

### SUPER-BABY CROP AT SUPERBOMBER BASE



Fourteen babies shown here represent visits paid by the stork to families of military personnel at the Pyote Base Hospital within the span of approximately forty "clinical hours". Babies on table reading from left to right are: Baby boy Mohr, Baby boy Stewart, Baby boy Tuel, Baby girl Brown, baby girl Guy, Baby boy Labnow, Baby girl Morris, Baby girl Levin, Baby boy Seebach, Baby girl Howland and Baby boy Sabatine. Behind table, from left to right, are: Wac Pvt. Jean Hoffmaster holding Baby girl Root, Lt. Frances Corby, nurse, with Baby boy Johnsen and Wac Pvt. Esther Veltum with Baby girl Cook.

### Stork Brings 14 Children To Pyote In '40 Clinical Hours'

Pyote Army Air Base has turned out a record crop of fourteen babies. All of them arrived in a busy period encompassing about forty "clinical hours".

Visits from the stork came so fast and furiously that all bassinets for the newborns were used up and Lt. Frances Corby, nurse at the maternity section of the hospital, was thinking she'd have to hang out the "standing room only" sign.

The situation was saved however when bassinets were hurried-

ly constructed of plywood and now all of the little bundles from heaven are doing nicely, thank you, and so are their GI Mommas and

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### HERO MEDAL SOUGHT FOR SERGEANT VILLA

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# NAZIS FORCED INTO NEW WEST FRONT RETREAT

## THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

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## Gin And Vitamins

You've heard of the gent, probably, who took several vitamin pills every day—carefully washing each one down with a slug of gin.

"I want," he said, "to build myself up while I'm tearing myself down."

It probably brought a small laugh the first time you heard it. You'd probably never think of connecting such careless humor with such a serious thing as the Sixth War Loan.

But stop and think a minute about how much like this foolish drunk are those persons who buy War Bonds right and left with one hand—while the other is busy selling the bonds bought last year.

Not much sense to it, is there?

Yet today there seems to be a mild epidemic of this. Some people—fortunately the number is not so large as to be alarming—are selling America short these days. We know that Christmas is just around the corner. You may want a little extra spending money for shopping. But this is certainly not sufficient emergency to induce one to part with his bonds. They should be considered as savings and should not ever be cashed in unless there is a real emergency.

That brings us to the Sixth War Loan. What's the use of buying a bond and swelling the total if to do it you must cash bonds you bought last summer? Today, instead of cashing in bonds to get a little extra shopping money, why not dig down a little deeper in your pocket, put a little more money in war bonds, and give them as presents? As the sales slogan so aptly suggests, it is "the present with a future." It's good today but ten years from now it will be better.

The Germans continue to resist fiercely. No one who has talked to returning veterans can doubt the struggle will last until the Nazis are smashed to the ground. In our war with Japan, although we have made favorable progress in the battle of Leyte and are now beginning to pound Japan from island bases, the situation in China is described by leaders as "grave" and there is still a long way to go.

Today is no time to let up on our efforts in any way. Instead of bond-cashing time, it is bond-buying time.

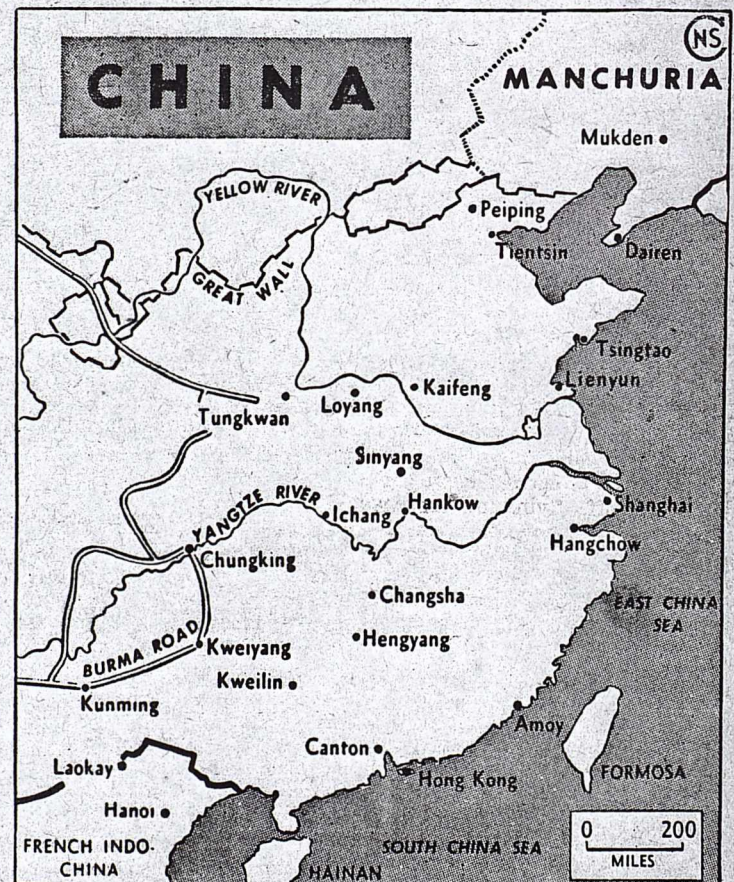
## JAPS LOSE IN CHINA, PHILIPPINES; 'WORK-OR-FIGHT' ORDER PUSHED

In this 157th week of the U.S. at war, this was the news from: **THE EUROPEAN FRONT:** Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army crushed Nazi suicide counter-attacks at American bridgeheads across the Saar and the Germans were reported in wholesale retreat at both ends of the flaming Western Front. Front-line dispatches said the Yanks had cleaned out most of the opposition at the Saar River bend, and Third Army artillery reported it had knocked out 55 more fortified Siegfried Line positions. . . . Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army announced an advance of more than a mile on the newly-activated Duren sector. . . . Moscow announced that her armies had taken two more towns near Budapest and indicated that the intensity of the fighting revealed that Hitler was hurling new reserves of tanks and manpower into defense of the now blazing Hungarian capital.

**THE ASIATIC FRONT:** The Chinese announce a clear cut gain over Japanese forces in reporting that all Nipponese had been driven out of Kweichow Province. This eased China's perilous military situation temporarily. The Japanese retreat gave the Chinese valuable time in which to organize against any new strong offensive. Tokyo reported that Superfortresses have become practically a

continuous headache. B-29 flights over vital Japanese homeland targets were announced Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. . . . From the Philippines the veteran 77th division announced that it had captured the vital supply and escape port of Ormoc on Leyte. This left the Japanese ground forces on the island caught in the tightening coils of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces of liberation. The surprise move at Ormoc split the Jap garrison on the island into two segments, both of them now forced into a death stand.

**THE HOME FRONT:** In Washington Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, putting teeth into the new work-or-fight edict ordered draft boards to cancel deferments of men 18 through 37 who quit essential jobs without proper permission. The Navy launched a new campaign to enlist more Seabees.



This is the east coast of China, where a great decisive battle of the Japanese war will be fought. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet Commander, says Allied forces will land here and seize a port for operations against the Japanese mainland.

# SKILL OF 2 PILOTS SAVES LIFE OF GENERAL ENT

## Veteran Airmen Win In Thrilling Race With Death

How the skill and ability of two veteran airmen won a thrilling race against death and helped save the life of Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, former Commanding General of the 2nd Air Force is revealed here for the first time.

The two airmen who performed the remarkable "mercy flight" are Maj. Clarence S. Chiles, pilot, and Maj. Harold L. Carter, co-pilot, both of the Air Transport Command.

