apparent grudge that the CO seems to have against him. All that is needed is for the man to snap out of it, and realize that it isn't true that the whole world is against him. If he will get busy and do his part, he will find his officers

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday: 0900, Aviation Squadron Service; 0900 19th Group Service; 1030, Base Chapel Service; 1930, Chapel Service.
Wednesday: 1930, Service Men's Christian League.
Thursday: 1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses: 1615 only.
Weekday Masses: None this week.
Evening Devotions: Tuesday, 1930, Novena; Friday, 2100, Novena.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Sunday: 1715, Base Chapel Services.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday: 1930, Base Chapel.



North Africa — Filling out an application for dependents' aid, a colored soldier answered "no" to the question of whether he had any dependents.

"You're married, aren't you, Sam?" asked an officer, puzzled.
"Yassah," the soldier replied.
"But she ain't dependable."

willing to give him all the help possible.

One of the most useless individuals in the world is the man who starts to feel sorry for himself. When he gets into this state, one of his first thoughts is to go and "cry on the Chaplain's shoulder." He will find any of the Chaplains sympathetic and helpful if he has a real grievance. Sometimes, however, he will find the Chaplain talking straight from the shoulder that he was trying to cry on, telling him that the fault is his, and he must not expect anyone to baby him in the Army merely because he was babied at home.

The Army needs MEN — not babies. To form millions of persons into men takes measures that aren't always soft or easy. Those who can react in the right way; take the bitter with the sweet; keep their chins up and put in their very best licks—those are the ones who will make real soldiers who will be a credit to the Army. Those are the ones who will really help win the war, and build up a world where peace may endure.

Come on, fellows, let's be men. When you don't get the breaks, or when the CO seems to have it in for you, check up on yourself and see if the fault is your own before you start blaming everyone else.

Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

The Inquiring Line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. How do the dependents of a soldier collect his back pay in the event of his death?

A. The accounts of deceased Army personnel are settled by the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington, D.C. All claims for pay due the deceased at the time of his death should be made by his nearest heir, his executor or the administrator of his estate.

Q. Do Army divers in salvage or repair operations receive additional pay?

A. Yes. Enlisted men assigned to diving get extra pay at a rate of not less than \$5 a month and not exceeding \$30 a month provided that they are employed in operations in depths of more than 90 feet. If the operations are less than 90 feet in depth the men may receive extra pay only if the officer in charge finds that the operation is particularly hazardous.

Q. Are members of the Merchant Marine subject to court martial?

A. Although officers, petty officers and seamen of the Merchant Marine do not hold actual military or naval rank, they may in some circumstances be tried by court martial. Officers may be tried by general court martial only and petty officers and seamen by general, special or summary court martial, depending upon the nature of the case.

Monahans USO

Thursday—Soap Sculpture—See what you can make with a bar of soap. If you don't know how, we have instructors.

Friday—Bingo! Call back your numbers and win a package of cigarettes! Dancing, too.

Saturday—"Bump Tag"! Dance, it's fun. A GI's dream come true. This may be your dream, too, so don't miss it. Refreshments.

Sunday—Coffee and doughnuts from 10:30 a.m. till noon. Rest and relax with quiet games and folk songs.

Monday—Sister Susie's sewing circle. GI's have your stripes sewed on! Or have you received them yet?

Tuesday—Bridge Party! Prize for high and low scores. "Galloping Prize". Other games if you don't play bridge.

Wednesday—Be an actor! Pantomime Quiz—We have the questions you act them and the audience guesses the answer.

AT THE THEATER

Weds. & Thurs. — "Hi Diddle Diddle," with Martha Scott & Adolph Menjou. Shorts: The War, Victory Vehicles, Paramount News.

Friday—(Double Feature) "Henry Aldrich Swings It," with Jimmy Lydon & John Litel; "That Nasty Nuisance," with Bobby Watson & Joe Denlin.

Saturday—"Seven Days' Leave," with Victor Mature and Lucille Ball. Shorts. South Sea Rhythm, The Duck That Flew.

Sun. & Mon.—"I Dood It," with Red Skelton & Eleanor Powell. Short: Paramount News.

Tuesday — "Hitler's Madman," with John Carradine & Alan Curtis. Shorts: A Blitz On The Fritz, Song of Victory.

Show Time:

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

G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

You won't find the answer to when the war will end in this quiz but if you know the other answers you are hereby authorized to cuss your sergeant (if he's smaller than you are). Anyway see how many of 'em you can get. Mark your answers and then check—don't check 'em and then mark 'em.

1. An occupied country which won't admit defeat and recently displayed its feeling to the world at large and Germany in particular by scuttling its own navy is—
A—Norway () B—Denmark ().

2. One of the United Nations which sent troops along to help the U. S. retake Kiska (without resistance) was—
A—Canada () B—Australia ().

3. Hammering Henry Armstrong, who once held the featherweight, welterweight and lightweight titles at one time, was hammered in a recent "comeback" match at Madison Square Garden by a serviceman named—
A—Cpl. Ray Robinson ().
B—Sgt. Barney Ross ().

Answers—1, B; 2, A; 3, A.

NO HAIRCUT GIGS GI BARBER

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (CNS)—When a shaggy-headed private failed to pass inspection, he complained that there was no one around to cut his hair. He's the company barber.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

BY S-SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

In Europe bombs are falling; in the United States the third great War Bond drive has been launched, and in Pyote, the country's most "unknown" desert outpost, the greatest of all battles is raging. We can't call it a struggle between two distinct factors, but between mind and loneliness and between the future and the past.

Nevertheless the great spirit of American fortitude and unconquerable determination to complete a job is nowhere better illustrated than right here on the Rattlesnake Bomber Base. Adverse circumstances which many times stare us in the face reach insurmountable heights—but never too high for that group of soldiers (Medics) who live in the far north-east corner of the Base.

The most illustrative example of this occurred the other night when over 36 Medics gathered around several tables at "The Mellow Moon Saloon" and in a full evening of toasts, jokes and song celebrated the birthday of the "Great Cpl. McTigue." Yes, a goodly crowd was there! Never before did the PX Patio serve its purpose so well. All we ask for is an occasion for a get-together and from then on the situation is well in hand. Imagine, in another year Mac will be old enough to vote! Yes, this youthful soldier is really growing up—or has he already? It is true that he snaps to attention when he hears the strains of My Wild Irish Rose.

So contented have Cpl. Manion and PFC Abel become with "The China Clipper" that they're very seriously thinking of becoming Aviation Cadets! More power to you fellows. Incidentally, Cpl. Manion does not trust train riding any more. It seems as if a certain member of the armed forces threw an almost priceless "parcel" out of the train window! There just 'ain't no justice, is there? Better luck next time.

The number one objective now is to see whose barracks is going to get the blue ribbon. With keen competition and much emphasis on uniformity the contests will be in progress from now on. Last Friday, however Barrack No. 1 easily came through with the smallest number of discrepancies and won honors. Now, fellows, it's good keen competition that we're going to have to have to make this interesting.

Via air mail, special delivery, a little red piece of paper is at this very moment speeding toward the city of Pittsburgh. On this impor-



"But Sargint, can I help it if they got my laundry mixed up?"

tant paper is written one little word. Yes, your guess is right. Now Cpl. Hagendoerfer can get hitched! More cigars, fellows; get him as soon as he gets off of the train, or will that fat fellow be rolling off?

Speaking of trains, no one can give a better imitation of one than PFC James Fisk. He really puts plenty into it, too. Could it be that he thinks it's the train that will someday not too far hence carry him back to Little Rock, Arkansas?

A fine tribute was paid to 2nd Lt. Grace Burleson, our outstanding nurse musician, when her poem, "A Nurse's Prayer" was read over Station WFAA in Dallas last Wednesday. Those of us that have heard this splendid poem realize the richness and deepness of the inner thought it portrays.

Without a doubt, Cpl. Gregory Dwyer, PFC Lloyd Weaver and Cpl. "Ike" Kronenberg are the most ambulatory patients that this hospital has ever had. Proof: just try and find them! From your observation, aren't you inclined to agree? Could it really be factual that "Gregory" actually believes the MD USA on the hospital bath robes stand for "Many Dying—You Shall Also?"

Where could PFC Lonergan have been the other night to have caused this most unusual occurrence. There he was in the far corner of Latrine No. 1, heavily lathered and standing in front of a mirror cussing himself: "All right, chum, stand still if you want me to shave you." Now

"Brute" why be so rough to that strong man in the mirror?

So Miss Wanda Phehl in Medical Supply took a trip to headquarters the other day! No, we don't know why, but if it was that odor in the rear of supply that very much resembled a skunk, we wouldn't blame you for going there permanently. So Martha Vincent, the Pyote thrush, is really giving up the famous battle of Pyote and is moving to the famous Texas "Cow Town." Good luck, Martha, we'll really miss you. How convenient that will be when the Medics have that noted 8 hour lay-over in Fort Worth!

Joyce Ragsdale is now in S & W and is very happy with her work except for one thing, and that is she has practically to stand on her head to file charts! It's easy, why not try it sometime?

Overhead at the PX the other night, Cpl. Bruske to some fellows of the 93rd Squadron: "Is that so? Bowser and me could drink you fellows under the table any day of the week: how much you bet?" Now doesn't that sound just like one of those "characters" from Barracks 67

Pvt. Neido knows exactly what steps to take if his mail from 200 Granger Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, fails to come through 3 days after Cpl. McTigue leaves on his furlough. You figure that one out?

Flash! And who was the PFC who made T-5? Now, he doesn't live in Barracks 7, does he? Yes, so young and healthy too!

It looks as if the old policy of early to bed and early to rise is

Altitude Training

BY PFC JACK MINKIN

Flights in the altitude chamber are becoming more recognized and appreciated every day. Because of the fact that they are a very good and inexpensive method of determining a person's maximum flying altitude, they have been greatly increased.

Collier's weekly magazine of Aug. 31 gives an accurate description of the men who are engaged in this type of work. It also describes the necessity for oxygen discipline, which we teach here. The Second Air Force Headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colorado, gave special mention to the men who are engaged in High Altitude Chambers. In their statistics, we are considered a very highly trained part of the Air Force which is considered expendable.

When our organization first began to function, we were assigned a certain number of crews for indoctrination each day. Now we are taking as many as three times what the original schedule called for. We are very proud of that record because we are still working with one-half of the crew which is allotted to our organization.

Special mention goes to Sgt. Henry Spas. Just what is there in Monahans that draws you there every night after work? We are almost sure it isn't "Buckwheat." How about a clarification, Sgt.?

I still can't understand why Cpl. Irving Moskowitz had that inferiority complex on Tuesday night at the dance. I should think that if she reminded you of your girl back home you'd make an effort to speak to her. It's the only way you'll get to know her.

PITTSBURGH GIRL BECOMES REAL 'DIRTY' GERTIE

NORTH AFRICA (CNS) — The curvaceous Nazi propagandist known as Gertie from Berlin who has been beaming radio programs from Germany to North Africa is really Gertrude Hahn, a former resident of Pittsburgh, who moved to Germany in 1938 to do propaganda work.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Dr. Michitoshi Ichihara, Japanese Army tank expert, was killed recently while testing a German tank according to radio reports heard here.

again the latest. Well, gang, there is nothing like getting up in the middle of the night, is there?

And until next week, keep smiling. However in the meantime, as to just what is going to happen "one never knows, does one?"

Babes In Breeze



(Acme)
Spectators at Coney Island got a treat when someone pushed a button and that innocent looking grating blew a lot of air.

Breeze-blitzed beauties are, l-to-r: Olga Roberts, Evelyn Ward, Choo-Choo Johnson, Peggy Cordrey and Angela Greene.



Hess Squadron

PFC MORRIS L. FINGER

Well, the Hess Airdrome Squadron is finally on its feet and raring to go. Here's our first column. Let's hope it won't be the last.

The following officers are attached to the squadron: Capt. John J. Hess, Commanding Officer; 1st Lieutenant Norman Wiloughby, Acting Adjutant and Engineering Officer; 2nd Lieutenant Edward Small, Ordnance Officer and Acting Transportation Officer; 2nd Lieutenant Alfred P. Conner, Armament Officer and Chemical Warfare Officer; 2nd Lieutenant Paul W. Levengood, Communications Officer. Lt. Wiloughby is acting C. O. in the absence of Capt. Hess.