Gen. Ent was injured in a take-off crash at Fort Worth, Texas. His life depended upon his being transported gently but quickly to Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio.

The General, who is himself a veteran airman was in critical condition.

The accident had occurred when a co-pilot, misunderstanding a signal, retracted the landing gear before their four-engine bomber was airborne. The plane settled back to earth, the propellers dug into the concrete runway and one blade snapped, part of it penetrating the fuselage and striking General Ent.

Medical officers discovered the blade had cut through the General's back muscles, had torn his ribs from his spine and dislocated his lower vertebrae. The General's life hung by a thread.

The slightest jar might kill him. Decision was made to rush the injured officer to San Antonio. Maj. Clarence S. Chiles, pilot, and Maj. Harold L. Carter, co-pilot, decided to use a C-47.

Arriving at Fort Worth they found all was in readiness. The General had been carefully removed from the crashed plane and lashed to a stretcher designed for spinal cases.

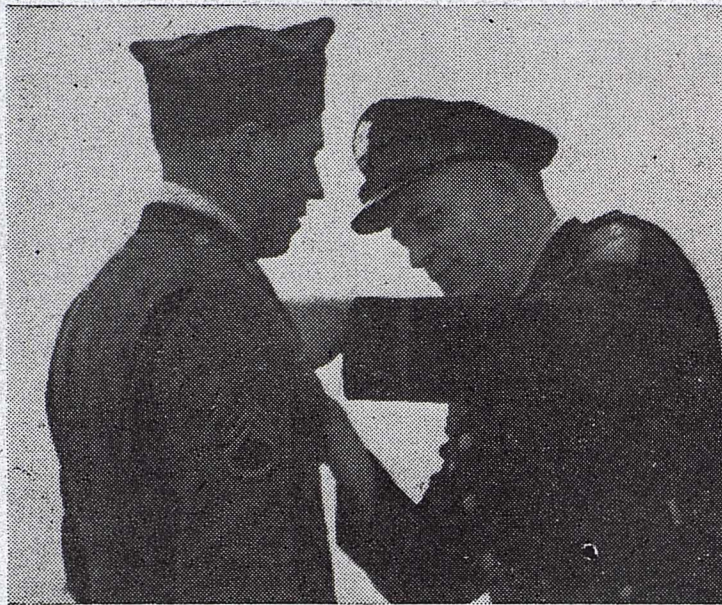
Any bump or sudden movement in taking off, flying or landing might mean instant death for the patient. The two airmen checked the weather and determined the air was rough at lower altitudes but comparatively smooth at 5,000 feet.

After surveying the taxi strips to find the most suitable one, they completed their plan for the "life or death" flight and were ready to start.

Major Chiles taxied carefully, then he slowly applied power and when the transport left the ground there was scarcely a vibration.

During the 1½-hour flight, Major Chiles was realizing that the entire effort would be in vain if the plane bounced as it hit the

## PYOTE HONORS HERO AT PARADE



For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tunisia, S-Sgt. Bernard V. Markley of Muskegan Michigan, received the award of the Bronze Star Medal. He is shown above as the award was pinned on him by Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons after a ceremony and parade of Pyote Air Field military personnel.

## New Pyote 'Bomber Trainers' Augur New Headaches For Japs

Reports leaking back to Allied sources indicate that the deadly accuracy of B-29 bombing has really appalled the Japanese military command. If past performance have worried the Japs they have bigger headaches in store for them and those headaches are going to reach Tokyo in packages now being wrapped at Pyote.

New "bomber trainers" are to be made available for the training of bombardiers here. These new trainers, the latest in modern design and capable of simulating actual bombing runs down to the minutest details will mean that

ground.

Finding the San Antonio field cleared to receive the flying ambulance, the pilot decided upon a long approach and a power-on-wheel landing.

On the downwind leg, the pilot told Major Carter to lower the landing gear as easily as possible and to "milk down" the flaps.

Then they flattened out and went in. It was a tense moment as the ground came nearer and nearer. Major Chiles set her down so gently his co-pilot didn't even know when the wheels hit the runway.

Less than an hour later, General Ent was resting in the hospital.

Pyote-trained bombardiers will be able to put their explosives right on the target's nose in greater quantities than has ever been possible heretofore.

For the uninitiated, "bomber trainers" are the platforms upon which are installed bombsights and other equipment used by the bombardiers.

The embryo bombardier spends hours on this platform learning to drop his bombs on the target.

New equipment will be put into use as soon as it arrives and is uncrated. The new "bomber trainers" will be able to rock as does an airplane in flight and will dip in the same manner as does a ship heading for its target. The new trainer will hold photographic plates upon which all types of terrain can be reproduced. It will also be possible for instructors to place camouflaged targets on the plates which will test the ability of bombardiers to locate their objectives.

The new trainer will drop a "bomb" whose contact with a set objective will be recorded electrically thus permitting those undergoing training to check on the results of their work to assure progressive improvement.

## Hero Medal Recommended For Sgt. Villa

M-Sgt. George M. Villa of San Francisco, former Sergeant-Major of the Pyote Base Hospital has been recommended for the Soldier's Medal "for heroism involving voluntary risk of his life under conditions other than in conflict with the enemy."

The award was recommended by Post Surgeon Lt. Col. Charles TenHouten.

The incident leading to recognition of the heroism of Sgt. Villa occurred in September when the lead truck of a motor convoy making a run from Carlsbad, New Mexico, to Pyote collided with a civilian vehicle while crossing a narrow bridge.

The truck in which Villa was riding turned over and burst into flames.

Fed by gasoline that leaked from ruptured tanks the flames were springing twenty feet into the air, eyewitnesses at the scene said.

Villa crawled from the wreckage and despite his own burns he went back into the cab and pulled out the driver who was too shocked and dazed to move. When Sgt. Villa got the driver clear of the burning truck the driver's clothing was aflame.

Villa beat out the flames with his hands and covered the driver's body with his own ignoring the injuries he received in the process.

When a report indicated that another soldier had failed to be accounted for, Villa dashed through the flames despite the danger from possible explosion and found the missing man.

This second man he also pulled to safety and directed the administration of first aid to him.

Soldiers from the truck convoy testified to the coolness with which Sgt. Villa went about his rescue and to the fact that Villa demanded that aid be given first to all injured before he would permit his own severe burns and cuts to be treated.

## OFFICERS LIBRARY DISCONTINUED

The Officers Library, which has been in operation in the Officers Club, has been discontinued, according to a notice from Mrs. McLain at the club. All officers who have books from the library in their possession are urged to return them as soon as possible.



# KOOPS' KORNER

## STOP ME IF YOU HEARD . . .

Our esteemed friend, Wesley T. Farraday, stopped in to tell us that the war would be over by the first of March. Seems they drafted his brother, and that dope has never held a job in his life longer 'n two months.

Then there's the guy who worships the ground that his girl's father discovered oil on. Wonder if that's the same fellow who left his last job on account of illness . . . his boss got sick of him.

We like the toast to the girl who steals, lies, and swears—steals into your arms, lies there, and swears she loves you.

It used to be considered undignified for a girl to cross her legs, but that was before they wore short skirts.

And we like the story about the intelligent dog that saw a sign that said "Wet Paint". Darned if he didn't.



We learn the good and bad in life

At very different points;

The good we learn at Mother's knee—

The bad, at other joints.



Definition (courtesy Sugar): A gentleman is a wolf with patience.

The cigarette shortage is getting so bad, a civilian friend reports, that some smokers have resorted to buying their own. Another guy complains that if he smokes one more Kool he's going to walk like a penguin.

Thank God we are still living in a free country where a man can do anything his first sgt. wants him to.