The squadron is now permanently located on C Street behind Mess Hall No. 1. It took us quite a while to get here but here we are finally. 1st Sgt. Goodwin is offering a 3 day pass as a reward to the man who locates Private Aho. Yours truly looked for him all Friday afternoon but in vain. Where can that man be?

Who is the heart throb that calls our supply sergeant daily? Can it be that chick from Wink who always has beer in the ice-box? Lieutenant Small seems to have a lot of interest at Sub-Depot. They have a lot of interesting machines down there don't they, lieutenant? Nicely put together.

The two PFCs who were in Pecos the other night had better go easier. Anyhow, you had a

nice train ride, eh boys?

Congratulations to Pvt. Fredrickson on the birth of a daughter Aug. 29.

Who is this Katharine who is always calling Private Paul B—? And is the 1st Sgt. interested? And who is the buck sergeant whose creditors' line is longer than the chow line?

If anyone has seen Cpl. Davis' glasses, please return them to the orderly room at once. The poor fellow is like a fish out of water without them.

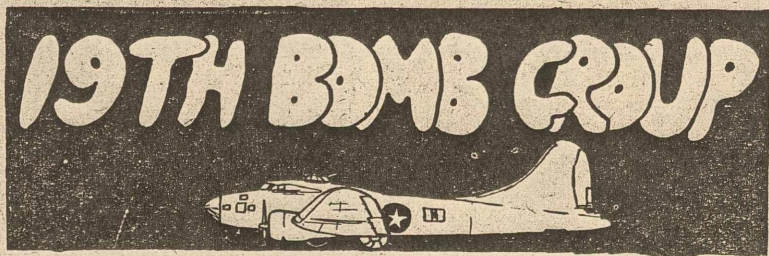
Private Michalicki demands to have his name in print, so here it is. He had a good time in El Paso and Juarez. If you want to hear more about it, come to Tent 47.

T-Sgt. Patera wants more volunteers for the softball team. The squadron is interested in engaging other squadrons in all forms of sports. Any squadron wishing engagements call 146 and ask for Sgt. Patera.

The squadron went to the gunnery range Thursday and Friday last to fire the submachine gun. Yours truly got 9 out of 25 shots. At least I'm hitting the target, which is more than I did the last time I shot it.

SOLDIERS SAVE POTATO CROP

FT. DIX, N. J. (CNS)—Fifteen soldiers from this post were credited with saving the potato crop on nearby farms when they unloaded 425,000 bushels which had been piling up at the canneries for processing. The soldiers who volunteered for the job received 72-hour leaves and civilian pay plus their army wages. Under Army Regulations, soldiers may accept employment if they have permission of their commanding officer and if they do not compete with civilian labor.



Gypsy 93rd

BY CPL. IRVING J. PACKER

M-Sgt. Leon J. Long, who recently collected his flying pay, counted it several times and he found that he wasn't short. So that's the long and short of it.

There are two soldiers who share the same barracks by the names of Sulk and Moody, and it seems when Sulk gets moody—Moody sulks.

And talking about names, there erroneously appeared in Group special orders the name of Sgt. Sidney B. Here. On roll call when the name Here was called, Sidney wasn't there because his name was Hare.

Flash—exclusive news—Recently your correspondent stated that S-Sgt. "Red" Light would never have less than three dates on Saturday night. "Red" has steadfastly denied this statement. However, when questioned by his buddies on the line, who incidentally toted hammers, "Red" voluntarily confessed and made the following statement: "O. K. fellows I'll spill it. Can I help it if the goils go for my red hair and poisonality." Don't you think "Red" that you ought to share your dates with the boys whose eyes are green with envy so they no longer would feel blue on Saturday night?

Yours truly humbly apologizes to Sgt. Loesch for overlooking him as one of the mammoth dreadnaughts in Barrack 507. Say, Loesch, if overlooking you was an oversight — would it be an undersight on my part if I couldn't look over you?

One of the best liked officers in this squadron is Lt. Williams I. Sage—on pay day. But, seriously, he is well liked by the enlisted men even a day before pay day.

It is rumored that S-Sgt. Albert P. Warnke is an Indian. T-Sgt. Caruso claims that there has been standing for many years an Indian in front of a cigar store in Madison, Wis., who has the same facial characteristics as Warnke. When questioned by Cpl. Flory about the authenticity of this rumor Warnke, who was red in the face, said "Me no talk to pale face, Ugh." It wouldn't be a feather in Warnke's cap to deny this statement since the evidence is strongly against him.

Major Milton W. Heath, Executive Officer, has been transferred to McCook, Nebr. Major Heath had done a splendid job in this

organization and certainly will be missed. Good luck, Major.

Lt. E. V. Halpin, while on leave, sent a card to the boys in Operations with the usual "Wish you were here enjoying the cool weather with me" line. The catch was, however, that because the Pony Express was held up, Lt. Halpin was back here enjoying the Pyote climate with the boys when the card finally arrived.

There has come to your correspondent's ears the story that the breezy little paper now being published by PFC Kratz of Intelligence is about to be given a new name. We were informed that the new name would be "Kurrent Komments on the Kurrent Kommotion" by Komrade Kratz the klever kollegiate komentator from Kursk. We just kan't konceive it. However, there is a move on foot to have Komrade Kratz broadcast all of the silent periods on the Pecos radio under the title of "Daily Dissertation by Dynamic Doughboy."

Lt. Bernstein was master of ceremonies at the recent photographic soiree held in conjunction with the opening of the Green Room of the Intelligence section. He thought up more cute poses than a Hollywood "Cheesecake" artist.

After many weeks of sweat and toil, the Day Room was officially opened last week. Let's not be deceived by the name since the facilities can be used in the evening too. Lest we forget — how about giving the men who made this grand opening possible a vote of thanks.

BIG SHOTS AID GIRL'S INTER-AMERICAN ROMANCE

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Washington big shots have taken time out from world affairs to try to aid the romantic efforts of Bernice Edna Lynch, stenographer, to wed Cpl. Bernard Trainor, stationed with the Army in Brazil, by telephone.

Robert Lovett of the State Department and Nelson Rockefeller, co-ordinator of inter-American affairs have tried to co-ordinate this inter-American affair by seeking a high priority for the phone call. Then there is another obstacle. Intelligence officers won't tell Miss Lynch where to phone Cpl. Trainor. As yet the Corporal has not shown himself to be an obstacle.



Headquarters

Miss Maurine Brown of Monahans last week started work as a stenographer in Sub-Depot employ.

The "Great Jamboree Hangar Dance" took place Friday at Sub-Depot, and there was quite a few employees who turned out for the gala occasion. There were two or three especially that took our eye: Captain Deidrichs, Marjorie (Jitterbug) Hitt and the "Belle of the Ball," Edna McDougal of Civilian Personnel. They say there are many more of these dances to come, so come on everybody, don't be bashful, "Yes dance."

It seemed as if Lt. Jordan was trying to play "Cupid" or maybe just trying to get the "show on the road" at the hangar dance, but nevertheless he was running around trying to find certain girls a dancing partner. And he did alright!

Marjorie Hitt has a broken heart this week, or maybe I should say a lonely heart, cause really it isn't broken. How could it be broken by a sweet little boy like Harry? But, you see, Uncle Sam wanted Harry to go to Louisiana, and they took him away from Marj. But they will be together soon, and the only thing we envy is that she will get to see him before we do.

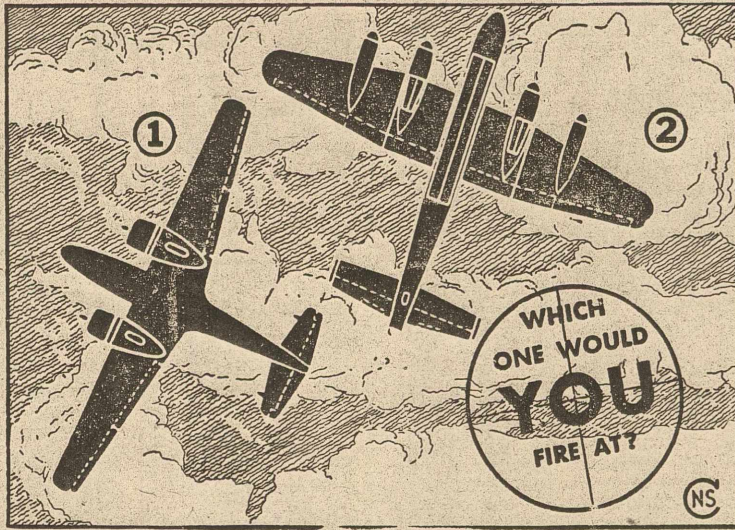
John Bogard is still waiting for the letter from Georgia, and something tells me, John, that "it won't be long; but consider the source—that she is a WAC and in the Army. Uncle Sam had other things for her to do besides write letters to the one she loves.

The entire Sub-Depot wishes to thank the Pyote Army Air Base Orchestra for the "Elligate" music at the hangar dance. Even the ones that were not dancing enjoyed it. "Take your bow, boys!"

I didn't know that there was a shortage of men, but the way Dorothy Wooten, Marjorie Hitt, and Dewees Weishun were tagging the Jitterbug, there must be. Could be that he was a good dancer.

Helen Reese got to the Hangar Dance thirty minutes late, but made up for lost time after getting started.

Riley Estabrook contributed two or three dances toward the success of the party, but he didn't have his cowboy boots on and finally joined the onlookers.



FIRE AT NO. 1! It's the Japanese Mitisubishi "Soyokaze," a mid-wing, medium bomber powered by two radial engines. The nose of the long, thin fuselage extends well forward of the engine nacelles. Its wings are straight on the leading edge and swept forward on the trailing edge. The tapered tailplane has twin fins and rudders.

NOT AT NO. 2! It's the British "Lancaster," a four-engine heavy bomber used extensively on night missions. Its nose extends beyond the engine nacelles. The center sections of the wings are rectangular. The outer panels taper evenly to rounded tips. The tailplane tapers slightly to square tips and it has twin fins and rudders.

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

Special Services Arranges Three Varied, Free Entertainments Here

Three varied free entertainment programs for Rattlesnake Bomber Base soldiers were provided this week under arrangement by the Special Service Office, including the personal appearance of Joseph Calleia, outstanding Hollywood character actor; USO-Camp Shows' "Steppin' High," and Marie Houston's "Songs In Costume."

"Steppin' High," a variety show, will come to the Recreation Hall Thursday night at 8:45 o'clock, with Emery Evans, eccentric dancer and singer, as master of ceremonies. Evans also teams as straight man with Sandy Burns, veteran vaudeville comedian, who for years has played good houses in Philadelphia and New York.

The show also includes Derby and Frenchie, song and dance team, billed as a big time standard act, and Victoria Vigal, blues and rhythm singer, with her husky voice and sock delivery.

Marie Houston, lyric soprano, will give two performances here: Friday night at 8:45 o'clock in the Recreation Hall for Base personnel generally and Saturday afternoon at the Base Hospital for patients. Miss Houston is contributing her talents to entertaining military personnel, using fees for her professional engagements to further that patriotic work. A radio, recordings and special engagement entertainer who has appeared in more than a dozen foreign lands and throughout the United States, Miss Houston has a program of novel artistry, presenting each song in appropriate authentic costume.

Joseph Calleia, now visiting Texas camps and air bases, appeared here Sunday. He had just finished portraying El Sordo, wily leader of a band of Spanish mountain fighters, in Paramount's version of Ernest Hemingway's "For Whom The Bell Tolls". Though a tough, villainous character in most of his films, Calleia proved a quiet, cultured person—who, they say spends his spare time writing plays and songs.

Virginian Kisses Virginian

LONDON (CNS) — Virginia-born S/Sgt. Raymond Parker planted a large, wet kiss on the cheek of Virginia-born Lady Astor when they were introduced at a dance at his station. "It was nothing," he said. "I just paid my respects in true Virginia fashion."

EUREKA, CAL. (CNS) — When Federal Judge A. F. Sisure arrived here for the summer session of the court he found that someone had painted murals of pigs and pelicans all over his courthouse walls. He asked the county bar association to take them down — quickly, please.



BY CPL. SAMMY KAPLAN

Excuse me, dear people, for not writing last week; but, as you know, the weather was hot, and I was a little lazy and didn't have any ambition at all. (Editor's Note: consider yourself gigged — again.)