## SHORT SHORT STORY

A Pyote GI moved into a barracks, discovered that the chap sleeping a few bunks down was from his home-town. They spent many an evening at the PX patio, talking over the old land-marks, and Main street, and the high school football teams. It was a beautiful friendship—until. Until one evening, the first guy went over to the Postoffice to mail some letters. The other guy gave him some to mail for him. You guessed it, one of the other guy's letters was addressed to the home town—to the first guy's gal.



## PIMENTO STUFFING FROM AN OLIVE DRAB SUIT

Sugar, the ever-lovin' secretary, who pens an occasional column in the Korner, is away today. Expect a complete report from her as to the outside world when she returns. . . . The RATTLE office (in back of the Post Library usually ends up with a few extra copies each week. If you are in dire need of an extra copy, stop in and get one—while they last. . . . Joe McGrath, Rattler's ace-photog for close to 19 months, shipped out last week; and we were sorry to see him go. Joe asked us to say so-long to all his friends at Pyote.

A sailor stopped at the stage door and asked to see the hula dancer. The doorman replied, "Son, she's 'round at the rear." "I know that," said the sailor, "but will she see me?"

And we like the yarn about the group of aliens who were being quizzed for citizenship. The instructor asked them numerous questions about the flag, but none of the aliens knew of it. Finally in desperation, he asked: "Now what is always flying over the city hall?" One of them voiced, hopefully: "Peejuns?"

## Theater Schedule

- Thu.—THIRTY SECONDS OVER TOKYO with Spencer Tracy, Robert Walker and Van Johnson (It's the movie version of the book that tells how Tokyo got its first taste of American anger.) Also Paramount News.
- Fri. and Sat.—LOST IN A HAREM with Lou Costello and Bud Abbott. (Abbott and Costello comedy with a new sort of twist and a setting that brings in pulchritude.) Also Army-Navy Book No. 4 and Popeye in PITCHIN' WOO IN A ZOO.
- Sun. and Mon.—MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS with Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien. (A tuneful Technicolor extravaganza harping back to the days of the St. Louis Fair.) Plus Paramount News.
- Mon. and Tue.—THE MISSING JUROR and THE GREAT MIKE. (Janice Carter, Jim Bannon, Stewart Erwin and Robert Henry in a well-balanced double-feature film program.)
- Wed.—TOGETHER AGAIN with Irene Dunne, Charles Boyer and Charles Coburn. (Excellent acting with lots of Dunne and Boyer.) Community Sing and Paramount News.

## Service Club

- Thu.—Sewing from 1000 to 1700. EM wives luncheon 1200 to 1300.
- Fri.—DANCE, 2100 to 2400.
- Sat.—Informal activities, letter writing, etc.
- Sun.—BINGO PARTY, 2015.
- Mon.—MADAME LONG will read palms, 1930 to 2300.
- Tue.—POPULAR RECORD HOUR, Danny Kaye Album, 2000.
- Wed.—GI MOVIES, "Aircraft Carrier", "Willie the Mouse", USAFI, "Flicker Flashbacks".

## Monahans U S O

- Thu.—Bingo! Cigarette prizes!
- Fri.—Family Night! Games; hot cakes and syrup.
- Sat.—DANCE! Refreshments; Army Air Field Orchestra.
- Sun.—11:00, "Eye Opener" Coffee; 6:30 p.m., Snack; 7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:15 p.m., Movie, "Konga."
- Mon.—7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:15 p.m., Movie, "Konga."
- Tue.—Arts and Crafts.
- Wed.—12:30 p.m., "Better Halves Club" luncheon; 8:30 p.m., Spanish Class.

## Pyote Talent Troupe Sells Nearly \$50,000 In Bonds

Nearly fifty thousand dollars in bond sales were rung up in this area, thanks to the efforts and the talents of the top-notch Pyote Army Air Field Talent Troupe.

The rallies to boost bond sales were staged by the Special Service Office in cooperation with Mr. Russell Ackley and the Monahans Sixth War Loan Committee.

The troupe wound up its activities with a performance at the Palace Theater in Monahans Tuesday night after playing highly successful engagements at Wink, Kermit and other communities in the camp area.

Acts that appeared on the bill were artists, most of whom had worked on stage, screen or radio before donning uniform.

A twenty-five dollar bond purchase served as admission at points where the Talent Troupe held forth and War Loan sales were further plugged during each performance.

Entertainers who took part in this activity were Charlotte Ash,

Grace Burleson, Gene Elston, Harold Mason, Charles S. Rudolph, John Jerome, Norman Rossfeld, Allan Stearns, and Monty Ash who acted as master of ceremonies

## TIME'S AWASTIN'!

There are only—

# 10

more days—

TILL CHRISTMAS!

# 'HATS OFF' PLAYS HERE TONIGHT

## TOYS FOR GI SANTA'S BAG



This is a picture of the kind of team work that's keeping America winning on the home front just as her armies are winning on the battle fronts. Pictured above are Monahans' Boy Scouts J. W. Green and Frank Fielding who are handing toys collected by their fellow Scouts up to Scouts Joe Cooper and Billy Wells. The toys are shown being made as good as new by the group of soldiers below. The project is part of Pyote Air Base Hospital's Convalescent Training Program and its purpose is to see that no needy child gets overlooked by St. Nick this year.



## COLORFUL VARIETY SHOW FREE TO PYOTE GIs AT THEATRE NO. 1

"Hats Off", a USO Camp Shows musical revue, offers plenty of girls, comedy and music tonight at Theater No. 1. There will be two performances to which all GIs will be admitted free of charge.

First presentation of the musical extravaganza will take place at 1900 and the second performance will greet the audience at 2100.

"Hats Off" is rated one of the year's best "packaged vaudeville"

## Seeress Will Read Palms At Service Club

Do you want to know what the future holds in store for you?

Would you care to find out if your boy friend, girl friend, husband or wife is as true as they promise they'd be?

Special Services, ever ready to aid the soldier and the Wacs, is providing the means for you to peer into the future, take a good long look at the present and even a sidelong glance into the past.

Madame Long, renowned fortune teller, palmist and seeress will be on hand at the Service Club on Monday, December 18, beginning at 1930, and she's the lady who will know all, see all and tell all—all you've got to do is to be on hand and ask.

This is the first time this type of entertainment has been offered at Pyote. It will be repeated if response shows GIs are interested.

shows. It is reported to have a click comedy beginning that is sustained throughout the nearly two hour-run of the performance. Add to this plenty of pretty girls and a juggling act that is said to be different from anything presented to date and you have an idea of the kind of time you can expect to have at "Hats Off".

The show will present such top flight acts as the Park Avenue Sextet, formerly with Sally Rand of ostrich fan fame, LeVan and Bolles, a piano and patter team, James Evans, juggler who reputedly will juggle a full size bed weighing 180 pounds and there will also be a concert soprano in the person of Olga Diebinetz and a musical and singing duo made up of Herron and Richardson.

Just as a reminder—it's tonight, at Theater No. 1, and it's all free.

## SECTIONS D AND E PLAN OLD TIME YULE PARTY

Santa Claus will put in an appearance at the Jolly Old Christmas Party to be held by Sections D and E on Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2000. All EM of the two sections and their wives or girl friends are invited. There will be dancing, beer and entertainment.

## Stork Brings Super-Baby Crop To Superbomber Base Hospital

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Papas.

Obstetrical duties surrounding the new little "Inductees" were handled by Major Verne J. Reynolds and Captain George S. Pettis of the Hospital staff.

The new arrivals were divided exactly 50-50, seven boys and seven girls.

Congratulations are in order for the following who helped establish the "super-baby record" at this super-bomber base:

Capt. and Mrs. Wm. C. Stewart, Jr. for a boy.

1st. Lt. and Mrs. Glenn Howland for a girl.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Bruce A. Labanow for a boy.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Mervin G. Johnsen for a boy.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Fred P. Root for a girl.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Wiles Karsh

Cook for a girl.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Albert Seebach for a boy.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Sabatine for a boy.

Sgt. and Mrs. Roy T. Tuel for a boy.

Cpl. and Mrs. Omar Morris for a girl.

Pfc. and Mrs. Shelton A. Mohr for a boy.

Pfc. and Mrs. Gordon Brown for a girl.

Pvt. and Mrs. Gordon W. Guy for a girl.

Pvt. and Mrs. Morris A. Levin for a girl.

## Classified Ads

RIDE WANTED—To Kansas City or Fort Worth, for two, on Dec. 14. Call Mrs. Erdei at Ext. 18.

# RATTLER NEWS REEL

## STITCHES IN TIME FOR PYOTE'S GIs



The nimble fingers and the willing hearts of the three ladies above, keep many a Pyote soldier in stitches. This project holds forth at the Service Club each Thursday from 1000 to 1700 each week. Pictured above are, left to right, Mrs. Ernest Iles, Mrs. Jerry Sutton and Mrs. L. O. Newton. They're from Wickett and they do the little needle tasks that the soldiers often find so painful—get the point?

## ST. LOUIS LADY



Comely Judy Garland will play one of her most decorative roles here Sunday and Monday when she appears at the post theaters in "Meet Me In St. Louis", her latest all-Technicolor picture.

## WINNER!



In a contest for the sweetheart of the Naval Reserve Officers Miss Joanne Van Cott was selected over 100 entries.

## SHE'S POPULAR



Best known Wac in the Army is auburn-haired Cpl. Jeanne Millicent Meyer, master of ceremonies on the "By Request" program of the Army-Navy Screen Magazine. Thousands of GIs who have seen her face on the screen demanded more facts about her. Here they are: She's 23, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 104 pounds, and is stationed at Flushing, N. Y. Also, she's unmarried.

## LEG LOG

# MALE CALL

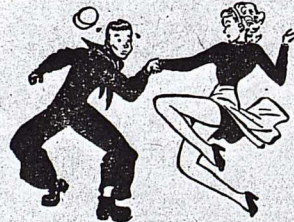
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**THE NAVY'S** SHIP AND AIRCRAFT NOMENCLATURE IS OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...

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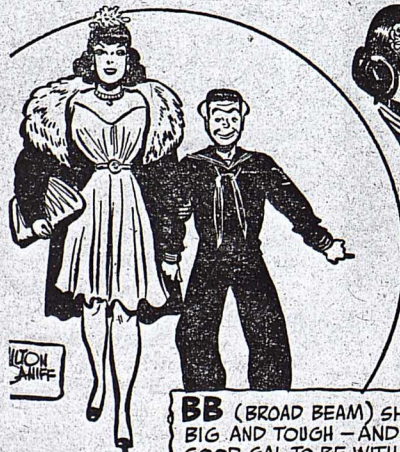
**PT (PARTY TYPE)** SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE STAYS UP TILL THE SUN GOES DOWN!



**DD (DANCING DEVIL)** A FAST OPERATOR... SHE'LL ROLL YOU IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIVELY



**SS (SILENT SENDER)** WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH HER SHE HOLDS YOU SO CLOSE YOU SELDOM EVEN COME UP FOR AIR!



**BB (BROAD BEAM)** SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH - AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY...



**AO (ALL OUT)** SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF

**AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE)** SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT - NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY



**CV (CHARMING VIXEN)** SHE LIKES TO TOSS OFF A FEW NOW AND THEN... NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU RUN OUT ON HER, SHE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE YOU BACK...



### FOR LUBBERS ONLY

- DD - DESTROYER
- PT - PATROL TORPEDO BOAT
- SS - SUBMARINE
- BB - BATTLESHIP
- AO - OILER
- CV - AIRCRAFT CARRIER
- AR - REPAIR SHIP

# "WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY--AND THEY ARE OURS!"



HERE ARE THE TYPES of Japanese warships sent to the bottom of the Pacific ocean by the U. S. fleet in a great naval battle in and around the Philippines. According to latest information, 26 or more enemy

warships including battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers and destroyers have been sunk or damaged. "Remember Pearl Harbor?" We sure do—and so do the Japs! (International)

## BEST MAINTENANCE CREW OF MONTH



The Superfortress assigned to the maintenance crew shown above got in more flying time during November than any other ship assigned to this station. Congratulations came in the form of three-day passes for all crew members. Standing (l to r): Sgt. J. R. Pierman, Paris, Tex.; T-Sgt. Floyd T. Drom, Antioch, Ill., (crew chief); Pfc. F. W. Muniec, Thorndike, Mass.; and Pfc. R. Grossman, Brooklyn; and in the front row are: Sgt. D. C. Huth, Clifton, N. J.; Pfc. E. D. Spillman, Pierce City, Mo.; and Sgt. T. D. Armitage, Canby, Minn. Crew Chief Drom was entitled to place his name on the winning ship. Sgt. Droth and Sgt. Pierman got part of their experience overseas. Droth having served a year in the ETO with a depot group and Pierman having spent 25 months in the Mediterranean theater with a B-24 outfit.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Well? Blonde or brunette?"

**GI WAR BONDS**  
**THE PATRIOTIC YULE GIFT**  
**A \$10 Value For \$7.50**

## MAINTENANCE

While snooping around the Sub Depot we heard this one:

"No, Oscar, you can't send a B-29 home for Christmas."

KP, that nemesis of the poor private, has befallen your correspondent this week—so the news will necessarily be short. KP—that's just like a three-day pass. You pass out the third day.

Here is the ace gripe of the week, and it comes from the mechanics. It seems there are certain individuals—better known as "Service Club Commandos"—who are wearing the mechanics' trade patch. These persons are not authorized to wear this emblem. Some we doubt have ever had on a pair of greasy coveralls. Mechanics alone deserve the distinction of being the sole wearers of this insignia. Those individuals who persist in wearing it should "take a reading" on uniform regulations.

## CTP Program Marks Its 2nd Anniversary

Convalescent Training Programs marked their second anniversary today.

Originated in the Air Command, this program of training and rehabilitating injured and wounded men has been instituted in every branch of the Army and is now being adopted by the Navy.

At Pyote this second anniversary of Convalescent Training work was marked by the assignment of new and larger quarters to the project.

One year ago statisticians figured that patients were spending approximately 25 million man hours in CTP directed work, today this figure has unquestionably risen to millions of man hours.

The program at the Pyote Air Base Hospital is under the direction of Lt. Col. Charles TenHouten with Lt. Milan Stencil in charge.

## At The Chapel

**CATHOLIC**—Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**—Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

**PROTESTANT**: Sunday—9:15—Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 10:00—Section C Chapel



## SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

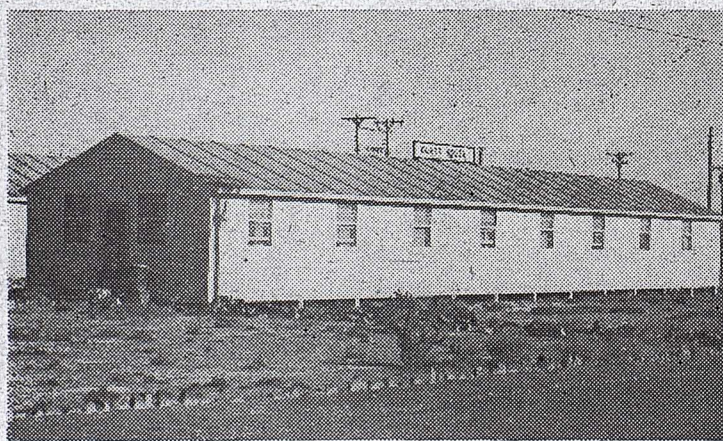
(Today's "So This Is Pyote" is the eleventh in a series of pictures and stories concerning the countryside. GIs of Pyote have been clipping this weekly feature and sending it home to give the folks some vague idea of what is behind the address "Pyote Army Air Field, Texas.")