Who is the champion hamburg eater? You vunt t'know? Shall I tell you? OK, it is none other than our own special order clerk, Sgt. Donald (not the duck) Nicaulis, who had 22 hamburgers while shooting a game of golf. What an appetite! You could never tell by looking at him.

T-Sgt. John (Hot Shot) Lucas—who, among his other duties, made most of The Rattler's pretty pictures—finally has left for OCS at Miami Beach, Fla. That's something he has been sweating out every since he got into the Army 10 months ago — and he is nominated all-time champion sweater. Now a happy man and a deserving one, he is wished the best of luck by all of us.

All the fellows in our squadron have shown real enthusiasm in going to the rifle range and shooting those carbines. Most of the men are really good shots. Note to the Japs: you better watch out!

PFC Hyman Brook, sports editor of The Rattler, has been in the hospital the past week. Here's wishing him a quick recovery.

It's Cpl. Peter Urban now, and you never saw a prouder guy anywhere. A hard worker, he certainly had it coming.

Edwina Mazzei of the WACs is small in size but—oh, my—she goes over in a big way. Who said little girls aren't popular? She's always the life of the party. It's true what is said: "Good things come in small packages."

S-Sgt. Walter Smith of S-1 has left for OCS, Miami Beach, Fla. To him also: loads of luck.

Cheerio for now. Be seen' you all next week. (Another Editor's Note: You'd better.)

GIs EXPECT HEDY LAMARR BUT ONLY GET SEC. STIMSON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — War Secretary Henry L. Stimson disappointed a lot of GIs during his recent tour of the battle fronts abroad. He told a press conference that "when I dismounted from my airplane in Newfoundland, I saw a number of young second lieutenants on the field whose faces fell. Later I found out that there had been a rumor that Hedy Lamarr was on that plane."

Soldiers May Ignore September 15 Tax Declaration, File Next March

(CNS)—Members of the United States armed forces needn't worry about filing income tax declarations Sept. 15, the commissioner of Internal Revenue has announced.

Sept. 15 is the date when all U. S. taxpayers who are not in military service must check their financial position and see if the withholding tax clause under the new pay as you go tax plan has brought them up completely on their 1943 tax indebtedness. If it hasn't they must file a declaration of estimated income and pay half the difference by Sept. 15. They pay the other half by Dec. 15.

Exempted from this order are members of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and women's branches of the various services.

All these servicemen and women may postpone the filing of their declarations until March 15, 1944. At that time they must make a final calculation of actual income earned and the tax they paid—if any—during 1943.

According to Guy T. Hervering, commissioner of Internal Revenue, the wife of a serviceman has a special problem if she has an income of her own and is not in one of the armed services herself.

Mr. Hervering says that she must first determine whether she is required to file a declaration of estimated tax by adding her own income to the base pay of her husband, plus any income he may have received from sources outside his military pay and allowances. Then she deducts \$1,500. If the total of what's left amounts to more than \$3,500, she must file a declaration but in making it out she may disregard her husband's income entirely and she may also disregard any dependency allotment she receives from him, estimating the tax solely on her own income.

The civilian husband of a WAC, WAVE, SPAR, nurse or woman

marine follows the same procedure. He receives no dependency allotment from his wife.

According to information from ZAF headquarters, Texas Division of the Judge Advocate General's Office ruling indicates: "Wives of military personnel who reside in community property states who file separate returns are not granted this privilege of deferment and must file separate returns of estimated income and victory taxes on or before September 15, 1943." Community property states are Louisiana, Texas, California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, Montana and New Mexico. Community property also obtains in Porto Rico.

Wedding Climaxes School Romance Begun In Montana

A high school romance of six years standing was climaxed by matrimony Tuesday, September 7, for Miss Helena Francis Dixon of Big Sandy, Montana, and Sgt. Donald Ray Courtage, formerly of Big Sandy, now stationed at Rattlesnake Bomber Base.

The couple were married at the Base Chapel at 8:15 p.m. by Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon. The bride was attended by Mrs. James L. Innes, wife of S-Sgt. Innes, who was best man for the groom. T-Sgt. Gilbert Reynolds gave the bride away.

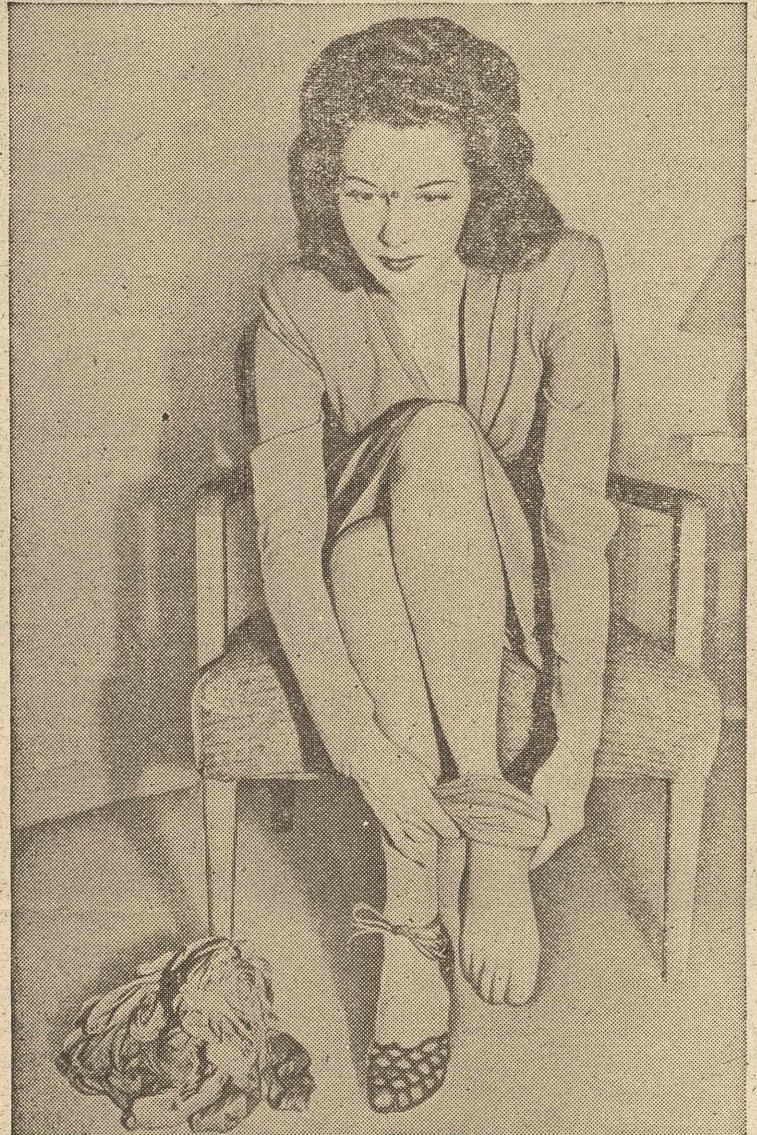
After the ceremony, the couple entertained friends at the home of Mrs. Frank Mahoney, Monahans, leaving afterwards on a three-day honeymoon. They will be at home in Monahans.

SLINGSHOT USED IN WARGAMES

GRAND ISLAND, N. Y. (CNS)—The 74th Regiment, New York Guard, used a giant slingshot to hurl grenades in recent mock battle maneuvers against defending guardsmen here. The slingshot was made of a forked piece of iron pipe and a section of inner tubing which catapulted the grenades 75 yards.

England—There was a record attendance at a reading of the articles of war and a sex morality lecture here the other day. Reason: ice cream and cake were served.

Sheer Scrap (The Stockings)



Julie Bishop, featured Warner's scrap collecting could be carried a bit too far—not a bad idea at that.

'DIRTY GERTIE'S' PEDIGREE REVEALED BY AUTHOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The pedigree of "Dirty Gertie from Bizerte" has been disclosed by Pvt. William L. Russell, a patient in Walter Reid Hospital here. The words to the song about the gal who "hid a mousetrap in her skirt" were written, with the aid of a hangover, by Pvt. Russell one cold morning last November while he was at Camp Lee, Va. The masterpiece found its way to North Africa where Sgt. Paul Reif set it to music. Sgt. Reif wrote Pvt. Russell authorizing him to deal with music publishers in America for the two of them. The letter finally caught Russell at Camp Edwards, Mass. He's going to work on publishers as soon as he can get out of the hospital and get leave.

Detroit—A man got a five-year jail sentence here for stealing a ham from the window of a butcher shop even though it was made of sawdust and glue.

Blond Weds Seven Soldiers; Takes Money From Eighth

CINCINNATI (CNS)—Mrs. Vivian Eggers, blond and 34, was arrested by Federal Bureau Investigation agents here after she had admitted she was married to seven soldiers "without bothering to divorce any of them." Found in her possession at the time of her arrest was a \$50 allowance check belonging to a soldier who was not one of her husbands.

Mrs. Eggers said she married five privates, a sergeant and a lieutenant between May 1935 and June 1943.

CASABLANCA (CNS) — When Lt. Richard Pollard, former magazine writer now stationed here, was a civilian, he helped organize the army photographic school and wrote lectures for it. Then he was inducted and had to listen to his own lessons.

LIFE SAVERS



Don't invite enemy fire by poking your head out of concealment and breaking the natural outline. Exposed metal parts and careless movements will also give away your position.



Strip for action and carry only essentials when going on a scouting mission. Unnecessary equipment will weigh you down and reduce your speed.

A A B SPORTS

Snappy Nearby High School Elevens Promise Fall Fun For Pyote Fans

BY CPL. ROBERT NASH

That time of the year—time for football—is here again. And here we are at Pyote—a “fur piece” from any population center boasting big-time football.

First-rate college football is out for most of us. Probably the best we can hope for is a three-day pass and maybe one Southwest Conference game. But to the faithful who enjoy watching the simon-pure high school boys battle for thrills and alma mammy, this area has some pretty snappy grid-iron goings-on to offer.

At least, it has been snappy in the past. What it will be with most of the eligible 17- and 18-year olds going into the service, just like they were old enough to vote, is likely to be another story.

The old district 7-A, which has Monahans, Pecos, Wink and Kermit as its leaders, has been a flashy, unpredictable loop for a decade. Like most Southwestern teams, the 7-A clubs play for all they're worth, gamble and pass with joyous abandon, shoot their wad whether in the hole or not, go all-out for points and in so doing they give the customers quite a kick.

Brilliant Wink High School elevens have been dominating this circuit for years, but the Wildcats have gone down in the last two seasons. Wink has a short enrollment list to pick from but they have always previously managed to round up four or five hipper-dipper halves and a dozen or so crushers to clear their way.

In Texas there are three kinds of high school football—Class AA, A and B.

Odessa and Midland—barely within traveling time radius—are in double-A football, in district 3. Both have fairly good outfits coming up this year, but the power of the district is over in the eastern half, where both Abilene and San Angelo are beating the drums.

San Angelo has a pack of followers who maintain the Bobcats will throw on the field their heaviest and hardest, finest and fastest team in recent history. This can be taken at present with three sail tablets but it would be wise to keep the Bobcats in mind.

In two years Odessa has not dropped a conference game, but eligibility rules have deprived the Bronchos of the 3-AA crown both years. Whether they can do it

again is highly problematical. Chances are, they locked the gate after the horse got away. Their all-state end, Keith Evans, and most of the regulars of the '42 squad are gone.

Lubbock, up on the plains north of here, will be the site of many interesting games this year. Both the Lubbock Army Air Field and South Plains Army Air Field of Lubbock will have service teams that will schedule regular college opponents. Also, Lubbock is the home of Texas Tech's vaunted Red Raiders, who have walloped Southwest Conference first-line teams on several occasions. One of these was in 1936, when an unheralded Raider crew manhandled Texas Christian University's Horned Frogs, including the renowned Samuel Baugh, a Sweetwater product.

Lubbock High School's Westerners, saddened but inspired by the death of their friendly coach, “Goober” Keyes, swept a mediocre team through to state championship pinnacle.

On Friday night, Sept. 17, Lubbock's Westerners and Odessa's Bronchos will meet in Odessa in bi-district scuffling. Twice the teams have met in the past, and both times the Westerners won. Last year's game was won, 7 to 6, in a downpour.