In the days of the oil boom when Pyote grew and flourished the hotel above was one of the town's best.

There were two others just like it, local historians relate and the social life of the booming oil town swirled through the busy lobbies and corridors.

The "Guest House" at the Pyote Air Base stands as the symbol of the new life that has been infused into the area.

Here modern facilities and the utmost in comfort is available to guests and relatives of Rattlesnake Air Base servicemen and women.



Service; 10:30—Station Chapel p.m.—Chapel Chorus Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.—Bible Quiz.  
Service; 7:30 p.m.—Section C Vesper Service; 8:00 p.m.—Station JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Vesper Service. Wednesday—7:00 Evening Service.

## The Civvies

By Selma Lane

Once in a while something like this happens just to show you who is who. Our new Shop Assistant is none other than Dowell Jennings, exforeman of Aero Repair. We miss our Engine Installation Dept. since they moved to Hangar 1.

Arthur Mann announces Mr. Noel, in his department. That's a very good name especially right here at Christmas time.

Here is a poem—lifted from the "Aeropinion".

### COMPLETE HIS RHYME

By Carleton Jones

When sweet peace again sends forth her Dove

To soar in shining arcs above

The blasted earth—

When war-grimed men return to life

From out the living Death of strife

For Freedom's worth—

When ocean billows verdant green Untinted by the golden sheen

Of Youth's fair blood—

Roll onward in unbroken tide— Nor 'neath their swelling bosom hide

Perfidious Flood—

When earth, and sky, and sea are free.

Of Death, and Life goes cheerily (For those who live)—

Remember still that other one Who watched his Life Sands swiftly run

Into a sieve.

Two lives you live—two memories keep;

Your own, and his who lies in sleep

Before his time—

His song of Life should be complete;

He gave you Life, it is but meet— Complete his rhyme.

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The reason we can't get silk stockings from Japan any more is that all their worms are in the army.

## THE CRYSTAL BALL

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

Gallup Poll shows American opinion now holds that six months or more will now be needed to finish off the Nazis. Here's figures on: "How much longer do you think the war with Germany will last?"

Less than 1 month	1%
1 month	3%
No opinion	9%
More than 6 months	28%
2 months	9%
3 months	15%
6 months	26%
4-5 months	9%



## Council To Aid Special Services Plan Programs

Special Services, in order to insure that the needs and desires of all service personnel get full consideration in the programing of activities at Pyote, will form a Special Services Council, it was announced today.

This council will give full voice to the special and collective needs of the various groups at the field and will aid in the coordination of activities so that maximum service can be arranged for all military personnel.

The council will seek to assure that all persons on the base get a chance to participate in all Special Service events and activities.

Tentative plans for the Special Services Council calls for the First Sergeant of each section and combat crew detachment of the field to act as the representative of the men of his section.

### INDIAN GOES COMMERCIAL AS CIGARET LACK GROWS

SANTA FE, N. M. (CNS)—A local Indian is doing a land office business in this tobaccoless town. His merchandise: cigarettes made from corn silk.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



Gale Robbins, 20th Century-Fox starlet, got into this sweltering pose especially for the boys at the Pyote Air Field. She says it's her way of saying thanks to a group of Yanks who are doing their part so ably to see that the Japs get their daily dosage of high explosives. Thank you, Gale! There's nothing like encouragement to make a GI team really pitch in and get the work done.

## Big Push Called For To Put Bond Drive Over The Top

Pyote's War Bond drive is in the home stretch and an extra burst of speed has been called for to put the project over the top with a bang.

According to latest figures revealed by Capt. H. D. Lucey, War Bond Officer, only 87% of the camp's quota has been met so far.

Capt. Lucey's figures showed that 30% of the participating personnel have bought 70% percent of the bonds. Of course 100% percent participation is the real goal of the drive and all men who haven't yet done their share are urged to get in and "start swinging".

The final day of the drive is December 31, so don't put things off, see your War Bond representative and put your money where

it will do yourself and the boys up on the firing line the most good.

Here are the standings of the various sections in the drive. Figures are through December 10. So far EM are way behind the officers and the civilian personnel.

SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE			
Sec.	Quota	Am't. Sub.	Pct.
A	\$ 7,056	\$ 3,655	.51
B	1,632	1,380	.86
C	5,737	850	.15
D	16,500	4,155	.25
E	7,470	3,035	.41
F	12,150	7,755	.64
M	3,775	2,025	.54
Band	450	255	.57
CCD	10,070	890	.09
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Totals	\$64,840	\$24,000	.37
Officers	\$ 43,175	\$50,280	.116
Civilians	27,985	16,060	.57
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Total	\$136,000	\$90,340	.67

### 'BOYS IN THE BACK ROOM' LOSE BIG POT TO BANDITS

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—Five of the boys were rolling the bones in a back room here when four bandits entered, lined the players against the walls, scooped up a "pot" of \$2052 and escaped.

## Brain Rattler—



## HOW SHARP ARE YOU?

A Picture Test Of Your Observational Accuracy

How much do you see—and after you've seen it, how much do you remember? Look at this drawing for 60 seconds, study it carefully, then turn to the questions and see how many you can answer. Each question answered correctly counts ten. One hundred is perfect. Twenty-five AAF officers and enlisted men were given the test. The average score was 70. The high was 90. The low was 40. How sharp are you? (You'll find another "How Sharp Are You?" test in the December AIR FORCE, out now—an issue packed with combat reports and the regular AIR FORCE tactical and technical features.)

SEE QUESTIONS ON PAGE 11

### WAR BOND HONOR ROLL

Sgt. S. A. Frankrich.....	\$1000
1st-Sgt. H. D. Bartsch.....	1000
Sgt. T. W. Suggs.....	500
Pfc. W. W. Merten.....	500
Pvt. Leo Tarlitz.....	400



By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

What are your postwar hunting plans, if any?

Hunting, fishing and other outdoor activitise will boom in popularity with the return of American servicemen to civilian life, a survey by the magazine "Outdoorsman" indicates.

According to a tabulation 41% of servicemen hunted and 44% fished before they became GIs. The findings indicate that after the war, 64% will hunt and 64.7% will fish.

Gunder Hagg, Swedish runner and suit salesman, has been ordered for induction into the Swedish Army, but he has asked for a deferment in order to sell out his tie stock at the Stockholm haberdashery where he is employed. . . Hank Gowdy, first big leaguer to enlist in the last war and until recently a major in this one, will return to his coaching duties for the Cincinnati Reds next spring. His return may mean curtains for Hans Lobert, yamnosed veteran of 20 years of baseball warfare, who has drawn his unconditional release from the Reds. . . The death in action of Lt. Louis Zamperini former Olympics runner, in the South Pacific, recalls Zamperini's baptism of fame. It happened in 1936 when the young track star swiped a Nazi flag at the Olympic games in Berlin. He was allowed to keep the flag after much muttering when Adolph Hitler became convinced it was merely a boyish prank. . . Jacob's Beach reaction to the conviction of Joe Gould, ex-manager of Jim Braddock, on a bribe rap, was: "He shouldn't of done it during the war!". . . Two catchers, Al Lopez, Pittsburgh, and Rick Ferrell, Washington, are gunning for Gabby Hartnett's all time record of games caught. Tomato-faced Gabby caught 1793 in 20 years. Lopez has caught 1714 in 15 years and Ferrell 1686 in 16. . . Lt Mitchell Paige, Marine wearer of the Medal of Honor, pitched against the Japs when he was stationed in China in 1939.

**SUPERBOMBERS**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 14—When the Second Air Force Superbombers dig their cleats into the turf at the New York Polo Grounds in a "Treasury Bond Bowl" game, Dec. 16, against the Randolph Field Ramblers, fans will see one of the youngest collections fo high class football talent that ever graced a college or service squad of their caliber.

The average age of the Superbomber squad is 22.

**Star Gazers Tab Top-Season Marks In Maple Loops**

The Star Gazers, pace setters in the Red League, won about everything but the Good Conduct Ribbon in the Em bowling circuit which brought its season to a halt this week.

In the White League hte Saw Boners copped most of the honors with a 17-4 season record.

The statistics:

RED LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Star Gazers	19	2	.904
Sig 5	14	7	.666
South Paws	13	8	.619
Superbombers	12	9	.571
Crusaders	10	11	.476
Medicos	10	11	.476
Pill Rollers	6	15	.285

High 3 Game	
Star Gazers	2551
Superbombers	2414
South Paws	2344

High Single Game	
Bentley	255
Fogarty	217
Battaligano	216

High Team Single	
Star Gazers	925
Superbombers	849
South Paws	842

Averages	
Bentley	176.5
Hansel	174.4
Battaligano	166.7
Flitt	166.0
Cesick	162.1
Fogarty	157.7
Sordelet	157.4
Mischler	156.9
Hertling	154.3
Dudley	154.0

WHITE LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Saw Boners	17	4	.809
Riff-Raff	13	8	.619
Static Chasers	12	9	.571
Quartermaster	12	9	.571
Spare Boys	11	10	.523
Air Ways	9	9	.500
Lucky Strikes	8	13	.380
Planets	5	16	.238

High 3 Game	
Saw Boners	2328
Quartermaster	2309
Spare Boys	2301

High Single Game	
Hartzell, G.	264
Beoudry	235
Safranski	203

High Team Single	
Saw Boners	829
Spare Boys	816
Quartermaster	806

Averages	
Hartzell, G.	168.7
Williams	161.0
Leonard	161.0
Frey	159.2
Beoudry	156.0
Safranski	154.6
Gelehaart	154.4
Hartzell, V.	153.7
Lind	151.8
Cannon	149.9

**Supers Wrap Up '44 Job: 500.49 Point Total Tops**

85,000 Servicemen Among Spectators Who Watched 2AF Win 10, Lose Two, Tie One

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., Dec. 14—Organized for the paramount purpose of providing diversion and entertainment for service personnel, the Second Air Force football team achieved its aim with a highly-successful season that brought 10 victories, one tie and two losses.

Nearly 145,000 spectators, of which 85,000 were service men and women, saw the Superbombers in a regular playing campaign which started Sept. 2 and closed Nov. 26. The team travelled thousands of miles, chiefly by air, bringing high-grade football to men and women in or near Second Air Force bases, regardless of the opponent scheduled or the potential gate receipts.

Thus the mission prescribed last summer by Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, then Commanding General of Second Air Force, was realized.

Major Claude F. McGrath, former Gonzaga University athletic head, was 2AAF director of football, a position he handled in 1942 when the team was unbeaten and Sun Bowl champion. Maj. William B. (Red) Reese, 1942 mentor and formerly of Eastern Washington College, again coached the team with an all-military staff of assistants.

Some 40 air bases in 14 states were represented on the squad. Every man in Second Air Force who felt he had sufficient ability to win a position was given a chance to try out at Colorado Springs, where the team was trained.

With some eight players 21 or under, the average age of the Superbombers was 22 years, corresponding to a pre-war college array. The squad was virtually an all-college one and a number of the players still have a year or two of school competition left when they leave the service.

The play of the Superbombers, so named because the world's mightiest aerial weapon had its beginning in the Second Air Force, won praise from experts throughout the land. It had one of the outstanding records in the country and its 500-point total when it played its finale, a 0-0 tie with Fourth Air Force, Nov. 26 at Denver, was the nation's tops.

Outstanding performer of the Superbombers was Lt. Glenn Dobbs, former Tulsa University All-American. Dobbs' passing and kicking was sensational all season and the Oklahoman, who will play with New York in the All-America Pro Conference after the war is hailed by many critics as the game's new Sammy Baugh.

Dobbs' greatest showing of the year occurred in the 33 to 6 victory over Colorado University, when, playing only 24 minutes, he completed 12 passes in 12 attempts.

The all-round play of Lt. Evans, former Kansas University athlete, was another feature. Evans took over when Dobbs was hurt on two occasions and turned in some brilliant passing, running and kicking. Pvt. John Stryzyski, ex-Marquette sophomore back; Lt. Billy Sewell, former All-Pacific Coast halfback at Washington State; Lt. Nick Susoeff, who starred at end for Washington State; Pfc. Bob Hendren, a tackle from Culver-Stockton Academy; Lt. John Harrington, a wing from Marquette and Pfc. William Prentice, Santa Clara sophomore back, also shone for the Superbombers.

DATE	2AAF	OPPONENT	LOCATION
*Sept. 2	38-0	Peru Naval V-12	Sioux City, Iowa
*Sept. 8	24-0	Colorado College	Colorado Springs, Col.
Sept. 17	45-0	Idaho Southern	Pocatello, Idaho
Sept. 23	78-0	Whitman College	Boise, Idaho
Sept. 30	33-6	Univ. of Colorado	Boulder, Col.
Oct. 7	6-12	Iowa Seahawks	Lincoln, Nebr.
Oct. 14	89-6	U. of Mexico	El Paso, Tex.
*Oct. 21	68-0	North Texas Aggies	Odessa, Tex.
Oct. 29	6-13	Norman Navy Air Station	Norman, Okla.
Nov. 5	46-6	Amarillo Army Air Field	Colorado Springs
Nov. 12	20-0	Fort Warren	Denver, Col.
Nov. 18	47-6	U. of Washington	Spokane, Wash.
Nov. 26	0-0	Fourth Air Force	Denver, Col.

500.49

\*Night Game.

# Pyote Bowling Team Defeats Hobbs' Keglers

Taking both matches by 2-1 scores, Pyote AAF's bowling team swept a two-match evening's play from the Hobbs, N. M., AAF team.

Representing this station were: 1st Lt. Stanley Serafinski, Pfc. Paul J. Novagradac, Pvt. Charles B. Fox, Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker and Sgt. Lew F. Lauriello.