UMPIRE ARRESTED AS THIEF

PHOENIX, ARIZ. (CNS)—After the umpire at a softball game here made a few choice decisions, the fans started to call him “robber” and “crook.” They never knew how right they were but after the game the ump was arrested on a charge of stealing \$2 from a soldier.

Lt. Darrell Lester, star grid center at Texas Christian in 1934, has been named director of physical training at Newport Army Air Field, Ark.

The Warm Bench

BY SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS
CNS Sports Correspondent

In some ways, you know, this has been the most dramatic baseball campaign of them all—the most dramatic, that is, from a human interest point of view. It has been a campaign in which the bright young stars have all gone away and left the ball parks to the old timers—a little dog-eared and a little frayed—who have climbed back into the spotlight again.

Take Paul Waner, for instance. Paul's 40, and although he was one of the greatest ball players who ever lived you wouldn't have room for an old gaffer like him on your ball club if this wasn't a war year. But because it is a war year Paul has been called back from the pasture and put into the outfield again. And the other day he collected his 3,100th base hit which places him fifth among the all time greats of the game. Only Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Eddie Collins and Nap Lajoie ever made more hits than Big Poison. Not bad company.

The 2,000 hit boys are Billy Herman and Arky Vaughan, of Brooklyn; Mel Ott, Joe Medwick and Dick Bartell, of the Giants; Joe Cronin and Al Simmons, of the Red Sox; Chuck Klein, of the Phillies, and Lonesome Luke Appling, of the White Sox. Vaughan made his 2,000th hit just the other day and Lonesome Luke Appling made his on August 13. Think it was a Friday, too.

Master Melvin Ott, whose New York Giants are liable to drop right out of the bottom of the league any minute, is an old timer himself, but he was doing all right until the middle of August when his ball club's miserable behavior on the ball field made him so sick he had to pack off to bed.

About the only thing that prevented Master Melvin from having the screaming mimis this year was the presence of a few of his hired hands who are as old, if not older, than Master Melvin himself. One of them is Joe Medwick, the big muscled Magyar, who has been tearing the cover off the ball ever since Ott picked him up at a subway stop in Brooklyn. Another is Rowdy Richard Bartell, who has been leaping around the shortfield like a gazelle with a wasp in his ear. And then there is a fellow named Carl Hubbell.

This fellow Hubbell is 40, himself, and his arm sounds like a dumbwaiter crank when he winds up to pitch. But a couple of months ago he won his 250th major league game, which makes him the winningest pitcher in baseball.



Pinup gal Betty Grable, who married pinup boy Harry James last July 5, says she is going to have a baby next spring. It looks as though the two pinups are going to have some three-cornered underwear to pinup.

Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Cpl. Joe DiMaggio, pride and joy of the New York Yankees, has been promoted to sergeant. He's still stationed at Santa Ana (Cal.) AAF in the physical fitness program.

Johnny Vander Meer, fireball pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, ilunked his Army physical but teammate Bert Haas passed his and will report for induction in three weeks. Dee C. Moore, Phillies' catcher, gets his draft call next week at Birmingham, Ala.

Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, former lightweight fighter, is an assistant on the athletic staff at Camp Shanks, N. Y.

Lt. Cdr. Mal Stevens, former NYU grid coach, is grooming a strong eleven at the Sampson (N. Y.) Naval Station. Big boy on his team is Frank Hrabetin, 6-foot 5-inch, 225 pound guard who played with the Philadelphia Eagles last year.

George (Bad News) Cafego, All-American halfback at Tennessee University in '38 and '39, will bring good news to the Brooklyn football Dodgers this fall. Cafego received a medical discharge from the Army and is heading back to Brooklyn.

Sports figures are flocking to the Armored Force Replacement Center at Ft. Knox, Ky. Among those signed up for the next lively basic training program are Pvt. John Robinson, Notre Dame center in 1934; Pvt. Dominic DeLillo, sparring partner for Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers and Henry Armstrong, and Pvt. Meyer Ackerman, feature writer for Ring magazine, bible for the beak buster business.

Pvt. Bob Bauer, Tomahawk (Wis.) righthander, has won 14 straight for Keesler Field, Miss. He has never been defeated.

Hub's aiming at 300, a mark achieved in modern baseball only by Cy Young, Walter Johnson, Grover Alexander, Ed Plank and Lefty Grove. That's not bad company, either.

WAC Flak

BY CPL. SYLVIA WEXLER

Once again we welcome a couple of newcomers to our midst. And this time there were no WACs transferred so our company has increased by two more girls. Pvt. Adele S. Berlowitz of Brooklyn, New York and Pvt. Charlotte Ziegel of Newark, New Jersey, are both graduates of the photography school at Lowry Field, Colorado, and have joined Pvt. Pavel at the Base Photo Lab.

The WACs, en masse, took a bus ride to the Carlsbad Caverns last Sunday and were simply amazed at the height of the mountains leading up to the caverns. After living on the plains for so many months, we had forgotten there was such a thing as hills and mountains and felt rather surrounded while driving up to the entrance. Our bus was a trifle breathless in trying to ascend to the top, and we really though we'd have to get out and push it. Imagine a rickety old car being able to pass a bus load of WACs! It sure was humiliatin'! But we finally made it and spent a few hours walking through the "Hole in the Mountain."

Just a tip to Sgt. Victor Kluczynski of the Medics—you'd better keep an eye on that gal friend of yours, namely Sgt. Dora Frye. It looks like the GIs on this Base are perfectly willing to pick up where you left off—we saw her dancing two Tuesdays in a row with that handsome Sgt. Allen.

Sunday night at the Chapel was "WAC Night," and hymns were sung by Sgt. Deason, Cpls. Orser and French and PFCs Ferrell, Morrison and Bledsoe. They sound super around the barracks and were even better at the Chapel with Cpl. Riden at the organ.

That sure was a super-duper picnic that the 435th Bomb Squadron had in Odessa! As usual the WACs were well represented and helped keep the party in full swing. Just one little fly in the ointment — when we all heard there was a truck going back to the camp for those a-fixin' to get back early, we made a grand dash and then waited over an hour until the bus driver had a full load of "Soldiers, WACs and Ladies." We early ones were finally the last in the convoy for all our haste—tch, tch, seems like someone slipped up somewhere. But we had a good time in spite of our gripes over the delay.

FT. DEVENS, MASS. (CNS) — Cpl. Johnny Palaima of Maynard, Mass., is the strongest man on this post. When PFC Leslie Corsey's jeep had a flat tire Palaima lifted the jeep off the ground while Corsey changed the tire.



MALE CALL

BY MILTON CANIFF



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SERVICE SQUADRONS

Diedrichs' Squadron

BY S-SGT. WARREN E. KEYS, S-SGT. ROY A. WORTENDYKE

Because of S-Sgt. Keys' departure in the near future for cadet training, this article will be the last written by the present team.

S-Sgt. Orin Morgan, mess sergeant, Sgt. John Zomok, Sgt. Donald Goodpasture, Pvt. Albert Pearman, cooks, and the other permanent mess hall personnel deserve praise for the improvement in the food and the super-clean mess hall. There should also be three cheers for the KPs who have been doing the fine job of making the squadron mess a good place to eat . . . What a man is Sgt. Phil Eonta, who after serving his 24-hour tour of CQ duty went to the hangar lunch-hour dance and jitterbugged as though he were as fresh as a daisy. Also

going strong were PFC Frank Padak, S-Sgt. Russell Lawson, T-Sgt. Charlie Stevens, PFC Steve Molton and Captain Martin A. Diedrichs.

In trying to get some shuteye the men in Barracks 1 count not sheep but jeeps. The bumps in the street just outside the windows causes everything but the horns on the trucks and the jeeps to make noise. Now that the ping pong table is set up again, won't someone practice a bit so as to give S-Sgt. Bill Buchan some competition? The little blue motorcycle pattering around these parts belongs to T-Sgt. Bob Mahncke; near the end of the month rides to Pyote and back will be given for a quarter. PFC John Latuga, who fears no man, is allergic to black widow spiders. When the spider that PFC Robby Crutchfield caught in the orderly room was dropped on the floor PFC Latuga made a new record for a high jump from a sitting position.

His friends are asking if Sgt. Albert Haas smashed his toe at the Recreation Hall dance a week ago or, as he has been saying, by dropping a 10-pound weight on it. They also want to know if he

thought of the possibility that he would be relieved from calisthenics for some time. Pvt. Julian Salcido likes to read and is seeking an additional supply of comic books. Perhaps he doesn't know he could subscribe to Pyote's only morning paper, the Latrine Tissue. A week ago Sunday 1st Sgt. Ed Walsh, M-Sgt. Joe Gutteridge and S-Sgt. Ray Merrick were prepared to go Sunday riding in one of the bombers. Upon their arrival at the operations office they found that the pilot, who had never flown a B-17 before, was going to practice landing and taking off. Joe said "Let's eat; I'm too hungry to fly today." So they ate.

As this article goes to press the squadron is preparing for the picnic at Balmorhea Park on September 12.

T-Sgt. John Milroy, who is Captain Diedrich's pride and joy on the calisthenics field, recently wrote the following letter to Charles Atlas:

Dear Charles,
Faithfully I have been following the procedures prescribed in your course for body development. Now, Charles, I would appreciate your sending me the muscles.

Yours,
John.

Nazis Defend Not-So-Soft European Underbelly

Allies, Jerries Pit Full Might For Italy Prize

By CPL. TOMME CALL
Rattler Editor

The Battle for Italy surged into full fury last week, with the outcome certain to be felt heavily in every theater of the global war. Realizing the great strategic advantage the Allies would possess in complete control of Italy, the German High Command apparently had decided on a determined defense of central as well as northern Italy.

Whatever the Russians might conclude, the Italian battlefield constituted a second European land front in any reasonable definition. Field Marshall Erwin Rommel, still smarting from his African defeats, was receiving reinforcements for his northern Italy command from as far away as stale-mated Leningrad front. Reputedly, transfer of troops from the Eastern Front to Italy was on a large scale.

General Montgomery's Eighth Army steadily was conquering Italy's southern extremities last week without encountering very strong opposition. The Germans appeared to be withdrawing from the south to take a stand in the Naples area, where they fiercely resisted the successful establishment of an American-British bridgehead at Salerno. Doubtless the Germans would fight on a fluid front until pushed back to the Po River, there to stand behind a fortified line—behind which would be the protection of the Alps.

However, the Allies had choices also of flanking the Po River line by another over-water offensive either into southern France or Yugoslavia. Either way a gigantic pincers may be envisioned—the invasion of the Balkans closing with the Russian advances in the Ukraine, or a campaign into Southern France matching an invasion from the British Isles.

Terrific consecutive British-based air raids over Western Europe, a huge dress rehearsal in the Channel, and formation of an American tactical air force

One Of The War's Bloodiest Battlefields?



Germany's decision to undertake determined defense of central and northern Italy, perhaps with a final stand along the Po River line before withdrawing into the Alps (the "inner fortress" wall), may turn the above theater into one of the

bloodiest battlefields of the war. The Allies may flank an enemy stand at the Po River or beyond by jumping into southern France or into Yugoslavia. The French underground and an explosive political situation

in the Balkans would aid either campaign. The Allies need northern Italy in order to open up a new aerial front, bringing Hitler's hitherto comparatively safe industrial areas under powerful bombardment.

in the Isles were among numerous indications last week that invasion of Europe from the west may come at any moment.

Hitler's control over his sphere of domination in the Balkans has weakened considerably with the loss of Italian support. In the event of Allied attack, Germans there—as in Italy—probably would find themselves fighting alone in hostile surroundings.

Of great importance is the report that most of the Italian fleet has come under Allied control in

the Mediterranean. The virtual end of naval warfare in that strategic sea already has released, London reports, heavy Royal Navy units for use in the Far East against Japan. With weather permitting a Burma campaign rapidly approaching, that result is most timely. Meanwhile British and American airpower is methodically smashing Japan's communications and installations in Burma.

Also in the Far East, Gen. MacArthur's New Guinea offen-

sive, reducing the twin enemy bases of Salamaua and Lae, was reported to be drawing Japanese air reinforcements from other theaters, weakening the enemy's Burma, China and northern aerial defenses. Outposts protecting Rabaul were falling one by one, setting the stage for a major offensive in the Southwest Pacific.

But it was in Europe where the decisive events of the coming fall months were to be expected.