The scores:

### FIRST MATCH

Pyote				
Fox	200	192	162	554
Lauriello	198	209	147	554
Kuckenbecker	169	199	172	540
Novagradac	164	187	149	500
Serafinski	172	151	172	495
Totals	903	938	802	2643

### Hobbs

Burkhart	178	206	199	583
Millign	193	181	180	554
Pietrella	163	189	156	508
Blonde	181	152	167	500
Adam	175	143	157	475
Totals	890	871	859	2620

### SECOND MATCH

Pyote				
Kuckenbecker	186	177	184	547
Fox	186	182	158	526
Lauriello	168	156	194	518
Novagradac	150	177	187	514
Serafinski	156	157	179	491
Totals	846	848	902	2596

### Hobbs

Burkhart	212	191	190	593
Blonde	167	202	171	540
Pietrello	164	174	155	493
Millign	169	140	159	468
Springer	122	158	120	400
Totals	834	865	795	2494

### NO CIGARS TO CIVILIANS GIs GET THEM ALL

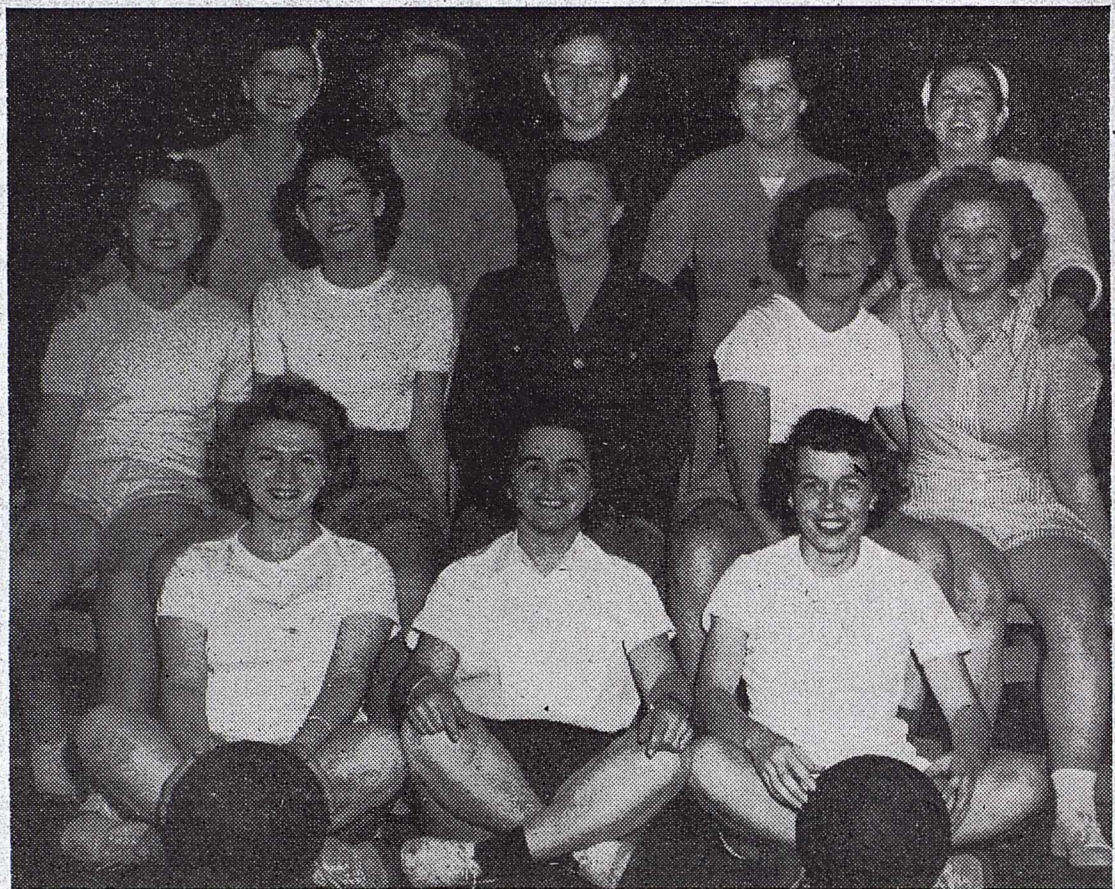
NEW YORK (CNS)—Civilians will not be able to purchase boxes of Christmas cigars this year. The Cigar Institute of America reveals 91,000,000 cigars a month are now earmarked for the armed forces.

1. What time is it?
2. What is the title of the map?
3. Is the man at the map wearing the parachute or is it slung over his shoulder?
4. How many airplanes are in the picture?
5. Can you identify the airplanes?
6. How many men are in the room?

7. What is the grade of the man sitting on the bench?
8. Is the officer at the counter smoking a cigar, a pipe or a cigarette?
9. Is the piece of luggage on the floor a barracks bag, a suit case or a B-4 bag?
10. How many copies of AIR FORCE are in the picture?

ANSWERS 1 1530, 2 Canal Zone, 3 Slung over his shoulder, 4 Two airplanes, 5 B-17 and P-38, 6 Six, 7 Master sergeant, 8 Pipe, 9 B-4 bag, 10 There are three copies of Air Force in this picture, but there are sufficient copies of the December issue at this station for all personnel to read. Get a copy, read it—pass it on!

## SUPERBOMBER WACS TAKE TO THE HARDWOOD COURT



Pyote Air Field's Wac basketball team is shown above. The girls are, left to right, bottom row: Pvt. Jane Maynard, Pvt. May Tacchi, Pvt. Mary Rice; 2nd row: Pvt. Helene Gotch, Pvt. Ann Ross, Lt. Edith Haslam, Pvt. Lucille Groesbeck, Pvt. Jerry Slessar; 3rd row: Pvt. Alma LaBranche, Pvt. Gladys Buziak, Pvt. Vivian Brown, Pvt. Louise Foley and Sgt. Rita Burke. Lt. Haslam does not play on the team and Sgt. Bobby Zentz, captain, was not on hand when picture was taken. The girls have a tough court schedule ahead and they're hard at work getting their teamwork down pat.

## Rattlers Defeat AA Five. 49-48

Pyote's win-hungry Rattlers jumped on the 326th AAA SLT Bn. team last Saturday night at Fort Bliss, nipping the strong anti-aircraft team by 49-48 in a thrilling scoring race.

Before this game the AA boys had won 27 of 28 games, piecing together a string of 27 before they fell to Pecos AAF the night before.

Lt. Hewitt Graham, a fast little man at forward, banged the basket for 12 points to tie for scoring

honors with Cpl. Bill Ray. Two AA cagers, Fosnes and Hunt, racked up the same number each.

The 326th will come to Pyote for a series on Jan. 5-6.

The box score:

Pyote				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Burns, f	0	0	0	0
Evans, f	2	1	2	5
Graham, f	4	0	0	12
Chapman, c	2	1	1	5
Burke, c	1	0	2	2
Owen, g	0	0	2	0
Hogan, g	2	1	2	5
Crenshaw, g	4	0	1	8
Ray, g	6	0	5	12
	21	7	15	49

### 326th AAF SLT Bn.

	FG	FT	F	TP
Fosnes, f	5	2	2	12
Weiss, f	4	0	2	8
Lyons, f	0	0	2	0
Hunt, c	4	4	1	12
Davis, g	4	0	2	8
Landau, g	4	0	1	8
	21	6	10	48

## Biggs Quintet Bumps Off Rattlers 47-37

Forging ahead in the fourth period, Biggs Field's Flyers handed the Pyote AAF Rattlers their third straight league defeat, 47-37, in El Paso last Friday night.

The Flyers nursed a scant two-point lead at the half, 28-26, and started swishing the net in the fourth to go ahead. Cpl. Bill Ray of Pyote was high point man for the game with 14 points, followed by Miller of Biggs Field with 12.

## Pigskin Dopesters Win Show Tickets

A pair of Section F pigskin prophets tied for first place in last week's Rattler Football Dopester contest which wound up the season.

Sgt. Joe Tucceri and Cpl. John Rodgers picked all but one correctly, missing the result on the TCU-SMU upset. TCU, with the Southwest Conference championship safely tucked away, had a mental let-down and lost 9-6.

Third place went to Cpl. Edward J. Rammelkamp on a hair-line decision over S-Sgt. Floyd Barbour. Each missed two games,

# PYOTE OPINION: WHAT TO DO WITH BEATEN GERMANY?

## Views Here Are Wide And Varied On Timely Topic

"What to do with Germany?" The question which holds innumerable headaches for the United Nations and possibly, the answer to every GI's conception of a post-war world, was popped this week to a group of soldiers on this field.

Their answers indicate the average service man is aware of the tremendous potentialities for disaster in mismanagement of our defeated foe's internal affairs, but is a little vague about how to do the job. Most of them feel, significantly, that the Germans should be allowed to manage their own affairs—subject of course to direct supervision by the United Nations.

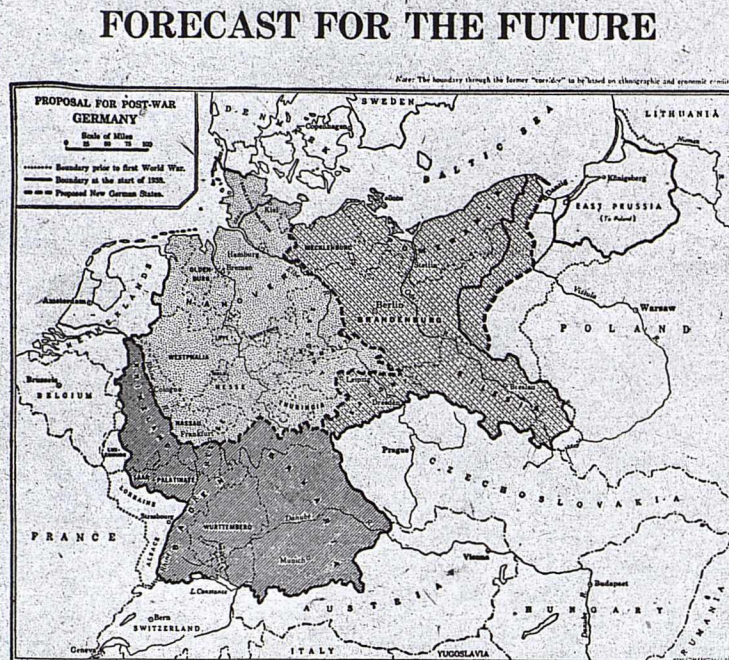
Their answers:

**Pfc. John F. Kreis**, Baltimore, Maryland, Tail Gunner: "It's going to be a pretty tough job. Complete domination of the German people is not the answer. I'd let them decide their own form of government. America, along with the other Allied nations should keep a controlling hand on the post-war Reich."

**Sgt. Joseph J. Buccigross**, Boston, Mass., Link Trianer Instructor: "1—There should be an Army of Occupation kept in Germany for a few years. 2—The reich should be divided into suitable states, none too large, none too small. 3—A board of Allied overseers should be created to administer elections and the self-government of the people in these various states and subdivisions. 4—No militarism of any sort should be permitted."

**Pvt. Melba D. Foster**, WAC, Bytheville, Ark., Aircraft Supply Clerk: "I've never thought about the problem of what ought to be done with conquered Germany, but I'm sure the political heads of this country will do what they want to without consulting the opinion of the great majority of the people."

**T-Sgt. Austin M. Brown**, Mt. Vision, New York, Mess Sergeant: "The Reich should be thoroughly demilitarized. Industrial production should be limited to agricultural machinery and things of that sort. Leading democrats in Germany should be picked out and encouraged as leaders of the people. Traitors should be kept down by an Allied group that would have military occupational control of the conquered Reich. Such restrictions as are imposed should help Germany to help herself. Punishment alone won't work but will only bring new undesirable reactions."



This map outlines the proposal of Sumner Welles, former Undersecretary of State. Mr. Welles thinks that to prevent future tunic aggression Germany must be divided. Cultural, historical and economic lines are considered in the above division. There would be two predominately Protestant states and one predominately Catholic. Mr. Welles outlines his proposal in his book, "The Time For Decision".

**Cpl. Warren R. Landon**, Tucson, Ariz., Gunner: "Germany should be reduced to its original separate states. No parts of this domain should be allowed to federate with any other part. This would make the bulding up of any new military might to threaten the peace of the world impossible."

**Pfc. Clinton Lambourne**, Salt Lake City, Utah, Gunner: "I'll fight the war. Let the higher-ups worry about the rest of the problems."

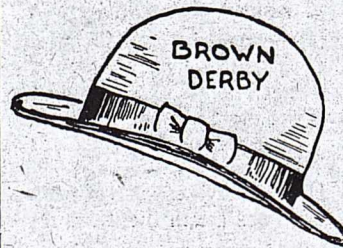
**Cpl. Kenneth Wennik**, Jamaica New York, B-29 Armament Specialist: "What to do with conquered Germany reminds me of the recipe for making rabbit stew. The first thing you have to do there is to catch the rabbit. The first thing to do before settling Germany's fate is to conquer her, wholly and unconditionally."

**Cpl. George Byrum**, Wheeling, West Virginia, Remote Control Turret Mechanic, Sec. D. "None of the plans that I've heard advanced so far seem satisfactory to me. They all lack any specific method for keeping the Reich permanently peaceful. Any sound plan should not single out Germany alone but should take into account the broader scope of world peace. Some form of world organization is a definite necessity."

**Cpl. James Meeker**, Shickshinny, Penn., Classification Office Clerk: "The best plan I've come across is that proposing the control of Ger-

man industry by the Allied powers in such a way as to make it impossible for the Reich to rebuild its military might. This would save for the world the economic and industrial contributions that Germany might make. This would also avoid the tremendous social and economic disruptions the more harsh plans propose.

**Pvt. Harriett Latta**, WAC, Chicago, Illinois, Medical Corpsman: "After Germany is conquered, I think the German people should be permitted to work out their own fate. Attempts to impose government upon the masses won't work. Germans should be allowed to seek their own place in the family of nations. They'll probably work out ways of finding and selecting their own adequate leadership."



**Section C got the Brown Derby for the lowest average in PT participation for the week ending Dec. 9.**

## Aachen Area Is 'Lab' For USA Military Rule

By Camp Newspaper Service

The "fingernail" of German territory now held by American troops is serving as a laboratory where military government officers are learning, by practical experience, many lessons which will prove useful when much more of the enemy's country comes under our rule.

The occupied territory of Germany over which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower now rules begins on a flat, windmill-dotted plain northeast of the little Dutch town of Sittard and extends southward beyond ruined Aachen.

This occupied Germany had 250,000 population before the Nazis began evacuating it. Probably fewer than 50,000 are left. Its predominant population today is the American Army, which doesn't regard itself at the moment as an army of occupation, but as an army poised for further invasion.

That fact conditions the character of the military government. Its temporary regime is in the area of active military movement. It is under German shellfire by day; German bombs fall on it at night. Tanks and anti-tank guns are dug into potato fields. Important artillery emplacements may be camouflaged in sugar beet fields.

German civilians live in what Lewis Gannett, of the New York Herald-Tribune, a front-line correspondent has called a "Teutonic Ghetto." They are not permitted to stand and talk in the streets. Throughout most of the region, they are permitted in the streets only on certain hours of the day. In one area, for instance, it is between noon and 1300, when housewives do their shopping. Farm workers are permitted to go to the fields at dawn, but must return by 1730. Only the American-appointed mayor, doctor, town policeman and priest have permits good at any daylight hour.

## Policyholders Should Give Insurance Data

Military personnel at Pyote who are the holders of commercial life insurance policies and wish to have the companies with which these policies are held notified in the event of death, should see that a request for such notification is sent to the Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., Captain R. A. Diedrich, Personal Affairs Officer here announced.